



**Sydney Church of England  
Grammar School**

NORTH SYDNEY

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**DECEMBER 1942**

# Sydney Church of England Grammar School

Speech Day—17th December, 1942

## Programme

Visitors are requested to take their seats in the marquee before 3.15 p.m.

At 3.15 p.m. a short service will be held in the marquee.

At 3.30 p.m. the Chair will be taken by His Grace, the Archbishop of Sydney.

### ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS:

Summary of Headmaster's Report.

Presentation of Prizes.

Address by His Excellency, the Governor of N.S.W.

Vote of Thanks (the Senior Prefect).

Ceremony of Remembrance.

National Anthem.

Tea will be served on the lawn and in the Dining Hall.

The official visitors will be entertained by the Council and the Headmaster in the Headmaster's Lodge.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### HYMN.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
Thy Saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting, Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night,  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away,  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

THE SCHOOL LESSON.—1 Peter, ii, 11-25.

PRAYERS.

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Headmaster: L. C. ROBSON, M.C., M.A. (Oxford), B.Sc. (Sydney).

Chaplain: Rev. N. a'B. T. BACKHOUSE, B.A., Dip. Ed. (Melbourne).

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P/O G. H. BROINOWSKI.	Major J. G. HENDRY, M.C., B.A. (Sydney).
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Lieut. A. R. RUPP, B.A. (Sydney).	Zealand).
	Lieut. W. V. BUTLER, M.A. (Melbourne).

P. SELICK (late Coldstream Guards) .... Sergeant Major.

Miss M. G. KEYTE .....	Music
W. C. STUART .....	Shorthand
A. J. FISHER .....	Freehand Drawing

Bursar: R. ANDERSON.

School Medical Officer: { DR. S. STUDDY (on Active Service).  
DR. A. DISTIN MORGAN.

**Prefects:**

*Senior:* EMERY, N. A.

*Second:* { JAMIESON, J. R. U. (to 20/7/42).  
          { JONES, R. D. (from 20/7/42).

ABOUD, S.	LINTON, J. M.	ROBERTSON, S. B.
CHARLEY, P. N.	EAST, W. C. P.	COGHLAN, J. J.
GEEVES, R. B.	HARDWICK, M. R.	DOYLE, K. R.
HUME, F. W.	HORNE, T. W.	LIND, P. F.
HUNTER, I. J.		TRENERRY, E. J.

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JAMIESON, J. R. U.

*Sub-Prefects:*

MacNEIL, A. H. S.	FERRIS, J. C.	LYALL, D. T.
TRENERRY, J. B. M.	HUNT, W. L.	MacDIARMID, F. M.

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**The General School Committee:**

*President:* THE HEADMASTER.

*Hon. Secretary:* THE SENIOR PREFECT.

*Members:* THE MASTERS.

THE PREFECTS AND SUB-PREFECTS.

*Form Representatives:*

VI<sub>A</sub>.—TRENERRY, E. J.  
VI<sub>B</sub>.—DOYLE, K. R.  
VI<sub>C</sub>.—BIDDULPH, R. E.  
VI<sub>D</sub>.—MacDIARMID, F. M.  
VA.—EEDY, A. D.  
VB.—COOKE, J. M. B.  
VC.—MICHELMORE, P. M.  
VD.—MEIKLE, T. A.  
UIV<sub>A</sub>.—TUGWELL, K.  
UIV<sub>B</sub>.—BURNS, A. J.  
UIV<sub>C</sub>.—PARKER, A. C. S.  
UIV<sub>R</sub>.—HISLOP, A. J.  
UIV<sub>M</sub>.—BARNES, P. J.

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BIDDULPH, R. J.  
DALRYMPLE, D. H.  
HUNT, W. L.  
MACKENZIE, D. C.  
MARCHANT, W. S.  
MATTHEWS, A. W.

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**Captains of Sport:**

*Athletics:* JONES, R. D.

*Football:* EMERY, N. A.

*Boats:* { JAMIESON, J. R. U.  
          { JUDD, K. J.

*Swimming:* MATTHEWS, A. W.

*Cricket:* EMERY, N. A.

*Tennis:* DOYLE, K. R.

