



**Sydney Church of England  
Grammar School**

North Sydney

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**December, 1952**

# Sydney Church of England Grammar School

## Speech Day—11th December, 1952



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 Mr. F. M. Osborne, D.S.C., B.A., LL.B., M.P.

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 FRANK CASH, M.A., B.D., Th.D.  
Rev. Canon R. J. HEWETT, Th.L.  
Rev. R. P. GEE, Th.L.  
Rev. Canon F. W. TUGWELL, B.A.  
Rev. S. C. S. BEGIE, Th.L.  
Ven. Archdeacon F. O. HULME-MOIR, Th.L.  
Dr. N. F. BABBAGE, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.  
Dr. N. D. CAMPBELL, M.B., B.S.

Mr. R. F. NETTHEIM.  
Mr. R. B. HIPSLEY, B.E.  
Mr. H. M. BRAGG.  
His Honour Judge ADRIAN CURLEWIS.  
Dr. A. DISTIN MORGAN, M.B., Ch.M., D.A.  
Mr. J. E. M. DIXON, B.Ec.  
Professor D. M. MYERS, B.Sc., D.Sc. (Eng.).

**Hon. Secretary:** Mr. R. E. LUDOWICI.

**Hon. Treasurer:** Mr. A. D. W. FISHER B.A., LL.B.

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

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

**Chaplain:** Rev. N. a' B. 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  
K. D. ANDERSON, M.A. (New Zealand) ..... Purves (Junior) 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).  
\*A. E. MITCHELL, M.A. (New Zealand) (3).

J. W. BURNS, B.A. (Sydney).  
\*G. FAUNCE ALLMAN (6).  
T. H. VISSER, Ph.D. (Utrecht), Mus.D. (London).  
L. M. JAMIESON, B.A. (Sydney).  
C. J. NOMMENSEN, B.A. (Queensland), Dip.Ed. (Sydney).  
J. R. BERNARD, B.Sc., Dip.Ed. (Sydney).  
\*J. W. LIPSCOMB (7).  
Rev. J. F. W. MASON, B.A. (Sydney), Th.L.  
E. R. WOOLMINGTON.  
D. FOA (London).  
C. H. LLOYD, M.A. (Cantab.).

J. B. MACHIN, B.A. (Sydney).  
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, J.P. (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: WARDEN, J. C.

Second: AMOS, B. J.

CONOLLY, W. B.  
VIVERS, J. W. L.  
SHERINGTON, W. D.  
BAIRD, J. H.  
BARNIER, A. B.  
BRAMMA, P. J.  
CHENHALL, W. H. B.  
ST. HEAPS, K. J.

WILCOX, K. G.  
KATER, R. M. H.  
MASON, B. C.  
McGRATH, P. J.  
PARKER, R.  
WILSON, J. D.  
MILLARD, J. W.  
OSBORNE, A. W.

WIDDIS, F. C.  
BOOTH, D. F.  
BOOTH, J. G.  
KNIGHT, A. G.  
BAWDEN, E. H.  
JONES, B. R. K.  
BALLHAUSEN, R. T. S.

### CAPTAINS OF SPORT:

Athletics: AMOS, B. J.

Boats: VIVERS, J. W. L.,

BAWDEN, E. H.

Cricket: BARNIER, A. B.

Football: WIDDIS, F. C.

Shooting: MASON, B. C.

Swimming: KATER, R. M. H.

Tennis: BARNIER, A. B.

### HOLDERS OF SCHOLARSHIPS, 1952

A. B. S. White Scholarship .....	Amos, B. J.
Old Boys' Union Bursary .....	Not Awarded
Grainger and J. N. Graham Exhibitions .....	Escott, C. D. Macoun, K. G. Sabine, C. N. B. Henningham, J. G. Setchell, G. H.
Bruce and Eldon Beale Memorial Prize .....	Harpur, M. H.
<b>Junior Scholarships:</b>	
Open Entrance .....	Stewart, P. S. B. Plomley, F. D.
(The Hodges Scholarship) .....	Donnan, S. P. B.
Open School .....	McGrath, P. J. Stiles, J. A. Beatty, H. K. Carr, R. P.
Under 14 years, No. 1 .....	Wolstenholme, P. M. Stowe, J. M. Milfull, J. R.
No. 2 .....	Goulston, K. J. Clarke, W. B. Bishop, A. D. Stiles, G. R.
Archbishop's Exhibitions .....	Dunstan, J. D. Brodley, J. R. Hulme-Moir, F. I. Edmondson, J. H. Langshaw, K. R.
Christina Campbell Scholarship .....	Cooper, A. F.

