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CALENDAR FOR 1951

In 1951, in common with most schools in Queensland, Slade is dividing the school year into three terms.

Dates of the terms are as follows, subject to slight alteration if necessary:

FIRST TERM

Boarders Return Tuesday, Jan. 30.

School Starts Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Term Ends Tuesday, May 8.

SECOND TERM

Boarders Return Tuesday, May 22.

School Starts Wednesday, May 23.

Term Ends Tuesday, Aug. 7.

THIRD TERM

Boarders Return Tuesday, Aug. 28.

School Starts Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Speech Night Monday, Dec. 3.

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EDITORIAL

1950 is indeed a memorable year in the history of Slade School. It marks the close of the school's first quarter-century, and is distinguished by the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to lay the foundation stone of the Old Boys' War Memorial.

There could surely be no more inspiring way to celebrate the School's Silver Jubilee than by the setting of this stone, bearing in mind all that it stands for. In the World War of 1939-45, Slade Old Boys were tested for courage, loyalty, and in fact all the things for which the School has stood for the twenty-five years of its life. They came through triumphantly, and it is fitting that we honour them in this way. They have indeed proved themselves worthy of their fathers and have set us all an example to follow.

This is a time, too, when it is right that the story of the school's foundation and its early life should be told; a time when we should pay tribute to men and women, and boys, who have played their part in its establishment and growth. We are very happy to be able to print in this issue an account written by Archdeacon Glover of the birth of the school and one by Canon Edwards of the change-over in 1936 when the Bush Brotherhood of St. Paul took control of the school. These accounts show that the course has not been smooth, but that there have been setbacks and disappointments, and difficulties and worries, which have been surmounted by those who believed in the school and its future, and laboured to secure it. No one can tell that story better than the Archdeacon and the Canon, for they kept the light burning in dark hours, and knew better than anyone else just what the trials were. We are glad to record a tribute to them and their co-workers, who rejoice to-day to know that the school has come through and to see it well-founded, firmly established, and developing nobly.

We are mindful of the many who have contributed their share in the school's progress, too many to name individually, but them also we praise, and for their labours we thank God.

We include a number of messages of congratulation we have received from well-wishers. We have had word from two former Headmasters, Rev. A. E. N. Hughes, 1936-38, now in South Australia, and Rev. C. N. Mell, 1932-35, now living in retirement in Sydney. They send their greetings and good wishes, and remembrances to their Old Boys on this occasion. We thank these good friends for their interest and support.

Slade has almost reached its twenty-fifth birthday. May the next twenty-five years be a period of consolidation and growth, and may all who are concerned with the school maintain and strengthen its traditions, so that it may live to its motto.

PATRIBUS DIGNI ESTOTE.

IN THE BEGINNING—

Slade School is about to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of its foundation. The event will, no doubt, arouse a good deal of enthusiasm. Many who are interested in the School will rejoice over the success it has achieved during the past twenty-five years. Many others will look forward to greater success in the future. Some of us, at least, will think of the beginning of the School and recall the vision and the task which were instrumental in the creation of the institution.

It is important that the story of the School's foundation should be recorded and preserved. Perhaps it is no less important that the story should be told by someone who was closely associated with the movement and can speak, or write, from intimate knowledge. That task has fallen to my lot, and herein I propose to write what may be called a "Book of Genesis".

Slade School is essentially a product of the Parish of Warwick, and it is well to remember that the Parish of Warwick is coeval with the State of Queensland itself. The Rev. Benjamin Glennie became its first Rector in the year 1860. Some twelve years before that date, however, Benjamin Glennie was the Incumbent of the Darling Downs, with Warwick as one of its chief centres. And it was at Warwick, in the year 1857, that Benjamin Glennie established a Church School. There you have the background of the two great Church of England Schools which the Parish of Warwick has established in recent years.

Another noteworthy fact in connection with Warwick is its association with the first squatters and settlers on the Darling Downs. Patrick Leslie settled at Canning Downs in the year 1840. In the year 1847 he selected a site for the township of Warwick, and the following year he purchased the first allotment offered by the New South Wales Government in connection with the new township.

Leslie was soon followed by many more enterprising settlers, who gradually spread out over the Darling Downs, and began to develop its pastoral (and later its agricultural) richness. We owe a tremendous debt of honour to those lion-hearted men, many of whose descendants are still in our midst. The life and the character of the great pioneers of the Downs have given to Slade School its

suggestive motto, "Patribus Digni Estote" (Be worthy of your fathers).

Many years passed away, after the coming of the early squatters, and the arrival of Benjamin Glennie as the first Rector of Warwick, before any real effort was made to make Warwick the home of Church Schools. However, in the year 1918, through the initiative of the Rev. W. P. Glover, the Rector of the Parish, and Messrs J. D. Rowland and W. M. Stephenson, Churchwardens, the Church of England Girls' School came into existence. It was definitely a Parish undertaking. The School's creation, however, was made possible not only by generous giving on the part of parishioners of Warwick, but also by splendid financial support from friends and adherents of the Church in districts beyond the area of Warwick.

The Girls' School was only part of an educational vision—we wanted a Boys' School as well and we resolved to establish it. Here, it is opportune to mention that at that particular time the Parish of Warwick was fortunate to possess enthusiastic Church Wardens, co-operative Parochial Councillors, and many generous-hearted Churchmen ready to respond to any reasonable call made upon them. So, it came to pass that when the Boys' School project was initiated by the Rector and Churchwardens it was enthusiastically received and supported by their fellow Churchmen. We were fortunate indeed in having with us, and behind us, such splendid men as W. B. Slade, J. H. S. Barnes, C. E. McDougall, R. Macansh, J. D. Rowland and many others whose sympathy and support we could confidently rely upon.

Our first task was to obtain a suitable site for the Boys' School. In this respect we were fortunate in securing the offer of the property known as "Eastmont", consisting of a substantial brick residence and eight acres of land on the northern side of the town. Immediately behind this property there was an area of ten acres of land, known as the Weewondilla Estate (part had already been sold), which we decided to purchase for the sports ground. The whole undertaking involved an outlay of something like £7000, but that did not alarm, nor deter us. By the splendid generosity of Mr. J. H. S. Barnes, Mr. W. B. Slade, Mr. Roland Macansh, Mr. C. E. McDougall, and several others, we were immediately enabled to raise sufficient money to finance the purchase and provide for the eventual payment of the large sum involved. At a later date, still another piece of land was purchased on the western side of the main School building, which involved a further outlay of £1100. So, we became the owners of 20 acres of land for our new Boys' School.

There is a touch of irony, however, about all this. The Parish of Warwick originally possessed about 28 acres of land in the immediate vicinity of the Boys' School. It was the site of Benjamin Glennie's Rectory, a fine brick building which still stands. It had

THE SCHOOL'S FOUNDERS



MR. W. B. SLADE



MR. J. D. ROWLAND



MR. J. H. S. BARNES



VEN. W. P. GLOVER

been sold for the sum of £1150 somewhere about the year 1908—a truly fatal mistake. So in the year 1918 we not only bought back part of the land which had been previously owned by the Church, but we had to pay very heavily for its acquisition.

Now there came the big task of preparing the way for the actual establishment of the Boys' School.

Dr Donaldson, who at that time was the Archbishop of Brisbane, had a particularly warm spot in his heart for Warwick. He was fully aware of all that the Parish had done in establishing the Girls' School. He knew also, how keenly the Parish desired to establish a Boys' School. He felt, however, that Toowoomba should first be given the opportunity to set up a Boys' School in that centre. Should Toowoomba fail to do so, he was ready to give approval to the Warwick project. Toowoomba failed, so Warwick got the Archbishop's backing. His Grace wrote to the Rector and Churchwardens of Warwick as follows:—

“I desire to commend with all my heart, the project for a Boys' School in Warwick.

“For some time past it has been clear that in addition to our great Schools in Southport and in Brisbane, we ought to have a first rate Boys' School on the Downs. The zest of the Warwick people has won them the leadership in the movement. The movement is full of hope. A really splendid site has been secured and the people of Warwick have so far responded nobly to the Appeal. I commend the movement to the sympathy and support of all Church people.

—St. Clair, Brisbane.

Bishopsbourne,
BRISBANE.

26th. Nov., 1918.”

This letter from Archbishop Donaldson was deeply appreciated by the promoters of the Boys' School. They looked upon it as a “Diocesan Mandate” and as a guarantee of Diocesan protection and support.

Some years later, when the Preparatory Boys' School in Toowoomba (taken over by the Diocese in 1920 for Preparatory School purposes) surreptitiously opened its doors as a Senior School also, Warwick felt compelled to make a strong protest which eventually was upheld by the Diocesan authorities. So Toowoomba was left with its Junior School, and Warwick was free to carry on with its Senior as well as Junior School.

Shortly after Archbishop Donaldson gave his written approval to the establishment of the Boys' School in Warwick, he visited the Parish and spoke to a great gathering of Church people about the project. He announced that he had a first-rate man in view for the

position of Headmaster, in the person of the Rev. Reeves Palmer, who had expressed his willingness to come from England for the work.

The immediate task before the Parish, said the Archbishop, was to raise the sum of £10,000 for the purpose of erecting necessary buildings and equipping the School for its high purpose. Then his Grace addressed himself to the Church's Mission in connection with education and eloquently dwelt upon four essentials of a great Church School—sportsmanship, sense of honour, chivalry and public spirit. He concluded his address by making a strong appeal for financial support in order to establish the Boys' School as soon as possible.

Alas, however, for our hopes and expectations, which were then so strong. The splendid movement suffered some severe setbacks—financial depression, the departure of the Archbishop for England, the failure of the chosen Headmaster to come from England, innumerable patriotic appeals and obligations. All these things seemed to divert our interests and energies into other channels, with the result that the Boys' School movement was held up for a period of something like four years.

In a sense it was a real "blackout," and we suffered much loss and anxiety.

The turning point came in the year 1925, seven years after the School property had been bought. The men who were really the promoters of the School movement (Rev. W. P. Glover, J. D. Rowland, W. B. Slade, J. H. S. Barnes and R. Macansh), met at St. Mark's Rectory on the 27th August, 1925. The School project was fully reviewed and it was decided to go forward even though we had to go slowly and less ambitiously. It was agreed that the School should start work under the Head-mastership of Mr. A. S. Douglas at the beginning of the year 1926. And, the important decision was made that the name of the School should be "Slade."

Arrangements were also planned for a financial campaign to be carried out by Messrs. Glover, Barnes and Rowland.

All the above mentioned decisions were matters of weighty importance and call for some emphasis.

Mr. Douglas was a man with considerable scholastic experience. For some time he had been associated with another School in Warwick. By reason of his ability and experience and also by virtue of the practical helpfulness of his wife, Mr. Douglas gave promise of being able to establish the new School on a firm basis. It is due to him to say that his two years' control of the School was successful in many ways.

Special reference must be made to the Boys' School's name—"Slade."

It was chosen as a tribute of honour to Mr. William Ball Slade, O.B.E., one of the pioneers of the Warwick district and one of the

most distinguished citizens of Queensland. Mr. Slade was a great Churchman, loyal and generous in the highest degree. Archbishop Donaldson once said: "There was no man in Queensland whose name was more honoured than that of Mr. W. B. Slade."

