



**Sydney Church of England  
Grammar School**

North Sydney

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**December, 1951**

# Sydney Church of England Grammar School

## Speech Day—13th December, 1951



Visitors are requested to take their seats in the marquee before 2.45 p.m.  
3.00 p.m.: A short service will be held in the marquee.



### 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.



3.15 p.m.: The chair will be taken by His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney.

Summary of Headmaster's Report.

Presentation of Prizes.

Address by Sir Robert R. Garran, G.C.M.G., K.C., M.A.

Vote of thanks (the Senior Prefect).

### HYMN.

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
Thanks for mercies past receive;  
Pardon all, their faults confessing;  
Time that's lost may all retrieve;  
May thy children  
Ne'er again Thy Spirit grieve.

Let Thy Father-hand be shielding  
All who here shall meet no more;  
May their seed-time past be yielding  
Year by year a richer store;  
Those returning  
Make more faithful than before.

National Anthem.

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

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

**Council:**

Rev. Canon R. J. HEWETT, Th.L.  
Rev. FRANK CASH, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.  
Rev. S. C. S. BEGBIE, Th.L.  
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Rev. R. P. GEE, Th.L.  
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D.A.  
His Honour Judge ADRIAN CURLEWIS.  
Mr. J. E. M. DIXON, B.Ec.  
Mr. R. E. LUDOWICI  
Professor D. M. MYERS, B.Sc., D.Sc.  
(Eng.).

**Hon. Secretary:** Mr. R. B. HIPSLEY, B.E.

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**Headmaster:** \*L. C. ROBSON, M.C., M.A. (Oxford), B.Sc. (Sydney) (5).

**Second Master:** E. M. BAGOT, M.A. (Adelaide).

**Chaplain:** Rev. N. αB. T. BACKHOUSE, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Melbourne).

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

**House Masters:**

\*E. M. BAGOT, M.A. (Adelaide) (4) ..... Hodges House  
C. S. TILEY, B.E. (Sydney) ..... Robson House  
\*P. H. ELDERSHAW, B.A. (Sydney) (1) ..... Barry House  
P. R. M. JENKINS, B.A. (Sydney) ..... School House

**Masters:**

E. J. CLINCH, B.A., B.Sc. (Sydney).  
J. B. BURRELL, B.A. (Melbourne).  
\*I. F. JONES, M.A. (Queensland) (2).  
H. W. GRIGG, B.A. (Sydney).  
J. N. PASCOE, B.Ec. (Sydney).  
W. SAWKINS, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Sydney).  
T. B. WHIGHT, B.A. (Queensland).  
R. A. GILFILLAN, B.A. (Sydney).  
W. M. MCGREGOR.  
A. R. RUPP, B.A. (Sydney).  
T. MILFULL, B.A. (Queensland).  
D. P. FOMENKO, B.Ec., M.Litt.  
W. H. BRIERLEY.  
W. N. DOWLING, B.A. (Sydney).  
N. M. GODDARD, B.E. (Sydney).  
J. V. TERRY, B.A. (Sydney).  
H. C. W. PRINCE, M.A. (Oxford).  
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Coll.).  
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T. H. VISSER, Ph.D. (Utrecht), Mus.D.  
(London).  
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Dip.Ed. (Sydney).  
I. R. BERNARD, B.Sc., Dip.Ed. (Syd-  
ney).  
\*J. W. LIPSCOMB (7).  
N. A. EMERY.  
I. B. MACHIN.  
R. S. WALTERS, B.A. (Sydney).

\*Senior Masters in (1) English and History; (2) Classics; (3) Modern Languages;  
(4) Science; (5) Mathematics; (6) Music; (7) Art.

J. H. DIXON (late 2nd A.I.F.) ..... Sergeant-Major  
Miss M. G. KEYTE ..... Piano  
Mrs. G. FAUNCE ALLMAN ..... Orchestra

**Bursar:** R. ANDERSON.

**School Medical Officer:** H. HUNTER JAMIESON, E.D., M.B., Ch.M (Sydney),  
F.R.C.S. (Edinburgh), F.R.A.C.S.

### PREFECTS:

Senior: BENNETT, F. S.

Second: JAMIESON, W. L.

AMOS, B. J.  
BLACKWELL, D. E. W.  
CLARKE, T. J. O.

CONOLLY, W. B.  
LITCHFIELD, R. O.  
OLIVER, C. A. H.

STEELE, P. R. M.  
VIVERS, J. W. L.  
WARDEN, J. C.

