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**Sydney Church of England
Grammar School**

North Sydney

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Sydney Church of England Grammar School

Speech Day—10th December, 1953



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 by Mr. A. D. W. Fisher, B.A., LL.B.

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. BEGBIE, Th.L.
Ven. Archdeacon F. O. HULME-MOIR,
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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).

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

Chaplain: Rev. J. F. W. MASON, B.A. (Sydney), Th.L.

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) (5).
*W. SAWKINS, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Sydney)
(3).
*T. B. WHIGHT, B.A. (Queensland) (9).
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) (8).
H. C. W. PRINCE, M.A. (Oxon.).
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).
E. R. WOOLMINGTON, B.A. (Sydney).
Rev. R. F. BOSANQUET, B.A., Th.L.
(Sydney).
P. A. FULLER.
J. L. BROWN.
W. R. RICHARDS.
R. M. BLANSHARD.
A. E. MITCHELL, M.A. (New Zealand).

*Senior Masters in (1) English and History; (2) Classics; (3) Mathematics;
(4) Physics; (5) Chemistry; (6) Music; (7) Art; (8) Geography; (9) Games.

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: BRAMMA, P. J.

Second: WILSON, J. D.

KATER, R. M. H.
PARKER, R.
OSBORNE, A. W.
BOOTH, D. F.
BOOTH, J. G.
BOAZMAN, W. H.
CAMERON, D. S.
PERRETT, I. D.

KING, T. O. B.
CONOLLY, R. D.
GORDON, C. B.
IRONS, D. J.
JUDD, W. O.
McAULEY, P. A. M.
WHITEHOUSE, R. G.
CAPPER, J. S. C.

CLAYTON, B. J.
LACK, G. N. T.
McLELLAND, M. H.
WELLS, B. G.
HUNT, P. S.
BURGE, W. R.
HEATH, J. R.

CAPTAINS OF SPORT:

Athletics: PARKER, R.
Boats: WILSON, J. D.
Cricket: BRAMMA, P. J.
Football: BRAMMA, P. J.

Shooting: McAULEY, P. A. M.
Swimming: KATER, R. M. H.
Tennis: BOOTH, D. F.

HOLDERS OF SCHOLARSHIPS, 1953

A. B. S. White Scholarship Wilson, J. D.
Grainger and J. N. Graham Exhibitions Henningham, J. G.
Setchell, G. H.
Stuckey, E. M. V.
Thomas, M. A. W.
Bruce and Eldon Beale Memorial Prize Amos, B. J.

Junior Scholarships:

Open Entrance Plomley, E. D.
(The Hodges Scholarship) Donnan, S. P. B.
(Christina Campbell Scholarship) Burgess, R. H.
Open School Stiles, J. A.
{ Beatty, H. K.
{ Carr, R. P.
{ Vonwiller, J. B.
Under 14 years, No. 1 and No. 2 Stowe, J. M.
Clarke, W. B.
Milfull, J. R.
{ Stiles, G. R.
{ Bishop, A. D.
{ Brain, S. V. F.
{ Dixon, P. N.
{ Sinclair, R.
Extraordinary Scholarship Cooper, A. F.
Archbishop's Exhibitions { Broadley, J. R.
{ Hulme-Moir, F. I.
{ Edmondson, J. H.
{ Langshaw, K. R.
{ Dunstan, J. D.

PRIZE LIST, 1953

SIXTH FORM:

