

and, we hope, taught them a lesson against prejudice and malignity. Certainly, as we compared our lads in general conduct, bearing, intelligence and physique with the native youth as it swarmed about our precincts, attracted by the unusual gathering and by the progress of our festivities, and forced its attentions upon us more or less unpleasantly until dispersed by the chance appearance of a police constable, we admit at once that there are certain qualifications in which our friends conspicuously lack; but as they are qualifications rather for the jail than for any useful purpose in life, we trust the deficiency will never be supplied. For the rest, however, we confess that we felt more than ever cause to be proud of our lads, and we were surprised and delighted at the way in which they bore themselves and addressed themselves to the business of establishing their society on a satisfactory and permanent basis, and discussing and settling the details of organization.

**Men of
the Right
Stamp.**

WE could, on the other hand, wish that the speeches at our meetings might have been listened to by many of those who support, sympathize with and love the work of which this is a fruit and outcome. We believe they would have been almost as much surprised as gratified by the shrewd good sense, the spirit of manly self-reliance, the just appreciation of the advantages as well as the difficulties of their position, the grateful acknowledgment of what has been done for them in the past, the strong personal loyalty to Dr. Barnardo himself and affection for the old Home and the Institutions that opened for them the door of hope, that exhibited itself as one after another gave expression to his views, in modest, straight forward, sensible language. Suffice it to add that, looking back over all the incidents that have attended the opening ceremonies

and first meetings of our Society, we can only speak of them as creditable in the highest degree to all old Barnardo boys concerned. The gatherings were thoroughly representative of our boys as they are growing up in all parts of the Dominion, and they showed that, as a body, they possess the elements of upright, self-respecting Christian citizenship, such as will be a strength and benefit to the country and an honour to their origin and to those who have promoted their interests.

**How We
Know Each
Other.**

WE gladly and emphatically renew our invitation to every one of our old boys in Canada to join the B.O.B.S. The fee for admission to the Society is the modest sum of fifty cents, and anyone signifying his wish to become a member to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Alfred G. Smith, 214 Farley Avenue, Toronto, and remitting that amount, will receive a certificate of membership, one of the very neat and appropriate little badges that have been devised and approved of by the Executive, and will be entrusted with, in our opinion, the equally neat and appropriate passwords of the Society for greeting and response. The idea of a password may provoke a smile from those who regard secret societies, with all their pompous paraphernalia of signs, grips and passwords, as rather silly and puerile, and who will fail to see why, having nothing to conceal or to gain by concealment, we should have added a password to our machinery of action. We venture to think, however, that in this matter the peculiar circumstances fully justify the Executive in their decision. Our lads meet each other in all sorts of places and under every variety of condition, on railway trains, in mining camps, in the streets of distant cities, in the lodge rooms of other societies, and whereas a blunt question might often be resented, the password at once affords a means of recognition. If any non-members