

THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Founded by
SIR WILLIAM A. SMITH
1883

With which is united The Boys' Life Brigade

OBJECT: The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian Manliness

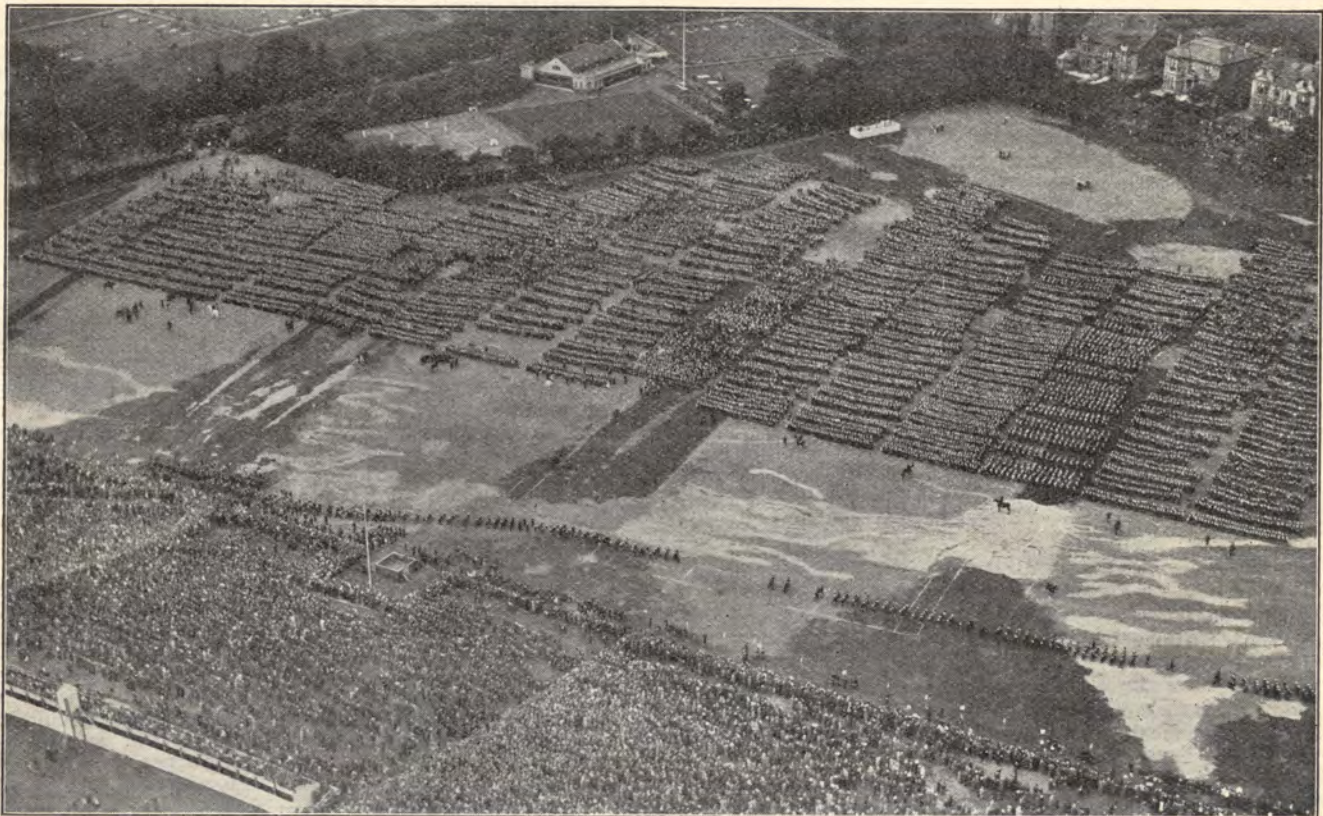


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THE JUBILEE REVIEW FROM THE AIR
The Parade Forming up

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Brigade Notes

Thanksgiving

OUR Jubilee Celebrations ended appropriately on a note of thanksgiving on the 4th of October in Cathedrals and Churches throughout the land. The Brigade Service in St. Paul's Cathedral was profoundly impressive, and the beautiful Order of Service prepared for the occasion was used in many other Churches on that evening. It is an indication of the growing recognition of the B.B. in the Church of England that Thanksgiving Services were held in no fewer than ten Cathedrals and eleven Bishops preached.

It was a solemn moment when 8 o'clock struck, the actual hour at which fifty years ago the original B.B. Company fell in for the first time. Who could have foreseen that the seed then sown would have grown in half a century into the great organisation which constitutes The Boys' Brigade of to-day?

Founder's Day

IN Church Parades and Bible Classes on Founder's Day Officers and Boys listened again to the story of the man who by founding the B.B. brought into being the movement which has meant so much in the lives of thousands of Boys and men. In many cases the new recruits were formally admitted to their Company at these Services. It is good that the Boys who join the Brigade to-day should know something of its origin and history, and Founder's Day offers a suitable opportunity for this every year.

Oxford, 1934

ALTHOUGH the Council Meetings of 1933 are so recently over, arrangements are already in hand for next year's gathering of B.B. Officers, which will in some ways be unique. From September 14th—17th, 1934, the Brigade Council will meet in Oxford, and there could be no more attractive setting for our Council than this ancient University city, so well worth a visit in itself.

Officers will be housed in the undergraduates' rooms and will have their meals together in the dining halls of the Colleges in which they are residing. In addition to the full meetings of Council, Conferences on practical B.B. topics will be held in the different Colleges simultaneously, an arrangement which should prove popular as it will enable many to take part who are averse from speaking in a larger gathering.

Full particulars of the programme will be duly announced to Captains, but they should note the dates in the meantime and tell their Lieutenants and their Chaplains, and resolve that their own Company will be well represented when September, 1934, comes round.

Annual Report THE Annual Report for Session 1932-33 will soon be in the hands of Captains. It records the greatest session in our history, not the spectacular side of it but the steady work of the Companies week after week, which is the real secret of the success which The Boys' Brigade has achieved in this Jubilee Year.

As we look at the statistics let us resolve that we shall go one better this session. Bishop Taylor Smith recently summed up the way to success in Company work in a few words:—"Care—Prayer—and you're there." If Officers will bear these words in mind, by thorough preparation and with the divine blessing the session on which we have now entered should be one of all-round improvement and progress.

The Officer Question IN many centres Training Courses for Officers are already under way. Many a pitfall will be avoided by the man who has had the benefit of such training, and we would urge upon all Officers the importance of taking advantage of the facilities open to them.

It often happens that a young Officer for business reasons has to resign on moving to another town. In such a case the Captain should see that he is given an introduction to the Battalion Secretary or Captain in the town to which he goes, so that his B.B. service may be continued. The names and addresses required are to be found in the Annual Report. Where no B.B. Company is available, Headquarters should be informed in order that the newcomer's services may be utilised in helping to form a Company.

Absentees IT is surprising that so many B.B. Companies do not use the Absence Report Form. This is not because there are no absentees, but because some Officers do not realise the importance of a careful check on the attendance at every meeting.

Irregular attendance has a pernicious effect on the Company, and, what is more important, on the individual Boy concerned, and it is often the first indication of that slackness which may have serious results if it is not arrested in time.

The regular use of the Absence Report Form gives a job to N.C.O.'s and the more an N.C.O. gets to do, the keener will he be on his Company. Captains who have not used this form in the past should get the book of forms now and put it into use. It is one of the most valuable publications in the B.B., for its systematic use works wonders in the average attendance and will do much to avert leakage.

The Membership Card THE design for the Membership Card for session 1933-34 has been greatly admired, and it is generally regarded as one of the best we have ever had. On the back of the card a Maltese Cross appears, and it will be interesting to Boys to know the symbolism of this design.

The four arms of the Cross represent the Christian virtues, Prudence, Temperance, Justice and Fortitude, while the eight points represent the eight beatitudes, which spring from the practice of these virtues. The Maltese Cross is usually depicted in white as the emblem of the purity of life required by those who fight for the defence of the Christian faith and live for the service of others.

Message from Colonel Roxburgh

THE October *Gazette* contains an excellent account of the Jubilee proceedings, and I would like to take advantage of its columns to express to all the Officers of the Brigade my thanks for the unfailing kindness and support I have received from them during the fourteen years I have filled the position of President. Especially do I desire to record my indebtedness to the members of the Executive whose ready help and loyalty have at all times been such an encouragement.

Although no longer President, my interest in the Brigade remains unabated, and I look forward with confidence to its increased influence for good in the years to come.

J. A. ROXBURGH.

Brigade Announcements

THE GAZETTE

A FURTHER order form for the *Gazette* is enclosed with Captains' copies this month. A great many Captains have already dealt with this matter, but a surprising number have still to do so. It is impossible for Headquarters to deal directly with Officers other than Captains of Companies, and it is a thousand pities if all Officers are not given the opportunity which the *Gazette* affords of increasing their interest and efficiency in B.B. work. Without doubt the widening of their interest will have its effect upon their Company work, and every Captain should at least endeavour to interest his Officers in the *Gazette*.

B.B. WEEK

PARTICULARS of B.B. Week will be in Captains' hands about the time this *Gazette* is published. Officers will realise that an important change has been made which should benefit many Companies. The Executive has laid down a limit to the amount to be sent to Headquarters by any one Company. Hitherto all Companies have sent in one-third of the total raised, no matter how great the sum may have been. In future no Company need send in more than £7. Thus Companies which raise over £21 will retain the whole amount collected except £7, which they will send to Headquarters. As Companies at present raise sums ranging up to £100, it will be realised that this is a very substantial concession which may be taken by the Companies concerned as a mark of appreciation of the success which they have attained. It is hoped too that it will result in many more Companies passing the £21 level.

COMPANY CONTRIBUTION

IT is not only the Companies which do well that are to benefit from the success of B.B. Week. The Executive have decided that in future Companies are to be asked to send a Company Contribution of £1 instead of £2 as heretofore; and, further, that in the case of Companies which send in sums of £3 or over in B.B. Week the amount sent can, on the written request of the Captain of the Company, be regarded as fulfilling their obligation under article 6 of the Constitution. It should be noted that the usual reminders about Company Contribution will be issued, except to Captains who write for this concession to be applied to their Companies.

REDUCTION IN PRICES

THE following reductions in prices of uniform have been approved:—Uniform B.—B.B. Stockings from 2s. 6d. to 2s. per pair; Life Boys' Stockings, from 2s. to 1s. 9d. per pair.

AMBULANCE REGULATIONS

IT has been decided that in future Boys passing the Ambulance Examination for the third time will receive with the third year Certificate a red cloth shield to wear under the Ambulance Badge. Similarly with the fourth year Certificate a blue cloth shield will be worn. These cloth shields will in future be supplied with the appropriate Certificates. Officers needing them for Boys at present holding the third and fourth year Certificates may obtain the necessary shields on application at the Brigade Office, giving name and rank of Boy and stating which Certificate he holds. There will be no charge.

DARNELL LIFE-SAVING COMPETITION

THE Darnell Life-Saving Competition has this year been won by the 2nd Dunfermline Company (time 7 mins. 5½ secs.), with the 13th Brighton Company (time 9 mins. 44½ secs.) second.

BUTTONHOLE BADGE

IN order that the position in regard to the Buttonhole Badge may be quite clear, Officers are reminded that the Jubilee Buttonhole Badge, as worn all last session, may still be worn by last session's Boys, who can continue to wear it until the end of their service. This Badge must not be given to Boys joining this session. After they have served three months of this session Boys will receive the new Buttonhole Badge.

Boys who have received the Jubilee Celebration Badge will wear it on the left arm for the remainder of their service.

Officers should also note that the Badge worn by Officers at the Jubilee Celebrations was a Badge for that occasion only and is not intended to be a substitute for the Brigade Buttonhole Badge.

ALMANAC AND DIARY, 1934

THE usual order form for Christmas and New Year publications will be posted to all Captains by the end of this month. Officers desiring advance copies of the Diary for their own use can now obtain them from the Brigade Offices, but they will probably find it a convenience to apply for their Company supply of Diaries and Almanacs on the special order form. The prices of the Diary, which again has several improvements, are as before, viz., Leather cover with pencil, 1s. 6d.; Cloth cover, 6d.; and Almanacs are 2s. per dozen.

B.B. SCRIPTURE READING CARD, 1934

THE B.B. Scripture Reading Card for next year is again available at the usual price of 6d. per dozen, and we are indebted to the Scripture Union for their kindness in allowing us permission for their system of readings to be used. Companies preferring to adopt the readings of the I.B.R.A. may obtain them direct from International Bible Reading Association, 56, Old Bailey, London, E.C. 4.

Awards for Gallantry

THE BOYS' BRIGADE CROSS FOR HEROISM has been awarded to Private RAYMOND GOSS, aged 13, of the 5th Wellingborough Company, for saving the lives of two boys at Wellingborough Town Bathing Place in the River Nene on the 26th July. Goss was bathing when he noticed two Boys struggling together in deep water on the other side of the river. He immediately swam across and seizing one of the Boys managed to pull him into shallower water and ultimately brought him to the bank. Goss then noticed the legs of the other Boy projecting out of the water, and he at once made for him and with great difficulty succeeded in rescuing him also. Owing to the proximity of locks there was a strong current flowing. Other people saw the occurrence, but only Goss had the courage to go to the rescue although he had only learned to swim this year.

THE CROSS FOR HEROISM has also been awarded to Private WILLIAM PEARCE, aged 12, of the 9th Nottingham Company, for saving the life of a small Boy in the Nottingham Canal on the 25th June. Pearce was in the vicinity of the canal when he heard shouts for help, and he at once ran to the edge and found that a small Boy of seven had got beyond his depth while bathing, and had sunk to the bottom of the canal. There were several young men present, but they went away without any attempt at rescue. Although he knew the spot was a dangerous one, young Pearce at once dived into the canal, ultimately found the little Boy and unassisted succeeded in raising him to the surface and bringing him safely to the side.

THE DIPLOMA FOR GALLANT CONDUCT has been awarded to Private SAMUEL GERMAN, aged 16, of the 1st Altrincham Company, for rescuing a little Boy from drowning in the Bridgewater Canal on the 26th June. As he was walking beside the canal German thought he saw an animal in the water, but on looking closer saw it was a child of 3 who had fallen in and was sinking helplessly in deep water. German at once dived in and saved the child from drowning.

THE DIPLOMA FOR GALLANT CONDUCT has also been awarded to Corporal JOSEPH HONEYMAN, aged 17, and Private DAVID KIRK, aged 14, of the 15th Stirling (Doun and Deanston) Company, for rescuing a girl from drowning in the River Teith on the 22nd May. The girl who was 20 years of age had been bathing, when she got into difficulties in mid-stream. The two Boys at once entered the water and succeeded in bringing her safely to the side, although neither of them had any knowledge of life-saving drill.

Royal Albert Hall Demonstration**An Innovation for 1934**

FOR some years past the numbers desiring to attend the Demonstration have been greatly in excess of the accommodation. Determined to go one better than in Jubilee year, the London Committee have therefore decided that the Demonstration shall be held on two successive evenings instead of one, and the Hall has been booked for Wednesday and Thursday, May 2nd and 3rd.