Brian Pockley Memorial Prize	Bramma, P. J.
Burke Prize and United Services Prize (1st in General Proficiency)	Stiles, J. A.
War Memorial Prize (2nd in General Proficiency)	Cameron, D. S. <i>2 Clarke</i>
A. H. Wade Memorial Prize (General Merit)	Cameron, D. S. <i>1941-1942-1943</i>
Percival Sharp Memorial Prize (Form Prize)	Dowding, C. R. <i>1940-1941</i>
Harold Dean and R. S. Reid Prizes (Mathematics)	Stiles, J. A.
Charlton Prize (Divinity)	Stiles, J. A.
J. S. Wilson Memorial Prize (English)	King, T. O. B. <i>1941</i>
David Cowlshaw Memorial Prize (Latin)	McLelland, M. H.
Herbert Kendall Memorial Prize (French)	{ Dowding, C. R.
	{ King, T. O. B.
Ian Menzies Memorial Prize (History)	{ Dowding, C. R.
	{ Scammell, P. D.
Monteith Cowper Wood Memorial Prize (Physics)	Cameron, D. S.
John Kingsmill Phillips Memorial Prize (Chemistry)	Stiles, J. A.
Desmond Hum Memorial Prize (Geography)	Carter, J. E.
Russell Sinclair Memorial Prize (General Merit)	Lack, G. N. T. <i>1941-1942</i>
Donald Muston Memorial Prize (General Merit)	Langdon, R. N. L. <i>1941-1942</i>
German	Dowding, C. R.
Ancient History	Loder, D. K. H.

FIFTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (VA Form)	Thomas, M. A. W.
Hunter Stephenson Prize (Mathematics)	Thomas, M. A. W.
Eric Mileham Litchfield Memorial Prize (General Merit)	Plomley, E. D.
Harry Eames Budd Memorial Prize (English)	Jones, A. I.

FOURTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (IVA1 Form)	Cooper, A. F.
Roy Milton Prize (French)	Peterson, R. R.
L. R. Benjamin Memorial Prize (Science)	Doust, B. D.
Geoffrey Cohen Memorial Prize (General Merit)	Peterson, R. R.
Frank Bennett Memorial Prize (English)	Cooper, A. F.

SUB-INTERMEDIATE FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (SA1 Form)	Milfull, J. R.
Hunter Stephenson Prize (French)	Milfull, J. R.
The Selby Prize (Physics and Chemistry)	{ Donnan, S. P., B.
	{ Milfull, J. R.

THIRD FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (IIIA Form)	Anderson, B. D. O.
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PREPARATORY SCHOOL:

John Scott Memorial Form Prize (IIA Form)	Cadwallader, P. C.
John Scott Memorial Mathematics Prize (Division 6A)	Myers, P. W. H.

SPECIAL PRIZES:

General Activities:	
D. J. Richards Memorial Prize	Anstey, I. A.
Old Boys' Union Prize	Parker, R.
The "Lodge Torch-bearer" Prize	Whitehouse, R. G.
Catechism: Uther Prize	Cadwallader, P. C.
Choir:	
The David Davies Memorial Prize	Sinclair, R.
Junior Prizes	Brain, S. V. F.
	Newcomb, P. A.

PRIZE LIST—(Continued)

General Knowledge:

John Jamieson Memorial Prize	Bond, H. G.
Junior Prizes	Milfull, J. R.
	Brain, S. V. F.

Art:

E. T. Thring Memorial Prize	Roberts, R. M.
	Setchell, G. H.
Junior Prize	Nield, L.
Original Contribution to the School Magazine:	
" Torch-Bearer " Prize	Harley, D. R.
Debating: The Headmaster's Prizes	McLelland, M. H.
	Scott, R. M.
	Stowe, J. M.

Music:

Musical Perception. Mr. R. G. H. Walmsley's Prize	Reynolds, D. I.
	White, J. E. S.
Practical, Senior	Bull, N. G.
	Harbutt, T. L.
Practical, Junior	Doring, J.
Theory	Tonkin, J. M.

Play Day:

Senior	VA Form
Junior	S.C. Form
Original Play	Jones, A. I.
Orchestra Prizes	Shearman, I. H.
	Holmes, W. H. G.

