

ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Langford then read the annual report, as follows:

I have much pleasure in presenting this, the ninth annual report of the Dandenong High School. In the first place, I desire on behalf of the school, to thank Mr. Singleton for his kindness in accepting our invitation to preside at our annual Speech Night, and also Mrs. Singleton for her goodness in offering to present the prizes and certificates.

The school has continued to grow. In 1926 the gross enrolment was 344, while this year we have one of 355, and an average attendance of 303, which is approximately the same as that of last year. There has been no room for expansion numerically. At the beginning of this year it was necessary to refuse admissions, as we had nearly 100 more pupils in attendance than the school was designed to carry. For two years now we have had many pupils in excess, and the promised extensions would be very acceptable as it would relieve the present congestion. We hope to see them begun in the new year. With these additions and the beautification of the Princes Highway, the school will help to provide a worthy entry to a town of which we are all justly proud. The school still serves its purpose as a District High School. Of the one hundred and fifty-six new pupils enrolled at the beginning of this year, 40 came from Dandenong, and the remainder 116, from the surrounding district. In all, 213 pupils travel daily by train or road. This certainly shows that the school is catering for a district that extends for miles in all directions, as well as for the town. Not only have we pupils who travel long distances each day,

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The House system has become firmly established. During the year competitions have been carried out in the following branches: Tennis, hockey, basketball, rounders, athletics and swimming on the girls' side, and cricket, football, swimming and athletics on the boys' side. In addition a "service" section has been instituted and the rivalry thus stimulated has materially helped in the conduct of the school. The competition has been very even, and I wish to congratulate the Waratah House on having the honor of winning this section for the first time. The school has continued to do well in external examinations. A list of passes in the Merit Certificates will be published. In the University examinations 16 candidates secured passes for the Intermediate Certificate. The Leaving Certificate form of last year was that which had performed so excellently in the previous year. Of the 19 pupils, 15 passed fully; three others require one subject to complete; the remaining pupil passed in one subject only. Many of these pupils have passed out to continue their studies at the University. In the Honors class Ella Service obtained third-class honors in French and drawing; Jack Standish obtained third-class honors in mechanics, and second-class honors in physics and geometry, and won the Berthon Scholarship, valued at £30, entitling him to residence at Trinity College. (Applause).

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older in years, ex-pupils are nearing the completion of the University degrees. Kitty Bloomfield, who completed the Arts Degree with Honors, was the first ex-student to finish. She has gone to America to carry on a post-graduate course. Another of our ex-pupils, Fred Searle, should shortly finish the degree of Bachelor of Science. (Applause). Ron Henshaw, Jessie Mitchell and Alan Russell are doing well in the Arts and Law courses, and Tom and Jack Standish have embarked on engineering

courses. (Applause). Many others, chiefly resident at the Teachers' College, are aiming at a University degree and the Diploma of Education. We extend to them all our very best wishes for future success.

The Old Pupils' Association has developed into a progressive institution. Two of its most enthusiastic members have been associated with it from the beginning. Messrs. J. Sharkie and J. M. Hall have exerted a fine influence on the O.P.A., and its functions are invariably well attended and excellently managed. The Old Pupils' prize has become an annual institution and it is hoped later on to establish an Old Pupils' Scholarship. A striking example of the willingness of ex-students to assist the school was afforded by Mr. F. Robert, on the occasion of the opening of the Federal Parliament at Canberra. Mr. Robert installed a wireless set and two loud speakers, and the assembled school was thereby enabled to take a live interest in this historic ceremony. The O.P.A. tennis and hockey teams have had a fair measure of success. The hockey team was just beaten in the final of its competition; and the tennis team holds a prominent position in the Dandenong Tennis com-

petition in the Dandenong Tennis competition.

