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# Sydney Church of England Grammar School

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## Speech Day—8th December, 1955



Visitors are requested to take their seats before 2.45 p.m.  
3.05 p.m.: Opening service.



### HYMN.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy Throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting, Thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy Sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away,  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

LESSON:—I 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 His Excellency the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, Sir Stephen Holmes, K.C.M.G., M.C., M.A.

Vote of thanks (the Senior Prefect).

### BENEDICTION.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Tea will be served in the School Grounds.

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

**Council:**

Rev. Canon FRANK CASH, M.A., B.D., Th.D.	Mr. R. B. HIPSLEY, B.E.
Rev. Canon R. J. HEWITT, Th.L.	Dr. N. F. BABBAGE, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.
Rev. R. P. GEE, Th.L.	Dr. A. DISTIN MORGAN, M.B., Ch.M., D.A.
The Ven. Archdeacon F. W. TUGWELL, B.A.	Mr. J. E. M. DIXON, B.Ec.
Rev. S. C. S. BEGBIE, Th.L.	Professor D. M. MYERS, B.Sc., D.Sc. (Eng.).
Rev. Canon S. G. STEWART, Th.L.	Mr. H. M. BRAGG.
Dr. N. D. CAMPBELL, M.B., B.S.	Mr. D. M. MacDERMOTT.

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

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

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

**Second Master:** C. S. TILEY, B.E. (Sydney).

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

**Master of Preparatory School:** L. M. JAMIESON, B.A. (Sydney).

**House Masters:**

*W. SAWKINS, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Sydney) (5)	Hodges House
*K. D. ANDERSON, M.A. (New Zealand) (3)	Robson House
*P. H. ELDERSHAW, B.A. (Sydney) (1)	Barry House
P. R. M. JENKINS, B.A. (Sydney)	School House
L. M. JAMIESON, B.A. (Sydney)	Purves (Junior) House

**Masters:**

E. J. CLINCH, B.A., B.Sc. (Sydney).	*G. FAUNCE ALLMAN (8).
*I. F. JONES, M.A. (Queensland) (2).	*T. H. VISSER, Ph.D. (Utrecht), Mus.D. (London) (12).
H. W. GRIGG, B.A. (Sydney).	J. R. BERNARD, B.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed. (Sydney).
*J. N. PASCOE, B.Ec. (Sydney) (7).	*E. R. WOOLMINGTON, M.A. (Sydney) (4).
*R. B. WHIGHT, B.A. (Queensland) (11).	Rev. R. F. BOSANQUET, B.A., Th.L. (Sydney).
R. A. GILFILLAN, B.A. (Sydney).	P. A. FULLER.
W. M. MCGREGOR.	R. M. BLANSHARD.
A. R. RUPP, B.A. (Sydney).	R. BLOMFIELD, B.E. (Sydney).
T. MILFULL, B.A. (Queensland).	D. A. WEBSTER, B.Sc. (Sydney).
D. P. FOMENKO, B.Ec., M.Litt.	*R. DOIG (9).
W. H. BRIERLEY.	D. SHAWCROSS.
W. N. DOWLING, B.A. (Sydney).	M. HOWARD.
*N. M. GODDARD, B.E. (Sydney) (6).	J. K. MORELL, B.A. (Sydney).
*J. V. TERRY, B.A. (Sydney) (10).	
H. C. W. PRINCE, M.A. (Oxon.).	
J. W. BURNS, B.A. (Sydney).	

\*Senior Masters in (1) English; (2) Classics; (3) French; (4) History; (5) Mathematics;  
(6) Physics; (7) Chemistry; (8) Music; (9) Art; (10) Geography; (11) Games;  
(12) Librarian.