	DIVINITY	FORM	DIVISION
Form VI A	(Stiles, J. A.)	(Dowding, C. R.)	(Stiles, J. A.)
Form VI B	Michelmores, H. M.	Doney, R. J. H.	McLelland, M. H.
Form VI C	Parker, R. W. R.	Carter, J. E.	Dubois, R. S.
Form V A	Dunstan, J. D.	(Thomas, M. A. W.)	(Thomas, M. A. W.)
Form V B	Hulme-Moir, F. I.	Hulme-Moir, F. I.	Slade, K. C.
Form V C	_____	Davis, W. R.	Willson, R. B.
Form V D	Dight, I. Y.	_____	_____
Form IV A1	Cooper, A. F.	(Cooper, A. F.)	Cooper, A. F.
Form IV A2	Matthews, P. D. T.	Mitchell, B. E.	Legge, D. F.
Form IV B1	Lloyd, P. H.	Sheen, T. W.	Sheen, T. W.
Form IV B2	Mason, A. R.	Philp, T. R. W. M.	Philp, T. R. W. M.
Form IV C	Newman, P. M.	Hobson, R. R.	Wood, O. J. T.
Form S A1	Stiles, G. R.	(Milfull, J. R.)	Donnan, S. P. B.
Form S A2	Langshaw, K. R.	Carter, P. B.	Carter, P. B.
Form S B1	McCredie, P. I.	Dowsett, M. H.	Taylor, D. A.
Form S B2	Holman, D. J.	_____	_____
Form S C	Carpenter, C. J.	Madgwick, P. B.	Madgwick, P. B.
Form III A	Sinclair, R.	(Anderson, B. D. O.)	Anderson, B. D. O.
Form III B	Stobo, P. G.	Yeldham, M. M.	Yeldham, M. M.
Form III C	Wade, R. B.	Scott, M. A.	Bucknell, R. E.
Form III D	Sedgwick, J.	Sedgwick, J.	Sedgwick, J.
Form II A	Whight, T. D.	(Cadwallader, P. C.)	(Myers, P. W. H.)
Form II B	Cottee, J. M.	Doyle, D. R.	Kerr, R. B.
Form II C	Wyndham, A. H.	Harris, J.	McHutchison, H. B.
Remove A	Langshaw, S. N.	Langshaw, S. N.	Sevier, M. J.
Form I	Davis, P. S.	Graham, C. H.	Lambert, C. J.

GENERAL MERIT: (Lack, G. N. T.), (Langdon, R. N. L.), (Plomley, E. D.), (Kingsmill, R. A.), Rodger, M. G., Turner, R. W., McCarthy, J. S., (Peterson, R. R.), Galbraith, M. N., Magill, L. I., Von Sneidern, P. L. Dickson, R. R., McGuire, K. M., Stiles, G. R., Uther, G. C., Genge, I. M., Hamilton, R. J., Vonwiller, J. B., Burrell, C. J., Brain, S. V. F., Bilston, K. J. M., Sedgwick, A., Payne, J. E., Hill, J. W. E., Kestell, P. J., Mobbs, M. G., Reeves, D. R.

ORDER OF MERIT IN THE SIXTH FORM IN GENERAL PROFICIENCY

1, Stiles, J. A.; 2, Cameron, D. S.; 3, Dowding, C. R.; 4, McLelland, M. H.; 5, Lack, G. N. T.; 6, Langdon, R. N. L.; 7, King, T. O. B.; 8, Clarke, W. B.; 9, Scammell, P. D.; 10, Stowe, J. M.; 11, Henningham, J. G.; 12, Loder, D. K. H.; 13, Carter, J. E.; 14, Wilson, J. D.; 15, Setchell, G. H.; 16, Stewart, P. S. B.; 17, Dubois, R. S.; 18, Walker-Smith, J. A.; 19, Keirle, J. N.; 20, Bullen, J. E.; 21, Sagar, D. W.

A LIST OF BENEFACTORS

(Last year a list of endowments for Scholarships and prizes was published. A further list of benefactions for other purposes is now recorded, with grateful acknowledgment. Gifts to the Chapel are not now included. The intention is to record these on a future occasion and also to complete the list in other ways.)

Before 1889: The St. James School Compensation Trust Fund About £30,000

This amount, part of the compensation paid by the Government for the resumption of the St. James School, was voted by Synod for "the erection of a school of the highest type . . . in which the teaching shall be in accordance with the principles of the Church of England."

1892: Francis Adams £350

1903: The Memorial Library Fund £461

To commemorate Old Boys who served and fell in South Africa and China.

1906 and after: The Chapel Fund About £3,500

For the erection of the School Chapel.
Including, The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust £1,500
Sir Thomas Dibbs £350

1914 and after: The "Torch-Bearer" Fund £281

A fund inaugurated by Norman Younger Deane and others to provide retiring allowances for masters. Now incorporated in the larger trust fund of the same name.