## PRIZE LIST, 1942

	DIVINITY	FORM	DIVISION
FORM VI	A. (Linton, J. M.)	(Micholson, I. F.) aeq.	(Magill, D. A.) (Horne, T. W.)
	VI B. Brodie, A. S.	Yuill, B. F.	Ross, I. G.
	VI C. Friend, T. O.	Court, R. J.	South, R. R.
FORM V	A. Gall, J. F.	(Ritchie, W.)	Goswell, R. G.
V	B. McCaskill, T. J.	Goldby, D. P.	Warby, K. C.
V	C. Muston, J. A.	Moses, T. J.	Judd, K. J.
FORM U.IV	A. Best, J. P.	(Amos), R. S. P.)	Best, J. P.
U.IV	B. Valkenburg, P. J.	Bullock, G. H.	Trennery, S. P.
U.IV	C. Littlemore, H. R.	Littlemore, H. R.	Alvarez, G. B.
U.IV	R.		Warden, D. B.
U.IV	M. McCutcheon, J. E. J.	Blomfield, W. J.	Blomfield, W. J.
	L.IV A. Foster, M. L.	(Foster, M. L.)	Foster, M. L.
	L.IV B. Todd, R. G.	Woollett, R. W.	Woollett, R. W.
	L.IV C. Utber, W. B.	Utber, W. B.	Kirby, K. J.
	L.IV M. Shaw, W. G.	Evans, H. W.	Evans, H. W.
	L.IV Jamieson, H. H.	Valder, P. G.	Valder, P. G.
	(Mt. Vic.)		
FORM III	A. Flecknoe, W. J.	(Edwards, K. G.)	Edwards, K. G.
III	B. Shand, J. W.	Stanley, H. M.	<del>Shand, J. W. Freeman, D. H.</del>
III	M. Bysantson, G. K. J.	Block, J. B.	Block, J. B.
III	Blackwell, J. B.	Richardson, W. R. F.	Richardson, W. R. F.
	(Mt. Vic.)		
FORM II	Cameron, I. C.	Loder, J. W.	Cameron, I. C.
II	Cooper, I. A.	Boydell, I. C.	Playfair, W. N.
	(Mt. Vic.)		
REMOVE	A. Willis, D.	Willis, D.	Willis, D.
REMOVE	B. Blackburn, B. E.	Harrison, J. W.	Cathels, D. C.
REMOVE	Fitzhardinge, G. B.	Pringle, M. J.	Pringle, M. J.
	(Mt. Vic.)		
FORM I		Kirby, M. J.	Jamieson, H. T. U.
I		Blackmore, C. G.	
	(Mt. Vic.)		

GENERAL MERIT PRIZES:—Vogan, A. G. de B.; Rigg, C. A.; Martin, R. W.; Armstrong, D. A. T.; (Weissflog, K. G. A.); Davey, W. A.; Forsyth, A. A.; Bruce, C. J.; Ncely, D. G.; Raupach, D.; Hirst, J. D.; Crane, D. H.; Keeling, R. L.; Williams, J. R.; Harry, D. L.; Bysantson, G. K. J.; Chippendall, J. K.; Benjamin, P. J.

## PRIZE LIST (Continued)

(a) Form VI—

Brian Pockley Memorial Prize	Emery, N. A.
Burke Prize and United Services Prize (for general proficiency)	Horne, T. W.
War Memorial Prize (2nd in general proficiency)	Ross, I. G.
Percival Sharp Memorial Prize (VIth Form)	Micholson, I. F.
Harold Dean and R.S. Reid Prizes (Maths.)	aeq. { Magill, D. A. Horne, T. W.
A. H. Wade Prize (Modern)	Wallace, D. C.
Charlton Prize (Divinity)	Linton, J. M.
J. S. Wilson Prize (English)	Porter, C. A.
Russell Sinclair Memorial Prize (General Merit)	Harrison, J. Y.
David Cowlshaw Prize (Latin)	Linton, J. M.
Herbert Kendall Prize (French)	Micholson, I. F.
Ian Menzies Memorial Prize (History)	aeq. { Yuill, B. F. Porter, C. A.
Greek Prize (Mrs. Dixon Hudson)	McMinn, J. B.
German Prize	Micholson, I. F.
Physics Prize	Ross, I. G.
Chemistry Prize	Horne, T. W.