### Sub-Prefects:

BAWDEN, E. H.  
BRADHURST, P. G.  
CAMERON, R. S.  
GAMBRILL, J. H.  
GAMBRILL, P. F.  
GREEN, K. L. D.

JONES, B. R. K.  
JULIUS, G. A. C.  
McBEAN, J. D.  
MICHELMORE, J. M.  
NORTHAM, W. B.  
ST. HEAPS, K. J.

SENDALL, A. J. C.  
SHERINGTON, W. D.  
TRAILL, R. W.  
TREATT, V. H.  
TUGWELL, W. D.

### CAPTAINS OF SPORT:

Athletics: GAMBRILL, J. H.  
Boats: NORTHAM, W. B.  
SENDALL, A. J. C.  
Cricket: MICHELMORE, J. M.

Football: STEELE, P. R. M.  
MASON, B. C.  
Swimming: HOLMAN, J. W.  
Tennis: BARNIER, A. B.

### SCHOLARSHIP LIST, 1951

A. B. S. White Scholarship .....	Bennett, F. S.
Old Boys' Union Bursary .....	Not awarded
Grainger and J. N. Graham Exhibitions .....	{ Escott, C. D. Macoun, K. G. Sabine, C. N. B. Tugwell, W. D.
Bruce and Eldon Beale Memorial Prize .....	Webster, D. A.
<b>Junior Scholarships:</b>	
Open Entrance .....	Meek, I. E. Plomley, E. D. Stewart, P. S. B.
Open to Boys within the School .....	Harpur, M. H. McGrath, P. J. Stiles, J. A.
Under 14 years .....	{ Amos, B. J. Cameron, R. S. Read, D. J. C. Wolstenholme, P. M. Stowe, J. M. Goulston, K. J. Setchell, G. H. Clarke, W. B.
Archbishop's Exhibitions .....	Ashley-Brown, P. W. Dunstan, J. D. { Broadley, J. R. Hulme-Moir, F. I.
Christina Campbell Scholarships .....	Sherington, B. B. Cooper, A. F.

## PRIZE LIST, 1951

### SIXTH FORM:

Brian Pockley Memorial Prize .....	Bennett, F. S.
Burke Prize and United Services Prize (1st in General Proficiency) .....	Harpur, M. H.
War Memorial Prize (2nd in General Proficiency) ....	Taylor, R. R.
Percival Sharpe Memorial Prize (Form Prize) .....	Read, D. J. C.
Harold Dean and R. S. Reid Prizes (Mathematics) ....	Clarke, T. J. O.
A. H. Wade Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	Amos, B. J.
Russell Sinclair Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	Bradhurst, P. G.
Donald Muston Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	Sherington, W. D.
Charlton Prize (Divinity) .....	Harpur, M. H.
J. S. Wilson Memorial Prize (English) .....	Innes, J. S.
David Cowlshaw Memorial Prize (Latin) .....	{ Bishop, A. S.
	{ Shortridge, K.
Herbert Kendall Memorial Prize (French) .....	Harpur, M. H.
Ian Menzies Memorial Prize (History) .....	Gale, W. L.
Monteith Cowper Wood Memorial Prize (Physics) ....	{ Oliver, C. A. H.
	{ Read, D. J. C.
John Kingsmill Phillips Memorial Prize (Chemistry) ...	Harpur, M. H.
Desmond Hum Memorial Prize (Geography) .....	Pratten, C. H.

### FIFTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (VA Form) .....	McGrath, P. J.
Hunter Stephenson Prize (Mathematics) .....	McGrath, P. J.
Eric Mileham Litchfield Memorial Prize (General Merit)	Wolstenholme, P. M.

### FOURTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (IVA Form) .....	Stiles, J. A.
Roy Milton Prize (French) .....	Stiles, J. A.
L. R. Benjamin Memorial Prize (Science) .....	Stiles, J. A.
Geoffrey Cohen Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	{ McLelland, M. H.
	{ Stowe, J. M.

### SUB-INTERMEDIATE FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (SA1 Form) .....	{ Plomley, E. D.
	{ Thomas, M. A. W.
Hunter Stephenson Prize (French) .....	Plomley, E. D.
The Selby Prize (Physics and Chemistry) .....	{ Thomas, M. A. W.
	{ Woodley, G. E.

