



Sydney Church of England
Grammar School
North Sydney

December 1956

Sydney Church of England Grammar School

Speech Day—6th December, 1956



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:—1 Peter, ii., 11-25.

PRAYERS.



3.15 p.m.: The chair will be taken by the Right Reverend W. G. Hilliard,
M.A., Th.D.

Summary of Headmaster's Report.

Presentation of Prizes by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales,
Lieut.-General Sir John Northcott, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.

Vote of thanks (the Senior Prefect).

BENEDICTION.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Tea will be served in the School Grounds.

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

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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).	H. C. W. PRINCE, M.A. (Oxon.).
*I. F. JONES, M.A. (Queensland) (2).	J. W. BURNS, B.A. (Sydney).
H. W. GRIGG, B.A. (Sydney).	*G. FAUNCE ALLMAN (8).
*J. N. PASCOE, B.Ec. (Sydney) (7).	*T. H. VISSER, Ph.D. (Utrecht), Mus.D. (London) (12).
*T. B. WHIGHT, B.A. (Queensland) (11).	J. R. BERNARD, B.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed. (Sydney).
R. A. GILFILLAN, B.A. (Sydney).	Rev. R. F. BOSANQUET, B.A., Th.L. (Sydney).
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.	M. HOWARD.
W. N. DOWLING, B.A. (Sydney).	J. K. MORELL, B.A. (Sydney).
*N. M. GODDARD, B.E. (Sydney) (6).	J. E. COLEBROOK, M.A. (Cantab.).
*J. V. TERRY, B.A. (Sydney) (10).	B. K. ALLDIS, B.A., B.Sc. (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.	B. HAMILTON, M.A. (New Zealand).

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: R. M. DEY, M.B., B.S. (Sydney).

PREFECTS:

Senior: A. D. WARDEN.

Second: P. H. LLOYD.

D. D. BENBOW	J. S. MERRILLEES	W. W. BUCKNELL
D. H. BAIRD	J. M. BROGAN	D. A. HARRICKS
A. F. COOPER	J. S. COCKLE	M. S. JACOB
G. J. LEHMANN	A. J. LANE	D. L. TURNBULL
M. J. R. MacKELLAR	W. A. THOMAS	M. J. WILKINSON
M. B. SHIRLEY	M. J. COUSINS	B. P. FIELDEN
C. D. G. STONE	R. B. H. DOYLE	C. C. KING
R. P. CARR	C. V. SCHWARTZKOFF	P. F. MENDEL
R. P. HEATH	G. D. SHEATHER	

CAPTAINS OF SPORT:

Athletics - J. S. COCKLE	Shooting - - M. B. SHIRLEY
Boats - - A. D. WARDEN	Swimming - G. D. SHEATHER
Cricket - G. V. SCHWARTZKOFF	Tennis - - M. J. R. MacKELLAR
Football - R. P. HEATH	

HOLDERS OF SCHOLARSHIPS, 1956

A.B.S. White Scholarship	A. D. Warden
Grainger Exhibitions	{ S. P. B. Donnan J. B. Vonwiller
J. N. Graham Exhibitions	{ R. P. Carr R. H. Drake
Bruce and Eldon Beale Memorial Prize	{ B. D. Doust D. J. Hoskins
Junior Scholarships:	
Open Entrance (Christina Campbell Scholarship)	L. M. Richardson
(Oswald Stanton-Cook Scholarship)	C. S. Phegan
(Hodges Scholarship)	J. D. Moore
Open School	P. W. H. Myers
	C. D. Vonwiller
	J. Harris
	A. H. D. Budd
Under 14 years, No. 1 and No. 2	P. C. Gaskin
	B. Frost
	G. Pollard
	J. B. Dorter
	J. H. Pollard
Archbishop's Exhibition	{ C. C. King P. W. Deasey R. A. Begbie J. Doyle

PRIZE LIST, 1956

SIXTH FORM:

