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THE VICTORIAN BAPTIST

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.

To the Editor, "The Baptist Witness."

Dear Sir,

Correspondence having recently appeared in "The Australian Baptist" commending the above organisation, it seemed to me that our experience at Armadale should be known. During the pastorate of the Rev. Eric Evans, a company of The Boys' Brigade was formed, and it has steadily grown through the years into one of our best evangelistic agencies. The Brigade meets for physical purposes on Friday evenings, and for Bible study on Sunday at 10 a.m. As Chaplain of the company, I pay a monthly visit to the Bible Class, and frequently on a Friday evening am able to speak with the boys individually. It means everything to us that we have such devoted and enthusiastic leaders as Captain Roy Fraser and Lieuts. D. Widdicombe and L. Dalton. They not only train the boys, but continually equip themselves by reading, attendance at classes, and spiritual culture. The result of these joint labours has been, first, a regular attendance of some of the boys at morning service; a series of catechumen classes, and a goodly number of baptisms. As a "fishing ground" for boys, I have not found anything to equal The Boys' Brigade as it is conducted by Captain Fraser, and I am of opinion that our denomination would do well to sponsor the movement. In many inner suburban churches, I am persuaded that a well-conducted company would mean the inauguration of a new day. Boys can be caught for Christ by such an instrument as this great movement. As one has said, "The movement meets the hour."

Best of all, we have now reached the position where our own boys are accepting responsibility as officers, and are influencing a new generation of boys. I know that Captain Fraser will welcome any enquiries, and give sound counsel where it is desired.

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