1918 and after: The Memorial Playing Fields.

A large sum was raised and expended during the years 1918 to 1928 to provide playing fields at Northbridge as a memorial to Old Boys who served and fell in 1914-1918.

The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust contributed £200.

A sum of £8,254 was contributed by means of fetes. Gates were presented by A. B. S. White.

1918: L. Blackwood	£500
For a laboratory as a memorial to James Blackwood.	
1919: Russell Sinclair.	
"The Sinclair Memorial Boat Shed." In memory of Eric Sinclair, M.C. The land, and additional building, were presented by friends of the School, largely at the instance of F. W. Hixson.	
1919: Sir Samuel McCaughey	£10,000
A bequest, applied to erection of dormitories and of a third storey of classrooms.	
1935: Leslie A. Minnett Memorial Fund	£100
Applied to establish the "Minnett Room" in School House.	
1937: William Norman Cadwallader	£250
A bequest for general purposes.	
1937 and after: The S.C.E.G.S. Jubilee Fund	About £12,000
To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation of the School.	
Including, William Mellrath	
Anonymous, in memory of Gen. William Holmes, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.	£1,000
Sir William Dixon	£500
An Old Boy	£500
The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust	£250
Anonymous	£250
1941: W. Stewart Ziele	£150
A bequest for development of the library.	
1941: John Webster Barnes	£1,000
A bequest for the benefit of the Masters' Superannuation Fund.	
1943: John Wilson Crawford, D.S.O.	£100
A bequest for the benefit of the Masters' Superannuation Fund.	
1944: Mrs. Ralph Worrall	£500
A gift as a nucleus of a fund for the improvement of stipends of masters.	
1947: Sir Thomas Buckland	£1,000
A bequest for general purposes.	
1948: Mrs. E. T. Thring	£5,000
In memory of Dr. E. T. Thring, for the building of the Thring Art School.	
1948: Miss Kate Knox	£1,000
A bequest for general purposes.	
1948: John Donald Cadell, R.A.A.F.	£200
A bequest for general purposes.	
1948: Mrs. Emily Clegg-Taylor	£500
A bequest in memory of John and Oliver Clegg-Taylor; marked by the naming of a classroom.	
1952: Harold Vivian Jaques	£1,000
A bequest for general purposes.	
1946: The S.C.E.G.S. War Memorial Fund	Now about £46,000
To commemorate the services of Old Boys in the War of 1939-1945; applied to the building of the Memorial Hall. The Fund is still open.	

HEADMASTER'S REPORT FOR 1953

It is fitting that we should sometimes use the opportunity offered by Speech Day to pay a compliment to those who give distinguished service in the government of the School. During the sixty-five years since its foundation, few have done as much for the School as Mr. A. D. W. Fisher. He was here for ten years as a boy, and conspicuous in various branches of School life. Ever since that time he has been kept in sympathetic association with it by the attendance of his son and grandson, and by intimate friendship with masters and Old Boys. He joined the Council in 1933 and became Honorary Treasurer in 1945. The demands of this office are exacting in normal times, for the School has become a large and complicated organisation. During the last eight years, when costs have been rising, and the future often uncertain, the difficulties have been far greater than ever before. Mr. Fisher has been almost continuously at hand, ready with just that blend of qualities that the period has required, practical wisdom allied with human sympathy, proper caution combined with foresight and imagination. We all have reason to be extremely grateful to him. He is now about to hand over the office of Honorary Treasurer, while continuing, I am glad to say, as a member of the Council. There has been general expression of satisfaction at his acceptance of our invitation to present the prizes to-day. It gives us the chance to express our deep sense of obligation to him.