Brian Pockley Memorial Prize	A. D. Warden
Burke Prize and United Services Prize (1st in General Proficiency)	J. R. Milfull
War Memorial Prize (2nd in General Proficiency) ...	S. P. B. Donnan
A. H. Wade Memorial Prize (General Merit)	A. F. Cooper
Percival Sharp Memorial Prize (Form Prize)	J. R. Milfull
Harold Dean and R. S. Reid Prizes (Mathematics)	A. F. Cooper
Charlton Prize (Divinity)	S. P. B. Donnan
J. S. Wilson Memorial Prize (English)	{ G. J. Lehmann
	{ J. R. Milfull
David Cowlshaw Memorial Prize (Latin)	J. R. Milfull
Herbert Kendall Memorial Prize (French)	A. F. Cooper
Ian Menzies Memorial Prize (History)	G. J. Lehmann
Monteith Cowper Wood Memorial Prize (Physics)	S. P. B. Donnan
John Kingsmill Phillips Memorial Prize (Chemistry)	J. H. G. Holmes
Desmond Hum Memorial Prize (Geography)	G. C. Uther
Russell Sinclair Memorial Prize (General Merit) ...	G. R. Stiles
Donald Muston Memorial Prize (General Merit)	R. C. Pritchard
German	J. R. Milfull
Ancient History (The "Lodge Torch-Beater" Prize)	G. C. Uther

FIFTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (IIIA Form)	B. D. O. Anderson
Hunter Stephenson Prize (Mathematics)	B. D. O. Anderson
Eric Mileham Litchfield Memorial Prize (General Merit)	C. J. Burrell
Harry Eames Budd Memorial Prize (English)	W. D. Carroll

FOURTH FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (IVA1 Form)	C. S. Phegan
Roy Milton Prize (French)	C. S. Phegan
L. R. Benjamin Memorial Prize (Science)	{ C. S. Phegan
	{ B. M. Munday
Geoffrey Cohen Memorial Prize (General Merit)	P. C. Cadwallader
Frank Bennett Memorial Prize (English)	{ C. S. Phegan
	{ M. L. Hope

SUB-INTERMEDIATE FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (SA1 Form)	J. D. Heydon
Hunter Stephenson Prize (French)	J. H. Pollard
The Selby Prize (Physics and Chemistry)	D. J. Farram

THIRD FORM:

Alan Ludowici Memorial Prize (VA Form)	R. A. Barnett
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PREPARATORY SCHOOL:

John Scott Memorial Form Prize (IIA Form)	T. S. Southwell-Keely
John Scott Memorial Mathematics Prize (Division 6A)	H. M. O. Anderson

SPECIAL PRIZES:

General Activities:

D. J. Richards Memorial Prize	D. H. Baird
Old Boys' Union Prize	W. L. Hewett
Cadets: Cadet Under Officer Efficiency Award	A. M. Whybrow
Catechism: Uther Prize	T. S. Southwell-Keely
Choir:	
The David Davies Memorial Prize	D. R. B. Reeves
Choir Prize	{ P. F. McConnell
	{ E. J. Uther

PRIZE LIST—(Continued)

General Knowledge:

John Jamieson Memorial Prize	J. R. Milfull
Junior Prizes	P. Cadwallader
	M. Roberts

Art:

E. T. Thring Memorial Prize	J. M. Brogan
Junior Prize	G. J. Shead

Original Contribution to the School Magazine:

"Torch-Bearer" Prize	G. J. Lehmann
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Debating Prizes

G. J. Lehmann
J. B. Vonwiller
P. W. Young

Music:

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

Play Day:

Senior	School House
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Orchestra Prizes

B. D. O. Anderson
P. W. H. Myers

	VIth FORM		Vth FORM	
DIVINITY	(S. P. B. Donnan)	A set	I. F. Ross	A set
	M. A. C. Jones	B' set	D. W. Alexander	B set
FORM	(J. R. Milfull)	VI A	W. D. Carroll	C set
	C. E. Tadgell	VI B	(B. D. O. Anderson)	V A
	D. J. Helman	VI C	J. Sedgwick	V B
	D. K. Smith	VI D	R. B. Wade	V C
DIVISION	(A. F. Cooper)	1 A	R. S. Grace	V D
	G. R. Stiles	1 B	(B. D. O. Anderson)	2 A
			J. S. Bean	2 B
			D. P. H. Allen	2 C
			A. J. Russell	2 D