### THIRD FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (IIIA Form) .....	Dowe, A. C.
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### PREPARATORY SCHOOL

John Scott Memorial Form Prize (IIA Form) .....	Stiles, G. R.
John Scott Memorial Mathematics Prize (Division 6A)	Stiles, G. R.

### SPECIAL PRIZES:

Uther Catechism Prize .....	Beatty, H. K.
David Davies Memorial Choir Prize .....	Collison, D. R.
D. J. Richards Memorial Prize .....	Clarke, T. J. O.
John Jamieson Memorial Prize (General Knowledge in Upper School) .....	Johnston, I. L.
E. T. Thring Memorial Prize (Art) .....	Bishop, A. S.
"Torch-Bearer" Prize .....	Clarke, T. J. O.
Old Boys' Union Prize .....	Oliver, C. A. H.
"Lodge Torch-Bearer" Prize .....	Taylor, B. T.
General Knowledge Prizes .....	{ Bond, H. G.
	{ Nock, D. G. T.

## PRIZE LIST—(Continued)

Debating Prizes (The Headmaster) .....	Taylor, B. T. Shand, R. T. Innes, J. S. Johnston, I. L.	}
Choir Prizes .....	Kelynack, C. R. Doring, C.	}
<b>Play Day Awards:</b> Senior .....	IVA1	
Junior .....	III A	
Original Play .....	Bennett, J. M.	
<b>Art:</b> Junior .....	Roberts, R. M.	
<b>Music:</b> Practical, Senior .....	Chapman, R. J. Escott, C. D.	}
Junior .....	Bull, N. G. Caro, P. A.	}
Theory .....	Bull, N. G. White, R. G. S.	}
Musical Perception (Mr. R. G. H. Walmsley) .....		
<b>Orchestra Prizes</b> .....	Shearman, I. H. Blackwell, D. E. W.	

	DIVINITY		FORM		DIVISION
Form VI	A (Harpur, M. H.)		(Read, D. J. C.)		(Clarke, T. J. O.)
Form VI	B Peak, H. J.		Wolfgarten, D. F. M.		Read, D. J. C.
Form VI	C Stowell, G. B.		Draper, G. R.		_____
Form V	A King, T. O. B.		(McGrath, P. J.)		(McGrath, P. J.)
Form V	B Silk, J. A.		Silk, J. A.		Crawford, J. C.
Form V	C Hosking, R. W.		Osborne, W. F. C.		Wilson, R. A.
Form V	D _____		Ross, H. D. W.		_____
Form IV	A1 Stiles, J. A.		(Stiles, J. A.)		Stiles, J. A.
Form IV	A2 Finney, D. J.		Houstone, A. B.		Minns, M. A.
Form IV	B1 Maccallum, D. E.		Conolly, R. D.		Conolly, R. D.
Form IV	B2 Beckerleg, P. B.		Murdoch, C. R.		Lemon, G. A.
Form IV	C Gillard, G. R.		Capper, J. S. C.		Engert, J. C.
Form S	A1 Mitchell, A. S.		{ (Plomley, E. D.)		{ Plomley, E. D.
Form S	A2 Atkinson, J. H. D.		{ (Thomas, M. A. W.)		{ Thomas, M. A. W.
Form S	B1 McGuiness, I. F.		Jaffray, G. E.		Wilson, J. C.
Form S	B2 Whereat, D. C.		Sundstrup, E.		Sundstrup, E.
Form S	C Gurner, A. J.		Gilbert, R. W.		Gilbert, R. W.
			Siddins, C. C.		Herbert, G. E.
Form III	A Ferris, T. W.		(Dowe, A. C.)		Cooper, A. F.
Form III	B Brown, M. G. C.		Spalding, M.		Spalding, M.
Form III	C McCredie, P. I.		St. Clair, I. J. M.		Sheen, T. W.
Form III	D Fenwicke, A. T.		Wood, O. J. T.		Perry, D. K. W.
Form II	A Stiles, G. R.		(Stiles, G. R.)		(Stiles, G. R.)
Form II	B Brogan, J. M.		Vonwiller, J. B.		Vonwiller, J. B.
Remove	A Langley, D. W. A.		Tonkin, J. M.		Sinclair, R.
Remove	B Sedgley, M. G.		Macready, R. H.		Fowler, R. B.
Form I	Myers, P. W. H.		Myers, P. W. H.		Myers, P. W. H.