I remember well the great tribute which Mr. J. H. S. Barnes paid to Mr. Slade when the School was officially opened. He referred to him as, "the dear old English gentleman whose name shall live forever, not only for his many personal acts of kindness, but for the generous acts he has performed during a long lifetime in the interests of Warwick and surrounding districts."

In response to the unanimous desire of his fellow Churchmen in Warwick Mr. Slade graciously allowed his name to be associated with the Boys' School—a favour and a distinction which the School will ever appreciate.

The name of "Slade," however, was chosen not only as a tribute of honour to Mr. W. B. Slade himself, but also as an acknowledgment of the debt which we owe to the pioneers of the Darling Downs, so many of whom were associated with the Parish of Warwick.

The pioneers were, for the most part, men of courage, men of industry, men of integrity, and as such, they created traditions which have enriched our life. It was felt that our sons should be inspired to follow in the footsteps of the pioneers.

Hence the School motto, "Patribus Digni Estote."

A few words about the collecting campaign. Mr. J. D. Rowland (always enthusiastic and co-operative) made himself responsible for collecting money in Warwick itself. The Rev. W. P. Glover and Mr. J. H. S. Barnes enlisted help from Church people in more distant parts. This involved a tremendous amount of travelling, but the time and energy expended proved eminently successful. Slade School certainly became well known in the remote districts of South and West Queensland. On the other hand, the founders of the School were deeply impressed by the generous responsiveness of the cattle and sheep men of the remote districts.

The promoters of the School met again in conference in October 1925. They decided to invite a leading Sydney architect, Mr. J. Shedden-Adam, to come to Warwick in order to give advice regarding the layout of the School and its immediate requirements. One result of this conference is to be found in "Barnes House"—the dignified dormitory which stands on the western side of the main brick building. This building was erected in accordance with the architect's plans by Mr. G. A. Stronach, of Brisbane, at a cost of something like £5000.

Mr. Shedden-Adam's design for the layout of the School envisaged another brick structure similar to Barnes' House, to stand on the eastern side of the central building, providing classrooms, etc.

Provision was also made for the eventual linking up of all the buildings, and for a quadrangle in front.

If at this point I may express a word of criticism and regret; it is a mystery to me why, some years later, Mr. Shedden-Adams' original plan was cast aside, and another architect's plan was adopted, whereby the classrooms were built in their present position. The obstruction of the glorious scenic view from the central building is something which is to be deeply regretted.

In November, 1925, the promoters of the School took a very important step in the matter of the government of the School. They decided to institute a representative School Council and shortly afterwards the following gentlemen were invited to co-operate with the promoters of the School:

J. G. McDougall.
A. E. Slade.
A. F. Rogerson.
R. M. Stephenson.
Scott McLeod.
J. Harward.
Dr. Gordon Phillips.
Dr. W. G. Oakeley.

The Churchwardens of St. Mark's Church were made *ex-officio* members. At a later date, Sir Littleton Groom consented to join the Council. Mr. J. H. S. Barnes was unanimously chosen as chairman, and Mr. J. D. Rowland as treasurer. Both these gentlemen held office during the whole time the Council was in existence.

Secretarial duties were carried out by Rev. W. P. Glover, who was succeeded by Mr. R. M. Stephenson, and eventually the position was filled by paid officers—of whom, Mr. Harry Rowland was outstanding.

And now we come to the year 1926, at the beginning of which Slade School opened its doors as a scholastic institution. The actual date was Tuesday, 9th February, 1926.

The Rev. Canon Stevenson, Principal of the Theological College in Brisbane (and later Bishop of Grafton) became our guest of honour. The Rev. W. P. Glover was privileged to conduct a short service of thanksgiving and intercession, the key note of which was the noble words of the Psalmist: "Except the Lord build the house their labour is but lost that build it." Mr. J. H. S. Barnes gave a notable address—one of the many which he delivered at School functions—and then invited Canon Stevenson to perform the opening ceremony.

The Canon spoke of the magnificent site on which Slade School stood; the vision, courage and determination of the men behind the School movement; and the bright prospects before the School from the academic point of view. Then, accompanied by the first boys of the School, Canon Stevenson "broke" the flag, and declared Slade

School officially opened. Cheers were given by the assembled gathering as the School flag responded to the prevailing breeze, proudly displaying the School motto, "Patribus Digni Estote."

Mr. W. B. Slade, in proposing a vote of thanks to Canon Stevenson, recalled the vision of the Rev. Benjamin Glennie who always looked forward to the establishment of Church Schools in Warwick for boys and girls. "Today," he said, "Benjamin Glennie's vision was fulfilled." Speaking of the future, Mr. Slade observed that the School would undoubtedly be the means of providing the State and the Commonwealth with men to fill positions of responsibility and honour, with integrity, chivalry and dignity.

The Rev. W. P. Glover, in seconding the vote of thanks, said: "Slade School was fortunate in its name, in the personnel of its Council, and in the fixed determination of all associated with the School to make it a great and worthy institution true to the motto which had been chosen for the inspiration of its students."

And now twenty-five years have passed away since the opening of Slade School took place. It is not my purpose, however, to deal with the vicissitudes of the School's career during that period. My special task is concerned with establishment of the School. And in the performance of that task I have written what I know to be true. I am convinced that the founding of Slade School was a great adventure—an adventure in which vision, courage, generosity and persistence were displayed in full measure. I shall always be thankful that I had the good fortune to be associated with the movement. There is a twofold justification for that sense of gratitude. In the first place, I am sure Slade School is not only a valuable adjunct to the Parish of Warwick, but also an institution which has already proved—and will in the years to come, still further prove—to be of inestimable value to the State of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia. The other reason why I am thankful for my association with the School movement is that I learnt to know and to appreciate the men who made it possible for Slade School to be established. In this respect I wish to pay a special tribute of honour to Mr. J. H. S. Barnes, without whose magnificent service, courage and generosity Slade School would never have existed nor survived.

Practically every member of the original Council of the School gave generous financial help, and rendered much personal service in the interests of the institution. Mr. J. D. Rowland as treasurer of the School Council occupied a position of responsibility from the very beginning. He never failed in his task. His enthusiasm and resourcefulness at all times were a most valuable contribution to the School's welfare.

I should like, in conclusion, to refer once again to Mr. W. B. Slade, whose honoured name is so intimately associated with the School. He was a man whom it was good to know. By reason of his

gentleness and his graciousness he inspired those who were associated with him, to think well and to do well. It is for that reason that Slade School is so fortunate in possessing his name—it is truly inspirational.

THE EARLY YEARS

The formation of Slade School has already been recorded. There now remains to be told the Story of the School's development and activity during the twenty-five years, since its opening in the year, 1926.

The period divides itself into two sections. The first section covers the ten years between 1926 and 1936, during which time the School was controlled by its local governing Council. The second section covers the years from 1937 onwards, during which time the School has been governed and controlled by the Brotherhood of St. Paul, in connection with the Diocese of Brisbane.

In this article we are concerned only with the first ten years of the Schools "life." The story of the subsequent years will receive separate treatment.

In the Diocesan Year Book of 1926, the following reference to Slade School is to be found:

"The Slade Boys' School was opened in February 7, this year, under the headmastership of Mr. A. S. Douglas. Under the arrangements made with the Rector of Warwick, the Parish became responsible for starting the School at the Eastmont property, and carrying it on.

"The local committee undertakes to pay for the necessary alterations of the buildings, for furnishing and general equipment, and to assume all responsibility in the financing of the School until such time as it can be taken over by the Diocese as a going concern."

The School began with an enrolment of 13 boys, the first name on the list being for E. McG. Rowland, son of the School's treasurer, Mr. J. D. Rowland. In a very short time, the number was more than doubled, and a few months later the enrolment was thirty-eight (38), including twenty-seven (27) boarders.

Mr. Douglas, whose wife was a most efficient helper to him, served as headmaster for two years, and when he resigned his office at the end of 1927, the Council placed on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered by him and his wife to the institution. This expression was accompanied by a substantial bonus to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas.

During the two years of the association of Mr. Douglas with the School, many additions and improvements were made to the property. The most notable of these was the fine brick two-story build-

ing for dormitory purposes, capable of housing fifty-six (56) boys. Most appropriately it was named the "J. H. S. Barnes House" after the esteemed Chairman of the Council. The cost of the new building was in the vicinity of £5000.

Other improvements made included the installation of a septic system, and extensive preparation of the playing field at the rear of the School.

A good deal of financial support was given to the School at this particular time. One of the benefactors was Mr. Rowland Macansh, who contributed the sum of £500 in addition to other gifts. In referring to Mr. Macansh's benefactions, Mr. W. B. Slade expressed the hope that the next addition to the School should be dignified with the name "Macansh House."

Reference might here be made to the splendid efforts of Mr. W. B. Slade to promote the School's financial position. Even before the School was opened Mr. Slade purchased a property of 7000 acres in the Gore district with the intention of controlling it in the interests of the School. It was found, however, that legal difficulties made it impossible for Mr. Slade to achieve his objective, with the result that the property was subsequently sold and a profit of £750 was handed to the School funds.

At a later date Mr. Slade and his son, Adrian, were instrumental in benefiting the School to the extent of £2700 from a wool clip from sheep which they had purchased and pastured in the interests of the School.

The success of this venture induced Mr. Slade to make another effort of a similar nature for the School. He formed a syndicate, consisting of himself and his son, Adrian, together with Messrs. J. H. S. Barnes, J. G. McDougall, Scott McLeod and H. Crothers, to acquire and control a large number of sheep in the interests of the School. Unfortunately unfavourable weather conditions and other difficulties turned what might have been a great success into a sad failure. The redeeming feature of the episode was the splendid spirit of sportsmanship displayed by the members of the syndicate who were never heard to utter a word of criticism or complaint.

"Tis not in mortals to command success;

We will do more—deserve it."

At the beginning of the year 1928 the Rev. F. M. McKeown, M.A., of Melbourne, took charge of Slade as its Headmaster. This appointment was largely due to the recommendation of the Rev. F. L. Ash, who had become Rector of Warwick in succession to Archdeacon Glover. The Council offered generous terms to Mr. McKeown on the basis of a five years' contract. At the end of four years, however, Mr. McKeown resigned owing to certain differences which had arisen between himself and the School Council. It is by no means an easy matter to assess the blame. This much, however, may be said—the Council was considerate and patient in its atti-

tude towards Mr. McKeown. The following minute is to be found in the official records:—

“No Headmaster could have had a better opportunity, or have been so staunchly supported, as Mr. McKeown was by his Council during the time he was in charge of the school.”

Despite the friction which unhappily occurred during the latter part of Mr. McKeown's regime, he deserves high commendation for his work at Slade. When he began the enrolment was fifty-four (54) boys, of whom thirty-three (33) were boarders. The following year the number had increased to sixty-eight (68), of whom fifty-eight (58) were boarders. In 1930 the enrolment reached eighty-five (85) of whom seventy (70) were boarders.

Academically, the School achieved some excellent results. In Mr. McKeown's first year three boys were presented for the Senior Public Examination and all three gained passes. The following year four boys passed the Senior very creditably, and in 1930 six boys were successful in the same examination. In 1931 five boys gained the Junior standard, and two boys passed the Senior.

Another feature of Mr. McKeown's regime was the high standard reached in the realm of sport. As an instance: in the year 1930 Slade was successful in winning the Swimming and Football Premiership. This was a notable achievement in view of the fact that the victories were gained in competition with much larger and much older schools.