## PRIZE LIST, 1952

### SIXTH FORM:

Brian Pockley Memorial Prize .....	Warden, J. C.	
Burke Prize and United Services Prize (1st in General Proficiency) .....	} Amos, B. J. McGrath, P. J.	
War Memorial Prize (2nd in General Proficiency) ....		equal
A. H. Wade Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....		
Percival Sharp Memorial Prize (Form Prize) .....	Sinclair, P.	
Harold Dean and R. S. Reid Prizes (Mathematics) ....	Wilcox, K. G.	
Charlton Prize (Divinity) .....	Peak, H. J.	
J. S. Wilson Memorial Prize (English) .....	Williams, J. B.	
David Cowlshaw Memorial Prize (Latin) .....	MEEK, I. E.	
Herbert Kendall Memorial Prize (French) .....	Sinclair, P.	
Ian Menzies Memorial Prize (History) .....	Dowding, C. R.	
Monteith Cowper Wood Memorial Prize (Physics) ....	} Brown, R. J. C. McGrath, P. J. Amos, B. J.	
John Kingsmill Phillips Memorial Prize (Chemistry) ....		Conolly, W. B.
Desmond Hum Memorial Prize (Geography) .....		Burnett, D. W.
Russell Sinclair Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	Brown, R. J. C.	
Donald Muston Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	Cameron, D. S.	
German .....	Sinclair, P.	

### FIFTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (VA Form) .....	Stiles, J. A.
Hunter Stephenson Prize (Mathematics) .....	Stiles, J. A.
Eric Mileham Litchfield Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	McLelland, M. H.
Harry Eames Budd Memorial Prize (English) .....	Stiles, J. A.

### FOURTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (IVA1 Form) .....	Thomas, M. A. W.
Roy Milton Prize (French) .....	Plomley, E. D.
L. R. Benjamin Memorial Prize (Science) .....	Thomas, M. A. W.
Geoffrey Cohen Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	Plomley, E. D.
Frank Bennett Memorial Prize (English) .....	Jones, A. I.

### SUB-INTERMEDIATE FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (SA1 Form) .....	Cooper, A. F.
Hunter Stephenson Prize (French) .....	Peterson, R. R.
The Selby Prize (Physics and Chemistry) .....	} Cooper, A. F. Doust, B. D.

### THIRD FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (IIIA Form) .....	Stiles, G. R.
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### PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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

### SPECIAL PRIZES:

#### General Activities:

D. J. Richards Memorial Prize .....	Lousada, J. M. H.
Old Boys' Union Prize .....	Baird, J. H.
The "Lodge Torch-bearer" Prize .....	} Brownhill, D. G. C. Napier, T. A.

Catechism: Uther Prize .....	Drake, R. H.
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#### Choir:

The David Davies Memorial Prize .....	} Mendl, P. F. Sinclair, R.
Junior Prizes .....	
	Harbutt, T. L.

## PRIZE LIST—(Continued)

### General Knowledge:

John Jamieson Memorial Prize .....	Warden, J. C.
Junior Prizes .....	Thomas, M. A. W. Milfull, J. R.

### Art:

E. T. Thring Memorial Prize .....	Henderson, J. S.
Junior Prize .....	Dowe, A. C.

### Original Contribution to the School Magazine:

"Torch-Bearer" Prize .....	Bennett, J. M.
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### Debating: The Headmaster's Prizes .....

Bennett, J. M.
Conolly, W. B.
Stokes, G. S.

### Music:

Musical Perception. Mr. R. G. H. Walmsley's Prize	{ Dixon, P. N.
Practical, Senior .....	{ Bull, N. G.
Practical, Junior .....	{ Benjamin, D. J.
Theory .....	{ Tonkin, J. M.
	{ Kierath, J. W.

### Play Day:

Senior .....	VIE English Set
Junior .....	III A
Original Play .....	McLelland, M. H.

### Orchestra .....

Escott, C. D.
Sheerman, I. H.

	DIVINITY	FORM	DIVISION
Form VI A	(Peck, H. J.)	(Sinclair, P.)	(Wilcox, K. G.)
Form VI B	Silk, I. A.	Silk, I. A.	Rothwell, T. L. W.
Form VI C	Tress, R. B.	Richards, S. G.	
Form V A	Stiles, J. A.	(Stiles, J. A.)	(Stiles, J. A.)
Form V B	Harris, A. P.	Scammell, P. D.	{ Finney, D. J.
Form V C	Smith, T. L.	Murdoch, C. R.	{ Ford, R. W.
Form V D	_____	Ellison, P. G.	Campbell, C. L.
Form IV A1	Jones, A. I.	(Thomas, M. A. W.)	Thomas, M. A. W.
Form IV A2	Dunstan, J. D.	Dunstan, J. D.	Hoskins, D. J.
Form IV B1	Stone, G. H.	Sundstrup, E.	Sundstrup, E.
Form IV B2	Watson, E. M.	Watson, E. M.	_____
Form IV C	Ditchfield, A. N.	Herbert, G. E.	Herbert, G. E.
Form S A1	Cooper, A. F.	(Cooper, A. F.)	Cooper, A. F.
Form S A2	Galbraith, M. N.	Galbraith, M. N.	Galbraith, M. N.
Form S B1	Turner, B. G.	Moran, D. S.	{ Lloyd, P. H.
Form S B2	Dickson, R. R.	Philp, T. R. W. M.	{ Sheen, T. W.
Form S C	Holmes, A. R. G.	Wood, O. J. T.	Leeson, W. M.
Form III A	Stiles, G. R.	(Stiles, G. R.)	Donnan, S. P. B.
Form III B	Balmain, A. S. H.	Wilkinson, M. J.	Wilkinson, M. J.
Form III C	McCredie, P. I.	Plaskitt, P. J.	Buckley, M. J.
Form III D	Madgwick, P. B.	Sheather, G. D.	Madgwick, P. B.