	DIVINITY	FORM	DIVISION
Form IV A1	B. M. Munday	(C. S. Phegan)	B. M. Munday
Form IV A2	G. A. Holt	D. R. Doyle	D. R. Doyle
Form IV B1	M. R. Staniland	P. H. Turnock	M. W. A. Baxter
Form IV B2	D. G. Kennedy	W. G. Galbraith	R. B. Kerr
Form IV C	R. W. Murchison	K. H. C. Harris	K. H. C. Harris
Form S A1	J. D. Moore	(J. D. Heydon)	J. H. Pollard
Form S A2	R. B. Sinclair	J. D. Warner	A. C. Leggo
Form S B1	H. C. Morgan	J. M. Cassidy	J. M. Cassidy
Form S B2	P. J. Connell	Russell B. Parker	Russell B. Parker
Form S C	G. T. Walker	J. B. Keene	J. B. Keene
Form III A	R. J. B. Bosworth	(R. A. Barnett)	G. N. Pollard
Form III B	J. P. Isbister	P. T. Perkins	B. M. McGilvray
Form III C	D. K. Robbins	J. R. Dunstan	J. R. Dunstan
Form III D	M. D. McLaughlan	J. A. D. Whitty	R. J. Harvey
Form II A	W. D. Ferris	(T. S. Southwell-Keely)	(H. M. O. Anderson)
Form II B	I. M. Scott	I. M. Scott	R. G. Brownlee
Remove A	P. H. R. Meyer	R. E. Alexander	R. E. Alexander
Remove B	J. L. Poole	P. D. Phillips	D. M. Barr
Form I	R. E. McGlynn	R. E. McGlynn	R. E. McGlynn

GENERAL MERIT: (A. F. Cooper), (G. R. Stiles), (R. C. Pritchard),
(C. J. Burrell), P. N. D. Jenkyn, I. E. Fraser, (P. C. Cadwallader),
T. A. Roseby, F. J. T. McDowell, J. G. Woods, C. C. Vonwiller,
M. B. Wise, A. H. Palmer, A. H. D. Budd, J. P. Isbister, D. K. Wyatt,
P. A. Woodhouse, D. R. F. Irvine, R. J. Franklin, D. R. Molloy,
D. B. Ingham, D. A. Ungar.

ORDER OF MERIT IN THE SIXTH FORM IN GENERAL PROFICIENCY

1, J. R. Milfull; 2, S. P. B. Donnan; 3, A. F. Cooper; 4, G. J. Lehmann;
5, G. R. Stiles; 6, R. C. Pritchard; 7, P. S. Cox; 8, L. S. Peak; 9, G. C. Uther;
10, J. H. G. Holmes, M. E. Sainsbury, C. E. Tadgell (aeq.); 13, M. K. Elmslie;
14, P. R. Graham; 15, M. E. K. Holden.

ACTING HEADMASTER'S REPORT, 1956

Your Excellency, My Lord Bishop, Gentlemen of the Council, Ladies and Gentlemen and Boys:

I am sure that, on behalf of everyone present, I can say that we are much honoured, and exceedingly pleased that Your Excellency has made time from out of your multifarious duties, to visit us yet again on our Speech Day; it is but one more instance of that interest in the progress of the young people of this country which Your Excellency has always shown, and which has such a good effect upon them.

We miss today the familiar figure of the Chairman of the Council, the Primate of Australia, the Very Reverend Dr. Mowll, Archbishop of Sydney. He is at present overseas on Church duties, and we regret his absence. We extend a very warm welcome to his Deputy, the Right Reverend Bishop Hilliard, who is by no means a stranger to us, as he has officiated here at many of our Services.

