

## DANEBANK SCHOOL.

### Presentation of Prizes.

The annual speech day and prize-giving at Danebank Church of England School, Hurstville, was held on December 12. Mr. N. Macpherson (President of Danebank Parents and Friends' Association) was chairman and welcomed all present, including Right Rev. W. G. Hilliard, M.A., Bishop Coadjutor of Sydney. The senior choir was heard in several numbers, viz., "The Lord is My Shepherd," "Count Your Blessings," and "The First Nowell." The percussion band played "The Rollicking Irishman," "Shepherd's Key," and "Jingle Bells," and the junior choir sang "Away in the Manger," "Ring, Bells, Ring," "Hark the Christmas Bells are Ringing," and "The Holly and the Ivy."

Dr. O. Wilson (headmistress) presented the annual report, which disclosed that progress had been made, not only in scholastic fields but in the fitting out of the school life to provide pupils with opportunities for self-expression and development of personality and character. The average attendance was 120 pupils, which represented the limit that could be catered for in the present accommodation. However, building extensions were commenced during the year and the first term of 1952 should see the addition of a large kindergarten room, which would make conditions more comfortable. With this in view 130 pupils will be enrolled in the new term, 30 of whom will constitute the secondary department. One pupil took the recent Intermediate examination and the remaining twelve made up first and second year classes. Since Dr. Wilson's appointment the Diocesan Church of England Council has given permission for the extension of the curriculum to Leaving Certificate standard, which will enable girls to complete their education at Danebank.

Bishop Hilliard addressed the children, after which he presented prizes to the following:—Suzanne Calder (scripture prize); Lois Sharp (dux of school, 3rd year); Enid Hadfield (first place, 2nd year); Margot Smidmore (first place, 1st year); Catherine Cummings (first place, 6th class); Joy Smalley (general proficiency and conduct, 6th class); June Bradner (consistent effort and good conduct, 6th class); Frances Calder (first place, 4th class); Jill Crothers (conduct and helpfulness, 3rd class); Wendy Bells (general proficiency, 2a class); Peta Bolton (consistent effort, 2b class); Helen Montgomery (improvement 2b class); Carolyn White (improvement, 1st class). Special prizes were presented to Julie Harvey (school spirit), and Margaret Murphy (courtesy and graciousness). Physical culture prizes were won by (senior) Enid Hadfield 1, Angela Ross 2, Julie Harvey 3; honourable mention, Margaret Lowe, Suzanne Calder, and Maureen Rohan.

(junior) Margaret Lowe, Suzanne Calder, and Maureen Rohan. Juniors, Deima Rohan 1, Diana Pakes 2, Gaynor Dunne and Peta Bolton 3; honourable mention, Elizabeth Gunner, Richard Hurford, Jill Crothers, and Jan Martin. The house cup (presented by Mr. N. Macpherson) was won by Richmond House. A vote of thanks to Bishop Hilliard was moved by Mr. Macpherson.