J. H. DIXON, J.P. (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:** M. J. SWINBURN.

**Second:** T. J. WOOD.

W. J. W. EDWARDS	G. I. M. SMITH	P. H. LLOYD
R. S. NAPIER	D. A. CARTER	A. D. WARDEN
D. J. HOSKINS	B. D. DOUST	J. H. D. ATKINSON
J. W. KIERATH	P. J. LARKE	D. D. BENBOW
D. G. T. NOCK	C. R. MACLEAN	R. S. MERRILLEES
R. W. TURNER	K. J. ROBERTS	W. W. STUART
A. C. DOWE	I. H. E. BARRACLOUGH	.....
I. B. LITCHFIELD	J. W. BRAY	R. R. WARDEN

**CAPTAINS OF SPORT:**

<b>Athletics</b> - - M. J. SWINBURN	<b>Football</b> - - M. J. SWINBURN
<b>Boats</b> - - - R. R. WARDEN	<b>Shooting</b> - - D. W. DOUGLAS
A. D. WARDEN	<b>Swimming</b> - - R. W. TURNER
<b>Cricket</b> - - - R. S. NAPIER	<b>Tennis</b> - - - R. S. NAPIER

**HOLDERS OF SCHOLARSHIPS, 1955**

A. B. S. White Scholarship .....	M. J. Swinburn
Grainger Exhibitions .....	{ J. S. Ford
	{ S. P. B. Donnan
J. N. Graham Exhibitions .....	{ J. F. Langdon
	{ R. P. Carr
Bruce and Eldon Beale Memorial Prize .....	{ W. B. Clarke
	{ M. H. McLelland

**Junior Scholarships:**

Open Entrance .... (Christina Campbell Scholarship)	R. H. Burgess
(Oswald Stanton-Cook Scholarship)	C. S. Phegan
(Hodges Scholarship)	J. D. Moore
Open School .....	P. B. Vonwiller
	P. W. H. Myers
	{ C. C. Vonwiller
	{ J. Harris
Under 14 years, No. 1 and No. 2 .....	{ S. V. F. Brain
	{ P. N. W. Dixon
	{ R. Sinclair
	P. G. Gaskin
	B. A. Frost
	J. B. Dorter
	J. H. Pollard
Archbishop's Exhibitions .....	C. C. King
	P. W. Deasey
	R. A. Begbie

## PRIZE LIST, 1955

### SIXTH FORM:

Brian Pockley Memorial Prize .....	M. J. Swinburn
Burke Prize and United Services Prize and War Memorial Prize (first in General Proficiency) .....	{ A. F. Cooper B. D. Doust R. S. Merrillees
A. H. Wade Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	D. J. Hoskins
Percival Sharp Memorial Prize (Form Prize) .....	R. S. Merrillees
Harold Dean and R. S. Reid Prizes (Mathematics) ....	A. F. Cooper
Charlton Prize (Divinity) .....	K. H. Green
J. S. Wilson Memorial Prize (English) .....	B. D. Doust
David Cowlshaw Memorial Prize (Latin) .....	R. S. Merrillees
Herbert Kendall Memorial Prize (French) .....	R. R. Peterson
Ian Menzies Memorial Prize (History) .....	K. H. Green
Montleith Cowper Wood Memorial Prize (Physics) ....	{ D. J. Hoskins M. J. Swinburn
John Kingsmill Phillips Memorial Prize (Chemistry) ....	M. N. Galbraith
Desmond Hum Memorial Prize (Geography) .....	R. W. Turner
Russell Sinclair Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	K. H. Green
Donald Muston Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	G. J. Lehmann
German .....	G. J. Lehmann
Ancient History (The "Lodge Torch-Bearer" Prize) ....	R. S. Merrillees

### FIFTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (VA Form) .....	J. R. Milfull
Hunter Stephenson Prize (Mathematics) .....	S. P. B. Donnan
Eric Mileham Litchfield Memorial Prize (General Merit)	G. R. Stiles
Harry Eames Budd Memorial Prize (English) .....	J. R. Milfull

### FOURTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (IVAl Form) .....	B. D. O. Anderson
Roy Milton Prize (French) .....	B. D. O. Anderson
L. R. Benjamin Memorial Prize (Science) .....	B. D. O. Anderson
Geoffrey Cohen Memorial Prize (General Merit) .....	C. J. Burrell
Frank Bennett Memorial Prize (English) .....	{ B. D. O. Anderson J. B. Vonwiller

### SUB-INTERMEDIATE FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (SA1 Form) .....	C. S. Phegan
Hunter Stephenson Prize (French) .....	J. B. Darter
The Selby Prize (Physics and Chemistry) .....	C. S. Phegan