The principal topic this year is, of course, the building of the Hall as the School's War Memorial. Early in the year tenders were sought in accordance with a design at which we arrived in the manner described in my last report. The tender of Messrs. Robert Wall & Sons for £47,500 was accepted and a contract for the building was signed on March 23. The architects are Professor Leslie Wilkinson and Mr. Rupert Minnett in association. The foundation stone was laid by His Excellency the Governor on June 9 before a gathering fully representative of the School community, both in variety and in goodwill. The progress made is very good. That it has been made almost without disturbance of our routine is largely due to the builders, their foreman and employees, who have been friendly and helpful in the extreme. It may not be entirely finished and equipped until late in February. We are not seriously concerned about this. When it is done, we shall doubtless go ahead and use it, and shall hold a formal inauguration of the Memorial later, after the departure of Her Majesty the Queen. Careful attention is being given to the interior decoration by the architects, who have consulted also with Miss Margaret Lord. Chairs and curtain have been ordered as part of a scheme of design and colour. Stage lighting and sound equipment have been ordered after expert consideration. Mr. Grigg and Mr. Goddard have deeply interested themselves in all these matters, as they are well qualified to do.

The erection of the new gates, presented some years ago by the S.C.E.G.S. Association, is in progress. It will be some little time before we can complete the paths and grounds near the entrance, and much longer before we can fully arrange all internal paths and roads.

With the August issue of the "Torch-Bearer" there was issued a pamphlet explaining the plans for the development of the School properties. Recent improvements, including the Hall, can now be seen as steps in a scheme which was planned years ago and which it seemed wise to make public only recently. Some copies of this pamphlet are still available to any who are interested. The Council resolved in August to proceed at once with the building of the two class rooms, part of the east side of the proposed quadrangle, adjoining the Hall along Alma Street. These are not part of the Memorial, but will be most useful in connection with the Hall. They also indicate clearly the next stage of the plan, which will be followed when the time comes for the two old two-storey houses to disappear.

It is now estimated that the total cost of the Hall, with gates and paths, with professional fees, and furniture and equipment, will be about £58,000. The two class rooms, which will be paid for from School funds, will cost about £4,500 in addition.

The War Memorial Fund has been so greatly augmented this year, and the help towards it has come from so many, that I do not know how to make proper acknowledgment. At the time of printing this report the gross total of donations is about £46,200, of which about £12,250 has been contributed since March. The number of receipts issued so far is very nearly 3,000, and, of course, many of these have been issued to groups of Old Boys or parents. This gives a striking indication of the very wide spread of interest in the School throughout the community. The total given above indicates the approximate amount available for us, as expenses and other debits are closely balanced by interest earned. We have discussed whether we ought to print and despatch by post in the near future a list of subscribers; there is also a marked difference of opinion whether we ought to include amounts subscribed. It would cost some hundreds of pounds to print and post a list, and I am inclined to think that contributors would like this amount to be otherwise applied. It is therefore my proposal, which I now offer for comment, that the list be placed in a special cabinet which we are providing for the purpose at the entrance of the Hall. If this suggestion meets with approval, it will be understood that acknowledgment by means of a printed list will not be undertaken. The cabinet is designed to hold also other records, written and photographic, of the construction of the Hall and of its future use.

I do now offer our thanks to all who have contributed to the splendid result so far achieved.

Last year, with the Speech Day programme, we published a list of the endowed prizes and scholarships in order to place on record the important facts about them. This year, we are publishing a partial list of benefactions received since the foundation of the School. When the War Memorial Fund is considered in relation to these, its importance in the School's brief history will be apparent.

The problems of management have become rather less difficult during the last year, though they continue to be bad enough. Conditions of employment have been more stable and the rises in costs have been less steep. There have been rises, however, which have been sufficient to affect seriously our small margin of receipts above expenses. We had hoped to keep our fees at this year's figure, even though they are below the fees of most other big boys' schools. We must meet rises in wages and salaries, and for this purpose have notified a small increase. I am not quite sure that this will be

big enough, but we are hoping that it will suffice. Doubtless it has been noticed by parents that the amount of income allowed in respect of School fees as a deduction for taxation purposes has been increased from £50 to £75. This should be a definite help. School finances have received a slight help by remission of sales tax on all goods purchased for school purposes. Both these remissions have been made, as I believe, chiefly as the result of representations made by the Headmasters, and I acknowledge the consideration shown by the Federal Government. We have not yet succeeded in having gifts to schools recognised as allowable deductions, but we are hopeful. However, it is to be noted that as long as the War Memorial Fund is open, gifts, free from taxation, can be made to it. We intend to keep it open for some time in accordance with conditions for which Government approval has been indicated.