(b) General.—Alan Ludowici Memorial Form Prizes.

VA	Ritchie, W.
U.IVA	Amos, R. S. P.
L.IVA	Foster, M. L.
IIIA	Edwards, K. G.
Roy Milton French Prize	McCutcheon, J. E. J.
Hunter Stephenson Mathematics	Ritchie, W.
French	Foster, M. L.
Uther Prize, Church Catechism	McCredie, R. M.
David Davies Memorial Choir Prize	Barnes, J. F.
Torchbearer Prize	Ross, I. G.
Geoffrey Cohen Memorial Prize (Gen. Merit UIVA)	Weissflog, K. G. A.
Physics and Chemistry—Upper Fourth Forms	Amos, R. S. P.
Lower Fourth Forms	Skidmore, J. A.
General Knowledge (Dr. H. L. St. V. Welch)	aeq. { Ross, I. G. Clarke, G. S. Rothwell, B. L.
“Lodge Torchbearer”	Merewether, R. A.
Debating Prizes (The Headmaster)	aeq. { Porter, C. A. Hunter, I. J. Ritchie, W.
Choir Prizes	aeq. { Lyall, N. D. Willis, D.
Play Day Award—Open Division	Robson House
Play written by Shore boy	Form Vth A.
Writing Prizes (The Headmaster)	aeq. { Judd, K. J. Goldrick, R. B. Allsop, J. C.
Physical Efficiency—Over 14	Proctor, P. N.
Under 14	Jacques, K. W.
Music Prizes—Practical, Senior	Bullock, G. H.
Junior	Lynch, R.
Theory	Bullock, G. H.
Drawing, Freehand	Davis, G. D.
Mechanical	Hume, F. W.

**The School gratefully acknowledges the gift of the  
Special Prizes mentioned above.**

## Report of the Headmaster for 1942.

I have the honour to present my report of the progress of the School during the past year.

My last report was presented at a time of great national anxiety. The Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbour had taken place not many days before, and it seemed urgently necessary to take precautions in case the East Coast of Australia might become a scene of hostile action. I indicated at the time that we were fully alive to the need, and I believe that I am now able to report that we did our level best to provide for eventualities so far as lay within our power. So much has happened within the last twelve months that it seems like ancient history to tell of the activities of the last long vacation: yet for purposes of record something should be said. In brief, we decided to prepare these premises as well as possible, and at the same time to endeavour to secure a building in the country, both for the immediate accommodation of younger boys whose parents wished them to be away from Sydney, and also as the nucleus of an alternative School in the ultimate emergency. For the former purpose, several of the masters and many boys rallied to our aid and a beginning was made in the construction of the shelters which now disfigure the grounds. The choice of a country site presented a difficult problem. After considering many possibilities and obtaining advice from many sources, a small party of us toured the country on a voyage of discovery, in weather which at times reminded us of desert campaigns. It was decided that the most suitable building was at Mt. Victoria, and we proceeded to acquire it and to furnish it. In the face of many difficulties, a branch School for 75 boarders and a few day boys was opened on the appointed day, and it has carried on with conspicuous success throughout the year. There will be more detailed reference to it later in this report.

During the latter part of this year, circumstances have changed. To-day it certainly appears that the danger is not so threatening, though it would be premature to say that it has been removed. The vast majority of boys now wish to return from Mt. Victoria to North Sydney for 1943. The Council has accordingly been forced to announce that it will not be possible to carry the branch on next year. The danger against which we provided has not materialised, and it is to be hoped also that we shall never have to use the Air Raid shelters. It is natural enough to ask ourselves whether we have been justified in taking these excessive precautions. They have, of course, involved great expenditure of energy and outlay of money. I believe that we have no cause for regret on either ground. A decision is to be considered right or wrong only in the light of the circumstances under which it is made. The fact that there has scarcely been a vacant place at Mt. Victoria during the year is fair enough evidence that we were right in providing the Branch School. I have recently received a great number of letters in which parents have expressed their gratitude for relief from an anxiety which was acute at the time. There can be no doubt about the wisdom of providing ample shelters. I believe that it will be held always

to the credit of the School that at a time of great anxiety it showed promptitude and efficiency in providing for the safety of the boys entrusted to it. Though the several thousand pounds involved cannot easily be spared, it is a fair price to pay for the satisfaction of having tried to do the right thing.

