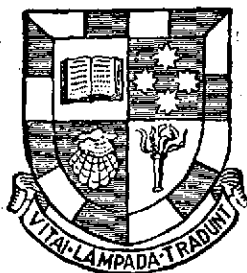


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**Sydney Church of England  
Grammar School**

NORTH SYDNEY

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**DECEMBER 1943**

# Sydney Church of England Grammar School

Speech Day—16th December, 1943

## 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 Professor E. R. Holme, O.B.E., M.A.

Vote of Thanks (the Senior Prefect).

Ceremony of Remembrance.

National Anthem.

Tea will be served in School House Quadrangle 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.—I Peter, ii, 11-25.

PRAYERS.

President of Council: THE MOST REV. THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY.

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

Master of Preparatory School: K. D. ANDERSON, M.A. (New Zealand).

Assistant Masters:

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| R. G. H. WALMSLEY, B.A. (Oxford).                      | T. MILFULL, B.A. (Queensland).                                |
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| B. G. DAVEY, A.P.I.A.                                  | MRS. KIRSTEN, B.A., Dip. Mod. Lang.<br>(Sydney).              |
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| W. M. MCGREGOR.  |   |

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| F/O. G. H. BROINOWSKI.              | Major J. G. HENDRY, M.C., B.A. (Sydney).      |
| Capt. E. K. STEWART, M.A. (Sydney). | F/O. C. J. MATHIESON, M.Sc. (New<br>Zealand). |
| Lieut. A. R. RUPP, B.A. (Sydney).   | Lieut. W. V. BUTLER, M.A. (Melbourne).        |

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

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

Barsar: R. ANDERSON.

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

**Prefects:**

*Senior:* COGHLAN, J. J.

*Second:* MacDIARMID, F. M.

LYALL, D. T.

JUDD, K. J.

EEDY, A. N.

COOKE, J. M. B.

CORMACK, D. B.

ELVY, R. F.

FROST, P. T.

ROBSON, A. G. G.

DALRYMPLE, D. H.

SMITH, A. C.

STANISTREET, J. W.

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MICHELMORE, P. M.

*Sub-Prefects:*

BAKER, K. J.

BACKHOUSE, R. G.

EDWARDS, A. W. T.

RODD, J. T.

ALLDIS, B. K.

BURNS, A. J.

FORBES, H. P. M.

FREEBURN, P.

MARTIN, R. W.

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HAMMOND, R. A.

**The General School Committee:**

*President:* THE HEADMASTER.

*Hon. Secretary:* THE SENIOR PREFECT.

*Members:* THE MASTERS.

THE PREFECTS AND SUB-PREFECTS.

*Form Representatives:*

VIa.—CROPLEY, D. O.

VIb.—JONES, W. D.

VIc.—FARAM, B. J.

VIId.—WARREN, I. F.

VIa.—STEPHENSON, J. H.

VIb.—MacPHILLAMY, N. M.

VIc.—LITTLEMORE, H. R.

VIId.—LESLIE, D. T.

UIVh.—FOSTER, M. L.

UIVb.—THORNTON, G. W.

UIVc.—BULMER, J. A.

UIVk.—CULL, N. O.

UIVm.—McCORMACK, R. J.

*Elected Members:*

MARCHANT, W. S.

RIGG, C. A.

SELMAN, R. L.

**Captains of Sport:**

*Athletics:* COGHLAN, J. J.

*Cricket:* MacDIARMID, F. M.

*Boats:* JUDD, K. J.

*Football:* MICHELMORE, P. M.

*Swimming:* COOKE, J. M. B.

