



**Sydney Church of England
Grammar School**

North Sydney

December, 1949

Sydney Church of England Grammar School

Speech Day — 15th December, 1949



PROGRAMME.

Visitors are requested to take their seats in the marquee before 2.45 p.m.

At 3.00 p.m. a short service will be held in the marquee.

At 3.15 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 New South Wales, Lieutenant-General John Northcott, C.B., M.V.O.

Vote of Thanks (the Senior Prefect).

National Anthem.

Tea will be served in the School House Quadrangle and in the Dining Hall.



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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Acting Headmaster: E. M. BAGOT, M.A. (Adelaide).

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*E. M. BAGOT, M.A. (Adelaide) (4)	Hodges House
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J. V. TERRY, B.A. (Sydney).	

*Senior Masters in (1) English and History; (2) Classics; (3) Modern Languages; (4) Science; (5) Mathematics; (6) Music.

J. H. DIXON (late 2nd A.I.F.) Sergeant-Major.

Miss M. G. KEYTE Piano

Mrs. G. FAUNCE ALLMAN Orchestra

A. D. CAMERON Art

Bursar: R. ANDERSON.

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PREFECTS:

Senior: HAWKER, G. G.

Second: BLANSHARD, W. M.

ANSTEY, D. B.
MASSEY, J. L.
HUGHES, N. McL.

LLOYD, J. S.
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LAURIE, A. A.

MEARES, D. D.
CORBETT, R. D.
HUDSON, I. M.
MINNETT, J. J.

RANKEN, J. D.
WONSON, R. C.
BARRAND, P. H.
KEIRLE, G. G.
SHEPHERD, C. R.

THE GENERAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

President: THE HEADMASTER.

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VIB—WARK, B. G.
VIC—PARSONS, P. E. B.
VID—MEARES, L. D.
VA—ELDERSHAW, J. M.
VB—TUGWELL, W. D.
VC—CLARKSON, R. C.
VD—LAWRENCE, J. M.
IVA1—BENNETT, F. S.
IVA2—HENRY, B. L.
IVB1—CONOLLY, W. B.
IVB2—GUMBLEY, T. B.
IVC—GAMBRILL, J. K.

Elected Members:

FERGUSON, B. A.
MACCALLUM, I. R.
SPRING, A. H. L.

CAPTAINS OF SPORT:

Athletics: MINNETT, J. J.

Football: HAWKER, G. G.

Boats: LLOYD, J. S.

Shooting: ROBSON, J. K.

Cricket: HAWKER, G. G.

Swimming: FERGUSON, B. A.

Tennis: PRATTEN, G. G.

PRIZE LIST, 1949

Brian Pockley Memorial Prize Hawker, G. G.

SIXTH FORM:

Burke Prize and United Services Prize (1st in General Proficiency)		Noble, R. A. S.
War Memorial Prize (2nd in General Proficiency)	aeq.	}
Percival Sharpe Memorial Prize (Form Prize)		
Harold Dean and R. S. Reid Prizes (Mathematics)		Rath, S. L.
A. H. Wade Memorial Prize (General Merit)		Rath, S. L.
Russell Sinclair Memorial Prize (General Merit)		Minnett, J. J.
Donald Muston Memorial Prize (General Merit)		Noble, R. A. S.
Charlton Prize (Divinity)		Williams, B. E.
J. S. Wilson Memorial Prize (English)		Bryant, D. L.
David Cowlshaw Memorial Prize (Latin)		Yeend, P. J.
Herbert Kendall Memorial Prize (French)	aeq.	}
Ian Menzies Memorial Prize (History)		
Montieth Cowper Wood Memorial Prize (Physics)		Noble, R. A. S.
John Kingsmill Phillips Memorial Prize (Chemistry)		Noble, R. A. S.
Desmond Hum Memorial Prize (Geography)		Pratten, G. G.
German		Rath, S. L.

FIFTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (VA Form)		Kerr, J. F. R.
Hunter Stephenson Prize (Mathematics)		Kerr, J. F. R.
Eric Mileham Litchfield Memorial Prize (General Merit)		Macleay, W. H.

FOURTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (VA1 Form)		Harpur, M. H.
Roy Milton Prize (French)		Harpur, M. H.
L. R. Benjamin Memorial Prize (Science)	aeq.	}
Geoffrey Cohen Memorial Prize (General Merit)		
		Amos, B. J.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (SA1 Form)		McGrath, P. J.
Hunter Stephenson Prize (French)		Wolstenholme, P. M.
The Selby Prize (Physics and Chemistry)		Wolstenholme, P. M.

THIRD FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (III A Form)		Stiles, J. A.
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PREPARATORY SCHOOL:

John Scott Memorial Form Prize (IIA Form)		Sherington, B. B.
John Scott Memorial Mathematics Prize (Division 6A)		Swinburn, M. J.

SPECIAL PRIZES:

Uther Catechism Prize		Wood, T. J.
David Davies Memorial Choir Prize		Henningham, J. G.
D. J. Richards Memorial Prize		Paton, R. N.
John Jamieson Memorial Prize (General Knowledge in Upper School)		Abernethy, C. L.
"Torch-Bearer" Prize		Innes, J. S.
Old Boys' Union Prize		Wanson, R. C.

PRIZE LIST—(Continued)

"Lodge Torch-Bearer" Prize	Cuningham, J. B. F.
General Knowledge Prizes (Dr. H. L. St. Vincent Welch)	{ Amos, B. J. Williams, J. B.
Debating Prizes (The Head Master)	{ Blanshard, W. M. Crockethorp, J. C. Everson, W.
Choir Prizes	{ McGregor, R. W. Walker-Smith, J. A.
Play Day Awards: Senior	Form IVA2
Junior	Form SA1
Original Play	Clarke, T. J. O.
Art: Senior	Eldershaw, J. M.
Junior	Begbie, A. S.
Music Prizes: Practical, Senior	aeq { Cuffe, W. E. Wilson, R. G. S.
" Junior	White, R. G. S.
Theory	Benjamin, D. J.
Orchestra Prizes	{ Walker, A. L. Noble, N. R. Sundstrup, B.

	DIVINITY	FORM	DIVISION
Form VI A	(Yeend, P. J.)	(Rath, S. L.)	(Minnett, J. J.)
Form VI B	Newman, P. F.	Lupton, J. S.	Ranken, J. D.
Form VI C	Parson, P. E. B.	West, T. J.	Jamieson, H. T. U.
Form V A	Kerr, J. F. R.	(Kerr, J. F. R.)	(Kerr, J. F. R.)
Form V B	—	Griffin, P. H.	Griffin, P. H.
Form V C	Clarkson, R. C.	Trall, R. W.	Trall, R. W.
Form V D	—	Phillips, H. G.	—
Form IV A1	Bishop, A. S.	(Harpur, M. H.)	Harpur, M. H.
Form IV A2	Arnold, J. R.	Swilk, J. S.	Hillyar, C. B.
Form IV B1	Draper, G. R.	Cavanough, T. J.	Draper, G. R.
Form IV B2	—	Munckton, M. M.	James, B.
Form IV C	Gambrill, J. H.	Hail, W. M.	Walker, R. C.
Form S A1	Neale, I. C.	(McGrath, P. J.)	Goulston, K. J.
Form S A2	Sabine, C. N. B.	Bishop, D. G.	Bishop, D. G.
Form S B1	Bryant, H. B.	Drown, C. R.	Drown, C. R.
Form S B2	Jones, B. C. C.	—	—
Form S C	Tancred, G. O.	Siddins, W. R.	Trewheellar, W. H. F.
Form III A	Henningham, J. G.	(Stiles, J. A.)	Stiles, J. A.
Form III B	Steel, R. J. S.	Steel, R. J. S.	Wilson, G. A.
Form III C	Judd, W. O.	Judd, W. O.	Judd, W. O.
Form III D	Browne, M. A.	Browne, M. A.	Browne, M. A.
Form II A	Jones, A. I.	(Sherington, B. B.)	(Swinburn, M. J.)
Form II B	Scammell, R. E.	Litchfield, P. W. O.	Maling, I. K.
Remove A	Hawke, D. O.	Hawke, D. O.	Cooper, A. F.
Remove B	Wells, G. S.	Studdy, T. B.	Carter, D. A.
Form I	Lawrence, J. E.	Lawrence, J. E.	Litchfield, C. I. A.

