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## SCHOOL DIRECTORY



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## THE PREFECTS

**School Captain:** A. Clark.

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**Chief Server:** J. Killeen.

**Loquor Sec.:** R. Starky.



## SPORTS CAPTAINS AND COACHES

CRICKET: G. Wood (Mr. E. Farrell, Coach).

TENNIS: R. McCowen (Mr. K. Dan, Coach).

FOOTBALL: A. Clark (Mr. C. E. Olsen, Coach).



## CALENDAR, 1952

|                        |       |                               |
|------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| First Term             | ..... | 6th February to 2nd May       |
| Second Term            | ..... | 21st May to 3th August        |
| Third Term             | ..... | 3rd September to 1st December |
| Inter-School Swimming  | ..... | 12th March                    |
| Inter-School Athletics | ..... | 4th October                   |

## SLADE TO PAPUA

In a reference to teaching in his "Republic," Plato makes the observation that "those having torches will pass them on to others." These words could well sum up our thoughts—and at the end of 1951 they are our uppermost thoughts—as we appreciate the significance of the departure of Rev. Bro. B. W. Roberts, Headmaster of Slade School. Having brought the light of a true Christian education to so many Slade boys, he has seen others struggling along the path of darkness, to whom he knows he will bring light.

There is no need for a lengthy editorial reference to the wonderful contribution to the training of youth, which Bro. Roberts has made at Slade. Succeeding pages will eloquently express the debt owed by all who have come in contact with him.

It is fitting that these tributes should be headed by three persons, who have experienced the wealth of his friendship, one as Rector of St. Mark's during the dark war days, another as a fellow member of the Bush Brotherhood, a third as a pupil for nine years in a school career which culminated in the school captaincy.

The Rt. Rev. J. A. G. Housden, Bishop of Rockhampton, who has had close contact with the Headmaster during his days at Slade writes :

"I am most happy at being invited to pay a personal tribute to Brother Roberts on his work at Slade School. He has made the school his whole life, and whatever personal wishes and ambitions he may have nursed have been entirely sacrificed for the sake of the school. He could only do this because of a strong personal faith which he brought to Slade, and which he has shared with all those who have worked and lived with him at Slade. Knowing him as I do, I also know that this giving of himself has not been easy. He has only left Slade to tackle another job, requiring even more self-sacrifice than Slade exacted from him. May God bless him in this new endeavour, and raise up more like him to serve in the Church Militant."

† James Rockhampton

Head of the Bush Brotherhood from 1943 to 1950, and a close associate of Brother Roberts in his work at Slade School, and in the ministry to the people of the West, was Archdeacon Knight, Archdeacon of the West. He pens his thoughts as follows:

"These few lines of appreciation of Brother Byam Roberts are written from the limited point of observation during our time together in the Brotherhood. One cannot live in fairly close association with a fellow without learning something of his character. These are some of the things that struck me. Not only did he have a great share in guiding the contemporary history of Slade School, but his courage, enthusiasm and capacity were no small factors in the present satisfactory status of the school.

"His life centred around three cares—his God, his Church and the Brotherhood.

"He was always at his best during the Chapter meetings held at Slade. He quickly saw the meaning of a problem or situation, and always grasped the principles involved. To any little act of kindness or thoughtfulness shown to him he always responded with an unmeasured outflow of affection: and he never gave away confidence reposed in him.

"None entered more deeply into the spirit of the life of the Brotherhood: none contributed a kindlier or more generous feeling towards the Brothers. Any proposal for the greater richness and dignity of the Church and the services always received his ready and sympathetic attention. To all that appertained to the Brothers' general welfare he gave unwearied attention.

"That he made all his talents subservient to the Spirit was shown by the way he inspired the boys with a real affection for the daily chapel services and further, his love for Slade School was cheerfully given up and sacrificed when he became quite sure that the call to New Guinea was the will of God. To turn one's back on a life which offers so many dear delights and loyalties with cheerfulness and whole heartedness I think Byam would describe as "playing the game." This he did. His going will not diminish his interest in and love for Slade and the Brotherhood."

Finally, these are the thoughts of Jum Chataway, school captain in 1947 and student from 1938 to 1947 :

" 1939—my eighth year and my second year at Slade. We were to have a new Headmaster, a man whose close cropped hair and black cassock were to mean the presence of authority but also the presence of a friend, whose six foot stature was to lead us in the sporting field and impress upon us in more than one place the gravity of our misdemeanours. A man whose rounded voice was to announce glad news, a night out, and sometimes sad, as when he told of the death of a Slade Old Boy in service to his King and country—but always to lead us in devotion to God in the school chapel.

" At that stage he was a man I knew nothing about, whose only aspect I was interested in was how he would rule me. As the years went by my interest in his ruling of my life naturally continued, but I found in the " Boss "—and I can use the term " Boss " with respect and affection—a friend and a guide.

" As I grew older and life became more complex, I found that there was always the " Boss " ready, when asked, to give advice and practical help when necessary.

" I put in most of my adolescent years at Slade and from the " Boss " I drew my ideals and principles. He set me a standard I should endeavour to maintain in both a social and religious life.

" A feeling of sadness swept over me—a feeling I once thought I would never have experienced as we parted, pupil and headmaster in 1947. On my several visits to the school since and as we then met man to man, he has shown very plainly that his personal interest in his pupils does not cease on their leaving school. As a youth he was my Headmaster, as a man he is my friend."



### HEADMASTER'S DEPARTURE

In late October, 1951, the Head of the Bush Brotherhood of St. Paul (Rev. Bro. D. Browning B.A.) announced to the staff and students of the school the decision of the Headmaster, Rev. Bro. B. W. Roberts, B.A., Th.L., to seek leave of absence from his position in order to take on the task of rebuilding the Martyrs' Memorial School, destroyed in so tragic circumstances by volcanic eruption in January.

Accordingly the last school-days of 1951 were occupied with functions at which presentations were made to the Headmaster and tributes to his work expressed. At the first, on the Friday night, the staff and students made use of the High Tea, at which minor prizes were presented, to express their gratitude for thirteen years of leadership. Mr. Olsen spoke of the history of the school, the dark days of the beginning of Bro. Roberts' headmastership, the triumphs as the numbers grew, and building extensions were erected, in short the putting of the school into a strong position on a sound foundation. The school captain, A. Clark, spoke feelingly of what the Headmaster had meant to the boys, how he had proved an inspiring leader, who gave every moment of his time to the school. Then, he continued, in holidays he devoted his time to the task of bringing the word of God to the people of the bush. Yet, not satisfied with building up Slade School, when he knew his task of establishing the school was coming to fruition, he had resolved to make another effort of self-sacrifice by going off to New Guinea to re-establish another school. Such a pioneering spirit should prove an inspiration to all connected with the school. So, Clark concluded, it was as a Headmaster and as a pioneer, that Brother Roberts would be remembered. With these words Clark presented the Headmaster with a silver Communion Bread-Box and an envelope of notes. Woodworth, another senior, presented Brother Roberts with a photographic album containing a pictorial record of his association with the school, much of the work having been done by the boys themselves. The staff gift on behalf of administrative, teaching and domestic staff, was then presented by Mr. Olsen.

In rising to reply Brother Roberts said that he had never thought he would stand up in the dining-hall not knowing how to express his thoughts. He thanked all for the kind remarks, but claimed that he was quite conscious of his own limitations, and realised just how much others, such as Mr. Olsen, had done

in building up the school. He took the opportunity to thank all those who had been concerned with the gigantic task.

Turning his thoughts to the future, he revealed how, following so soon after his New Guinea visit for the consecration of Bishop David Hand, the news of the Mount Lamington disaster had affected him. When the report was received at the Toowoomba Clergy Summer School, he had, it seemed, been thrown together with Bishop Hand. He had felt that he could not stand back and merely say that he was sorry; he knew he had to do something, and so had decided to offer himself for the Martyrs' Memorial School.

Many memories would always come to his mind, the Headmaster continued. Among these there was one particularly pleasing incident, the gift by the 1951 seniors of a set of white vestments. At the same time he said he was deeply appreciative of the efforts of Matron and Mrs. Dan to equip him with all the necessary clothing and accoutrements for New Guinea. Those boys who had allowed him to practise his medical duties on them were also thanked.

In conclusion the Headmaster said that he would always remember Slade School, and pray for it. He asked that his work be remembered at the school before the altar of God.

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### OLD BOYS AND PARISH FAREWELL

Some forty Old Boys attended the dinner on the Saturday night when a presentation in the form of notes and two mounted coloured photographs of the school was made. Speakers spoke feelingly of their experiences at Slade under the leadership of Brother Roberts.

The appreciation of the parishioners and clergy of St. Mark's was clearly expressed after Evensong on the Sunday night, when the Rector (Rev. Canon W. Hoog) and the Wardens (Messrs. T. Stabler and P. Carstens) praised the great work of Brother Roberts at Slade School, and thanked him for his ready assistance and co-operation and helpful advice with parish affairs. A presentation of notes was made as a token of appreciation and thankfulness for the undertaking of the task to which Brother Roberts had offered himself.

In reply Brother Roberts expressed his gratitude for the practical way in which the appreciation had been expressed. He said that he believed that he himself was not worthy of such a gift, but he realised that the presentation was made in recognition of the work which he was going to do. He thanked all parishioners for their past kindnesses, and he was quite aware that some of his best friends were numbered among the Anglicans of Warwick. The kindness of the people, he continued, was well expressed in the ready efforts of the women of the parish, of whose identity he was even ignorant, to provide him with a set of altar linen. This meant a lot, he said, to a priest, who, though not very fussy, was particular about the use of clean altar linen at God's Table.

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### PARENTS AND CITIZENS FUNCTION

A farewell was made by parents and friends of the school and the general public of Warwick at an afternoon tea in the dining hall of the school on the afternoon of Monday, 3rd December.

The Head of the Bush Brotherhood (Bro. Browning), who presided, referred to the representative nature of the gathering, and said his Brotherhood felt it a great honour that one of its members was going to this mission. At the same time, they were extremely sad that Bro. Roberts was going from among them after so many years.

### Archbishop's Tribute

Archbishop Halse said they had assembled to show their appreciation of Bro. Roberts as Headmaster of Slade School for 13 years, and to wish him Godspeed in the work he would soon be undertaking.

His Grace had a point of contact with that work, and was always proud of the fact that the Diocese of New Guinea was in the Province of Queensland. Eighteen months ago his Grace and some clergy and Bishops visited Papua to consecrate the Coadjutor Bishop. Thus, from their point of view the Diocese of New Guinea was very much on the map.

Referring to the Mt. Lamington disaster, his Grace said it

came as a frightful shock, especially to those who knew New Guinea and who had friends among the mission staff, the native clergy, teachers and other workers and the native Christians in that part of the world.

He had made two visits to that region, and when the disaster occurred he could not help thinking that the Bishop of New Guinea would have a dreadful task to restore the position. This was no time to go into that side of the problem, but he wanted to say in passing that this particular disaster, like all disasters in the Christian Church, had had a wonderful effect upon the life of the Church outside.

Bro. Roberts had offered to go and take charge of what was probably the most important educational institution in that part of the world at the present time, because it was being put on the map, and was in response to a tremendous need.

The Martyrs' Memorial School was in the thickest part of the population in the diocese of New Guinea, and was doing marvellous work when the disaster took place. They thanked God that men like Bro. Roberts were prepared to carry on with the work.

He had made the offer voluntarily. Naturally, schools such as Slade had to be staffed, and they were not as keen on his going, from that point of view, as they might have been. But they knew perfectly well that he felt it was his privilege and duty to offer his services, and of course none of them would have the effrontery to stand in his way.

They were there that day to express their appreciation of his self-sacrifice and to honour what he was doing. He was stepping into the gap, bringing with him his experience as a headmaster and a teacher for many years and placing it at the disposal of this missionary school which had suffered such a terrible disaster. The Diocese of Brisbane and the Province of Queensland were proud of his volunteering, and his Grace was delighted that the Brotherhood had given its support and sanction to his accepting the invitation.

"On behalf of those for whom I am speaking, up and down the length of Queensland I wish him good luck in the name of the Lord," concluded his Grace.

**Civic Message**

Speaking on behalf of citizens, the Vice Mayor (Ald. E. L. Diery) read the following message from the Mayor (Ald. A. T. McCahon), who was absent from Warwick: "Like all citizens I feel the departure of Bro. Roberts is a great and a very real loss to the city of Warwick. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of all citizens, both inside and outside his school activities, and was ever ready to support any movement of a worthwhile nature. He therefore proved himself to be a worthy citizen, a worthy teacher and a worthy friend."

Ald. Diery said that message conveyed the views of all citizens, and they wished Bro. Roberts every success in his new sphere.

Mr. E. Nussey, speaking on behalf of parents, said they deeply regretted the departure of Bro. Roberts, who was held in highest regard. It was no easy task controlling a school like Slade, but Bro. Roberts, with great diplomacy and farsightedness, had done a wonderful job in the moral, physical and intellectual training of the boys.