## PRIZE LIST, 1943

	DIVINITY	FORM	DIVISION
FORM VI	A. (Mackerras, D.)	(Bedingfeld, J. C.)	(Melville, G. L.)
FORM VI	B. McCaskill, T. J.	McCaskill, T. J.	Frost, P. T.
FORM VI	C. Cooke, J. M. B.	Moses, T. J.	Bull, R. S.
FORM V	A. Amos, R. S. P.	(Amos, R. S. P.)	Best, J. P.
FORM V	B. Valkenburg, P. J.	Harris, S. G.	Harris, S. G.
FORM V	C. Playfair, E. J. H.	Playfair, E. J. H.	Collett, B. L.
FORM V	D.	Freeman, W. A. H.	Freeman, W. A. H.
FORM U.IV	A. Foster, M. L.	(Foster, M. L.)	Foster, M. L.
FORM U.IV	B. Watling, J. C. J.	Limbers, P. A.	Davies, K. W.
FORM U.IV	C. Woodhill, R. K.	Wiles, A. N.	Eaton, A. W.
FORM U.IV	R. Uther, W. B.	Uther, W. B.	Raupach, D.
FORM U.IV	M. Marks, R. J.	McCormack, R. J.	Cox, A. A.
FORM L.IV	A. Morey, E. B.	(Edwards, K. D. G.)	Edwards, K. D. G.
FORM L.IV	B. Richards, W. R.	Goddard, J. R.	Goddard, J. R.
FORM L.IV	C. Nock, G. N.	Jamieson, D. B.	Shipway, W. M.
FORM L.IV	R. Batten, G. A.	St. Clair, U. M.	Kirby, R. J.
FORM L.IV	M. Blöck, J. B.	Brooks-Lloyd, I.	Brigden, D. N.
FORM III	A. Chippindall, J. K.	(Benjamin, P. J.)	Benjamin, P. J.
FORM III	B. Anderson, R. M.	Bysantson, W. N.	Wilson, P. C. M.
FORM III	C. Bradley, M. G.	Bloore, R. G.	Maclean, I. H.
FORM III	M. Allen, J. J.	Souter, N. C.	Matthews, D. F.
FORM II	A. Willis, D.	Willis, D.	Shellshear, M. F.
FORM II	B. Yeend, P. J.	Watling, N. J. G.	Snowball, J. B.
REMOVE	A. Burstal, J. R.	Stevenson, J. H.	Neale, G. J.
REMOVE	B. Budd, H. E.	Paterson, B. J.	Lawrence, G. E.
FORM I	Paynter, M. R.	Shraffan, C. J.	Padman, B. J.

GENERAL MERIT:—(Mackerras, D.); Thompson, V. F.; Mills, K. A.; Harley, J. D. and Valder, P. G., aeq.; Michelmores, J. M.; McNab, J. L. G.; Kirby, K. J.; Hirst, J. D.; Richardson, W. R. F.; Limbers, C. G.; Cormack, B. D.; Withey, A. F.; Bysantson, G. K. J.; Cornish, A. D.; Goldrick, R. B.; Campbell, M. W.; Green, J. W.; Palmer, R. D.; Lawes, D. C. A.; Eldershaw, J. M.; Hooke, J. A. L.; Cuffe, W.

