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ANNUAL GOURGIL MEETING

HELD IN TORONTO ON 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1896.

The Council met in the rooms of The Upper Canada Bible House at 3.15 p.m., on Wednesday, 9th September.

Present:—His Excellency, the Earl of Aberdeen, President, in the chair; Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., St. John, N.B.; Rev. J. H. Dixon, Montreal; Rev. W. A. Hunter, Toronto; Rev. John Young, Hamilton; Rev. F. H. DuVernet, Toronto Junction; and Messrs. Geo. Menzies, Owen Sound; W. H. Draper, Hamilton; Wm. Black, Belleville; W. G. Blake. St. Catharines; R. J. Webster, Glencoe; C. J. Atkinson, Arthur J. Martin, W. B. Geddes, and Lt.-Col. R. B. Hamilton, Toronto, and T. W. Nisbet, Brigade Secretary.

At the request of the chairman, the meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. J. H. Dixon.

The Secretary read the Annual Report of the Executive Committee, as follows:--

The Executive Committee, in presenting their first Annual Report, think it well to put on record a short account of the history of The Brigade in Canada prior to their election to office, and of the circumstances which led thereto:

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Reports of the work being done in the old country had reached us, and some Companies had been formed, which were, however, short-lived; but it remained for the Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., of St. John, N. B., to plant the Brigade in our soil and nurture it into a healthy growth. He organized the 1st St. John, N. B., Company on the 3rd May, 1889, and in the fall of the same year he addressed a very large meeting in the City of Toronto in connection with the Ontario Sunday School Association's Annual Convention, the direct result of which was the formation of the 1st Sarnia Company on 17th of February, 1890. From these two centres the work was thereafter prosecuted with limited, though steadily increasing, results. In 1891, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th St. John, N.B., and 1st Springhill, N.S., Companies were added. In 1892, the 1st St. Lambert, Que.; 1st Niagara Falls, Ont.; 1st New Glasgow, N.S.; 1st Montreal, Que.; 1st Truro, N.S.; and 1st Toronto, Ont. In 1893, the 1st Toronto Junction, 1st Petrolea, 1st St. Thomas, 1st Hamilton, 1st St. Catharines, 2nd St. Thomas, 2nd Toronto, Ont.; 1st Regina, N.W.T.; 3rd and 4th Toronto, 1st Palmerston, 5th Toronto, 3rd, 4th and 5th St. Thomas, 2nd Hamilton, 1st Harriston, Ont.; 1st St. Johns, N.F.; 2nd Truro, N.S.; 1st Strathroy, Ont.; 2nd St. Johns, N.F.; 1st Mount Forest, 3rd Hamilton, Ont.; 2nd Regina, N.W.T.; 1st Halifax, N.S.; 1st Sherbrooke, Que.; ist Yarmouth, N.S.; ist Victoria, B.C.; ist Winnipeg, Man.; and 2nd Halifax, N.S. In 1894, the 4th Hamilton, 1st Ottawa, Ont.; 1st Glenboro', Man.; 1st Port Perry, 2nd Ottawa, 1st Berlin, 1st Paris, 1st Kingston, Ont.; 1st Fredericton, N.B.; 2nd Sarnia, Ont.; 1st Dartmouth, N.S.; 1st Wellington, B.C.; 5th Hamilton, Out.; 1st Marysville, N.B.; 1st Georgetown, Ont.; 1st Vancouver, B.C.; 3rd Ottawa, Ont.; 2nd Winnipeg, Man.; 1st Winchester, 6th and 7th Toronto, 3rd Sarnia, Ont.; 2nd Sherbrooke, Que.; 6th St. John, N.B.; 1st London, Ont. And in 1895, the 2nd Yarmouth, N.S.; 2nd Victoria, B.C.; 7th St. John, N.B.; 6th Hamilton, Ont.; 8th St. John, 1st Woodstock, and 1st Sackville, N.B. The names are given in the order of their enrolment-in all, 75 Companies, 212 Officers, and 2,639 Boys. This was the total state on 26th March, 1895.