GENERAL MERIT: (Amos, B. J., Bradhurst, P. G., Sherington, W.D.); (Wolstenholme, P. M.), Escott, C. D., Dunn, H. D.; Baldwin, M. C., Wanless, K. C.; (McLelland, M. H., and Stowe, J. M.), Gordon, C. B.; Doney, R. J. H., Hicks, R. G.; Kingsmill, R. A., Jones, A. I., Thorpe, P. C., Turner, R. W.; Ford, J. S., Haynes, W. W., Moran, D. S., Mason, A. R.; Carr, R. P., Worthington, B. B.; Dixon, P. N., Sedgley, M. G.; McHutchison, J. B., McHutchison, H. B.

## HEADMASTER S REPORT FOR 1951.

It is a great pleasure, as well as an honour, to have Sir Robert Garran as our guest this year. On many grounds he is entitled to be ranked among the really distinguished Australians. He is an eminent scholar of our own University and a noted jurist. He has played a notable part in the affairs of the Commonwealth, even from the time when Federation was being planned. It is of interest to us particularly that he was well acquainted with the School in the time of the first Headmaster, to whom he is related by marriage.

Another School year is drawing to a close. A survey of the internal life of the School during the year ought to give us much satisfaction. Many things have been done extremely well, and I do not think that we have slipped back in any significant respect. The atmosphere is good, there is a good feeling towards the common discipline, and an improved attitude of lively co-operation. Perhaps in these respects the School has seldom been better. There has been plenty for boys to do in work and games and various forms of recreation, and I think that most boys have thoroughly enjoyed their School life. However, the satisfaction that one feels on these grounds is dimmed by the fact that the problems of finance and management are still extremely grave. It is a most unfortunate state of affairs that, whereas the School is healthy and active in its educational work and ready to take full advantage of any additional opportunities, we are prevented from moving ahead with our programme of development by circumstances quite beyond our control. There is no sign of early relief from this feeling of frustration. Indeed, it is sufficiently difficult to maintain the ordinary services of supply and cleaning and catering and the like, upon which the daily life depends.

Unfortunately, the Council have had to increase the fees twice during the year. I think that it is fully understood by parents that these increases are inevitable and no explanation of them is necessary. We hope that it is also understood that the Council are thoroughly alarmed at the additional burden that they have been obliged to place upon parents, and that increases have been made most reluctantly and only after anxious thought. All the possibilities that have been thought of or suggested by others have been carefully considered. There is little chance of saving expenditure without injustice to staff, or grave deterioration of property, or severe restriction of the School life. I am sure that nobody wants to risk any of these results. Similarly, we do not think that parents would like the methods of increasing receipts which have in all good faith been suggested. The straightforward step of charging fees to cover expenses is the best in the long run. A difficulty is that it is quite impossible to estimate expenses in advance, and it has therefore again been for the greater part of the year a stern chase after mounting costs. The instance which recently was published in the "Record" shows how rapidly costs mount. It was then pointed out that the November rise in the basic wage increases our expenses by about £3 per term per boy. In a recent circular the Council gave notice that they would reserve freedom to make a surcharge of not more than 10 per cent. in any future term. In the present circumstances this has been accepted as wise and reasonable, though we all hope that the need will be avoided.

The Commonwealth Government has not so far agreed to allow deductions from taxable income in respect of school fees, or in respect of gifts to schools such as ours. The Headmasters are disappointed at this. They believed that the case presented to the Government was very strong.

We have again had splendid help from several of those whose work is chiefly behind the scenes. The foreman, Mr. Chambers, is



always ready to do anything within his power, and so are his assistants. Unfortunately, he has taken too much out of himself recently and has had to have a spell from work. He is back for Speech Day, and I hope that he has learned to conserve his energies and not to run when walking will suffice. This is a far bigger place than is realised and there is always work to be done by the three carpenters. Similarly, three painters constantly employed are necessary to keep buildings in reasonable condition. A great effort has been made to keep up to this work, but the demand for such men is so great that we have seldom been fully served. Nevertheless, much improvement has been made during the year. The Housekeeper, Mrs. McCormick, deserves particular thanks. The task of catering for 250 meals three times a day and providing cooking and other services is terrific. There have been numerous crises in this department of the School, but she has managed cheerfully to keep the wheels turning. A reorganisation of duties during the year enabled an important reduction to be made in the number employed in the kitchen; or, perhaps one should say, in the number who would be employed if we could get them. Whatever the conditions, these employees nowadays are temporary in the extreme.