At the beginning of the year the normal organisation of classes was maintained without adding to the total enrolment by establishment of the branch School. The Junior House at North Sydney was closed for the year and the few remaining Preparatory School boarders were accommodated as a section of Robson House. One Lower Fourth, one Third and two Preparatory Forms were established at the branch, and the classes at the main School were reduced correspondingly in number. The total enrolment was, in Term I, 706, including 242 boarders; in Term II, 700, including 231 boarders; in Term III, 694, including 226 boarders. There were 75, 76, and 73 boarders at Mt. Victoria in the three terms respectively. This represents a considerable increase in the number of boarders, but this is due to the fact that many day boys transferred to Mt. Victoria as boarders. It seems likely that the numbers will be well maintained next year.

Last year I anticipated that the 1941 Leaving Certificate results would not be very good, as we had no candidates of distinction in the language subjects. The mathematical candidates were of better quality. 65 boys passed the examination. There were five first class honours and four second class honours in mathematics; three second class in English; three second class in History; one first and five second in Physics; one first and one second in Chemistry. Philip Hanks obtained the maximum number of "A"s and first class honours, and won the Liversidge Scholarship for first place in the State in Chemistry. This year the ability of the boys is distributed better among the various subjects and we may do quite well.

On the other hand, the results in the Intermediate Certificate Examination were very good indeed. 121 boys qualified for the Certificate, an unusually large number. The quality of the passes was much better than in previous years, and there was a very satisfactory proportion of "A"s. It is difficult to make comparisons with other Schools, and I doubt whether it is desirable in public. As this is a private gathering, however, it may be permissible to say that our results in both examinations appeared to compare more than favourably with those of other Schools, with the exception of a very few big High Schools; the latter are bound to get good results as their pupils are carefully selected.

This year T. W. Horne is top of the School in general proficiency, with I. G. Ross close in second place, followed by J. M. Linton 3rd, I. F. Micholson 4th, C. A. Porter 5th and D. C. Wallace 6th. Micholson is head of the Sixth Form in non-mathematical subjects, with Porter second. Horne and D. A. Magill are the best in mathematics for the year.

Certain changes in the arrangement of the Secondary Course are likely in the near future. At the time of writing this report a public announcement has not been made, and I can, therefore, only conjecture. I do not wish, however, to miss this, my only chance of brief explanation. A move has been prepared for some time for dispensing with the "Intermediate," and for substituting a "Leaving Certificate" at the end of the fourth year (Fifth Form) and a "Higher Leaving Certificate" at least one year later. The object of the new plan has been misrepresented often.



It is based on the accepted idea that a Secondary Course should consist of a period of general education, followed by a further period of study, rather more intense, covering a narrower range of subjects. The scheme existing hitherto is not in accordance with this idea. It is accepted that the period of general education should extend to the age of sixteen in normal cases, that three years is too short for it and five years too long. Hence the new "Leaving" is designed to mark the end of the period of general secondary study, the Higher Leaving being taken in fewer subjects either one or two years later. The names are most unfortunate. The new "Leaving" should not be so-called because it does not mark the end of the course. This should be clearly understood. The new "Higher Leaving" is expected to be of approximately the same standard as the present Leaving Certificate Examination. Provision will be made by the Department of Education for a third year examination, but with the strict understanding that it is to be taken only by boys who are leaving School at that stage. It will take a few years to introduce the new scheme when the expected decision is made. Thus, if the decision is made now, it will not affect any boys above those who have this year been in our Lower Fourths. When the scheme commences, I propose to make provision for courses in accordance with it, and shall not cater specially for boys to take the departmental examination at the end of the third year. If there are any whose circumstances require them to take this examination there will be no difficulty in arranging for them as special cases. It was intended to introduce this scheme a few years ago, but the change was then postponed because it was considered at the time that Schools might be about to suffer sufficient difficulties as a result of the war. I ask parents not to submit to any misunderstanding or misrepresentation in connection with the new scheme when it arrives. It is a very good plan, apart from the names of the examinations, and a definite improvement, and I shall be happy to explain any matters in connection with it.