On the 22nd April, 1891, the Officers in the Maritime Provinces met, and with the concurrence of all other Companies then known to exist in Canada, elected a Provisional Executive of which Rev.

T. F. Fotheringham was President and J. W. Cassidy Eastern Secretary, and T. W. Nisbet Secretary for Ontario and the West.

When it was rumoured that the Earl of Aberdeen, our esteemed President, was likely to be appointed Governor-General of Canada, the Brigade workers here hoped and prayed that it might indeed be so, for we felt sure he would be a tower of strength to the movement; and we have not been disappointed. His Excellency's coming among us directed attention to the Brigade throughout a much wider circle, and the influence which he at once publicly exerted in its favor set people everywhere asking "What is The Boys' Brigade?" and when he announced that he had invited Mr. W. A. Smith to visit this country, we were encouraged to expect that the work would receive a great impetus. We were not disappointed, for wherever he held meetings warm friends were raised up to support the work.

The first result of Mr. Smith's work among us was the holding of a conference in Toronto on 26th March, 1895, at which there were present representative Officers from St. John, N.B., Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, Niagara Falls, Ottawa and Sarnia, Ont., and letters of regret and concurrence were read from Montreal, Que., St. Catharines and Berlin, Ont., and Victoria, B.C. The Rev. T. F. Fotheringham was elected Chairman, and T. W. Nisbet Secretary of the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Rev. John Young, of Toronto.

The Constitution of the parent Brigade, with some slight alteration, was adopted as the Constitution of The Boys' Brigade in Canada.

The following Officers were then elected:

President-His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., St. John, N.B.; Rev. J. H. Dixon, Montreal; Hon. Senator Allan, Toronto; Major Walker, Calgary.

For Manitoba and British Columbia (the President was asked to nominate men to fill the office for these Provinces).

Brigade Secretary and Treasurer-T. W. Nisbet, Sarnia.

Eastern District Secretary-J. W. Cassidy, St. John, N.B.

Western District Secretary for British Columbia—Referred to the Executive to appoint.

Executive Committee—W. B. Rankin, Esq., Halifax; Rev. John Young. Toronto; Major McLaren. Hamilton; Rev. A. J. McLeod, Regina; Rev. J. G. Stuart, London, Ont.

The Boys' Brigade Hall, Sarnia, Ont., was then adopted as the Headquarters Office of the Brigade for the Dominion.

Mr. Smith's presence at the Conference was a great help to us; his encouragement and counsel being greatly valued. He also brought to the Conference assurances from His Excellency of willingness to serve as our President, and to help the work in any way in his power. His Excellency was represented at the Conference by his Chaplain, the Rev. F. W. Winfield.

A vote of thanks in the following terms was passed, viz.:—Resolved, "That the thanks of this meeting, and of The Boys' Brigade in Canada, be tendered to Mr. W. A. Smith (the founder of The Boys' Brigade), for the very interesting and valuable meetings he has held among us, and for his helpful assistance in the business of this Conference; that we regret that his visit to this country cannot be prolonged. and that we assure Mr. Smith of our kindest feelings towards himself, personally, and of our best wishes for the continued success of his work at home."

Statistics.—We now submit a table of Statistics compiled from the Report of Companies so far as received. We regret that this is very incomplete; very many Companies have not sent in a report, although a number of these are known to be in good shape. Our returns are brought down to 31st May, and thus cover a period of fourteen months, during which time 59 new Companies have been enrolled, making the total on our Register 134 Companies, 416 Officers, and 4,764 Boys. So far during the current session the same average increase has been maintained. The number of active, efficient Companies is probably over 100, with 400 Officers and 3.500 Boys. There are now 5 Battalions, viz.; St. John, N.B.. Hamilton and Toronto, Ont., Montreal, Que., and

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the 1st British Columbia, in Vancouver and vicinity. Two of our Companies are composed of Indian Boys and two are colored.