The enrolment problem is as difficult as ever. There is a regular stream of applications each week, and it takes much of the time of Mr. K. D. Anderson and of my secretary to deal with them and to answer questions associated with them. We are not now able to consider any applications for enrolment before 1960 unless the circumstances are very unusual. Applications go as far as 1966. There are bound to be misunderstandings, but I hope that they can be reduced to a minimum. For example, some find it hard to understand that we are not prepared to give definite enrolments to all who apply for ten or twelve years ahead. It is perhaps enough now to explain that our present organisation provides for a limited intake in various categories or age-groups: if we were to involve ourselves too deeply, say, for 1965, there might be some pretty problems bequeathed to my successor. Indeed, his liberty to vary the present organisation might be seriously hindered for years ahead. I again advise Old Boys and others associated with the School not to delay in forwarding applications. We have the keenest desire to recognise an existing association with the School, but we also have to try to be fair to others.

The number on the roll during the year has varied between 781 and 788. The Sixth Form has been a bit bigger than usual. The number seems likely to be about the same for next year, though at present it is proving difficult to keep some classes down firmly to the correct size. We try to keep all classes down to 30, and nearly always succeed. Of course, many VI and V Form groups are far below this number, and the lowest Preparatory School classes are also kept below it.

We shall probably find it difficult in February next to settle the School into its new arrangement of classes as rapidly and as efficiently as usual. Monday, February 1, would normally be our "New boys' day," but it has been declared a public holiday. Wednesday, February 3 is another holiday for Her Majesty's arrival. We might have postponed the opening, but thought it proper not to do so, so as to avoid loss of working days and so as to give boys, particularly from the country, a chance to see the Queen under organised conditions. We asked Sydney people to bring their new boys along last week for test and interviews, and the response has been very good. It will be an enormous help if we can see all new boys, including country boys, before February 2, but it may be impossible in a few cases. I ask now for the most thorough co-operation in organising the re-opening for next year. All boys should be here absolutely punctually on the first day, and absences ought not to be permitted in the early part of the term for any reason other than illness. We have been given to understand that arrangements will be made for all our boys to see Her Majesty.

The arrangement of services and instruction has been carried on in accordance with our well-established custom by the new Chaplain, the Rev. John Mason, with the help of the Rev. R. F. Bosanquet. The sculpture executed in Melbourne by Mr. Mészáros is nearing completion and ought soon to be placed below the East Window. Our next big move for furnishing the Chapel should perhaps be the completion of the maple panelling on the Western Wall.

Last year's Leaving Certificate results were mixed in quality. It is not reasonable to expect more than an approximate correspondence in the standard of pass in a given subject from year to year; or more than a rough equivalence in standard from subject to subject. However, there have been a few changes from year to year lately that have seemed more abrupt than perhaps they ought to have been. Calculations were disturbed in many schools last year and there were unexpected failures here as elsewhere. On the other hand, there were some unusually good aspects of our results. The average quality of the passes was high and the number of honours was very good, even when compared with those schools to which entry is obtained competitively. The distribution of honours was good; firsts were obtained in seven subjects and honours of one grade or the other in ten. For the first time the list of the first hundred in order of merit in general proficiency was published. It contained the names of six of our boys. Only two other schools had more than five, and each of these was a school of special type. In the first list published, 24 of our boys were awarded Commonwealth Scholarships; more obtained them later. Now that it is more widely known that these Scholarships are available, it is likely to become harder to win them, and boys who are looking to the future ought to expect an increase in competition. I doubt whether our Intermediate Classes are as good as usual this year, though it is hard to judge with certainty. There is probably not much variation from the normal standard throughout the School. At one time during this year a change in the method of examining for the Intermediate Certificate was threatened, but the proposal was withdrawn. I hope it will not be revived. The present method suits us well and is reliable. Any defects in the method of internal examining ought to be dealt with where they occur. It would be a backward step to reintroduce any feature of external examining at the Intermediate stage.

