

Australian Boys Accept Discipline

Do Australian boys take kindly to discipline ?

Mr. W. H. McVicker, overseas secretary of the Boys' Brigade, who is in Melbourne on a good-will tour, says the answer is "yes."

Mr. McVicker, a native of Belfast, has visited Sydney and Brisbane since he arrived in Australia from New Zealand.

"Before I came to Australia I was told that Australian boys would not take kindly to the discipline and strict code we demanded in the Boys' Brigade," he said yesterday.

"My informant was wrong."

Mr. McVicker said he found Australian lads keen on the brigade. They did not seem to mind the discipline.

"The Boys' Brigade members I have seen here measure up to the standards of discipline and loyalty the brigade demands. They are doing an excellent job," he said.

The brigade is an inter-denominational organisation. It has been in existence 25 years longer than the boy scouts, and is the oldest movement of its kind in the Empire.

Mr. McVicker's tour is aimed at extending the appreciation of the brigade's London headquarters to Empire outposts.

The world strength of the movement is 190,000 boys, and there are branches in 26 countries.

Mr. McVicker will be guest of honor at a dinner tonight at the Camberwell Baptist Church. The Governor (Sir Dallas Brooks) will attend.