The University Senate has already announced that, when the new system is introduced, matriculation requirements will be amended. Some people seem to have gathered that new conditions of matriculation already apply, but this is not the case—at least, according to decisions announced so far. I doubt whether new conditions will apply to any who complete their School course in 1943 or 1944. There is, therefore, ample time to explain the changes in detail later. The new requirements will be based on the "Higher Leaving." The most revolutionary change is that neither a foreign language nor mathematics will be obligatory. For myself, I am very doubtful of the wisdom of this. Foreign languages (particularly Latin) and mathematics both require that fairly simple processes shall be applied with accuracy. It has always seemed to me that the quality of accuracy is essential to an educated man and that its development is one of the principal objects of secondary education. We know that this object can be achieved fairly well by the teaching of languages and mathematics, and the theory that it can be achieved as well otherwise has yet to be tested. There are certain Universities whose scholarship, I believe, has suffered when the way has been opened for qualification by means of the more vague and descriptive subjects. Most schoolmasters know well that examinations can be passed by taking easier alternatives to the subjects needing precision; indeed, the phrase "soft options" has almost become a slang term. For these reasons, I am inclined to wonder whether Sydney University has not been rather precipitate. I do not propose to allow our policy in this School to be greatly affected by the change when it occurs.

We have tried hard to maintain the physical activities of the School during the year, and have succeeded well, except perhaps in junior cricket.

The lessons to be learnt and the physical development to be obtained through games are perhaps more important than ever in war time. In any case, we have taken it as our duty to give boys all the advantages of a normal School life, even if the times are abnormal. It has not always been easy. Our young masters have all joined up and the coaching work has fallen heavily at times upon those older men who are left. It has to be remembered also that House duties and teaching work have been much more heavy than usual while we have been short-handed. In the cricket season we suffered severely from the long drought, from the shortage of labour at Northbridge, and from the withdrawal of the practice wickets usually available on this ground. The first Eleven had an excellent season, but it has to be admitted that the Junior cricket teams have suffered a setback. It is difficult to say whether we shall be able to remedy this next year, but we hope to do so. Even with good supplies of water available it is going to be very hard to maintain the full number of wickets. Also, the shortage of petrol for mowing is causing great trouble which is likely to be increased by the heavy growth during the next few months. The Physical Efficiency Scheme for the lower forms has also suffered as a result of the upsetting of this ground. In all other respects the quantity and quality of games have been most successfully kept up.

The football season was again very successful. The first Fifteen won six of the official matches, and lost only one, a splendid game against St. Joseph's College. Of all matches in the season, ten were won and three lost. The seconds won eleven games and lost two. These teams owe a great deal to Mr. McGregor's keenness and coaching. I am sure that many parents and boys would like me also to acknowledge on their behalf the fine work which Mr. Eldershaw has been doing for years in the Under Fifteen section. Under him a large number of juniors learn each year the true spirit of Rugby football. His teams also have a great reputation for skill. This year his A team lost one match only, and that by one point when one man short; the team scored 502 points to 32. During the season our many teams played 159 matches, winning 106, losing 47, with 6 drawn, and scoring 2782 points to 1439. These figures do not include Preparatory School games. They will give a rough idea of the extent of activity in the football season.

In rowing it has been a struggle at times to carry on successfully, but we have so far managed to devise ways of overcoming difficulties as they have arisen. The chief trouble arises from shortage of petrol; we have been able to travel to Gladesville less frequently than usual. There is again a debt of gratitude due to Mr. Burrell. He has not had much assistance in organisation but has looked after many crews at Berry's Bay and on the upper river. Fewer races than usual were available this year, but we succeeded in most of those in which we took part. In unofficial races in April against other Schools, the sixth four was second, the fifth four dead-heated for first place, and the Junior Eight, second four, first four and Eight all won, though the Eight's victory was by a very narrow margin. Crews competed also at Riverview Regatta. The Eight was a little disappointing on that occasion and was third, though only five feet behind the winners. The first and third fours rowed as a second Eight and did well to row into fourth place in the same race. The second four won an open race easily and the fourth and fifth fours were first and second in a race for Youths. Much of our rowing was done from the Riverview Shed, and we greatly enjoyed not only their hospitality but also the close association with their boys and masters. Rowing for the present season is in full swing. A House Regatta was held last month. Two quite good Eights have made satisfactory progress and several fours are being selected. The

Sheds are now better equipped by far than they have ever been. Anticipating difficulty in obtaining boats and oars during war time, we have made a number of wise purchases and are now sufficiently well equipped to enable us to carry on for a long time. Our most recent acquisition is a Butcher Boat, generously presented by certain Old Boys. This will be used in order to teach the elements of watermanship to youngsters.