This will mean that a larger number of Companies will have the opportunity of appearing in the Arena, and Captains are asked to think about the matter at once and to let their Companies celebrate the starting of the Brigade's second half century by appearing in the Arena of the Albert Hall.

It should be borne in mind that the size of the Arena is 30 yds. x 20 yds. and teams should therefore in most cases contain a minimum of thirty to forty Boys.

Offers of displays should be sent to the London Secretary, The Boys' Brigade, Abbey House, Westminster, S.W. 1, as early as possible and certainly not later than December 31st. The following information should be given:—

1. Nature of display.
2. Number of Boys taking part.
3. Particulars of costume worn.
4. Time taken (not to exceed seven minutes).
5. Nature of apparatus, if any.
6. Whether musical accompaniment or not.
7. Any other information.

While various types of B.B. training must be included in the programme, there is room for items of an original nature, and it is quite possible for two or three Companies to combine together to give a display.

Missionary Talks

THE United Council for Missionary Education is prepared to supply speakers on international or Missionary topics to Companies within the London district.

An attractive series of subjects has been prepared, and these cover life in Africa, India, China and Japan, while the general group of topics includes among other subjects a talk on The Boys' Brigade overseas. Captains who desire to arrange for such a talk or for a series of talks should apply to the General Secretary, United Council for Missionary Education, 2, Eaton Gate, S.W. 1, at least one month before the date on which a speaker is required. No fee is charged to Companies, but they will be expected to refund to the speaker any small expense which may be incurred in travelling across London.

An address of this kind at Bible Class or in the Company Club Room will do much to foster and increase the interest of the Boys in the work of Christ's Kingdom in other lands, and it is hoped that many Companies will avail themselves of this opportunity.

A Warning

OFFICERS are warned against a man who for some time past has been calling on London Officers endeavouring to obtain money from them. His story varies, but usually it is that he is an Old Boy or Officer from the North of England, and needs money to enable him to carry on until he starts a new job in prospect. He has been apparently living on gifts secured from well disposed Officers, and unfortunately appears to be well supplied with names and addresses.

The Jubilee Thanksgiving Services



FIFTY YEARS AGO, at 8 o'clock on the evening of the 4th October, 1883, in a small mission-room in Glasgow, the first meeting of The Boys' Brigade was opened with prayer.

There were no public announcements, no notices in the press, before or after, no prominent personages invited to honour and encourage the little gathering with their presence. To all appearance it was one of many hundreds of insignificant events of no interest to anyone beyond the handful present. Just a Sunday School teacher unknown to fame, William Alexander Smith, his two junior teachers, John B. Hill and James R. Hill, and some thirty Boys—the three young men outwardly calm and inwardly anxious and perturbed, hoping yet fearing, wondering what the outcome

would be, and whether by 9 o'clock they would be bitterly disappointed men, or men whose prayers had been answered in so far as this first step was concerned.

On the 4th of October, 1933, at the same hour, thanks to God went up in cathedrals, churches and great halls throughout the kingdom that He had answered the prayers of fifty years ago, and had given His blessing to the movement then started; praise to Him for His grace and favour; and humble prayer that the blessings He had showered upon us would continue, and that all who were seeking to advance His Kingdom in this way might be led by His Holy Spirit.

For a world-wide movement had developed from that tiny seed; other movements had followed on similar lines; and the status of the Boy, his place in the nation's life, and all ideas concerning him, had been revolutionised. No longer was he a person to be shut up or shut down, to be told not to do this or that, to be chivied by the police round street corners, and regarded as a general nuisance. He had become "the citizen of the future"—nay, was even proclaimed as "the hope of the world."

St. Paul's Cathedral, in the heart of the Capital of the Empire, is the place of worship where Services of a national character are held. It was but fitting that the principal Thanksgiving Service of The Boys' Brigade should be here. It was not a Service for the public, nor even for the friends and supporters of the Brigade, but for Officers and senior Boys only. Even that great church cannot accommodate all the Boys of the London Battalions who would have wished to take part.

Representing the Brigade were: the Earl of Home, President; Bishop Taylor-Smith, Vice-President; Mr. H. A. Wilson, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. G. Stanley Smith, Brigade Secretary; Sir Hugh Turnbull, London President. The guests included Lord Baden-Powell, Lord Hampton, Lord Kinnaird, Lady Turnbull, Sir James and Lady Devonshire, the Mayors of Kensington, Fulham, Southwark, Battersea, Greenwich and St. Pancras; Mr. P. Wilson, Juvenile Organisations Committee (Board of Education); Mr. P. B. Nevill, Boy Scouts' Association; the Rev. Cyril M. Armitage, Church Lads' Brigade; Mr. S. W. Witty, Church Missionary Society; the Rev. Donald Standfast, Regnal League; and Mr. R. R. Calkin, Toc H.

The service was conducted by the Ven. E. N. Sharpe, Arch-deacon of London, the Bishop of Chelmsford, Hon. Vice-President, preached, and the Brigade President read the Lesson. The Form of Service (which was also used, with or without slight

adaptations, by other Battalions) was simple, dignified and beautiful; the prayers were all short, very simple, and entirely suitable to the occasion, and the congregation was able to join in them and in the litany with their lips and with their hearts. There was real inspiration for the young in the Bishop's address, and great encouragement for members of the Brigade.

"You Boys of this magnificent organisation," he said, "can do something for England this day which no one else can do." And again, "I know no source from which we can derive this power except from our religion, and that is why I have no great enthusiasm for work among Boys of a merely philanthropic kind. We can never succeed in building up character except on a religious foundation, and I thankfully recognise that it is this for which The Boys' Brigade stands."

A report of the Service at St. Paul's is given fully, together with the "Impressions" of one who took part. As the Services of most Battalions were on lines similar to this, and the addresses treated of the same subject, we give short notes only of these to avoid repetition. It is enough to say that the Year of Jubilee has been brought to a close in the best possible way, and that the number of Services held in all parts of the land to render thanks and praise to the Giver of all good things "for the work of His Spirit in The Boys' Brigade" throughout its fifty years, for His guidance of our Founder and of the disciples inspired by him, and for permitting us to serve Him in the Brigade, their impressive and inspiring character (we are loth to employ these sadly overworked adjectives, but here their use is justified), and the response made by Battalions and Companies, Officers and Boys, testify that our movement is as sound as ever, and that its Object is in the forefront where William Smith placed it fifty years ago.

Wherever the particular Service in which we took part may have been held, the impressions it made upon us will undoubtedly have been much the same as those recorded by our London correspondent, our thoughts ranging backward to that first meeting on the 4th October, 1883, to memories of our own early days in the Brigade, and forward to the future, as we dedicated ourselves afresh to the Master's service.

The Service in St. Paul's Cathedral

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn.—"O God, our help in ages past."

Minister (all standing).—My brothers, we are gathered here in the presence of God our Father to worship Him, to give Him thanks for the fifty years in which He has blessed and prospered The Boys' Brigade, and to re-dedicate ourselves to His service; therefore let us kneel in silence and remember God's presence with us now.

Silent prayer, all kneeling.

Minister.—O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

God is a spirit, and they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

All join in the Lord's Prayer.

Minister.—Lift up your hearts.

Response.—We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister.—Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Response.—It is meet and right so to do.

Minister.—We thank Thee, most glorious God, for the revelation of Thyself in this world of ours, and for Thy great purpose of Love for all mankind.

Response.—We thank Thee, O God.

Minister.—We thank Thee for the work of Thy Spirit in the Church, which will not cease till all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues are joined in one great family to His praise and glory.

Response.—We thank Thee, O God.

Minister.—We thank Thee for the work of Thy Spirit in The Boys' Brigade, and for all that fifty years' have held of courage, self-sacrifice, and devotion on the part of Officers and Boys.

Response.—We thank Thee, O God.

Minister.—We thank Thee for the memory of William Alexander Smith, our Founder, for the love of Boyhood which inspired him, and for the faith which upheld him.

Response.—We thank Thee, O God.

Minister.—We thank Thee for all lives lived in Thy service; for past members who are faithful to Thee; for missionaries in all lands, and for world-wide vision opened by them to the members of The Boys' Brigade.

Response.—We thank Thee, O God.

Minister.—We thank Thee for the assurance that Thou art still leading us, and that through new ways of service Thou wilt still direct and bless us.

Response.—We thank Thee, O God.

All join in the General Thanksgiving.

Hymn.—"Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven."

The Lesson.—St. John iv., 31-38.

Minister.—Let us together confess our sins before God, that, cleansed by His forgiveness, we may offer ourselves anew for His service. (*Kneeling, all join in the confession*)—

O God our Father, we have sinned against Thee in thought, word and deed; we have not loved Thee with all our hearts; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee: cleanse us from our sins, and help us to overcome our faults. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Minister.—May the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you forgiveness for the sins which you have now confessed to Him, and help you to serve Him better in the days to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Minister.—Let us offer our lives anew to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, keeping nothing back, that His grace and favour may work through us for the blessing of the world and the furtherance of His Kingdom.

All, standing, say together.—Here, O Lord, we offer and present unto Thee, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a thoughtful, holy, and living sacrifice unto Thee; beseeching Thee to accept this our offering, and use it for the work of Thy Kingdom, and the making known of Thy love to all mankind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Minister (all kneeling).—Let us pray for The Boys' Brigade.—Bless, O God, The Boys' Brigade, and give to it greater power to advance Thy Kingdom in our land. Grant in Thy mercy that every member, past and present, may prove steadfast in his fight against evil, and true in his allegiance to Thee. Help us in times of temptation; make us strong where we are weak; give us courage in difficulty; faithfulness in duty; loyalty in friendship; and finally, by Thy mercy, bring us into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty Lord God, the light of the minds that know Thee, the joy of the hearts that love Thee, and the strength of the wills that serve Thee; grant us so to know Thee that we may more truly love Thee, and to love Thee that we may more bravely serve Thee, Whom to serve is perfect freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn.—"Onward, Christian soldiers."

Address.

Hymn.—"Now thank we all our God."

The Blessing.

The National Anthem.

PRECIS OF THE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD'S SERMON

1 Kings, 20. Verses 13-14.

"A prophet came near unto the King of Israel, and said, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day . . . and the King said, By whom? And he said, Thus said the Lord, By the young men . . . Then he said, Who shall begin the battle? And he answered, Thou!"

The armies of the King of Israel were faced by a great danger. The enemy forces were surrounding them in overwhelming numbers. The situation was critical and desperate. A defeat at that stage meant the destruction of national hopes, and a victory at that moment would have meant the supreme turning point for prosperity and peace in the life of their country.

At this moment the prophet of God comes to the armies of the King of Israel with a message of courage and true inspiration. The battle *can* be won and *ought* to be won. The King asks upon whom is he to rely in the forthcoming battle. The answer of the prophet is that the young men of his army are destined to win the conflict. "Who are to be the attacking forces?" asks the King; and the prophet again replies, "The same young men are to take the initiative and to begin the battle."

I do not think it would be possible to find a better theme for this great Service to-night. These days are days of critical



ARRIVING AT ST. PAUL'S

[Photo by Daily Mail]

importance for the life of our nation, and may we not say, therefore, for the whole world. All kinds of enemies are facing us: discouragement, disappointment, trade depression, class suspicion, international complications. There are not wanting people who will tell us that the days of prosperity have passed for ever. They paint a very dark picture for the future. They tell us that the enemies of happiness, peace and sufficiency are going to win. Personally I do not believe it. I believe God has a message of real hope for us to-day, but if we are going to win the battle it can only be by the young men of the country.

You Boys of this magnificent organisation can do something for England to-day which no one else can do. You can win the battle against depression, suspicion, ill-feeling, vice, and all the other evil things which tend to sap the life of the nation, and I believe you are going to do it. I believe the Boys of our land are every bit as good in courage and in resolution as their forebears, if not better. But you can only win the battle and restore all the hopes of our country by showing those qualities of unselfishness, perseverance, courage and purity of heart and life which are essential. I know no source from which we can derive this power except from our religion, and that is why I am afraid

I have not great enthusiasm for work amongst boys—or girls for that matter—which is of a merely philanthropic kind. We can never succeed in building up human character except on a religious foundation, and I thankfully recognise that it is this for which The Boys' Brigade stands. The foundation of the Christian religion, we all recognise, is the only sure basis of that character which our country so greatly needs to-day.

I want, therefore, to encourage all you Boys to strengthen your resolution to follow faithfully the Christian Way of faithful prayer to God and loyal obedience to the Captain of our Salvation.

Look again at the text. "Who shall begin the battle?" asked the King of Israel. There is great strategic value in being the aggressor. You know the old saying: "Twice armed is he who hath his quarrel just," and the humorist has added "and thrice armed he who gets his blow in fust." If you want to win a game the surest way to do it is by attacking. If you play on the defensive you are sure to lose, and if we are going to win this great battle to-day we must be the first to attack. We must not rest passive because all these degenerating influences may not affect you and me personally and directly; but we must face up to these things and boldly attack them: uncleanness, class suspicion, contempt for other nations, disparagement of our own country and a great many more things which are really evidences of an absence of healthy and manly spirit.

The Boys' Brigade can do a great thing in these days. I believe it can win the battle of the future and if you Boys play your part, then the God who has made us mighty will make us mightier yet.

Impressions of the Service

The Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Cathedral came as a fitting conclusion to the Jubilee Celebrations, fitting in nature and fitting in place.

During the past few months The Boys' Brigade has experienced an unusual share of the limelight, as well as the enthusiastic greetings of crowds beyond the dream of an "old timer." It is well to know we can succeed, and succeed with honours, in the big event; but it is none the less true that our best work has been and will yet be done in the twilight of our own circles. It is, therefore, well that to-night, when we meet to render thanks to our Great Captain, and to re-dedicate ourselves to His service, it is without pomp and circumstance.

So quiet and unobtrusive were the groups which, one after another, passed into the Cathedral, that no passer-by could have realised that more than 3,000 Officers and Boys had entered.

As one stood on the Cathedral steps, the glimpse from time to time of some well-known face brought the realisation of how wide an area was represented. Truly they came from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South, to render worship.

Later, sitting in the Choir Stalls, we looked down over an inspiring array, and when the hour of eight approached thoughts would arise of a small room and few Boys, where at this very day and hour, fifty years before, was started the movement of which this great gathering represented but a district. If one glanced round it was to see the faces of many men well known in earlier days, who had been drawn from comparative retirement by the great Service. There were with us, too, as welcome guests, a number of leaders of other organisations whose aims have brought us into comradeship.

The organ plays the opening bars of "O God, our help in ages past," and he must be a strange being who is not moved when 3,000 voices take up the words. There follows a short time of silent prayer, after which a Litany of Thanksgiving. Another hymn, and London had its first sight of the new Brigade President. The Earl of Home read the Lesson in a strong clear voice, and we all felt that our future regard for him would be strengthened by the unique experience of our introduction.

A wonderful sight met the Bishop of Chelmsford as he stood in the pulpit, and with wise words called the "young men" to

aggressive Christianity. Taking his text from 1 Kings, 20: 13-14, he said that the hope of the country in its fight against depression, suspicion, ill-feeling, vice, and all other evil things was in its younger men, and called on The Boys' Brigade to join battle, and help to win the promised victory.