### THIRD FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (IIIA Form) .....	J. D. Heydon
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### PREPARATORY SCHOOL:

John Scott Memorial Form Prize (IIA Form) .....	A. H. D. Budd
John Scott Memorial Mathematics Prize (Division 6A)	A. H. D. Budd

### SPECIAL PRIZES:

#### General Activities:

D. J. Richards Memorial Prize .....	T. J. Wood
Old Boys' Union Prize .....	R. S. Napier
Catechism: Uther Prize .....	A. H. D. Budd

#### Choir:

The David Davies Memorial Prize .....	{ K. W. Flemming D. R. B. Reeves
Choir Prize .....	J. H. McConnell

## PRIZE LIST—(Continued)

### General Knowledge:

John Jamieson Memorial Prize .....	J. R. Milfull
Junior Prizes .....	J. B. Vonwiller
	R. H. V. Douglass

### Art:

E. T. Thring Memorial Prize .....	A. G. Bishop
Junior Prize .....	G. J. Sheard

### Original Contribution to the School Magazine:

"Torch-Bearer" Prize .....	M. G. C. Brown
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### Debating Prizes .....

B. D. Doust
G. J. Lehmann
S. H. Leigh

### Music:

Musical Perception. Mr. R. G. H. Walmsley's Prize ....	R. C. Anderson	
Practical, Senior .....	}	
		T. L. Harbutt
		J. H. Pollard
Practical, Junior .....	R. N. Wyndham	
Theory .....	T. S. L. Lowe	

### Play Day:

Senior .....	VC Form
Junior .....	IIIA Form

### Orchestra Prizes .....

A. W. F. Griffin
J. R. Milfull

		DIVINITY	FORM	DIVISION
Form VI	A	(K. H. Green)	(R. S. Merrillees)	(A. F. Cooper)
Form VI	B	D. D. Bebbow	B. E. Mitchell	M. N. Galbraith
Form VI	C	S. H. Leigh	S. H. Leigh	D. E. Firmage
Form VI	D	R. P. Warburton	—	P. J. Larke
Form V	A	B. P. Fielden	(J. R. Milfull)	(S. P. B. Donnan)
Form V	B	J. B. Hutchings	J. A. Lake	W. A. Thomas
Form V	C	C. E. Tadgell	C. E. Tadgell	I. R. E. Lane
Form V	D	K. R. Langshaw	D. J. Holman	J. C. Alsop
				R. S. Holder
Form IV	A1	I. G. Ross	(B. D. O. Anderson)	(B. D. O. Anderson)
Form IV	A2	D. R. Lewarne	C. R. P. George	J. S. Bean
Form IV	B1	D. R. Cordery	R. E. Bucknell	R. E. Bucknell
Form IV	B2	J. W. Godden	R. J. Beer	A. J. Liddle
Form IV	C	J. Sedgwick	J. Sedgwick	J. Sedgwick
Form S	A1	C. S. Phegan	(C. S. Phegan)	C. S. Phegan
Form S	A2	W. E. Chidzey	W. E. Chidzey	R. I. Brogan
Form S	B1	A. H. Bull	P. H. Turnock	P. H. Turnock
Form S	B2	G. B. McGuinness	G. B. McGuinness	}
				P. C. Stanton
Form S	C	D. H. Primrose	R. W. Murchison	R. W. Murchison
Form III	A	J. D. Heydon	(J. D. Heydon)	J. H. Pollard
Form III	B	S. N. Langshaw	P. L. O. Crook	P. L. O. Crook
Form III	C	P. B. Wade	O. P. Powell	C. R. Hawke
Form III	D	R. B. Parker	R. B. Parker	J. B. Keene
Form II	A	A. H. D. Budd	(A. H. D. Budd)	(A. H. D. Budd)
Form II	B	J. D. Williams	J. M. Kingsmill	E. J. Uther
Remove	A	D. R. F. Irvine	A. B. Wallis	H. M. O. Anderson
Remove	B	I. M. Scott	I. M. Scott	R. G. Brownlee
Form I		I. W. Foulsham	I. W. Foulsham	I. W. Foulsham

GENERAL MERIT: (K. H. Green), (D. J. Hoskins), (G. J. Lehmann), M. E. K. Holden, (G. R. Stiles), P. B. Madgwick, J. F. Warburton, (C. J. Burrell), R. F. Clowes, P. R. Holman, P. R. Kierath, A. Sedgwick, B. M. Munday, P. C. Cadwallader, D. C. Luther, M. W. A. Baxter, K. H. C. Harris, J. Harris, J. D. Moore, C. B. Hudson, J. A. McCutcheon, R. L. Bray, R. G. O. Marshall, J. R. Graham, R. J. Selby, A. G. Marr, D. R. F. Irvine, R. J. Huntley, R. C. Hudson.