In Mr. McKeown's time the Old Boys' Union was formed with an initial membership of twenty-one (21). This organisation has grown considerably and is a great source of strength to the School.

The material development of the School kept pace with its scholastic requirements. Early in the year 1929 the fine brick building designed by the Brisbane architects, Atkinson, Powell and Conrad, was opened by his Excellency, Sir John Goodwin, the Governor of Queensland, and dedicated by his Grace Archbishop Sharp. The building was designed for class rooms, and most certainly, the class rooms conform to a very high standard. The cost of the structure was largely defrayed by Mr. W. B. Slade's gift of £2700, which has already been mentioned. In this connection it should be recorded that Mr. Slade's wish was to name the building “Macansh.”

Other additions to the School were the fine new kitchen—the gift of Mr. J. H. S. Barnes, and the gymnasium, which owes its existence to Mr. R. M. Stephenson, one of the School's most zealous workers.

Another gift from Mr. Barnes should here be mentioned. There was a bell at Canning Downs, probably the first bell brought to the Warwick district in the early days of its settlement, and Mrs. Barnes made a present of it to Slade as an historic souvenir.

A change of great significance took place in connection with the School in July, 1929. For some time past it had been felt that the Diocese should be more actively associated with the administration and the financial responsibility of the institution. Accordingly, Bishop Le Fanu and Mr. J. Allan (Diocesan Treasurer) met the local Council in conference at Warwick. After full consideration of the matter an agreement was reached whereby the Diocese practically assumed control of the School and became responsible for its liabilities.

A splendid gesture in this connection was made by Messrs W. B. Slade and J. H. S. Barnes. They undertook to provide for a period of five years sufficient money to pay the interest on the capital debt of the School, in order to prevent the possibility of further indebtedness. Only those who were intimately associated with the School at this particular period are in a position to realise the munificence of this undertaking. Slade School indeed, owes a very deep debt of gratitude to Messrs. Barnes and Slade.

Another provision of the arrangement was the enlargement of the local Council, which was to be the governing body under the supervision of the Diocesan Board of Education. Accordingly, the Archbishop sanctioned the appointment of Sir Littleton Groom, Dr. Gordon Phillips, Dr. Graham Oakeley, and Messrs. A. F. C. Rogerson, A. E. Slade, and J. G. McDougall. Canon Neal, who had become Rector of Warwick in succession to the Rev F. L. Ash, had already become actively associated with the Council. Others who at various times served on the School Council with zeal and ability were Messrs. L. E. Evans, O. C. Slade, T. H. Stabler, and C. D. Thomas.

The new status conferred upon the School by reason of its having been made a Diocesan institution did not in any way lessen the responsibility of the local Council in the work of administration and development. The records of the Council meetings tell of many discussions concerning the financial issue. There seems, however, to have been no outstanding effort to collect money from outside sources. Perhaps that is the one weakness which is to be found in connection with the work of the School Council at the time of the change over from local to central control and responsibility.

Mr. McKeown's successor was the Rev. C. Newton Mell, B.A., who became Headmaster at the beginning of the year 1932. The number of boys had shown a decline just previous to Mr Mell's appointment, and when he began the enrolment was down to fifty scholars. Unfortunately there was a further decline in succeeding years. The State was passing through a financial depression and all Church Schools suffered severe setbacks. The Diocese of Brisbane experienced considerable financial difficulty, and stern measures had to be taken with regard to the preservation and rehabilitation of its funds. To this end a Property and Finance Board was appoint-

ed by Synod to control the finances of the Diocese, in connection with which the Church Schools were a source of anxiety.

Early in the year 1935 a conference between the Board and members of the local Council of the School was held at Warwick in order to discuss the "future policy and fate" of Slade School. The Archbishop (Dr. Sharp), the Diocesan Treasurer (Mr. M. S. Herring), and Mr. Gordon Gall, Diocesan Secretary, expressed great admiration of the work of the local Council and the generosity of many of the School's supporters. At the same time, however, they sounded a note of alarm at the large debt existing on the School and the decline in the number of pupils.

The outcome of the conference was a decision to give the School a further trial in the hope that it might recover its prosperity. Two months later the Council seems to have reached a crisis, as shown by the following resolution, viz:—

"That a report be furnished to the Diocesan Council intimating that the time had arrived when the School, in order to surmount its present difficulties, must receive further support outside that which would be reasonably expected from its well-wishers in the Warwick parish."

The effect of this resolution was far-reaching. The Archbishop (Dr. Wand) met the Property and Finance Board in conference on October 22, 1935, and the following decisions were made:—

- (1) That the School be placed under the control of the Bush Brotherhood.
- (2) That the Rev. A. E. N. Hughes, M.A. (Bush Brotherhood of St. Paul) be appointed Headmaster.

The reason for this fundamental change was purely on financial grounds, and reflected no censure whatever on the local Council. As a matter of fact, the Council expressed its "entire approval of the memorandum of the conference."

In the meantime the Rev. C. N. Mell had tendered his resignation as Headmaster, which the Archbishop accepted. In the minutes of a meeting of the School Council dated November 12, 1935, it is recorded that Mr. J. H. S. Barnes expressed appreciation of the happy association which at all times had existed between the Headmaster of the School and the School Council.

Canon Edwards, head of the Bush Brotherhood, and the Rev. A. E. V. Hughes met the School Council in December, 1935. It was arranged that Brother Hughes should become Headmaster in March, 1936, and that the Brotherhood should assume full control of the institution in June of the same year. Mr. Daintree was to be entrusted with the management of the School during the space between Mr. Mell's departure and the advent of Brother Hughes.

The Council continued to manage the affairs of the School until June, 1936, when it silently faded out of existence. There is a certain amount of pathos in its retirement—great initiative in the

THE FIRST SCHOOL GROUP, taken in 1926. Those whose names are on the first roll.



BACK ROW: I. Morgan, B. Young.
THIRD ROW: Pegler II, Taylor, T. Cree, A. Stephenson, R. Gore, G. Luscombe.
SITTING: Pegler I, Mr. Snow, Mr. Douglas, Addison, F. G. Hutton.
SITTING IN FRONT: K. Mardon, R. Clark, E. Rowland, Kelly.

THE FIRST PREMIERSHIP TEAM. WINNERS OF THE SWIMMING CUP, 1930.



BACK ROW: Stephenson II, Lucas, Winter, Friend.
FRONT ROW: Diery, Stephenson I, Mr Elkington (coach), Creed, Manchec.

formation of the School; ten years' strenuous work in the development of the School; a measureless amount of time and attention given to the School—and then a sudden and silent farewell!

But most assuredly, the Rev. F. W. McKeown was right when, in one of his annual reports, he said: "If ever there was a body of men, single hearted in their allegiance to the Church, the original founders of Slade School was such."

THE COMING OF THE BROTHERHOOD

The association of the Bush Brotherhood of S. Paul with Slade School began in the year 1936. It happened in this way:

In 1935 Dr. J. W. C. Wand (now Bishop of London), when Archbishop of Brisbane, met the Head of the Bush Brotherhood, Canon C. H. Edwards, at Mitchell, whence they travelled together by rail to Charleville. The Archbishop informed the Head that when in Surat, whence he had just come, he had asked Brother Alan Hughes, then in charge of that district of the Brotherhood, to be headmaster of Slade School, Warwick, and that he had accepted the offer. He now wanted the Brotherhood to take over the responsibility of the School. The reply of the Head was that he would put the proposition before the Chapter of the Brotherhood at the next Quarterly Meeting.

In due course the matter came up for discussion, and although no enthusiasm was manifested, it was decided to agree to the Archbishop's request. The School carried a capital debt of nearly £20,000, with an annual interest bill of nearly £1000. This was not the responsibility of the Brotherhood, though naturally every effort would be made to liquidate the debt. Also the cost of extensive renovations would be borne by the Diocese. The School was small in numbers when it was taken over, but seemed to have possibilities. The Headmaster would only receive Brotherhood pay, viz £60 per annum.

Owing to the great depression existing at the time, the School was fortunate in being given a gang of men to do work on the grounds at Government expense. This, with painting and alterations, changed the look of the School to such an extent that Old Boys visiting the School found it hard to recognise the grounds and premises. The former Headmaster's house had been converted into a beautiful Chapel (subsequently enlarged) and the smaller rooms all utilised. In fact the plant became a first-class set-out for an up-to-date Boarding School.

The Head of the Brotherhood found it impossible to direct operations from Charleville, 450 miles away. So he resigned his position as Head, being succeeded by A. E. Morris, a former Bush Brother, at the time Rector of Holy Trinity, Woolloongabba, and came to live

at the School, acting as Manager, Chaplain, Secretary and Bursar, the Headmaster being responsible for the teaching and discipline of the School. After six months Brother Edwards had a breakdown, and went for some time to Norfolk Island to recuperate, the Diocesan Office looking after the financial side of the School during his absence. He came back after six months, fully recovered, to learn that the Headmaster had become engaged, and intended to marry and return to England, and that the Diocesan authorities had decided to close the School, as it had gone from bad to worse financially, and in their estimation there was no hope of the School ever being stabilised, and therefore it was better to cut the losses and kill the School. This would indeed have been a foolish proceeding, as the debt would have remained, with the annual interest bill to meet, and no hope of the building being taken over and used for any other purpose.



CANON C. H. EDWARDS

Brother Edwards made a great effort to relieve the situation, for the credit of the Diocese and of the Brotherhood. He pledged on his own responsibility, that for three years the School would be no liability to the Diocese, other than the payment of the interest on the debt. Brother Byam Roberts, B.A., a member of the Brotherhood, who had some years teaching experience in the State Service and at All Soul's School, Charters Towers, as a Resident Master, agreed to take over the Headmastership.

The Diocesan Authorities reluctantly agreed to the carrying on, and so we made a fresh start. From that time the School has never looked back. The numbers have increased fourfold, and it has gained a fine reputation scholastically, culturally and for sport. More land and buildings have been added. The sports ground is second to none—two ovals and numbers of tennis courts. The sports pavilion was largely the gift of the late **Mr. E. L. Ramsay**.

The position of the School is that the Brotherhood Chapter is in control, with the Head of the Brotherhood in command. The first was Archdeacon A. E. Morris, then Archdeacon Frank Knight, and now Brother Denis Browning, who has recently arrived from England.

Provision was made for the Brotherhood to receive a small per capita grant for each boy, the amount to go to the Brotherhood funds as some compensation for carrying the burden of the School. Also, when and if the debt is paid off, the Brotherhood receives a percentage of profits per annum, for the work of the Brotherhood.

With the increase of salaries, wages and cost of food, it is unlikely there will be any profits for many a day. The solution of financial difficulties would be a Teaching Order. This is the great hope of Church Schools. May it be fulfilled.

When Brother Edwards left, after five years, the School was paying its way. £1000 had been paid off the capital debt, and £500 towards the interest account. Further sums have been paid towards the reduction since.

THE LATER PERIOD

Canon Edwards has written of the taking over of the school by the Bush Brotherhood.