Mr. and Mrs. Robson are due in Sydney on January 2nd, 1957. Mrs. Robson left for England in January of this year, and Mr. Robson followed by air on April 9th. Except when travelling they have been staying with their son, Dr. Alastair Robson and his wife, Ann, at Maidstone in Kent. A granddaughter referred to as No. 2, duly arrived on June 22nd, and shortly afterwards they left on a week's tour of Devon and Cornwall. Then followed a trip on the Continent for three weeks, and then a visit to Scotland. Mr. Robson then received an invitation from the Olympics Committee to coach the eight chosen to represent Great Britain in the Games. He apparently thoroughly enjoyed this experience, which he finished on October 26th. He has also been very active firstly, in inspecting the work on the West window of the Chapel, which is being constructed in England, and secondly in visiting various Schools, where he is studying the changing trend of education, and the developments in School curricula and buildings. Eye witnesses who have recently returned from overseas say that both Mr. and Mrs. Robson are looking very well and fit.

This is the 68th year of the School's existence, during which we seem to have suffered more downs than ups, yet it can be said that the work has been carried on steadily, and a number of improvements initiated or pushed ahead. Only one small building has been added since the completion of the Memorial Hall. This is adjacent to the Art School, and is intended to provide a Woodwork Class Room, with store and also accommodation for the Cadet Unit Q-store, and the Air Training Corps Flight Headquarters. The Woodwork room will contain properly equipped benches, each accommodating two boys and fitted out with the necessary ready tools. Certain power tools will also be provided for occasional use. The room will be a vast improvement in the environment in which this handicraft is learnt, and should provide a greater scope for the skill and enterprise of those boys taking the subject, which will remain for the time being, an extra subject in the curriculum. The transfer of the cadet Q-store and the Flight Room is the first step in freeing some rooms in one of the oldest parts of the School building, which are due for replacement in the re-building project.

During the year, the School acquired another small property on the southern side of Lord Street, backing on to the present boundaries of the Preparatory School. This is a further step in the direction of rounding off the School property at the corner of Edward Street and Lord Street. Two of the terrace houses on the northern side of Lord Street, having been vacated by the tenants, have been renovated for the accommodation of two members of the Staff and their families.

At Northbridge, many cubic yards of filling have been obtained, and placed at the northern ends of C and D grounds. When this has settled, these two grounds will be extended into full sized fields. A pipeline with stands at frequent intervals now crosses the centre of B, C and D grounds from West to East, permitting the use of creeper sprinklers, and reducing the time required for watering. A concrete catch-drain now passes round the southern and eastern sides of C and D grounds, and it is hoped that this will carry off much water that formerly turned the southern ends into a quagmire during wet spells of weather. A Ferguson tractor and trailer, with scoop blade, is expected to further improve the efficiency of the heavy job of maintaining the grounds in proper order.

At Gladesville, a sea wall now exists right across the eastern boundary of the boashed property. Filling has been placed behind this, and a level surface now extends on the south, east and northern sides of the shed. An annexe has been built on the southern side of the shed thus increasing the available accommodation for boats, which, after the gift of a launch from the S.C.E.G.S. Association, was becoming very cramped. Trees and shrubs have been planted in suitable spots in the reclaimed area, and an attempt made to encourage grass to grow. In time this should provide a pleasant surrounding to the shed. This work was done almost entirely by the Boat Club and its supporters, with financial assistance from the Council. The School takes this opportunity of warmly thanking those who have helped and encouraged the improvements in the amenities at the Shed, and particularly Dr. A. Distin Morgan.

During the year it was arranged that a branch of the Savings Bank of the Bank of New South Wales should be established at the School. This branch, functioning on each Wednesday of term, has now 172 accounts. Only day-boys are permitted to have accounts, as the boarders' pocket money accounts are under the supervision of their Housemasters.

Two problems in connection with the Memorial Hall have been investigated. The first of these is the provision of a not unsightly but effective means of blacking out the Hall for use during the daytime for films or dramatic productions. This has been satisfactorily solved by a North Sydney firm. The other problem is much more difficult, that of providing effective ventilation at times when windows cannot be used to provide a natural draft. The solution to this is still being sought. We do not want to use power for it on account of the accompanying noise.