Another hymn, the Blessing, and the National Anthem brought a memorable Service to a close.

The old Cathedral has seen many an overflowing congregation, but surely none more inspiring, and more instinct with the spirit of optimism than that of to-night. The silence and stillness were unforgettable—a boundless energy under admirable self-control.

The Boys' Brigade has an insistent appeal. Sitting there, one saw gathered in the presence of God grey-haired men, middle-aged men, young men and boys, bound together not only by the common love of a great organisation, but also by a deep personal liking the one for the other. Surely in this spirit, rooted in this atmosphere, lies the solution of to-day's unrest.

F. J. M.

Battalion Thanksgiving Services

On the Evening of Wednesday the 4th October, except where stated.

Aberdeen.—In the West Church of St. Nicholas. Address by the Very Rev. Principal Sir George Adam Smith, who recalled some of the most interesting and most surprising aspects of the Brigade's growth and influence. The Lessons were read by Lord Aberdeen and Lord Provost Alexander; and the Rev. Dr. Hetherwick, Moderator of the Presbytery of Aberdeen, the Rev. Principal Cairns, and the Bishop of Aberdeen took part in the service.

Every Company was represented by twelve members, making a total of 600 of all ranks. There was a large attendance of the general public.

Ayr.—On the 1st October, in Ayr Old Church. Preacher, the Rev. J. Scudamore Forbes, of Glasgow, who said that they were there to pay a tribute of remembrance and gratitude and affection to the Founder of the Brigade. The life of Sir William Smith was one of true sainthood. But no church or organisation could live on the greatness of past achievements. The future of the Brigade rested with them—the responsibility of keeping the movement alive for the next generation. He asked all present to re-dedicate themselves to God's service.

Battalion Colours, the gift of General Sir Charles Fergusson, Bart., Hon. President of the Battalion, were presented by Captain Blair, R.N., Vice-Lieutenant of the County, acting for the Lord Lieutenant, the Marquis of Ailsa, who was unable to be present through illness. In handing the Colours to Captain Blair, Sir Charles said that he made the gift in commemoration of the Jubilee. He hoped they might be to the Battalion a symbol of honour and loyalty and duty. The Rev. W. Phin Gillieson, President, expressed the Battalion's appreciation of this and many other kindnesses received from Sir Charles Fergusson.

Several Battalion Chaplains took part in the Service; and among those attending were Lady Ailsa, Lord Rowallan, Provost Wilson and members of the Town Council. The strength of all ranks on parade was 267.

Belfast.—In the Assembly Hall. Address by the Lord Primate of All Ireland (the Most Rev. Dr. D'Arcy), Hon. Vice-President of The Brigade. The service—identical in form with that at St. Paul's at the same hour—was conducted by the Right Rev. the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and the Rev. Wm. Corrigan, representing the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland.

The Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore, Lord Bangor, Battalion Hon. President, and 1,768 Officers Boys took part in the service.

Birkenhead.—As the Service could not conveniently be held on the Anniversary day, it was held in June, in St. Paul's Church, the preacher being the Dean of Chester. There were 500 Officers and Boys on parade, and also 100 Old Boys.

Birmingham.—Central Hall. Addresses by Canon Guy Rogers, Rector of Birmingham, the Rev. Benson Perkins, Methodist Central Hall, and Mr. Barrow Cadbury. Canon

Rogers mentioned that he was among the veterans of the B.B., having been Chaplain when in Dublin more than 30 years ago to one of its most famous Companies.

Bournemouth.—Richmond Hill Congregational Church. Address by Dr. Yates, co-pastor of the Church. Attended by 308 of all ranks, and also by representatives of outlying Companies not in the Battalion.

Bradford.—Preacher, the Bishop, the Right Rev. A. W. F. Blunt, D.D. Service (as St. Paul's) taken by the Very Rev. the Provost of Bradford, Canon Mowll. Twenty Companies were represented by 333 Officers and Boys.

Brighton and Hove.—Parish Church. The address of Canon A. C. W. Rose, Vicar of Brighton, is described as "great," as "it expressed completely the spirit of the Jubilee." This can be seen from the closing sentences: "It is not sufficient that we who are trying to serve God should be content to meet our own difficulties. We have got to go further than that. We are called upon to go out to win the world for God. You have got to go out against all that is mean, foul, and cowardly. Quit yourselves like men and fight! William Smith was a man of vision, and he created the Brigade for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys. To you is this great ideal entrusted, and I say to you 'Carry on!'"

The Lesson was read by the Rev. Stanley Bloomfield, Minister of Cliftonville Congregational Church, and the London Form of Service was used. Many local notables attended, and also representatives of the C.L.B. and the Boy Scouts. No less than 11 Company Chaplains of several denominations were with the Vicar in the procession.

The Service included the Dedication of new colours presented to the Battalion by Alderman Pankhurst, ex-Mayor of Brighton, in commemoration of the Jubilee.

Bristol.—In the Cathedral. Preacher, the Bishop of Bristol, who spoke on the text from Ezekiel 1, v. 9, "They turned not when they went; they went straight forward," and incidentally mentioned that he did not consider "Safety First" a good motto for the young. "I do not believe in a Boy who is afraid of a thing because it is a little dangerous."

The Service—that used at St. Paul's—was conducted by Canon Vining and the Rev. H. Colin Walker, and the Dean read the Lesson. 1,100 Officers and Boys and 47 Life Boy Leaders took part.

Cardiff.—In Llandaff Cathedral, on Sunday, 1st October. Preacher, the Dean of Llandaff.

As the cathedral is some distance from Cardiff the parade of 500 (including a good contingent of Old Boys) was most satisfactory. The cathedral was crowded, and it was a memorable service.

Dublin.—St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Service (that of St. Paul's) was conducted by the Rev. Harold G. Forde, Battalion Vice-President, and the Rev. W. J. Gransden, President, 1st Belfast Company, gave the address.

Edinburgh.—On Sunday, 8th October, in the Usher Hall, for Companies in the West and North districts, and in the Assembly Hall for those in the East and South. The preacher in the Usher Hall was the Rev. W. White Anderson, and the Lesson was read by the Earl of Home, Brigade President. In the Assembly Hall the Rev. A. Irvine Pirie preached, and Lord Polwarth, Brigade Vice-President, read the Lesson. 2,424 Officers and Boys attended the services.

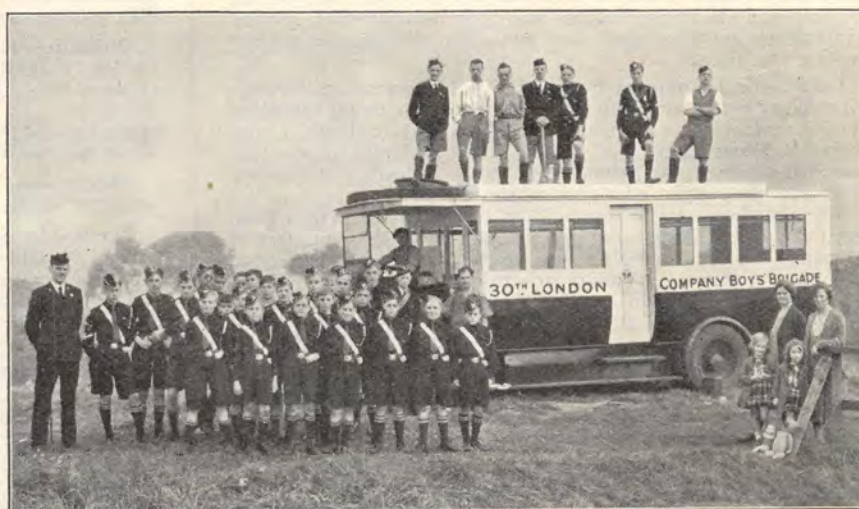
Essex Companies.—In Chelmsford Cathedral. Preacher, the Right Rev. W. E. R. Morrow, Provost of the Cathedral. The Service, which was the same as that in London, was taken by the Rev. M. M. Martin, and the Lesson read by the Rev. G. Pinkney Cammish, President of the Chelmsford Free Church Council.

Falkirk.—On the 15th October, in the Old Parish Church, and relayed to St. Andrew's Church, where an overflow gathering was held. Address by the Earl of Home.

The Service was attended by the Provost and Magistrates. There was a good parade of Old Boys.

Glasgow.—In the Cathedral. A Service for Officers and ex-Officers (of whom about 1,000 took part), conducted by the Moderator, the Right Rev. Lauchlan MacLean Watt, D.D., the Lessons being read by Colonel Roxburgh and Colonel W. D. Scott. Dr. Watt spoke of the Founder as one of the World's Pioneers. "Little did he dream in the thing he began with prayer what a powerful force he had liberated through the lives of men, or of what The Boys' Brigade would grow to, what joy it would bring to Boys who otherwise would know no joy, what discipline it would weave into their lives, what hope it would plant at the fireside, what a citizenship would emerge from its wideflung ranks . . .

"There is no one who can stand up and make an accusation against The Boys' Brigade; rather does everyone who loves the Master give thanks for it and its ideals, and pray for its growing power in every land, in every heart, and its uplifting of every generation."



THE 30TH LONDON BUS WHICH TOURED SCOTLAND FOR THE JUBILEE

Prior to the Service a wreath was laid on the Memorial Plaque to Sir William Smith in the nave of the Cathedral.

Greenock.—In the Town Hall. Preacher, the Rev. Herbert Reid; Service conducted by the Rev. J. M. Macnaughton, Moderator of the Greenock Presbytery. Mr. Reid spoke from intimate knowledge of the beginnings and the wonderful growth. Its success was due to its being based on religion. Some people imagined that Boys were kept out of the Brigade because of this, as they did not want religion. He would tell them that Boy was the most religious little animal he had ever met. Every Boy had a reverence for religion when it was presented to him in the right way.

Referring to the Old Boy, he said that it was for the Church to carry on the work begun in the Company. In the presence of his brother-ministers he would say that the Church had not responded as she should have done. Thereby she had missed her greatest opportunity. What a power these young men would be if the Church could hold them for Christ!

Grimsby.—Parish Church. Preacher, the Rev. Hedley Burrows, Vicar of Grimsby. Lesson read by Sir Ernest Sleight, Bart., and ex-Officer of the B.B. The form of Service was that used in St. Paul's; 250 Officers, Boys and Old Boys took part.

As the clock began to strike 8 the whole congregation stood in silence, in memory of that hour fifty years ago.

Halifax.—Broad Street Wesley Chapel. The Service was for Officers and Old Boys only, and the St. Paul's Order of Service was followed, taken by the Vicar of Siddal, Chaplain, 20th Halifax.

The Rev. C. H. Chapman, of Wesley Church, Chaplain 10th Halifax, gave the address.

The Hartlepoons.—Holy Trinity Church. Service taken by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Hague; address by the Rev. D. E. Sturt, Vicar of Norton-on-Tees. All 11 Companies paraded, more than 400 strong, including a good number of Old Boys.

Inverness.—Old High Church. Attended by Provost, Magistrates and Town Council. The Rev. James Wright, Chaplain of the 2nd, gave the address, and the Rev. Donald Macleod, B.D., the Rev. J. Reid, Chaplain 10th, and Mr. Charles Fraser, Battalion President, took part in the service. There were 330 of all ranks, and also many Old Boys.

Ipswich.—St. Mary-le-Tower Church. Preacher, the Rev. C. O. George. The London form of Service was used.

Kidderminster.—On October 18th, in St. Mary's Church. Preacher, the Right Rev. Bishop C. R. Duppuy, Canon of Worcester Cathedral. The Service was attended by the local clergy and ministers, Scouts and Guides, representatives of social movements in the town, and by many parents of the Boys.

This Service could not be held on the 4th, as all churches and chapels were then busily engaged in a great missionary campaign.

Leeds.—Oxford Place Chapel. London Order of Service used. Preacher, the Rev. A. Briggs, of Salem Chapel. The Lord Mayor expressed in a brief address his admiration for the Brigade and its work, and his wish for its continued success. 650 Officers and Boys took part, and about the same number of parents and friends.

Leith.—Each Company met in its own hall on the 4th October for a short Service similar to that being held in St. Paul's Cathedral at the same hour. Companies then paraded to Leith Links, where a Fiery Cross was lighted, and torchlight processions marched through the town. The press estimated the crowd at 10,000, the biggest ever seen on the Links.

The Battalion Service was held on the 8th in the Town Hall, 775 Officers and Boys being present, and also a large number of recruits, Old Boys, and Life Boy Leaders, and more than 1,000 parents and friends. The preacher was the Rev. J. R. S. Wilson, B.D., Chaplain 1st Leith; and Lord Murray, Hon. President, and the Rev. R. A. Reid, Chaplain 12th, assisted in the service.

Leicester.—On the 24th September, in the Cathedral. Preacher, the Bishop of Leicester, Battalion Patron; Service (as in St. Paul's) taken by the Very Rev. Bernard Uffen, Provost of Leicester; Lesson read by Colonel J. A. Potter, C.B.E., Hon. Battalion President.

A fine sermon, and altogether an impressive occasion. 513 Officers and Boys and 67 Old Boys paraded, and representatives of the City Council, of the C.L.B., and also Life Boy Leaders took part.

A parade through the main streets was watched by great crowds. At the Town Hall the Battalion marched past Sir Jonathan North, Hon. Vice-President, the Old Boys being drawn up in line facing the saluting base. They afterwards marched past the Battalion.

Liverpool.—St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Preacher, the Rev. John Pitts, D.D., of Myrtle Street Baptist Church, who quickly captured the Boys' attention and interest and held them to the end. The Service—similar to that at St. Paul's—was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Maddock, assisted by the Rev. Walbanke Jones, Vicar of St. John and St. James, Bootle.

The parade state showed 1,105 Officers and Boys. There was also a good contingent of Old Boys, and some hundreds of parents and friends. The church, which is the largest in Liverpool, seats 2,000, and it was packed.

Manchester.—The Cathedral. Preacher, the Right Rev. T. Sherwood Jones, Bishop of Hulme, who showed an intimate knowledge of the B.B., and a high appreciation of its ideals and sound work, having been Chaplain of two Companies in different parishes of Liverpool. The Lesson was read by the Hon. Battalion President, Sir Arthur A. Haworth, Bart., and the Order of Service was similar to that used in St. Paul's.

As the Cathedral would not accommodate the full Battalion, the congregation was confined to Officers and senior Boys, of whom about 1,000 took part. A truly memorable night.

Mid-Suffolk.—On the 5th October, in Stowmarket Congregational Church. Preacher, Bishop Taylor Smith, Brigade Vice-President. Lesson read by the Battalion Secretary. 300 of all ranks took part.

Newport.—The Cathedral Church of St. Woolos. Preacher, the Rev. S. G. Morgan, Rural Dean of Newport. Service as in St. Paul's, taken by the Rev. John Price Stephens. Lesson read by Mr. C. Ernest Smith, Battalion President. 220 of all ranks on parade, and a number of Old Boys.

Northampton.—On Sunday, 24th September, at the Exchange Cinema. Preacher, the Rev. Harold Bickley. Service taken by the President and Officers of the Battalion. A Colour presented in memory of the late President, Mr. Edward Lewis, was dedicated at the opening of the service.

855 Officers and Boys and 500 Old Boys paraded, and the present members paid honour to their predecessors by marching past them.