## PRIZE LIST (Continued)

(a) Form VI—	
Brian Pockley Memorial Prize .....	Coghlan, J. J.
Burke Prize and United Services Prize (for general proficiency) .....	Melville, G. L.
War Memorial Prize (2nd in general proficiency) .....	Ritchie, W.
Percival Sharpe Memorial Prize (VIth Form) .....	Bedingfeld, J. C.
Harold Dean and R. S. Reid Prizes (Maths.) .....	Melville, G. L.
A. H. Wade Prize (Modern) .....	Edwards, A. W. T.
Charlton Prize (Divinity) .....	Mackerras, D.
J. S. Wilson Prize (English) .....	Rigg, C. A.
Russel Sinclair Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	Mackerras, D.
David Cowlshaw Memorial Prize (Latin) .....	Ritchie, W.
Herbert Kendall Memorial Prize (French) .....	Bedingfeld, J. C.
Ian Menzies' Memorial Prize (History) .....	McCaskill, T. J.
German Prize (Mrs. Dixon Hudson) .....	Bedingfeld, J. C.
Monteith Cowper Wood Memorial Prize (Physics) .....	Melville, G. L.
John Kingsmill Phillips Memorial Prize (Chemistry) .....	Burke, K.
(b) General.—Alan Ludowici Memorial Form Prizes:	
VA. ....	Amos, R. S. P.
UIVA. ....	Foster, M. L.
LIVA. ....	Edwards, K. D. G.
IIIA. ....	Benjamin, P. J.
Roy Milton French Prize .....	Cox, A. A.
Hunter Stephenson Mathematics Prize .....	Best, J. P.
Hunter Stephenson French Prize .....	Edwards, K. D. G.
..... aeq. {	Williams, J. R.
..... aeq. {	Brown, R. F. C.
..... aeq. {	Willis, D.
Uther Prize (Church Catechism) .....	
David Davies Memorial Choir Prize .....	Cook, J. C. M.
Torchbearer Prize .....	
Geoffrey Cohen Memorial Prize (Gen. Merit UIVA) .....	
Physics and Chemistry Prize—Upper IVth Forms .....	Skidmore, J. H.
Lower IVth Forms .....	Edwards, K. D. A.
General Knowledge (Dr. H. L. St. V. Welch) ....	Doig, P. R.
..... {	Clarke, G. S.
..... {	Boydell, I. C. B.
..... {	Burns, A. J.
..... {	Alldis, B. K.
Debating Prizes (The Headmaster) .....	Melville, A. E.
..... {	Cook, J. C. M.
..... {	Ferguson, B. A.
..... {	Cornwell, J. H.
Choir Prizes .....	Carr, E. W.
Play Day Award: Open, LIVB. and LIVR. .... aeq. {	Patterson, J. R.
Play, written by Shore boy .....	Thompson, V. F.
..... {	Mackenzie, B.
..... {	Cook, J. C. M.
..... {	East, S. G.
Physical Efficiency Prizes—Over 14 .....	Bretherton, J. R.
Under 14 .....	Fomenko, M. P.
Music Prizes—Practical, Senior .....	Bullock, G. H.
Practical, Junior .....	Cuffe, W.
Theory .....	South, A. P.
Orchestra Prizes .....	Nelson, D. Y.
..... {	Rutter, D.
..... {	Alldis, B. K.
Drawing, Freehand .....	Cornwell, J. H.
Mechanical, etc. ....	Hamilton, R. S.

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

## Report of the Headmaster for 1943.

I have the honour to present my report of the progress of the School during the fifty-fifth year of its existence.

The activity of the School has been well maintained, though we have had to overcome many difficulties. We have been fortunate in being able to keep up the number of teaching staff fairly well. However, since the younger men are away, it is more difficult than usual to cover the full range of duties. For example, the supervision of games has fallen heavily upon some, and there appears to be no prospect of relieving the shortage of resident masters. Our greatest trouble, however, has been due to shortage of personnel for the many services of the School, such as domestic duties, maintenance and preparation of grounds, and repairs. A few years ago we used to employ 60 persons in various capacities outside the teaching staff. It is not possible to give a comparative figure to-day, because we have some part-time employees. However, at a rough estimate, our strength in this respect has been reduced by about 55 to 60 per cent. Some tasks are being performed by boys, but in many respects the routine upon which smooth working depends has been upset. Nevertheless, we have been fortunate in being able to carry on as well as we have.

There is still a very heavy demand for enrolment. In Term I, there were 731 boys in the School, including 210 boarders; in Term II, the corresponding figures were 727 and 209; in Term III, 713 and 201. According to my latest estimate, there are now no vacancies remaining for 1944.