Finance -The Brigade Treasurer's Statement is submitted herewith. From this it will be seen that 28 Companies have paid the enrolment Certificate fee of \$1.00; 44 Companies have complied with Article 12 of the Constitution, and have contributed ar aggregate of \$166.78 towards the support of Headquarters, and 26 have purchased our publications to the amount of \$54.03. Publications have been sold to individuals to the extent of \$32.20, and to Battalions, \$5.01. We have received many liberal contributions from friends of the work, a full statement of which is appended, the total being \$1,115.00. The sum of \$35.44, being collections at various meetings, completed our receipts. These have been applied as follows, viz.: Balance of expenses connected with Mr. Smith's visit. \$164.88; Printing and Publications, \$396.38; Secretary's travelling expenses, \$213.34, which resulted in securing a large proportion of the total personal contributions received; and all office expenses, \$1,271.82. On assuming office we estimated that \$1.500 would be required to meet our expenses for one year. Our expenses for fourteen months, exclusive of the balance from former account and the travelling expenses, have been \$1.668.20, so that we have kept well within our estimate. We did not expect to have to provide so much as \$164.88 out of the season's revenue to balance the former account, nor did we anticipate that it would be necessary for the secretary to travel so much in the interest of the work. These items will not be repeated, so that we are safe to estimate the expenses for the current season at not more than \$1,500. We hope that many who subscribed last year will renew their subscriptions, but some no doubt will be unable to do so; new subscribers must be secured to take their places. We lament the loss, by death, of two of our Hon. Vice-Presidents -the late H. A. Massey, Esq., of Toronto. and Sir Leonard Tilley, of St. John, N.B.--who so heartily supported us by their sympathy and contributions. The whole question of Finance will demand the careful attention of the Council.

Honorary Office-Bearers.—In compliance with a request of the Executive Committee, our President wrote to the gentlemen whose names had been suggested, offering them the position of

Honorary Vice-President; they cordially accepted, and many of their names will be found in our list of contributors. The full list of Honorary Vice-Presidents is submitted herewith, but it will be well to add to it from time to time, as we expect the influence of their names to do much to strengthen our hands in prosecuting the work of The Brigade throughout the country.

Supervision of the Work.—During the year His Excellency visited the Companies in Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. Fresh interest has resulted, and the work in that Province has since advanced steadily and gives evidence of consolidation in the recent formation of the 1st British Columbia Battalion. His Excellency also inspected the Winnipeg Companies and presented medals; this visit also put new life into the work. He also held a very successful inspection of the Hamilton Battalion, and attended the Annual Concert of the Montreal Battalion.

The Brigade Secretary attended the Annual Council Meeting of the parent Brigade, in Dublin, meeting with a most cordial and hospitable reception as your representative; for this, as also for their continued kindness in supplying us with their publications at less than cost, we would tender our most sincere thanks to the home Executive.

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On his return he visited all the Companies in the Maritime Provinces, addressing meetings in Yarmouth, Halifax, Dartmouth and New Glasgow, N.S., and in Sackville, Woodstock and St. John, N.B.; later, he attended the annual concerts of the Montreal and Toronto Battalions and held conferences with the officers; he also inspected the 1st Stratford Company, and addressed a public meeting there. These visits did much to encourage the officers; some drooping Companies were revived, and many new friends and subscribers to our Headquarters fund were received. We would, however, recommend that in future he respond to invitations only when his expenses are paid in advance; and that these should not appear as a charge upon the general funds.

The work of the Headquarters Office has demanded his constant and close attention. 775 letters have been received, necessitating the writing of 655 letters and 263 post cards; the making up and mailing of over 300 packets of forms and publicatious. Nearly 1000 circulars have been issued to Officers, and nearly as many to

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newspapers, while the constant effort to raise funds to carry on the work has been a severe strain upon his energies. In addition to this, many hundred visitors from all parts of Canada and the United States have been received at the Headquarters Office. A knowledge of The Brigade has, in this way, been very widely diffused.