The first Headmaster of the "Brotherhood period" was the Rev. A. E. N. Hughes. He was Head from 1936 to 1938. On the assumption of control by the Brotherhood numerous repairs and improvements were made, including the formation of a Chapel in what had been the Headmaster's house. The expense incurred in making the Chapel was largely met by friends of Bro. Hughes in South West Queensland. A new spirit was infused into the school and there was a period of progress. Unfortunately, in 1938, another crisis arose. The financial burden was a heavy load and after three years of hard work, Bro. Hughes announced his intention of resigning and returning to England, many wondering whether it would be worthwhile to continue and there was talk of closing the school. Archbishop Wand and Canon Edwards fought that attitude very spiritedly, and the latter undertook to stay at the school as Bursar and Business Manager in order to get the financial side on a sound footing.

Bro. Roberts succeeded Bro. Hughes, and commenced duty in 1939. The talk of closure had done the school no good, and numbers had again fallen away. The roll for the first term reached 40, increasing slightly during the year.

In September, 1939, the second World War broke out. Some of those who were at School then may remember Interhouse Sports on Friday, 1st September, and then going down to see Wirth's Circus at night, at the expense of Dr. Oakeley (this was one of the Doctor's many kindnesses). We came out to hear that Germany had marched into Poland and Great Britain had sent an ultimatum. We entered the war on Sunday, 3rd September.

The first period of the war was quiet and we may remember the signs that were displayed at the time—"Business as usual during altercations." That applied more or less to the school. We went on our way, hearing sometimes of Old Boys who had enlisted, but generally not much troubled. There was improvement in numbers; we reached 50 in 1940, and 60 in 1941.

Then the storm broke. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour was announced, and in 1941, we came from Speech Night to learn of the sinking of the "Prince of Wales" and the "Repulse." During the holidays a mild panic developed. There was fear of invasion or at least attacks on our coast, and people hurried inland. Warwick was regarded as a safe place, and there were vast numbers of applications. The Headmaster and Mr. C. E. Olsen worked strenuously for weeks of the holidays to get ready for the influx. There was a good deal of changing round, and extending of buildings and facilities and we found ourselves able to cope with the big rise. During 1942 we reached the century and had 100 boys on the roll for the first time.

The war years were very difficult ones. There were the shortages of all kinds of things—staff, both teaching and domestic, and all the many varieties of materials used at a school. Then there was the constant anxiety about Old Boys serving in the Forces. We were proud of the response to the Call to Arms, but grieved as we thought of the losses being sustained. But there was a great deal of faithful work and self-sacrifice by those who remained with the school and kept it going.

In 1943 Canon Edwards retired from his task after years of devoted service. He had succeeded in what he set out to do—the school was safely established.

The end of the war in 1945 brought new problems. We had been making shift in many ways and the time had come to provide better accommodation. 1946 saw expansion. Atkinson House had been purchased in 1944 and provided additional dormitory accommodation. Now Highfield House was added and a number of Army huts were bought and provided class room and library, domestic quarters, tuck shop and lavatory and bathroom accommodation.

Plans were made for a new Dining Hall, but we had to wait till the end of 1948 for the fulfilment of the plans. Ever since the war ended we have been working to raise funds for an Old Boys' War Memorial.

Slade is very proud of the part played by its sons in the war, and we are determined to provide a worthy memorial for the nineteen who laid down their lives. We have over £4000 now, and hope that as a result of the appeal being made at the time of the laying of the foundation stone we shall be able to make a start on the building.

So Slade reaches the completion of its first twenty-five years. Reading of its records shows that it has not had an easy life. There have been many setbacks, but it has come through. It was formed to honour the pioneers of our land, and like them, it has had to struggle in its efforts to get established. But it has been worthily served. It is impossible to record the names of all those who deserve praise for the part they have played. But we can mention particularly some who have played an outstanding part.

First, our Founders—W. B. Slade, Ven. Archdeacon Glover, J. H. S. Barnes and those who by their gifts made the start possible; members of the School Council, particularly Mr. J. D. Rowland and Mr. R. M. Stephenson; successive Heads of the Bush Brotherhood—particularly Canon Edwards—some indication of whose part has been shown. Humanly speaking, but for him, the continuance of the school would have been impossible; Archdeacon Knight, who for seven years combined Headship of the Brotherhood with the Rectory of Dalby, yet gave unstintingly of time and advice in the troubled and difficult years of the war and since.

Headmasters and members of the staff at various times: There have been many loyal and devoted masters who have given of their best. The outstanding name here is that of C. E. Olsen. An Old Boy of the school, he returned to teach in 1936 and 1937, and after a year away at the University, he came back in 1939 and has continued at the school since. There has been no department of the school and no forward move in which he has not played a major part. In planning of buildings and accommodation, in care of the grounds, as well as teaching and coaching, as secretary of the Old Boys' Association for many years, he has left his mark. And now he has crowned his efforts by undertaking the improvement to grounds and buildings in preparation for the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Everything in the school speaks of his fidelity to it.

Matrons: The provision of meals, all the housekeeping side, and the care of the health of the boys is a very important part of the functioning of a school, and Slade has been well served. In earlier times, Miss Hurford, and latterly, Mrs. McCarthy, have carried the burden of this work. Mrs. McCarthy, the present Matron, has given eight years of whole-hearted service and has endeared herself to

hundreds of boys, and many have good cause to be grateful for her watchfulness and care.

The health of the school has been for many years watched over by Dr. W. G. Oakeley, who has been a most generous friend as well as school doctor. It is regretted by all at the school that his departure from warwick will mean severance of a long and happy association.

Secretarial work in the days of the School Council was carried out by various Warwick men, the chief service being rendered by Mr. H. E. Rowland. Since the Brotherhood took over, the outstanding figure has been Canon Edwards, who rehabilitated the school's finances and got everything on a sound footing.

These are but few of many who have given time and talents in the school's service. There are many others who have shared in the building up of Slade and to whom a meed of praise is due.

May the school in future years, as it has in the past, be served by faithful and devoted men and women, who will find happiness and satisfaction in the service of a school which is indeed worthy of its forefathers.

THROUGH THE YEARS

An attempt has been made in these pages to give some account of the birth and growth of Slade School in its first twenty-five years. We are grateful to the Ven. Archdeacon Glover and Canon Edwards for their contributions and the light they throw on eventful periods in the School's history. But we are all aware that these accounts must be brief and that there is much that is not recorded. The things that are remembered best are detailed events—the anecdotes Old Boys tell and re-tell, the thrills of sporting fixtures, classroom (and study) incidents, and the precious memories of sacred moments in the Chapel, the high resolves and the satisfaction of a task well done, the sharing in a job of work done with the spirit of service. All these cannot be told. But each year has its own significance, so, for the record, we set out here what seem to have been the outstanding events for each year:

- 1926:** Official opening of the School on Tuesday, 9th February. Actual number of boys on the opening day varies in different accounts from eight to 13. But it soon grew. Slade House and what is now Chapel House, and the stables comprised the buildings. Mr. A. S. Douglas was the first Headmaster.
- 1927:** Number reached 46. Barnes House was built. Mr. Douglas resigned at the end of the year.
- 1928:** Rev. F. M. McKeown commenced as Headmaster. Number on roll, 60. Building programme was embarked on—Laboratory,

Hospital, Maids' Quarters and extensions to the Kitchen. Plan for layout of permanent buildings was adopted (this plan has since been abandoned). School bell presented by Mr. J. H. S. Barnes. Visit paid to the school by the Rt. Rev. R. C. Halse, then Bishop of Riverina, now Archbishop of Brisbane.

1929: Opening of Secondary School classroom on 11th February. Rugby Union adopted. Cricket team won B Grade in Town Competition. Gym. built. Numbers reached 70. During this year the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane assumed ownership and control of the School; the local Council still functioned as the governing body.

1930: "Princess Crysanthemum" produced. School won Swimming and Football Premierships, the first premierships to be won. Numbers reached 85. Old Boys' Union established. Onset of the world-wide depression.

1931: School won four Premierships—Cricket, Football, Athletics and Swimming. Depression became more acute, and numbers began to fall off. Mr. McKeown resigned from Headmastership at the end of the year.

1932: Rev. C. N. Mell Headmaster. Further decrease in numbers as depression continued.

1933: Cadet Corps established. Brisbane branch of the Old Boys' Union established. Numbers fell below 40. Death of Archbishop Sharp.

1934: Stephenson Honour Board presented by Mr. R. M. Stephenson, first Secretary of the School Council and father of six sons, all of whom attended the School. Numbers rose slightly to 43. There was no Speech Night this year because of an epidemic towards the end of term, which caused an early closure. Most Rev. J. W. C. Wand, consecrated Archbishop of Brisbane.

1935: Won Athletics Premiership. Numbers dropped again to 38. Mr. Mell resigned as from the end of the year.

1936: Bush Brotherhood of St. Paul took over control of the School as the School Council relinquished its position. Rev. A. E. N. Hughes Headmaster, and Rev. Canon C. H. Edwards, Head of the Bush Brotherhood. Considerable rearrangement of buildings, including conversion of part of the Headmaster's house into a Chapel. Numbers reached 42.

1937: Oval Pavilion built; part of the money raised by Old Boys and partly given by Mr. E. L. Ramsay, Cambooya. "Once Aboard the Lugger" produced.

1938: Canon Edwards took up position as Bursar. Numbers reached 50. Mr. W. B. Slade, founder of the school, died, aged 94

years. Bro. Hughes resigned Headmastership at the end of the year. Threat of closure averted by Canon Edwards.

- 1939:** Rev. Bro. Roberts, Headmaster. Numbers dropped again to 40. War broke out September 3.
- 1940:** Number increased to 50. Centenary of Darling Downs celebrated.
- 1941:** "Blitzkrieg" in Europe. Japan entered war (December). Number up to 62. Loquor Club founded. Won Cricket and Tennis Premierships.
- 1942:** Invasion threats cause partial evacuation of coastal areas. Record influx of new boys. Number on roll 106. Won Cricket, Tennis and Athletics (11 first places and 9 seconds in 20 events, one competitor in each event).
- 1943:** Canon Edwards retired from the School. Most Rev. Dr. R. C. Halse became Archbishop of Brisbane. Archdeacon Knight appointed Head of the Bush Brotherhood. Numbers 112. Won Cricket, Tennis, Athletics and Swimming.
- 1944:** Atkinson House purchased (from bequest of William and Mary Atkinson, late of Emu Vale). 121 on roll. Won Cricket, Tennis, Athletics and Swimming.
- 1945:** War ended in Europe and in the Pacific. Extensions to building planned. Buildings erected mid-summer holidays. 132 on roll. Won Cricket and Tennis.
- 1946:** "Highfield" (residence of the late Mr. C. Highfield) opened. Army huts came into use. Mrs. Walker Matron. Post-War Reunion of Old Boys' Association (first since 1939). Outbreak of infantile paralysis; School closed for one month. First School Fair held. Number 137, dropped to 127 after closure. Won Football Premiership (first time since 1931). No Swimming Carnival. Unable to keep Cricket fixtures because of epidemic.
- 1947:** Cinematograph bought (mainly from profits from Tuck Shop). Chev. utility, "Christopher," purchased. Cool room installed. Parents' Auxiliary founded in Brisbane, with Mrs. Austin as president. Slade School Old Boys' News Sheet appeared for first time. Number 139. Won Swimming, Football, Tennis.
- 1948:** Dining Hall built (opened on Speech Day). Work on connecting School with town sewerage system started. News sheet renamed "Kinawah." Number on roll 139. Won Swimming, Football, Tennis.
- 1949:** Dining Hall in use. Sewerage link-up completed. Glengallan House given to school by Mr. O. C. Slade. Number on roll 130. Won Cricket, Tennis, Swimming.