**Presentation**

In making the presentation of a cheque, Archdeacon Knight said it had been his good fortune to be associated with Bro. Roberts for many years. No one could be more faithful, more loyal or a more devoted friend and pal. The very spirit of Brotherhood was imbued in him. He applied these gifts and his intelligence, patience and common sense to the solution of problems confronting his work. Not only had he been a splendid headmaster, but an excellent citizen. He had also been a splendid Brother and had done great work in the Diocese and the Province. Those who knew him loved and respected him and in his work in New Guinea they would ever remember him where remembrance counted most of all.

**Bro. Roberts' Reply**

Bro. Roberts, in reply said that as time advanced he realised more and more how deeply his roots had been planted here in Slade School.

He appreciated the extreme generosity of the people. He did not feel that anything he had done here was deserving

of what had been done for him now. Certainly the venture he was embarking on would mean fair expense in new outfit etc. He felt very humble about it all; it was not only the actual money, but the personal gifts he had received.

Bro. Roberts pointed to two coloured photographs of the school presented to him by the Old Boys on Saturday night, and also said that he had been deeply moved earlier when the senior form had presented him with a magnificent set of white vestments.

He said that about 18 months ago he was privileged to see something of the work of the New Guinea mission, and got to know what the people thought up there of the Martyrs' School and the work it was doing.

Then, in January, when the terrible disaster took place, he felt something of what that blow meant to the Church in New Guinea. He felt that he could not say: "That is terrible; I feel sorry," and leave it go at that. He felt he had to offer himself, for what it was worth. He could do that, too, because he realised that Slade School would be left in very good hands. There was nothing to fear in that respect.

It was pleasing to see so many present that afternoon—people of Warwick with whom he had so many dealings over the years, and representatives of other schools. The relationship between the schools had always been most happy and he was proud to think he could number the principals of the other schools amongst his firm friends. It was also pleasing to see so many of the clergy present, men who were engaged with him in what was the most important work in the world—the spreading of the Kingdom of God. It was pleasing also to see so many parents. It had been a great joy to know he had made many firm friends amongst the parents of the boys whom he had trained.

Bro. Roberts paid tribute to those who had assisted during the difficult years with the many problems confronting the school, adding that he was very conscious of his own shortcomings. He had made lots of mistakes and had failed in many ways. He realised that most plainly. He could think of many things he should have done. He was pleased that he would still remain in the Province of Queensland and that Archbishop Halse would still be his Archbishop. He was also privileged to retain his membership of the Bush Brotherhood, as he was, as far as it

was concerned, "on loan to New Guinea." He would have felt quite lost without the blue girdle, the badge of office of the Brotherhood.

Bro. Roberts referred to the great work of the parents' auxiliary of Slade School. They had been of great help to the school in many ways, but more particularly their efforts were directed to the memorial fund. One of his regrets was that he would not be here when the memorial was opened.

"I can never forget Slade School and hope that those associated with it will pray for me," continued Bro. Roberts, "I will still be going on trying to do the same job in New Guinea as I have done here, and I hope we shall remember each other. From time to time I hope to be back and renew my acquaintances and connections here. I feel I am a part of the school now just as it is part of me."

The chairman thanked the women's auxiliary for providing afternoon tea.

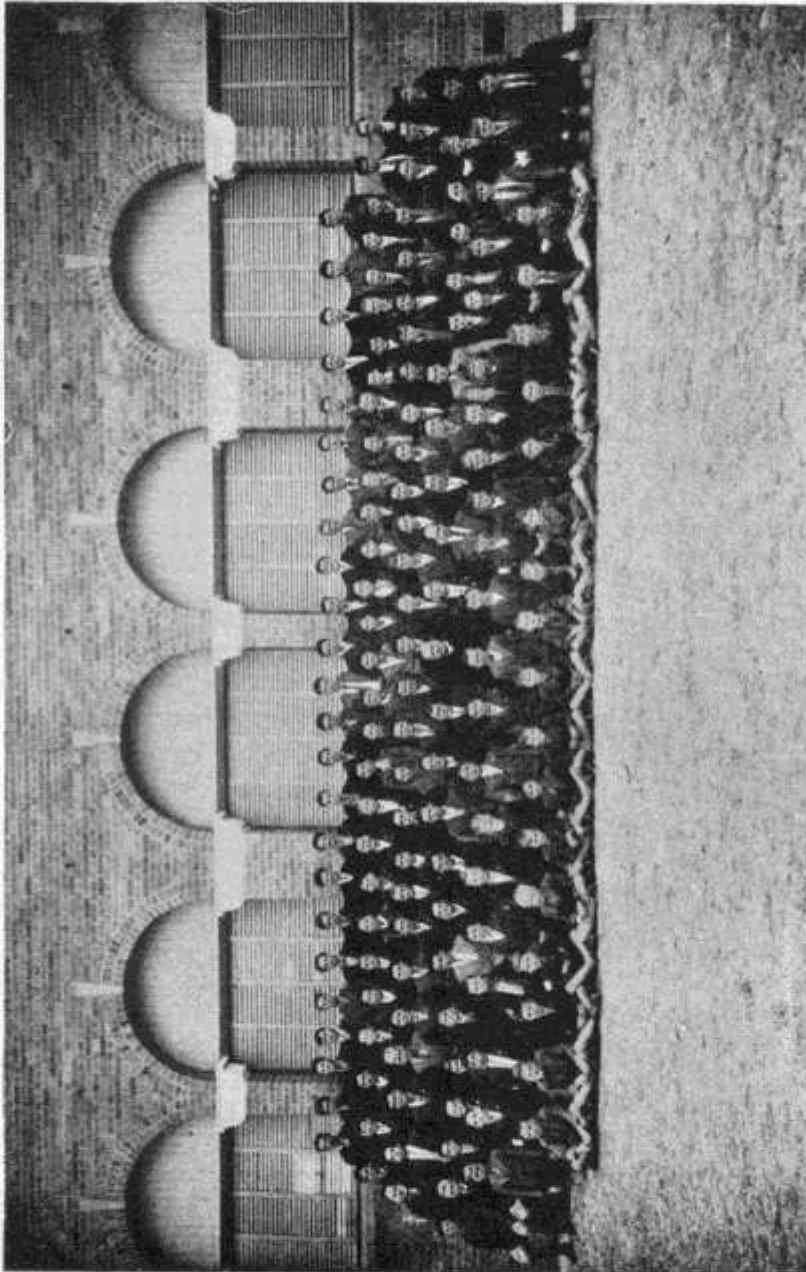
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### SPEECH NIGHT, 1951

The same tone, one of regret for the departure of Brother Roberts and of thanksgiving for the sacrifice he was making in going to his missionary post, prevailed at the Annual Speech Night of the Anglican schools of Warwick. The Rev. Bro. D. Browning, B.A., Head of the Bush Brotherhood of St. Paul, presided and in his introductory remarks, stated that, although he had been in his position for only some eighteen months, he respected the high standard of the work of Brother Roberts at Slade School. Hence, the Brotherhood regretted his decision, while it was thrilled and honoured to know that one of its members was to be doing this important task at the Martyrs' Memorial School. Although the Brotherhood hoped to be able to appoint a member of the Brotherhood as Headmaster, just as Brother Roberts was, he hoped that the temporary expedient of having Brother Wilson and Mr. Olsen in charge would be successful.

He called on Canon Hoog to present the report of St. Catharine's School and Rev. Bro. B. W. Roberts that of Slade School.

After presenting the prizes, His Grace the Archbishop of Brisbane, Dr. R. Halse, congratulated the principals and teachers



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of both schools on the excellent reports, and expressed his gratitude at being allowed to come at intervals over the last eight years to view the progress of the schools.

He felt that the theme of this particular function was that of self-sacrifice. The gathering had been thrilled to hear of the generous gift of Mr. O. Slade to the Slade School, and His Grace expressed, in the words of his letter of thanks for the gift, the gratitude of the Anglican Church of Queensland for this wonderful way of ensuring that education would be carried out in a Christian atmosphere.

Then, too, the thoughts uppermost in the minds of all were of the decision of the Headmaster of Slade School to relinquish his post to take up a still more important one in New Guinea. He thoroughly endorsed, he continued, the remarks in the Slade School report, on the strategic importance of this island lying to our north. When our thoughts turned to the area in which Bro. Roberts would be working, we would think of Gona, where the Japanese first landed in Papua. We would think of the loyalty of the Christian natives, the "fuzzy-wuzzies," who helped the Allied Forces so greatly. The task was before Australians to spread Christianity in this area, if Australia itself was to avert any northern threat. He thought that no boy or girl present could have more pleasure than in helping Bro. Roberts in his task.

A. Clark, Captain of Slade School, expressed the thanks of all to the Archbishop for his continued and keen, personal interest in the schools, and to the Head of the Bush Brotherhood, who had spared some of his precious time, spent in bringing spiritual aid to the men of the bush, in order to be present. He also added his expression of regrets for the departure of the Headmaster, and of confidence that the lesson of a self-sacrificing pioneer would be before Slade boys always. Clark's call for three cheers for Brother Roberts was loudly endorsed.

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### ANNUAL REPORT, 1951

Your Grace, Reverend Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my privilege to welcome you to this Speech Night of St. Catharine's and Slade Schools, and to express our apprecia-

tion of the interest you show in the schools and their work by your attendance here this evening.

These Speech nights are important functions to us, and they would lose a great deal of their significance without your presence to stimulate and encourage the pupils and the teachers as they reach this climax of the year's activities.

We have a special welcome for His Grace the Archbishop, who has constantly shown his affection for the Warwick schools, so that we regard him as a true Father in God, and feel that gatherings such as this would be incomplete without him, as a family needs the presence of the father on all its important occasions.

It is fitting that the Chairman should be the Head of the Bush Brotherhood of St. Paul, here to preside over the Speech Night of the Brotherhood School, and to bring home to us the close link between Slade and the Brotherhood. Although the Head of the Brotherhood has such a large area to supervise, and many activities to direct, he has come at some cost of time and energy to represent the Brotherhood here, and we are glad to have him with us. It is good to see three other members of the Brotherhood, Brothers Gillespie, Paxton-Hall and Bradley, and Canon Massey, Warden of the Society of the Sacred Advent. It is also symbolic of our close association with civic and parish affairs that St. Mark's Church and the Mayor are represented here.

I wonder whether any period in history has been so charged with responsibility as this one. I suppose each generation has had its problems to solve, its risks to take, and its dangers to circumvent. But in this age we are threatened with a complete collapse of civilisation as we know it, and the risks and the dangers seem to be greater than those that previous generations knew. We have problems, political, economic, moral and spiritual, confronting us, and we seem to have no ready solution for them. But we realise the need to find a solution, and the need for an alert and informed understanding of the world we live in.

### **Educational Changes and Problems**

In the sphere of education there is a readiness to come to grips with this particular aspect, and there is much stirring of mind and reaching out to find a better system. On the whole question of what is the best educational system we can devise,

many volumes could be written, but there is one particular point we are facing in Queensland now, concerning which I should like to make a few remarks. There has been a fair amount of publicity given to a matter that is vexing the University Authorities, and that is the number of failures by students doing various courses. This, I understand, is being investigated now, and I do not purpose to anticipate any findings that may be made. There is no doubt that the total of human knowledge is increasing rapidly, especially in the sciences, and it would seem that there is therefore a good deal more for the University student to learn. But I do not think we can claim that the human intellect is increasing, or that the capacity of the human brain has expanded. I should not care to maintain that our intelligence is greater than that, say, of the Ancient Greeks in their Golden Age, two and a half thousand years ago. Or consider the organisation required for the building of the great Pyramid of Egypt. Can we claim any greater ability than was shown by the men responsible for that remarkable achievement? Then we have no more time than they had. The students of today have to accumulate knowledge pretty rapidly if they are to keep up with the rising standard. This throws a responsibility back on to the Secondary Schools. At the other end of the scale there is another development. We had the privilege lately of hearing an Inspector of State Schools, Mr. N. E. T. Pyle, expound the new Primary School syllabus. This is an attempt to provide a course of study fitted for children up to the State Scholarship standard.

As explained by Mr. Pyle, it seems admirable. But there is a shift of emphasis, and a reduction in the amount of formal learning. It seems to free schools from the old anxiety to secure results of one kind only, namely, passes in the Scholarship examination. Its liberal spirit will be quenched if parents, employers and others, still insist on that as the sole criterion of a child's worth. Yet it may mean that boys will start on their Secondary School course with a smaller body of academic knowledge, although in the same period of time, four years, they are to reach a standard to fit them for a University course, the standard of which is itself rising. So the Secondary School boy is in danger of being stretched on a rack.

Possible solutions are extension of the time spent in Secondary School, or by keeping the standard for a pass in the Senior Public Examination within the reach of the average educated intelligence, but asking for a higher level of achievement,

say "B" in the necessary subjects, in those who wish to matriculate in order to commence on a University course.

### **Place of School Today**

There is another side of the matter which must be stressed. All our learning, all our care and thought, will go for nothing unless our lives are based on a sound foundation. Our problems are both numerous and varied. We realise the need for all round development. We hope that by educating our children well, we shall enable them to face life equipped to face its difficulties and dangers. But to deny them the most important part of their equipment is to be foolish in the extreme. If a house is to stand, and continue to serve its purpose, it must obviously be well-built, and on a sound foundation. The essential element in the foundation and in the building of our lives is Faith in God. We need that Faith as we confront our problems.

