

A Boy's World

FOR some years a most interesting work among boys has been carried on in the Eastern section of Toronto, commencing with the Boys' Brigade, which after a time developed into what is known as the "Broadview Boys' Institute," under the direction of Mr. C. J. Atkinson. It is practically a Y.M.C.A. for boys, but with a plan of work more extensive than most Young Men's Associations take up.

most cases, sent need to a number of hours' labor on the road of a township.

Once a year, in the autumn, a banquet is held, and the most of the food is grown by the boys themselves. At one of these feasts a large basket made from a pumpkin, and filled with flowers, made a fine centerpiece, and vegetables were served in various ways. Cabbages, with the centre removed, held cabbage salad, and turnips, similarly treated, held mashed turnips, while vegetable marrow was used to hold celery and cut flowers. The menu and toast list was printed on two corn husks and tied together with a garnet ribbon.

Most of the indoor work is done in the evening, between the hours of seven and ten, during the fall, winter and spring. There is a fine reading-room and also a game room on the ground floor, but these are not by any means the most popular features of the institution. The rooms where real genuine work is going on are best patronized.

All the programmes, announcements, etc., used by the Institute are printed on the premises in a neat little printing office, by the boys themselves, under the direction of a practical printer. In the Manual Training Department there will be found, on almost any evening, twenty or thirty lads hard at work making all kinds of useful and ornamental articles. A skillful carpenter gives instruction, without remuneration. There are also classes in clay modelling, wood carving, basket making, sign painting, free hand drawing, type-writing, but probably the most interesting feature, to a visitor, is the "Cooking Class."

Here will be found about a score of boys, with white aprons and white caps investigating the mysteries of the culinary art. They are taught to cook simple dishes, such as might be needed when the lads are in camp in the summer time. One boy, who had taken the Domestic Science Course, was left, one Sunday morning, in charge of the roast while his parents went to church. He was simply instructed to see that the meat did not burn, but the thought occurred to him that the meat turn his cooking lessons to good account, and so he went to work to prepare dinner. When the other members of the family returned he had a first-class dinner on the table with

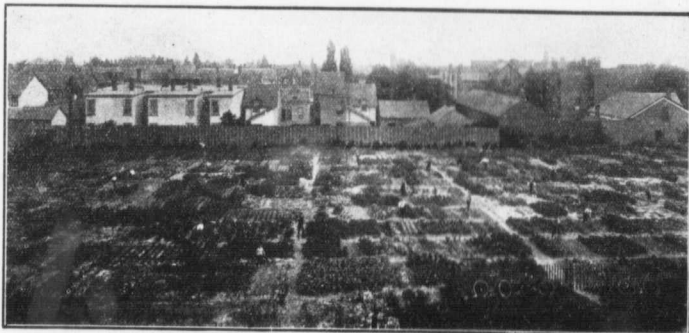


BROADVIEW BOYS' INSTITUTE, TORONTO

A large private residence on Broadview Ave., Toronto, surrounded by five and a half acres of land, purchased for \$20,000, provides accommodation for the activities of the 600 bright young lads who belong to the Institute. It is a boy's world in miniature, planned on self-help, and mutual help lines to develop all sides of the boy nature—mental, social and spiritual—as an auxiliary to the home and school. The work is planned for boys from twelve to seventeen years of age, and the bulk of the membership ranges between these ages.

The Model Township

What is known as the model township is a plot of ground which has been divided into numerous "farms," each 40 by 10 feet, and divided by concession and side roads after the manner of rural municipalities. To each boy is rented one of these farms which he cultivates for the production of such crops as his fancy indicates, choosing, providing, and planting his own seed, and harvesting the product for his own benefit, thus allowing the youthful agriculturist free exercise of his own judgment, and giving him the benefit of practical experience. All the "farms" are named and designated by a neatly painted sign. The model township is governed by a Reeve and Councillors, duly elected from among the boys. A breach of a by-law is visited with punishment after a fair trial, and if the offender is found guilty, is, in



BROADVIEW INSTITUTE BOYS' FARM

everything served in fine style. Now, he is in the habit every Sunday of going to his morning class and then returning to his home to get dinner. He attends Sunday-school in the afternoon and church service in the evening. His mother and father declare that the best dinner of the week is on Sunday.

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