The first cricket team lost outright in its first match against St. Joseph's College through weak batting in the second innings. Of the remaining six matches, three were won outright, two were won on the first innings, and there was no play as a result of rain in the match against Sydney Grammar School. I have already indicated that the results of the lower teams were not as good as usual.

The athletic season passed with good keenness and satisfactory results. The School Sports took place on August 22nd. In the third term two challenge contests were arranged against other Schools, and both were won comfortably. The introduction of these challenge contests during the last few years has considerably improved the interest in School athletics. Provision can be made in them for a fairly large number of competitors who otherwise find it difficult to obtain sufficient incentive for an extended period of training. A Combined Athletic Meeting was again held by the G.P.S. Association. There was no inter-School competition in connection with it, and only the first three places were recorded. Our Senior team did fairly well. The Juniors did extremely well and were probably the best all-round team. In the 36 events, our boys gained 11 first places, 3 second and 7 third. It was noticeable that a great number of our representatives were boys who have received great benefit from the Physical Efficiency Scheme during the past few years.

There has again been no regular Rifle Shooting, but some shooting has been done on the miniature range. For the most part, Tennis has been out of the question since water has not been available for the upkeep of the courts. There was a swimming carnival earlier in the year, as usual; we have a number of very fine swimmers who did very well in races against other Schools.

An appeal was made and is still being made for sports clothes. It is quite probable that it will be hard to get "togs" for games next year, and more than probable that we shall be unable to buy our typical football jerseys and other distinctive articles. Football boots and running shoes are already scarce. We have asked Old Boys to let us have any of these articles for which they have no further use and we now make urgently a similar request to boys who are about to leave. The advantages are three: we shall be able the more easily to keep our games going and to retain our distinctive uniforms; expenditure of money and coupons will be saved for parents next year; and, furthermore, in the general interest, labour and material will be saved. Mr. Pope is establishing a reserve from which he will make issues during next year in a regulated manner.

There is not much to be said about the Cadet Corps that is different from that which I have said in former years. It has carried on with undiminished vigour. It is perhaps worth while to emphasise again that the value of the Corps is to be estimated not only in terms of military training. It fulfils an important educational function in that it gives to a large number of boys a training in self-confidence and leadership and affords them a sense of achievement through the exercise of responsibility. The strength of the Corps during the year has been as high as 316, compared with 346 in 1941; this decrease has been more than compensated

by the establishment of the Air Training Corps Flight, and the number receiving training has, therefore, actually increased. The lack of weapons and equipment for training has been severely felt. Some months ago we had reason to believe that a supply of modern weapons would be available, but these expectations have been disappointed. One would think that it would be worth while to provide a few at least of the weapons of which we hear so much, in order to stimulate the interest of boys who are prepared to be very keen. The Corps has, however, had a day on the open range and expects to have had a five-day camp before Speech Day. The question of uniform has not yet been settled. We were led to believe months ago that it would be possible to get uniforms without ration coupons, but this is so far another unrealised expectation. More recently there has been talk of a free issue of uniform: we shall hope for it. Meanwhile, the officers of the Corps are doing their best to set aside a supply of used uniforms for issue at least to some of next year's recruits. I hope that those cadets who are about to leave School will hand in such portions of their uniforms as are serviceable. The Staff Officer for Senior Cadets, Captain Lewis, has been very helpful to the Corps. Under him, a series of Schools of Instruction for N.C.O.'s and potential officers has been arranged with good results. Cadets who have reached the rank of Sergeant (or higher) should communicate with the S.O.S.C. when they enter the military forces. He will send their records forward. Those who have done this have derived benefit by being given an early chance of proving themselves in Army Schools.

