

Presbyterian Boys' Brigade.

THE RED CROSS FUND.

On Monday evening the Presbyterian Church, Oakleigh, was filled with an appreciative audience, the occasion being a concert by the Boys' Brigade, assisted by the Sunday-school girls and others. The Rev E. H. Chapple, who presided, expressed the gratification of Mrs Auldism and Miss Mabel Auldism, who had arranged the evening and trained the children, for the splendid audience and the children for their hearty co-operation, which would enable them materially to assist the Red Cross Fund for wounded soldiers. The Allies were fighting in Europe on historic ground, but the Australians on soil even more ancient. As regards the Boys' Brigade, it was under the superintendence of Mrs Auldism and its motto was "Seek first the Kingdom of God." Its principles were to show respect and obedience to their parents, courtesy to those they meet, to show respect to age and assist the weak and aged. Altogether their principles were noble, and no boy was enrolled a member unless he was worthy.

The boys, with the girls, wore the badge of the Red Cross, the latter being attired as nurses. One of the boys taking part in a dialogue appeared dressed in khaki but with a black face and wearing a red handkerchief round his neck, and his appearance then and in subsequent choruses excited great merriment amongst young and old; evidently he would have to wait

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The program was lengthy and the items well rendered, as follows: — Overture, Miss Sylvia Lane; The Marseillaise, Boys and Girls; song, Let us Have Peace (encore, Men from Somerset), Mr Bienvenu; recitation, The Pipes of Lucknow, Miss Rita Williams; song, Patriotic Pattern to the World, Boys' Brigade; song, Ye Banks and Braes, Miss Bessie Roy; recitation, The Dardanelles, Miss Winnie Lee; song, The Dear Little Shamrock, Misses Sheila and Maureen Pope; dialogue, Finding the Mother-in-law of Moses, Boys' Brigade; song, Use Gentle Words and Actions, the Nurses; recitation, Landing at the Dardanelles, Miss Prowd; pianoforte duet, Misses Purdie (pupils of Miss Lane); song, When the Sheep are in the Fold, Miss Ruby Reid; dialogue, A Nice Point, Willie Hunter and Charlie Snow; song, Only One of the Toys, Alan Young and chorus; action song, My Dolly, six Little Girls; song, Sleeping Camp, Mr Frank Orr; recitation, Miss Jean Palmer; action song, The Little Housemaid, Miss Daisy Giles and Chorus; song, Only a Cup of Water, Miss Mabel Auldish; song, Australia Will be There, Boys' Brigade.

Mr Harston, in proposing a vote of thanks to all concerned, especially mentioned Mrs Drummond, who had kindly lent her piano; Miss Nellie Young, accompanist; Mrs and Miss Mabel Auldish for their services. The motion was carried with acclamation.

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A number of flags gave color and character to the scene. The evening opened and closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The net proceeds were £7/6/3.