

DANE BANK SCHOOL.

The pupils of Danebank Church of England School, Hurstville, entertained a large number of parents and friends at their ninth annual speech day and prize-giving, held in the Masonic Hall, Hurstville, on Friday afternoon, December 11. Carols, songs, interpretative rhythms and music were the expression work of the nursery school and kindergarten children. This was followed by folk dances, games, and songs by the sub-primary group. The older children also included carols and songs in their part of the programme, with a delightful Christmas play given by the speech training class, pupils of Miss Gladys Parkinson, A.T.C.L., L.T.C.L. A demonstration of physical culture was also given by groups of boys and girls specially planned by Bjelke Petersen Bros. Interesting items from the musical appreciation class, with percussion band and pianoforte solos, were the pupils of Miss Frank Hirst, L.R.S.M., L.T.C.L., T.D.S.C.

The principal (Miss E. Roseby Ball) in her report of the school's progress, explained that it had a profound sense of responsibility to the community, and its duty to each individual child. With small classes and carefully-chosen teachers, the child was taken as the starting point, his personality understood and guarded as his most precious right. He must be fitted so that he will find his proper place in society and function as an intelligent member of democracy. In order to do this he must be healthy in body, trained to think clearly and dispassionately, be imbued with mo-

Girls.—Shirley Jarman, Gwenyth Phillips, Valda Stewart, Judith Wennholm, Rowena Hopkins, Yvonne Cadet, Valerie Hopkins, Janice Trimble, Valda Drury, Margaret Wennholm, Philippa Crakanthorp, Anne Newton, Susan Cunningham, Kay Jones.

Boys.—Roger Turner, Barry Walsh, Douglas Spence, Peter Brown, Brian Jarman, John Mansfield, Stanley Simpson, Stuart Dunne, Barry Wheeler, Graham Dobell.

ral courage and the spirit of toleration and service. Co-operation, and not competition, was the underlying spirit of the school. We must not forget that "A nation marches forward on the feet of little children." War Savings Stamps and books were presented to the children by the school's Rector, Rev. G. S. Richmond, who spoke of the important work of the school and its value to the district. On behalf of the principal and staff he thanked the parents for their splendid co-operation and interest in all its activities. Prizes were given for qualities of character, general improvement, and effort made in the various subjects studied. The younger children received presents from the Christmas tree. The following were prize winners:—

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