North Suffolk.—St. John's Church, Lowestoft. Preacher, the Rev. E. V. Roe, Rector of Caundle Marsh, Dorset, founder of the 1st North Suffolk Company 30 years ago. Order of service as in St. Paul's. Strength on parade, 390 Officers and Boys and 60 Old Boys.

Nottingham.—The Albert Hall. Preacher, Bishop Neville Talbot. Service taken by the Rev. J. Glynn Edwards, Chaplain 14th (Mansfield Road Baptist Church).

1,500 Officers and Boys and many Old Boys took part. The Sheriff of Nottingham attended in state with other magistrates and prominent citizens, and representatives of the Scouts and Guides. The galleries were filled by parents and friends.

Oldham.—Hope Congregational Church. Service conducted by Mr. J. B. Robertson, one of the original officers of the 1st Oldham—the London Order being used—and the Lesson read by the Rev. L. J. Britton, D.D. Mr. E. G. Claydon, President of the Lancashire and Cheshire District Council, gave the address. More than 300 Officers and Boys and Life Boy Leaders attended.

Paisley.—A Thanksgiving Service for ex-members has been arranged for the 19th November, and a big response is expected.

Perth.—In St. John's Church. Preacher, the Rev. James S. Taylor, an Old Boy of the 3rd Perth, now Chaplain of the 1st Glasgow Company.

The Service was attended by Magistrates and members of the Town Council, 250 Officers and Boys, 50 Old Boys, and leaders of the Girls' Guildry.

Plymouth Officers' Council.—On the 5th October, in St. Andrew's, the Parish Church of Plymouth. The Bishop of Plymouth, the Right Rev. J. H. B. Masterman, D.D., preached. He made a special appeal for loyalty to an ideal, and reminded the Boys that by any act of disloyalty to the B.B. and its Object they would be not merely weakening their own character, but would be "letting down" more than a hundred thousand of their comrades.

Sheffield.—Victoria Hall. Order of Service as in St. Paul's, taken by the Rev. Pendril Bental. Preacher, the Bishop of Sheffield, who spoke on the text "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth," and referred specially to the impression made by the tribute paid this Jubilee Year by the Old Boys to the movement which has done so much for them.

500 Officers and Boys took part. The number would have been much larger had not many been prevented from attending by evening classes and the night shift system in operation.

Southampton.—Above Bar Congregational Church. Preacher the Rev. T. Shirley Herrick, Mayor's Chaplain. Service—the St. Paul's form—conducted by the Rev. Maxwell O. Janes, B.D. Lesson read by the Mayor; 417 of all ranks on parade, and the church packed by parents and friends.

South Shields.—St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The London form of Service was taken by the Rev. W. McDonald Tevendale, Chaplain, 1st South Shields, who also presided. 482 of all ranks took part.

Stirling.—The Battalion Thanksgiving Service was held on the 26th March. On the 4th October, the actual anniversary date, Companies made their own arrangements.

Wolverhampton.—St. Mark's Church. The Vicar, the Rev. W. Holmes Walker, gave "a splendid address on Christ, the Boy of Twelve."

The Mayor, Sir Charles Mander, and other prominent people took part; also a number of Old Boys and parents, in addition to the 400 or more Officers and Boys of the Battalion.

The Jubilee Camp at Dechmont

From "A Dechmont Diary," by J. Anderson Crabb, M.A.,
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WE would like to give this Diary in complete form, it is so intensely interesting. But space will not permit this, so we have had to omit, very reluctantly, most of the entries dealing with the days of preparation, and also descriptions of the big events outside the camp, which were reported last month.

MONDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER

Arrived in camp in a Scotch Mist which does not promise very well for the weather. Won't it be a blow if Glasgow serves up her usual B.B. weather?

Dechmont is beginning to look quite busy already—cars coming and going, motor-lorries rumbling up and unloading mysterious (and heavy) bales, people bustling hither and thither . . .

We spent the forenoon marking out the camp site; the mist has cleared and it is now a glorious day . . . After dinner we started on the actual erection of tents. The raising of the first tent is a great feeling. What had previously been a green field, with a number of people and packages scattered about it, becomes a Camp, because one tent is now standing erect . . .

Another six Officers arrived after tea (making 26 in all). We started again, and working all together with a will until it was too dark to work any more, we downed tools, and in the gathering gloom counted well over 200 bells and five marquees . . .

TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER

After breakfast came the Big Attack on the bell-tents, and dinner-time saw them all in position and erected. That sounds quite simple when you read it, doesn't it, but behind it there is a great deal of work. The lads (*i.e.*, Officers) are working like Trojans. Their hands are all blistered, and most of them haven't done so much manual labour for years, but they are sticking it well, and are very happy . . . This is a huge camp, and the organisation of the Adjutant and Quartermasters has been marvellous. They have been on the job apparently for about two years, getting things prepared . . . The statistics alone are staggering. They have everything organised to the highest pitch of efficiency. Any Boy in camp can be traced and identified in a few moments by his registration number, or his name, or his home Company. We know when he arrives, and where (and why), who is his mate, who accompanies them, how long he is staying, and when he is leaving, the uniform he wears, the brand of tooth-powder he uses, the colour of his eyes, and when he last had measles. Seriously, however, we must give honour where honour is due, and it is certainly due to the Adjutant and Quartermasters . . .

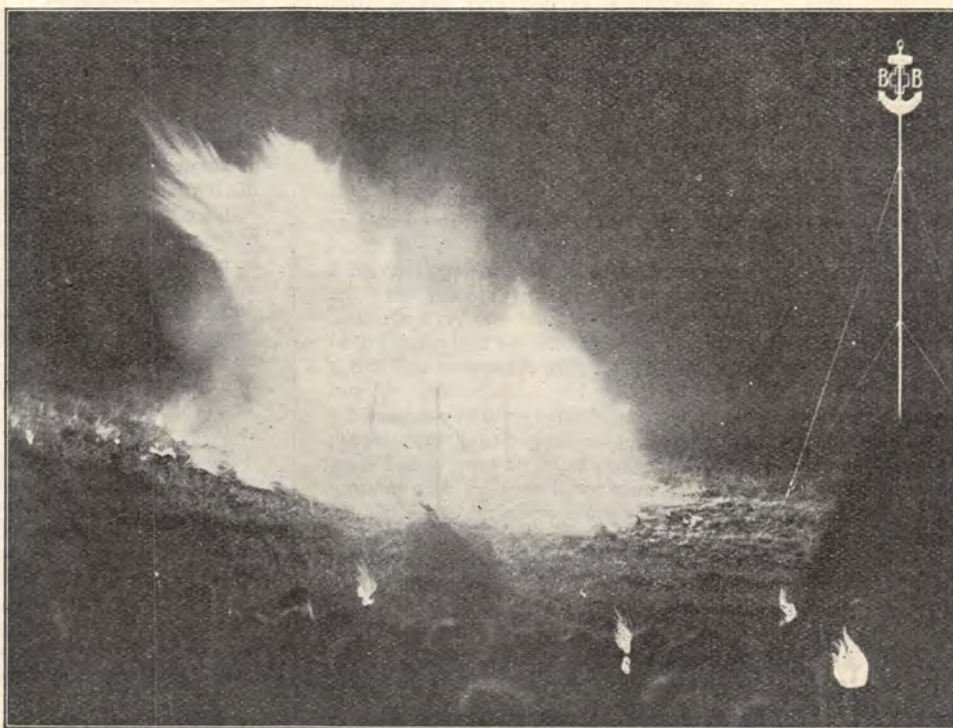
Some of the Glasgow Boys for orderly duty, post-office, etc., are now in camp, so we number 35 Officers and 6 Boys . . .

WEDNESDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER

I don't know where the Adjutant was yesterday, or what pleased him so much, but he decided last night that Revéillé was not to

sound until 7 this morning. So we got half an hour longer in bed. If you want to know how to make the most of bed, watch the Adjutant. Catch him rising before Revéillé. They say "old soldiers never die," but they take good care that they don't "fade away" either. But wait a moment—before you think this camp is divided into H.Q., Staff and Workers. After "Lights Out" sounds, the lights go out slowly, one by one, but some burn far on into the night—and until 2 o'clock nearly every night. The Staff may have mountains of work to do, but like true B.B. men, the sky's their limit.

Each Camp Company is distinguished by a coloured badge, so that Boys may know their Company Officers at sight. To-day we are just at the worst stage of the advance party work. Results seem totally out of proportion to the energy expended. At the beginning you can easily see the difference—tents appears where there was nothing but green field, marquees spring up, lines take shape. But once the tents are in position, it's just a case of



THE FIRE OF FRIENDSHIP

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driving in pegs and tightening guy-ropes, and all the work you do doesn't seem to make much difference. This is the time when the slackers are found out. It is surprising how those who do most talking and make most noise are usually those who do least work. It is easy enough to work hard when you can point to results, and boast that you did more than the man next to you. But it is a different story when there are no obvious results for your work, and slacking isn't noticed to the same extent. This is the time when you wonder if R.L.S. was right about travelling being better than arriving. He never put up a B.B. camp, I bet.

The C.O. also knows how tempting it is at this stage to slacken off (is it from experience?) because after dinner he came out and appealed to us to stick it and finish the work. 'E ain't 'arf a bloke, our C.O. He doesn't need to study psychology to learn how to handle men. The Officers here would eat out of his hands; their hands were blistered, their feet and backs were sore, they were tired and fed up, but they would have taken the whole camp down and repitched it for Dr. Greenlees. We got into the work with a will, had most of it done by teatime, and finished it in the evening. There wasn't much larking to-night; everybody was too tired to do anything but pop off to bed. Goodnight.

THURSDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER.

To-day is the beginning of the "Big Attack." The Glasgow Boys arrive to-night, and that begins the camp. Of course, the official opening isn't until to-morrow at noon. . . . The next few days will be a combination of physical labour, in the form of running up and down the lines and to and from the Orderly Room, and of mental labour in the form of remembering Boys' names and lines and tents, and finding out when Boys arrive, and where to put them when they arrive. . . . It is interesting to try to imagine from the names what they are like—to guess at the type of Boys we shall be working with. Here is the name of one from London. Will he drop his aitches and say "blimey" every second sentence? And here is one from Aberdeen. Will he roll his rrs and speak about "parritch" and "bawbees"? We will just have to wait and see. . . .

The first two Glasgow Boys arrived at 3.15 p.m. Wild excitement in camp. The reception clerks looked (and no doubt felt) very important as they checked names and numbers, and issued chits and badges. They won't be so excited when dealing with the 2,002nd arrival. They will probably bite his head off. . . .

We are beginning to look like a camp. Since tea quite a lot of Boys have arrived, been fed, and taken to their tents. . . . At 6 p.m. the first real strangers were in our midst. They were two Boys of the 1st Bookham, who arrived by car from Surrey. We all gathered round them, talking and asking questions. We won't have so much time to talk to later arrivals. . . . The Boys will sleep eight to a tent, and as far as possible there is to be one Glasgow Boy per tent. He will then be able to act as host to the strangers. . . .

A Boy arrived to-night from Denmark. He is our first visitor from overseas. The triumphal arch is now erected over the gateway; it was prepared by the 107th, and looks very effective. It is floodlighted by a row of footlights, and we feel quite proud of it. You have no idea what a crowd is out at the gate, and this is only Thursday. We have had to put the police on the job, and are getting 30 of them out to-morrow, and they will be permanently in camp. You see, we'll all be out of camp during the Review, Conventicle and Cruise, so that there must be some guard kept. It seems strange to me, but the public will not obey men in army uniform, whereas they immediately move when told by a man in police uniform.

Well, it's nearly 1 a.m., and as the next Boys won't arrive till 7.30 the Adjutant says we can go to bed. As I wouldn't dream of disobeying an Adjutant—good-night.

FRIDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER.

The arrivals started at 7.45, and twelve bus-loads arrived before breakfast. Already we have in camp Boys from all over Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales, and also from Canada, Denmark and Singapore. It is a wonderful experience meeting all these Boys, and an experience we may never have again. It makes you feel that you are in contact with the ends of the earth—more than that, with Christianity from the ends of the earth. It is wonderful to think of B.B. men going abroad and starting B.B. Companies wherever they go. It makes you glad to be alive, and proud to be associated with the Movement in this Jubilee Year.

At noon to-day the Camp was officially opened, and the Camp Flag unfurled by Major David Martin, who joined the 35th Glasgow in 1886, was one of the Colour-Party at the presentation of Colours to the Battalion in 1889, and in 1890-91 he carried the Colours, as a Colour-Sergeant, at the Review.

I'm making myself very popular (?) by wandering into all sorts of places, with a pencil in one hand and a pad in the other, asking innocently, after the manner of the old lady who visits prisons: "And why are you here, my good man?" I've just come from the camp bank. Most of us thought that for so short a period the Boys wouldn't take the trouble to put their money in the bank, but there has been quite a rush on it. There was a jolly cockney Lance-Corporal there, who calls his Officers "myte"

(mate), and pulls everybody's leg. The English lads, as a rule, have much more to say and are much more sociable than the Scots. Then we have a couple of Canadian Privates who are very pert and witty. Nice kids and general favourites in camp already.

We have established a P.O. in camp and supply stamps and stationery. Alongside it a stall with a fine display of B.B. equipment and literature, and it is amazing the number of things there are now with the B.B. Crest. Kerr's Canteen is a wonderful affair—the canteen that never runs dry. Here you may consume all sorts of aerated waters, sweets, chocolates, biscuits, and, of course, the old camp favourite, Smith's potato crisps. You may purchase ties, candles, matches, pens, paper, ink, tooth-paste, brushes, combs, and I don't know what else. The amount of comestibles these Boys put away is amazing. I used to think I was pretty good at that sort of thing, but I'm not even a starter beside them. . . .

After tea the Boys were entertained in the Concert Marquee, which is 120 yards long (some tent!) and equipped with platform, seats and loudspeakers. We had a visit from a concert party, who put up a fine show. At 9.30 p.m., Dr. Greenlees officially welcomed the whole camp, and outlined the programme for the week-end. He announced that the Earl of Home, Colonel Scott, Mr. Stanley Smith, Major Tulloch, and Mr. McPherson had just arrived. While their reception was enthusiastic, when they spoke the enthusiasm increased enormously. No one who had a chance of hearing these short speeches from our leaders will ever forget the impression they made.

Then the chosen six representative N.C.O.'s signed the secret message, which was then put into the casket and sealed, ready to be handed over to the Earl of Home to-morrow night. It was an impressive ceremony, and the six were very proud and very excited about it. They were:—Sergeant Hizzey, 1st Glasgow, Sergeant Gray, 39th Belfast, Corporal Choy Ah Soo, 2nd Singapore, Col.-Sergeant Morrish, 11th Cardiff, Col.-Sergeant Martin, 12th Brighton, and Sergeant Urquhart, 214th Glasgow. Thus they represented the Original Company, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and Overseas. This idea of the Boys of the Jubilee sending a secret message to the Boys of the Centenary has fairly caught the imagination of the public. We have been pestered by the press people all day for details of the Message and of the ceremony of signing. I wonder if I shall be there at the Centenary when the seals are broken and the Message read out. It will be a proud day for any Dechmont man who is there. When the N.C.O.'s paraded this evening so that the choice of the six could be made, it was a sight worth seeing. All were putting the last ounce of snap and style into their drill. However, only six could be chosen, and they are a proud and happy six to-night.