I would remind you of the words of the Psalmist—"The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved!" There is 'much ado' and kingdoms are being moved now—in Korea, in Persia, in Egypt, in India, in Malaya, in China, as well as elsewhere—and we are afraid that we are all going to be destroyed by atomic bombs or other missiles even more deadly. What is the way out?

Consider how the Psalmist continues—"Be still then, and know that I am God." We can face the future with confidence, not in ourselves, but in God, knowing that if we strive to know His will and to do it, then He will be our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble, who can make even the wrath of man to turn to His praise.

It is the function of a church school to endeavour to give its boys that Faith in God. Its success in that endeavour cannot be measured. It is not the sort of thing one can set an examination in, and its effects often cannot be known until years after the boy has left school. But we can strive to instil that lesson. As far as can be judged from outward signs, the lesson is being grasped at any rate by some.

We can make the Chapel the heart of our school life, and daily prayer and worship the hinge of our activities. It is pleasing to record that we have a very large number of boys volunteering to be servers at the Altar, and a practice of frequent and regular reception of the Holy Communion, as daily

the Holy Sacrifice is offered. If those who have formed that habit at school will continue it in their after-school life, then their lives will be built on a sure foundation, and they will be able to stand in the time when the strain comes on them.

Because of the fear of poliomyelitis at this time last year the school closed down a few days early, without a formal Speech Night. We did have a High Tea before we left, and prizes were presented by the President of the Old Boys' Association, Mr. Ken. Mardon. It may seem old news now, but I should remind you of the great occasion of last year, the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to set the Foundation Stone of the Old Boys' War Memorial Science Block. The stone stands there now, and we are looking forward to the time when we shall be able to build on it.

At its Annual Meeting, the Old Boys' Association elected a building committee to proceed with the necessary steps for the erection of the central portion, the Honour Room and Reference Library, and one Laboratory. The Committee has been active and I am able to report that a permit to build has been granted, the architects are preparing the detailed working plans and specifications, arrangements have been made about materials and approaches made to secure a contractor. So we have hopes that before very long we may see the work commenced. In these days, one must not be too optimistic about any building scheme, but at least you will realise that we are not being idle, but that whatever is possible is being done to bring the building into reality.

#### **Gift of "Glengallan"**

I have a piece of news which gives me great delight to announce, as it will thrill you to hear it. Everyone who knows anything at all about Slade School knows what it owes to its illustrious founder, the gentleman after whom it was named, William Ball Slade. It is with very great happiness that I am able to say that his son, Mr. Oswald Slade, of Glengallan, continues to show the same interest and affection for the school.

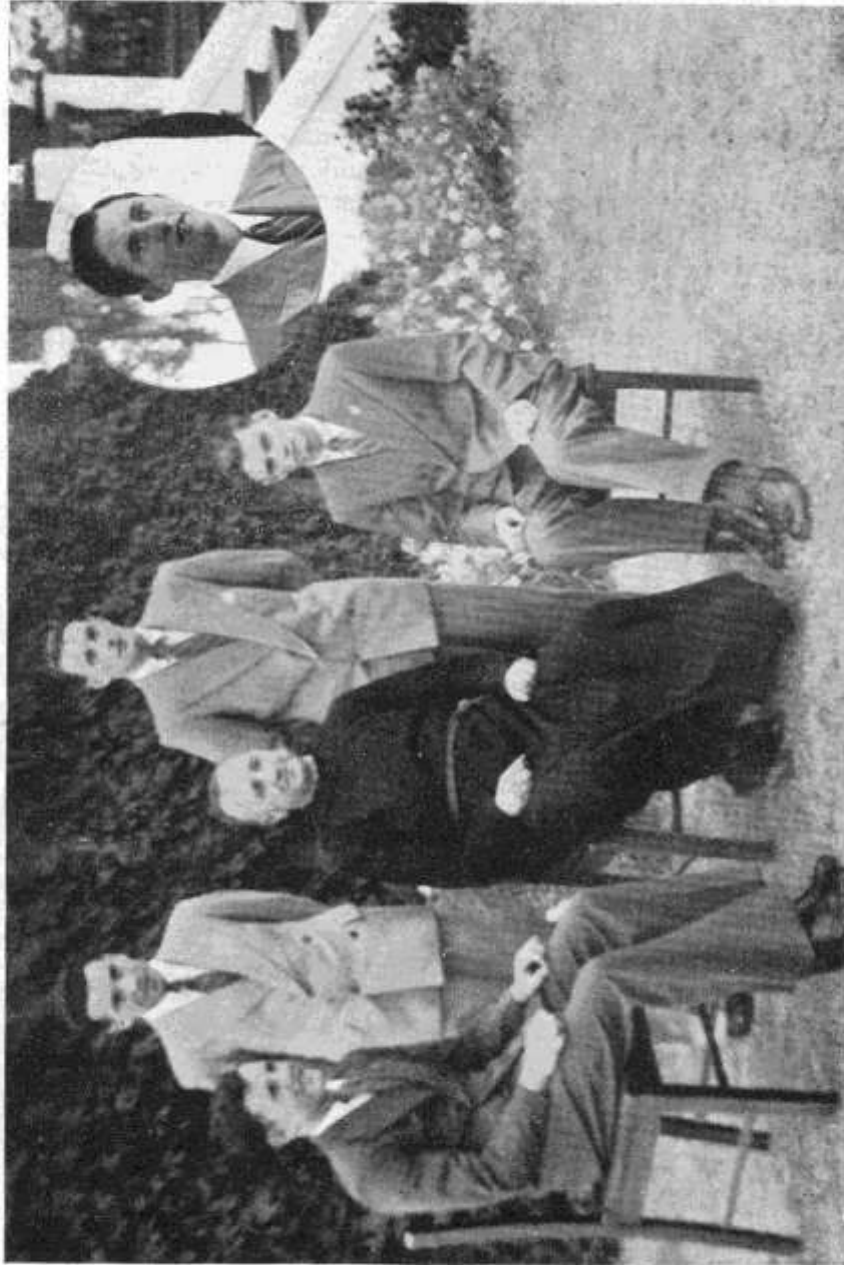
Subject to the life tenancy of himself and his wife, Mr. Slade has made over his property at Glengallan to the school. He has undertaken to pay a rental based on the revenue derived from the land, which is really another way of saying that Mr. and Mrs. Slade are making an annual gift to the school during

their lifetime, and that after their decease, which we do sincerely hope is still a long way off, the farm belongs to the school absolutely.

One cannot predict just what this will be worth, but in normal circumstances it will mean several hundreds a year now, with future possession of twelve or thirteen hundred acres of the best farmland in the district. I cannot put into words our gratitude to Mr. Slade for this most generous action.

With this in view, we can face the difficult financial question with greater equanimity. The financial administration of a boarding school in these days is indeed worrying. Everyone knows how costs have been spiralling upwards, and how little one gets for one's money. It has become an annual event to raise fees, and if costs take again the sudden jumps they have made in recent months, I fear that rises may become necessary even more frequently. Fees must be such as to meet all current expenses at least. There was a time when schools could return a profit, and it was from this profit, to a great extent, that the older schools have provided the beautiful buildings and equipment they now possess. In these times it is becoming ever more difficult to do this. It is hard to stretch revenue to cover the provision of necessities, and if there is any surplus, one can get so little for it. So extensions and improvements have to wait. The Brotherhood policy is to keep fees as low as is consistent with providing a good education, as we do not want our school to be the preserve of a wealthy class, and the fact that a member of the Brotherhood receives only a small allowance means that a higher proportion than usual of the fees is spent directly for school purposes. Mr. Slade's generosity should assist materially in providing those improvements we are all anxious to see. I do not think it would be wise to let that money be swallowed in current expenses, as fees should be kept at a figure to cover them. I hope we may look forward to a period of progress and advance, as Slade is built surely, if slowly, nearer to the ideal we have for it.

I seem to have spent a lot of time discussing these matters, without referring to the actual doings of the school during the year. If you will forgive me for so doing, I shall leave that out. The School Magazine will be published shortly, and will contain a full account of the year's activities. Most of you will see the magazine and may inform yourselves of what has been happening in the day-by-day life. There is another matter to which I must refer.



**PREFECTS**

Standing : B. Woodworth, R. Starkey.

Sitting : A. Clark (School Captain), Headmaster, F. Nussey.

Inset : G. Wood

### Headmaster's Retiring Thoughts

You will know that at the end of this year I leave my position in order to go to the New Guinea Mission, which is re-establishing the Martyrs' Memorial School, destroyed in the Mt. Lamington eruption last January. The building up of that school is to be my particular job. After thirteen years, which is exactly half the life of the school, one has many memories, and there are many roots which are hard to pull up. But I felt I could not deny the call to assist in the work in New Guinea. Apart from any other considerations, we must bear in mind the strategic position New Guinea occupies. It is the great buffer of native peoples between Australia and the growing Communist menace in the North.

**If we fail the Papuans now, when they are ready to receive our religion and our culture, we shall have only ourselves to blame if in another generation or two New Guinea becomes a base for a Communist invasion of Australia. We must act now, and the forces spreading the Christian Faith must be strengthened now, and that means that some of us have to be prepared to go now.**

The years I have spent here have been exceedingly eventful. In 1939 the future of Slade was uncertain; there was talk of closing down. That picture has entirely changed and if anyone refers to it now, he is known to be speaking of ancient history. Slade's future shines brightly and we shall see it grow from strength to strength. Those who have watched its progress have seen its numbers grow, its buildings expand, its attainments and achievements increase, and its whole tone, prestige, and reputation rise. That has been due to devoted service from a great many people. At the risk of leaving out unintentionally some who ought to be mentioned, I should like to remember with the gratitude of the school, some who have taken part in this great job of building up: Diocesan officials; Archbishop Wand, who was so insistent in the black days that Slade could and would continue; and his successor, our present beloved Archbishop, Dr. Halse, who has shown continuously his interest in, and care for the school.; the late Treasurer of the Diocese, Mr. A. J. Thompson, and particularly, the present Registrar, Mr. R. St. John, who so painstakingly put financial matters on a sound footing; successive heads of the Brotherhood—Canon Edwards, Archdeacon Morris, Archdeacon Knight, and the present Head, Bro. D. J. Browning. Of Canon Cecil Edwards one

cannot say too much. He was the firm rock on which all the seas of adversity beat in vain. Though officially past active work, he came to the school and acted as Bursar, and refused to give up until he knew that victory was won and the school well established. Archdeacon Knight was Head of the Brotherhood for seven trying years, including the closing years of the war and the difficult post-war years. Yet, pressed as he was by shortage of staff, and far too much to do himself, he never flagged in his attention to the school's well-being, and was always ready to give full consideration to our problems, and to advise on them. The members of the Bush Brotherhood, who though overwhelmed by the size of the territory they cover and short-handed, have always been so enthusiastic about the school, and so ready to forward it. We have been blessed with school secretaries who have never counted the hours they worked. Canon Edwards was succeeded by Miss Jane Baxter, a Saint of God, whose untimely death in 1946 we so sadly mourned. Miss Myra Williams, and now Mrs. E. Budge have kept the standard of efficiency high and I acknowledge the great importance of their work, and the generous spirit in which it is done.

We have been fortunate in the possession of excellent Matrons. Mrs. E. McCarthy has, over a period of nine years, watched over the boys' health, and the confidence I could repose in her judgment and care has meant a complete absence of anxiety as to whether that important department was being looked after. When we remember that for varying periods Matron was also housekeeper and at times, cook as well, we can form some estimate of what the school has meant to her, and she to the school. Mrs. M. Walker has been Mother to the little boys at Highfields since its opening six years ago, and anyone who knows Highfields knows that I mean just that—she has been a mother to them—and when you remember what a mother's job entails, you will realise that nothing else I could say would so well express what Mrs. Walker has been. House-keeping is a very critical business nowadays. It has been our great fortune this year to have Mrs. Robertson handling that department. There has never been a better, and I hope for my successor's sake, she stays with us for a long time.

A school depends largely on its assistant masters. Over the years one sees them come and go, giving variously of their talents to the enrichment of the school's life. I can say that I do not remember a time when we had a better staff than at

present. There have been no changes for three years. At the end of this year, Mr. Taylor leaves us and his place will be taken by Mr. T. C. Atkinson and the team for next year should be a good one.

One cannot mention the staff of the school without thinking of Mr. C. E. Olsen. I think I said once that to write an account of Mr. Olsen's part in the school would be to write a history of the school. As a boy at school, and as a master, he has had sixteen years' association with it. With Mrs. Olsen, he has, as we say, been in everything and is usually in the position where the lion's share of the work is being done. It would be invidious to single out individual matters—just think what Slade School is, and you will know what he has done.

To the other members of the staff I should like to express appreciation of their work during these years. They have not confined their labours to the statutory hours but have been ready at all times to do what would be for the benefit of the boys.