		DIVINITY	FORM	DIVISION
Form II	A	Sinclair, R.	(Vonwiller, J. B.)	(Vonwiller, J. B.)
Form II	B	Andrew, P. B.	Andrew, P. B.	Butcher, D. W.
Remove	A	{ Cadwallader, P. C. { Clinch, P. J.	Cadwallader, P. C.	Cadwallader, P. C.
Remove	B	Cook, D. R.	Cribb, D. C.	Cribb, D. C.
Form I		Harris, J.	Harris, J.	McHutchison, H. B.

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GENERAL MERIT: (Brown, R. J. C.), (Cameron, D. S.), Macoun, K. G. (McLelland, M. H.), Lack, G. N. T., Stewart, P. S. B., Sagar, D. W., Thane, A. D., (Plomley, E. D.), Rodger, M. G., Gall, R. W., Gilbert, R. W., Gregory, A. R. E., Ferris, T. W., Myers, J. D. D., Dowe, A. C., Haynes, W. W., Sands, B. K., Hobson, R. R., Milfull, J. R., Bishop, A. D., Litchfield, C. I. A., Carpenter, C. J., Dixon, P. N., Payne, J. E., Whight, T. D., Cooke, D. R., Douglass, R. H. V.

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## ENDOWMENT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

**A.B.S. White Scholarship:** Founded by a gift made in 1929, and subsequently supplemented, by A. B. S. White. Awarded to the boy, in his last School year, judged foremost in general qualities.

**Grainger Exhibition:** Established in 1937 by a bequest from Edwin Thiery Grainger. Tenable in classes above the Fourth Form.

**John Netherby Graham Exhibition:** Established in 1939 by a bequest from Mrs. Charles Graham, in memory of her son, J. N. Graham, A.I.F., killed in action in France, 1917. Tenable in classes above the Fourth Form.

**Christina Campbell Scholarship:** Established in 1935 by a bequest from Mrs. Christina Campbell, widow of Donald Campbell, grazier, of Inverell. Hitherto awarded in the Preparatory School, but henceforward to be an Open Entrance Scholarship.

**Hodges Scholarship:** Named in consideration of a gift of money made about 1920 to commemorate the Headmastership of Charles Henry Hodges. Awarded first in 1952 as an Open Entrance Scholarship.

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**Brian Pockley Memorial Prize:** (1904) Founded by Dr. F. Antill Pockley and later named in memory of B. C. A. Pockley, R.A.M.C., killed in action near Rabaul, 1914.

**Uther Catechism Prize:** (1908) Founded by F. W. Uther.

**Burke Prize:** (1913) Founded by Walter Burke.

**Harold Dean Memorial Prize:** (1916) Founded by G. E. Dean in memory of his son, Harold Stewart Dean, accidentally killed December, 1915, aged 15 years.

**Roy Milton French Prize:** (1918) Founded by W. J. Milton in memory of his son, Roy Clifford Milton, A.I.F., killed in action 1916.

**A. H. Wade Memorial Prize:** (1918) Founded by Frank Wade in memory of Arthur Harmsworth Wade, A.I.F., died on active service.

