

## DANEBANK SCHOOL.

### Speech Day and Prize-Giving.

The annual speech day and prize-giving of Danebank Church of England School, Hurstville, was held in St. George's Hall, Hurstville, during December. Rev. R. A. Johnson (Vice-Chairman of Diocese C. of E. Council, and Senior Chaplain to the R.A.A.F., N.S.W.) presided over a large gathering of pupils, parents, and friends. The senior choir rendered "The Three Drovers," "She Shall Have Music," and "Linden Lea"; and the junior choir sang "Carol of the Birds," "Laughter in the Valley," and "Silent Night." Addresses were given by Rev. R. F. Gray and Ven. Archdeacon F. O. Hulme-Moir. The Principal, Dr. O. Wilson, presented her annual report, which disclosed a year of steady progress. The new kindergarten rooms provided more accommodation for the infants' classes, and the senior girls were provided for by the kindness of Mr. S. Hadfield, who repaired and re-decorated at his own expense one of the secondary classrooms. Gifts of equipment and furniture to the school were also provided by the Parents and Friends' Association. The ladies' tuck shop committee also made worthwhile gifts to the school, including a bookcase and about £34 worth of books, to form the nucleus of a school library. Another generous gesture on the part of the Parents and Friends' Association was the re-decorating and furnishing of a staff room, which teachers particularly appreciated. A gift of an amplifier to the school was also made by Messrs. Bryant and M. Whitten. The Rector and Committee of St. John's Church of England, Penrith, also assisted by the loan of a piano for use in the kindergarten department. Much had been accomplished for the school by organised fetes and other functions, approximately £250 being raised for school funds.

Prize-winners were as follows: Intermediate Certificate, 1951. Lois Sharp. Divinity—Secondary School, Angela Ross 1, Jennifer Macfarlane 2, Jill Barden special prize for conscientious effort. Primary School, Carol Scrivener and Joan Larkham tied for 1st prize, Dorothea Hillyer 3rd and special, Jill Gillis special prize for sincerity of effort. Junior School, Peter Bolton 1, Gaynor Dunne 2, Nanette Nicol special prize. Third year, Ronah Hussey dux of school and English; Enid Hadfield, biology. Second year, Margaret Lowe 1, Jean Blower 2, Diana Waters improvement. First year, Jennifer Macfarlane 1, Peta Hussey 2, Patricia McMurray general improvement. Sixth class, Lyn Fabris 1. Fifth class, Heather Blower 1, Carol Scrivener 2, Lynne Adair improvement and steady work, Elizabeth Prescott art and leadership. Fourth class, Jill Crothers 1, Pamela Hodgecock 2. Third class, Peter Bolton 1, Gaynor Dunne 2, Elizabeth Gunna consistent good

work. Second class, Lynne Bryant 1, Lesley Stockbridge 2. First class, Paula Patterson 1, Sandra Russell 2. Special prizes were awarded as follows: Edith Ball Prize for school spirit, Julie Harvey; Dr. O. Wilson Prize for helpfulness and courtesy, Patricia Roberts; Mrs. Skinner's Prize for highest mark gained at music exams., Peta Hussey; the Macpherson Cup, presented by Mr. N. Macpherson, Richmond House, Physical culture awards by Bjelke Petersen: Senior, Angela Ross 1, Enid Hadfield 2, Julie Harvey 3; Mar-go Hurst, Catherine Cummings, Margaret Lowe, Elizabeth Prescott, Carol Scrivener, Marcia Turner, and Jill Crothers, honourable mention. Junior: Delma Roban 1, Diane Parkes 2, Peter Bolton and Carol Garratt tied for 3rd place; Patricia Jordan, Joy Stalker, Gillian Beckenham, Gaynor Dunne, Faith Simpson, Nanette Nicol, and Jan Martin, honourable mention.