



*An early Boy Scout group. (Steffano Webb Collection) Photo Neg. 94481 ½*

youth work-recreational field, and that there are themes enough worthy of closer historical investigation. The Bible Class Movement, so strong in New Zealand until the 1960s; the very early arrival of the Young Men's Christian Association (1853) and of the Boys' Brigade (1887); the work of Lt.-Col. D. Cossgrove and others in the founding of Scouting and Girl Peace Scouting contemporaneously and almost in anticipation of Baden-Powell's work; the response of working-class and religious pacifist groups to the all-embracing Defence Act (1909) and its subsequent amendments 1910-1912; the work of the rurally important Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Club Movement, all are topics demanding closer study.

As Springhall writes, speaking of W. A. Smith and the Boys' Brigade, 'great acts of creative synthesis are seldom performed in a