Ambulance Work.—Ambulance work has received some attention, and one instance has come to our notice of life probably saved by a Boy's knowledge of "first aid" gained in this connection. The Brigade Secretary corresponded with the St. John Ambulance Association, London, England, and the St. Andrews' Ambulance Association, Glasgow, and also with Surgeon-General Ryerson, Secretary of the St. John Association in Toronto, with a view to securing their Examinations and Certificates for our Boys. We are happy to announce that Dr. Ryerson, who has recently returned from England, has secured very favorable terms for us, and we propose to issue a circular soon, giving full information on this subject. Our thanks are due to Dr. Ryerson for the kind interest he has taken in our work.

Governor-General's Medal.—A special feature of the year was the offer by His Excellency of a Silver Medal to every Company in Canada, to be given to the Boy in each Company having the best record for good conduct and efficiency. This has called forth a very general expression of thanks from the Officers commanding Companies, and assurance of the good results which have followed. His Excellency has put The Brigade in Canada under deep and lasting obligation, not only by this act, but also by his liberal contributions of time and money for its advancement.

In conclusion, we would express our hearty thanks to God who has blessed our efforts by prospering the work in so many Companies and by raising up so many friends for its support.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

T. W. NISBET,

Brigade Secretary.

On motion of Rev. Jno. Young, seconded by Rev. J. H. Dixon, the Report was received and considered clause by clause.

The 1st Clause-"Statistics"-was read and adopted.

The 2nd Clause—"Finance"—was read and fully discussed, and it was moved by Rev. J. H. Dixon, seconded by Rev. Dr. Hunter, that the Secretary be instructed to inform all Officers commanding Companies that the Council expects each Company to endeavor to contribute at least \$5.00 per annum to the Headquarters Fund. Carried.

His Excellency withdrew during the discussion of the above question, and Rev. T. F. Fotheringham took the chair.

It was then agreed that when we adjourn we shall do so to meet again at 8 p.m., and that the meetings of Council be closed tonight, as the members from a distance cannot remain over another day, and the local Officers cannot attend during business hours.

On the 3rd Clause—"Honorary Office-bearers." It was moved by Col. Hamilton, and carried that we request the President to invite Mr. Bostock, M. P. for Yale, B.C., to become an Honorary Vice-President.

Messrs. C. J. Atkinson and A. J. Martin were appointed Auditors to examine and report upon the Treasurer's accounts at the meeting to-night.

On the 4th Clause—"Supervision of Work." The Secretary was instructed to convey to His Excellency a vote of thanks, in the following terms, viz.: "The Council desires to express its sincere sense of the valuable services rendered to the Brigade by His Excellency, and the hearty thanks of its members for the liberal support in time and money which he has given it, and for the medal which he has so kindly offered to every Company; assuring him that this has greatly encouraged the Officers and stimulated the Boys to better work. And the Council prays God that he may coutinue to bless their Excellencies in their persons, their home, and in all their labors of love."

It was moved by Mr. Draper, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, "That the Council heartily thank the parent Executive for the cordial reception granted to our Secretary last year, and for their conУ

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tinued kindness in supplying us with their publications at liberal rates."—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Black on Clause 5, "That the Council approve the Secretary's action with regard to Ambulance work, and that a vote of thanks be tendered to Dr. Ryerson for his kind assistance." Carried.

It was moved by Rev. J. H. Dixon, and carried, "That the Council tender The Brigade Secretary a hearty vote of thanks for the prompt and efficient manner in which he has conducted all the work of the Headquarters Office during the past year."

The Report as a whole was then adopted.

The following Office-bearers were then elected for the ensuing year:—

BRIGADE PRESIDENT.—His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen.

BRIGADE VICE-PRESIDENTS.—Rev. T. F. Fotheringham. M.A., St. John, N.B.; Hon. Senator Allan. Toronto, Ont.; Rev. J. H. Dixon, Montreal. Que.; Rev. Canon Beanlands, Victoria, B.C.

BRIGADE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.—T. W. Nisbet, Sarnia.

Other Members of the Executive Committee.—W. B. Rankin, Esq., Halifax, N.S.; Major McLaren, Hamilton, Ont.; Rev. Jno. Young, Hamilton, Ont.; Rev. Dr. W. A. Hunter, Toronto, Ont.