**War Memorial Prize:** (1918) Founded anonymously.

**United Services Prize:** (1918) Founded anonymously.

- Hunter Stephenson Prizes:** (1920 and 1924) The gift of J. Hunter Stephenson.
- Torch-Bearer Prize:** (1921) Founded by J. F. Fitzhardinge.
- Percival Sharp Memorial Prize:** (1926) Founded by the Rev. Canon W. Hey Sharp in memory of his son, a master from 1917 to 1921.
- Charlton Prize:** (1926) The gift of the Ven. Archdeacon W. A. Charlton.
- R. S. Reid Memorial Prize:** (1929) Founded by his sister in memory of Robert Stewart Reid, accidentally killed in 1928.
- Alan Ludowici Memorial Prizes:** (1929) Founded by F. J. Ludowici in memory of his son, Frederick Alan Ludowici, accidentally killed in 1926.
- J. S. Wilson Memorial Prize:** (1932) The gift of Mrs. Sidney Wilson in memory of her son, John Sidney Wilson, A.I.F., died of wounds, 1918.
- Russell Sinclair Memorial Prize:** (1932) The gift of his family to commemorate the services to the School of Russell Sinclair.
- Herbert Kendall Memorial Prize:** (1935) The gift of his sister in memory of Dr. Herbert Kendall, Old Boy, and the first boy entered on the School Roll.
- David Cowlishaw Memorial Prize:** (1935) Founded by Dr. Leslie Cowlishaw in memory of his son David, accidentally killed in 1935.
- Ian Menzies Memorial Prize:** (1941) Founded by Dr. Guy Menzies in memory of his son, Ian Lambton Menzies, R.A.A.F., killed on active service, 1941.
- Geoffrey Cohen Memorial Prize:** (1941) Founded by Mrs. Bernard Cohen in memory of her son, Geoffrey Landers Cohen, R.A.A.F., killed on active service, 1941.
- Monteith Cowper Wood Memorial Prize:** (1943) The gift of Mrs. A. E. L. Wood in memory of her son, M. C. Wood, A.I.F., killed in action at Tobruk, 1942.
- John Kingsmill Phillips Memorial Prize:** (1943) The gift of B. Phillips in memory of his son, J. K. Phillips, A.I.F., killed on active service, 1943.
- D. J. Richards Memorial Prize:** (1944) The gift of Mrs. H. E. Richards in memory of her son, Douglas John Richards, R.A.A.F., killed in action.
- Donald Muston Memorial Prize:** (1945) The gift of Mrs. G. B. Muston in memory of her son, accidentally drowned at Avalon, 1945.
- L. R. Benjamin Memorial Prize:** (1945) The gift of A. J. and John Benjamin in memory of L. R. Benjamin, A.I.F., lost on active service.
- Desmond Hum Memorial Prize:** (1947) The gift of L. E. Hum in memory of Gerald Desmond Hum, R.A.A.F., killed in action.
- John Scott Memorial Prizes:** (1947) The gift of Mrs. J. M. Scott in memory of John Mitchell Scott, A.I.F., lost on active service.
- Bruce and Eldon Beale Memorial Prize:** (1948) Founded by Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Beale in memory of their sons, Francis Bruce Beale, R.A.A.F., and Herbert Eldon Beale, R.A.A.F., lost on active service; awarded annually to a boy leaving the School for further education.
- John Jamieson Memorial Prize:** (1948) The gift of Mrs. R. M. Jamieson in memory of J. R. U. Jamieson, R.A.A.F., lost on active service.
- Eric Mileham Litchfield Memorial Prize:** (1948) The gift of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Litchfield in memory of E. M. Litchfield, R.A.A.F., lost on active service.
- E. T. Thring Memorial Prize:** (1951) The gift of Mrs. E. T. Thring in memory of her husband, Edward Thomas Thring, distinguished surgeon and citizen.
- Harry Eames Budd Memorial Prize:** (1952) The gift of the Hon. H. V. Budd, M.L.C., in memory of his son, who died of illness, 1949, aged 16.
- Frank Bennett Memorial Prize:** (1952) The gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bennett in memory of their son, Francis Seth Bennett, who died of illness, September, 1952.



## HEADMASTER'S REPORT FOR 1952

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We are glad to welcome as our visitor to Speech Day this year Mr. F. M. Osborne, D.S.C., M.P., an Old Boy distinguished in war service, and also in public service since the war. He served in the R.A.N. from the early days of the war to the end. He first won the D.S.C. in an operation in Norwegian waters, and later won a bar to it when commanding a destroyer in the North Sea. He is now Member for Evans in the Federal House. Those of us who know him well hope that he will long continue to be a member, and that he will soon achieve a seat in the Cabinet, for which his attainments and his character alike fit him.

This is the end of another quite successful year in the School's life. There is no big development to be celebrated and we do not claim any spectacular progress in efficiency or any remarkable achievement. However, there has certainly been no slackening in enthusiasm or vitality. Standards of work have been well maintained; the customary energy has been thrown into musical and dramatic work and similar recreational exercises; and the outdoor life has gone on with much enjoyment and with marked success. The general atmosphere, and the feeling for discipline and for co-operation appear to me to have improved a little further. During the last few years I have often had occasion to speak of the difficulty of maintaining the services of catering and domestic management: in this respect there has been an improvement, though it is not yet as easy as it used to be years ago.

The biggest worries have again been on the financial side. Costs have continued to increase, and, of course, they could be met only by an increase of fees. We estimate roughly that a rise of 6/- per week in the basic wage means an increase in our costs amounting to £1 per term per boy. Before the present year, when an increase in costs occurred, we were most scrupulous in giving long notice to parents before bringing into effect the inevitable corresponding rise in fees. Accordingly on each occasion there was a delay in bringing fees into balance with expenses and we suffered severely. We now retain liberty to impose a surcharge without notice up to 10%, and this has been accepted. I am glad to say, with understanding and sympathy, as a method made necessary by the conditions of the time. Parents may be assured that we do our level best to consider the demands made upon them when fixing the fees. Our present fees are well below those of the bigger Victorian schools and also below those of some N.S.W. schools. Indeed, much of the recent increase will be offset by taxation concessions made in the recent budget legislation. This improvement is the direct result of representations made to the Prime Minister by the Headmasters and most enthusiastically supported by certain members, of whom our present visitor is one.