In Memoriam: Ours is not a very old school, if one reckons the years since its foundation, but already one student has laid down her work at the Master's call and has passed to "where beyond those portals there is Peace." Lorna Currie entered the course at Noble Park elementary school in 1922, after a very successful course, and remained with us till she completed her Leaving Certificate course in 1925. She was a diligent student, Dux of Form C in 1924, and first in Literary course in Form B, 1925. She was also an enthusiastic player, being captain of Boronia House, and a first-rank player in basketball. But above everything else, Lorna had a fine character, and exerted a strong, yet gentle, influence for good on those with whom she worked and played in those four happy years. She held the position of Prefect in 1925, and her fellow-students will ever remember the gentle companion who gave such fine service in the various activities of the happy life at school.

For some time we have felt the need of a School Magazine. This year Mr. Hill undertook to produce, with the help of the pupils, a magazine that would be worthy of the school. He unselfishly devoted a great deal of his spare time to its preparation. Most of the success is due to him, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking him and the editors (Doris Hopkins and Malcolm Hall), for their efforts to make the first volume one worthy of the school. (Applause).

The Penny Bank, under Miss Taylor's supervision, continues to flourish. We have a large number of

flourish. We have a large number of contributors, apart from those who have started accounts since entering the school. These habits of thrift deserve encouragement, and every endeavor to help pupils in this respect will be encouraged. The Red Cross circle also has a very creditable record. During the year parcels of clothing have been sent to the Babies' Homes at East Melbourne and Broadmeadows, and also to the Fairfield Hospital, Livingstone Home, and St. Anthony's Home. With the rest of the school, the Junior Red Cross helped to raise £21 for the local hospital fund. A Xmas box was sent to the Livingstone Home and a donation towards a treat for the children at the Institute for the Blind.

First Aid, Dramatic, Debating Camera and Wireless clubs have been formed this year. These met on Wednesday afternoons during the first and second terms. The members of these clubs have benefitted greatly by their experience, and we hope to see their work extended in the future. For some time past when accidents have occurred we have regretted the fact that we had not some form of insurance. A proposal that each pupil should contribute 1/ per year towards this fund was readily agreed upon. Accordingly a scheme was initiated, and although contributions were voluntary, a sufficient sum to cover all medical expenses incurred this year was obtained. At the end of the year a pro rata distribution is made, and any balance accruing is to be carried forward to the next year. Non-contributing pupils do not benefit in the case of accident.

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marked the contests in every branch. The Clematis House won the hockey and rounders, and are to play the final in the cricket competition against Bluegum. This match will not affect the aggregate. The Bluegum House won the tennis. The Wattle House won the football, and the Orchid House won the basketball (Applause). In athletics and swimming, the aggregate was won by Clematis House. In the Metropolitan Association (Eastern section), we won the rounders and hockey, but in the play-off Essendon beat our rounders team, and University won the hockey final. The boys' teams were less successful this

year than in the past, but we hope to do better next year. In the school sports, Thelma Hocking won the junior championship Thelma Lindsay the intermediate, and Marjorie Scoble the senior. On the boys' side two pupils tied for the junior championship Basil Myring and Edwin Pelling. Clifford Wynne won the intermediate, and Len Roberts won the senior championship. These boys did well at the combined Metropolitan High School sports, and won several events (Applause). Of the 10 competing schools we were placed third in the boys' aggregate. Contrary to our past experiences, our girls did not do so well.

The Dandenong baths are a fine acquisition to the town, and the school particularly has benefited. Owing to the greater facilities, many of our pupils can swim, quite a number having learnt this year. We obtained 38 junior and 13 senior certificates. Further tests will be held at the end of this season, when these numbers will be considerably increased.

During the year a Physical Culture class, under the leadership of Miss Holt was started at the school. At

Holt was started at the school. At the end of the season a very creditable display was given by the girls. This side of the school's activity deserves every encouragement, and we hope the class of 72 girls will be augmented next year.

This year we have been able to provide the boys with the opportunity to see distant parts of the State, and enjoy an exchange of ideas with the boys of those parts. During the first term the cricket team from St. Patrick's College, Sale, paid us a short visit, and won a most exciting game. When our guests entertained our football team in return, our boys enjoyed a thorough outing in Sale, and made many new school-boy friendships in that town. But their opponents proved too strong a combination on the football field.