After the ceremony the Padre led us in evening worship, and set the devotional note which was to be the keynote for the whole week-end.

In the Officers' Mess after supper the Adjutant called for volunteers to leave camp at 6.45 a.m. to do some work at Queen's Park for the Review.

SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER

The Orderly Officer wakened me this morning at 5.45. And we didn't have to leave camp until 6.45! If he had awakened us at 6.35 there would have been plenty of time. To-day's O.O. can't be an old soldier! However, the grumbling over, we set out, and soon started to peg out the ground. What we really had to do was to take flags out of the wrong places and put them in the right ones. When a thing has to be done properly you have to come to Dechmont. I believe there are other things connected with the Jubilee, such as council meetings, hostels, etc., but of course, the Jubilee is "Dechmont." People who weren't at Dechmont will be very small beer indeed. Any revolutionary suggestions by young Officers will be crushed by the remark: "That's not how we did it at Dechmont—but, of course, that was before your time." Then the young loot will crawl home with his tail between his legs.

It was a rush to get back and cleaned up for the drill parade. The camp paraded in two battalions, and went right through the exact programme of the Review . . . The discipline in camp is great. I wish the camp lasted a fortnight.

What a scurry of issuing tickets, washing, shaving, dressing, polishing, and dining! However, all got out in time and reached Queen's Park safely. What a Review it was! . . . Perhaps, after this, the old panoramic photo that used to hang in George Square will be replaced by a new and larger one, this time without the characteristic sheet of water on the ground . . . A thing that amused Glasgow Officers was the tendency of many of the visiting Boys to squat on the ground as soon as they were halted. Glasgow Boys are accustomed to parading in large numbers, being held up by traffic, and thus standing still in serried ranks for comparatively long periods. The others do not seem used to this, and to the need for discipline in the ranks during tiresome delays.

After being in camp all week and feeling that we are the centre and soul of the Jubilee, it is rather disconcerting to find that at the Review we are but 2,100 out of 30,000. When you think of it the same must apply to most of the N.C.O.s in the camp. At home they are seniors and big noises, whereas here half the rankers are Sergeants. What a come down? . . .

We have been discussing the visitors and what we think of them. The question strikes me—what do they think of us?

They have heard great things of Glasgow—have they been disappointed? Whatever they may think, they cannot but have been thrilled by the Review. It was a wonderful parade.

After tea came the official visiting hour, and the camp was besieged. Many Glasgow Officers took the opportunity to see the camp, and everyone expressed admiration. A great attraction to lady visitors was the catering department. They eagerly absorbed statistics as to the number of loaves, gallons of milk, pounds of tea, etc., consumed daily . . . The Boys were very proud to-night, conducting their parents and friends around—and their "sisters." (By the way, we saw not the slightest indication of smoking among the Boys.)

Other two concert parties were in camp to-night and gave performances. These were well attended and enthusiastically applauded. Visitors were all out of camp by 8.30, and after evening prayers and supper the camp settled down in a very good spirit. There was, however, a distinct run on the canteen immediately before bedtime . . . I dropped into one or two tents for a chat after supper. They were very cosy and happy, and I could have sat "blethering" all night with some of them. Nice laddies, all of them—good luck to them wherever they go.

SUNDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER

To-day the camp reaches its climax; we strike the note of fervour for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, which is the heart of the whole movement. The day opened with Prayer in the dining-marquees, the Boys being led by their Company Officers. The services were synchronised, so that the whole camp was at prayers at the same time. The Boys were very reverent, and took their full share in the worship.

After breakfast the camp was cleared up, and a platform erected on the parade ground for the Drumhead Service. Among the

platform party were the Lord Provost, Colonel Roxburgh, Colonel Scott, Messrs. Tulloch and McPherson, and ten of the original members of the 1st Glasgow. These latter were very proud of themselves and of the B.B. The Lord Provost spoke briefly to the Boys on what the B.B. meant to them and to the towns from which they came. The Padre, Mr. Gray, spoke from the appropriate text, "The trumpet shall sound," and gave a stirring address on the Call to dedicate whatever abilities we may have to the service of God. The Boys all heard—and listened—well, the sound being amplified. Despite the large numbers, the Boys were very quiet and reverent, and the service was truly devotional; and the singing, led by the brass band of the 1st Dublin, was lusty. An interesting point, both here and in daily prayers, was that while we used the shorter form in the Lord's Prayer, the



THE WATER PARTY—NOT THE DECHMONT WAY!

voices of the English lads insisted on putting in "trespasses" and "them that trespass against us."

A great craze at the camp is the collection of autographs. Hosts of Boys wave autograph books and programmes at us. The poor Boys from abroad get no peace, and can't escape the crowds.

In the afternoon two special trains took us to King's Park station for Hampden Park. What a mob! The Review wasn't in it. Besides, the Review was an orderly crowd. . . . As a spectacle it was simply magnificent.

Then came the Fire of Friendship Service at 8.30 p.m.—a wonderful experience. Two routes from camp were lined by Staffies with storm-lanterns. Then the whole camp marched round, up the hill, and was seated in a vast semi-circle at a safe distance from the fire. At intervals in the ranks flaring torches held by N.C.O.s illuminated the great gathering. The band was on the crest of the hill, and as the Companies assembled, the hymn "Will your anchor hold?" was sung. . . . After the B.B. hymn, "Underneath the Banner," Mr. Gray gave a stirring address on "The Camp Fire," outlining the part the fire has played in history, especially as a symbol of friendship. He dwelt on the friendship that sprang up between Jesus and his disciples as they sat round the camp fire on many a night. The fire that was to be lighted this night symbolised the fire of friendship that this camp had lighted in their hearts—friendship for our comrades of the B.B. in all lands. This was a fire that must never be allowed to go out.

The band then led us in the Jubilee Song, and as we sang the chorus representatives of Asia, Africa, Canada, Denmark, the Channel Islands, Irish Free State, Northern Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland came down the hill through the ranks, bearing lighted torches, and stood around the fire. In a perfect hush of silence each applied his torch to the gigantic pile, and immediately the flames blazed up. We all joined then in the Anchor Song, and after that in "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The bugle sounded a single "G," and we all bowed our heads in silent prayer for two minutes, then joined wholeheartedly in the Lord's Prayer. After the *Amen* had been said with sincerity, we softly sang: *Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.*

As the last note died away the Padre said softly, but clearly, "Now Boys, we'll have just one minute's silence before *Retreat*, and we'll gaze into the fire, and think deep down in our hearts." Silently we sat there gazing into the flickering flames, and our thoughts were long, long thoughts. But our memories will not be short. We thought of the years that have passed, and all God's goodness to us, of the B.B. and all it meant to us. We thought of the years to come, and the trumpet sounded in our hearts for us to go forth to greater deeds than ever. We thought of the Officers and Boys around us, and we prayed God to unite us in such a bond of fellowship in service that we might from this day light for Him a Fire of Friendship throughout all lands, whose light might never be extinguished. Then through the peaceful night came the sound of the "Retreat." I have never seen a gathering of Boys respond so to a religious service. It was just like a Sacrament. I'm sure we all felt the better for it, and the memory will remain with us to inspire us all our lives.

After it was over nobody could talk of anything else. I saw four London Boys take a charred ember, break it in four, and carefully put the pieces away as souvenirs. Others took burnt-out torches, flags, and anything else they could see. For me, if my memory needs stirring, a glance through the programme of the service will make me live again in that atmosphere of devotion and resolution which was so noticeable at the Fire of Friendship.

This desire for souvenirs shows the great impression the camp has made on the Boys. They feel that Dechmont is such a landmark in their lives that they want anything that will keep it ever fresh in their minds. Probably at Council meetings years hence, young Officers will come up to us, saying, "Weren't you an Officer at Dechmont? I was there as a Boy." I should imagine that the majority of these Boys will one day become Officers. One Boy told me to-day, "I'm going to be an Officer at the Centenary, and I'm going to wear this badge, and say 'I was at Dechmont at the Jubilee.'" That's the spirit!

MONDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER

It was very misty this morning, but I saw one optimistic Officer wearing a sun-hat going about the lines. The note of Tragedy is already here. Some of the Boys have already gone home, shortly after breakfast.

Breakfast was hurried. Then we entrained for Wemyss Bay, for the Kyles of Bute. Two steamers were chartered, the *Duchess of Argyll* and the *Jupiter*, and in a few moments there were Boys exploring every inch of them. The engines seemed to fascinate them. . . . Even among Glasgow Boys there were surprisingly few that had ever sailed up the Kyles. When we told the English lads the names of places like Tighnabruaich and Auchanlochan they had great fun trying to pronounce them. We turned outside Inchmarnock and came back again, passing the two boats of visiting Officers. What a cheer we gave each other. As we passed Auchanlochan the 1st Kyles Company fired a rocket salute, and at the Narrows the 1st Rothesay had a squad with banners to cheer us on our way. Too soon we were back at Wemyss Bay.

We had a very busy evening. Most of the Boys were departing, and those left were entertained to a football match by Rangers and Partick Thistle, refereed by Meiklejohn, and lined by Alan Morton and Ballantyne. When it was over the players were besieged by autograph hunters. Alan Morton had to be rescued. A glen-

garry was placed on his head; then between two Officers he walked boldly across the field, and nobody paid any attention to him.

A pleasing thing occurred to-night. The Boys all gathered round the Officers Mess shouting, "We want the C.O.; we want the C.O." The C.O. was sent for and, thinking something was wrong, he hurried out. He was greeted with "Three cheers for the C.O.!" and they were given with a will. When he did get silence he could hardly speak. It was very spontaneous and very delightful, and showed how much the Boys liked him.

There was a big demand for "passes out" this evening. Those strangers left in camp naturally wish to see a bit of Glasgow before going home. . . . The two Boys from Canada have been playing on the fire-engine all evening. They assured the Padre that they could put out any fire now, but he told them they couldn't put out a Fire of Friendship. I've been scrounging around finding out what various people think of the camp. The C.O. is only sorry that it isn't for a fortnight instead of just a week-end. The Adjutant regrets that he did not get a single opportunity to parade a Boy at Orderly Room and give him "Fat duty." "Andrew Mac" says it's a pity we are not holding another next year. Col. Scott is wildly enthusiastic, while the public have taken Dechmont to their hearts. The universal regret is that the time is so short.

I had a look into the lost property department. There are all sorts of things handed in—Bibles, hymn-books, pens, watches, cameras, towels, coats, badges, medals, keys, stripes, train tickets, the M.O.'s temper, the Q.M.'s Patience, and the Recreation Officer's Habitual Smile.

There were very few at prayers and supper to-night, only about 30 per Company. To-morrow will see the completion of the evacuation.

TUESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER

Most of the remaining Boys are going this morning. The tents are half down, and Dechmont Camp is rapidly slipping out of existence. . . . A proposal has been made to have an annual re-union of Dechmont Officers. Such a thing would fan afresh the Fire of Friendship lit here. . . . The whole staff liked one another immensely; we were just a big happy family.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER

There are now only 23 of us left in camp. . . . The tents are disappearing line by line. The Triumphal Archway has gone, so that when we look back on the gate we see nothing distinctively B.B. But no matter for that, "Dechmont" to us in future will connote much more than an army rifle range. It will mean B.B. Jubilee, Fire of Friendship, Orderly Room, and a host of other happy memories.

The camp was cleared and handed over this evening, and sadly we did it. Yet, as we travelled home, already our minds were passing on to the work that lies to our hand in the coming session—to the influence of the camp on the Boys of the next generation, passed on by the Boys of Dechmont.

Our memories are in the past with Dechmont, but our ideals and purposes are with the B.B. of the future, a great army, growing stronger and stronger from year to year. We of the Jubilee may not be so active if we live to see the Centenary, but we shall be as enthusiastic as ever. We shall be old in years and fashions, and the Officers who will run the Centenary Camp will have more knowledge and greater horizons than we have. But we shall be ever young in heart, and gladly shall we cheer them on their way. For we have had our Day—our glorious hour—our Dechmont.

Extracted from Three Essays by Boys

"The climb up the hill, the silence, the lighting of the Fire of Friendship, the singing—it made us the greatest friends in the world. It will be remembered by every Boy there as long as he lives.

"Then came the final parting. Souvenirs were given and taken, best wishes were exchanged, and we started for home after

a few days of glorious B.B. life. To the Glasgow Officers I must pay a great compliment for the great hospitality extended to all Boys in camp. The meals could not have been better—a king would not have been disappointed.

"The camp was a success, a tribute to the B.B., and a great honour to all Boys present. May we all, with God's care, be present in the great year of '83. All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. The Officers of the past fifty years have played their parts; now it is up to the present generation to 'Carry on.'"

"During the journey to Dechmont began the mixture of dialects, so marked a feature of the camp. By Monday, Scotch lads were saying 'Bah goom,' and Cockneys, 'Och mon,' whilst Lancashire lads were adept at 'Coo, blimey.'"

Then came the ceremony of sealing the casket. The squad of representative Boys marched smartly on the platform, and each signed the Message to the Boys of the Centenary. As each signed a tremendous cheer was given. Dr. Greenlees then called upon us to witness his sealing the casket. The silence was such that a pin could have been heard to drop.

"Shortly before darkness on Sunday night, occurred what I consider the finest ceremony of all, the Fire of Friendship. Each Company climbed the hill behind the camp in single file, singing the Anchor hymn. It was the most wonderful sight I have ever seen. The hillside was covered with Boys and was lit up by torches. Below could be seen the long rows of white tents. Far away twinkled the lights of Glasgow, and the intervening space was almost black. *Underneath the Banner* was sung as I have never heard it in my life. Then, after a few words by the Padre, the Jubilee Song, as the representatives of B.B. Boys at home and Overseas came forward to the Fire. The last chorus must have been heard for miles. Each Boy plunged his torch into the pile, saying "I light this Fire of Friendship on behalf of The Boys' Brigade in —, and wish that it will go on for ever," and instantly it blazed up. The Anchor Song was then sung, and in contrast to the lusty singing of this came the reverent singing of *Abide with me*. We retired to bed inspired by a scene which words cannot express."

"I think I was the happiest Boy in Manchester when the Captain informed me that I was to be one of the two Company representatives at the Jubilee Camp at Glasgow.

"Glasgow is really like home from home. It is a city similar to our own, but to B.B. Boys it is the finest city in the world, because the B.B. was founded there."

Correspondence

Company and Church

SIR,—I was very pleased to read the excellent article in the October *Gazette* on "The Chaplain's Duty to the Company." It was evident that it was written by a real B.B. Padre, and it deserves close study.

I am one of those many Captains who in their zeal for the B.B. did not give half so much consideration to our church as we ought to have done, and wondered at the lack of enthusiasm shown by the minister and church officials. In the course of years I began to see things in better proportion, and I now wonder why the church should have been so patient with us and so kind to us in the use of rooms, etc. I saw that it had been mainly my fault that these people had been lukewarm. The Company had been run selfishly, and not as an agency of the church.