GENERAL MERIT: (Noble, R. A. S., Williams, B. E., Bryant, D. L.); (Maclean, W. H.), Foote, A. G., Shaffran, C. L., Gerrard, J. (Amos, B. J.), Read, D. J. C., Taylor, J. S., Conolly, W. B., Gambrill, J. H., and Shepherd, C. R., aeq., Wilson, J. D., Sinclair, P., Jones, D. G. O., Jarrett, C. S., Clarke, W. B., and Stowe, J. M., aeq., Burge, W. R., and Rickard, G. M., aeq., Graham, R. M., Capper, J. S. C., Kingsmill, R. A., Addison, A. C., Stone, C. D. G., and Merrillees, R. S., aeq., Craig, R. C., Merrillees, J. S.

SCHOLARSHIP LIST, 1949

A. B. S. White Scholarship	Blanshard, W. M.
Old Boys' Union Bursary	Austin, D. G.
Granger Exhibitions, No. 1	Craikanthorp, J. C.
.....	Heggaton, T. V.
.....	Wark, B. G.
.....	Oliver, C. A. H.
Bruce and Eldon Beale Memorial Prize	Willis, D.

Junior Scholarships:

Open Entrance	Meek, I. E.
Open to Boys within the School	Hooke, J. A. L.
.....	Kerr, I. F. R.
.....	Harpur, M. H.
Under 14	Corin, R. A.
.....	Clarke, T. J. O.
.....	Amos, B. J.
.....	Read, D. J.
.....	Cameron, R. I.
.....	Webster, D. A.
.....	Maclean, W. H.
Archbishop's Exhibitions	Tugwell, W. D.
.....	Begbie, A. S.
.....	Ashley Brown, P. W.
Christina Campbell Scholarships	McGrath, P. J.
.....	Henningham, J. G.

ACTING HEADMASTER'S REPORT FOR 1949.

We are very glad to welcome His Excellency here to-day, not only because of the honour he does us by his presence, but also because he is so much interested in young people, and looks upon them with sympathy and understanding.

General Northcott is one of Australia's most distinguished men. He is an officer of the Regular Army, whose service to his country as a soldier and also as a representative of the Government has been world wide. This service, commencing before 1914, has continued without a break up to the present time. As Adjutant of the 12th Battalion he took part in the Landing at Gallipoli and later was severely wounded. In the interval between the 1st and 2nd World Wars General Northcott held important Staff appointments in England and Australia and, on special duty, in Canada and U.S.A. At the outbreak of war in 1939 he was a senior Staff Officer. When the 1st Australian Armoured Division was formed General Northcott was chosen to lead it. Later he was appointed to command the Second Australian Corps, and finally for the last three years of the war he was Chief of General Staff, Australia and Allied Land Forces, at General MacArthur's Headquarters. At the end of the war General Northcott was appointed to be Commander-in-Chief of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force, Japan, a pre-eminent position which he only relinquished to become the first Australian Governor of New South Wales.

It is a great pleasure for us again to have in the chair His Grace the Archbishop. His Grace never spares himself when he can be of service to the School.

News from Mr. and Mrs. Robson throughout has been good. For many of us these few months have been enlivened by Mr. Robson's stimulating letters, which reveal an interest undiminished, a shrewdness unreduced, and a spirit undaunted. Mr. and Mrs. Robson sail on 16th December by the "Orcades," which is due to arrive in Sydney in January next. I do not know quite what Mr. Robson intends to do next year, but I do know that he has resigned from the Board of Secondary School Studies and that he does not intend to coach the Eight. The Board of Secondary School Studies was constituted over ten years ago to manage Secondary Education and to modify the system then in existence. Mr. Robson was a foundation member of the Board and served on it continuously from its inception until last May, as a representative of the Non-Departmental Schools. Mr. Robson, with his knowledge of the educational situation in Britain, U.S.A. and Australia, made an invaluable contribution to the work of the Board. In rowing, Mr. Robson occupies a unique position and has a reputation that extends beyond the boundaries of this country. No doubt his influence on rowing will not cease with his giving up the Eight. Mr. Robson coached the Eight in 1923, 1924, 1925, and after a break of two years, from 1928 until April of this year. His crews won the official race on six occasions and the unofficial race, during the war, on four occasions. In addition, the 1949 crew, carried through the final stages of its training by Alastair Robson, gained the victory. Mr. Robson regards rowing as a skilled co-ordination of body and mind, that only through style can reach perfection; the supreme test

of the perfect style being in racing, and the supreme reward a satisfying mental state.