My thoughts go to the large number of boys who have played their part in the building up of the school. After all, the school exists for them, and it is their school. Of course, they have not been equal. There have been some who have stood out for their talents and their service. There are the many who have added their bit, not perhaps in a distinguished way, but in a valuable and necessary way, as individual bricks build up a wall. Take one of the bricks out and you soon find it is a necessary one. Then there is the Old Boys' Association. We are proud to know that it is such a virile and loyal group. My relations with the Old Boys have been exceedingly happy; they have been keen to help their school on and I look forward to the time when their labours to build their War Memorial are crowned with success.

We have had much valued help from others less closely connected with the school. The Slade School Parents' Auxiliary both in Brisbane and in Warwick, has fulfilled its early promise of being a good buttress. They preserve a happy atmosphere and are always ready to assist in our functions, as well as provide a meeting ground for parents and others to get together and get to know one another better.

We have had the most cordial relations with successive Rectors and Curates, and with the people of St. Mark's Parish. It has been very cheering to know that the parishioners have been so willing to help us in practical ways, whether darning socks or helping with supper for a ball, or any way in which we needed help. As regular worshippers at St. Mark's Evensong, we feel that we belong to the Parish, and I hope that these happy relations will long continue.

Having in mind the loyalty and devotion of so many, I did not in any way think I was letting Slade down by asking for leave of absence to go to New Guinea. The Staff position in the Brotherhood is better than it has been and so it is possible for Brother Wilson to come to act as Brother-in-Charge, with the duties of Chaplain and Bursar. Mr. C. E. Olsen, B.Sc., will be acting Headmaster in charge of the specifically school activities, such as Class work, Sport and so on. Naturally the Brotherhood hopes to make an appointment of a Priest who will be a Member of the Brotherhood as permanent Headmaster, but I consider the arrangements made for next year are admirable. Both men have proved themselves in their respective tasks, and I am sure that with the loyal backing of Parents, boys and Staff, Slade will have a very splendid year. I commend them to your prayers and your support.

So I hand over this important work. I do so conscious of my own shortcomings in it. I am proud that I have had a part to play in the history of Slade School, but I realise very fully the tremendous work that has been done by others, to whom by far the greater part of any praise is due. I say quite sincerely that I have been only one among a number who have been faithful and devoted and whose only aim is to see the School flourish and prosper.

Finally I should like to wish you all every happiness and blessing in the future. To the boys who are leaving I would say "Fight the good fight of Faith," that you may prove worthy of your forefathers: to the boys who will be back next year "The torch is handed on to you; keep it burning brightly."

My prayers will be with you; may I ask that your prayers will go with me.

**PRIZE LIST FOR 1951****SCHOLASTIC**

- Form VI A.—Lomas Prize for Dux : F. NUSSEY.  
Harward Prize for Languages : J. KILLEEN.  
Proficiency : B. WOODWORTH.
- Form VI B.—E. ELLIOTT.  
Proficiency : R. STARKY.
- Form V A.—E. DONALDSON.  
Proficiency : R. MATTHEWS, D. REA.
- Form V B.—R. VICKERS.  
Proficiency : R. COTTON, K. HASSALL.
- Form IV A.—R. MORRISON.  
Proficiency : B. DAVIS.
- Form IV B.—F. HUNT.  
Proficiency : J. BIGGAM, W. DESHON.
- Form III A.—D. BATCHELOR.  
Proficiency : T. HOURN.
- Form III B.—M. RIPPEN.  
Proficiency : J. GRAHAM.
- Form II A.—J. A. K. BEST.  
Proficiency : R. HARRYS.
- Form II B.—F. SAKSZEWSKI.
- Form I A.—R. PADGETT.
- Form I B.—D. GIBSON.
- Form I C.—E. N. PRYOR.
- LOQUOR Senior : F. NUSSEY.  
Junior : E. DONALDSON.

**SPORTING**

- MORTON CUP (Best All-round Athlete) : G. WOOD.
- SLADE CUP (Open Athletics) : G. WOOD.
- GILLMAN MEMORIAL CUP (Field Events) : G. WOOD and  
B. DANCE, eq.
- UNDER 16 ATHLETICS CHAMPION : D. CURTIS.
- UNDER 15 ATHLETICS CHAMPION : G. COX.
- UNDER 14 ATHLETICS CHAMPION : K. DONOVAN.
- VOIGT CUP (Senior Tennis) : G. WOOD.
- VOIGT CUP (Junior Tennis) : K. DONOVAN.
- BEST AND FAIREST CUP FOR BOXING : G. WOOD.
- RHODES PRIZE AND BUSH BROTHERHOOD PRIZE : A.  
CLARK and B. WOODWORTH, eq.
- APPEL CUP—for Cock House in School Work and Sport : Barnes  
House.

### SCHOOL NOTES

The introduction of the three term year in Queensland church schools was attended by the distressing poliomyelitis epidemic. There were several cases of the illness in Warwick at the end of 1950, and for this reason the usual school breaking up events were curtailed. However, although Warwick and district did not suffer as badly in the early months of 1951, the risk of infection compelled precautions in the first term. Visits to the city area, for anything except urgent medical and dental cases, were discontinued, and until Easter, each Sunday Evensong was conducted in the school Chapel.

The gloomy shadow of poliomyelitis still lay over the State in August, and the Department of Health recommended that a ban on sport be imposed in all State schools. This ban was felt most keenly in third term sport, and so 1951 concluded with cricket and football fixtures alone fully contested.

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The Easter vacation of four days was used by some of the boys to visit families, relatives or friends, while a good percentage remained at school. The Rev. E. E. Hawkey, Provincial Secretary of the A. B. M., came to the school and conducted special services. At evening prayers during Holy Week he took the school in two groups and spoke to the boys of Our Lord's Passion. Maundy Thursday was celebrated by a very beautiful service in thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion. Later in the day the Chapel was stripped in preparation for Good Friday.

On the day of the Crucifixion there was the Reading of the Passion, and the Veneration of the Cross, silent breakfast with the reading of the life of St. Christopher, and after breakfast, the Stations of the Cross round the grounds. In the evening there were pictures of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection. On Holy Saturday there was great activity as the Chapel was cleaned, dusted and swept in preparation for the glorious coming of Easter Day. The Chapel was redecorated, and an Easter Garden made. Then, on Easter Day, in a Chapel beautified and adorned in contrast to its bareness on Good Friday, the Holy Mysteries were celebrated in a glorious service. The Headmaster was celebrant, with Father Hawkey as Deacon, and Mr. Dan as Sub-Deacon, and all who were confirmed made their

Easter Communion. This made a most inspiring culmination to the Services of the preceding week, and all who had the privilege of being present caught something of the splendour of the Festival.

On Easter Monday the boys went out on a bush picnic, which brought to a conclusion a very happy and uplifting period. We are all very grateful to Father Hawkey for all he did, and it is hoped that he will be able to come again next Easter.

The Old Boys' Reunion was held during the June Holiday week-end. It commenced with the Ball, a great social success, which was, however, washed out by torrential rain. On Saturday afternoon a practice football match of teams including present and past students was played, and the Old Boys' Dinner followed. The Old Boys were successful in tennis against the present boys on the Sunday morning and in football on the Monday afternoon. Many attended the special Chapel Service for Old Boys, and after the morning's proceedings and a picnic lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olsen, some went to St. Catharine's for tennis and basketball with the past students.

Monday morning was occupied with the Annual Meeting, the laying of the wreath on the Foundation Stone in memory of the deceased, and the unveiling of a plaque on Barnes House.

The Bush Brothers began to arrive for their annual Quarterly at the school on the Monday of the Old Boys' week-end. As usual, they brought rain with them, but we are pleased that, because the cadet camp has been moved on account of the three-term year, all boys were present at school to greet the Brothers and converse with them. A happy expedition was made to Stanthorpe by the first XV and the Brothers, and then on the following Monday our visitors went off to Synod.

A very interesting talk was given by the Bishop of Kensington (the Right Rev. C. Eastaugh) to the boys on the subject of the old churches of England, during his stay at the school.

He spoke at St. Mark's on the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for whom he came to Australia as an ambassador. His account of the places of worship in England held his audience's rapt attention, and could well have aroused in some desire to read further of Britain's historic monuments.

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The Bishop's subject was well supplemented for those who visited Brisbane in the Warwick party of welcome to the Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett. Some of the Sixth Form, Matron, Mrs. Budge, Mr. and Mrs. Dan travelled down with the Headmaster for the Liturgical Welcome to our distinguished visitor and to hear his address at Evensong to the Friends of the Cathedral. Some of the servers joined with other students from C.E.G.S., the Southport School, Brisbane Grammar School and so on in the procession which moved through the Cathedral during the morning service.

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The Jubilee Year of the Commonwealth was celebrated in various ways. Students of the school will remember it by means of medals and booklets presented to them, and a Jubilee Flag, given to the school.

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A small party from Warwick visited Brisbane for the ordination to the diaconate of Rev. Adrian Charles, an Old Boy of the school, and an ex-member of the teaching staff. Slade was represented by the Headmaster, Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Dan and several Old Boys. Rev. Adrian Charles has been doing tutorial work at St. Francis' College and has been attached to the staff of the Anglican Mission. Best wishes and our prayers are offered to Adrian as he prepares for his admission to the priesthood, which is hoped to be in St. Mark's Warwick next February.

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A thoroughly spontaneous effort on the part of the seniors, sub-seniors and juniors of the Library Committee, was the

staging of a concert for their school-fellows. A good deal of effort and thought was put into the rehearsal of a play, a sketch, and a scene from Shakespeare. Assistance was given by parents, Mrs. Budge and Mrs. Dan, in costuming, typing and choice of play, and advise at rehearsals, but the night's performance was in the main the result of the hard work of the boys themselves, and surely for that reason their reward (the purchase of books for the library) is all the richer.

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One gift, which was obviously appreciated very keenly by the Headmaster, as he prepared for his departure for New Guinea, was that of a set of white vestments presented by the 8 seniors, who together with some outside assistance, of their own efforts provided the finance necessary for the material to be made up by Mrs. Dan.

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On many occasions during the year the boys have had reason to appreciate the interest of Mrs. Robertson, the House-keeper, in their welfare. At those times when a particular occasion, such as a High Tea, has been celebrated, she has specialised in providing tasty dishes, and certainly her efforts are received with gratitude.

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Under the auspices of the Warwick Committee of the World Council of Churches, and the Australian Student Christian Movement, the combined secondary schools' church service was again held in St. Mark's. The preacher was Mr. Connal of the Church of England Boys' School, Toowoomba, and parts of the service were taken by readers from Slade (A. Clark), Scots, P.G.C. and Warwick High School.

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The new half-century has seen in Queensland a fresh approach to education, and changes in many of the courses of study for examination requirements. This year Junior candidates sat for two subjects Mathematics A and B where in

previous years, three papers were set. Changes have been made also in the details of courses for Senior and Junior candidates. Next year the primary grades are to be renumbered up to Grade VIII and History and Geography will be replaced in the State Scholarship by Social Studies. The University and Department of Public Instruction have been quick to call conferences to explain these changes and Slade has been represented at conferences of Science, Geography, Mathematics, Classics and primary teachers.

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Another drastic alteration, for which criticism and commendation have been expressed by many, is that in future a Junior Certificate will not be issued but a note indicating the number and nature of subjects which a candidate passes. However, it is to be noted that a minimum requirement has been demanded for those who wish to gain an extension of their State Scholarship.

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The boys have good reason to appreciate the efforts of Matron and Mrs. Walker in watching not only their health and welfare, but also their happiness. There has been no enviable task especially during a year when the poliomyelitis scare worried so many parents. Thanks to the watchfulness of these ladies we can look back on a year of good health.

Mrs. Budge has shown continued interest in the boys, and has given time and energy to the activities of the school in all ways. Hers is a familiar figure in the gardens of Slade House and Atkinson House.

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School gardens were judged in the Annual Horticultural Society's Flower Show, and Slade gardens were judged highly by the panel. "Highfields" was awarded a second prize, and the main school a third, while other prizes were also obtained by Matron. The grounds still retain the excellent condition of the days when preparations were made for the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, although the dry spell has presented problems on account of restricted hours of watering, during which water pressure is very poor.

For public examinations this year the school was well represented by 7 Senior candidates (Wood was too ill to do his papers), 16 Junior and 13 Scholarship lads. In the 1950 examination four were awarded Senior Certificates, thirteen Junior Certificates and all candidates gained their Scholarships.

Some news has been received of Old Boys at the University. Ellis passed his year of Engineering with one Credit, Nussey his year of his Arts-Law course with a Credit in Latin, Ken Smith his Science year with a Credit in Geology. Peter Robertson is to be congratulated on gaining his degree in Medicine, while Jon Stephenson passed his final year in Science with Distinctions in Geology and Mathematics. He will now study for his Honours Degree, having been offered a part-time position in the Geology Department.

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The 1951 Fair was an even greater success than its predecessors thanks to the work of the Warwick ladies, and those who came from Brisbane, and the energy of the boys, and especially the Mannequin Parade and the Boxing Display by Australian Heavyweight champion, Carl Fitzgerald. An innovation was sideshow alley in which Madame Fortuna, the fortune-teller, was very successful. The Museum, in itself, was worth seeing for its own attractions. Many generous gifts and donations to the Fair are deeply appreciated by all concerned. Thanks to such co-operation nearly £350 was added to the War Memorial Fund.

