

said so. That was three or four years ago. But, the other day, Prof. Drummond, who had from the beginning been a chief promotor of the Boys' Brigade, in an interview reported in the N. Y. *Independent*, said decidedly that he did not think it fostered a military spirit. That what they aimed at was the spirit of *obedience and order*; and that just enough of pomp and parade was put into it, to make it attractive to the boys. They had their belts and their caps, and their offices of responsibility and command; and they learned to obey and to command as well; and they could not do the latter without thought and reason being cultivated.

As our readers know, we have not favored "Boys' Brigades": and for the very reason that Lord Wolesley, and some fire-eaters among ourselves, welcomed them—the cultivation of the war spirit. But if, in the public schools and Sunday schools, it is "physical culture," and "order and obedience," and the idea of "making a man of himself," that are henceforth to be the ideas cultivated and the ends aimed at—we have not one word in condemnation, but many in approval. Our good friend, Mr. Atkinson, of Mimico, says that those are his aims in the great Industrial school there, among the boys—and the aims of others who are working on the same lines. Such men, whose whole life and energy is given to the interests of the young, ought to know, and can be trusted. "Peace on earth, good will to men:" and when the latter is practiced among all, the earth will put on her wedding garment, and crown herself with flowers, and bask in the smile of God!

### THE PROSPECT OF A WEEKLY.

Our friends who were at the Union in June, may be interested to know whether anything further, or what, has been done about changing the *INDEPENDENT* to a weekly. None are more anxious in the direction of progress than the Directors of the Publishing Company. Only, they have the financial responsibility of the matter, which the other friends have not; and we all remember the brave venture that was made a dozen years ago, and how it was *not adequately supported*.

More than one distinct offer, in writing, is

before the Company; one in Toronto, and one outside. Each of these offers, though encouraging in the way of guaranteeing a lively and interesting paper, put it out of the reach of the Directors to make use of any prospective profits in the near future to liquidate the existing deficit. It is not large; and it was pretty nearly subscribed for in June. But a good many well-wishers of the *INDEPENDENT* were not there, and have not helped; shall we not have them pay for a few shares of stock yet? And some who cheerfully subscribed in June have not yet remitted to the Secretary-Treasurer. The following sums "for the debt," have been received; all of which, with the exception of one or two cases where it was not desired—have been placed as subscriptions to the stock of the Company:

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| Prof. Warriner, ".....                         | 5 00    |
| S. Thompson, Toronto (first call on \$20)...   | 5 00    |
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| J. C. Copp, ".....                             | 10 00   |
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| Rev. D. Macallum, Maxville.....                | 5 00    |
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| James White, Woodstock.....                    | 5 00    |
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| Maxville Church.....                           | 10 00   |
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| Paris Church.....                              | 5 00    |
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