When general School policy is being discussed it is often a matter for argument whether fees ought to be fixed deliberately so as to make provision for new buildings and for other developments of the School's equipment and facilities. Of course such development

as we have made so far has been due almost entirely to the accumulation year by year in the past of small surpluses above running costs; hence the principle is already established by custom and tacitly accepted. The only question really at issue is whether the income ought to be planned so as to enable a programme of improvement to be fulfilled. I myself, being always preoccupied with the need to provide better teaching conditions and wider opportunities, believe that in the past we have not been bold enough, and that we ought to fix our fees so as deliberately to provide a margin sufficient to enable us to maintain the rate of improvement that conditions require. We have not so far gone ahead sufficiently rapidly and faster progress will be necessary if we are to reach the standard of school building that is being recognised as reasonable throughout the world.

It is particularly disappointing that we have not so far commenced to build the Memorial Hall. When my last report was submitted, the architects, Mr. J. K. Shirley and Mr. R. V. Minnett, had just completed the plans according to the scheme that we had originally in mind. At the prices ruling when the sketch plans were made immediately after the war, this building would have cost not more than the amount now in the Memorial Fund alone. However, it was made clear, when prices were tested last December, that it would then, with furniture and other necessary expenses, have cost nearly £100,000. Accordingly, we had to abandon it and to make up our minds to a more modest design. At this juncture, the sudden death in January of Mr. J. K. Shirley, to which I shall refer later, deprived us of a valued adviser. In the circumstances, the Council decided to seek the advice of a panel of architects and to put to them our problem, which was, in effect, how to build soon the memorial to which our sentiment is devoted, for a sum of money that we can command, and with the accommodation that we need. Three architects, Professor Leslie Wilkinson, formerly Professor of Architecture at Sydney University, Mr. Cobden Parkes, Government Architect, and Mr. John R. Brogan, accepted the Council's invitation. I now express our gratitude to these gentlemen for the attention that they gave to the matter. They are all interested in the School and are prompted chiefly by the desire to serve it. They gave us a most valuable report within a relatively short time, accompanied by two schemes in rough outline. The Council have adopted one of these schemes and have appointed Professor Wilkinson and Mr. Rupert Minnett as architects to complete the design in detail and to proceed to the stage of calling for tenders. I hope that a copy of the plan will be available to be exhibited on Speech Day. It has many interesting features and appears to have been generally approved so far. I believe it will be found to be not less pleasing than the former plan. I can only hope that costs will now halt for sufficiently long to enable us to get ahead.

Even in the most favourable circumstances the execution of this design is likely to place a strain upon us. The War Memorial Fund stands at about £35,000, and we expect to be able to supplement this from School finances. However, several thousand more are likely to be needed to meet costs incidental to the building and to provide furniture. I personally have every confidence that, when building really commences, a sigh of satisfaction will go up from the whole Shore community and that our legion of friends will see us through.

There has been further progress towards putting our lands and buildings in order. Twelve months ago I received a message on the afternoon of Speech Day itself from our solicitor, Mr. Langley, that

we had completed the purchase of the two houses in Alma Street, numbers 8 and 10, and I was able then to announce the fact verbally though not to include it in my written report. I had hoped for this over many years, as it was necessary in order to give us land for future building in the most favourable situation. With this purchase there was an enormous additional advantage, in that it gave us the right to seek the closure of the end of Lighthouse Street, and the incorporation of this piece of land into our property. During the last twelve months we have been occupied with the multitude of legal steps involved. The North Sydney Council and other public authorities have been very considerate, all difficulties have been finally overcome, and I am now able to announce that our frontage to the east extends right through from the Art Building to the front gate. Only those intimately associated with planning for the School can realise what a tremendous improvement this makes in future prospects. One can now confidently visualise a well-designed and splendidly arranged building; it is something at least to have it "in the mind's eye."

The "E. T. Thring Memorial" Art School is now a going concern. It has already, under Mr. Lipscomb's direction, done much good work and there is promise of steadily growing interest. Now that Lighthouse Street is closed, it is possible to bring the Art School into its right relation to other buildings.

At Northbridge a valuable piece of land adjoining the playing fields has been offered to us at a favourable price and purchased. The common boundary on our eastern side is 200 feet and the depth about 130 feet. Though it now includes two tennis courts, not in good repair, its chief value to us will be in the future. It will provide a spot in due course for luncheon room, caretaker, soil and machinery sheds, without interference with the main area. The ground behind the pavilions has been vastly improved by a retaining wall and drain and by levelling. The area north of C and D grounds has been opened for tipping of clean filling, in the hope that we shall in due course be able to extend these two grounds to full size. So far the response has unfortunately been negligible. The assistance of our Old Boys and friends in making our need known would be valuable. In the north-west corner, beyond B ground, an area has been lent to the Willoughby Council for a limited period for conversion to a children's playground. The construction of seats has gone ahead, and boys have now made our full requirement. They have been placed at Northbridge, North Sydney and Gladesville. As a matter of interest, the total number made by boys is about 60; it has been a splendid job, readily and keenly undertaken, and the boys concerned deserve most hearty praise. Many have helped; David Brownhill and Tom Napier have perhaps done most. Robson House boys under Warden have also done splendidly in replacing the wooden fence below their house by a strong pipe and chain wire fence, which permits a view without interruption from the front of the School under the Bridge. This has given a new liveliness to the harbour scene that is such a feature of our site. At Gladesville the new land is now in use with the small shed upon it. We look forward to building a wall across the front one day and reclaiming ground along the water frontage, and so greatly improving the property. With a little help of the right kind I believe we could do it fairly soon.

