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vocations in life are particularly open to criticism. A wise old professor said to his theological class: "Gentlemen, you will go into the pulpit to be shot at." The speaker and the writer challenge criticism; that cannot be otherwise; but it should always be wholesome and legitimate, there should be no sting left behind to rankle into a wound. It is easy to return the blow, but that is not the teaching of the Master. Why not recognise that these poor creatures who have so little control of tongue and pen should be treated as patients requiring special care? It might be a simple task to return the attack and to gain a cheap victory, though that might mean placing friendships beyond repair. We are in an imperfect world and the best of us is not free from infirmity. We all need to bear and forbear, but we never shall unless we are frequently in the company of One who bore great contradiction of sinners against Himself.

Perhaps the most difficult thing in life is to refuse to take offence, but it is one of the greatest achievements.

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The Boys' Brigade.



Many of our churches, recognising the need to find something to grip and hold our boys during the "dangerous years," have written to me to learn what the Boys' Brigade is, that they have seen mentioned in the "Australian Baptist"

Brigade and take the lead while it is still young, because it must grow, now it has started.

Will our churches be laggard? The Brigade must be worth while, with the King as our patron for 38 years, with Prince Arthur of Connaught as hon. president, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York as vice-presidents, and our founder knighted by the nation for his work for the nation's boys.

Pastors, see your boys! Ask them about this. Boys, ask your pastor will he organise a company in your church? Full information will gladly be given by the undersigned, by letter or by appointment at any time except Friday nights. For literature and kindly service, write at once to the Overseas Secretary, The Boys' Brigade, Abbey House, Westminster, S.W.1., London. Immediate attention is guaranteed, and even if you do not take up the Brigade, the literature provided is well worth having.

If you are close, come and see us on parade any Friday night after February 1, and we feel sure you will join us in trying to beat New Zealand, which has 54 companies testifying to the power of the Brigade.

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[Mr. Frank Hart is a zealous worker among boys at the Leichhardt Baptist Church, and it is because we have admired his enthusiasm that we are glad to publish this short article, for the informa-

ganisation, the Life Boys. The Brigade is stronger to-day than ever before, due to the foresight of our founder, Sir William A. Smith (1854-1914), who saw the need and, by the grace of God, formed the nucleus of our movement, with the following object, which has remained unchanged throughout the years:

"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."

"The Brigade is for boys from 12 to 17, which rule is strictly enforced, the fifty years behind us proving it wisest and best. It seeks to attain its object by thorough training in drill, in ambulance-work, music, signalling, gymnastics, swimming, life-saving, camping, bushcraft and many other ways. The essence of their success being, as emphasised above, the thoroughness of B.B. training.

As the pioneer, and, therefore, senior boys' organisation, the leaders have found it wise to stick to the few necessary and educational phases of a boys' career rather than to have him dabble in a hundred, in a half-hearted way, which does not yield the fruit intensive training can.