Difficulties in connection with the Air Training Corps were smoothed out in the early part of the year. At first a half-flight was formed, and this rapidly expanded to a full flight. Mr. Tiley is in charge; Mr. Sawkins also has recently been commissioned, and will be a great help as the work develops. The syllabus of training is interesting and appropriate; it covers drill, suitable mathematics and science, Morse, navigation, aircraft recognition and model making, with occasional lectures on service subjects by R.A.A.F. officers. The boys have shown keenness and the progress of the flight has been very good. It is expected that about 28 will leave at the end of the year; indeed, two have already entered the Air Force and several others will shortly be called up. The vacancies are open to boys who will be sixteen before March 1943, and many have been filled in advance. The A.T.C. has already received a free issue of uniforms of Air Force blue. The promptness of this issue to a formation which is scarcely a year old is an interesting contrast with the delay in providing for the Cadet Corps, which is about 40 years old.

The School War Fund has now been in existence since June, 1940. Money comes steadily to it by regular weekly collections, from the sale of salvage, and this year also from a School Concert and from a function organised by the Women's Association. The total amount raised is now well over £2,000. At the beginning of this year the boys decided that they would like the year's collection to go to the Legacy War Orphans' Appeal. It was considered that the contributions of boys might very appropriately be given for the purpose of making happier the lot of children who have been deprived by the war of a father's care. The total gift made so far is £650, including £90 raised by the Women's Association. In addition to this amount, our usual contribution of more than £130 has been made to missions and charities.

A most successful School Concert was held in August. Since travelling at night involves difficulty nowadays, four performances were given, one at Mosman, one at North Sydney, and two at Killara. There was a

full house on every occasion. The programme included two plays, one by the Preparatory School, and several songs by the so-called "Octet Club" which had during the year about 40 regular performers. There is considerable enjoyment of dramatic work and of singing, and it is a pity that we have not time to do more. The quality of the performances was good. The School orchestra made another step forward. Since the concert, the orchestra has been enlisting further recruits and practising steadily, and we hope that by the middle of next year it will have made considerable further advancement. On Monday, December 7th we held our second Play Day. No less than nine plays were presented by different groups within the School. It will be realised that these activities depend upon the interest and encouragement of a great number of masters.

It is impossible to tell the full story of the Mt. Victoria branch within a small space. Though, from the point of view of the boys, life moved on steadily enough, it may readily be imagined that many difficulties had to be overcome by the Staff, and many new situations had to be met. It is not too much to say that I was extremely fortunate to be able to persuade Mr. K. D. Anderson to take charge of it; and I do not forget the great help that Mrs. Anderson has given. They were faced with a very big task in organising a School of 75 boarders in an improvised building at short notice. Furniture had to be moved from Sydney, rooms had to be altered and renovated, classes arranged, dormitories organised and so on; among the many worries, that of arranging for regular and satisfactory supplies of food was not the least. A few days before the School was due to open, it seemed impossible to have it ready in time. However, it was opened and it settled into a satisfactory routine fairly rapidly. Further difficulties of management have occurred throughout the year, and have been overcome by the ingenuity and energy of Mr. Anderson, with the support of his staff and of the Matron, Miss Huby. Few people realise the large proportion of his attention which must be given by the head of a boarding School to arrangements for the sleeping and feeding and healthy living and disciplined activity of his boys: at times teaching becomes a pleasant distraction from his domestic preoccupations. I have had many letters from parents expressing gratitude to Mr. Anderson, and their expressions have been well merited. Though the branch is to be closed, I think that there are few boys who will regret having been there. The teaching has been carried on along lines parallel with those at North Sydney and the boys will be re-absorbed without loss of continuity. Their life has been different from the normal School life in several ways. There is no really good ground available for cricket and football, and though they have had some games, they have had to make their amusements and find their exercise otherwise. Here we have been very fortunate in having the services of Mr. Gilfillan and Mr. Terry. The former is an enthusiastic bushwalker and an experienced camper. He has organised many expeditions, some of them of an ambitious kind; for example, I understand that a party of eleven under his charge recently did a three-day hike, finishing with a walk of 17 miles on the last day. Mr. Terry has a rare talent for organising dramatic performances, and for encouraging an interest in music. He has trained a choir the like of which has never before been heard in the local church, and has organised several concerts which deserved a far larger audience than was available. Recently each of the classes presented a play of its own. There has been very little sickness during the year, and the boys look well and more robust after their change of climate.