Last year's Leaving Certificate Examination results were very good; indeed, I think that they were better than any results that we have previously obtained. Sixty-seven boys passed. There were 23 first-class honours, distributed over the nine subjects in which honours work is studied; one in English, one in Latin (5th place), four in French (including 3rd place), one in German, four in Mathematics, which count as two subjects (including 6th place), one in History, three in Physics, and four in Chemistry (including 1st and 4th places). In no other School was the ratio of first-class honours to passes so high, or the distribution of honours so wide. Of the 100 Exhibitions available, six were awarded to our boys. The most pleasing feature of the results, however, was that of the small number of University Scholarships which are awarded at this Examination, no fewer than three came to our boys. I. G. Ross came top of the State in general proficiency and won the John West Medal and Grahame Prize, and the Aitken Scholarship; I. F. Micholson shared the Garton Scholarship for French; and T. W. Horne won one of the two Liversidge Scholarships for Chemistry. In the past 20 years, the School has won the general proficiency prizes six times. The winning of a Liversidge Scholarship represents a "hat trick" for we won one of them in 1940 and again in 1941.

One hundred and seven boys passed the Intermediate Certificate Examination. In this case the quantity was satisfactory, but although there were several very good passes, including that of J. P. Best, who secured eight "A"s, the all-round quality was not very good. Our average pass was approximately 1.5 "A"s and 4.5 "B"s, and several Schools had better results than this.

Last year, I stated that the long-expected change in the arrangement of the secondary course was likely to take place. Unfortunately, it has been again postponed. Instead, the State Cabinet has decided to retain the "Intermediate" for the present, but to award the certificate on the results of examinations, partly internal and partly external. Next year the number and distribution of the subjects will be the same as usual, but only three subjects, of which English will be one, will be taken at external examination; the remaining subjects will be assessed upon information obtained from the pupil's School record. There will be only one standard of pass; that is to say, "A"s will not be awarded. For several reasons, I am sure that it would have been better to introduce the principle of internal assessment more gradually. However, a distinct advantage is that it should be possible under the new scheme to reduce the paraphernalia of this relatively unimportant examination.

A very important circular was recently issued by the Director-General of Manpower on the subject of University entrance for 1944. A summary was published in the "Shore Weekly Record" of November 25. It would be well for all those to study it who are likely to be interested in entrance to the University during the next few years. It is true that the circular deals with conditions for next year only. However, it is a reasonable conjecture that similar conditions will apply for some years to come. The Commonwealth's grant to University students has already increased the demand for entry to first year courses. So long as the war continues, the manpower authority is bound to restrict enrolment to a number which will be specified from time to time. When the war is over, University accommodation is unlikely to be sufficient to provide for all matriculants. Whether my conjecture is justified or not, it would be as well for those who are looking forward to professional careers to be prepared for competitive conditions.

The programme of games has been maintained during the year in spite of difficulty. Once more cricket has suffered more than other games. Last year I complained of the effect of the long drought upon wickets; this year the trouble has been the reverse. Rain has interfered with practices and matches to an unusual extent. The shortage of labour at Northbridge and the scarcity of petrol for mowing have made it very difficult to prepare wickets and grounds. However, the senior cricket teams have done well and the junior teams have recovered reasonably well. In football, rowing, and athletics we have done as well as ever.

The first football team won eight matches, lost four, and drew one. Of the official series, four matches were won and three lost. For the first time for very many years, we defeated St. Joseph's College in an official match; this performance was the better because they had defeated us comfortably in a practice match. The Second Fifteen won thirteen and drew one out of fifteen matches; the Third Fifteen won ten matches out of eleven. During the season our 21 teams (which do not include those of the Preparatory School), played 211 matches, won 127 of them, and scored 3098 points to 1795. I quote these figures because they provide a method as good as any other of indicating how much football is played. There is, of course, a great deal of organisation and supervision and coaching involved.

Once more it has needed an effort to keep rowing going. We were allowed only a small amount of petrol for the bus. Accordingly, we garaged it at Lane Cove and used it for half the journey only on not more than three days a week, travelling by tram on Saturdays. The



season of 1942-3 was, nevertheless, quite unusually successful. We departed from normal policy by racing on every available occasion from February onward. The eight was unbeaten, in fact not really extended, in four races against clubs and schools, and the fours won several club races. Rather to our surprise, we found at the end of the season that we were the premier club of the N.S.W. Rowing Association. At the informal Schools' Regatta we had ten crews in nine races; they secured six firsts and four seconds, winning the races for first, second and third fours, for junior eights and for senior eights. The eight was fit to be ranked with the best Shore crews of the past. In October last a crew started in an open race on the Lane Cove and, though it had had only a few days practice, was beaten by not more than half a length. The new season's rowing is in full swing; the House Regatta was held in November and several School crews are now taking shape. It is not to be forgotten that the success of School crews is to be attributed very largely to the less spectacular but equally important work which is done at Berry's Bay in the coaching of beginners.