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The number of boys at the school, who are studying music, has increased so much that Mr. Leadbitter comes on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings. He has also assisted with the choir which paid its annual visit to Glengallan for the Church's festival.

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Early in November under the patronage of the newly formed Secondary Schools' Association of Music and the Arts, a recital was given to all school children by a pianist and a violinist who explained the technique of their instruments and the nature of the works played.

An attempt has been made to keep down the prices of more popular lines such as ice-cream, drinks and confectionery in the Tuck Shop during the year, but continual rises in wholesale prices had to be passed on, though the impact was kept back until the rise in sales tax.

This year hair oil and razor blades were added to the stock available and proved quite popular. Confectionery was obtained from the usual sources of the past, and from Mervyn Dines of Toowoomba.

During the warm months ice-blocks became very popular and there was renewed interest in milk and milo which were sold during the year.

As will be seen, some of the profits of the Tuck Shop have been used in repairs and maintenance of the projector and in meeting the difference between entry charges and cost of films and freight. Receipts totalled £609/7/2, Expenses on purchases £504/4/11, and on freight and running costs £41/9/6. Cost of films and projector expenses totalled £52/7/1 and entry charges brought in £42/15/0.

During the year Saturday nights were fully taken up with films shown by the school projector, meetings of the Loquor Club and Camera Club. The projector was also useful in showing the films of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, as well as missionary films. "Hamlet," the J. Arthur Rank film, was viewed by most boys at the King's Theatre.

This year will see the departure of a number of familiar faces from the Warwick schools. Brother Ryall, who came to Warwick as the Headmaster of the Christian Brothers' College, will be leaving, and this opportunity is taken to wish him the best of good fortune, and to offer congratulations on his efforts at the school.

Recently news has been received of the departure of two members of the staff of the Scots College, who are familiar in sporting contests between the schools, Messrs. Teske and Boardman. To them, too, good wishes for the future are expressed,

and thanks for the keen spirit in which their teams have played in inter-school sport.

We welcomed during the year the new Principal of Warwick High School, Mr. Black, who has already impressed by his interest in inter-school activity and zeal in civic affairs.

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Cricket matches were played against Mr. Slade's team, whom we thank again for the pleasant picnic spirit of the game, and Toowoomba Prep., to whom we also say a word of thanks for hospitality.

Downlands and Toowoomba Grammar were very welcome opponents whom we met on the football field, and we are thankful for the pleasant spirit in which the matches were played.

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Cordial relations with the Parish have continued during the year, and we are grateful to Canon Hoog, Mrs. Hoog, and Rev. A. Johnson for their interest in the school and help at all times. We shall be sorry to lose Mr. Johnson next year, as he is going to Clayfield as Curate.

The Rectors of Allora, Goondiwindi and Clifton (Revs. Roach, Wicks and Fraser Ham) have also shown interest and co-operation in Slade activities during the year.

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The Parents' Auxiliary has provided to Brisbane and Warwick parents of boys and Old Boys not only an opportunity for discussing common aims and problems but also occasions for service to the school, in the form of ball suppers, afternoon teas and other times when they could be helpful. Deep gratitude is also due to those who responded so readily to the appeal for donations for the presentation to Brother Roberts. The response was wonderful.

Mr. Cox and Mr. Philp visited the school to address the boys on the message of Anzac Day. Then, the cadets took part in mounting a guard at the Memorial, and in the procession and Slade Park ceremony.

Owing to the poliomyelitis epidemic (how familiar a phrase) social functions were less this year, although one dance was held with St. Catharine's in the Parish Hall. To St. Catharine's, as our hosts, Slade expresses grateful thanks.

It was possible to hold a mid-term in third-term, although some boys could not go out as a first grade cricket fixture against Scots was played on that date.

Dux of the school for 1951 has been Fred Nussey, whose name joins that of his brother, dux in 1949. He has shown distinctive ability and has received keen competition from Barry Woodworth. John Killeen has shown language ability and gained the Horward Prize for languages.

Graham Wood has been the outstanding sportman of the year, winning the open tennis, and open athletics championships, gaining colours for cricket and football, and being given the best and fairest award for boxing.

In leadership, as school captain, Adam Clark has set a good example, while in school service, Barry Woodworth has shown untiring energy in promoting the boys' interests.

To these and the other seniors, who have given such unselfish service to their school, good wishes for the future are offered.

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### SALVETE

These boys have been enrolled since the last issue of the magazine :

Batterham B. (September), Batterham G. (September), Bachelor D., Best A., Blackwood J., Brown M., Brown I. (August), Brown E., Browne B., Bunch R., Cook R., Cotton R.,

Donnelly W., Evans J., Gibson D. (September), Gray T., Hourn E., Hourn T., Howes H. (September), Hunt F., Jackson E., Leonard R., Lincoln K., Meiklejohn G., McAlister D., McCosker D., McDougall G., Peckman W. (June), Piper A., Piper G., Price K., Price J., Pryor E., Redshaw G., Richardson W., Richardson G., Ricketts N., Rippen M., Ross C., Rowan J., Rutherford I. (August), Saunders C., Sullivan B. (May), Tesch P., Vickers R., Weir J., Whalley T. (October), Wilson P. (June):

### VALETE

The school has said farewell to the following since the last issue of the magazine :

- T. F. WALKER, 1945-50.—School Captain; Captain of Macansh House; Scholarship 1946; Junior 1948; Senior 1950; Colours Football and Swimming; Half-Colours Cricket; Cadet Lieut.
- L. W. HYAM, 1945-50.—Captain of Barnes House; Scholarship 1946; Junior 1948; Senior 1950; Colours Football and Athletics; Half-Colours Cricket; Swimming Team; Cadet Lieut.
- T. P. BAILEY, 1946-50.—Junior 1948; Prefect; Colours in Cricket and Football; Cadet Sgt.
- D. E. ELLIS, 1947-50.—Dux of School; Prefect; Junior 1948; Senior 1950; Cadet C.S.M.
- P. M. MOORE, 1945-50.—Prefect; Scholarship 1946; Junior 1948; Colours in Football and Athletics; Half-Colours in Cricket; Swimming Team.
- J. P. CLARK, 1947-50.—Junior 1948; Senior 1950
- J. R. SCHWENNESEN, 1943-50.—Prefect; Colours in Athletics, Football and Swimming.
- J. W. BOWN, 1949-50.—Junior 1950; Half-Colours in Swimming.
- R. GRAHAM, 1947-Feb. 51.—Scholarship 1948; Junior 1950.
- P. K. MAIN, 1947-50.—Scholarship 1948; Junior 1950; Swimming Team.
- R. T. MARTIN, 1949-50.—Junior 1950.
- R. H. MEIKLEJOHN, 1949-50.—Junior 1950; Half-Colours in Athletics; Football Team.
- N. W. MURRAY, 1949-50.— Junior 1950.
- R. J. WATSON, 1949-50.—Junior 1950; Colours in Swimming; Half-Colours in Football; Athletics and Cricket Teams.
- G. C. WEBSTER, 1947-50.—Junior 1949 and 1950; Athletics and Football Teams.

- D. F. BONTHRONE, 1943, re-admitted 1948-50.—Swimming and Athletics Teams.
- R. C. BLOOMFIELD, 1950.
- G. L. BLANCH, 1947-50.
- J. H. COLEMAN, 1948-50.
- R. S. DERRINGTON, 1948-50.
- P. MASCHMEDT, 1948-50.
- W. R. MORRISH, 1950.—Athletics Team.
- I. A. McDOUGALL, 1949-50.
- I. R. NAYLOR, 1948-50.—Scholarship 1949.
- P. PUSCHMANN, 1950.
- I. B. RIDGE, 1949-50.
- G. W. RIVERS, 1948-50.
- G. M. SING, 1949-50.
- M. A. BERGIN, July-November 1950.
- P. A. BERGIN, July-November 1950.
- G. J. BUTLER, September-November 1950.
- F. CHAMPION, May 1948-50.—Scholarship 1950.
- G. W. COWIN, May-November 1950.
- B. E. DONOVAN, October 1947-50.
- G. E. DONOVAN, July-November 1950.
- A. EAGLE, 1950.
- B. G. C. FREE, 1950.
- G. Y. GRAHAM, 1947-50.
- L. C. HINTZ, July-November 1950.
- P. G. HUGHES, 1948-50.
- W. J. HUNT, 1949-50.
- J. K. HUNT, 1950.
- R. A. HUNT, 1950.
- G. M. LAVERTY, 1949-50.
- C. E. PAROZ, 1949-50.
- C. M. POWELL, November 1950.
- N. D. SMITH, 1950.
- J. B. STEHR, 1950.
- I. M. STEPHENS, 1949-50.
- C. F. WALKER, 1948-50.
- E. H. WINTER, 1949-50.
- C. P. COOKE, April 1949-May 1951.
- G. M. MADSEN, February-May 1951.
- C. C. MEAGHER, February-July 1951.
- E. F. NUFER, May-August 1951.
- I. R. SCHNITZERLING, August 1950-May 1951.
- R. SWAIN, 1947-October 1951.
- J. T. WRIGHT, February-May 1951.

### UNVEILING OF J. H. S. BARNES TABLET

Old Boys' week-end was climaxed on the Monday when a bronze tablet was unveiled at the entrance to Barnes House in memory of the late Mr. J. H. S. Barnes, a founder of the school who died last year.

Before the unveiling ceremony a wreath had been placed on the foundation stone of the proposed Old Boys' War Memorial Science Block and Honour Room.

It was a simple but impressive scene. School cadet corps had marched along the drive and formed a guard of honour near the foundation stone, which had been set by the Archbishop of Canterbury on November 11 last year.

From the slope fronting Slade House, one of the boys, Michael Brown, with cadet escort, walked forward and handed a wreath to the president of the Old Boys' Association (Mr. Ken Mardon).

Mr. Mardon placed the wreath on the foundation stone, and then read the names of the following Old Boys who died on active service in World War II and whose memory will be perpetuated in the new wing: Harry Chapman, Tom Clark, Cyril Collas, Noel Flitcroft, Tom Freeman, Merv Gillman, Ray Marstella, "Dad" McCasker, R. Scott McLeod, Ted Pollard, Jack Rowe, Bill Rudd, Barry Rowland, John Shaw, Peter Stephenson, Hector Wickham, Tom Wolley, Wally Wynne, Bob Withers.

The scene then shifted to Barnes Building for the unveiling of the tablet in memory of the late J. H. S. Barnes.

In welcoming the visitors the headmaster, (Bro. B. W. Roberts), said he was particularly glad to see present some of those who had been associated with the late Mr. Barnes in all that he did at the school, and for it. Presently he would ask Mr. C. E. Barnes, son of the late Mr. J. H. S. Barnes, to unveil the tablet. They were indeed happy to have Mr. Barnes' son with them, thus maintaining the special friendship link between the family and the school.

Later, said Bro. Roberts, he would call upon Archdeacon Glover to speak because he, perhaps more than anyone else, knew what Mr. Barnes did for the school and was a co-founder with him.

Bro. Roberts also specially welcomed Mr. O. C. Slade, son of another founder, the late Mr. W. B. Slade, after whom the school was named. There again, the friendship and close regard between Mr. Slade and the school had continued through his son. He (Bro. Roberts) was very happy to announce that only that morning Mr. O. C. Slade was again unanimously and with great enthusiasm elected patron of the Old Boys' Association. That in itself showed how their relationships were continuing.

Bro. Roberts also welcomed Mr. T. H. Stabler, another councillor of the school, who had worked with the late Mr. J. H. S. Barnes in those days when the school was being founded, and Mr. Mardon, president of the Old Boys' Association. He regretted that Mr. J. D. Rowland, another stalwart from the days of the foundation of the school, was unable to be present.

Continuing, Bro. Roberts said that the tablet had been erected at the entrance to Barnes House so that Mr. Barnes' name would ever be remembered for what he did.

Actually his name appeared on the foundation stone at the side of the building, but that stone, in true scholastic tradition, was in Latin. At one time that was all right. But boys coming to the school did not do anything else but Latin and it was a simple matter for every Old Boy to glance at the stone and know at once what it meant (laughter). Today it was different. The Latin inscription in effect said: "To the greater glory of God this stone was set, and it is named after J. H. S. Barnes, that great friend of Slade School—Archbishop Sharp, March 13, 1927—Be Worthy of Your Forefathers."

Bro. Roberts led the gathering in prayer which preceded the unveiling of the tablet by Mr. C. E. Barnes. Before the unveiling the tablet had been draped with the Australian flag.

Gold letter inscription on the tablet, which is of bronze, 17 inches wide and 10 inches deep, is: "Barnes House—Named in Honour of J. H. S. Barnes, Founder."

#### **Archdeacon's Tribute**

"The tablet which Mr. Charles Edward Barnes has just unveiled is not in any way elaborate or pretentious; it is indeed simple, yet very significant and very beautiful in meaning," said Archbishop Glover. "I take it that the tablet has been placed at the entrance of this beautiful building, erected in the time of Mr. Barnes' life, as a memorial to him—a man who did such a wonderful amount of good for and on behalf of Slade School."