This year has been an eventful one. There have been difficulties, disappointments and failures, but there have been successes, advances and achievements. This report, which deals with some of them, is a lengthy one and yet the half is not told.

The 60th Anniversary of the opening of the School occurred on 4th May of this year. Many letters and telegrams of congratulations and good wishes were received, and there were large attendances at the two Open Services held on 1st May. As a task appropriate to our 60th Anniversary, Mr. Robson, about two years ago, arranged for the collection of material relating to the history of the School. This task, undertaken by Professor E. R. Holme and Mr. George Dickenson, an Old Boy, is nearing completion. Professor Holme made it his particular contribution to write a history of the first Headmastership.

At the commencement of this year the strength of the School was 777, of whom 560 were day boys and 217 boarders. The Senior School contained 638 boys, the Junior School 139. The demand for enrolment at the School has grown enormously. It is quite impossible to accept more than a fraction of the applications made. The attention of all, Old Boys in particular, is drawn to this position. It would be unwise for those who wish to enrol boys for Shore to delay in making application.

Although no special appeal has been made, the War Memorial Fund continues to grow, the total amount now being £28,510, which is an increase of over £2,000 since this time last year. Donations received include one of £250 from an Old Boy, £726 from the O.B.U. Dance Committee, £164 from the "Mikado" productions, and £100 from the S.C.E.G.S. Association. The generous response that has led to the success of this Fund leads one to suppose that, when a start is made on the foundations of the Memorial Hall, the means for carrying it to a successful conclusion will not be lacking.

The Book of Remembrance, recently arrived from England, is available for inspection. It is a beautiful creation. The pages, lettered and illuminated by Mr. E. W. Roberts of Sydney, were taken to London, where W. H. Smith & Son bound them. Mr. Robson, after inspecting the book in London, had it sent to us.

A tablet in memory of John and Oliver Clegg Taylor has been placed in Room 23, which is now known as the John and Oliver Clegg Taylor Memorial Room.

The Chapel furnishings have been enriched by a memorial to Squadron Leader R. S. O. Marshall, D.F.C., in the form of a handsome desk for use in the vestry.

Chapel services have been marked by a great improvement in choir and congregational singing. In addition to the choir, about 80 senior boys and all those in III Forms are trained in the singing of sacred music. Many of the seniors take tenor or bass parts. On 4th November the A.B.C. made a recording of hymn singing in preparation for a broadcast. This will be made on 22nd January, 1950. The attendance at all Open and Special Services was always very good. The boys' contributions to Chapel collections have been distributed as usual amongst the many causes to which the School regularly sends donations.

We record with sorrow and with sympathy for their parents and relatives the deaths during the year of two of our boys, Harry Eames Budd and John Robert Pollock.

If I were asked to pick out one aspect only of our School life for comment, I would say that, in one way at least, we are succeeding in our educational aims. I refer to the inculcation of a spirit of toleration. There is nowadays little tendency here to despise another's interests just because they are not one's own. There is instead a respect for every good performance and for every activity, that calls for effort, perseverance and skill. Because of this, I hope our boys will go on and develop their powers of appreciation of literature and the other arts, and of human character, and will enjoy things of the mind so that when they have earned their living they will have something to live for.