Games have again been happily and quite successfully conducted. At the beginning of the year it seemed likely that our first teams would do well in all competitions, and indeed they did, though they did not win any. In the Boat Race our crew was second; though the margin was small, a very good Sydney High School crew had several times demonstrated its clear superiority. We won the Second Fours and tied in the Fourth Four's race. In Football several teams were very even. All our matches except one were very close. We won four of them, drew one and lost two. The Seconds and Thirds, though quite good, were not as successful as usual. I am informed that we had 26 teams, excluding the Preparatory School, that they played 221 matches during the season, winning 130, losing 76, drawing 15. Experienced persons will understand that hard work and careful organisation are necessary in order to give enjoyable football to the very large number of boys involved. They ought to be very grateful to the masters who make it possible. A constant load falls on Mr. Whight. Corresponding figures are not as easily quoted for the cricket season. There were about 18 regular teams as well as those in the Preparatory School, and they all had a good programme. The 1st XI

was one of the best we have had. They had many fine performances, but they lost the final match by a small margin and so failed to keep first place. The 2nd XI won its competition with a particularly fine win in the final match. In athletics we were second by the narrowest of margins. We were without the services of Whitehouse, who was so successful last year, and Parker, who has a splendid past record, competed under a severe handicap. I mention this not to suggest that the result might have been different, but in order that the fine example of these two boys may be placed on record. When injured they might have been excused for showing grave disappointment. Whitehouse attended regularly on crutches and helped in coaching juniors. Parker went on training with an arm in plaster, and by determination eventually achieved results not far short of his best. The manner of it in both cases was most praiseworthy. In Shooting we were fourth; we won the Buchanan Shield. In Tennis, both Senior and Junior teams won their respective contests. In every branch of sport I believe that boys have had pleasure and have participated in the right spirit.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" was presented on four evenings in July to full houses at the Independent Theatre. As usual, it was a good show. The orchestra has dwindled, and I do hope that it will soon be reinforced. There is no diminution of keenness or of enjoyment on the part of the players, particularly the "female chorus." Some of the boys in principal parts improved greatly in rehearsal, and so made good use of talents which were not perhaps in every case as notable as we have had available in the past. Ian Anstey played the part of the Boatswain, which was taken by his brother, Donald, in 1947. Their family has long been associated with our musical and dramatic shows. Indeed, there are several ladies and gentlemen who give us the pleasure of their company and assistance year by year. I take this opportunity of thanking them. Senior Play Day was in May and Junior Play Day in October. At the former eight plays were presented. The acting and production were judged to be good. Some of these boys have had the experience of several play days, and it is pleasing to record that the general standard of speech and voice production shows much improvement. At the latter there were nine plays. The standard here seemed to me very good for boys of the Third and S Forms. It is often to be noted on these occasions that much good work is done by boys and classes who do not usually achieve similar success in School work. It is a great thing for many of them to be able to experience a sense of achievement in this way.

It is likely that we have now used the Independent Theatre for the last time, for next year we hope to be in our own Hall. We have had the greatest help and co-operation from Miss Fitton and from members of her company and staff from time to time, over a period of fourteen years. Though we shall be pleased to be in our own Hall, we break these long associations with regret and record our thanks to all who have made them so happy.

Since Mr. Backhouse left, the Scouts have been carried on in various ways. Some Old Boys gave such assistance as their studies permitted earlier in the year. For the most part, however, their training has been in the expert hands of Mr. W. Kinnersley, who has endeavoured to bridge the gap to the appointment of a Scout Master. We are greatly indebted to him. Mr. Bosanquet has exercised general oversight and has agreed to take full charge next year. I am sure that he will not lack co-operation and help. The parents of the Scouts have always been most helpful.

