

## FOUNDER HONORED.

### Boys' Naval Brigade.

To celebrate the 83rd birthday of the joint founder of the movement, Warrant Officer Robert Kearns, former officers and cadets of the Boys' Naval Brigade entertained him at a social last night. The toast of the guest of honor was proposed by the Consul for Chile (Mr. C. le Plastrier) and supported by Cr. O. Nilsen and Mr. C. Kenley. The chairman (Mr. H. T. McKean) presented Warrant Officer Kearns with a box of cigars on behalf of the company. It is interesting to recall that Warrant Officer Kearns and the secretary of the Melbourne Club (Captain Tracy), who was also present at the social, are the only survivors of the Victorian Naval Contingent, which went to China during the Boxer rebellion.