The Chairman closed the session by prayer.

The Council met at 8 p.m., Rev. J. H. Dixon in the chair. He called upon Mr. Black to open by prayer.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and adopted.

The question of the supply of accourrements was discussed, and on motion of Mr Martin, seconded by Mr. Menzies, it was Resolved, "That the articles supplied by Messrs. Chadwick Bros. are not satisfactory; that their price lists be not issued from Headquarters until they can supply satisfactory goods, and that the Secretary be instructed, if possible, to make arrangements for importing a stock for the supply of Companies"

It was moved by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Black, "That the Secretary be instructed to publish a manual adapted to The Brigade in Canada as soon as funds can be obtained to do so." Carried.

Mr. Martin reported that the Toronto Battalion had held a very successful Camp at Niagara on-the-Lake; 150 Boys were under canvas, the railway fare was 40c., and the expenses were about \$1.25 per boy per week.

The Auditors reported that they had not completed their work, and were authorized to certify the accounts if found correct.

It was moved by Mr. Menzies, seconded by Mr. Martin, "That in the opinion of this Council the age limit should be extended to 18 years, and that notice of amendment to the Constitution to this effect be hereby given." Carried.

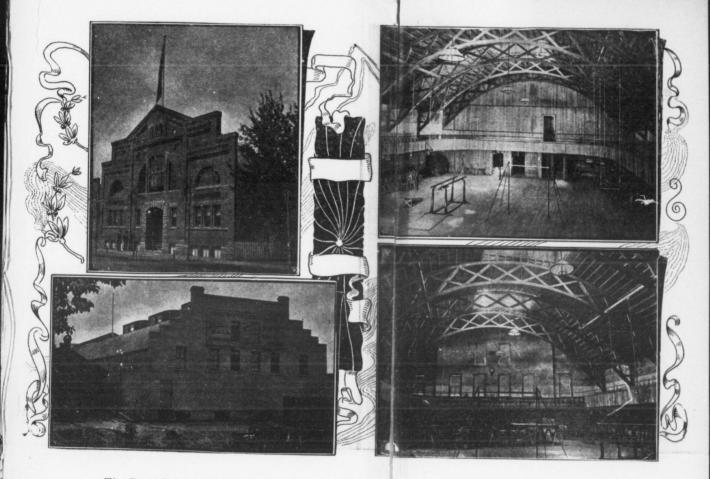
A vote of thanks was then passed to the Trustees of the Upper Canada Bible Society for the use of their rooms.

An interesting discussion, in which all present joined, took place, on the best method of conducting a Company Drill.

Rev. Mr. Dixon closed the meeting by prayer, and the Council then adjourned to meet at the call of the Executive.







The Boys' Brigade Hall, Sarnia, erected by T. W. Nisbet for the benefit of the work in Sarnia, proving too heavy an undertaking for one man, Mr. Nisbet has taken steps to form a Joint Stock Company to take over the building.

Capital Stock \$15,000 in 15,000 shares of \$1.00 eac' Stock subscribed and paid up, \$7,000. All stock subscribed after this date will be treated as prefere shares, entitled to receive dividends up to 5 per cent. before the present stock participates in any profit unless new subscribers are subjung to allow their shares to stand on the same footing as the others, in wich case all the profits will accrue to the benefit of the Headquarters Fund of The Boys' Brigade in Canada

Correspondence invited.

T. W. NISBET, SARNIA, ONT.

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* Enrolled 29th April, 1896. + Temporarily suspended. ‡ Enrolled 1st May, 1896. In addition to the Sixty-six Companies whose reports appear above many more are known to be in good working order, and it is within the mark to estimate the strength of the Canadian Brigade at 100 Companies and 3,500 Boys.

EXTRACTS FROM LAST ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMPANIES IN CANADA.

"The sustained attendance at the Bible Class, the hearty interest shown in its exercises, and the high moral tone and discipline of the Company are good evidence of the beneficial effects of the Brigade methods upon the character of the Boys."—A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER.