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**ORDER OF MERIT IN THE SIXTH FORM IN  
GENERAL PROFICIENCY**

1, A. F. Cooper, B. D. Doust, R. S. Merrillees (æq.); 4, D. J. Hoskins; 5, K. H. Green; 6, G. J. Lehmann; 7, M. N. Galbraith; 8, R. R. Peterson; 9, M. J. Swinburn; 10, G. E. Woodley; 11, R. A. Kingsmill; 12, J. D. Myers; 13, A. C. Dowe.

# HEADMASTER'S REPORT FOR 1955

The sixty-seventh year of the School's life is drawing to a close. I think it true to say that the year has been very pleasant and profitable, that standards of school life have been well maintained, and that, though the results are not yet readily visible, important steps have been taken towards the improvement of School property.

The Memorial Hall has been brought into use in the life of the School. Concerts, dramatic performances, assemblies, and examinations have been held in it, and it has been used in many other ways. A team of boys under Mr. Grigg and Mr. Goddard have undertaken responsibility for the routine management of the building and for the proper and skilful use of the various pieces of equipment in it. One day in the future we shall have to solve the problem of darkening it more thoroughly in the day time and at the same time providing effective ventilation. It may be disappointing to some that Speech Day is not being held in the Hall. However, we always realised that the very large number that we are happy to welcome on Speech Day could not be accommodated inside. We were not satisfied with last year's experiment, whereby some were seated outside, and we decided that it is difficult to improve upon the well-tried method of holding the main proceedings in the marquee.

It is of great interest to us to observe the recent acceleration in the development of North Sydney as a business area. I do not think that this development represents any danger to the School, but rather the reverse, for the quality of the environment will be improved in a permanent way. It is to be hoped that as the day time population of the area increases there will be ample provision for the parking of vehicles. Cars parked during the day time now reach our front gate, and inconvenience may arise. For School functions we usually nowadays encourage parking on the southern and western sides of the School, which can be approached without using the main roads. I hope that this plan will be more generally recognised by those attending such functions. The progress of North Sydney has not taken us by surprise. Indeed, we feel much satisfaction that we had the foresight to acquire land on the eastern and southern sides of the School during the last twenty-five or thirty years. The hill overlooking the harbour is securely in the hands of the School, the Presbyterian Church and the A.M.P. Society, and hence our harbour view seems to be protected. To those who, like myself, are impatient to see more rapid progress in School building, it is some satisfaction to know that money which might have been put into buildings in recent years now turns out to have been even more profitably expended.

I am convinced that we ought now to turn again with some urgency towards our building programme. Standards of educational buildings are advancing so rapidly that it would be easy to fall behind. There is a vast amount to be done here to enable us to keep pace. We need classrooms, science rooms, workshops, more library accommodation, and each house requires a great deal to be done. We shall doubtless shortly take the next forward step. However, it is a very difficult matter to provide enough money for rapid progress from income alone, particularly now that building costs are so high. It is hard to see that we shall be able to make a big advance unless we are lucky enough to receive really substantial help. It will be recalled that legislation introduced last year made gifts to schools for building purposes free from income tax. I did hope that this would already have brought substantial assistance; doubtless it will do so in due course. I am convinced that in these days, when the future of the nation clearly depends more and more upon the quality of the educa-



tion given to adolescents, there are few, if indeed any, causes to which large sums of money could be more suitably offered.

There are now two school funds to which gifts may be made with freedom from income tax, namely, the "S.C.E.G.S. War Memorial Fund" and the "S.C.E.G.S. Building Fund". The former has grown during the year by approximately £1,200, which includes one large and most generous gift, anonymously made. The gap between the War Memorial Fund and the cost of the Memorial has now been reduced to £9,400.

