

### DANEBANK PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

The annual display by pupils of the Danebank Church of England Preparatory School, Hurstville, and the presentation of prizes, was held in the Masonic Hall, Hurstville, on Friday evening, 12th instant. On the stage children gave exhibitions of rhythmic training and note values, interpretative rhythms, corrective exercises and deportment, jingles by speech-training class, music, and speech in French. Rev. G. S. Richmond presided.

In her annual report the principal, Miss E. R. Ball, said that the education of the pre-school child was the most constructive of all national work, and should be of vital public concern. Danebank School now had three permanent teachers, with three visiting teachers for music, speech-training, and physical culture. French and musical appreciation was included in the ordinary school curriculum. The teachers who conducted these special classes were Miss Gladys Parkinson, Miss F. Hirst, and Miss Beaumont, all experts in their work. Scripture lessons were given by the Rector one morning each week. The school did not encourage competition, which was entirely eliminated from the lower classes. They strived to encourage interest and effort, with an appreciation for ability and progressive development. As a result prizes were given for qualities of character and effort made in the work. Results from this method of award were very satisfactory. Opportunities for parent education had been provided and conducted by the University Tutorial Department. Child-study classes had been continued during the winter months for five years. This year a literature class was also held. Children must be made fit to face the future, with all its hazards. They must be taught to think clearly, be imbued with the spirit of moral courage, tolerance, co-operation, and service. The very existence of our democratic life depended upon those things.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. G. S. Richmond, who was presented with a sheath of flowers by Miss Ball. A Christmas tree was provided for the younger children, who were each the recipient of gifts.

The following is the prize-list:—Best effort in speech training: Judith Wennholm, Peter Betts. Best effort in music: Valda Stewart, Gwennyth Phillips. Effort in physical culture: Shirley Jarman, Judith Wennholm, Daphne Watts, Roger Turner, Evan Hatch, John Irvine. Special honor prizes, Shirley Jarman, Judith Wennholm, Gwennyth Phillips, Roger Turner. Prizes for qualities of character: Shirley Jarman, Valda Stewart, Gwennyth Phillips, Judith Wennholm, Daphne Watts, Mary Metcalfe, Yvonne Cadet, Janice Grimble, Philippa Crakanthorp, Margaret Wennholm, Margaret McLaughlin, Ann Newton, Evan Hatch, Roger Turner, Barry Walsh, James Shute, Peter Brown, Peter Betts, Douglas

Hatch, Roger Turner, Barry Walsh, James Shute, Peter Brown, Peter Betts, Douglas Spence, John Irvine, Peter Wheeler, Sturt Duncan, Brian Jarman, John Mansfield. Thoughtful answers to questions during Scripture talks, Shirley Jarman, Barry Walsh.