Boys have again been very helpful. There is no doubt we shall have to continue to expect boys to do certain tasks. It may seem at first sight that this is entirely a good thing; and, indeed, I am sure that it has done far more good than harm. There are obvious disadvantages, as, for example, that the burden of organisation by masters is increased, and that boys are available only at those limited times when they are free from School engagements; there is, in fact, not a great deal that they can do to help in the daily round of duties. An advantage is that they become more sympathetic to routine, and feel an increased responsibility. Apart from the routine of sweeping, bedmaking, waiting at table and so on, there have been several very good things done by boys. Parts of the interior of School House have been renovated by some boarders in a most efficient manner, and similar work has been done in some of the other houses. At Northbridge and on the North Sydney ground many very important jobs have been done. The most spectacular of these is the replacement of the seats round the Main Oval. The old seats have been an eyesore for many years. They have been replaced by 30 green hardwood seats on concrete legs. These are so solid that we may confidently expect that at the next turn of the century the manufacturers of them will be returning as Old Boys to show off their handiwork proudly to their grandsons. I think that there is still room for far more initiative on the part of boys in finding ways of helping the School forward; but I commend heartily those who have shown this quality so far.

Small but important additions have been made to the School properties during the year. The corner separating the Junior House from Lord Street is now ours, though it is unlikely that we shall be able for some time to remove the old structures from it. The land at Gladesville has been doubled in extent by purchase of a block adjoining it on the south, towards the Point. This includes a Nissen Hut, which gives us room for tub furs and pairs and so provides badly needed elbow room in the main shed. It is more important that it secures for us for the future enough land in a sheltered position to provide for any increase of rowing that we can foresee. I should like to see the land at Gladesville tidied and planted in such a way as to make a pleasant picnic ground; the boys have been trying to make a start in this direction, at the instance of Mr. Gilfillan, but the task is too big for their odd moments.

Much thought is now being given to the future of the Memorial Playing Fields at Northbridge. The object is to determine an arrange-

ment of fields so as to enable the area to be used to greatest effect, and then to follow, however slowly, a scheme of development towards the arrangement determined. The problem is complicated by the publication of the County of Cumberland Planning Scheme, which provides for the Warringah Expressway to pass across the north-western corner. The proposed new road does not greatly affect the playing area now in use, but it covers much of the undeveloped and low-lying paddock to the north of B, C and D Grounds. We are aware that some believe that the Expressway will never be built, but we must consider it to be possible. The most important feature of our planning is likely to be the extension of C and D Grounds to the north in order to make them ample in size. This will call for some thousands of cubic yards of filling to be tipped to the north and worked into place. It may take some years, and that is the stronger reason for starting soon. We are likely to be calling for the assistance of our friends who are architects and builders in having suitable filling diverted in our direction. We very urgently need more and better dressing accommodation at Northbridge, but I cannot see how we are to spare the money for this yet. The surfaces of A and B Grounds have been greatly improved during the year by the hard work of the groundsmen, but the improvement of C and D represents yet another thing that we can only hope for.

There is no visible progress towards the Memorial Hall, but the detailed plans have been completed and the specification written with a view to another attempt to obtain a reasonable price for building. This is, in fact, a good step forward. The fund now has received donations amounting to £32,475, and the net total, after adding interest and subtracting expenses, which include fees to the architect, is £35,068. There have been several valuable gifts to it during the year, including large sums from the O.B.U. resulting from the Dance and from the Association from the American Tea.

We shall have next year a most important addition to our buildings. The Art Building will then be in use, and I have no doubt that, under Mr. Lipscomb's control, it will give much interest and pleasure. With permission of Mrs. E. T. Thring, we are applying to this her generous gift and the building will be a memorial to her late husband, who was so highly honoured in this community. I am quite ready to admit that the position seems odd at present, but it is placed so as to fit into the bigger scheme which we are working out for the eastern side of the School. The building has to have a further piece on its western side before becoming complete. It is a pity that it could not all be done at once, but the cost of that which is now under construction is as much as we can spare.

