

# Factsheet



## NUMBER 51: THE EVOLUTION OF THE OBJECT

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The 'Object' of the Brigade was originally based upon that of The Boys' Brigade with the word 'Boys' replaced by 'Lads' and the phrase 'of all classes' added. It first appeared in printed form in 1892 on page three of the first document detailing the Brigade, its workings and constitution. However, unlike the BB, the Brigade has not stated its Object on virtually all printed literature and has been quite open to change over the years. Some of the changes have come about due to the amalgamation of the London Diocesan CLB, a gradual process with full integration in 1936, and with the Church Girls' Brigade in 1978. Notable additions and changes include the words 'charity', 'reverence' and 'patriotism' prior to WWI. 'Discipline' (Which was the only word added to the BB object) was added by the early 1930s. After 1936, reflecting the new Church-centered constitution, the list of 'virtues' was abandoned to be replaced with 'make them faithful members of the Church'. In 1953 the meaning of 'The Church' was clarified. After the Amalgamation of 1978 the rather forceful word 'make' was replaced with a more gentle 'encourage'.

### The changing Object of the Brigade:

#### 1891 - 1913 (CLB First Document 1892)

'The object of the Brigade shall be the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among lads of all classes, the promotion of reverence, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends towards true Christian manliness.'

#### 1907 (From a CLB Camp Fund Appeal booklet)

'The Church Lads' Brigade is ministering to the Lads of the British Empire by checking moral and physical deterioration and inculcating reverence, discipline, self-respect, and all that is most important for the individual and the community.'

#### 1914 (CLB Pocket Book)

'The object of the Brigade shall be the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among lads of all classes, the promotion of charity, reverence, patriotism, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends towards true Christian manliness.'

NB The word 'lads' replaced with 'boys' for the Junior Training Corps.

#### 1923 London Division (London Division CLB Gazette)

'To gather together and unite the lads of the Diocese and to keep them in attachment to our Lord and His Church and to promote amongst them habits of Reverence, Obedience, Self Control and all that will make them Christian men'

#### c1929 Church Girls' Brigade (CGB Membership & Service Card)

'The advancement of Christ's Kingdom amongst Girls of all classes. The promotion of charity, reverence, patriotism, self-respect, usefulness, and all that tends towards forming the Christian Character.'





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1931 (CLB Pocket Book)

'The object of the Brigade shall be the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Church lads of all classes, the promotion of charity, reverence, patriotism, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends towards true Christian manliness.'

1934 Church Girls' Brigade

(Survey of Girls' Organisations in England & Wales - Madeline Roofff 1935)

'The advancement of Christ's kingdom among girls of all classes: the promotion of Charity, Reverence, Patriotism and all that tends towards forming the Christian character.'

1940 (CLB Membership Card)

'The object of the Brigade shall be to extend the Kingdom of Christ among lads and to make them faithful members of the Church.'

1953 (CLB Constitution - modified from 1936)

'The object of the Brigade shall be to extend the Kingdom of Christ among lads and to make them faithful members of the Church of England or other Episcopal Church in communion with the Church of England'

NB This remained until 1978 upon amalgamation.

1978 (CLCGB Towards another century 1891 - 1991 - 2091)

'To extend the Kingdom of Christ among lads and girls and to encourage faithful membership of the Church of England or other episcopal churches in communion with the Church of England'