"It is quite true that Slade School has had many benefactors, the very name of the school will ever remind us of the late Mr. W. B. Slade, who by generous giving and wise counsel did so much to establish this school here in our midst. Then there were others, several of whom have passed away whose zeal and whose generosity were of incalculable value to the institution.

"I think, however, I am right in saying that the association of the late Mr. J. H. S. Barnes with Slade School was of supreme importance, and for that reason he will live in our memories and be honoured in our hearts."

Archdeacon Glover said there were three ways at least in which Mr. Barnes shaped and influenced the destiny of Slade School. Firstly, he made many and large contributions or monetary gifts to the school.

Whenever and whatever Mr. Barnes gave, he gave readily and cheerfully, without thought of personal glorification. It was said of an apostolic authority that God "loveth a cheerful giver," and most assuredly Mr. Barnes was a cheerful giver.

Secondly, Mr. Barnes rendered signal personal service to Slade School.

He was chairman of the building committee and chairman of the council of management during the early years of the school. In that capacity he never faltered or failed in his task, to which he brought tremendous enthusiasm and magnificent energy.

Thirdly, both by precept and practice Mr. Barnes deeply influenced the creation of an ideal for this school.

"Those of us—and there are many here—who listened to those carefully prepared addresses of his which he delivered at the prize-giving occasions and at other times will remember the splendid ideal which he cherished for the school—an ideal which is embodied in the school's splendid motto ("Be Worthy of Your Forefathers.")

"I think a great service could be rendered to Slade School if someone could be persuaded to make an anthology of the wise and helpful advice contained in many of Mr. Barnes' addresses."

Proceeding, Archdeacon Glover, said he counted himself privileged that morning in being asked to speak to them about what Mr. Barnes did for Slade School.

### Mr. Barnes' Character

But he wanted to do more than that ; he wanted to tell them something about Mr. Barnes' character as he perceived and understood it during a friendship of many years. He first met Mr. Barnes when he arrived in Warwick in 1917 to live at the historic homestead of Canning Downs, now in possession of his son. He well remembered Mr. Barnes' arrival. He was then in the prime of his manhood—a man of great energy and activity.

"I soon learned to think of him as a friend," added Archdeacon Glover, "and during my many years of friendship with him I learned something about his character.

"You have read and heard a good deal about Mr. Barnes—something of him as a great pastoralist, a great studmaster, a very skilled business man. He was all that, but he was much more. I want very briefly to indicate certain things which formed the basis of character.

"At once I would say this—that Mr. Barnes was a very humble man. In saying that I am telling something of his greatness, for humility is one of the greatest elements of character.

"Mr. Barnes never claimed for himself immunity from human frailty. He never claimed for himself the possession of anything more than ordinary gifts, but the striking thing about him was that he was singularly purposeful and he used his ordinary gifts to the very best advantage. I would like that thought to sink into the minds of the boys, for whatever Mr. Barnes undertook he did it well. He might well have been actuated by that scriptural injunction which says : 'Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it well.

"So he achieved success in life ; so he invariably reached the goal of his desire by reason of his industry and his indomitable will.

"It is undoubtedly true that Mr. Barnes became well-to-do, but he regarded his material welfare as something more than a means to mere personal ease and comfort, much less luxury. He looked upon his wealth as a means whereby he might do some good to others.

"I remember him telling me one day, when we were travelling together in connection with Slade School work, that he

looked upon his wealth as a means whereby he might do some permanent good in the world. Therein you find the secret behind those great and generous gifts which he made, some of which are known to us, but many of which are hidden from us.

"I well remember, on one occasion not so long after he arrived in Warwick, he made a magnificent gift to us on behalf of the Church of England Girls' School. He playfully said to me then: 'I think it is my duty to lay up a treasure in Heaven by means of my treasure on earth.'

"Those of us who knew him found him very reticent and very reserved in the matter of his religious views. I think that was due to his humility. One thing, however I know for certain—that Mr. Barnes was a firm believer in the existence of a beneficent Creator of the world, and I know that he thought of our Lord Jesus Christ as the greatest teacher who had ever come into the world. I know too that not infrequently he read his Bible. On one occasion when we were travelling together we were discussing a certain passage in the Holy Writ, and he told me he had consulted his Bible commentary on that very passage in order that its meaning might be made clear to him.

"There are two things which stand out clearly and sacredly in my memory concerning the last days of Mr. Barnes here on earth. I was privileged to visit him at his home at Southport a few days before he died. He had suffered a long and painful illness. He well knew that very soon he would have to face death, but he was calm, brave and unafraid. 'I have no fear,' he said to me.

"I learnt at that last interview that he cherished a degree of satisfaction in his heart and mind, by the thought that he had been able to do some good in the world, and especially in the way he had helped Slade School."

Archdeacon Glover recalled the service at the crematorium, at which he spoke for a few moments of Mr. Barnes' life and goodness, which he had tried to sum up in the following words: "Consciously or unconsciously, Mr. J. H. S. Barnes was a humble follower of Jesus Christ, the Divine Teacher, whose life is expressed into the unforgettable words: 'He went about doing good.'"

"Today," continued Archdeacon Glover, "We thank God for the life of the late J. H. S. Barnes. His body rests here below, but most assuredly his beautiful soul is alive in the nearer presence of the great Creator and the Father of us all.

"It is said of one of God's servants who lived long years ago that 'he being dead, yet speaketh.'

"I venture to say that Mr. Barnes though dead yet speaks to us inasmuch as the knowledge of his life and character is a lasting inspiration, reminding us—you and me and those connected with Slade School and those who may in future be connected with the school—of his virile manhood, purposeful conduct, and above all, his gracious benevolence."

The function terminated with a blessing for the tablet and for the school.

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### CHAPEL NOTES

The usual procedure for morning chapel was adopted this year. The secondary school prayers were led by the Headmaster or the secondary master on duty, while a passage of Scripture was read by one of the seniors. The primary boys then had their service at which there were a reading and prayers.

In first term, the boys became quite expert in the singing of Evensong for they had their own service in the chapel, until Easter, on account of the poliomyelitis outbreak.

On the 18th February an Old Boy, Adrian Charles, was made Deacon, and we trust that he will be enriched by the Grace of God in his new life.

Father Hawkey's stay at Easter was enjoyed by all, and thanks are expressed to him and the Head for the beautiful services of those Holy Days.

By the end of the first term, all the new servers, (a record number of thirty-six) had been trained and had served once.

We were glad to renew acquaintance with the old members of the Bush Brotherhood and to welcome the new Brothers at the June Quarterly Chapter meeting. Bro. N. Ludlow was admitted to the Brotherhood in the Chapel and received his blue girdle of office.

Twenty-one boys were confirmed by His Grace the Archbishop of Brisbane during the Chapter. We are sorry that we have not seen more of that old friend during the year.

Towards the end of the second term we were honoured by a visit from the Bishop of Kensington, who celebrated in the Chapel and spoke to the boys.

Brother Browning's October visit was marked by the announcement of Brother Roberts' leave of absence to do Missionary work in New Guinea. We wish him the very best in his new work and assure him that our prayers go with him.

A few of the sixth Formers saw and heard Dr. Garbett, Archbishop of York, in St. John's Cathedral at the end of October. We were most impressed by the magnificent celebration in the Cathedral that morning.

In November we were glad to welcome Brother Wilson, and we hope and pray that he will be very happy in his new work.

Many dignitaries were present for Speech Night, among them His Grace the Archbishop, Archdeacon Knight, Head of the Brotherhood, Bro. D. Browning, also Bros. A. Gillespie, M. Paxton-Hall, E. Bradley, Revs. R. Wicks, Fraser-Ham, Roach, and others.

J.K.

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### HIGHFIELDS NOTES

In the last term of 1951 the enrolment at Highfields reached a record total; after a steady increase during the year the numbers came to 39, almost the enrolment of the school when Brother Roberts came to Slade as Headmaster.

Among welcome visitors during the year was Peter Rowland who spent a week building a fine "hit-up" board for the boys. It is hoped that next year a good surface will be put down, and then Australia need have no fear of losing the Davis Cup. All are deeply grateful to Peter for his toil.

Another visitor, who stayed at Highfields during Old Boys' week-end and during the week-end of Speech Night, was Rev. A. O. Charles. It was pleasing that Mrs. Walker was able to represent Highfields when Adrian was ordained Deacon in February.

Some new hobbies, stilt-walking and bantam-keeping, were practised in addition to the usual ones of crystal sets and

gardening. Some of the gardeners, who are really keen, rose as early as 6 a.m. to tend their plants. Their reward was the second place, allotted to the gardens, in the Warwick schools section of the Horticultural Society's Spring Show. Congratulations are extended to East State School on its win.

There was great excitement towards the end of the year when Deshon II's bantam-hen was sitting on a dozen eggs but unfortunately only three hatched out.

This year we had a re-union of old Highfields boys, now in the upper school. There were twenty-nine present for afternoon tea, and all were pleased to welcome back Mrs. Ryan, known as Enid to the older "old boys."

No article would be complete without thanks expressed to Mrs. Walker for her continual attention to the needs of all. Her kindness and patience are endless.

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### LOQUOR CLUB NOTES

The membership of the club was well up to the standard of 1950 and forty-three were elected as members in the course of the year. There was a continued interest displayed by junior and sub-junior boys and this helped to keep such large meetings.

Eleven meetings were crowded into a rather busy year, and these included on the business paper the ever popular quiz, a musical evening, impromptu speeches, a discussion led by the Head on the case for Communism, and debates ("That War Crimes' Prisoners are being let off too lightly" and "That Homework should be abolished").

Thanks are expressed to Woodworth who spent much time and trouble in preparing for the musical evening, and the Headmaster, who so ably introduced the subject of Communism that it was lively topic of contention among seniors for months.

Canon W. Hoog and Mr. D. Maxwell showed their unflinching interest in the club by once again adjudicating the junior and senior speeches respectively. The annual supper was held and Matron, Mrs. Carstens and Mrs. Dan once again helped with the preparation. To all these we say a grateful "thank you."

At the supper Mr. Dan and Woodworth expressed the gratitude of the members to the Headmaster for his continued interest in the club since its foundation. His help and co-operation have been invaluable as the members have endeavoured to guide the course of the club. How many hundreds of past members owe their confidence and ability in public speaking to his influence!

### Annual Speeches

Nussey, with an account of the work of the British Food Corporation at Peak Downs, was awarded the Senior Loquor Prize. His speech was informative, well delivered and a pleasure to listen to. Other very creditable efforts were made by Woodworth, who tackled a huge subject in the "Life of Man" but whose sincere belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ was imbued into the speech; by Spork ("Barrier Reef"), Starky ("Jenolan Caves"), and Foster ("Opals"), who all handled their subjects in a way which suggested an interest in and knowledge of their subject.

A very entertaining and thoughtful account of "Beauty Through the Ages" was given by Donaldson to win the junior prize. Other good speeches were delivered by Rea ("Kontiki Expedition"), Spork II ("Fish of Barrier Reef"), and Cotton ("Voyage from New Zealand"). The general standard of speeches was indeed very high.

R.S.

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### LIBRARY NOTES

The constructive work, begun last year, in extending the circulation of the library books, and in increasing the number of volumes available, was pressed on this year.

In addition to the school grant, money was raised for the purchase of new books by a concert performed before the boys and friends of the school and by a raffle. The concert, featuring plays, vocal, instrumental and elocutionary items, was well received and thanks are expressed to parents for assistance, to Mr. and Mrs. Dan for help with rehearsals and costuming, to Mrs. Budge for typing out the parts for the play. In true Thespian fashion the Head provided a supper for the artists and thanks are expressed to him.

Several book donations have been made to the library and gratitude is expressed to the Hemingway and Robertson Institute for its gift of "The World of Science" and to Mr. Donaldson for twenty years' subscription to the "Queensland Agricultural Journal".

Woodworth showed his keen interest in the library as in other fields of the school's activities by providing a Book Card Box for use in cataloguing and lending.

Mr. Locke has shown his usual interest in all aspects of the library's work.

J.K.

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### CAMERA CLUB

Considerable interest was shown in the meetings of the club during the early part of the year, when the members divided into two groups. Those who had experience of developing discussed matters of technique, while the others were informed about the nature of cameras, films, processing and so on.

We are grateful to Mr. Harrison, photographer of the "Warwick Daily News," who judged the photographic competition in first term, and followed his judging by making some remarks about cameras used by him. Winners in the competition were Clark I, Spork I, Kemp, Newman, Woodworth (3 prizes), and Wilson.

Considerable effort was put into the construction of the dark-room in the old primary class-rooms. Town water was connected and the places where the woodwork allowed light to enter were blacked out. Cupboards, benches and sinks were constructed and room was allowed for keeping members' materials. In this work Woodworth, Killeen and Elliott were ready to make use of every available minute.

E.E.