The Cadet Unit has followed satisfactorily a course of training on the usual lines. From June 1 the Command was assumed by Major J. W. Lipscomb, though his promotion to that rank followed a little later. Significant events of the year were a Field Day in August, a Ceremonial Parade with a demonstration of training in October, and the Annual Camp last week. At the laying of the Foundation Stone in June, the Unit provided a Guard of Honour for His Excellency the Governor, and its bearing was undoubtedly very good. As from next year Cadet Units are to be restricted in strength to an authorised establishment, which in our case is to be 357 all ranks. This means a reduction of strength by about 20. It is considered that this can be effected without disadvantage. The work of the Air Training Corps has also gone forward well, though their strength has been a little below the maximum permitted. Some distinguished results have been obtained. In addition to R. M. Kater, who was appointed to a Cadet Commission in 1952, J. R. Harris, M. H. McLelland and M. A. Minns gained commissioned rank this year; J. M. Stowe, I. Muir and J. N. Keirle have also qualified for the rank, but the establishment does not give room for their appointment. Harris and Muir have been awarded Flying Scholarships. In the Flight there are now 14 who have completed the final stage of A.T.C. training; this is an extremely high proportion, which marks the Flight as one of the best in the Commonwealth. The standards of military training are very sound, and it undoubtedly provides a field of achievement for many boys with great profit to them.

One of the most interesting features of the year has been the way in which persons associated with the School have been brought together, even more fully and frequently than before, by common interest in the Hall. The Old Boys' Dance in June and the American Tea held by the Association in October, were two fine social functions of the kind which, I am sure, do good to the School far beyond the financial benefit. The Old Boys have been promoting branches and circles in the country; I attended a Dinner of one group in Wollongong. The Union had a most successful Annual Dinner and has arranged many other gatherings. The annual Old Boys' Tea brought many here in October. Many parents also have held functions at which the common interest has been the School. I am sure that all this is very good for us, and that it adds much energy and interest to the life of an educational establishment. I offer thanks to all who have been responsible, particularly to Mrs. McGrath and Mrs. Ferguson, the executive officers of the Association, and to Mr. Richard Swift, President of the Union, and his Committee.

At the end of June Mr. A. E. Mitchell left the staff and his place was taken by Mr. R. M. Blanshard. At the end of the year Mr. Brown will relinquish his temporary appointment and Mr. Bagot will retire. In their places, we look forward to having Mr. Robert Blomfield and Mr. David Webster. These three new members of the staff are all Old Boys, and sufficiently well known to need no introduction. Mr. Tiley will become Second Master, Mr. Sawkins will be Housemaster of Hodges House, and Mr. Goddard will be Senior Master in Physics.

The time has come for Mr. Bagot to retire, and I am quite certain that there will be widespread regret. He has been a member of the teaching staff for 38 years. His chief interest has been in the teaching of Science and his skill is well known. He has taken our rifle shooting for many years, and the success of his teams has been remarkable.

He commanded the Cadets for 19 years and retired in 1947 with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He took over the Housemastership of Hodges House when it was in Bay Road in 1925, and has held it ever since. The tale of his services to the School cannot be fully told here. It has been the interest of his life. For myself, I shall always be grateful to him for taking up the reins in 1949, for his help to my wife and myself when I was ill, and for the way in which he has assumed and multiplied the duties of Second Master since that time in order to relieve me. Mrs. Bagot has also been a splendid member of the School community, fully devoted to its interests, liked and respected by all who know her. We shall miss them both, but look forward to seeing them often.

The Prefects have again been extremely good. I doubt whether we have ever had a more competent Senior than Philip Bramma. He has a first-class sense of the responsibility of the office. The others have set a high standard by their personal conduct and have done much to elevate the standards of prefectship in the School. They have taken no liberties and assumed no privileges. I arranged trips for Bramma and David Wilson to schools in other States in August in order to enlarge their experience, and we had a return visit from the Senior Prefect of Launceston.

The discipline generally has been very good. I fancy that we may have sometimes been thought to be severe in dealing with some offences. However, I suppose that boys are sent to the School in the expectation that they will be in an environment in which certain things will be strongly disapproved. Therefore, I think that it is a duty to be reasonably severe in expressing disapproval of certain breaches of conduct. Those of which I think particularly are unkindness or cruelty, rudeness, dishonesty or bad faith, and such acts as may bring one's companions into disrepute. I always feel that a school that is free from lapses such as these would be a very good school.

I now acknowledge gratefully the help of all those who have contributed to our activities during the year; the Council, and particularly the Executive members of it, upon whom a heavy burden has rested; the Staffs engaged in teaching and management and in the care of boarders; the parents, many of whom have been helpful beyond estimation; Old Boys who have maintained their interest and loyalty so well; and boys who, taking them as a whole, are perhaps as good a group as one would find in a school.

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