Honor Board. An innovation for the year 1927 is the institution of a comprehensive Honor Board, which will be used to permanently record the results of the various competitions arranged among the houses. Clematis House wins the honor of being the first house to place its color in the grand aggregate section. (Applause).

At the end of 1926 we said "good-bye" to Miss Baty, who was transferred to Frankston High School. Miss Service left us to take up a Manual Arts studentship at the Teachers' College. At the beginning of this year Miss Schneider came to us from Geelong, Miss Watson from the Teachers' College and Mr. Hill from Sale. Miss Gwen Abbott was appointed in place of Miss Service. Later on Mr. Tonkin left us to take up temporary duty at Williamstown, and Mr. Glover took his place. Miss Pope was fortunate in obtaining an

Pope was fortunate in obtaining an overseas exchange, and has already left for Wales. This interchange of teachers must result in benefit to the teaching profession. Recently Mr. Arthur Butler was appointed temporarily in place of Miss Abbott. During the year, both Miss Lightfoot and Miss Abbott had serious breakdowns in health, which necessitated extended leave. We hope that ere long they may both be restored to perfect health and strength.

And now I desire to extend to the Council, and to all those who have helped in any way during the year, our very best thanks. Our experience has been that on every possible occasion the people of Dandenong and district have been ever ready to help, and we confidently anticipate a continuance of this generous disposition towards us.

To-night marks the close of the school career of many of our pupils. To most, the parting will be tinged with regret. We sincerely hope that the days spent at the Dandenong High School (which they have helped to make "The Best School of All"), will exert a lasting influence for good when they embark on their life's work. To Doris Hopkins and Malcolm Hall, as representatives of the Prefects and all others who are leaving, we extend the very best wishes of the school for successful careers.

Finally, I desire to record my sincerest thanks to the Staff for their hearty co-operation during the year just concluded. Miss Taylor especially, as Senior mistress, has rendered me invaluable aid. (Applause). Miss Jukes, Miss Watson, and Miss Schneider have worked untiringly to produce the second part of to-night's

produce the second part of to-night's programme. (Applause). To them and all other members of the staff I desire to offer my sincerest thanks, and in conclusion I extend to all my very best wishes for a "Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year." (Applause).

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

The Chairman was particularly pleased to be there that night. He had always been keenly interested in the school since its inception, and was highly gratified at its progress during the last nine years. To have a successful school they required a suitable building, a capable head master and staff, and the right type of pupil. They had a very imposing structure, they had a very efficient head master, and a very fine staff. Their teachers were the class that any school might be proud of, but had they the right type of student? (Voices: "Yes.") Of course they had, and their school was one to be proud of. He was pleased to say that their head master (Mr. Langford) had been promoted to the highest class the Department could offer (Applause), but the school could be congratulated in the fact that Mr. Langford was to continue in Dandenong. It was proposed a few weeks ago to send their popular head master to Mildura, but when the School Council heard of this it took steps to have the arrangement cancelled, and he was pleased to say their efforts had been successful. (Applause). In education now, no child

with spirit and ambition need be left behind, although a few years ago only children of wealthy parents had these chances, but now every child had a chance of a University education. He hoped every boy and girl would try

hoped every boy and girl would try and get the best education—the education which was not merely solving mathematical problems, or literary ambition, but the education which developed the highest ideals of citizenship. The boys and girls of to-day would be the men and women of to-morrow, who should be able to worthily take their places and be a power in the world. All children should make the best of the opportunities of their young lives—they would never have these opportunities again. As President of the Advisory Council, he congratulated the school on its work, and he hoped, when the children returned to the school after the holidays, that they would return to one of the brightest and happiest years in the history of their school lives. Some of the boys and girls would be leaving the school, and everyone wished them success in their lives and work. He wished the head master, staff and students a Merry Christmas, and hoped they would all have a good holiday, and the good that might come. (Applause).

PRIZE LIST.

The honor certificates, prizes and cups were then presented by Mrs. Singleton, as follow:

FI FORM HONOR CERTIFICATES

One Honor: Doris Baker, Manual Training, Sheila Corrigan, Geometry, Helen Denman, Manual Training, Thelma Hocking, Algebra, Marjorie Porter, Algebra, Edwin Payne, Manual Training, Louis White, Algebra.