We Officers *must* try to look at the Company through the Chaplain's eyes, and from the viewpoint of the church. What is it doing to build up the church? We must have this constantly in mind, or our Company may win athletic, drill, and even Scripture competitions, and yet be a failure.

It is deplorable that a Bible Class should clash with the Church Services, and that a Chaplain should not have the opportunity to take part in it fairly frequently. Yours, etc., G.M.

THE Jubilee Handbook issued by the Brighton and Hove Battalion is a publication of which they may well be proud. The contents—illustrated—include concise accounts of the Founding of the Brigade, the Jubilee Celebrations, the "Secret of Vitality," the starting of the Battalion, its Executive's Report for Jubilee Year, Camp, Old Boys, and a good deal of information about the Battalion activities.

A Recruit for the Mission Field



ALFRED GRIFFITHS

MR. ALFRED GRIFFITHS, Lieutenant, 5th North Staffordshire (after passing through the ranks of the Company) sailed for Nigeria on the 4th October with the Rev. W. F. Mellor, Mrs. Mellor, and Sergeant David Fasanya.

"I have known him for many years," writes Mr. Mellor, "and he has always said that some day he would come out to help me, and of course I encouraged him, without being able to see a way in which it would be possible." But Griffiths being now unemployed at home Mr. Mellor has seen the way.

"He has served his time as apprentice at coach and wagon building, understands carpentry and kindred subjects, and so he will supervise all building work and repairs in connection with the Mission—and as I built six churches and as many mission houses last tour alone, he will have plenty to do. He will also instruct classes in elementary carpentry; and as he is a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and instructor of his Company Ambulance class, and helper with the band, he will of great assistance to the B.B. here.

"I have raised sufficient funds—towards which Brigade Executive has made a grant—for his passages and maintenance for at least two years. I am anxious that your readers should know of this, as I am particularly pleased that a typical B.B. lad, with no special privileges or training, but immensely keen on the Brigade and on foreign missions, should have found the very opening to enable him to realise his ambition."

Mr. Griffiths may be assured of the good wishes of the Brigade, and, we hope, of the prayers of many.

A Good Friend of the B.B.

By the death of Miss Bessie H. Wilson, of South Bantaskine, The Boys' Brigade has lost a generous supporter, a loyal friend and a keen and enthusiastic worker.

There are few women who have taken such a practical interest in the B.B. as Miss Wilson. Over thirty years ago she showed her interest in Boys and young men by building an Institute at Camelon, and soon had a large Bible Class to which many week-night activities were attached.

She found, however, that something more was needed for the Boys. She knew the Founder of the B.B., and in 1897 she formed the 1st Camelon Company. For the supervision of her social and religious work in Camelon she used to secure each year a young man, usually a divinity student, as Superintendent and he acted as Captain of the Company. Although this involved frequent changes of Captain, Miss Wilson's continued interest and her unceasing supervision made up for the breaks in the Captaincy, and the Company has always been one of the largest in the Falkirk Battalion. During the summer months the Company Bible Class used to be held in her own home, and many Old Boys of the Company can testify to her close personal interest and to the lasting influence of her fine Christian character.

She kept in touch with Old Boys all over the world, and up to the time of her death she was constantly receiving letters from them speaking of their debt to her and to The Boys' Brigade. Her memory will always be treasured by Officers and Boys, and her life of Christian service will ever be remembered with affection and regard.

London Notes

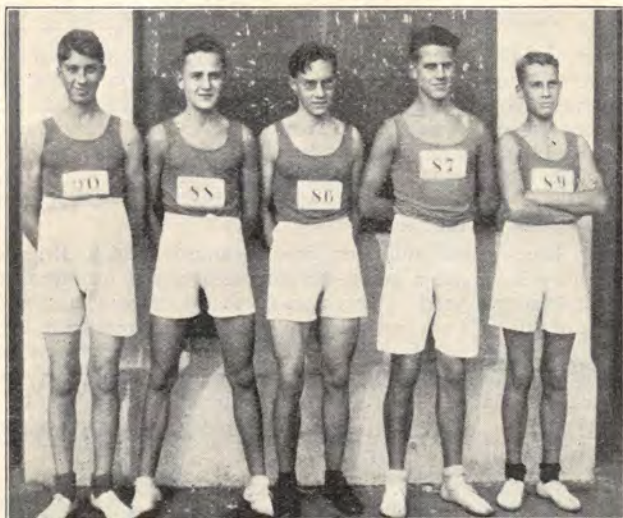
THE Annual Meeting of the London Council will take place at the Church Missionary House, Salisbury Square, E.C. on Monday, November 27th at 6.30 p.m. Sir Hugh Turnbull, K.B.E., London President, will preside.

London Cross Country Run

THE Run took place at Epsom on September 30th over a four-mile course arranged by the Westminster Bank Athletic Club, who also placed their dressing-rooms at the disposal of the runners.

A beautiful afternoon saw some 185 senior Boys, representing 37 Companies, assembled at the starting point, the famous Tattenham Corner, where the Brigade Secretary started the race. After covering part of the Derby race-course, the runners went out over the Downs in a wide circle, re-entering the course at Tattenham Corner and finishing in front of the stands.

The Cross Country Cup was won by the 1st South Essex (Leytonstone) Company, who took the first, second and sixth places, the first man home having the exceptionally good time of 21 mins. 5 secs. This is the third successive occasion on which the 1st South Essex has won the Cup. The 10th West Kent came second and the 1st Epsom third. After the race, competitors had tea altogether. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.



1ST SOUTH ESSEX RUNNING TEAM
Winners of the London Cross Country Run

A Tour in France and Flanders

THE 1st Skegness Company has enjoyed a wonderful eight days' tour in France, from the 30th September to the 7th October. The party consisted of 7 Officers, 40 Boys and 24 parents and friends. A very successful Water Gymkhana in August contributed towards the expenses of the Boys.

Making their H.Q. at the Chateau de la Falaise, a Y.M.C.A. centre between Boulogne and Wimereux, they visited Paris, Le Touquet, Paris-Plage, Ypres, the Menin Gate, Poperinghe, Cape Grisnez and Calais, and also had a very instructive historical tour of Boulogne. A particularly pleasing feature was the dinner and games evening given by the Company to a dozen French Boys, members of the Boulogne Junior Branch of the League of Nations Union—the Company being enrolled in the L.N.U. They also had three football matches with the French Boys, fishing expeditions and swimming; and on Sunday a parade to the English Church in Boulogne, and an Evening Service in camp, conducted by the Company Chaplain.

The people showed evident pleasure when the Company marched through the streets—clapping, cheering and waving their greetings. Ideal weather was enjoyed throughout. The party was delighted to be honoured by the presence with them of Mr. Wilfred C. Abbott, who has done such good work for the B.B. in South Africa, and is now on holiday.

Lennox Battalion Jubilee Week

A SPECIAL Week of Jubilee Celebration was held from the 21st to 27th August, opening with a public meeting in Dumbarton. This was attended by at least 600 people—on an evening in August!—attracted no doubt largely by the fact that the chief speaker was Professor Archibald Bowman, Litt. D., of Glasgow University. His address was on "Discipline and Democracy," and he more than hinted that the successful combination of these is in the hands of The Boys' Brigade.

On the Tuesday, Re-Unions of Old Boys were held in Alexandria, Dumbarton and Helensburgh; Wednesday and Thursday, sports and games; Friday, an open-air Display in Dumbarton; and on Sunday, Services in Alexandria and Dumbarton.

Inverness Tributes to the B.B.

At a social gathering of present and past members and supporters of the Battalion, after the Thanksgiving Service on the 4th October, there was some striking appreciation of the good work of the Brigade. The following extracts show three points of view—the Church, the Educational, and the Civic.

Mr. Crampton Smith, Rector of the Academy, said that his duties brought him into contact with a large number of the Boys of the town, and he knew how greatly the good influence of the Brigade counted with them. "If anyone were to ask me what impresses me most in my life in Inverness, I should say, without any doubt, that it is a Church Parade of the B.B. I never attend one without experiencing deep emotion."

"Speaking from the Church point of view," said the Rev. Neil Maclellan, "there is no movement that can take the place of The Boys' Brigade, or do what it is doing for the religious life of the youth of the land."

Bailie Noble stated that he had no doubt that "if we could get all our Boys into the B.B. we should have a wonderfully fine town".

Up-to-date Recruiting

EACH evening during a week in September the 6th South Essex Company displayed their trophies, camp photographs and recruiting posters under floodlight in the front of the Leytonstone Methodist Church. Members of the Company were on duty with suitable literature, and a room on the church premises was utilised as a showroom into which prospective recruits were taken. There they found themselves in a real B.B. atmosphere and few could resist the blandishments of the N.C.O.'s and Boys, who proved themselves very able Recruiting Sergeants.

The campaign ended on Friday evening with a recruiting tea at which Company camp cinematograph films were shown. Over 30 recruits were obtained for the Company and 8 for its Life Boy Team.

A Semi-Jubilee

THE 1st Leyland Company is now exactly half the age of the 1st Glasgow, but it hopes to lessen the proportionate difference considerably by the Centenary Year. The completion of the first 25 years was celebrated on the 7th October, when some 140 past and present members assembled for tea. Mr. E. G. Claydon, President of the Lancashire, Cheshire and N. Wales District, responded to the toast of "The Boys' Brigade."

Boys and Old Boys contributed to the concert that followed, and lantern slides showed all stages of the Company's history. The first Captain, Mr. F. Hampson, was chairman, and greetings were received from Old Boys all over the country and one from America. The Enrolment service next day was attended by a large body of Old Boys, and Life Boys, Girl Guides and Brownies were among the congregation.

The 2nd Alexandria (Lennox Battalion) met on the Anniversary Night in the Old Church, in the presence of a big congregation; 96 Officers and Boys took part. In remembrance of the Founder one minute's silence was observed in the course of the Service.

The 1st West Kilbride (North Ayrshire Battalion) followed the form of Service that was being used at the same hour in St. Paul's Cathedral. The address was given by the Rev. T. A. Bertram Smith on the appropriate text, "Other men laboured, and ye entered into their labours."

The Company, 60 strong, was accompanied by 30 Old Boys, and the big congregation was deeply impressed by sermon and service.



The Eleventh Hour

NOVEMBER with its blood-red artificial poppies is with us once again. In a few days' time we shall be gathering in our Churches and by our war shrines, or listening-in to the Services held in commemoration of those brave men who died in the belief that their supreme sacrifice was to achieve a warless world. One wonders at such times if we are coming to realise that it is an empty mockery to bring our wreaths and flowers and to bow our heads, unless we recognise that those Fallen have bequeathed to our generation a sacred trust to make their vision of a war-free world actual. Are we endeavouring in our time to "seek peace and ensue it"? Sir James Barrie, speaking to students, said "Send a message of cheer to your brothers who fell; the only message, I believe, for which they crave. They are not worrying about their Aunt Jane. They want to know if you have learned wisely from what befell them; if you have, they will be braced in the feeling that they did not die in vain . . . They call to you to find out in time the truth about this great game which your elders play for stakes and youth plays for its life."

As Life Boy Leaders are we facing up to our responsibility towards the citizens of the world of to-morrow who to-day comprise our Teams? Are we seeking to foster an international spirit of world-brotherhood that shall replace the old fears and hates, the out-worn jingoism of a war-scarred world? That new age to which we all look with longing eyes—have we realised that the moulding of it rests both with the children who will build it and with those whose business it is to prepare the material for their building? As we gather the implements for this great task let us remember that our personality, the stories we tell, the books placed within their reach, will determine to a large extent the structure of that world.

One has heard it said that questions of international relationships and war are far beyond the comprehension of children. Nevertheless, one feels that for children to learn nothing of the self-sacrifice and heroism evoked would be to do them wrong. Yet surely it would be a grave wrong to gloss over the terrible realities of war—unbrotherliness, cruelty, famine, the re-crucifixion of Christ.

Let us remember, too, that "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war." Books on military bravery have never been lacking, but the quiet unspectacular heroism of Peace is often obscured and remains unhonoured. Yet throughout the centuries there have been valiant souls who have, by their sacrificial devotion to honour and duty, blazed the trail of true heroism and large-hearted patriotism. It is by pointing to loving men and women who have climbed the ascent to Heaven, and not by mere exhortations to be good and peace-loving, that Boys will be won to follow in their train. That army embraces all types of heroism: martyr, missionary, moral pioneer, explorer, medical scientist, social crusader—every one of those whom no man can number, through whom there has flowed the crimson thread of

sacrifice that links them to the Hero of heroes, the Prince of Peace—Jesus Christ.

In our Team we have made a practice from time to time, and especially during Remembrance Week, of giving a talk or story interpreting the spirit of Peace and world brotherhood; e.g. an elementary description of the purpose and work of the League of Nations, the late Dr. Nansen's work among refugee children, or that fine story "The Christ of the Andes."

The following books contain much useful material:

Gallant Gentlemen (Yarn for Boys) by Godfrey Pain & Sidney Reed, Sunday School Union, 1s.

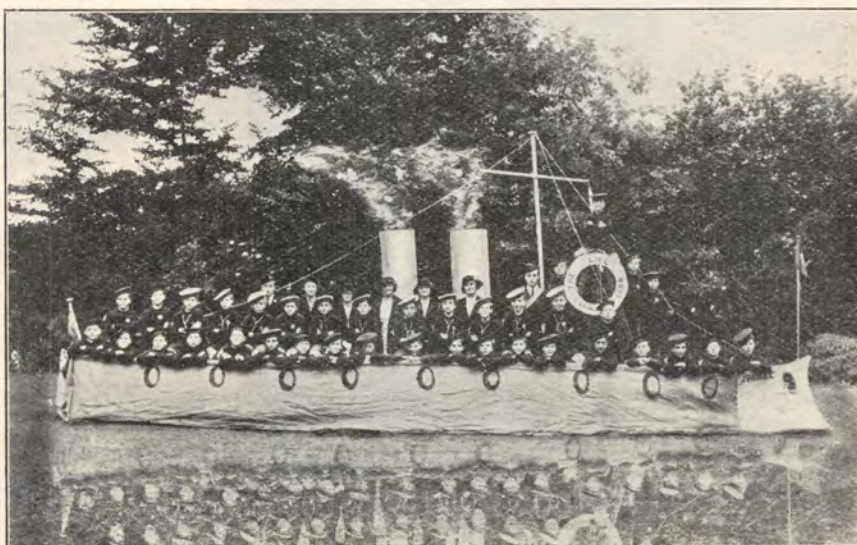
Paths of Peace—Books i to iv. Oxford University Press, 1s. 3d.

A Treaty never Broken. Friends Bookshop, 1s.

Building Friendship by A. M. Pullen, League of Nations Union, 3d.

Fierce Feathers. Friends Bookshop, 6d.

Attractive leaflets for children and young people are issued by the L.N.U. 15, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W. 1, at a very reasonable cost, e.g. "The Great Adventure of To-day," "The Children's Crusade," etc. The Friends Peace Committee, Euston Road,



THE GOOD SHIP "LIFE BOY"

N.W. 1, offer a fine selection—"A Talk to Boys and Girls about Peace and War," "The Two Mules," etc. These societies are pleased to send specimens of their literature to anyone interested.