"I think very highly of The Boys' Brigade and find it helpful in our Sunday School work. I find it creates a better acquaintance between me and the Boys, and I see a marked improvement in them."—AN ENGLISH CHURCH MINISTER.

"I can give The Boys' Brigade my highest commendation; as well as being highly attractive to the Boys, it provides a healthful exercise, and, best of all, it exerts a good Christian influence; in short, it seems in a very large degree to have solved the 'boy question' in our churches, inasmuch as it presents in an attractive way those varied influences which are so essential in laying the foundations of an all-round character."—A METHODIST MINISTER.

"I consider The Boys' Brigade movement one of the most blessed organizations of modern days. I believe the rules and aims of the Society have in them when properly enforced by wise and active officers the elements which will give the church which properly encourages and helps the movement great influence with the Boys. The Boys' Brigade has had a good influence with many of our Boys in the matter of punctuality at church and Sunday School and in the reading of the Scriptures. I thank God for The Boys' Brigade."—An English Church Minister.

"I take pleasure in stating that I think very much of The Boys' Brigade as carried on by our Association; it has been the means of making the Boys better in many respects, especially in the way they conduct themselves; they appear more manly, and show more respect to those who are older. In many ways they seem much improved. I heartily commend this work for the good of boys."—A Y.M.C.A. PRESIDENT.

"The Boys' Brigade is one of the good things we have in connection with our Sunday School; it fills a long-felt want, and I am sure when I say that I can visit our Church parlor at 10 30 on Sunday morning and see the Boys of The Brigade assembled there studying the Word of God with their Captain, it is the best evidence of the good work being done. The effect for good upon both Church and Sunday School is clearly evident."—A METHODIST S. S. SUPERINTENDENT.

"My experience so far is that The Brigade has increased the attendance of Boys at the Sunday School, and brought us in several of a class and character who would not be likely otherwise to attend."—A PRESBYTERIAN S. S. SUPERINTENDENT.

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"I believe in the organization thoroughly; know of nothing to be compared as a means of helping and interesting Boys at the most critical part of their life. Without hesitation I can say our Boys have been benefitted. They are not models, but they are better boys, more thoughtful, respectful, purer in heart and life."—A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER.

"The Company in connection with my Church has had the effect of increasing the attendance at the Sunday School, and developing in the lads a conscience with respect to Sunday School deportment. It also brings them into the Sunday morning preaching service, where they are uniformly well-behaved. I look to the Brigade to render valuable service in inspiring the Boys with true ideals of manliness, in holding them more directly under the influence of the Gospel, and consequently leading them into membership and hearty co-operation with the Church."—A BAPTIST MINISTER.

"One or two self-willed boys have been subdued; tobacco and bad language have disappeared, and some boys who did not formerly read their Bibles daily have begun to do so, and in one case, at least, this has had a decided effect on the boy's religious experience."—A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER.

"My work in The Boys' Brigade has been much more encouraging and fruitful than any Church work in which I have been engaged for a period of many years. I feel sure that God has made it a blessing to very many Boys who have passed through the Company. Fully fifty per cent. of those who have reached the age of 17 years have united in the communion of the Church, and many of those are engaged in its service in some form. Each succeeding year deepens my conviction that The Boys' Brigade methods are the very best means of reaching our Boys."—A PRESBYTERIAN S. S. SUPERINTENDENT.

Our company has accomplished to a large extent the object of The Boys' Brigade as stated in the Constitution. Almost all our Boys, numbering 30, have been won for Christ; have openly confessed Him as their Saviour, and are now, I believe, generally living Christian lives. The Boys are decidedly more respectful towards myself and other seniors; they maintain improved behaviour in Sunday School and Church, and the parents often speak to me of the improvement in their boys at home.—A PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER.

A large number of my Boys were able to testify that they had read the Bible according to the Scripture Union Card every day during the full term. I thank God for this. I doubt if any other organization in our churches has attained this object so successfully. The benefit obtained by the greater self-control of the Boys, the good effects of the drill and obedience to Officers, must be great.—An English Church Minister.