Two Honors: Gregor Davidson, Algebra, Geometry, Leonard Osborne, Algebra, Geometry, Gordon Wallace, Algebra, Geometry, Alec Williams

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Three Honors: Elsie Callaghan, Algebra, Geometry, Geography. Gladys Van Damme, Algebra, Geometry, Geography.

Four Honors: Tessie Chapman, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Science.

Jean Rodgers: Manual Training, Geometry, Algebra, Arithmetic.

Jack Hillard: Manual Training, Algebra, Geometry, Geography. James Hurley, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry.

Seven Honors: George Abbott: English, History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Science, Geography (second in form). Lucy Alford, English, History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Science, Geography (first in form).

F2 HONOR CERTIFICATES.

One Honor: Tom Braniff, Geometry. F. Crout, Geometry. G. Clark, Manual Training. J. Palmer, Geometry. R. Stevens Geometry. Alan Strahan, Manual Training. Louie Butler, Algebra. Doris Phillips, Algebra. J. Smith, Geometry. Nancy White, Algebra. Doris Woodrow, Geometry.

Two Honors: Clive Boote, Algebra, Geometry. Jack Ford, History Manual Training. Reg. Loone, Algebra, Geometry. D. Morecom, English, Geometry. A. Verey, Algebra, Geometry. Rita Cowen, Algebra, Geometry. Betty Harvie, Algebra, Manual Training. Phyllis Rashleigh, Algebra, Geometry. Marie Taylor, Algebra, Geometry.

Three Honors: May King, Algebra, Geometry, Manual Training. Lennie Lathom, Algebra, Geometry, Manual Training. Sophia Punshon, Algebra,

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Four Honors: Douglas Brumley, Algebra, Geometry, Science, Manual Training. S. Herdman, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Manual Training.

Seven Honors: Allen McCahon, English History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Geography, Manual Training (second in form).

Eight Honors: Gerald Sedsman: English, History, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Science, Geography, Manual Training (first in form).

E1 FORM HONOR CERTIFICATES.

One Honor: Jean Lewis Geography. Joyce Presswell, Physics. Dallis Scott, Manual Training. Douglas Coombe, French. Keith McKay, Geography.

Two Honors: Betty Tymms, English, Algebra. David Brodie, French, Physics. Ralph Moran, Physics, Geography.

Three Honors: Henry Bishop, Geometry, Physics, Geography (second in form).

Seven Honors: Kathleen Brumley, French, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Physics, Geography, Manual Training (first in form).

E2 FORM HONOR CERTIFICATES

One Honor: Maurice Campbell, Algebra. Keith Mitchell, Latin. Lloyd Stuart, Geography.

Two Honors: Russell Smith, Latin, Algebra.

Four Honors: Ron. Sedsman, History, Latin, Geometry, Geography (second in form).

Three Honors: Dulcie Oliver, Algebra, Geometry, Geography (first in form).

One Honor: Jack Cahill, Algebra. Charles Tivendale, French. Sydney

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Two Honors: Edwin Robertson, Geometry. Physics. Francis Creighton, Geometry, Geography.

Three Honors: Joy Dawson, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry. Albert Kosky, French, Arithmetic, Geometry.

Four Honors: May Ferguson, French, Arithmetic, Geometry, Geography. George Jarvie, French, Geometry, Science, Geography.

Second in form: Ian Evans, French, Geometry.

First in form: Ruth Lade, English French, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Physics, Geography.

D FORM HONOR CERTIFICATES.

One Honor: Nellie Garlick, Geometry. Jean Garlick, Geometry. Ronnie Ryan, Arithmetic. Birdie Revelman, Latin. Charlie Ritchie, Geometry. Malcolm Orr, French. Jack Canterbury, Geometry.

Two Honors: Lindsay Fergusson, History, Geography. Edward Nabb, Geography, Drawing. Ernest Rice, Arithmetic, Geography. Joan Keys, French, Geometry.

Four Honors: Frank Asling, Arithmetic, Geometry, Physics, Geography (second in form).