The First Eleven won three matches outright, and one match on the first innings and lost the other three outright. In the early part of the season, the team was a little disappointing, but it improved in the last term. However, the excessive rain then interfered considerably with both practice and matches. The Second Eleven was strong; it was unbeaten, winning all but one match outright.

There was also bad weather during the athletic season. The School Sports had to be postponed from second term to the first week of third term. There were two challenge contests, both of which were won fairly easily, before the G.P.S. Sports, and several of our boys competed with success in the Schoolboy Championships. At the Combined Schools' Sports, our senior team was very successful, winning four first, five second, and one third place in 15 events; this performance was better than that of any other senior team. The juniors secured one first, three second and eleven third places in twenty-one events—a good performance but not quite the best. The athletic team of the Preparatory School did well to win the Championship of the Combined Preparatory Schools. The Physical Efficiency Scheme has been carried on well in the reduced area now available.

Tennis has again been out of the question, in view of shortage of material and of labour for preparing courts. Rifle shooting has been confined to the miniature range, but a good number of the Cadet Corps have had some experience there. The swimming carnival was held in March, as usual, under very good conditions; in such races as there were against other Schools, our competitors did extremely well.

Last year we made an appeal for sports clothes, and there was a very good response for which we are grateful. As a result, we were able to field teams in the appropriate football uniform and the threatened shortage of running shoes was averted. However, many articles are rapidly becoming more difficult to replace, and it is very important to postpone trouble for as long as possible. Consequently, we again ask that any articles that can be spared be sent to Mr. Pope. Many boys who are about to leave will have no further use for their School jerseys. I know that many like to keep them for sentimental reasons, but their experience at School will have shown them that others will profit if they hand them in. Football, running and rowing togs are all wanted, and specially football boots and running shoes.

There has again been much interest in music and in dramatic performance. The Entertainments Club has provided a number of short midday concerts, organised and presented by boys. The School Concert was held in July, and three performances were fully attended. The programme included two plays, one of them by the Preparatory School, very good singing by the large Octet Club, and a performance by the Orchestra which surpassed its former efforts. The Octet Club is now an institution and, I hope, permanent; the same in both respects applies to the Orchestra, which this year has had more than thirty members. These activities are made possible by the interest of a large number of the Staff and are greatly stimulated by their enthusiastic participation in actual performances. Mrs. Allman's enthusiasm and skill in conducting the orchestra are a great help. It is no light undertaking to maintain an orchestra in a School when the personnel is constantly changing; it is to be hoped that there will be a regular stream of aspirants to replace boys who leave School. The third Annual Play Day was held at the Independent Theatre on December 1st. There were no fewer than eleven plays presented by various form and house groups, involving the participation of more than a hundred boys. The standard was really very high. In the past we have hesitated to invite parents to attend Play Day both because the theatre accommodation is limited and also because we have been uncertain of the quality of the performances. It is quite clear that the latter reason does not hold good. Unfortunately, the former reason is valid; it is a pity that the enjoyment of the day was limited to a small number of adults. It is a tremendous drawback that we have not a School hall. Obviously, it is most urgently needed for many reasons. The lack of it is greatly emphasised, however, whenever we wish to hold concerts or plays or lectures. There is in the School at all times a great fund of musical and dramatic talent which is constantly looking for a chance of development. We are certainly doing far more now than we believed possible a few years ago, but always under improvised conditions, which detract from the enjoyment and perhaps also the efficiency of performance. It is not difficult to imagine how much more full the life of the School could be made if we had a hall of our own. We must really set about getting it as soon as circumstances permit.