The Council is still attempting the difficult task of keeping fees down while costs rise as rapidly as ever. In the early part of the year there was a sharp increase in expenses, caused chiefly by a rise in the salary rates ruling in the teaching profession. In view of the cause, it was generally agreed that a substantial increase in fees was justified. Recently there has been a further rise in salary rates, and also the November rise in the basic wage is bound to be felt severely. An attempt is being made to meet these recent changes without raising fees further. The accounts for 1955 should reveal early in the New Year whether this will be possible. Several schools similar to this have already raised fees above ours, and it seems unwise to expect too confidently that we shall be able to maintain our present level.

Though there has been no building this year, many inconspicuous jobs have been done. Some of these might be considered to come under the heading of routine maintenance, but, in fact, the opportunity has been taken to do much that will have permanent value. Our permanent staff of painters have done some exterior work of which the results are visible, but they have done a great deal of interior renovation. The improvement in the interior of the main block of classrooms is most marked. The windows of the Chapel have been over-glazed, thus providing a permanent protection from the rather serious effects of the weather. Many feet of pipes and gutters and many square feet of roofing have been renewed in copper. New tennis courts at Barry and Robson Houses have been surfaced at a cost that is not small. It is to be noted, however, that all work on these courts except the surfacing was done by the boys themselves on their own initiative; the work at Barry House was particularly arduous and was performed with quite notable skill.

The reclamation of the river frontage at Gladesville was not completed until April. It is still in rather rough condition; a permanent sea wall has to be built at heavy additional expense, and the area has to be cleared and planted. The total improvement in the future will be vast. Important earth work has also been undertaken at Northbridge. In the Memorial Playing Fields we have five grounds for cricket and football, and we think that this number is all that we can manage to keep in good order. Two grounds, however, known as C and D, are below standard size and have for years been in need of re-surfacing. We recently found the long-awaited opportunity of buying filling at a reasonable price, and so more than 15,000 cubic yards of the soil excavated for the foundations of the M.L.C. building in Miller Street have been transported to the north of C and D grounds. These grounds will thus be able soon to be made full size, though unfortunately with the temporary loss of some good trees. We hoped that we would be able to start the re-turfing of the areas without delay, but we shall have to wait patiently for the filling to settle. It now seems likely that we shall be able to do D ground during 1957 and C during 1958, and that we must make the best of their poor condition meanwhile.

There were 794 boys in the School in First Term, and throughout the year the total has exceeded our standard of 780. We had more

than the usual difficulty in keeping enrolments within reason and several classes were just over thirty strong. We should like to avoid this as far as possible in the future; however, we cannot afford to have vacant places and it is hard to keep the balance.

The enrolment problem becomes more difficult and more embarrassing. Every post brings applications for years ahead, and we are able to give a favourable reply to relatively few. I am most indebted to Mr. K. D. Anderson for the help that he gives me as Master-in-Charge of Enrolment. This year we seem to have received an unusual number of applications from persons transferred to Sydney from other States for business or professional reasons. Many such people come to us with the notion, which would seem to have been encouraged in the other States, that they have some special claim upon us. We do help them whenever we can do so without unfairness to others, but beyond that we cannot go. The number of telephone calls about applications, or about enrolments already on our books, is increasing to a most alarming extent. Next year we intend to include in all correspondence about enrolments a request that the telephone be not used. Otherwise the trouble seems likely to grow beyond all reason.

Indeed, I again ask all who are concerned with the School to avoid the use of the telephone whenever possible. A telephone call causes a most insistent and often most inconvenient interruption to the person at the receiving end, and our administrative staff is not large enough to cope with more work than there is already.

The start of the School year is now moving to a very early date in the Calendar. We used to arrange so that the public holiday for Australia Day would not fall at the beginning of our first week. However, if we were now to move our starting day a week later we should reduce the time of preparation for the Leaving Certificate Examination by a week, and hence we do not care to do it. We have been trying to bring about some agreement between the University and the Department and the independent schools, so that we may be able confidently to arrange our programme for some years ahead. This agreement has not so far been achieved.