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### CADET NOTES

The annual camp was postponed, on account of the poliomyelitis epidemic, from the end of the first term to the end of

third term, when many were prevented by examination commitments from attending. However, almost fifty cadets enjoyed a week of active training, and carried out the usual rifle firing practice. The best performance was Nussey's outstanding 98 out of a possible 100.

It was on this camp's work, as well as on the year's parades, that Sergeant E. Spork was judged by the cadet authorities to be the year's outstanding cadet of any rank and awarded the Webster Cup.

Nussey was the school's representative at the Jubilee celebrations in Canberra in connection with the opening of Parliament and he brought back with him glowing accounts of the hospitality and entertainment.

Senior Officers and N.C.O.'s who have carried out the year's programme of instruction were: Capt. C. E. Olsen, O.C., Lieut. E. Farrell, 2 I.C., Cdt. Lieuts. F. Nussey, B. Woodworth, A. Clark, C.S.M. G. Wood, Sgts. M. Curtis, J. Killeen, E. Spork, R. Starky.

The school competed once again in the inter-school cadet shooting competition, fired this year by Warwick schools on the Risdon range.



### SPORTING

Inter-school sport was greatly disturbed this year by the poliomyelitis epidemic. Swimming was impossible in first term for the baths were closed as a precautionary measure. In third term, though the baths opened rather late, the boys enjoyed many swimming excursions. No school or inter-school carnival could be held, though the keener swimmers undertook a training programme and pursued it despite the crowded nature of the baths. Some life saving classes were also held in third term.

In both first term and third term the commencement of cricket fixtures was delayed, but all competition matches were played and congratulations are extended to Scots on their regaining of the cup.

Football was the only sport which enjoyed an unbroken run and second term was featured by many matches in which we were pleased to see Christian Brothers' College represented. Once again, congratulations are extended to Scots on the winning of the football premiership.

The first round of tennis fixtures was completed but the increase in the poliomyelitis epidemic over the winter months caused the abandonment of the second round. The same unfortunate event prevented the holding of the inter-school athletics, although Scots and Slade held their own inter-house sports.

Boxing received a good deal of support during the year and a highly successful tournament was arranged in third term, while some of the lads gave exhibitions in conjunction with the Fair.

### Colours

CRICKET : G. E. Wood. Half : B. Dance, R. Starky.

FOOTBALL : A. Clark, G. E. Wood. Half : M. Curtis.

### ATHLETICS

After a couple of weeks of training and coaching by the Headmaster and Mr. Farrell, some competitors showed great improvement in the inter-house athletics meeting. The outstanding performer was Cox, the under 15 sprinter, who won the 100 yards and 220 in brilliant times, running with determination and intelligence. Clark II surprised by defeating Curtis II in the under 16 high jump and breaking the existing record.

In the open events Wood showed all-round ability, winning the sprints and gaining places in every event except the mile. He won the open championship and tied with Dance I for the Mervyn Gillman Cup for field events. Most opposition in sprints came from Woodworth, whose determination was rewarded in the 440, and McCowen dominated the distance fields by winning 880, mile and cross-country.

Curtis II had a narrow win in the under 16 championship over Wilson I, who won the sprint events. Cox showed his versatility by winning all under 15 events, breaking the record in the cross-country event and setting a high standard in the broad jump.

Another keen contest took place for the under 14 championship won by Donovan I by half a point from Martin I. All handicaps and division events were marked by close finishes and determined competition.

Records were broken by Clark II (under 16 high jump), Cox (under 15 100 yards and cross-country), Deshon II (under 12 100 yards and cross-country).

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### RESULTS SCHOOL SPORTS

#### OPEN

- 100 yards :** Wood 1, Woodworth 2, Curtis 1 and Currie tie 3.  
Time 11  $\frac{1}{5}$  secs.
- 220 yards :** Wood 1, Woodworth 2, McCowen 3. Time 25 secs.
- 440 yards :** Woodworth 1, Wood 2, Dance 3. Time 59  $\frac{3}{5}$  secs.
- 880 yards :** McCowen 1, Woodworth 2, Wood 3. Time 2 min.  
16  $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.
- One Mile :** McCowen 1, Clark I 2, Bunch I 3. Time 5 min.  
13  $\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

**Cross-Country** : McCowen 1, Clark 1 2, Wood 3. Time 13 min. 20 secs.

**High Jump** : Dance 1, Curtis 1 2, Wood 3. Height 4ft. 11 1/2ins.

**Broad Jump** : Starky 1 1, Wood and Spork 1 tie 2. Distance 17 ft. 5 ins.

**Hurdles** : Wood and Curtis 1 tie 1, Spork 1 3. Time 17 secs.

**Shot Putt** : Dance 1, Wood 2, Curtis 1 3. Distance 35ft. 6 1/2ins.

**100 yards second division** : Spork 1 1, Kemp 2, Carstens 3.

**440 yards handicap** : Donnelly 1, Spork 1 2, Thorne 3.

**Mile Handicap** : Elliott 1, Thorne 2, Rea 3.

**Throwing the Cricket Ball** : Dance 1 1, Wood 2, Curtis 1 1 3. Distance 90 yds. 8 ins.

**Kicking the Football** : Wood 1, Curtis 1 1 2, Kemp 3. Distance 48 yds. 1 ft.

#### UNDER 16

**100 yards** : Wilson 1 1, Zeller 2, Foster 3. Time 11 1/5 secs.

**220 yards** : Wilson 1 1, Zeller 2, Curtis 1 1 3. Time 26 secs.

**440 yards** : Donnelly 1, Wilson 1 2, Curtis 1 1 3. Time 60 3/5 secs.

**High Jump** : Clark 1 1, Curtis 1 1 2, Zeller 3. Height 5 ft. 2 ins. Record.

**Broad Jump** : Curtis 1 1, McCarthy 2, Wilson 1 3. Distance 16 ft. 7 ins.

**Hurdles** : Curtis 1 1, McCarthy 2, Donaldson 3. Time 19 2/5 secs.

**Cross Country** : McCarthy 1, Bunch 1 2, Morrison 3.

**100 yards second division** : McCarthy 1, Britton 2, Morrison 3.

**100 yards third division** : Thorne 1, Stehr 2, Royle 3.

#### UNDER 15

**100 yards** : Cox 1, Saunders 2, Cooper 1 3. Time 11 secs. Record.

**220 yards** : Cox 1, Saunders 2, Murray 3. Time 25 4/5 secs.

**High Jump** : Cox and Saunders tie 1, Cooper 1 3. Height 4 ft. 8 1/2 ins.

**Broad Jump** : Cox 1, Saunders 2, Cooper 1 3. Distance 17 ft. 2 1/2 ins.

**Cross Country** : Cox 1, Dougall 2, Murray 3. Time 10 min. 31 4/5 secs. Record.

**100 yards second division** : Price 1 1, Armbruster 2, Davis 3.

**440 yards handicap** : Gray 1 1, Armbruster 2, Ross 3.

## UNDER 14

- 100 yards** : Roberts 1, Martin I 2, Barton 3. Time 12 2/5 secs.  
**220 yards** : Martin I 1, Roberts 2, Barton 3. Time 29 secs.  
**High Jump** : Donovan I and Welsh I tie 1, Deshon I and Martin I tie 3. Height 4 ft. 1 1/2 ins.  
**Cross Country** : Donovan I 1, Sell 2, Barton 3.  
**100 yards second division handicap** : Johnston 1, Stehr II 2, Winter 3.

## UNDER 13

- 100 yards** : Batchelor 1, Jackson 2, Weir 3. Time 13 3/5 secs.  
**880 yards handicap** : Batchelor 1, Jackson 2, Cooper II 3.

## UNDER 12

- 100 yards** : Deshon II 1, Billing I 2, Schafer 3. Time 13 3/5 secs. Record.  
**100 yards second division handicap** : Brown IV 1, Piper I 2, Padgett I 3.  
**Cross Country** : Deshon II 1, Martin II 2, Billing I 3. Time 9 min. 19 1/2 secs. Record.

## OTHER EVENTS

- Senior Relay** : Barnes.  
**Junior Relay** : Barnes.  
**Tug-of-War** : Barnes.  
**440 yards handicap, under 11** : Deshon II 1, Pryor I 2, Wilson II 3.  
**75 yards handicap, under 10** : Harrys II 1, Padgett II 2, Sakzewski 3.  
**Chariot Race** : Macansh 1, Macansh 2, Barnes 3.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Wood (open), Curtis II (under 16), Cox (under 15), Donovan II (under 14).  
**Winning House** : Barnes.



### CRICKET TEAM

Back Row : R. McCowen, J. Starky, D. McCosker, M. Curtis, A. Murray, D. Rea.

Sitting: A. Foster, D. Curtis, R. Starky (Vice-Capt.), Mr. Farrell (Coach), B. Dance, C. Currie. Inset: G. Wood (Capt.)

### CRICKET

We began this year's cricket fixtures without any degree of confidence. Seven of 1950's victorious team had departed, and of those remaining only Wood and Starky I had any experience. Every effort was made to build up the eleven, but it remained deficient, especially in experience and confidence, and had to face Scots for the first match of the season.

V SCOTS. In the match of 17/3/51, Scots won the toss and batted on a good wicket. Our inexperienced bowlers stuck to their task but had not the wile to dismiss the hard hitting Scots batsmen. Scots declared at 8 for 221. Only a little over the hundred runs were scored before lunch, but Speed hit out immediately on resumption and the score rose rapidly to the declared total at 2.30 p.m. Speed scored 88 n.o., Hawkins 32 and Edmestone 41. The wickets were shared by several of our bowlers, of whom Foster bowled best.

By steady play we should have been able to force a draw, but we were all out at 4.20 p.m. for only 82 runs, Dance 28 and Wood 32 being the only batsmen to give a good display.

V HIGH SCHOOL. On 31/3/51 we again lost the toss and High School batted stubbornly for 102 runs, Wellburn and Ogden, each 27. Dance came into his own as a slow bowler and took 5 for 28, our first ray of light as far as bowling was concerned.

In our innings we could only compile 108 runs, several wickets being lost foolishly. Starky II 33 n.o. and Wood 30 were our best performers. High School went in again and clung to the wickets until close of play at 8 wickets for 142, Dance 3 for 47 being again our best bowler.

V HIGH SCHOOL on 13/10/51. We won the toss and batted, compiling 165 on a good wicket. Curtis I top scored with 62 n.o. doing some very fine, high, straight drives. Starky II 24, Wood 24 and Curtis 19 also scored well. High School began at the creases after lunch and occupied nearly all the afternoon in making 145 runs, including Wellburn 28, Van Gelder 39 and White 53. At one stage with 5 down for 123 it appeared we would be beaten, but our bowlers came back and disposed of the last High School wickets for only 20 runs, Foster taking 7 wickets for only 18 runs.

V SCOTS. This proved a very disappointing match, because owing largely to poor fielding, our bowlers made no impression on the opening Scots batsmen. Speed 99, Hawkins 73, Armstrong 22 and Edmestone 29 n.o. took the score to 253 for only 3 wickets when Edmestone decided to close. We were all dismissed for 185 runs a few minutes before time, Starky I 40, Rea 44, Wood 39 and Starky II 19. This match gave Scots the Cup for 1951 and we congratulated them on their recovery of the trophy.

An unexpected aftermath was the defeat of Scots by High School in the final match.

Wood and Starky II were the most consistent run getters through the year whilst Foster and Dance did best with the ball.

The usual match against Mr. Slade's XI was played in March, the School making 136 (Starky I 39 retired), whilst Mr. Slade's team compiled 140.

We regretted missing what has become the annual match v Downlands owing to polio in the first term and a wet Sunday (yes, there was one!) in the third term.

### SECONDS AND THIRDS

The seconds and thirds played matches against Scots and High School with only limited success. However, experience gained by some of the younger and more thoughtful players should reap benefits in future years. Hassall, Dougall, Murrey, Meiklejohn, Dickinson, Brown II and Ricketts, all sub-juniors, have shown ability, which if combined with keenness and concentration, should bring them success and much enjoyment in the grand old game.

### HOUSE MATCHES

It appears to be a common feature of house cricket that the bowlers are on top and low-scoring is the order of the day. This was true of this year's seconds and thirds, although in the latter game the Barnes House eleven batted very well. Out of a score of two wickets for 264 Barton scored 103 not out, Davis 63, Donovan 42, and Price 31 not out. Barton completed an excellent all-round performance when he took six Macansh wickets, when that team collapsed for 20 runs.

Barnes House also won the second-grade match in a low-scoring game. Macansh totalled 40 after a good innings by Saunders and some accurate bowling by Dougall (5 wickets) and Cox (3 wickets). In reply Barnes House lost 7 wickets for 70, (Meiklejohn 31, Dougall 22).

Helped by some loose fielding and inaccurate bowling, Wood held the centre of interest in the first grade house match. Although hampered by an ankle and foot injury, strongly strapped, he scored 102 not out, and helped Barnes House to declare with nine wickets down for 232. Curtis I 34 and Rea 26 rendered valuable assistance and the principal destroying agent was Starky I with 5 wickets for 67. Macansh House could put together only 119 runs despite good scores by Starky I 37 and Woodworth 23. The wickets were well distributed among the bowlers, McCosker (3 for 2), Murray (3 for 3), Rea (3 for 40).