Each generation has its task, and the supreme task confronting the generation now arising is to achieve the substitution of organised Justice for organised Violence. One hears people speak in hopeless tones of a war which is bound to happen. War does not happen—it is made. It is made by fear, hate, greed, suspicion; ugly sounding words, and few nations and people like to confess to them. So they are camouflaged by such fine sounding names as patriotism, honour, pride of race.

Let us see to it that we give to Patriotism a wider, richer meaning than the purely military significance which is so apt to be associated with it. Let us so strive that these youthful citizens of to-morrow shall dig deep down to the roots and causes of war, shall wrestle with the war spirit and overcome it in the battlefield of their own lives through the might of Christ their Lord.

"He is breaking down the barriers, He is casting up the way;
He is calling for His angels to build up the gates of day;
But His angels here are human, not the shining hosts above,
For the drum beats of His army are the heart beats of our love."

V.M.M.

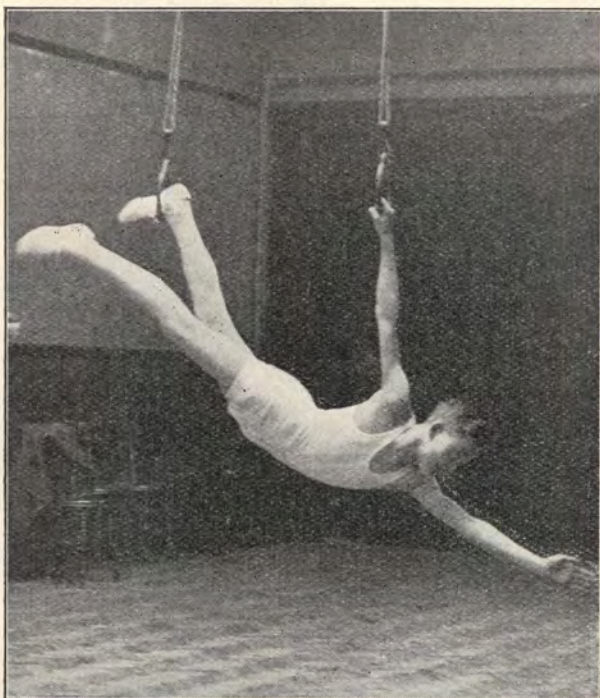
North Middlesex and South Hertfordshire Area

THE Teams here have celebrated the B.B. Jubilee by forming themselves into an Area, and interest now runs high. Team visitation, Sportagamas—an indoor and an outdoor—a Quarter-deck Parade, and a training course for Leaders at "Bolobo" have already been arranged.

"Hobbies"

LIFE Boy Leaders (and B.B. Officers) will find much useful instruction and a good many tips on Home Crafts, wood-working, model-making, etc., in the weekly journal, *Hobbies*, price, 2d.

The issue of September 9th has a full page on the B.B. Jubilee, and instructions on the making of a Company (or Team) Notice Board, with illustrations and a special design-sheet supplement.



New Companies

THE following New Companies have been enrolled since last *Gazette* :—

7th Bradford.—Connected with Greenfield Congregational Church. Gordon Spencer to be Captain. The Rev. W. A. James, M.A., to be Chaplain.

2nd Brighton.—Connected with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Ernest H. Talmey to be Captain. The Rev. William Rodger to be Chaplain. Arthur Allum to be Lieutenant.

1st King's Lynn.—Connected with St. John the Evangelist Church. Frank C. Trundle to be Captain. The Rev. E. W. Allworthy to be Chaplain. Herbert M. Barnard to be Lieutenant.

56th London.—Connected with Child's Hill Baptist Church. Bertram J. Skardon to be Captain. The Rev. E. K. Alexander to be Chaplain. Albert E. Robins to be Lieutenant.

17th Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Connected with Benwell Grove Methodist Church. W. J. W. Miller to be Captain. The Rev. George T. Scott to be Chaplain. John W. Hetherington and John Mallabar to be Lieutenants.

1st Solihull (Warwicks).—Connected with Methodist Church, Solihull. Herbert S. Rowe to be Captain. The Rev. E. Stanley Edwards to be Chaplain. Albert Robinson to be Lieutenant.

14th Southampton.—Connected with Totton Congregational Sunday School. William C. Tyler to be Captain. Frederick E. Wiffen and Henry T. Gardner to be Lieutenants.

3rd Spalding (Lincs.).—Connected with Spalding Congregational Church. Albert E. Palmer to be Captain. The Rev. Herbert Burn to be Chaplain. Ernest Ferrett, John W. George and James E. George to be Lieutenants.

1st Wickersley (Yorks.).—Connected with Bawtry Road Methodist Church. Ernest W. Mitchell to be Captain. Mr. John A. Mitchell to be Chaplain. Raymond Clarke and George A. Millns to be Lieutenants.

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6th Auckland (N.Z.).—Connected with Somervell Presbyterian Church. William Martin to be Captain. The Rev. T. N. Cuttle to be Chaplain. M. A. Lornie, Thomas Graham and Ernest A. Still to be Lieutenants.

7th Auckland (N.Z.).—Connected with St. Jude's Anglican Church, Avondale. D. J. McFarland to be Captain. The Rev. A. V. Grace to be Chaplain.

8th Auckland (N.Z.).—Connected with Mount Albert Baptist Church. Roy H. Thompson to be Captain. The Rev. John Laird to be Chaplain. Eric J. Laird and Donald D. Knight to be Lieutenants.

1st Balclutha (N.Z.).—Connected with Balclutha Presbyterian Church. Donald Malcolm to be Captain. The Rev. Roy Alley to be Chaplain.

9th Dunedin (N.Z.).—Connected with Hanover Street Baptist Church. H. J. Hayward to be Captain. The Rev. E. S. Tuckwell, B.A., to be Chaplain. H. Nicholson, I. J., Strang, J. Cooper and K. W. Brown to be Lieutenants.

1st Hikurangi (N.Z.).—Connected with Methodist Church, Hikurangi. The Rev. V. C. Thomas to be Captain. The Rev. E. Drake to be Chaplain. Phillip Spark and John J. E. Pratt to be Lieutenants.

1st Kamo (N.Z.).—Connected with Kamo Methodist Church. The Rev. J. Sands to be Captain and Chaplain. James Jobbit to be Second-Lieutenant.

4th Wellington (N.Z.).—Connected with Miramar Methodist Church. Alan G. Mackie to be Captain. The Rev. M. A. McDowell to be Chaplain. Edward O. Burton to be Lieutenant.

CHANGE OF CONNECTION

The following change of Church Connection has been approved :—

46th London Company formerly connected with Blackheath Congregational Church to be connected with **St. Margaret's Church, Lee.**

New Battalion

The formation of a new Battalion comprising the present 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Jarrow and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Hebburn-on-Tyne Companies has been approved, to be known as the **Jarrow and Hebburn Battalion.** The appointment of the following Office-bearers has also been sanctioned :—

President.—J. W. Tate, Captain, 3rd Jarrow.
Vice-Pres. and Treas.—F. W. Laine, Captain, 1st Jarrow.
Secretary.—Wm. Harrison, 40, Duke Street, Jarrow-on-Tyne.

CHANGES OF DESIGNATION.

The following Changes of Designation have been sanctioned :—

1st Hullbridge Company to be **1st Rayleigh Company.**
2nd Cowes Company to be **1st Cowes Company.**
1st A Clacton-on-Sea Company to be **2nd Clacton-on-Sea Company.**

New Officers

SINCE last *Gazette* the following New Officers have been enrolled as Lieutenants, except where otherwise stated :—

11th Aberdeen ...	Frank L. Donald.
14th " ...	James F. Stephen.
17th " ...	George Gordon.
19th " ...	Thomas Cruickshank, John R. Stewart and John Jamieson.
35th " ...	David M. Steele.
44th " ...	John A. Russell to be Captain. James K. Gammie and John Mavor.
58th " ...	George Murray, Charles M. Forbes and Robert Cowie.
5th Airdrie ...	William Hyslop.
7th " ...	Andrew S. Gow.
2nd Altrincham ...	The Rev. D. Rowlands Rowe to be Chaplain. Jack Rafferty.
1st Ardrossan ...	Angus Swanson, John Black and Robert M. McLeish.
1st Banff ...	William J. Porter, James Wilson and Edwin Young.
1st Barrhead ...	William Braidwood.
5th Bath ...	Kenneth Weeks.
1st Belfast ...	Frederick H. Purdy to be Captain.
32nd " ...	Henry Buchanan.
54th " ...	Walter Mullan and Albert Burnside.
4th Bellshill ...	Henry Gibson.
1st Billingham-on-Tees ...	William A. McCorkell to be Captain.
1st Brandon ...	The Rev. Arthur H. Dowler to be Chaplain.
5th Bristol ...	The Rev. E. Mervyn Blow to be Chaplain.
10th " ...	Leslie E. Payne to be Lieutenant.
11th " ...	The Rev. H. Snowden to be Chaplain. Harold E. Nunn.
12th " ...	Reginald Bute and Norman H. Bray.
20th " ...	Raymond C. Nash.
21st " ...	Thomas C. Williams.
23rd " ...	H. Fry and R. Harris.
25th " ...	Vincent C. Castle to be Second-Lieutenant.
26th " ...	Victor A. Derrick.
1st Cambridge ...	John E. Thompson to be Captain.
1st Cambusnethan ...	James Henderson and David Hutton.
11th Cardiff ...	The Rev. T. W. Wilson to be Chaplain. David W. T. Johnson.
1st Castlederg ...	Joseph Speer.
1st Cefn Fforest ...	Ivor J. Webb, Clifford James, Thomas E. Thomas and George Kingston.
1st Chasetown ...	George Dicken, Frank Brookes and James Thompson.
1st Cheam ...	Ernest J. Kingett.
3rd Chester ...	Walter H. Banks and John Warburton.
3rd Clay Cross ...	Joseph W. Clarke and Reginald Clarke.
4th Coventry ...	James H. Parnell.
1st Dagenham ...	George T. Johnson to be Captain. Albert L. Castleton, Henry Thomas and William A. Tilyard.
2nd Dumbarton ...	John S. Havern and Hugh M. Gilfillan.
3rd Dundee ...	David J. Cunningham.
4th " ...	George A. Murray.