The usual Chapel Services have been conducted, and the various Open Services have been exceedingly well attended. We are grateful to those visiting clergymen who have given addresses on Sundays, and also to those who have addressed the School in Chapel during the week. His Grace the Archbishop visited us on July 22nd for the Confirmation Service, at which sixty-one boys were confirmed. The Chaplain and I have been at some pains in trying to establish a sympathetic relationship between the School and the parish clergy, particularly in the matter of confirmations. We hope that parents also will take a sympathetic view of this relationship and will help us in encouraging boys to interest themselves in the life of the parish to which they belong. By arrangement with the A.B.C. the service of Matins was broadcast from the School on October 18th. We have had messages of commendation and thanks from distant places. Thanks are due to those boys who have been members of the Choir during the year and who have answered the many calls upon their services. I offer particular thanks to those Masters who give valuable musical help to the Choir and whose example of interest and enthusiasm might be noted with profit by the whole School. The panelling of the West Wall was dedicated on 1st May in memory of James Lee Pulling, former Master and valued friend of so many of us, and of Bill Hixson, a young Old Boy of a distinguished Shore family, who died untimely in 1948. We have lately been giving some thought to the completion of the West Window, the only window in the Chapel that remains to be completed in stained glass. I hope that it will be done in the next year or two.

The standard of work in the classroom seems to be well maintained. The Leaving Certificate results of 1954 were in total about the same as usual for this School. In individual cases the number of variations from our expectation was greater than usual. I do not think that our methods have changed, but I suspect a variation in examining standards. There were three boys in the first hundred, namely, Clarke, McLelland and Jones. We hoped for more, but, nevertheless, this number was bettered by only four schools, all of which are schools that select their entrants by competition. There were only eleven first-class honours, a small number for us; on the other hand, there were thirty seconds. There were three first classes in Latin, and this represents a successful attempt to keep up the standard in this subject. It is hard to say whether we shall do well in the examinations this year. The standard of honours work does not seem to be high. However, I think that in general boys have been diligent. In the competition for first place in the School in general proficiency three boys have been placed equal, and each of them has won his position by good workmanship and industry. These are the qualities that all are capable of developing and therefore perhaps they are the qualities most highly to be praised. Next year's Sixth Form should be well above the normal standard, and I hope that they will set to work steadily to obtain good results; they ought to be capable of lifting our standards in most subjects. The change of curriculum that was introduced this year in the Fifth will move forward next year into the Sixth. In accordance with it, three new subjects, namely Geology, Accountancy, and Art, will be added to those presented for the Leaving Certificate. We shall thus be offering courses in sixteen Leaving subjects, and honours in ten or twelve of them. This is a wide range, and it is not easy to arrange the Staff in order to cover it fully. It is sometimes necessary to restrict the choice made by some boys between subjects in order that the balance of numbers in the various sets may be kept under control.

In games we have been less successful this year, if the winning of competitions is to be taken as the measure of success. It is true that the First Fifteen was the least successful of the teams in the football competition, but we were second in shooting, athletics and cricket and third in rowing. In the Second Grade we were second in shooting, football and cricket, and third in rowing. In the less official tennis also we were second. Considered as a whole, this is not a bad record. It is unfortunate that competitions are permitted to count for so much. I am inclined to think that the enjoyment of games has seldom been greater. Though the First football team did not win their matches, I feel sure that they enjoyed the season and came to the end of it with a thorough respect for their coach. The Seconds very nearly won, and the other teams had their fair share of success. The cricket throughout the School seems to have been improving. In the Third Term of the year there was very little interruption by the weather and all teams had sound practice and enjoyed a full programme of matches. It was a great satisfaction to us that Napier scored such a good century for the Firsts in the final match. He has been a devoted and modest captain. The standard of the rifle shooting teams was quite good, but they encountered teams from King's which were well above the normal schoolboy level. In rowing, also, the crews were reasonably close to the good standard of former years. The Eight could on occasions do very well, but it was not sufficiently skilful to be able to produce its best form at will. In the athletic season there was a splendid attitude towards training. Our juniors are not very strong as a group, but they did try hard to make the most of their powers. The senior team was strong, but met a highly trained group of fine runners from St. Joseph's. Swinburn's performance at the G.P.S. Sports was the finest in the history of the School.