Generally speaking, work in the class-room has been satisfactory. The Leaving Certificate results of 1948 were not very good at the Honours standard, though Pass results were much as usual. Our best result was the winning of two Liversidge Scholarships by two boys, taught by Mr. Pascoe, A. W. McAuley and R. F. C. Brown, who occupied first and second places in Chemistry. A. W. McAuley and D. Willis secured the maximum pass and R. M. McCredie missed it narrowly. These four boys, and D. K. Budd, were awarded Leaving Certificate Exhibitions. There were twelve 1st Class Honours and eight 2nd Class. Eighty-three boys passed the examination. Two of these boys have recently gained distinction that may rightly be included in their School records. McCredie has been awarded a Gowrie Scholarship ("Torchbearer Foundation"). This valuable scholarship, tenable at the University for the duration of the course taken, is only awarded to students of exceptional merit. McCredie is our first Gowrie Scholar. The name "Torchbearer Foundation" attached to this Scholarship is an acknowledgment of the gift of £1,000 to the Gowrie Foundation from the School's War Fund, and does not entitle the School to any special consideration. Yesterday the President of the Constitutional Association of N.S.W., Mr. R. S. Jarman, an Old Boy, presented to R. F. C. Brown the Association's Medal and Prize for an essay written and submitted by him last year. The subject was "Australia's Greatest Statesman" and Roger Brown chose to write on Sir Alfred Deakin.

The Intermediate Certificate Examination results of 1948 were satisfactory, 101 out of 126 passing. This year has seen further changes in the conditions of the Intermediate Certificate Examination, in that it is now wholly internal. The results depend entirely on the School's recommendations, provided that the subjects selected are chosen from certain groups. Our Intermediate Certificate Examination was carried out at the School during the second half of November, the changed conditions thus allowing the boys two more weeks of study before undergoing the test. Although the results will not be published until January, our recommendations may be disclosed. They are that 100 out of 144 be given a pass.

The School has for some time been fortunate in its team in music and drama. This year, in addition to the musical work in Chapel, there have been "The Mikado," Senior Play Day, Junior Play Day, and the Preparatory School Concert. All agree that the production of "The Mikado" was most successful. It so happened that just the right people for the leading roles were all here this year, but still Mrs. Allman, Mrs. Benjamin, Mr. Grigg and Mr. Sawkins, and all those who assisted them, had to work on much raw and untrained material. The result was extremely good, and was an eloquent tribute to their skill and enthusiasm. One cannot fail to remark the great

pleasure the cast derived from the work and the unlimited keenness displayed.

The Preparatory School Concert was delightful. Mr. Allman is to be complimented on the singing, and Mr. Brierley, Mr. Haslam and Mr. Porter on the plays and acting.

I am sure that the School wishes me to take this opportunity of repeating its thanks to the masters and all the parents, friends and Old Boys who helped, and of congratulating all the performers.

Mr. W. Sawkins makes a statement on Senior and Junior Play Days:

"Senior Play Day, in which the VI, V, and IV Forms and the Houses participate, was held for the tenth year in succession in the Independent Theatre at the end of Term II, and Junior Play Day for the 'S' and III Forms and the Preparatory School, at the close of this term. Altogether 18 plays have been produced this year. The average standard of acting and productions reached at Senior Play Day was not nearly so high as that of last year. However, the Adjudicator, Mr. Adrian Borzell, spoke highly of two plays, to one of which, "Three Scenes from Hamlet," presented by IVA2, he awarded the Play Day Prize. Again over 100 boys took part in the two sessions, beginning at 10.45 a.m. and ending at 4.30 p.m. The programme included two original plays written by Shore boys. It has always been regretted that because of the small seating capacity of the Independent Theatre invitations to attend Play Days can be extended only to the parents of the actors and stage hands. It is hoped in future to repeat three or four plays at an evening performance to which all parents will be invited. The programme of nine one-act plays presented at Junior Play Day was an interesting one and reached a very good standard. The programme included the final act of the full play 'Khartoum,' written by Mr. I. F. Jones. We again gratefully acknowledge the help given to the School by the British Drama League (particularly Mr. Borzell) and by the officers of the Independent Theatre."

Our facilities for sport have been fully employed. The difficulties that arose during the war years have not all been removed, and masters still find our sport hampered by shortages of material and labour. The provision of adequate sport for over 750 boys is an enormous task, and one in which I am afraid we cannot claim 100 per cent. of success. Without the ready services of masters, Old Boys and present boys, as organisers, coaches and referees, and in care of grounds, the general success of our sporting activities would not have been possible.