### **Primary Cricket**

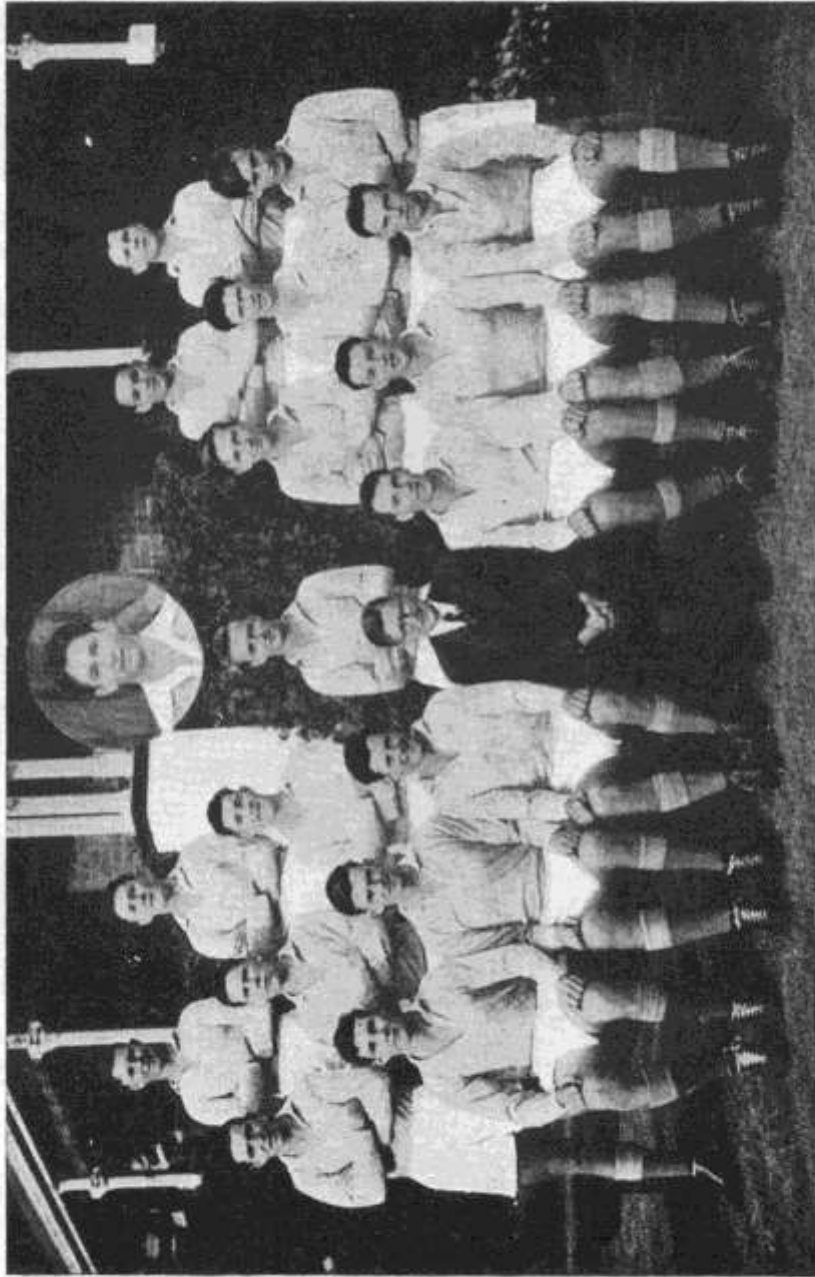
On account of poliomyelitis this year no primary cricket fixtures were possible; in the first term the State schools were not allowed to play and the ban was lifted too late in the last term to successfully carry out a competition. However matches were played with Scots College and Toowoomba Prep. We were happy to renew our fixtures with our friends from Toowoomba, and thank them for their hospitality and the keen games, all of which they won.

Barton, with bat and ball, Bunch, with the ball, and Cooper, with the bat, were impressive in the senior team. Billing I and Jackson were the most successful batsmen in the junior team, while Cooper II compiled a useful 36 in Toowoomba. The bowling of this side was weak, the best being Cooke, who left after the first term; and in the fielding, which was always keen, Jackson was safest.

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### **FOOTBALL**

Although Scots had one of the strongest first fifteens in recent years (reminicent of the 1945 combination) while Slade's team was not up to the standard of the last seven or eight years, the school team gave a very creditable account of itself at every appearance.



#### FOOTBALL TEAM

Back Row: E. Spork, D. McAlister, G. Wood (Vice-Capt., inset), J. Starky, E. Donaldson.  
 Middle Row: S. Wilson, W. Kemp, D. Curtis, R. McCowen, D. Carstens, J. Currie, G. Meiklejohn.  
 Sitting: M. Curtis, F. Nussey, A. Clark (Capt.), Mr. Olsen (Coach), B. Dance, R. Starky, B. Lincoln.

A longer second term afforded the opportunity of many more matches and every effort was made to obtain games with other schools. Thanks are herewith extended to Toowoomba Grammar School and Downlands College for the opportunity to meet them in friendly encounters and we do appreciate the fine spirit in which the games were played.

The season commenced with the annual Old Boys' match in which the Old Boys had one of their easiest wins (22—11) for some time. However, the school team kept at its task and towards the end of play was gaining the upper hand.

Scots won the first inter-school match 22—0, but the scores are no indication of the game. Scots had trained hard and had a number of matches behind them, including a 48—0 victory over High School. However this runaway victory was not repeated, for the Slade forwards played very well and the backs tackled relentlessly. Unfortunately Starky I was injured almost at half-time and the side took the field in the second half with only fourteen men. Yet in this situation the team rose to magnificent heights and had the better of the game territorially, but had the misfortune of seeing the fast opposing back line make the extra man once or twice and go over.

The two High School games followed a similar pattern. In the first half the Slade team played good attacking football, setting up a 13—0 lead. However, after the interval, High School fought back vigorously, stood up on the backs and slightly outplayed the Slade side. The final scores were 19—6 in the first encounter and 13—3 in the second.

Helped by the experience of these matches and successes against Downlands 2nd XV and Toowoomba Grammar 2nd XV the Slade team showed a real fighting spirit in going under 11—3 to Scots in the final match. The picture looking anything but bright, with Starky I, Nussey and McCowen on the side lines with injuries and Scots fresh from a 56—0 victory over High School.

Scots opened the scoring early in the first half with an unconverted try, but Slade was unlucky with three penalties in this half. This score, 3—0, was unchanged until well into the second half when Wood equalised with a penalty goal. Then Scots came back with a strong rush to score in the corner. Soon after Curtis II failed to gather a rolling ball after a long kick and Scots was in again for a converted try.

The Toowoomba Grammar and Downlands games presented a contrast in styles of play. In the former the back line worked very smoothly and Curtis I at centre was outstanding. The final scores, 22—5, were very creditable when it is remembered that once again the side was a man short in the second half. The forwards dictated the trend of the play against Downlands by good use of dribbling rushes. Outstanding player was newly promoted Meiklejohn whose tricky running on the wing brought him two tries.

Best players for the season were Clark I and Wood in the backs, while Curtis I, Curtis II and Meiklejohn all showed promise. In the forwards Starky II was outstanding with Nussey and Kemp doing well.

### **SECONDS AND THIRDS**

The seconds had a large number of matches during the season and enjoyed close contests with both High School and Christian Brothers' College, being well matched in weight with both teams. However, the Scots' second fifteen was too heavy and experienced, although the Slade team fought hard in every match. Outstanding players were Meiklejohn, Dougall, Vickers and McCarthy while Donnelly, Cox and Saunders showed promise.

The thirds were also well matched with High School and Scots, although giving away weight to both teams. The Slade side suffered from a lack of experienced players, but considerable improvement was visible in the course of the season.

### **PRIMARY TEAMS**

Lack of thrust, and inconsistent defence in the backs, and lack of speed and tenacity in the forwards, were the faults in the senior primary team, which lost by only small margins to Scots but won against High School. The outstanding players in the fifteen were Biggam, a veritable tower of strength in trouble, Royall, a solid tryer in the forwards, and Hourn. Thorne improved so greatly during the season that at the end of the competition he was the outstanding footballer, both in attack and defence, in the teams of the three schools.

The 6 stone and 5 stone teams performed very well in their respective competitions. The 6 stone team was narrowly defeated in a play-off by Christian Brothers College, having defeated Scots easily in two matches, scored a meritorious win

over C.B.C. and then gone under to that team. The C.B.C. and Slade sides were well matched with strong sets of forwards and fast inside backs. In the play-off a tight forward encounter was marked by fierce rucking, spoiling tactics and solid defence. All attempts at back-line movements and open play were frustrated, but C.B.C. could not be kept from two scrambling tries.

The strength and weakness of the Slade fifteen were obvious in this final match. It would be invidious to single out any of the forwards, for all played hard football throughout with Sell a determined leader. Davis was the best back in tricky runs and good defence, while Donovan I played well at times. His poor positional play and hanging off a tackle proved dangerous to his team-mates.

The five stone side lost its competition to the Central A team, but the lads played keenly and improvement was shown during the year.

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## TENNIS

It was inevitable that with most of their best players back at school, Scots would field a very strong tennis four. On the other hand the Slade team had to be built around McCowen and Wood, the 1950 stalwarts. Starky I and II were the final choices for the two vacant positions and both learned much from the season's play.

Although Slade lost fairly decisively to Scots in the first round match, it was perhaps unfortunate that the second round was abandoned, as all four players were showing marked improvement, and Scots had been weakened a little by the departure of two star players.

During the season the best tennis match was the final of the school open tennis championship in which Wood defeated McCowen 7—5 in the third set. In this match both produced their best tennis and an interesting contrast in tennis styles was seen.

Wood, with powerful service, fast ground shots and occasional accurate volleys, swept through the first set. McCowen was a little out of touch and hurried his shots too much,

**TENNIS TEAM**

Standing: R. McCowen (Capt.). Inset: G. Wood.  
Sitting: R. Starky, Mr. Dan (Coach), J. Starky.

instead of playing himself into form. The second set was much more even, as McCowen began to hit his drives with more confidence and to handle Wood's service more capably. Thanks to accurate placements and some errors and impatient hurrying by Wood, McCowen took this set. After the break both played fast, accurate tennis, using service and deep drives to advantage. The margin in Wood's favour was earned only by his greater confidence and strong overhead play, for he crashed down four or five unplayable smashes and volleys.

The preliminary round matches of the open championships were also closely contested, and these showed that there are many keen and able players in the school.

Semi-final and final matches of the junior championships were all of three sets and very few points separated the contestants. The winner was Donovan I, although Saunders, Cox and Tesch all showed good shots and a commendable keenness.

The same keen play and closeness of scores was seen in the inter-house matches, which Barnes House won in all three grades.

In the Old Boys' match McCowen and Wood did very well and the final victory of the Old Boys was achieved only on account of the weakness of the second and third pairs. In the absence of Starky I, injured at football, Starky II, McCosker, Foster and Dickinson represented the school.

### INTER-SCHOOL RESULTS

V SCOTS lost 14 sets 91 games to 2 sets 43 games.

Wood and McCowen v Anderson and Hopkins 6—3, 3—6.

Wood and McCowen v Jensen and Edmestone 3—6, 2—6.

Starky I and II v Anderson and Hopkins 0—6, 2—6.

Starky I and II v Jensen and Edmestone 3—6, 2—6.

McCowen v Anderson 5—6, 3—6.

Wood v Jensen 6—4, 4—6.

Starky I v Hopkins 3—6, 1—6.

Starky II v Edmestone 0—6, 0—6.

V W.H.S. won 13 sets 86 games to 3 sets 41 games.

Wood and McCowen v Van Gelder and Ogden 6—3, 6—1.

Wood and McCowen v Donovan and Simpson 6—1, 6—0.

Starky I and II v Van Gelder and Ogden 2—6, 3—6.

Starky I and II v Donovan and Simpson 6—2, 6—5.

McCowen v Van Gelder 3—6, 6—2.

Wood v Ogden 6—1, 6—0.

Starky I v Donovan 6—0, 6—0.

Starky II v Simpson 6—5, 6—3.

Wood and McCowen played quite well against Scots, while Starky I and II obviously lacked match practice and experience. Wood stroked well in his singles game but lost control at 4-all in the second set. McCowen had the advantage over Anderson but failed to press home his advantage.

In the High School game Van Gelder and Ogden offered stubborn resistance, and only brilliant tennis by Wood earned him his singles win.

## BOXING

Space does not allow a very lengthy account of the quite extensive activities in connection with this manly art during the year. The Headmaster has shown great interest and attention to detail in coaching the boys each week and the large entry and the keen contests of the annual tournament were a tribute to him.

At the Fair the boys put on a number of exhibition bouts and several keen exchanges were seen. Dance I was awarded a set of boxing gloves for his good display of fair boxing.

There were many close contests in the annual tournament and though Wood with wins over Starky II and Dance I won the cup for the Best and Fairest, several others went very close and Spork II was indeed unlucky to have to fight so many fights and to jar his shoulder rather badly.

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