I again record my thanks to those who have made themselves responsible for the organisation of games and for the coaching of teams and crews. It ought to be said from time to time that the games which boys enjoy and which are a most beneficial part of their school life are the direct result of the voluntary interest of Masters and of a few others outside the School Staff. We continue to be indebted to Mr. W. G. Thomas for his work with the Eight; I am sure that boys regard it as a great privilege to be associated with him. The Boat Club is now receiving also the help of Mr. Colin Davies, an expert in rowing, who is in every way welcome; we hope he will have a long association with the School. I cannot mention individually the Masters who look after our games. However, I do this year wish particularly to thank Mr. Whight. As Sports Master he has the arranging—among many other things—of the large programme of Saturday matches. When it is realised that this means seeking and arranging games for twenty-six football teams and for about twenty cricket teams, with grounds and materials and all the rest, it can be imagined that the task is no sinecure. However, he does much more even than this; and I admire his assiduous care for the interests of the small fry, and of those who are not so skilful but who enjoy playing.

A most interesting and enjoyable feature of the School life in recent years has been the vastly increased interest in the drama. Nowadays many boys obtain in the period between Prep. School and Sixth Form considerable experience of appearing before an audience. The standard of the work presented is rising steadily. The splendid stage facilities in the Memorial Hall, and the holding of rehearsals there, right within the School, have made a big difference. During the present year Senior Play Day took place in March, with seven plays performed by various groups, and Junior Play Day in October with a like number. The best plays on the former occasion were put on again in the evening, and the winning Junior play was presented to the Old Boys who were at the School for the Annual Tea and Meeting. At the end of October the Prep. School annual entertainment took the form of five small plays, one by each of the five classes. Here, then, were nineteen plays during the year, each the work of a group so small as to offer little choice in filling the various parts; and we should have been pleased some years ago to achieve the same standard in one or two plays during the year with a cast chosen from the whole School. The principal undertaking was the performance of "The Pirates of Penzance" in July. The general verdict seems to be that in this there was a high and consistent level of singing throughout. So much of this work is going on now that there is a tendency to make comparisons with plays and operas presented elsewhere or with our own performances of former years. This tendency is, I think, to be deprecated. It is proper that any activity should be subject to informed and responsible criticism, as this encourages the performers and helps to raise the standard. However, I do hope that the situation will not develop in such a way that boys will hesitate to offer themselves freely and groups will hesitate to tackle a play because they fear they may not be good enough. The attitude that suits us in this School is to attempt tasks as an educational exercise with whatever material we have available; it is the attempting that is worth while. This year we had more vocal talent than usual available for "The Pirates," including a few voices of unusual quality for schoolboys, and the result was very good indeed. The boys who so thoroughly enjoy this work owe much to Mr. Grigg and Mr. Sawkins, and also to Mrs. Allman. These three, with help gladly given by numerous colleagues, have achieved something that would not have been thought possible fifteen years ago.

The Cadet Unit is now commanded by Major Jenkins, whose

promotion to that rank during the year is a due recognition of his service to the cadet movement. The two masters now assisting him will not be here next year, but their places will be filled by new masters, and we are also to have the help of Captain F. F. Travis, of the North Shore Regiment, and Captain J. J. Allen, of the Scottish Regiment, both Old Boys. The A.T.C. Flight is well organised under Flight/Lt. R. M. Blanshard, who is assisted in the training by Mr. D. A. Webster. These two organisations give training to 345 boys each year in the Cadets and 73 in the A.T.C. There are 18 who hold cadet commissions in the two services. Anyone who has participated in this kind of work would understand that it is a big task. The fact that it proceeds week by week smoothly and without undue demand upon the School administration is due to very systematic organisation on the parts of the officers concerned, with help from the permanent Army and Air Force staffs. Indeed, it is most interesting to contemplate how this form of training has improved within my period of observation. I am frequently impressed by the knowledge of their subject that boy officers and N.C.O.'s have acquired, and it is pleasing to see the confidence and ability of some of them as instructors. The events of the year have been according to the usual pattern, including Field Day, Ceremonial Parade, and Camp. The Cadet Unit was inspected this year by an Old Boy, Brigadier P. W. A. Kelso, and the A.T.C. by Air Commodore W. H. Garing, C.B.E.