Our tennis has suffered severely because courts at the School have been lacking. The difficulty was to select the suitable type of court, the prime condition being that no upkeep would be required. Recently two new courts were completed, for which we have to thank the S.C.E.G.S. Association, who gave the courts, and Mr. H. G. Pratten, who donated the wire netting, otherwise unprocurable. Mr. Pratten's generosity is well known within the School. This year he has also given us the wire for the new fence around the Northbridge Ground. Cricket has been, as usual, very active. Large numbers of matches were played every Saturday. The 1st's had a season of ups and downs, winning four matches and losing three to finish fifth in the competition. The 2nd's won three matches, drew one and lost two. All the junior teams have done well. At the end of last Xmas holidays the 1st XI went to Queensland and played

Brisbane C.E.G.S. and Toowoomba Grammar School, winning both matches. Arrangements have been made for a return match against Brisbane C.E.G.S., to be played at Northbridge next Easter. The football season was one of the best we have ever had, although the 1st XV only came third in the G.P.S. Competition. The 2nd XV were premiers, and the 3rd XV came second. All other teams won the bulk of their matches, the School fielding over 20 teams every Saturday. All rowing now takes place at Gladesville, where the water and other conditions are better than at Berry's Bay. In this year's Regatta the Eight, coached for the last three weeks of its training by Alastair Robson, won a magnificent race by over half a length. The Fours were sound and did well against unusually strong opposition. The rowing season extends from October to April, its highlights being the Rowing Camp, the Riverview Regatta, the University Regatta, and the Head of the River races. The shooting teams were unsuccessful this year, but a large number of boys were trained and much solid and enjoyable work was done. Swimming is popular, the swimming sports and the meetings held with other schools always being very successful functions. Athletics always arouses great interest. The School sports and the Preparatory School sports were most successful. Our Seniors were not strong this year, but our Juniors were very good, winning the Junior Shield at the G.P.S. Athletic Sports by half a point against a strong field.

Major A. E. Mitchell reports:

"The work of the Cadet Unit has proceeded smoothly, in spite of interruptions caused by bad weather. However, the training has progressed efficiently, and great enthusiasm has been shown. Strength has been maintained, and a general increase in the establishments of Cadet Units has brought our entitlement up to 20 commissioned Officers, four of them being members of the teaching staff. The increase has made possible the appointment of a HQ. Lieutenant to assist the Adjutants, and of 2 I.C.'s of "B" and "C" Coys., whose duties include the regular training of N.C.O.'s. Fifty-nine cadets have held non-commissioned rank during the year, so that the Unit is fulfilling one of the duties of a Cadet Corps in providing opportunities of leadership. The year has seen a great advance in the use of training aids. The curtains supplied in Rooms 22 and 23 have made possible the screening of training films almost weekly. Sand-table work has been re-instituted, and has provoked beneficial discussions of tactical problems. The normal non-specialist training has been carried on with first and second year cadets, their work including the Bren L.M.G., the Grenade, the 2-in. Mortar and Map Reading. The 3rd Year cadets have received specialist training in the Six-pounder, Vickers M.M.G., 3-in. Mortar, Sigs., and Intelligence. It is hoped that this specialist work can in future be introduced in the second year, especially with Boy Scouts, who will be able to continue their signalling and map-reading in the respective specialist sections of the cadets.

"Shooting has received attention. The Unit was again placed second to St. John's, Woodlawn, in the 1948-1949 'Bulletin Trophy' Competition fired in camp last December. One of the highlights of the year's training was the eminently successful Range and Field Day held on 9th August. Recruits fired practices on the miniature range, whilst all 2nd and 3rd Year cadets fired on the open range at Chatswood, and took part in a tactical exercise in the Fuller's

Bridge area. The 'I' section proved its worth in supplying a splendid 12 in. to 1 mile map of the locality.

"On 16th August the Unit had the distinction of providing a Guard of Honour at the Anzac Memorial Hall, Cammeray, for His Excellency the Governor of N.S.W. A message of thanks received from the State Council of the R.S.L, stated: "The turnout and bearing of the troops was a credit to their school and a compliment to the R.S.L." On October 25 the G.O.C., Eastern Command, Lieutenant-General F. H. Berryman, reviewed the Unit and congratulated all concerned on the excellence of the parade. In both ceremonials the Unit's performance was greatly assisted by the excellence of the Band, which has been further increased by the purchase of two tenor drums and a pair of cymbals, and the issue of two more side-drums."