MESSAGES FOR SLADE SCHOOL ON ITS 25th ANNIVERSARY**THE JUBILEE OF THE SLADE SCHOOL**

A Jubilee Year is one for Thanksgiving and for Retrospect. The Slade School came into being at a time, when it was felt that boys living in the area of the Darling Downs, should have the opportunity of attending a Church Secondary School, where they could breathe the atmosphere of the district and of the surroundings in which they lived.

I remember visiting the School over twenty years ago, and being impressed with its possibilities and progress. But difficult times, due largely to financial depression, were a challenge to the Bush Brotherhood of St. Paul, which, nothing daunted, came to its aid.

Since then the School has made steady progress, and there is every reason to believe that it will continue to produce well-equipped and competent citizens to serve God in the sacred ministries of His Church, and in the service of their Country. Meanwhile an ever-increasing number of Old Boys will be bearing witness to its Christian and cultural effect upon their lives.

May the next generation of boys be even more worthy of the traditions of those who have gone before them! And may the School face the next phase with deep thankfulness for the past and with high expectations for the future.

†REGINALD BRISBANE.

October 26th, 1950.

FROM THE BISHOP OF LONDON

My Dear Headmaster:

My heartiest congratulations to the School on the attainment of its Silver Jubilee, and my best birthday greetings.

Slade has done a tremendous work for the young people of Warwick and the Downs ever since its foundation. There is certainly a very great future before it. You have therefore every reason to be whole-hearted in your rejoicing on this occasion.

I am very happy to hear about the new science block. It is material evidence of the progress the School has made.

I wish you every joy and pray for God's continued blessing on your work.

Yours very sincerely,

† WM. LONDIN.

From the Rt. Rev. J. A. G. Housden, Bishop of Rockhampton.

The Bishop of Rockhampton,
P.O. Box No. 116,
Rockhampton, Q.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

The fact that Slade School exists at all to celebrate its Silver Jubilee represents the triumph of faith over worldly experience. By faith its founders confounded the pessimists who doubted their wisdom and ability. By faith it struggled and fought for existence during the days of the world depression. By faith the Bush Brotherhood of St. Paul assumed responsibility for its continuance and gave it the present Headmaster, who has guided it for almost half of its twenty-five years.

It now seems clear that the struggle for mere existence is over, and by faith those who guide the destiny of Slade are planning for its future growth and development.

I have known the School fairly closely for the past ten years, and have every confidence in the value of its contribution to the lives of the boys cared for, and through them to the church and the community at large. The fact that I send my own boy 550 miles to Slade is proof of this confidence.

The value of the School cannot be measured by any statistical standards, for it is built into the lives and characters of its members.

Words of Nehemiah seem apt to this occasion: "The God of heaven He will prosper us, therefore we His servants will arise and build."

With every good wish and blessing,

† JAMES, Rockhampton.

I have great pleasure in writing a short letter in this booklet on the occasion of this Jubilee of the foundation of the Slade School.

Soon after I had seen Archdeacon Knight, the retiring Head of the Bush Brotherhood of St. Paul, he suggested I should visit the School, before I made the long journey west to Charleville.

I am very glad I did so, as it gave me an opportunity to see the School, to meet the Headmaster, Brother Roberts, and to meet a number of the boys, some of whom come (and I wish there were more) from Brotherhood areas. As prospective Head of the Brotherhood of St. Paul, I knew that Slade School was controlled by the Brotherhood, but by this visit I was to learn a good deal more of the history of the School. I was impressed with certain things.

First, with the vision of the original founders, who created a school, the basis of which would be life in the family of Christ's

Church. Secondly, the obvious results of that life in the outlook and bearing of the boys of the school to-day, for whom Christian principles are first principles. And on the more material side, the wisdom of placing the school in the fine position that it is.

I am happy to think that since the School in 1936 came under Brotherhood control, Brother Roberts as Headmaster has steered the School through difficult times, and in spite of keeping fees low has helped to clear part of a large debt left on the school.

But it would be idle to be complacent. A great deal remains to be done. I was very glad to see that the Old Boys are doing a fine job in subscribing money towards the building of a new Science Block, which is urgently needed; and I hope their generosity will continue. There is an obvious need for other buildings; particularly a new chapel, and there remains the big debt on the school left when the Brotherhood took over. I have given this last serious thought and it will be discussed at the next Brotherhood Chapter, and I hope we shall produce some workable plan to reduce it.

As Churchmen we must make every effort to preserve and improve our Church Schools, for which there is no substitute. This Jubilee will mark twenty-five years of good work. Let us hope and pray and work, so that the next decade will be one of continuing spiritual and material progress in the life of the School.

D. J. BROWNING.

Head of the Bush Brotherhood of St. Paul.

From Archdeacon F. Knight,

St. John's Rectory,

Dalby, Q'land.

October 2nd, 1950.

My Dear Head Master:

I derive sincere pleasure in writing a few lines on Slade's Silver Jubilee.

Just as there is a legitimate family pride so there is a legitimate School pride. When I was Head of the Bush Brotherhood I was allowed to enter into the intimacies of your School family life, and to take a small share in the developmental side of the School.

There were times when Slade had to bat on a sticky wicket, when we had to stonewall and wait for the runs to come; now the wicket seems easier, and the prospects of a good score seem brighter.

Good luck to you, for the School always played as a team, and played with a straight bat, and no "leg theory."

I should like to pay a tribute to your own personal loyalty, devotion and self-sacrifice in the interests of the School.

With every good wish to the next 25 years.

Very sincerely,

FRANCIS KNIGHT

From the Rev. F. M. McKeown, Headmaster, 1928-31.

The Parsonage,
Plaistow,
Billingshurst,
Sussex.
19th Sept., 1950.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you very much for your letter and kind invitation to send a message for the special issue of the School Magazine on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee.

The message that comes most readily to my mind is that of the Sursum Corda. The School has much to be thankful for at its Silver Jubilee. The vision of its founders has been justified, and the labours of those who have served it faithfully have established it. So it is a time to lift up our hearts in thanksgiving. But it is not a time in which any of us can face the future with complacency, and unless Slade is different from other Church Schools, its way still lies up a very steep ascent.

So let us lift up our hearts in prayer that the School may continue to receive its due meed of faithful service, and ever win and hold the love and allegiance of its pupils, both past and present.

I am so glad to have news of Slade again and congratulate you most warmly on the School's progress.

I shall certainly remember you and the School on November 11th, and I hope more often than that.

Yours sincerely,

F. M. McKEOWN.

VISIT OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

It is a signal honour to the school that we should be privileged to have His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, M.A., D.D., Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England, to lay the foundation stone of our Old Boys' War Memorial.

The first Archbishop of Canterbury was St. Augustine, who was consecrated to that office over 1300 years ago. For the first time in that long period, the occupant of the principal see of the Church of England has visited Australia. It is a matter for which we feel profound gratitude to His Grace the Archbishop of Brisbane, that he arranged for this most distinguished visitor to come to us.

With so much to celebrate, we felt we must make a special effort for this tremendous occasion. Plans crystallised at the Old Boys' Reunion in the adoption of a plan known as "Operation Canterbury," under which the grounds were to undergo transformation, and buildings to be "spruced up" as much as we could manage.

With Mr. C. E. Olsen as organiser, and a co-ordinating committee comprising representatives of the Old Boys' Association, Parents' Auxiliary, and the School Staff, the work commenced. The boys at the school have worked at week-ends and in afternoons after school, under the supervision, and with the assistance, of masters, Old Boys and friends. The result has been truly amazing. Some of the wooden buildings were painted and had repairs by contract, but the great part of the work has been done voluntarily. Expenses were met by contributions in money or gifts from Old Boys and friends, Bush Brotherhood, school funds, and the proceeds of the Annual School Fair in September.

When, after long discussion, the site of the Memorial Building was decided on, plans were made for a layout providing an attractive approach to it. The tennis court near Slade House was removed, and a start made to level off ground for the formation of a new court near Atkinson House. The courts on the oval were resurfaced with antbed, so that when the job is completed, we shall have four good courts. The drive was resurfaced, paths laid, lawns planted and buildings and fences painted. The ground bordering the front fence has been tidied and trees planted. In other parts of the ground numerous trees shrubs, roses and flowering plants have been added. The oval has received attention, a driveway being made from the entrance in Horseman's Road and preparations made for silky oaks to be planted round the oval, on the day following the laying of the foundation stone, each tree to be in memory of an Old Boy who has died.

Our thanks go to those who have contributed in cash or in goods or in time to this good work. Amongst many we could name, we must mention specially Thomas Perrott and Sons, who gave all the plants we asked for, Mr. R. S. Philp and Ken Mardon, President of the Old Boys' Association, who gave many hours of time and work, and the members of the Brisbane branch of the Parents' Auxiliary, who have beautified Atkinson House. Chief appreciation is of the untiring energy of Mr. Olsen, Mr. Farrell, and the boys of the school, who have borne the main weight of the whole scheme, and who have done a really splendid job.

The Memorial Science Block and Honour Room, to be erected on the foundation stone laid on 11th. November, is to honour the memory of the Old Boys of the School who laid down their lives in the Second World War, 1939-45:

H. H. Chapman.	R. Marstella.	H. B. Rowland.
T. W. Clark.	E. A. McCasker.	J. T. Shaw.
C. Collas.	R. S. McLeod.	P. O. I. Stephenson.
N. O. F. Flitcroft.	E. Pollard	H. Wickham.
T. Freeman.	J. Rowe.	R. Withers.
M. Gillman.	W. N. Rudd.	T. B. Wolley.
	W. Wynne.	

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MR. J. H. S. BARNES

The eve of the Secondary Schools' Sports, 15th September, 1950, will live in the memory of all associated with Slade, for it was on that day that the news was received of the death on the previous night of Mr. J. H. S. Barnes. The passing of such a link with the past, one of the pioneers of the Darling Downs, a founder of Slade School, and an assiduous worker for the advancement of the Church of England Schools in Warwick, was remembered by the celebration of a Requiem at the School on 18th September. This service was attended by relatives, close friends, old boys and present boys.

Probably one of the most generous men the Warwick district has ever known, Mr. Barnes played an important part in the establishment and development of the Church of England Schools of Warwick. Not only did he provide the Schools with a tremendous amount of financial assistance, but he set a standard which proved an inspiration to all associated with the Schools. Visitors often marvelled at the manner in which he handled his subject at the Annual Speech Day functions at Slade, when he was Chairman of the School Council. He possessed the ability to inspire the pupils just as he had the capacity to inspire all with whom he came in contact in other organisations. For his wealth of understanding, his sincerity, generosity and patriotism, his speeches at such gatherings will be forever remembered. Many of the more recent old boys and some, too, of the present boys, will remember these qualities in the speech he delivered in his last official visit to the School on May 27, 1947. By his words he reminded us vividly of the early days of the School and introduced us to some of the pioneers of Slade.

Mere words or incidents are not enough to express fully the contribution which Mr. Barnes made to the School, but the mention of a few examples will show how deeply Slade is indebted to him. He was responsible for the choice of the site of the School, which was named Slade School in honour of the late Mr. W. B. Slade. The late Mr. Barnes, who was Chairman of the School Council from its inception until the Bush Brotherhood took over administration, then set about the task of raising a considerable amount of money for the establishment of the School. With Archdeacon W. P. Glover he toured the western districts of Queensland, and they were able to raise between £15,000 and £20,000, an amount which included substantial gifts from Mr. Barnes himself. His first gift was £1000, and he subsequently built in brick the kitchen block, and later still improved the Headmaster's residence, and was responsible for the septic system which prevailed before the sewerage was introduced.