The various Open and Special Chapel services during the year have been very well attended, and the choral work under Mr. and Mrs. Allman has been very well done, the anthem on the occasion of the Old Boys' Service being particularly good. At that service we were fortunate to have our old friend the Reverend N. a'B. T. Backhouse, formerly School Chaplain, to give the address. Chapel contributions by the boys have been distributed as usual amongst the many causes to which the School regularly sends donations. At the end of 1st Term, the whole School gathered in the Hall for a Commemoration Assembly and Service. The service was conducted by the Chaplain, after which Dr. A. Distin Morgan spoke on the origins and aims of the School, and Mr. R. Swift (deputising for the President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. N. Falk, who was ill), spoke on the origin and function of the Old Boys' Union. It is intended that this shall be an annual fixture.

School work has been, in general, satisfactory. In the 1955 Leaving Certificate Examination, 83 boys passed, three being in the first one-hundred in the State. G. J. Lehmann took 1st Class Honours in German, and D. J. Hoskins and J. F. Langdon obtained 1st Class Honours in Physics. 18 Commonwealth Scholarships were gained.

In the 1955 Intermediate Certificate examination, 105 boys passed out of 145; the examination being internal, A's and B's were not awarded by the Department of Education, but on our own standards, four boys obtained the maximum of 8 A's. One of these boys was awarded a Gowrie Scholarship; another boy won an essay competition, not only in New South Wales, but in all Australia, and has since been commended for yet another essay.

During the year, we were informed that under the will of the late Emeritus Professor E. R. Holme a prize to be known as the "Cecilie Purves Memorial Prize" had been established at the University of Sydney. It is to be awarded annually, and available for three years, to a student or former student of the Sydney Church of England Grammar School on the basis of merit to be ascertained by the University of public examination or other means determined. The late Professor Holme was one time master on this Staff, later of the University of Sydney, and a member of the School Council for many years. Miss Cecilie Purves was a daughter of the third Headmaster, of this School, W. A. Purves, Esq., M.A.

Senior Play Day this year was a remarkable presentation. Eight plays were presented and all were excellently done. Miss Doris Fitton, O.B.E., who kindly adjudicated for us, has seen much of our dramatic work for some time, and she expressed her astonishment at the improvement in standard that has taken place. This is undoubtedly to be attributed to the great convenience of the stage in the Memorial Hall, and the great improvement in the atmosphere in which rehearsals take place. The production of "Ruddigore" in July, was another first class presentation, for once all the principals could both sing and act, and were splendidly backed by the chorus of village "girls" and youths, and by the orchestra under the baton of Mrs. Faunce Allman. In both cases, the usual willing help of mothers in making costumes and applying make-up contributed greatly to the success attained. Junior Play Day has got into an awkward place in our calendar, occurring just when not only Masters but boys as well are in the thick of the final preparations for examinations. This year we reluctantly cancelled it. We hope to be able to adjust it to a more workable position for next year.

The Preparatory School provided us with two delightful evenings at the end of October. Each of the five forms presented a play, the standard in each case being really excellent.

We have made very full use of our facilities for Sport; with over 800 boys in the School it is extremely difficult to provide adequate participation for all, and we cannot claim to have coped with the problem with full success. Willing service by Masters and some Old Boys with some present boys as coaches and referees has enabled us to partially cope with the problem. We must endeavour not only to widen the scope of these games and employ more boys, but also raise our standards. The 1st XI, which looked full of possibilities at the beginning of the year, has only twice shown its real talent. The 2nd XI did better and won all but two of its matches. The Junior teams have met with varying fortunes. In Football we had one of the most disappointing seasons we have had for many years. In spite of strenuous efforts by Mr. K. D. Anderson, and the keenness of the boys, the 1st XV only won two of their competition matches. They were certainly a little unlucky to be beaten in two others. The 2nd XV did little better. A brighter picture is shown by the Under 15A and B teams, where good material was very well handled by Mr. Webster and Mr. Amos. This merely points to our shortage of young, active and experienced coaches.