Flight Lieutenant C. S. Tiley reports:

"There are 80 on strength, 11 of whom are of N.C.O. rank. The Flight attended an attachment to Richmond R.A.A.F. in December last, where a squad from the Flight won the N. G. Woods Cup for the inter-Flight Drill Competition, thus holding this and the shooting trophy as well. A team from the Flight was placed fourth in the Shooting Competition on November 5; it is anticipated that the Drill Competition will be held at the attachment to Richmond R.A.A.F. in December. In training in Service subjects, the Flight has maintained a good record, and has attained results which are well ahead of other Flights in the Squadron. There are 39 cadets holding 1st Proficiency Certificates, and six more in addition holding 2nd Proficiency Certificates. Those in the recruit class have progressed satisfactorily, but the 2nd and 3rd Year trainees have made slower progress, owing principally to changes in the Instructional Staff at Headquarters, which caused certain courses to drag out longer than is necessary or desirable. The Flight has had the assistance of Mr. R. M. Blanshard, an Old Boy, this term. This help has been much appreciated."

The Group Scout Master, the Rev. N. a'B. T. Backhouse, reports:

"The Shore Scout Group, now comprising a Senior Troop, a Junior Troop, and a Sea Scout Troop, provides 60 scouts in all, with opportunities for healthy and happy use of their leisure hours. A feature of this activity is the enthusiastic support of parents, who have visited camps and attended meetings, undertaken work, and raised considerable funds for building and equipment. The President of the Parents' Committee this year is Mr. C. O. Neale, an Old Boy. The Shore Scouts, under the guidance of keen Scouters, two of whom are Old Boys of the School, have acquitted themselves creditably in various activities of the North Metropolitan Area of the Boy Scouts' Association. A large number attended the Pan-Pacific Jamboree held at Wonga Park, Victoria, in the Christmas holidays."

The boys, under the leadership of the Second Prefect, have continued to collect money to provide food parcels for British school-boys. Enterprising Forms have conducted competitions of all kinds to increase the funds. Parcels have been sent to Shrewsbury School, Christ's Hospital and St. John's College, Surrey. I think we should congratulate the boys on their enterprise and generosity.

A number of debates took place in the first Term, and three boys were selected as the School team for the G.P.S. debates held in Term II. This team defeated Riverview, but was defeated by Scots and

Sydney High School. In the Second and Third Terms there have been several V and IV Form Debates, which have revealed a number of promising speakers. An active Chess Club has been formed and has sent teams to other schools to play matches. In July the "Shore Weekly Record" had its tenth birthday. Its editorial committees and the masters who have stood by them have maintained the paper at a very high standard and have made a valuable contribution to the life of the School. Acknowledgment should here be made of the excellent work done by the "Torch-Bearer" Editorial Committee.

The Old Boys' Union has completed another successful year. The Old Boys' Dinner, the Old Boys' Tea, both held in the School Dining Hall, and the Old Boys' Dance were all well attended and were, as usual, notable for their spirit of warm friendliness and happy conviviality. In addition, the Old Boys' Service and the Lodge Torch-Bearer Service each filled the School Chapel in which they were held.

The achievements of Old Boys cover so wide a field and are so numerous that only a few of them are recorded here. There were present in England at the same time early this year six Old Boy Rhodes Scholars—V. H. Treatt, I. G. Esplin, E. B. J. Smith, B. H. Travers, W. W. Woodward, and L. W. Davies. The last four of these were actually up at Oxford at the same time. The "Torch-Bearer" contains a photograph of a group of five of these Old Boys, Vernon Treatt, who is Leader of the Opposition in the N.S.W. Parliament, unfortunately not being included. L. W. Davies gained his Blue for Athletics, winning the High Jump for Oxford in the recent Inter-Varsity sports, and was a member of the Oxford and Cambridge Athletic Team that visited U.S.A. and Canada. He is doing special work on atomic structure for his Ph.D. B. H. Travers is back in Australia again after gaining his B.A. and writing a thesis for his B.Litt., the result of which is not yet known. He got his Blue for Cricket and for Football and his half-Blue for Athletics. He played football six times for England and spent 12 months as an assistant master at Wellington College, Berkshire. W. W. Woodward gained his Blue for Rowing and was elected Secretary of the O.U.B.C., but did not take up the task. He passed the first part of the examination for F.R.C.S., but was prevented from completing it because of an unexpected return to Australia. E. B. J. Smith rowed in the Oxford Trial Eight and in the Isis Crew, and gained great credit as a coach. He is doing research in Chemistry for his Ph.D. I. G. Esplin stroked the Trial Eight, was a member of the Isis Crew, and was elected Secretary of the O.U.B.C., but was prevented from occupying this position by the outbreak of war. He was President of the Junior Common Room of his College, and gained his M.A. Degree. He is now Wing-Commander, R.A.F.