Three Honors: John Hunter, Arithmetic, Geometry, Physics (first in form).

De FORM HONOR CERTIFICATE.

One Honor: Jean Biddle, Geography. Colin Cleary, Geography. Thelma Lindsay, French. Thelma Buchanan, Typewriting. Ruby Manuell, Typewriting.

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Three Honors: Mary Anderson, Arithmetic, Algebra, Shorthand. George Terry, Arithmetic, Com. P. and P., Shorthand. Mary Hayward, French, Com. P. & P., Geography (second in form). Edna Nichols, English, Arithmetic, Geography (first in form).

C FORM HONOR CERTIFICATES.

One Honor: Margaret Harvie, Drawing. George Clements, History. Geoffrey Cox, Geometry. James Dundas, Geography. William Worth, Arithmetic.

Two Honors: Jim Duff, Chemistry, Geography. Jack Melven, Science, Geography. Roy White, Chemistry, Geography. Beryl Stuart, French, Geometry (second in form).

Five Honors: Muriel Schinckel, English, History, French, Algebra, Drawing (first in form).

Cc FORM HONOR CERTIFICATES.

One Honor: Marjorie Butler, Shorthand speed. Maisie Dobson, Shorthand speed. Elsie Grant, Shorthand speed. Beryl Randall, Shorthand speed. Eunice Vincent, Shorthand theory. Clifford Wynne, Shorthand theory.

Two Honors: Lyla Pretty, Shorthand speed. Shorthand theory. Marjorie Scoble, Shorthand speed, Shorthand theory.

Three Honors: Kathleen Tivendale, Book-keeping, Shorthand speed. Shorthand theory (first in form).

A & B FORMS HONOR CERTIFICATES.

One Honor: Edna Ireland, English. Anne Manks, Com. Principles. Henry Drake, Drawing. Aubrey Grigg, Shorthand. Frank Pocknee, Draw-

Shortland, Frank, 1st place. Drawing.

Four Honors, Edna Hopkins, English, French, Algebra, Geometry (first in form).

Four Honors: Doris Hopkins, English, History, French, Algebra (Dux of School).

SPORTS.

Junior Girls' Championship: Lyla Wilson, Ruby Buckley, equal, runner-up. Thelma Hocking, champion.

Junior Boys' Championship: Edwin Pelling, Basil Myring, equal, champion.

Intermediate Girls' Championship: Irene Bennett, runner-up; Thelma Lindsay, champion.

Intermediate Boys' Championship: Ben Evans, third; Keith Hopkins, runner-up; Clifford Wynne, champion.

Senior Girls' Championship: Una Russell, runner-up. Marjorie Scoble, champion.

Senior Boys' Championship: Malcolm Hall, runner-up. Len. Roberts, champion.

Girls' Tennis Cup, won by Alison Winfield.

Boys' Tennis Cup, won by Don. Hooper.

The concert programme was as follows:

Club swinging, senior girls; songs, (1) "Ghosts of Little White Roses" (2) "Full Fathom Five," (3) "Come

Unto These Yellow Sands," juniors; Plastic exercises, senior girls; country dance junior girls; songs (1) "A Dryad Asleep," (2) "Before the Sun Awakes the Morn," (3) "Cherry Ripe," juniors; violin solo, Geoff Cox.

The fantasy, "Make Believe," was then given, the characters being as follows:

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Rosemary, Una Hopkins; James (a butler), Ted Nabb; Ada, Elsie Grant; Caroline, Ruth Beck; Elsa, Betty Tymms; Gwendoline, Dallis Scott; Isabel, Nancy Eutler; Bertram, Maurice Caillard; Dennis, Lindsay Fergusson; Frank, Peter McIntosh; Harold, Edward Robertson; Princess, Thelma Buchanan; Woodcutter, Arthur O'Donoghue; King, Charlie Ritchie; Queen, Edna Nicholls; Red Prince, Ron. Sedsman; Blue Prince, Edwin Pelling; Yellow Prince, Wesley Henshaw.

Miss Dukes conducted the songs and played the incidental music for the physical exercises.