As with Football, so with Athletics. We had three meetings before the G.P.S. Sports in which we got some excellent competition, but we were below our usual standard. In the G.P.S. Sports the Senior Team was 7th, and the Junior Team 8th in the Competition. Of course, the G.P.S. meeting was remarkable for the standard attained in schoolboy athletics. A postponement due to rain prevented the Prep. School from taking part in the Inter-Prep. Sports as the anti-Polio immunisation had been arranged on the day selected for the postponed meeting, and could not be altered. The Captain of Athletics, J. S. Cockle, carried the Olympic Torch on November 18th for one stage near Asquith.

The Rowing season was marked by the usual enthusiasm and keenness. The eight suffered a major set-back, nine days before the race, when T. G. Vivers was injured and had to withdraw from the crew. Nevertheless the crew put up a magnificent race, being but six feet behind the winners in third place. Both they and their coach deserve high praise for the courageous way in which they all but completely overcame their misfortune. The First and Third fours obtained first place in their respective races, being coached by Mr. D. A. Webster. Our other crews were not quite good enough to win. We regret that Mr. W. G. Thomas, who has given us so much of his time since 1950, has had to relinquish the coaching of the Eight. We thank him warmly for what he has done in that time, and hope that in due course he will be able to help us again. We extend a warm welcome with best wishes for a successful season to Mr. Colin Davies, who has undertaken the coaching of the crew for 1957.

Tennis is always well patronised in the School, in spite of the difficulty of keeping other sports interests going as well. The Senior and Junior teams were both 2nd in the G.P.S. Matches in April. We propose to engage a tennis coach for Term 1, 1957. He will coach a squad of junior boys on several days a week, and we hope to improve the scope and standard of this activity thereby. A charge will be made to defray the expenses involved.

Mr. Grigg reports a high standard of Shooting. This was maintained through the season and a good number of boys were given an opportunity of learning some of the skills of marksmanship. There are many boys who find a real satisfaction in achieving the skill, concentration and physical control which is necessary to be a skilled rifleman. Only those who have had some experience of Rifle Shooting can realise to what extent nervous and physical fitness are the first requisites of good shooting. Though the Premiership evaded our team, they were an honourable second to the King's School, who again fielded a team of very good class. We were beaten into second place in the Rawson Cup match, but won the N.R.A. Shield. The Seconds Match was distinguished by a fine performance by our last man, who scored a possible to enable us to win by one point.

Cadets — 1956. This year we welcomed new officers in the persons of Capt. F. G. Travis, Lt. J. E. Colebrook and Lt. R. H. Sowden. We are especially indebted to Captain Travis who has given of his time unsparingly throughout the year and been of inestimable value to us.

Certain distinctions have been won by members of the Unit. Cpl. M. J. Cousins won the prize for the outstanding cadet from 9 Cadet Battalion (comprising roughly all schools on the North Shore) on the course for Potential Cadet U/Officers. In the May vacation courses on specialist subjects members of the Unit came first in four out of six subjects — Cadets B. D. O. Anderson in Intelligence, P. N. Dixon in Mortar, D. R. Cordery in Signals and L. M. Murray in Vickers Machine Gun.

Range and Field Day were cancelled on account of wet weather. The Ceremonial Parade was reviewed by Maj. Gen. D. Macarthur-Onslow, who expressed satisfaction with the standard of steadiness, turnout and drill. It was probably up to the standard of former years. Camp this year will be held at Singleton.

Training has proceeded normally. The increased number of adult officers has helped in this direction. Difficulties with regard to clothing and equipment have been minimised, largely because of the ready co-operation of the 9 Cadet Bn. authorities. Unit strength is pegged at an establishment of 357, which resulted in our having to reject about 20 intending recruits at the beginning of the year. Approaches have been made to the Army to have this establishment increased, but it would seem this is not possible at present.