All these items, small enough individually, make a respectable total of improvement and growth.

The arrangement of services in Chapel has been the same as in recent years. All have been extremely well attended, except the Old Boys Union Service. This is not because it is not valued highly by Old Boys, but because it is difficult to make the occasion known widely enough. For some time we have been trying to determine the best way of treating the unfinished space between the altar and the East Window. Various suggestions have been discussed and discarded in years gone by. This year we consulted the well-known sculptor, Mr. Andor Mészáros. He submitted to us a design in low relief sculpture, which at once appealed to us. He has been commissioned to carry out the work for £1,200, and this cost will be met from the Chapel Fund, which comes from gifts and offerings, chiefly from Old Boys. The Fund has long been administered by the Chaplain and is a further reason for gratitude to him. It has recently been suggested that some who wish to establish memorials in the Chapel may wish to do so in association with this work of art. There would be, I think, the opportunity for eight such persons in all; I am ready to help any who are interested.

In last year's Leaving Certificate, Harpur, Read, Clarke, R. R. Taylor and Oliver did very well. The results were generally satisfactory. In the Intermediate we gave eight A's to Henningham and Stiles, seven to Lack, McLelland and Stowe, six to Setchell and Keirle. I have been a little disappointed that the number of first-class honours at the Leaving has not recently been as great as it was a few years ago, and that the spread over the subjects has not been as broad. I think that boys have worked as diligently and that standards of teaching have been as good. Doubtless the pendulum will swing back shortly. This year we appear to have good representatives in all subjects of the curriculum, though still scarcely enough of them.

The lavish provision of Commonwealth Scholarships has now rendered unnecessary the award of public exhibitions, and it has been announced that the latter will be discontinued. I am glad to note that, nevertheless, the names of the first hundred in general proficiency, in honour and pass papers at the Leaving Certificate will in future be published. The standard of Leaving Certificate Honours is high and the effort by suitable boys to attain this standard is worthy of the utmost encouragement. It would be a good thing if prizes were created by the State to make certain that the incentive to advanced study, formerly provided by the exhibitions, will be fully maintained.

Games have been once more in a very healthy condition. The rowing season was the most successful in the School's long rowing history. Before the G.P.S. Regatta the Eight, again under Mr. W. G. Thomas, won the State Junior Championship and the Riverview Gold Cup. The Fours also had several conspicuous successes under Mr. H. M. Perry and Mr. Gilfillan. At the Regatta on the Nepean all the Fours won and then the Eight gave us the Championship for the fourth year in succession. Such a series of victories was so far beyond reasonable expectation that circumstances were bound to take their revenge. In the football season a succession of accidents to key players gravely reduced the effectiveness of a team that had looked very promising. In rifle shooting an unlucky lapse of form came at the wrong moment and the team came second, though by a very narrow margin. In the athletic season we had a very strong team, but the fates had apparently still not forgotten the regatta, and we again suffered a series of accidents and came second. However, the "law of averages" was apparently then satisfied, for the 1st XI had a series of sweeping victories and won the Cricket Competition. In the

five G.P.S. Competitions we had two wins and two very close seconds. Swimmers and tennis players were more successful than usual. There was the usual volume of junior games and activities. I again offer thanks to those who organise and arrange our games, and to those who give so much time to coaching and to encouraging a pleasant atmosphere in outdoor recreation.

The debaters again had very fair success in the debating competition. They were not very experienced, but were keen and made great improvement. J. M. Bennett, the leader of the team, won the Lawrence Campbell Trophy for speaking in public, a most praiseworthy performance. Chess has provided recreation for a small group and several of them had good success in the inter-school contests which are promoted. Several other worthy activities have their devotees.

The Scouts have gone ahead in the usual way, with occasional camping experience, which they greatly enjoy. Some Old Boys, notably Mr. R. G. Backhouse, have been very helpful in looking after them as Scoutmasters. We look forward to having a Scoutmaster on the School staff next year, but hope that these Old Boys will maintain their interest also. The Parents' Committee has again given most valuable help.