During Mr. Barnes' occupancy of the Chairmanship of the School Council Barnes House was built and named in his honour, while the present class-rooms were also constructed. At this period the Council was responsible for all expenditure and Mr. Barnes made himself personally responsible for no small part of this.

When the School was financially embarrassed Mr. Barnes, together with the late Mr. W. B. Slade, guaranteed payment of the overdraft interest, which in five years cost him in the region of £3500. In addition, knowing that the Council was not in a position to make necessary improvements, Mr. Barnes initiated the moves for, and bore the cost of, sports grounds and other improvements.

One gift to the School, perhaps not outstanding for its monetary value, but invaluable for its intrinsic worth as a link with pioneer days, is the School bell. This was the bell used on Canning Downs Station, and hence must be one of the oldest on the Downs.

As a businessman, as a sportsman, as a benefactor, Mr. Barnes displayed always the same integrity, generosity, and keen interest in everything and everyone with whom he came in contact.

In the words used of Sir Christopher Wren in regard to St. Paul's Cathedral, let us say of J. H. S. Barnes in his relation to Slade School: "Si monumentum requiris, circumspice."

ARCHDEACON KNIGHT

Because the Bush Brotherhood did not meet for their quarterly in June at the School, the boys were deprived of an opportunity of saying farewell to a very old and dear friend, the Venerable Archdeacon Frank Knight, who retired then from the head of the Brotherhood.

It was not only on official occasions that we were privileged to enjoy the presence of the Archdeacon, but his frequent flying visits,

during which he showed a lively interest in the School's activities, endeared him to all associated with the School.

So fine an ambassador for the School did he prove during his travels in the Brotherhood district that we are sure that, in his present capacity of Archdeacon of the Country, he will continue to keep the name of Slade before the public eye. Moreover, we shall ever be pleased and honoured to welcome back to the School such an esteemed friend.

LATE MRS. DOUGLAS

We have received the following extract from the Parish Paper of St. Paul's, Chatswood, Sydney. Old Boys who were at the school will remember Mrs. Douglas, wife of the first Headmaster, and her kindness and efficiency as School Matron, and will be sorry to learn of her passing:

"We regret to note the death (suddenly) of Mrs Eleanor Douglas, formerly of this parish and latterly living at Enfield. The late Mrs. Douglas will be well remembered by members of the C.E.N.E.F. Auxiliary, of which she was an ardent worker. She was also a regular member of the Mothers' Union."

This note was sent to a friend in Warwick by Mrs. Douglas' son, Peter, who is living at 32 Claremont Road, Enfield, N.S.W.



SCHOOL NOTES

There have been no changes in the teaching staff since the last issue of the magazine, but Miss Williams resigned from the School secretaryship in April, and her place was filled by Mrs. Budge.

During the year the boys have been pleased to welcome many visitors. Representatives of the China Inland Mission impressed the



"Operation Canterbury" in action. Laying the path leading to site of Memorial.



This group, the School Group of 1936 is of rather tragic interest in that of the Roll of Honour of 19 Old Boys who died in the War, there are seven present. Altogether, we have record of 27 Old Boys who have died, and nine of them are in this group. They are (counting from left to right, and from back to front):

BACK ROW: No. 1 John Shaw. 2. Barry Rowland. 5. Tom Clark.
 THIRD ROW: No. 4. E. A. McCasker.
 SECOND ROW: No. 3. Keith Marstella. 4. Tom Wholley.
 FOURTH ROW: No. 3. R. Filteroft. 4. H. Wickham.
 SIXTH ROW: No. 4. C. Collas.

boys with the urgent task facing the Church in the Far East. Miss Thomas, travelling secretary of the Student Christian Movement, held the keen attention of her audience, when she told all the boys in the Chapel of the adventure and happiness of living a Christian life with the help of the S.C.M.

In view of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury in November the usual June Brotherhood Quarterly was held at Dalby, not Warwick. This was most fitting, because an opportunity was thus given to the Bush Brothers to say farewell to the Head of the Brotherhood, Archdeacon Knight, who gave up this position in July, although we have been pleased to have him since as a visitor in his capacity as Archdeacon of the Country.

To the Archdeacon and his Grace the Archbishop, who has visited the School frequently, we extend appreciation and thanks for their keen interest in the School and the boys.

Under the auspices of the Regional Committee of the World Council of Churches, and the Australian Student Christian Movement, a combined Secondary Schools' Church Service was held at St. Mark's. Dr. MacKenzie delivered the address to some 600 boys and girls, who took an active part in the service of praise and dedication. Readers from four of the schools presented most of the service of worship.

Another occasion on which St. Mark's was crowded this year was on the morning of the Ordination Service, when Rev. A. E. Johnson was admitted to the priesthood. Slade boys who attended the service could not be anything but impressed by the reverence and sincerity of all parts of the office.

Socially, the boys have had quite a busy year, especially in first term, when there were two pictures, "Oliver Twist" and "Sons of Matthews" to see in Warwick. For those interested there was a recital by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, and later in the year performances by the Warwick Philharmonic Choir and Gladys Moncrieff and Michael Azar.

In first term, too, an All Schools' Dance was held at St. Mary's Hall, and all who attended expressed the belief that there should be "more of 'em."

St. Catharine's invited Slade boys to the annual Ascension Night dance, and Slade returned the compliment on the last night of Third Term.

Other forms of light entertainment attended by the boys include the G.F.S. plays and the Scots-P.G.C. concert.

The usual assistance was given by the senior boys to St. Mark's Annual Debutante Ball.

During the year we have had many opportunities of knowing how much Canon Hoog, Rev. A. E. Johnson, and our good friends of St. Mark's, Warwick, are interested in Slade's welfare. To them all thanks are extended for their assistance in all ways.

A new friend was welcomed to the School and a Loquor Club meeting on the first Saturday of third term in the person of Brother Dennis Browning, the new Head of the Bush Brotherhood of St. Paul. Backed by experience in youth work in England, he will be keenly alive, we feel sure, to the problems confronting Slade, and we look forward to helpful advice and inspiring leadership from him.

Reference to the amazing transformation of the School grounds since last May seems superfluous, but a sincere tribute must be paid to the boys who have co-operated so fully in such a huge task, and given liberally of their spare time. Such self-sacrifice is the very keynote of the work of a Bush Brotherhood, and this spirit is heartening in the rising generation.

It is hoped that very soon the boys will be able to see rewards for their work in the form of hobby rooms, photography dark-rooms, table-tennis tables, and the new tennis court.

All were pleased to welcome back so many Old Boys at the beginning of May and to meet the challenge of the Old Boys in tennis, cricket and football.

Perhaps the most important function of the week-end was the annual meeting at which final plans were made for "Operation Canterbury."

Mr. O. Slade brought a strong side to play the first cricket team in first term, and his eleven had a good win. The thanks of all participants are extended to those who made the day so enjoyable.

The 1950 Fair was as successful and enjoyable as those of previous years, and this is due to the efforts of the boys and the Brisbane and Warwick branches of the Parents' Auxiliary, who have always shown a deep interest in the School's future.

Although there was no lack of candidates from Slade, not one was successful in achieving his aim of a political career in the University Union elections, but we're sure that Peter Rowland, Jon Stephenson and Co. will continue to keep University affairs on the move.

The projector has been used quite frequently during the year, and by December, 15 programmes of films will have been shown.

However, in addition to making up the difference between the cost of the films and the revenue gained from admission charges, the tuck shop has had to cover the cost of some repairs from time to time. Still, the tuck shop continues to supply ice-cream, drinks, and confectionery to the boys as cheaply as possible.

Mr. Leadbitter has shown a continued interest in teaching the boys music, and has made a generous offer to the members of the Loquor Club to give them a talk and recital on the organ.

The Camera Club flourished during first term and conducted a photography competition. Spork, Main, Elliott, Bailey, and Sing showed some very fine photos, all of which were praised by the judge, Dr. Lloyd. Some of the winning entries were entered in a town competition with a great degree of success.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The results of the 1949 Public Examinations were quite outstanding as far as the Junior was concerned. Howes and E. Nussey were successful Seniors, and F. Nussey, Woodworth, Curtis i, Clark ii, Wood, Killen, Spork, Dance, Machin, Emmerson, Puschmann, Zeller, Bonthron, Webster, Harvey, and Brydon in the Junior, in which the two unsuccessful candidates missed by one subject only. The performance of Nussey, who gained 7 A's, was the most meritorious of several good passes. The Scholarship Examination was passed by the following: McCowen, Starky ii, McCarthy, Watson, Curtiss ii, Naylor, Savill, and Kemp.

CHAPEL NOTES

Last year's custom of having morning prayers divided into two groups, primary and secondary, was continued this year; the senior and sub-senior boys read the Bible passages, while the master on duty led the prayers in the secondary service, and the primary boys heard readings suited to their age group. Foster i played the organ at the secondary Chapel and always at the evening prayers, while Mr. Meredith and Mr. Taylor helped on other occasions.

This year we have had 28 regular servers, although the total at one stage was 30. On the 31st May, the night after the Ordination Service, 25 boys were Confirmed by his Grace the Archbishop at St. Mark's.

On 10th February, what can be regarded as the Chapel's patronal festival, the Conversion of St. Paul, was celebrated at the School, and the day was marked by a School holiday.

Other regular services have been held as usual, and to St. Mark's thanks are extended for the Simnel cake and the palm crosses distributed on Mothering Sunday and Palm Sunday, respectively.

CADET NOTES

Officers and Sergeants: Captain C. E. Olsen, Lieutenants E. L. Farrell and G. Taylor, Cadet Lieutenants Walker and Hyam, Sgts. Bailey, Ellis (C.S.M.), Clark i, Nussey, Woodworth.

The corps has trained vigorously during the year, both in weekly parades, where the usual course of instruction has been given and the cadets have practised determinedly for November 11th, and at the annual camp, where a complete programme of practical training was carried out.

A guard was mounted on the Memorial on Anzac Day and Slade cadets took part in the march to Slade Park and the service there.

It was found impossible to send a shooting team to Brisbane this year, but a full programme of firing on open and miniature ranges was carried out and all boys were given an opportunity to show their skill with the rifle.

LOQUOR CLUB

With a record number of members the club was certainly a "talking" club this year, and it is perhaps to be regretted that there seems to have been less opportunity for members to stand on their feet and express their own opinions.

The highlight of the year was the hundredth meeting, which was celebrated by a debate, adjudicated by Mr. Maxwell, to whom the club extends its thanks. Walker i, Ellis and Clark i affirmed, and Hyam, Bailey i and Woodworth denied, that "Euthanasia is in the best interests of society." The members then adjourned to a supper, tastefully prepared by Mrs. Dan, Mrs. Carstens and Matron, to whom the club also extends thanks for their generous and kindly help. The minutes of the first meeting were read, and all appreciated the importance of the occasion in the history of the club.

There were the usual subjects dealt with at meetings: Selected Readings, Quizzes, Musical Evenings, Impromptu Speeches, and so on. Two interesting evenings were spent, one when a mock wedding reception was celebrated, the other when Stephens i was tried at a mock court. The whole School was present at the latter, and in this way may have learned something interesting concerning the activities of the Loquor Club. A story spinning competition also proved popular.