The School Flight is now 90 strong, consisting of 4 Reserve Officers, 2 Cadet Officers, 22 N.C.O.'s and 62 other ranks. Training throughout the year has progressed most satisfactorily, to which the assistance of Flight/Lieut. A. W. Moore and D. R. Menzies, and Pilot-Off. J. A. Silk (a former member of the School Flight) has very largely contributed, while Cadet Pilot Officer D. D. Benbow has been a very efficient Adjutant. The year's training was finished off by an attachment to Uranquinty R.A.A.F. from Nov. 20th to Dec. 3rd. At the end of last year D. D. Benbow topped the school for Cadet Pilot Officers, while in May, 14 out of 19 were successful in a Junior N.C.O. course, L.A.C. Lovell being first on the course. The Flight was inspected by two distinguished visitors, Air Vice-Marshal W. L. Hely, A.F.C., and Group Captain Douglas Bader, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C. The Flight Headquarters will move to a room in the new Woodwork building, and a de Havilland Goblin jet engine is being installed as an adjunct to the training material.

Debating has been pursued enthusiastically during the year. During the first and second terms there were debates on most Thursday and Friday afternoons, and a large number in the lunch hour at least one day a week, and activity continued in the third term. Fifth and Fourth form boys were as much engaged as the members of the Debating Team and other Sixth Formers. The Debating Team consisted of Lehmann, Vonwiller and Young. For the first time for some years the team reached the final of the competition but was defeated by Scots. Lehmann in the Lawrence Campbell Oratory Competition was placed third.

The Chess Club: This activity is rapidly growing, with a membership of 50 at the end of the year. Perhaps the most interesting point about the Chess Club is that it is run entirely by the boys themselves, who have shown praiseworthy organising ability not only in carrying on activities inside the School, but outside as well. They visited other schools for competitive games there, and in turn, acted as hosts to the teams visiting Shore, in this ably led by P. R. Graham. They entertained Mr. Purdy, champion of Australia, who gave a demonstration of playing simultaneously on many boards, and the representatives of the Old Boys' Union Chess Club.

The Library has had a very good year. Apart from a good attendance and wide use of its facilities, apart also from progress in material amenities and repair work, the highlight of the year has been the unstinted and enthusiastic support given by the boys to a drive for more books in the library. The result was 1,030 books, ranging over many interests. Other people, too, came to the rescue, among whom we would like to mention especially Mr. R. Swift and Mrs. May, whose generosity is assuredly appreciated. The Senior Librarians, headed by L. Peak, have done a grand job and we would like to thank them in this occasion.

The Stamp Club has had a quiet but efficient year. A kindly spirit knits together these enthusiasts who weekly share their interests and worries, helping each other freely with both criticism and praise. Two competitions have been held, which were adjudicated by Mr. Selby, who has always freely given of his time to help us. Several donations were received for the School Collection. P. I. M. Matthew, a keen president, has been succeeded worthily by C. R. P. George.

Scout Notes: The Shore Scout Troop has this year a strength of 28 boys. It is divided into a senior and a junior troop, the latter being the larger. Most of the members attended the Pan Pacific Jamboree held in Victoria over the January period this year. It was valuable experience for them. During the other vacations this year Camps have been held at Wallacia and at Portuguese Bay (Pittwater). While at Wallacia an inspection of Warragamba Dam was arranged. The purpose of the Troop is to help boys to develop qualities which make them into good and useful citizens.

The War Memorial Fund has benefited by several donations during the year and the total now stands at £53,115.8.10.

As all know, the Council is still wrestling with the problem of rising costs in wages and materials, and has again been obliged to raise its fees. It is hard to see where this continual spiral is likely to end, but these increases are unavoidable in order to maintain financial stability.