7th Dundee	...	David McK. S. Cooper.	7th Grimsby	...	Sidney A. Lock.
8th "	...	John H. F. Wilson.	12th "	...	The Rev. Guy W. Teale, M.B.E., to be
15th "	...	Thomas Y. Clark.		...	Chaplain.
24th "	...	Rev. Alec. W. Abel to be Chaplain. Edwin	1st Halifax	...	James E. Haigh.
	...	Thomson.	2nd "	...	Albert Rayner.
28th "	...	Douglas C. Simpson.	13th "	...	Harold Sheldrake.
32nd "	...	Rev. Robert Kerr to be Chaplain.	21st "	...	Clifford Tatham to be Captain.
33rd "	...	Thomas Brown.	25th "	...	The Rev. Thomas A. Jefferies to be Chaplain.
38th "	...	James N. Stewart to be Captain.	7th Hamilton	...	James L. Napier.
45th "	...	David Fenwick and William N. Roberts.	3rd Hastings	...	G. Bumstead.
47th "	...	John B. Coupar to be Captain.	1st Hebburn	...	John Pike.
2nd Dunfermline	...	John Penman to be Captain. Ian M.	1st Hoylake	...	W. E. Ingham.
	...	Henderson.	6th Hull	...	Francis W. Glasby to be Captain.
2nd Edinburgh	...	William B. Blairford.	3rd Inverness	...	Charles Elrick.
11th "	...	Rev. John Symington, M.A. to be Chaplain.	1st Jamestown	...	Alexander Wilson to be Captain. John
	...	Thomas Hogg.		...	Thomson and James L. Watret.
33rd "	...	Thomas R. Hook.	2nd Leamington	...	S. E. Atkinson to be Captain. William H.
38th "	...	John MacArthur to be Captain.		...	Davis.
40th "	...	John C. Roughhead.	6th Leeds	...	The Rev. Hugh Parker Davies to be Chaplain.
44th "	...	Colin R. G. Macfarlane.		...	Charles G. Longley.
49th "	...	George Cheyne and Robert Leighton.	24th "	...	George W. Parker to be Captain. Harry Firth.
61st "	...	William Spowart, Albert E. Burt, John Stephen,	2nd Liverpool	...	Albert Evans and Norman E. Adshead.
	...	Jack W. Young and Henry S. Malcolm.	5th "	...	Charles J. Briscoe.
2nd Enfield	...	A. D. Wiltshire to be Captain. J. Garrett.	7th "	...	Robert G. Tyrer.
3rd Exeter	...	Leonard H. Turner to be Captain. Mr.	15th "	...	Tom Davidson to be Captain.
	...	Charles E. Down to be Chaplain. Stanley	16th "	...	Kenneth N. Moffat to be Captain.
	...	Pike.	17th "	...	Jean E. Sharrock and Benjamin W. May.
7th Falkirk	...	John Johnstone to be Captain.	32nd "	...	Robert Burke.
8th "	...	George M. Gibb and William W. Ferguson.	41st "	...	Edward Cornwall and Harold Houghton.
1st Forth	...	Hector Burton to be Captain.	45th "	...	Arthur B. Gilbertson.
1st Fulham	...	Ernest G. Rowe to be Captain. Leslie J. Hill.	53rd "	...	Arthur Southern.
5th Galashiels	...	John Bold.	56th "	...	Thomas A. Skinner.
1st Glasgow	...	Rev. James S. Taylor to be Chaplain, Robert	59th "	...	George E. Bygroves.
	...	F. Maclauchlan and John S. Marr to be	1st London	...	William J. Fry.
	...	Second-Lieutenants.	12th "	...	Henry Saunders.
5th "	...	John D. Fraser.	21st "	...	George L. A. Downing.
9th "	...	George R. Roxburgh. James R. Sherer to be	23rd "	...	Francis L. Lewis.
	...	Second-Lieutenant.	30th "	...	Percy S. Edwards and Fred Davis.
13th "	...	Rev. Norman A. McLeod, M.A. to be Chaplain.	34th "	...	Leonard Peppiatt, Clifford Hankins and
18th "	...	Ian I. Bond to be Captain.		...	Leonard J. Emson.
26th "	...	James Heaton, William D. Clark, William	37th "	...	Ernest L. Croucher and Philip A. Rose.
	...	Jackson, and James McG. Newlands.	44th "	...	Henry J. Smith to be Captain.
29th "	...	Newton T. Finnie.	46th "	...	Philip Clouder to be Captain. The Rev. J.
32nd "	...	David Chesney and Denis S. Macbrair.		...	McCulloch to be Chaplain. Thomas Ager.
35th "	...	George Murray.	47th "	...	Walter F. Routley to be Captain. Walter G.
45th "	...	David J. W. Boag.		...	Withers, Frederick Bacon, Hector R. W.
47th "	...	Joseph W. H. Robertson.		...	Rolfe, and H. J. Routley.
48th "	...	William Brockett.	50th "	...	A. W. Sanvoisin to be Captain.
50th "	...	Hugh G. Tees.	52nd "	...	Walter S. Broughton.
53rd "	...	Thomas S. Ross.	53rd "	...	James Holland to be Captain. Lewis Sayers
54th "	...	Alan H. Rodger.		...	and C. L. Gaskin.
73rd "	...	Henry A. Ballantyne.	60th "	...	Edwin C. A. Hammond and Reginald J.
74th "	...	William Wilson.		...	Calverley.
83rd "	...	John Struthers and David W. Hay.	62nd "	...	Arthur R. Doran and Frederick W. Somerville.
87th "	...	Rev. T. Borland Shearer, B.D., to be Chaplain.	70th "	...	Leslie T. Owens.
	...	Ebenezer M. Barton.	73rd "	...	Thomas George.
88th "	...	William H. Strachan to be Captain.	74th "	...	William B. Arthur and Francis E. Ward.
89th "	...	Rev. J. Noel Thompson to be Chaplain.	77th "	...	Cyril Fuggles and David W. Nunn.
	...	James W. McDonald, William B. McConville	79th "	...	Frederick J. Britt to be Captain.
	...	and Andrew Imrie.	88th "	...	Ernest A. H. Warland.
93rd "	...	William Walker and John L. Forsyth.	90th "	...	Gwynne M. Jones.
98th "	...	John M. McKay.	99th "	...	William J. Knapp.
105th "	...	Rev. William Gardiner to be Chaplain.	104th "	...	Charles Jackson.
110th "	...	Rev. James L. Dow to be Captain.	105th "	...	The Rev. Charles L. Brewer to be Chaplain.
116th "	...	John Fraser.	112th "	...	Henry W. Jackson.
136th "	...	John Andrew to be Captain. Duncan McNab	126th "	...	Robert D. Borthwick to be Second-Lieutenant.
	...	and Gavin F. Pettigrew.	127th "	...	Daniel J. Mahony.
137th "	...	David C. Jamieson.	138th "	...	Frederick G. Gostelow and Henry A. Crockett.
144th "	...	Richard N. Rutherford.	142nd "	...	Eric F. Peacock and Dennis J. T. Howe.
146th "	...	Rev. George H. Boyd to be Chaplain. William	147th "	...	Alexander Dunbar.
	...	B. Loan and William A. White.	148th "	...	James R. Waldron to be Captain.
155th "	...	Samuel Glass.	152nd "	...	Mr. Henry W. Duck to be Chaplain. William
162nd "	...	Allan Y. Muir.		...	G. Wickham.
167th "	...	John O. Horsburgh.	160th "	...	George J. Murray to be Captain. Charles T.
171st "	...	Neil McNeill and Forbes C. Johnston.		...	Campbell. George Banbrook and A. C.
180th "	...	William M. Groves, M.A.		...	Liddle to be Second-Lieutenants.
181st "	...	Edward McGartland and Joseph McGhee.	161st "	...	A. Tiffin and F. Young.
184th "	...	John T. Banks.	166th "	...	William Hough.
186th "	...	Alexander Morrison.	170th "	...	William A. Mead.
187th "	...	George McLean, jun., Robert Cargo and	176th "	...	J. R. E. Richardson and Albert E. Thorough-
	...	Gilbert C. Thomson.		...	good. James Thoroughgood to be Second-
188th "	...	Rennie A. Campbell.		...	Lieutenant.
191st "	...	Duncan McIlwraith.	180th "	...	Mr. F. G. Vanstone to be Chaplain.
194th "	...	David Gourley, jun.	182nd "	...	John E. Chapman.
203rd "	...	Francis Black.	193rd "	...	Percy Hewin, Harry W. Crane and Stanley
208th "	...	Jack Proctor and Charles M. Redpath.		...	G. Shaw.
212th "	...	Rev. Henry N. Willox, B.D.	6th Manchester	...	Norman Walker.
215th "	...	Thos. Naismith.	7th "	...	George Knowles.
216th "	...	Robert C. Picken.	8th "	...	Joseph Bailey, G. S. Wilkinson and John
222nd "	...	John Young and William S. Paterson.		...	Williamson.
224th "	...	William Hewton.	14th "	...	The Rev. R. F. J. Charlish to be Chaplain.
225th "	...	John Urquhart.		...	S. B. Sheard and H. R. W. Hinks.
227th "	...	John Carrick, jun.	17th "	...	Thomas E. Moss.
228th "	...	William Gillon and Walter Monteith.	39th "	...	Joseph Dady.
232nd "	...	Richard R. Campbell, jun. and Alexander	42nd "	...	William G. Robinson.
	...	Mawer.	44th "	...	James C. Stewart to be Captain. Harold R.
234th "	...	Jack R. Taylor.		...	Taylor and Ormond B. Dale.
235th "	...	Andrew Smith.	46th "	...	John Warden and George Humphries.
236th "	...	F. Riddell, jun.	58th "	...	Frederick W. Bumby.
247th "	...	Thos. A. Clugston.	59th "	...	Frederick C. Crozier.
250th "	...	Joseph Wylie.	90th "	...	The Rev. Ernest H. Rowe to be Chaplain.
254th "	...	Robert Shearer and Jasper H. Baxter.	1st Mansfield	...	George Mee.
248th "	...	Rev. John McLellan to be Chaplain.	2nd "	...	The Rev. Ivor E. Newell to be Chaplain.
1st Greenock	...	John C. Bentley and James Devine.		...	Graham Wilson.
7th "	...	James Crawford.	5th Middlesbrough	...	John H. Womack to be Captain.
9th "	...	David Scott.	9th "	...	Richard F. Abbott.
3rd Grimsby	...	Allan S. Francis.		...	

10th Middlesborough	...	Arthur Williams to be Captain. Edward Ayton, Spencer Watson and Arthur Bareham.
1st Mid-Suffolk	...	John P. M. Prentice to be Captain.
2nd Motherwell	...	Robert Macfarlane.
6th	...	John H. Johnston.
9th	...	James Haggarty.
10th	...	Daniel Bryson.
16th	...	David Pollock and James Pope.
5th Newcastle-on-Tyne	...	Frederick Law and Frederick Story.
6th	...	Sidney Laws.
7th	...	Charles E. Nicklin.
10th	...	The Rev. John Chalmers to be Chaplain.
14th	...	George Wagget to be Captain. R. Webster.
16th	...	The Rev. R. Rumney to be Chaplain. Mark S. Gordon.
21st	...	Thomas C. McKay.
22nd	...	G. W. Robinson to be Captain. D. C. Lambert.
25th	...	Ernest G. Rowe and John E. Nichols.
27th	...	D. N. Robinson to be Captain. T. C. Lovett, A. Procter, Frederick King and Henry King.
31st	...	Nicholas T. Sewell.
1st Newmill (Banff)	...	Rev. Robert A. O. Wylie to be Chaplain.
4th North-Suffolk	...	William Blowers.
6th	...	James E. Ashby.
3rd Norwich	...	The Rev. B. S. Bonsall, M.A., D.Litt., B.D., to be Chaplain. Peter Fletcher and Harry Fulcher.
3rd Nottingham	...	Eric B. Lowe.
18th	...	Frank W. Turner.
24th	...	John E. Knight and Reginald E. Mabbott.
30th	...	Leslie A. Pearce and Stanley Adamson.
1st Ormiston	...	John B. S. Anderson.
1st Paignton	...	The Rev. Norman Landreth to be Chaplain, Francis A. Webber, Frederick L. J. Cole and Douglas Macmurdo.
2nd Paisley	...	James A. Marr.
3rd	...	John Brown to be Captain. James Hedderwick.
9th	...	Roderick C. Beaton, B.Sc.
12th	...	Alexander Ingram.
1st Perth	...	John S. MacCaskill to be Captain. Donald MacCaskill and James L. Birrell.
1st Pinhoe	...	R. J. H. Burford and Frederick W. Brookes.
1st Salisbury	...	The Rev. Arthur H. Clarke to be Chaplain.
54th Sheffield	...	Albert E. Whitehouse to be Captain. Reginald Westaway.
1st Slamannan	...	Andrew M. Scott, John Menzies and John Miller.
21st South Essex	...	Thomas E. Flack.
5th South Shields	...	George T. Grant and John I. Cannon.
6th	...	Alan Small to be Captain. The Rev. Ward Nave to be Chaplain.
11th	...	Ronald Sanderson and George Johnson.
20th	...	Randolph Cass.
22nd	...	Thomas Smith.
2nd Spalding	...	The Rev. G. Henry Dunford to be Chaplain. James McMillan to be Captain. George Platts and Cyril Burgess.
4th Stockport	...	The Rev. James M. McTear to be Chaplain. Norman Worrall.
1st Stranraer	...	John A. MacDonald, M.A., to be Captain. Andrew Jones.
1st Swindon	...	Leonard J. Beale.
5th Thames Valley	...	G. Ross to be Captain.
1st Torquay	...	Vincent F. Daly.
3rd Tottenham	...	John A. Barrott and Ronald Hickson.
2nd Tynemouth	...	Thomas Hayter.
1st Wainfleet	...	The Rev. Henry Sturdy to be Chaplain.
1st Welwyn Garden City	...	Stanley J. Toomey and Donald T. McLellan.
2nd	...	G. Henderson Smith.
1st West Essex	...	Gordon A. Morris.
5th	...	Frank W. Stiggers.
8th	...	Edwin P. Greed, Sydney J. Buckley and Stanley W. Sheerin.
2nd West Hartlepool	...	John W. Webster.
4th	...	James Thompson to be Captain. Charles F. Coles and Francis R. Hodgson.
7th	...	Bertram L. Broxholm and Sam. Ridsdale.
3rd West Middlesex	...	William C. Steels.
6th	...	George R. Maland.
15th	...	F. Eley.
16th	...	The Rev. David Hunter, B.D., to be Chaplain.
1st Widnes	...	George Clews.
1st Withycombe	...	Hugh Bates and William G. P. Barrett.
3rd Worcester	...	The Rev. G. Kenneth Eustice to be Captain and Chaplain.

OVERSEAS COMPANIES

2nd Auckland (N.Z.)	...	The Rev. Ernest E. Smith to be Chaplain.
7th Dunedin (N.Z.)	...	George F. Hookey.
1st Kigezi (W. Africa)	...	Alan Vivian.
	...	Fesito Betina.

New Teams

The following New Teams have been enrolled since last *Gazette* :—

1st Brixham.	—	Ronald W. G. Bale to be Leader-in-Charge. Mrs. Olive Skedgell and Mrs. Beatrice Barr to be Leaders.
1st Castlederg.	—	
7th Paisley.	—	Miss Cissy Kirkwood to be Leader-in-Charge. Miss Netta Stewart to be Leader.
23rd West Middlesex.	—	Miss Ethel Ackland to be Leader-in-Charge. Miss Marion Mills to be Leader.

OVERSEAS TEAMS

7th Dunedin (N.Z.)	—	Miss D. H. Moss to be Leader-in-Charge. D. A. Watson and F. Baskett to be Leaders.
1st Kamo (N.Z.)	—	The Rev. Joseph Sands to be Leader-in-Charge.
1st Petone (N.Z.)	—	Hadley Bond to be Leader-in-Charge.
4th Wellington (N.Z.)	—	Ronald H. J. Whitt to be Leader-in-Charge.

UNATTACHED TEAM

Dunedin (N.Z.).—Mornington Baptist Team.—George C. Reay to be Leader-in-Charge. Herbert A. J. Smith and Eric W. Freeman to be Leaders.

New Leaders

The following New Leaders have been enrolled since last *Gazette* :—

26th Aberdeen	...	Miss Jessie Maitland to be Leader-in-Charge.
	...	Miss Annie Black.
30th	...	Miss Margaret G. Allan.
31st	...	John E. B. Pirie to be Leader-in-Charge.
	...	Ralph F. Tully.
37th	...	Robert S. Ogg.
44th	...	William B. Falconer and George Main.
1st Belmont	...	Alec Carpenter to be Leader-in-Charge.
	...	Miss D. Steggall.
38th Birmingham	...	Miss Millicent Poole.
45th	...	Mrs. Mabel Gardner.
55th	...	Bernard Greetham.
10th Bradford	...	James Emmett and Jack Oldfield.
6th Brighton	...	Miss Mary Westlake to be Leader-in-Charge.
19th	...	Reginald W. Collings.
25th	...	Miss Millicent I. Lush.
2nd Burntisland	...	Miss Margaret Hodge.
1st Cefn Fforest	...	Arthur Webb, Ivor J. Webb and Clifford James.
1st Darvel	...	Miss May Richmond.
18th Devizes	...	Mrs. Edith F. Gale to be Leader-in-Charge.
4th Dewsbury	...	A. Jennings to be Leader-in-Charge.
4th Edinburgh	...	David W. B. Swanson. Miss Agnes T. Blackie.
18th	...	Miss Elizabeth J. B. Wilkins.
4th Fraserburgh	...	Ian R. Procter.
3rd Hastings	...	Neil F. Forrester.
1st Hindley	...	Vincent Prescott.
1st Jersey	...	Leslie A. Picot to be Leader-in-Charge.
	...	Roy De Louche.
1st Liverpool	...	George Unsworth.
23rd	...	Edward P. Marsh.
27th	...	George Jones.
49th	...	Edward Bridge, Herbert Sullivan, Alexander T. Carr and the Rev. E. L. Penley, B.A.
53rd	...	Maurice E. Parker to be Leader-in-Charge.
	...	Miss Olive Bonnar.
5th London	...	Joseph G. Sales.
6th	...	Miss Ida E. Turner.
18th	...	Charles Hill to be Leader-in-Charge.
21st	...	George L. A. Downing to be Leader-in-Charge.
34th	...	Miss Doris Franklin.
52nd	...	Miss Dorothy Burn.
93rd	...	Miss Minnie Bentley to be Leader-in-Charge.
121st	...	Miss Annie Belcher and Clarence Prier.
138th	...	Miss E. A. Prime to be Leader-in-Charge.
	...	W. J. Greetham.
142nd	...	Edward A. Bailey to be Leader-in-Charge.
	...	Vernon C. Berrey.
164th	...	L. Rush.
181st	...	Mrs. Edith Freeman.
185th	...	Hubert R. Parles and Miss Janet C. M. Dark.
1st Manchester	...	Miss Joyce Tredwell and George D. Oubridge.
3rd	...	Miss Emma Heap.
8th	...	John M. Maxted.
4th North-Suffolk	...	Frederick George to be Leader-in-Charge.
	...	Misses Olive Gosling and Norah Hawkes.
5th	...	Henry W. Sparham and Harry Chamberlain.
1st Rugby	...	Miss Dorothy L. Cole.
1st Sandown	...	Miss Elsie M. Butcher.
9th Sheffield	...	Miss Dorothy Clayton.
21st	...	Miss Dorothy Langley to be Leader-in-Charge.
6th Southampton	...	William P. Whitwell.
9th Thames Valley	...	George Johnson.
3rd Tottenham	...	Cyril S. Dixon and Herbert J. Green.
2nd Welwyn Garden City	...	Miss Kathleen Gray.
8th West Essex	...	Miss Joan Ebsworth and Robert N. Robertson.

UNATTACHED TEAMS

Liverpool.—St. James and St. Matthew's Team, Toxteth.—John Barlow to be Leader-in-Charge. Frederick Barker and Joseph P. Davies.
Newport Pagnell Congregational Team.—John T. Lyman.

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