Few developments in the last ten years have been so valuable to us as the great increase in musical and dramatic work. Mr. Sawkins and Mr. Grigg are the leaders of the team which has been responsible: we owe much to them and to their many helpers. Among the latter are several ladies, to whom our debt of gratitude now spreads over some years. The two annual Play Days are now a regular feature of the School year, and I hope that we shall be able to keep them going keenly. The Senior took place in May, and it is an advantage to have it then, as the older boys are more free to take part; the Junior was in October. At the former, ten plays were presented, at the latter eight; they included once more a play in French by the Sixth Honours set, prompted by the enterprise of Mr. Mitchell. On each occasion the experienced adjudicator expressed pleasure; and, indeed, I think that the standard of the better performances was at a much higher level. The School production in July was "The Gondoliers." Only those intimately concerned fully understand how difficult these undertakings are in a School like ours. For voices and for musical talent the producer has to depend on whatever is available in the School at the time. I am sure that all who have taken part in our series of Gilbert and Sullivan operas would say, however, that the trouble is compensated by the pleasure given to the boys participating. I shall not attempt to mention those who gave the best performances, because many performed well in relation to their talents. It would, however, be fitting to record our regret that the time has come for Bruce Mason, John Williams and David Jones to leave. They have all been stars of the Shore comic opera stage for several years, and their enthusiasm and skill have left a mark and set a standard.

The Boat Club has received some most valuable gifts, which have come at a most opportune time. A Four presented by the late Mr. H. V. Jaques was built just in time for the racing season, and it has won every race in which it has started so far. An Old Boy, Mr. James Litchfield, of Cooma, gave us a practice Eight, in which the new crew is now rowing. Another Old Boy, Mr. D'Arcy Hixson, is presenting a new racing Eight, which is now being built. It will bear the name of his late father, to whom the Boat Club owes so much.

Until recently our worries were greatly increased by the heavy sales tax which applied to all sporting goods. It was particularly heavy on boats and oars. We were advised that, under certain conditions, a body of parents and friends could purchase goods for our use free from sales tax, and accordingly the Shore Boat Club Auxiliary was formed. Mr. F. M. Osborne became the first president of it, and he and others helped us greatly. I am happy to say that the recent financial legislation removed this burden and indeed has exempted from sales tax all goods purchased for school use. For this also we have to thank Mr. Osborne, and some others in the Federal Parliament who understand the problems of schools.

Some time ago I asked parents to look at the "Shore Weekly Record" week by week. Day boys are instructed to show it to their parents, but it is clear that many do not. It is a most valuable item in the School administration, as it enables the various parts of the School to be kept in touch, and also provides a means for spreading useful information, giving notice of events and arousing interest. I should like it to be put to the utmost service.

The Cadet Unit continues to do very good work, and also to increase in strength. Almost all eligible boys belong to it or to the A.T.C.; and there are very few of these who do not get great benefit. There are 372 cadets, of whom 16 are Cadet Lieutenants, 4 Warrant Officers, and 53 Non-commissioned Officers. Further variety has been introduced by formation of a medical section and by instruction in fieldcraft. The Annual Field Day had to be cancelled because heavy rain fell on the only suitable day. However, the Annual Camp at Singleton is likely to provide sound tactical training. The Unit won the "Bulletin" Trophy for the second successive year for proficiency in musketry. The general level of efficiency seems to me to be high, the spirit and discipline are very good, and in general the Unit is doing better work than ever.

The standards of the A.T.C. Flight appear to be well maintained. Their work is arranged in three stages of a year's duration each, with a syllabus to be covered and tests to be passed. Only one cadet, M. S. Lowe, obtained the Stage III certificate this year, but ours is the only Flight in N.S.W. which has presented any successful candidates at this high standard since 1946. Among many who passed at Stage II, I. C. Neale and M. A. Minns gained "Special Distinction." Three, namely A. B. Barnier, W. B. Conolly and R. M. Kater, have held the rank of Cadet Pilot Officer, and five others have qualified for it. In general, a very good year's training has been carried out. Mr. Tiley, who commands the Flight, has been assisted greatly by F/Lt. K. P. O'Shea and P/O. R. M. Blanshard. I record our thanks to these three gentlemen.

During the year there have been changes in the Staff of the Preparatory School. Mr. J. B. Machin went to Borneo in June to teach in a mission school, and Mr. R. S. Walters left in August to take up a position in the University of Technology. We were sorry to lose two young men who promised well. Though they were replaced by experienced teachers, a break in continuity was inevitable.

I regret to record that at the end of the present year we are to farewell the Rev. Nigel Backhouse, who retires after having been Chaplain for 25 years. He has been a great figure in our School life. His wide interests have brought him into close contact with boys,

parents and Old Boys. The Scouts were instituted by him, and they have been his constant interest. He has regularly taken part in athletic coaching with much success over the years. Through these and other channels his sincerity and uprightness of character have been a powerful influence for good. We shall miss him deeply.

With the consent of His Grace the Archbishop, and with the support of the Council, I have appointed the Rev. John Mason as the new Chaplain. He will be helped in his work by the Rev. R. F. Bosanquet.