The feature of Cadet Corps training over the last few years has been the progressive widening of the authority and influence of Cadet commissioned and non-commissioned officers. There is now a fairly well established tradition that it is upon the Cadet leader, rather than upon the adult officers, that the discipline and training of his command, whether company, platoon or section, depend. The boy commander now regards it as natural to undertake the responsibility and the cadet in the ranks regards it as natural that it should be so. This is in accord with the idea that I have so often emphasised, namely, that the Corps plays a valuable part in the School's educational programme. The enrolment is above 300, and of this number 13 boys—a record number—hold commissioned rank. More than 50 are N.C.O.'s, and others have qualified for appointment and are awaiting vacancies. Thus the opportunity of exercising responsibility is available to a large number; all keen boys should be able to avail themselves of it before leaving. The Corps proposes to go into Camp for five days continuous training before Speech Day. Major Bagot has found it possible to issue to each cadet a summer uniform, consisting of khaki shirt and drill trousers, from Corps funds. These have provided a good working dress and will enable the woollen uniform to last longer. Major Bagot will be greatly assisted if boys will make

sure of handing in their woollen uniforms when they leave—there is a well-known scheme for doing so.

The strength of the Air Training Corps Flight has been 63—so that the total number receiving valuable service training has been well over 360. A very satisfactory liaison exists between the Cadet Corps and the A.T.C., though their training and organisation differ. In order that boys may profit best, it is wise for those who intend to join the A.T.C. to have at least one year's service with the Cadet Corps before they become sixteen. There is much external evidence of the efficiency of the Flight. Though it did not actually win any of the three drill competitions during the year, it was well up with the winners in all three. There is a graduated plan of training, with the award of certificates for proficiency at various stages; the proportion of certificates won has been very creditable, and some boys have reached a high level of distinction. The record in the R.A.A.F. of boys who have passed through the Shore Flight is far above the average of similar groups elsewhere. Two officers and 26 Cadets went into camp at Avalon in May, but the camp had to be abandoned as a result of excessive rain; a further 20 boys are going into camp before the end of the year.

Though we have not pressed for contributions to the War Fund this year, it has grown steadily. The largest contribution was a sum of over £100, the proceeds of the School Concert. The sale of salvage has realised £40. The total for the year is in the vicinity of £500, making a grand total of about £2,500 since the inauguration of the fund. The gift to the Legacy Club War Orphans' Appeal has been brought up to £1,100; this will in due course be applied to a purpose with which the name of the School will be associated. The difficulty of obtaining supplies of twine put an end to the making of camouflage nets; in all, 2,610 nets were made at the School.

Other activities have been carried on in the usual way. We were not very successful in debates against other teams, but a very fair number of boys have been given the opportunity of practice in speaking, and have developed confidence. Mr. Monckton has promoted interest in art and in a variety of hobbies, and has held exhibitions of work. The Scouts also have been active and have held camps. The "Shore Weekly Record" has been regular in publication; it provides a very useful record of current School events and a medium for the dissemination of useful knowledge. The "Torch-Bearer" has recently had to be reduced in size as a result of the shortage of paper, and the increase in the cost of printing. There is constant evidence of the interest which Old Boys on service take in the School and its doings. I am sure that many of them would appreciate it if those now present were to send their "Torch-Bearers" and also their copy of the Speech Day programme to an Old Boy whom they know.