Experience shows that I ought again to refer to enrolments, at the risk of repeating what has often been said. The number of applications that we have received is quite fantastic. We have enrolments on record well into the 1960's, and places in the Preparatory School must depend for some years ahead upon withdrawals. Such withdrawals always occur and will continue to do so, and hence it will be possible to make "definite" very many enrolments that are now only "provisional". It is, however, quite impossible to forecast even approximately how many such withdrawals there will be for any year, and how many places will become available in consequence. The number has so far been below the expectation formed by us a few years in advance, and hence we have so far been obliged to disappoint more of the "provisional list" than we expected. We fully realise, however, that even slightly adverse economic circumstances may cause a far heavier "evaporation" from the lists of future years. Indeed, I cannot believe that this present rush of enrolment applica-

tions is likely to continue. The chances of those now low on the provisional list may at any future time suddenly be vastly improved. I have tried at every opportunity during the last few years to convey some understanding of this difficult problem. Some disappointments and misunderstandings have occurred because the explanations have not been read by those to whom they were available. Copies of this report are sent to all members of the Old Boys Union, and hence Old Boys ought to know the situation.

During the year services have been held in the Chapel according to our custom. The "Open" Services present a problem which it is becoming more difficult to solve. Recently they have been so well attended that many boys have had to yield their seats to visitors. This is extremely unfortunate, for an Open Sunday is always a notable occasion, and boys ought to be there; yet it is the only time when parents can attend in any number. From time to time we have tried allotting seats in advance, but this method is most troublesome and seldom entirely satisfactory in its results. I am frequently asked whether we contemplate enlarging the Chapel. I do not regard this as a matter of immediate urgency. The cost would, of course, be very great. However, it is chiefly on Open Sundays that we find the Chapel too small. For our school services we have accustomed ourselves to a plan which, though not ideal, has distinct advantages. We have only part of the School at each service, the advantage being that the form of service and instruction can be suited to the ages of the boys. The good singing has again been a feature of all our services. I commend most strongly the boys, not few in number, who are responsible for this; particularly those who, in the various divisions of the choir, have given time to practice. It is right that I should also record that I have felt very proud of the way our boys have conducted themselves during the year on several sad occasions that we have been called upon to face. A feature has also been a definite improvement in the standard of reading by the prefects; and I may say that the standard did not suffer when the Fifth Form boys replaced the prefects during the Leaving Certificate Examination. It is good to have boys giving evidence of a keen sense of discrimination in these matters.

In the Public Examinations of 1950, 86 boys secured the Leaving Certificate and 115 the Intermediate Certificate. In the former the honours were good, though the number was not up to our best record and the distribution over subjects was too narrow. There are not enough of our good scholars interesting themselves in higher study of the literary subjects. We are turning out a fine array of engineers and chemists and physicists and doctors and the like, but I should like to see them accompanied by a greater number who seek careers in the fields of linguistic and literary scholarship. Encouragement and opportunity are available for them here, but it is proving very difficult to influence the drift towards honours in science and mathematics. Even some of the engineers and doctors might well realise that their final years at School give them almost their last chance of broad interest before they become immersed in the sea of logarithms and test tubes.

In the Leaving Certificate Kerr did very well indeed, and also last year's Senior Prefect, David Webster, and Corin, Field, Griffin, Hooke, Oliver and Southwick. In the Intermediate we gave eight A's to Escott, Goulston, McGrath, J. D. Wilson and Wolstenholme, and this represents a very high standard in present conditions. The "internal" Intermediate has come to stay, and it is working satisfactorily. Many still do not appear to understand that, in assessing the final result, we take into consideration the School record over the preceding two years, as well as the final examination; the latter counts not more than 50

per cent., and hence a pass cannot be obtained merely by a final sprint. We have a formula by which we assess marks over the whole period and we seldom allow exceptions.

An unexpected number of our boys were awarded Commonwealth Scholarships. The tally is not certain, but appears to be well above thirty. An anomaly has been created by the fact that these are much more easily won than the Exhibitions awarded by the State, but yet are of slightly greater value. There is room for the introduction of some awards for conspicuous merit, of greater value than the Commonwealth Scholarships; the latter are spread too widely to be an indication of outstanding merit.

We have lately had many cases of boys taking the Leaving Certificate at sixteen and then of passing on to the University at once. Often this is a mistake, though there are cases when it is advisable. Boys who go on to the more strenuous University courses when they are physically or intellectually immature often find the load too great. They are much better for the chance to grow up at a normal pace. We are always very careful about the advice that we give when we are consulted about this matter. As I look back I cannot recall cases in which our advice has been wrong.

