

DANEBANK SCHOOL.

Dedication Service and Fete.

CIVIC LUNCHEON TO ARCHBISHOP MOWILL.

The Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, Most Rev. H. W. K. Mowill, D.D., visited Hurstville on Saturday afternoon last for the purpose of dedicating and opening Danebank School, Park Road, Hurstville, as a Church of England Diocesan School. Prior to the ceremony, however, the Archbishop was tendered a civic luncheon by the Mayor and Aldermen of Hurstville Council in the Council Chambers. The Mayor and Mayoress, Ald. and Mrs. N. Macpherson, received the Archbishop and guests, included among whom were members of the clergy, doctors, aldermen and their wives, and leading citizens of the district.

In extending a welcome to the Archbishop the Mayor paid tribute to Dr. Mowill's high office as Anglican Primate of Australia and President of the Australian Branch of the World Council of Churches. The Mayor said that it was the policy of Hurstville Council to exercise Local Government with a strong influence of Christian doctrine, and he evinced the attitude of council for many years past in forbidding any organised sport to be conducted in the municipality of Hurstville on the Sabbath Day. The Mayor added that council had unanimously recognised the importance of this special occasion of the dedication of Danebank as a Church of England Diocesan School, and all were proud to have the privilege of tendering a civic welcome to Dr. Mowill.

Ald. C. R. Sweeting (Mayor of Kogarah) and Rev. P. L. Black (Hurstville Ministers' Fraternal) supported the address of welcome to the Archbishop.

Dr. Mowill expressed delight in being present and thanked the Mayor and other speakers for their words of welcome. He commended Hurstville Council

commended Hurstville Council on its attitude towards Sunday sport and said that it meant a great deal to the community these days when men occupying public positions stood fast for the things which were good and took their stand for the Lord Jesus Christ. "To-day we realise that all kinds of forces are at work," Dr. Mowill said, "which if given rein, would bring to an end gatherings such as this; therefore, it was most important that we prize such institutions where only goodness emanates, and thus check the bad influences all around us." Dr. Mowill remarked on the progress of the district since his last visit, when green fields were prevalent, but now rows of homes were evidence of the progress made in the district. He mentioned also that in his early days he had been associated closely with Local Government, his father being Mayor of Dover in the coronation year of Edward VII. The Archbishop read an extract from the address of welcome by the Mayor of Lambeth on the occasion of the Council of Churches Lambert Conference. Dr. Mowill emphasised how great was the power of the individual, and especially those laymen who had the respect of their community in the business world to lead others in the Christian path of right doing. In schools such as Danebank the seeds of Christian living would be planted, later to develop the formation of character.

DEDICATION OF SCHOOL.

The service of dedication of Danebank as a Church of England Diocesan School was attended by a large gathering over which Rev. G. S. Richmond presided. Rev. E. C. Hulley (President of the Council of the Promotion of Church of England Diocesan Schools) narrated the steps leading up to the ceremony and spoke of how the school had progressed during the past sixteen years.

In dedicating the school Archbishop Mowill said that Danebank was the only school of this designation between Milton, on the South Coast, and Sydney; and he anticipated it would attain a future that had been reached by so

many of the well-known Greater Public Schools. Dr. Mowill pointed out that the school had been conducted by Miss Ball over a period of sixteen years, and she would still continue as headmistress. Extra classrooms would be added to the building, thereby making accommodation for more pupils.

Dr. Mowill presented Miss Ball with the Holy Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Constitution of the School, and installed her as headmistress of the school. Pupils of Danebank then sang the school hymn. A vote of thanks to Archbishop Mowill was moved by Mr. A. O. Olds.

A fete was held in the grounds of the school by members of the school council, and was declared open by the Archbishop. Ald. Macpherson asked all present to buy freely so that funds could be procured to pay for the additions proposed to be made to the school. As a result of the fete £150 was realised.