We were profoundly saddened in September by the sudden death of Francis Seth Bennett, last year's Senior Prefect. I have known few boys with such remarkable gifts of character. He became Senior Prefect at the age of 16½, without any previous experience, even as a sub-prefect. His authority and judgment were at once accepted and respected by other boys. He filled the office with complete self-confidence and composure, but at the same time with modesty and without semblance of ostentation. I do not remember that he was ever uncertain in opinions or decisions. His strength was that he was devoted and sincere and that he was always quite sure of the boundary between right and wrong. Boys and men who knew Frank Bennett will always be glad of it.

I record also the deaths during the year of several persons who, for varying reasons, have a place in our history. Mrs. C. H. Hodges died on March 8 at Guernsey, at the advanced age of 95. She was the widow of the second Headmaster; her memory and his are hallowed by all who knew them. She was associated with the period from 1900 to 1910, when the School became firmly established and certain of its quality. She came to Sydney on a visit just before the recent war and renewed her friendships. There was evidence only last year of the keenness of her memory of School affairs and of the depth of her interest. On March 4, William Branthwaite Clarke died. He was the oldest of our Old Boys, the eldest of three brothers who were here together as pupils on the day when the School opened in 1889. He remained throughout his long life one of the very keenest of our Old Boys. In 27th September we lost Harold Vivian Jaques, to whom, even here, I feel bound to refer as "Sandy," for thus all his friends knew him with affection. He was an Old Boy of the nineties. For nearly 30 years he was a member of the School Council; in this capacity he was wise, sensible, upright and resolute, and we owe much to him. In his life he was an important benefactor: since his death we have heard that he bequeathed £1,000 to the School. In January last John K. Shirley died. He designed several of our recent buildings. His professional interest was supported always by the lively feeling that he had for the School as an Old Boy. I acknowledge gratefully the helpful advice that he gave to me on many occasions. Only last month Professor E. R. Holme's long life came to a close. He was a master from 1891 to 1894, when he was appointed to Sydney University, in which later he became Professor of English Language. He was first elected to our Council in 1898 and, except for a short break while he was helping to organise the education service of the First A.I.F. overseas, he remained a member throughout his life. Last year he published a short book concerning the first headmastership. He was deeply devoted to the School, and particularly to the Chapel: he seldom missed one of our special services. Indeed, it was in coming to our Remembrance Sunday Service that he was overtaken by his last illness.

The Old Boys' Union has been very active this year, thanks to a keen committee, under an enthusiastic President, Mr. Max Goddard. They have difficult problems. All their services cost far more, and yet they would like to avoid asking more from their members. The Annual Dance has always been a credit to both School and Union; this year it was immensely successful in spite of the expense involved. The dinner was by far the most successful for many years. Mr. Max Goddard showed how much can be done by enthusiasm and an agreeable personality. The other of our supporting bodies, the S.C.E.G.S. Association, under the ladies who now run it, had another very successful year. The American Tea in October brought together many parents in the environment of the School: It is always a pleasure to see among them so many whose interest goes back for years. The Union was able to present £750 to the War Memorial Fund and the Association raised £900 for this Fund and for other School purposes. I acknowledge our indebtedness to these fine organisations.

The Prefects this year have been headed by John Warden, as Senior, and Bernard Amos, as Second. They have been good leaders and the team of prefects has been loyal with them. Warden's father and grandfather are both Old Boys. We have seldom had a pair at the top of the School who have had such all-round qualities. Bernard Amos has an unusual record in attainment and games. As the years go by I find myself increasingly inclined to speak well of the quality of our best boys. It may be that this is because I am getting older, but I think it is because our best boys are getting better. This year there were many of very good quality indeed.

Early in the year Brigadier T. A. J. Playfair was obliged on medical advice to relinquish his seat on the Council. He has for many years given us the benefit of his wisdom and long experience, and his great energy has often been applied to overcome difficulties or to accomplish some forward step. For a time we lost the services of Mr. R. B. Hipsley, who made way to enable another Old Boy to gain experience of School government, but fortunately he has recently been restored to the Council. Mr. A. D. Fisher remains devoted to our service; he has been a wonderful source of strength. I thank him and also our Honorary Secretary, Mr. Richard Ludowici, for their constant help to myself.

It is impossible to acknowledge in detail the help of all who contribute during a year to the activities of a big organisation like the School. I choose this occasion, however, to offer particular thanks to a few members of the staff who have done much to take the load from my own shoulders. Mr. Jenkins now takes the whole burden of looking after School House and does it splendidly. Mr. K. D. Anderson has charge of enrolments and promotions, and in other ways also helps in the administration. The Bursar, Mr. R. Anderson, has been very attentive and thorough in helping on the side of management of domestic and business affairs: Mr. Bagot has taken upon himself a very large section of the detailed organisation and is constantly seeking fresh ways in which he can help. I am grateful this year to these gentlemen in particular for personal assistance. In general, I express gratitude to Council, parents, masters, and boys who have contributed in their several ways to another happy and successful year.