The Rhodes Scholarship for 1952 was awarded to an Old Boy, Rawdon Dalrymple. His record in an honours course in the Faculty of Arts at Sydney is very good. Louis Davies recently returned from Oxford after fulfilling the terms of his Rhodes Scholarship. I understand that the work in physics on which he was awarded the D.Phil. was quite distinguished, and that he hopes to pursue it further. He was also a blue and a prominent member of the O.U.A.C. At Cambridge Brian Lloyd has built up an amazing record as an oarsman. He has won the Varsity race three times; this year, as President of the C.U.B.C., he took the winning University crew to U.S.A., and defeated Harvard, Yale and others on their own waters, a feat which I believe no visiting crew has performed for many years. Subsequently he stroked his College crew to victory in the "Grand" at Henley, which most people regard as the most important rowing event in the world.

In games the story is not very different from that of recent years. We have had conspicuous success in rowing and athletics, but have been pretty successful in other games also, though the first teams have not been pre-eminent in them. In the first term the School Eight, under the coaching of Mr. W. G. Thomas, won both the Senior Eights at Riveorview and also the G.P.S. Championship. They really were a very good crew in each of these races, particularly since they were not evenly weighted and were young. The Second Four also won and all the other Fours were good. In both football and cricket the firsts were only moderately successful, though they had several splendid games. The knack of winning regularly seems to elude our firsts in these games. That the skill and training are there is shown by the very frequent success of second and lower teams. Our second and third fifteens both won again this year in their respective competitions, and the second eleven has just won as this report goes to the printer. The shooting team came third this year after several years of success. I understand that their standard was much the same as that of teams that have won in the past, but that Kings and Grammar were particularly good. The second team won by a narrow margin. The athletic teams did splendidly and won well in both senior and junior divisions, thus repeating last year's performance. The seniors' win was an unusually good piece of team work, as they secured only one first place in an individual event. The juniors' win was the fourth in successive years.

On the whole, games are taking something like their right place in School life. There is not yet enough provisions for juniors, though the programme is very large, and, indeed, even bigger than it was a few years ago; but I doubt whether we can hope to provide more under present conditions. Limitations are imposed by the amount of supervision and coaching available, by the number of grounds and boats and the quantity of material, and by the time that is free from other activities. Those parents who have watched their boys rise through the School understand these limitations well. They understand also the amount of interest given to teams and crews by a large number of masters, and I know from my contact with them that they value it fully. It is my impression that there has been lately a very pleasant spirit in our various sports, and that boys and their parents recognise this spirit as something worth developing as well as we can.

I regard it as our urgent duty in these days to try to maintain a high standard of discipline. The life of a school in its various forms depends at any time upon a common understanding of what is required of all in conduct and bearing and honourable dealing. We would all agree, I believe, that the standards in the community at large are not as high as they were. It is then the heavier responsibility of all who are associated with a school such as this, whether as masters, or parents, or boys, to see that its standards are kept at the highest level. I should like to be able to count on the full understanding of parents in this matter; not that I am dissatisfied with the measure of understanding that I have had. It is, in my opinion, more than ever the duty of one who has responsibility in training boys to make clear the standard of conduct that he expects, and then to see, without wavering, that that standard is followed. It follows that at times one must be rigid. During the year I have on certain rare occasions found it necessary to stand firm. For example, the view that we take of smoking should be well understood, and also that which we take concerning conduct and honesty in relation to the public services, such as transport. In fact, I think that the discipline has been very good during the year: it has seldom, if ever, been better; but our continued usefulness as a School depends in no small measure upon the co-operation of all in maintaining these firm standards.

The principal musical and dramatic activity this year was the production of "Iolanthe" in July. The success was very great, though to some it may not have seemed so striking as that of some former productions. The work is more difficult, particularly for a team of boys, who are better able to "let themselves go" in the more rollicking operas. This year we hired the Cremorne Orpheum Theatre. This had the advantage of spaciousness and comfort. However, it was perhaps a disadvantage to the performance that only two nights were possible; there was hardly enough time to get used to the size of the theatre and to acquire the skill needed for unflinching audibility in a much bigger space. It was, nevertheless, another fine achievement to which, as usual, a large number of boys and their elders contributed in their various ways. It is a great experience for boys to take part in a production of this kind, as players or musicians or, indeed, in other capacities. They should be grateful to the team of masters and parents who make it possible. We certainly value the company and the help of the parents who have a place in the team. The art class made a big contribution to the scenery and the settings. It is time that I acknowledged more fully the keen interest of the foreman and his assistant in setting up the stage and in improvising and managing. There were the usual two play days, with work of varied standard in each; some of it was very good this year, and all of it was enjoyed thoroughly.

Debating holds the interest of a fair number of boys, and they are very keen in their efforts to promote it. They often feel the need for more support and, indeed, they deserve it; however, they have to compete for interest with other affairs. The team had fair success in competition debates.