The problem of School numbers and enrolments is still pressing. In spite of great care, our numbers have been slowly creeping up and we envisage a school total of about 830 for 1957. This will be straining our accommodation to the limit. The demand for enrolments continues and Mr. K. D. Anderson has a very worrying time in arranging the acceptances for any one year and in persuading parents that our lists are not only full, but overflowing. We have spent some time in trying to devise some means of reducing the number of parents who are, from year to year, told that we cannot take their sons. The business of allotting an applicant to his place in the School is not a simple one, as many factors have to be taken into account. Another problem which is worrying all the Schools is the gradual reduction in the length of the final year for the Leaving Certificate Examination. This year the Examination started on November 6th. Next year it will be November 5th. The numbers sitting are increasing, nearly 10,000 this year, and the volume of papers to be corrected and assessed increases steadily. Representation has been made to the proper authorities and it is hoped that this will in time have a satisfactory effect.

Next year Easter falls very late, with Anzac Day in close attendance. The last few weeks of next term will be considerably broken. However, we have decided to maintain our usual routine for the dates of terms which will correspond to those of this year.

The Old Boys' Union has again been very active in promoting the interests of the School in various ways. It has made again a substantial donation to the Memorial Fund, and awards one or two Bursaries for each year to enable selected boys to have another year at School. The Committee has encouraged the formation of groups of Old Boys in the country, each around a centre. Thus there are now active groups at Wollongong, Tamworth, Canberra, Orange and at interstate capitals, and in London. Such annual gatherings of Old Boys are very beneficial to the School. For example one of the groups has intimated its wish to assist the School by some form of annual gift or endowment. Mr. R. A. Swift succeeds Mr. Norman Falk as President for this year.

The ladies of the S.C.E.G.S. Association have again been a great help to the School by their enthusiasm and activity. The American Tea on October 5th was a great success in spite of the rather poor weather conditions, and they succeeded in reaching four figures. As is well-known, they place their resources at the discretion of the School, and we have many instances of their generosity. This year they have made donations to Hodges House, the A.T.C., the Library, Cricket Club, and towards the supply of reference books in English. We tender them our warmest thanks for their help.

At the beginning of this year four Masters proceeded overseas. Messrs. Burns, Bernard, Blomfield and Woolmington. Before finally leaving Australia, Mr. Woolmington was offered a position at the New England University which he immediately accepted. Mr. Burns, having married

shortly after arrival in England, returned in September, and very helpfully fitted into the gap left by the sudden decision of Mr. P. A. Fuller to go into commercial life. Mr. Blomfield has taken a position at Sevenoaks School, near London, for two years, and Mr. Bernard and his family are returning in time for the start of School next year, after teaching at Emanuel College, Wandsworth Common. At the end of this year we say goodbye to Mr. A. R. Rupp and Mr. W. H. Brierley, both valued colleagues whose services we are very sorry to lose. We shall be joined by Mr. Andrew Moyes, late of Westminster School, who with his wife and small family will take up residence in No. 40 Lord Street. Mr. Moyes will assist with rowing, in addition to classroom work in English and Geography. Mr. David Webster is proceeding overseas to obtain experience in English Schools and we wish him a pleasant and profitable year.

Mr. E. M. Bagot returned to the Staff on Mr. Robson's departure and assisted in Honours Mathematics and Physics. Mr. J. B. Burrell also assisted us for one week when the Staff was temporarily depleted by illness. We thank these gentlemen for their willing assistance.

The Senior Prefect, Andrew Warden, his second, Peter Lloyd, and the prefects have set a very good standard by their own bearing and attitude and have carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner. It is interesting to note that both Warden and Lloyd are sons of Old Boys of the School.

As in the past, the members of the School Council have been unstinting in their interest in every phase of the School's work and progress, and we owe them a very sincere vote of thanks. In particular I would like to express my personal gratitude to them for their friendly help to me since I took over from Mr. Robson.

There have been several changes in Council. During the year we have lost the services of Dr. N. F. Babbage, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., and Mr. H. M. Bragg. To them we extend our sincere thanks for their interest and for the time they have given in the administration of School affairs. In their stead we welcome warmly Dr. I. W. Holt, M.B., B.S., D.T.M., D.T.H., Mr. W. L. J. Hutchison, A.C.A., Th.L., and Mr. A. B. Podger, B.E.

Finally I would like to say of the teaching Staff that nobody could have received more helpful co-operation than I have received from them during this year.