The customary Chapel Services have been held during the year. Each term an Open Service is held on a Sunday in order to give parents and

Old Boys a chance of sharing the worship of the School. I should like parents to make a point of attending at least one of these services in the year. They would be able to gain within the atmosphere of the Chapel, in which the School assembles daily for worship, a clear conception of the spirit by which we expect the School to be animated. I am afraid that, in spite of injunctions, smaller boys often forget to convey to their parents the invitation which is from time to time freely extended to them. An open Sunday is always held on the Sunday nearest to 4th May, the anniversary of the School's foundation. This year the preachers at Open Sundays were the Right Reverend Bishop G. H. Cranswick, the Reverend R. J. Hewett, and the Chaplain. There were several other addresses by visitors on important occasions. In August, Confirmation was administered to eighty-eight candidates by the Right Reverend C. Venn-Pilcher, Bishop-Coadjutor of the Diocese.

Though the health of the School has been good during the year, we have had trouble from time to time with various infectious diseases. It may be that such diseases have been more prevalent than usual as a result of the continuous presence in the city of large number of young men who have been concentrated in camps. Our experience this year strengthens the opinion, expressed formerly, that our way of dealing with these troubles is sound. It may be taken to be practically impossible to prevent infection from entering a School; the most that can be done is to limit its spread. In this we have again had a good measure of success. Dr. Distin Morgan, who took Dr. Studdy's place as School Medical Officer when the latter entered the Army, has been most helpful. I regret to say that early in November a boarder passed away. I refrain from mentioning his name in this report for fear of giving further pain. A severe illness seized him and took control, in spite of the most prompt and efficient attention.

Three new members of the Staff joined the Forces during the year. Mr. C. J. Mathieson left us at the end of March and is now an officer in the R.A.A.F. engaged on scientific duties. Mr. G. H. Broinowski, though he might well have been satisfied to leave active service to younger men, also joined the Air Force in July and is now commissioned. He appears to have had himself posted to an action station in much quicker time than usual, and I have no doubt whatever that, with his keen mind, he will be able to do fine work. Mr. J. V. Terry entered the Air Force early this month. It is, of course, becoming increasingly difficult to fill vacancies. I was able to replace Mr. Broinowski by appointing Dr. Margaret Clarke, a modern language scholar of distinction, and Mr. Peter Jenkins, well known to us all, each doing part time work. I have not been able to replace Mr. Mathieson during the year, and we have shared his work among us. This has not been a light burden, and I am glad to be able to say that I expect the Staff to be complete next year. I am deeply grateful for the support which I have had from all members of the Staff during the past difficult year. Of the other masters on service, Mr. Butler unfortunately is understood to be a prisoner in Malaya; Mr. Rupp, after escaping from Singapore in gallant circumstances, is now commissioned; Mr. Stewart is now a Captain in an artillery regiment; and Mr. Hendry is now distinguished as Major Hendry, M.C.

Of the Prefects, the Senior and Second are both already in the Air Force. John Jamieson could not restrain his impatience after his eighteenth birthday, in spite of my urgent advice that he should see the year through. Neville Emery came to me before his last examination was over and asked me to try to accelerate his call-up: he entered camp last Saturday week. We are fortunate in having many fine boys year by year, and these two

are of the very best type—robust, intelligent, forceful, of high character and strong sense of duty. The other Prefects have been sound and effective and have served the School well. Scarcely any of them are coming back next year; there will therefore be sudden demands upon the sense of responsibility of their successors, who have yet to be appointed but, no doubt, will not be found wanting.

I need scarcely say that the list of Old Boys who have paid the supreme sacrifice has become much longer in the last twelve months. This report is not the place for an extended reference to this sad subject. We ask their relatives to understand that there is in the School a deep sympathy with them in their bereavement, which in part we share, as in part also we share their pride. Many Old Boys have gained distinction on active service, and the number now serving in all theatres is very great.

The School suffered a great loss during this term by the death of the Venerable Archdeacon W. A. Charlton. He had been for 24 years a member of the Council and had always taken the keenest interest in School affairs. We shall miss his wise counsels and his kindly friendship.

I express my grateful thanks to all who have helped the School through another year of its life, to the Council, to parents, to the Staff, and, not least, for the happy and successful progress of the School depends most upon them, to the boys. Particularly to those boys who are soon to enter the forces, I wish a safe return from their service.