There are various other activities in the School which do not attract as much attention as they deserve. For example, the Chess and Debating Clubs have their enthusiasts, who should be given every credit for the contribution they make to the variety of the School life.

I thought it wise in July to address to the parents of older boys a letter about entertainments for youngsters. Later in the year a letter was sent out by the heads of a large group of schools. I did not sign the latter, because I thought that I had covered the situation sufficiently well for our local circumstances; however, I do express general agreement with it. I do not think that this matter has yet reached dangerous proportions in our particular environment; but there is to be seen a warning that it could rapidly become serious. The dangers are that parties may become absurdly numerous; that they may become foolishly expensive; and that undesirable features may develop in them. During the year we arranged the usual boarders' dance on the simple lines that we think to be appropriate. It was interesting to hear that it was voted to be the best boarders' dance that there had been. I look to the parents of all our boys to establish a fashion of simplicity and of appropriate conduct, and to tolerate nothing that is at variance with the views that have been expressed by heads of schools and so freely approved by the whole community.

Under the presidency of Mr. Norman Falk the affairs of the Old Boys' Union have been conducted in a lively and friendly fashion. The usual dance and dinner, and other entertainments that are conducted nowadays, give Old Boys much more chance than formerly of keeping in touch with one another and with the School. Several very active groups have been formed in country centres. I myself attended a dinner in Tamworth at which about seventy were present, and another later in Canberra.

The ladies of the S.C.E.G.S. Association have also kept up their good work. At their annual afternoon they raised approximately £1,150, which is being allotted to several School purposes. £400 has been given to the Council for an addition to the Memorial Building and £350 to the Boat Club for a small launch for the coach. Mrs. T. E. Ferguson has retired from the office of Hon. Secretary, and I take

this opportunity of thanking her for her work. She is succeeded by Mrs. R. Swinburn. Ladies have been very helpful in many other ways; for example, behind the scenes in our dramatic exercises, and in providing tea at Northbridge. I am sure that many would like me to acknowledge all that Mrs. Napier has done, particularly at Northbridge. These various occasions are helpful not only in the more obvious way, but also because they give an opportunity for us all to meet informally.

At the end of this year four masters are to proceed on leave in order to obtain professional experience, namely, Mr. Burns, Mr. Bernard, Mr. Woolmington and Mr. Blomfield. It is coincidence that their different plans make the same time convenient for them all. Though awkward gaps are created, I am glad that these gentlemen are to have the opportunity that I am sure they will all find both refreshing and stimulating. I look forward to welcoming them back. We shall have Mr. Prince back next year. Other vacancies will be filled by Mr. Blair Alldis, an Old Boy, Mr. J. E. Colebrook, Mr. R. H. Sowden, and Mr. Bruce Hamilton, the last-named from New Zealand.

The prefects and senior boys have been at least as good as ever this year. They have been well led by Swinburn, as good a Senior Prefect as we have had; and he has been well supported by Wood. The others have given the right lead and have been sensible and restrained but effective in the exercise of their responsibility. I wish that I could devise a really effective way of extending further the opportunity that prefectship gives. Many boys would benefit from the opportunity, and there are nowadays more than our normal twenty-four who are worthy of it. The choice of prefects is most carefully made, but it must inevitably depend to some extent upon opinion, or upon the needs of the School at the time in a certain direction, or upon the opportunities that have come the way of certain boys.

It is very difficult to convey thanks adequately to the members of the Council who carry out the unremitting executive work. I again thank Mr. Arthur Fisher, the Honorary Treasurer, upon whom we depend heavily and who is always wise and deeply thoughtful for all whose interests are involved in the School. Mr. Ludowici, the Honorary Secretary, has been away from Australia for part of the year, and Dr. Distin Morgan added to the commitments of a busy professional life by filling his place temporarily. I thank both these gentlemen and Mr. Richard Hipsley and, in general, the members of our governing body.

Finally, I thank Mr. Tiley, who has lifted many administrative burdens from my shoulders, and generally the members of the teaching and administrative staff for their loyal help to me and their devotion to the interests of the School.

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