CONSTITUTION

THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN CANADA.

1.—This organization shall be called THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN CANADA.

2.—The Object of The Brigade shall be 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.

3.—Military organization and drill shall be used as a means of securing the interest of the Boys, banding them together in the work of The Brigade, and promoting among them such habits as The Brigade is designed to form. Strict discipline and obedience shall be enforced

4.—All Boys between the ages of 12 and 17 shall be eligible as members of The Brigade, and in applying for membership cards they shall fill up a form of application, agreeing to comply with the Rules of the Company, and to set an example of good conduct to their company. Members shall be expected to do all they can to further the object

5.—The Brigade shall be composed of Companies, which shall be connected with Churches, Missions, Sabbath Schools, or other Christian Organizations.

6.—The Companies shall be officered by gentlemen desirous of promoting the objects of The Brigade. Each Company shall be under the command of a Captain, whose Junior Officers shall be Lieutenants. Clergymen may be appointed officers with the rank of Chaplain. The Captain shall appoint Non-Commissioned Officers by promotion from the ranks.

7.—Six or more Companies in any town or district may, with the sanction of The Brigade Executive Committee, form themselves into a Battalion, to be designated by the name of such duties shall be to appoint annually a Battalion President, Battalion Council, whose companies to the Battalion Treasurer, and a Battalion Executive Committee; to admit New effective management of the Battalion; to approve of the appointment of Officers; to make rules for the the object of The Brigade in its neighbourhood. The Battalion Council shall return statistics power to review the actions of the Battalion Council. The Battalion Committee, who shall have such, if the number of Companies on its strength fall to less than four

8.—Companies in towns or districts where no Battalion has been formed shall have a local designation, shall be under the management of the Executive Committee, in conjunction with their own Officers, and shall communicate direct with the Executive Committee.

9.—The Brigade Council shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee and the Captains of all the Companies, or such other Officer of his Company as the Captain may depute. The Council shall meet at least annually, at such places as the Executive Committee and the may appoint, to receive reports from the Executive Committee, and to discuss the Erigade Vice-Presidents, a Brigade Secretary, District Secretaries, a Brigade President, an Executive Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Committee shall consist of Treasurer, are official, and five other members. Three shall form a quorum. The Council shall have power to review the actions of the Executive Committee.

10.—The Executive Committee shall call a Special Meeting of The Brigade Council, at such place as they may appoint, upon a requisition to that effect being presented to them, signed by the Senior Officers, representing not less than one-tenth of the number of the Companies on the strength of The Brigade.

11.—The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all the affairs of the Brigade, shall have power to enrol Companies and Officers in towns or districts where no Battalion has been formed, and shall provide application forms, membership cards, statistical schedules, and other necessary publications, for the whole Brigade, as may be required.

12.—Each Company shall give an Annual Contribution towards the Headquarters-Fund of The Boys' Brigade in Canada.

13.—This Constitution shall not be altered except by a majority consisting of two-thirds of the number present at a duly called meeting of Brigade Council, and notice of any proposed each member of Brigade Council at least three weeks previously.



In applying for membership the Boys fill up and sign a form of Application agreeing to comply with the Rules of the Company, and set an example of good conduct to their comrades and other boys. The membership card states that

THE OFFICERS EXPECT EVERY BOY

To read a few verses of Scripture every day, and never to neglect private prayer, morning and evening.

To be a total abstainer from all Alcoholic Liquors and Tobacco.

Never to use bad language, and to avoid the company of

Always to prefer duty to either pleasure or inclination.

To endeavor constantly to maintain the purity, kindness, courtesy and mutual confidence that should prevail in a company of Christian Boys.

The teaching and influence of The Boys' Brigade are along these lines; is it not worthy of your support?

We depend upon subscriptions from the Christian public for the carrying on of the work.

Remittances should be made payable to

T. W. NISBET, BRIGADE SECRETARY.