Throughout the year we have had the pleasure of the unfailing patronage of the Headmaster and Mr. Dan, both of whom have contributed much moral support to our members, through their constructive criticism and their advice.

B. WOODWORTH.

SPORTING

SWIMMING NOTES

A month's conscientious training brought the leading swimmers to quite a high standard at the time of the inter-house swimming carnival. In all, four records were broken, and in other events, not only was the swimmer's time close to record standard, but also the competition was keen. The outstanding competitors were Schwennesen, who returned from his training for the Queensland championships to win all open events except the breaststroke and diving, establishing a record of 20 seconds in the backstroke, and a wonderful time of 2 min. 25 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs. in the 200. Another outstanding time was Bown's under 15 200 in 2 min. 46 secs. Watson reduced the under 16 66 record by 2 $\frac{1}{5}$ seconds when he swam the distance in 40 seconds. The three record-breakers won the championships in their own age groups, while Elliott and Biggam were first in the under 14 and under 13 championships, respectively. A very encouraging event was the open butterfly 33 yards, in which four swimmers finished close together. It is to be hoped that the standard established will be maintained in future years, when this event will be included in the inter-school programme. By a margin of 32 points Barnes (144 $\frac{1}{2}$) won the house competition.

The results of the other School swimming sports gave promise of some keen competition in the all-schools swimming carnival, and these hopes were realised in no small manner. Many events featured close finishes, and the judges' task in this regard was unenviable. However, beginning in characteristic fashion with a win in the first event, Slade swimmers dominated the boys' events and won the point score comfortably with 108 points from Scots (59), and Warwick High School (41), eight more than the combined score of the opposition. In thirteen individual events Slade boys gained eight firsts and seven seconds, while in relays they won three events and took second in the remaining two. On four occasions Slade gained both first and second places in an event, and this team-work and the relay performances contributed greatly to the team's success. Schwennesen won three open events and Walker, Curtis i and Watson supported him well. Watson, Wood, Bown, Rae, Clark iii, and Elliott swam well in the age competitions, and pleasing features were the winning of three backstroke events and the performance of the under 14 lads.

Life-saving and team conduct were under the control of Walker, who was assisted in life-saving instruction by Hyam, Wood, Clark ii and Curtis i. Apart from the inter-school team, others, as Moore i, Main and Hassall, contributed greatly to the keen competition in training swims.

Inter-House Carnival

OPEN

- 66 Yards:** Schwennesen 1, Curtis i 2, Walker i 3. Time, 40 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
200 Yards: Schwennesen 1, Walker i 2, Curtis i 3. Time, 2 min, 25 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs. Record.
Back: Schwennesen 1, Walker i 2, Curtis i 3. Time, 20 secs. Record.
Breast: Hyam 1, Curtis i 2, Schwennesen 3. Time, 24 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
Butterfly: Schwennesen 1, Bonthron 2, Hyam 3. Time, 20 secs.
Diving: Curtis ii 1, Curtis i 2, Hyam 3.
Relay: Barnes 1.
Second Division, 33 Yards: Spork i 1, Clark i 2, Dance i 3.

UNDER 16

- 66 Yards:** Watson 1, Wood 2, Main 3. Time, 40 secs. Record.
200 Yards: Watson 1, Wood 2, Main 3. Time, 2 min. 55 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
Back: Watson 1, Wood 2, Graham i 3. Time, 22 secs.
Breast: Graham i 1, Main 2, Wood 3. Time, 28 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
Relay: Barnes 1.
Second Division, 33 yards: Barwick 1, Killeen 2, Murray 3.

UNDER 15

- 66 Yards:** Bown 1, Curtis ii 2, Bonthron 3. Time, 41 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
200 Yards: Bown 1, Bonthron 2, Curtis ii 3. Time, 2 min. 46 secs. Record.
Back: Curtis ii 1, Brown 2, Bonthron 3. Time, 24 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
Breast: Bown 1, McCarthy 2, Curtis ii 3. Time, 25 secs.
Relay: Macansh 1.
Second Division, 33 Yards: Donovan i 1, Hunt i 2, Webster 3.

UNDER 14

- 33 Yards:** Elliott 1, Rea 2, Clark iii 3. Time, 21 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
133 Yards: Elliott 1, Smith 2, Clark iii 3. Time 2 min. 1 sec.
Back: Clark iii 1, Elliott 2, Smith 3. Time, 26 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
Breast: Rea 1, Thorne 2, Elliott 3. Time, 27 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
Relay: Macansh 1.
Second Division, 15 Yards: Keilar 1, Walker ii 2, Royle 3.

UNDER 13

- 33 Yards:** Armbruster 1, Biggam 2, Gray 3. Time, 24 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
Back: Biggam 1, Armbruster 2, Bailey ii 3. Time, 14 secs.
Breast: Barton 1, Biggam 2, Armbruster 3. Time, 14 secs.
Relay: Barnes 1.
Second Division, 15 Yards: Stevens ii 1, Martin ii 2, Cox 3.

OTHER EVENTS

15 Yards Under 12: Barton 1, Winter ii 2, Bailey ii 3. Time, 10 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

15 Yards Under 10: Kelly 1, Graham iii 2, Lloyd 3. Time, 15 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

Primary Diving: Lewis 1, Donovan i and ii tie 2.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open: Schwennesen 21 points, Curtis i 11.

Under 16: Watson 15 points, Wood 10.

Under 15: Bown 18 points, Curtis ii 15.

Under 14: Elliott 14 points, Rea 8.

Under 13: Biggam 11 points, Armbruster 9.

Inter-School Events

OPEN

66 Yards: Schwennesen 1, Curtis i 2. Time, 39 secs.

200 Yards: Schwennesen 1, Walker i 2. Time, 2 min. 26 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

Back: Schwennesen 1, Watson 2. Time, 20 secs. Equals Record.

Breast: Hyam 3.

Diving: Curtis ii 3.

Relay: Slade 1. Time, 1 min. 13 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

UNDER 16

66 Yards: Watson 1, Wood 4. Time, 41 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

Back: Wood 1, Watson 2. Time, 22 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

Breast: Graham i 4.

Relay: Slade 1. Time, 1 min. 15 secs.

UNDER 15

66 Yards: Bown 1, Curtis ii 3. Time, 41 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

Back: Curtis ii 2, Bonthron 3.

Breast: Bown 2, McCarthy 3.

Relay: Slade 1. Time, 1 min. 20 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

UNDER 14

Back: Clark i 1, Elliott 4. Time, 25 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

Breast: Rea 1, Thorne 2. Time, 26 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

Relay: Slade 2.

UNDER 13

Relay: Slade 2.

TENNIS

Thanks to greatly improved doubles play, the Scots tennis team was able to recapture the "Daily News" Cup, which has been held by Slade for the past three years. Both Slade and Scots scored convincing wins over High School, and the issue rested on the two Scots-Slade matches. In the first of these the Scots team was weakened by the absence of K. Jensen, and Slade held its own in most of the play. Each of the doubles matches was closely contested, and three sets were decided at 9-8. McCowen and Wood were the better Slade pair, but in both sets weakened through inexperience, after setting up a winning lead. The experience in match play gained by the Scots boys in the 1949 town competition proved invaluable in such situations. In the singles, Wood alone was successful, and he played devastatingly accurate tennis to overwhelm Edmiston 9-2. McCowen fought hard to take K. Anderson to 8-9, but Stephens lacked confidence, and Foster experience, and each was defeated 6-9.

The return match at Slade was a triumph for the doubles play of Scots. At the end of the four doubles rubbers Scots held a lead of 22 games, and although Slade gained a slight lead in the singles, Scots were easy winners. Wood won the last five games to defeat Jensen 9-6 and Foster outlasted D. Anderson to win 9-8. McCowen held a lead against K. Anderson, but lost his grip at the crucial stage and went down 7-9. Stephens also was unable to keep up the pressure and lost 8-9.

Of the Slade four only McCowen and Wood were consistent, and both impressed by sound ground shots. Greater anticipation in doubles would improve them considerably. Stephens and Foster showed much promise in practice, but their match play lacked purpose and sometimes concentration.

Prospects for 1951, in light of the performances of lower teams, are not promising. Scots were generally too strong for our seconds and thirds, although some of the younger boys are equipped with good style and sound strokes.

To Wood and McCowen, particularly, all the tennis players owe a debt of gratitude for their work in looking after the courts, and we can pardon them some regrets as they look back to their last inter-school matches on the No. 1 court (now, no more).

The usual Old Boys' match was played, but not completed this year, and present boys were perhaps fortunate to be leading at the end of play.

With three of the first four, Barnes House proved far too good in inter-house tennis, having decisive wins in the first and easy victories in the seconds and thirds.

CRICKET

Having gained the 1949 premiership, the firsts set out to establish a firm grip on the 1950 competition by two good first innings wins in the first round. However, the position became very interesting when Scots defeated High School outright to make the first round points S.S. 6 points, T.S.C. 5 points.

As is quite common in the first half of the year, bowlers were on top in both of Slade's matches, and the scores were quite low. Moore and Bailey bowled steadily against High School and Scots and made the task of the batsmen easier. However, when the pressure was on, only Starky held the side together and helped Slade to make enough runs to gain first innings victories.

Social matches were played against Downlands and Mr. Slade's eleven. In the former Slade had the better of the game, but were unable to dismiss the whole of the opposition in the time available. A delightful day was spent in the match against Mr. Slade's team and the visitors proved victors on this occasion. However, the experience proved very valuable.

The seconds and thirds did not reveal much talent in their matches, although Meiklejohn, Foster ii, Rea and Ridge did quite well.

However, the Slade eleven demonstrated its superiority in school cricket by a narrow first innings victory over High School and a near outright against Scots College in the second round. Walker, against W.H.S., and again Starky and Wood against T.S.C., batted reliably, while Bailey, Moore and Walker combined to dismiss the opposition. High School, helped by the steady bowling of Power and the dogged batting of Welburn and Bradford came within 14 runs of Slade's total, but the Scots batsmen failed dismally against Bailey. It was pleasing to see Bailey, in probably his last school match, bowl more accurately and intelligently than any bowler since Charles and Warrener. Aided by a cross breeze, which he used very effectively, he sent down 13 overs, seven of which were maidens, to take 6 wickets for 15. No batsman was confident against his well controlled out-swingers, interspersed with cunningly concealed change of pace and vicious in-swingers. This effort was a fitting climax for a bowler who in his school career had taken over 80 wickets in inter-school games and in all about 120 wickets for Slade at the cost of ten apiece.

Results:

Slade 128 (Starky 44, Power 4 for 36) defeated High School 77 (Hutton 30, Bailey 6 for 21) and 5 for 49 (Wood 3 for 9).

Slade 67 (Starky 31, Edmiston 6 for 22, Anderson 4 for 10) and 9 for 151 (Hyam 51) defeated Scots 44 (Bailey 5 for 55, Moore 5 for 14).

Slade 105 (Walker 42, Stephens 22 not out, Power 5 for 39) defeated High School (Bradford 33, Welburn 29, Bailey 5 for 31, Moore 4 for 25).

Slade 157 (Starky 63, Wood 49, Hoy 5 for 62) defeated Scots 47 (Bailey 6 for 15) and 9 for 92 (Moore 3 for 20).