The usual Open Services have been held in Chapel each term. The Reverend A. P. Elkin preached in Term II and the Reverend T. H. D. Kitley in Term III. The Annual Service of Lodge Torchbearer took place in October, and the preacher then was the Venerable Archdeacon North-Ash. I again ask that parents should make a point of attending at least one Open Service in each year. It is really very important that they should take advantage of the few opportunities that we are able to offer them of sensing the atmosphere of the School. The Confirmation Service

took place in August, and 84 candidates were confirmed by His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney. In the third term we specially organised the daily Chapel Service so as to give them direction and continuity. A theme was chosen for development throughout each week. As an example, the subject for Michémas was "Faith in Action," with emphasis that the times demand an active faith and a fight for all that the faith stands for; another subject was "The Kingdom of God"; another again, "Knowledge is Power," with special reference to St. Luke; yet another, "Missionary Enterprise." On the occasion last mentioned, the speaker was Dr. Paul White who is well-known for his work as a medical missionary. On other occasions various masters gave the addresses, and they were of high standard; the senior prefect gave one, and his certainly did not suffer by comparison. A due proportion of hymns, lessons and prayers was chosen appropriate to the theme of the week. As far as I can judge, the experiment was amply justified. The object was to show by continuous implication the fact, which ought to be, but is not always, obvious, that all our forms of worship have direct relevance to life and its problems.

This year we owe a special acknowledgment to the Housekeeper, Miss Thornton, and to the Matrons of the houses. I need not describe in detail the difficulties which have been encountered in catering and in the management of the boarding houses. The School has, normally, to provide meals for about 250 persons. Problems which are, of course, far greater than those encountered in a private house have been created by rationing, by shortage of supplies and difficulty of delivery, and, above all, by scarcity of domestic help. From the beginning of the year boys have been asked to undertake more and more tasks. They have made their beds and have done a good deal of sweeping and other odd tasks in the Houses. In the Dining Hall, they have done almost all the waiting at table and the washing up of the morning and evening meals. There are, of course, many tasks which they cannot perform, either because the work is unsuitable or because they have their School work to do. I must say that the boys have been always ready to do anything that has been asked of them. Some, indeed, have received an education of which their parents might well take advantage during the vacation. In spite, however, of all the assistance that they have been able to give, the burden of responsibility which has fallen on the shoulders of the Housekeeper has been very heavy. Miss Thornton has really been a tower of strength, and I take this opportunity of offering her our grateful thanks. The Matrons also have had to make provision for many tasks in which they have usually had assistance, and their helpful attitude has been very valuable.

Unfortunately, at certain times during the year, we have been afflicted by various infectious diseases. We have not, in all cases, been able to deal with them within the School as in former years, because it has been at times impossible to secure nursing assistance. Consequently, we have had to send some to Prince Henry Hospital in which they have had good treatment. The incidence of infectious disease among the boarders appears to have been no heavier than among the day boys.

At the end of this year Mr. E. C. Arnold is to retire from active teaching, and Mr. Back is also leaving us. Mr. Arnold joined the staff of the School after retirement from the service of the Department of Education. It was then intended that his appointment would be only temporary. He has, however, been able to remain with us during the

war, and he has been a most valuable member of the staff. We shall be extremely sorry to part with him. Although there are very few of the teaching profession available for appointment, I hope to have the staff complete for next year. I have referred several times already to the enthusiastic interest of the staff in the welfare of the School. We are really very fortunate in having masters who are so keenly interested in the work and so loyal to it. The quality of interest has made it possible to carry the School through a difficult time with little departure from normal activity or diminution in efficiency. A very happy spirit of friendship has always characterised the staff of this School; this spirit is the best possible lubricant for the wheels of routine. I am personally very grateful to my colleagues.

The Senior Prefect, John Coghlan, has served the School extremely well; he has discharged his heavy responsibilities with composure and in a manner in every way worthy of his office.

We are anxious to have as much assistance as possible in keeping a record of Old Boys on active service; therefore, I again invite parents and Old Boys to keep either the School or the Union informed. It is a great source of pleasure that so many find time to write to us from the four quarters of the earth. Unhappily, there are now more than seventy names on the roll of those who have given their lives. Two are commemorated for the first time this year in the Prize List, namely, Monteith Cowper Wood, who not long ago was Captain of School House, and John Kingsmill Phillips, who was a distinguished scholar at School and in the Faculty of Law.

I express my grateful thanks to all who have contributed to the welfare of the School during the year, and specially to the Council for keen interest and support and for wise guidance. Finally, I wish God-speed to those boys who are about to leave us.



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