Steady progress is to be reported about the Cadet Unit. The total enrolment at the beginning of the year was 345, representing a further increase. My occasional observation suggests a further improvement in the self-confidence and the instructional ability of cadet officers and N.C.O.'s. On certain occasions I have been very favourably impressed. Doubtless this is chiefly due to the tradition of the unit, whereby standards are passed on and a spirit of emulation is fostered. Major Mitchell asks me also to record the value that he places upon the training given at the special courses for officers and N.C.O.'s. These are run by the permanent staff of the army with keen interest. The unit has had much co-operation from the S.O.S.C. and his Staff both in training and in matters which the Army includes under the letter "Q". There was the customary ceremonial parade in October, at which the unit was duly and deservedly praised; the band on that occasion earned special praise for its turnout and performance. At last year's camp the Unit won the "Bulletin" Trophy for shooting. This year's camp is to be at Glenfield.

The A.T.C. Flight has been at a strength of 89. The rank of Cadet Pilot Officer was inaugurated this year, and the first two holders of it were R. S. Cameron and J. S. Innes. For both the promotion is the culmination of a long period of keen and efficient work, for which they deserve full credit. Some others may qualify for the rank at the end of this year. Mr. Tiley tells me that during the year the Flight obtained 22 first year certificates, 20 second year, and 6 final year; indeed, all the final stage certificates awarded in N.S.W. since 1946 have gone to the School Flight. They also won on 3rd November the shooting competition held by the squadron to which they belong. In general, I am satisfied that the Flight is active and efficient; it is providing a very valuable avenue of achievement for its members. Mr. Tiley asks me to acknowledge the help given him by F/Lt. K. R. O'Shea and P/O. R. M. Blanshard.

It should be noted that the School has given cadet-training to no fewer than 434 boys in these two branches during the year. This seems to me to be a notable contribution to public welfare.

The Scouts have maintained their strength and activity, with occasional camps to give them the outdoor experience that is their chief purpose. Mr. Backhouse maintains his interest in this splendid work, which he himself inaugurated years ago. The parents' committee has again been constant in interest and energetic in practical support.

The ladies of the Association have again brought their year's activities to a most successful conclusion. They held the American Tea on 2nd November, and as a result have been good enough to distribute £720 to various good objects in the School. This is, of course, a splendid result, but, as I have said on former occasions, it is not less valuable to us that this annual Tea enables hundreds of Shore people, of various generations, to meet in the atmosphere of the School.

Once more the prefects have been a good team. We started this year without a single prefect from the preceding year. Frank Bennett was appointed "from the ranks," as it were, as Senior. I do not think that this has happened before in the School's history. He at once became the accepted leader, and he has exercised his responsibility through the year with composure. He has been well supported. This

year I think we can say that the prefects have exerted authority and influence because they have been boys of the right sort and their example has been recognised. Always at the end of the year it is a matter for regret that some good boys miss the chance of being prefects. I am afraid that this is unavoidable. There could not be more than a certain number without diminishing the value of the office. Such boys do not pass unnoticed.

The death occurred in September of Mr. F. W. Hixson, who for nearly thirty years was a member of the School Council and a great pillar of strength to us. Miss Mackey, well known and immensely liked since she first joined the School as a French teacher in 1921, passed away last month. Another sad loss was that of Arthur Eedy in June, the sadder because he was so young and had been so recently resident among us. In October another young man passed away in David Bartley, a former stroke, who gave us much help in our rowing. In June Randal Carey died after a long illness; he is not so well known to this generation, but was a great worker for the School in the past. In August we lost Mrs. Lengren, well loved by School House boarders for nearly 30 years. The losses, of which these are examples, must unhappily occur in a big community like this. My reference to them is brief, for they are recorded at more fitting length in the School magazine.

We shall be sorry to lose the Rev. A. F. Dryden from the Staff at the end of the year. I need not emphasise the value of his services to us as assistant to the Chaplain, and as Scout Master. He and Mrs. Dryden will sail for England in February. During the year the masters have suffered from an unusual amount of illness. This means that those remaining on deck have had an increased burden. I thank them for bearing it so well, as, indeed, I thank them for all their support and for their enthusiasm in the general welfare.

I acknowledge with due thanks the many contributions to the School's work and progress during the year. The Council have again been most thoughtful and assiduous in conducting our affairs and most helpful to me personally.