T. J. Dunbabin, a Fellow of All Souls, was recently elected Senior Proctor of Oxford University for 1949. He is a distinguished archaeologist and was awarded the D.S.O. for his services during the war in Crete and the Mediterranean. Dr. D. M. Myers, for some time past the Director of a Department of the National Standards Laboratory, has been appointed Professor of Electrical Engineering in the University of Sydney. Dr. J. S. Robertson has been appointed Professor of Pathology in Adelaide. I. G. Ross, who recently graduated M.Sc. (Sydney), has arrived in England, having been awarded a valuable Australian National University Scholarship.

In the recent Olympic Games Shore was represented by no less than four Old Boys. Warren Boyd represented Australia in Swim-

ming, Bruce Goswell was reserve to the Australian four-oared crew, C. B. M. Lloyd represented Great Britain in the eight-oared crew, and W. W. Woodward also represented Great Britain in the Four-oared crew. The winning N.S.W. crew, coached by W. K. Thomas, having as two of its number R. L. Selman and B. Goswell, has been chosen to represent Australia in the Empire Games in February next. C. B. M. Lloyd rowed in the winning Cambridge crew in the 'Varsity Boat Race, and also was a member of the Lady Margaret Boat Club crew that won the Ladies' Plate in record time. I. A. Curlewis and A. W. McAuley were in the winning Sydney crew in the Inter-'Varsity Boat Race in Australia.

The S.C.E.G.S. Association continues to perform its function of providing common ground on which friends of the School can meet and maintain the contacts they value so highly. The Association held a very successful Annual Meeting and an even more successful American Tea, from the proceeds of which £100 was given to the War Memorial Fund and £520 to the Council to meet the cost of the new tennis courts.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed on to the Staff: Mr. G. T. Bawtree, Mr. L. M. Jamieson, B.A., Mr. C. J. Nommensen, B.A., Dip.Ed., and Mr. M. F. Porter, B.A., and later, because of Mr. Robson's absence, Mr. S. C. Noake, B.A. We have had with us throughout the year, on exchange, the Reverend H. T. G. Forster, M.A. (Cambridge), from Shrewsbury. Mr. Forster has entered enthusiastically into all sides of School life, and leaves us with our best wishes. Mr. P. R. M. Jenkins, after an enjoyable and profitable sojourn at Shrewsbury, is to rejoin us at the beginning of next term. Mr. A. D. Cameron has been carrying on the Art Classes during Mr. J. W. Lipscomb's absence. Mr. Lipscomb, after extensive studies in his subject in England and on the Continent, will be in Sydney again before Xmas, and will resume his classes next year.

During the year one member of the Council, Rev. O. G. Dent, L.Th., an Old Boy, retired, having left Sydney. His place was taken by Rev. S. C. S. Begbie, Th.L., also an Old Boy. The School wishes to express its gratitude to Rev. O. G. Dent, and at the same time welcome Rev. S. C. S. Begbie as a member of the Council.

In conclusion, I cannot express adequately my appreciation of all that has been done for me. Let me then say, simply, that I thank all the boys for so cheerfully doing whatever was asked of them, the Prefects, who made it their business to look after the School and to see me through, and my colleagues, who have given me such encouragement and unstinted support. So much for myself. I now have to thank, on behalf of the School, the Council for their untiring service in its interests, the masters for their initiative and devotion, and the Old Boys, parents and friends for their generous help and encouragement.