Averages: Batting, Starky 23.5; Bowling, Bailey 24 wickets at 5.4 each, Moore 15 at 7.5.

FOOTBALL

Rivalry between Slade and Scots was so keen, and competition so close that the 1950 inter-school premiership was decided by a play-off between the two schools. Neither team, however, was markedly superior to the High School fifteen, which lacked only experience against heavier sides. In the two encounters between Slade and High School it was Wood's individual brilliance in one case, and Starky's speed and penetrative ability in the other which weighed down the scales.

The forwards, headed by Schwennesen, Hyam, Walker and Moore, were the pivot of the attack and defence in the Slade-Scots matches, and they always played the tune. The closeness of the scores 10-8 to Scots, 9-6 to Slade, is a very good indication of the nature of the play.

In the play-off at the Showgrounds play was again keen and neither side seemed likely to yield, even though Slade forwards again dictated the trend of play. However, for a period of ten or fifteen minutes of the second half the Scots back-line functioned very smoothly and became menacing. A shoulder injury to Schwennesen, who later returned to the field, interrupted this brilliance and for the last ten minutes Slade forwards hammered in vain at Scots' line. A word of praise must be added to Mr. A. Watson, whose tight control and swift decisions contributed in no small way to the speed and interest of the match.

In lower-grade matches Scots' Seconds were too good, but the Thirds and Fourths each had good wins over Scots.

The Firsts played social matches against the Old Boys and Downlands second XV. Each of these was won, and thanks are extended to Downlands College for their entertainment. Six teams played against College teams and all were thrilled then to witness the game between King's School, Parramatta and Downlands. The match was a revelation in hard, tight forward play and swift back-line movements.

PRIMARY FOOTBALL

For the second successive year competitions for senior and junior primary teams have been conducted, and in each Slade teams gave good accounts of themselves. Premiers in the junior division were C.B.C., who played highly polished football at times. The Slade XV can feel proud of its second round effort of holding this side to a 3-nil loss.

The Slade senior primary team finished the season joint premiers with Scots, but was beaten in a play-off, curtain-raiser to the "Kyawanna" Cup play-off. The team contained some brilliant individual footballers, but many passengers among the forwards. Dougall and Hassall, the halves, Hunt and Stevens, the wingers, Newman and Royle in the forwards, all deserve mention. Time and time again Dougall and Hassell broke through in attack or came up in cover-defence to save the side. Perhaps the best display of the year was Stevens' last match, when he was always in the midst of the play, striving always to win back precious territory.

ATHLETICS

Keen competition in all age groups marked the School's annual athletics carnival. Hyam won the senior championship after an interesting struggle with Schwennesen and Moore. Bon-throne had a narrow margin in the under 16 championship from Meikleohn, who won the 100, 220, and 440. In both the under 15 and under 14 championships it was not the winner of the sprint double who scored most points in his age group. Morrish won the under 15 title despite defeats by Wilson in 100 and 220, and Stevens took the under 14 point-score, although Cox had easy wins in the sprint. In the open field events Moore again gained the Mervyn Gillman Cup by winning the high and broad jumps and shot putt. In the latter event he established the only record of the day with a putt of 38 feet 6 inches. Earlier in the week Stevens equalled the under 14 high jump record with a leap of 4 feet 5 inches.

Macansh House took an early lead in the inter-house competition with its dominance of the cross-country events, but as event followed event in the programme Barnes House gained the lead and went further and further ahead to emerge victorious by 204½ to 136½.

After a comparison with the performance of competitors from other school, and at the end of a period of solid training it was

quite evident that Slade boys would make a strong bid for supremacy at the All Schools' Sports. It was expected that competition would be close, but these hopes were shattered a little by the illness of Blackburn, High School's best under 16 runner. The effect of his absence can be appreciated when it is realised that Gwynne, the other High School entrant, gained four firsts and a second, and equalled two records!

However, Scots' athletes took the lead quite early in the afternoon and won comfortably with 94 points, while Slade gained 77 $\frac{1}{3}$ and High School 44 $\frac{2}{3}$. It was a meeting in which individual athletes gained quite a large number of major placings. Edmestone of Scots won the open 100, 220, and 440, while Moore, of Slade, won the hurdles, broad jump and shot putt. Gwynne's performances have already been mentioned, but at the same time the courage of Meiklejohn, who filled second place to him on three occasions must be admired. Slade's other outstanding open competitors were Hyam, who gained second in the 880, and won a thrilling mile by inches from Hansen, of High School, and Schwennesen, who ran two very good quarter miles, first in the championship, then in the relay. It was quite comforting for Slade that her under 15 and under 14 performers did so well. Wilson and Morrish fought out a close finish in the under 15 100 yards, the latter getting the decision; then Wilson decisively turned the tables in the 220 yards. Cox won the under 14 100 yards in good style and Curtis leapt well to tie in the under 15 high jump at 4 feet 11 inches.

Primary Competition

To give the athletes of the primary school an opportunity to show their ability, Mr. Marshall arranged a meeting with Christian Brothers' College at the Slade Oval. It was hoped that the boys of the Church of England Boys' School at Toowoomba would be able also to compete. However, it was impossible for them to make the trip, and the competition was conducted between three entrants from each school in every event. In some cases another competitor was D. Bradfield, of Warwick Central School, who won the 11 years 75 yards at the Primary Schools' Carnival in Brisbane.

The afternoon proved very interesting, and competition was keen. However, the C.B.C. boys displayed superior team-work and were leaders in the point-score.

Outstanding Slade competitors were: Currie in open 880, Cox in under 14 sprints and broad jump, Dougall in under 14 440 yards, Stephens in under 14 high jump, Cowin in under 11 events. The Slade tunnel-ball teams were also successful.

The keenness of the competition and the interest of the boys make the day's sport worthwhile as an annual event.

RESULTS SCHOOL SPORTS

OPEN

- 100 Yards:** Foster 1, Bailey 2, Watson 3. Time, 11 secs.
- 220 Yards:** Foster 1, Schwennesen 2, Hyam 3. Time, 25 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
- 444 Yards:** Watson 1, Schwennesen 2, Foster 3. Time, 56 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
- 880 Yards:** Hyam 1, Schwennesen 2, Foster 3. Time, 2 min. 19 secs.
- Mile:** Hyam 1, Schwennesen 2, McCowen 3. Time, 5 min. 13 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
- Cross-Country:** Schwennesen 1, McCowen 2, Bailey 3. Time, 13 min. 14 secs.
- Hurdles:** Hyam 1, Watson 2, Schwennesen 3, Time, 17 secs.
- High Jump:** Moore 1, Hyam 2, Curtis, Stephens, Dance 3. Height 5ft. 1in.
- Broad Jump:** Moore 1, Watson 2, Hyam 3. Distance, 18ft.
- Shot Putt:** Moore 1, Starky 2, Hyam 3. Distance, 38ft. 6in. Record.
- Throwing the Cricket Ball:** Moore 1, Dance 2, Hyam 3. Distance, 91yd. 1ft. 1in.
- Kicking the Football:** Schwennesen 1, Bailey 2, Moore 3. Distance, 49yds. 1ft.
- 100 Yards Second Division:** McCowen 1, Walker i 2, Dance i 3.
- 100 Yards, Third Division:** Ellis 1, Graham 2, Coleman 3.
- 440 Yards Handicap:** Spork 1, Ellis 2, Clark i 3.
- Mile Handicap:** Bunch 1, Walker i 2, Spork ii 3.

UNDER 16

- 100 Yards:** Meiklejohn 1, Currie 2, Bonthron 3. Time, 11 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
- 220 Yards:** Meiklejohn 1, Currie 2, Bown 3. Time, 26 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
- 440 Yards:** Meiklejohn 1, Bonthron 2, Bown 3. Time 60 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
- High Jump:** Bonthron and Webster 1, Winter i 3. Height 4ft. 8ins.

Broad Jump: Bonthron 1, Meiklejohn 2, Webster and Currie 3.
Distance, 15ft. 7ins.

Hurdles: Webster 1, Currie 2, Bonthron 3. Time, 19 secs.

Cross-Country: Bonthron 1, Bown 2, Currie 3.

100 Yards, Second Division: Martin 1, Murray 2, Champion 3.

100 Yards, Third Division: Main 1, Carstens 2, Stehr i 3.

UNDER 15

100 Yards: Wilson 1, Morrish 2, Zeller 3. Time, 12 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

200 Yards: Wilson 1, Morrish 2, Curtis ii 3. Time, 28 secs.

High Jump: Curtis ii 1, Morrish and Rae 2. Height, 4ft. 7 ins.

Broad Jump: Morrish 1, Curtis ii 2, Zeller 3. Distance, 15ft. 10ins.

Cross-Country: McCarthy 1, Clark iii 2, Spork ii 3. Time, 11 min.
2 secs.

100 Yards, Second Division: Derrington 1, Donaldson 2, Rea 3.

100 Yards, Third Division: Stehr ii 1, Lavery 2, Morrison 3.

440 Yards Handicap: Bunch 1, Davis 2, Lavery 3.

Under 14

100 Yards: Cox 1, Roberts 2, Dougall 3. Time, 13 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

220 Yards: Cox 1, Dougall 2, Stevens 3. Time, 30 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

High Jump: Stevens 1, Murray and Cooper 2. Height, 4ft 5ins.
(Equals Record).

Cross-Country: Stevens 1, Donovan ii 2, Dougall 3.

100 Yards, Second Division: Barton 1, Donovan 2, Belford 3.

UNDER 13

880 Yards Handicap: Donovan ii 1, Biggam 2, Belford 3.

UNDER 12

Cross-Country: Cooper ii 1, Cowin 2, Sell 3. Time, 9 min. 26 secs.

100 Yards: Cowin 1, Sell 2, Schafer 3. Time, 14 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

100 Yards Handicap: Free 1, Harrys 2, Housden 3.

OTHER EVENTS

Senior Relay: Barnes.

Junior Relay: Macansh.

Tug o' War: Barnes.

440 Yards Handicap, under 11: Cowin 1, Padgett ii 2, Padgett i 3.

75 Yards Handicap, under 10: Padgett ii 1, Lloyd 2, Bergin ii 3.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open: Hyam.

Under 16: Bonthrone.

Under 15: Morrish.

Under 14. Stevens ii.

Placings in All Schools' Sports

OPEN

100 Yards: Foster 3, Starky 4.

220 Yards: Foster 3.

440 Yards: Schwennesen 2, Watson 3.

880 Yards: Hyam 2, Schwennesen 4.

Mile: Hyam 1. Time, 5 min. 4 secs.

Hurdles: Moore 1. Time, 16 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

High Jump: Moore 4.

Broad Jump: Moore 1. Distance, 18ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Shot Putt: Moore 1, Starky 4. Distance, 38 feet.

Relay: Slade 2.

UNDER 16

100 Yards: Meiklejohn 2.

220 Yards: Meiklejohn 2.

440 Yards: Meiklejohn 2.

Hurdles: Unplaced.

High Jump: Unplaced.

Broad Jump: Unplaced.

UNDER 15

100 Yards: Morrish 1, Wilson 2. Time, 11 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

220 Yards: Wilson 1, Morrish 2. Time, 26 secs.

High Jump: Curtis tie 1. Height 4ft. 11ins.

UNDER 14

100 Yards: Cox 1. Time, 12 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

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