

Education Opens The Way To Life

"LIFE ITSELF is something like a great palace—you have to get through the main door first," declared Mr. F. H. Johnston (Bachelor of Commerce), Registrar of the Melbourne University, in impressing on pupils of the Dandenong High School that education was the greatest key to that door. Those who were eternally on the look-out to find out things would soon find other doors opening out. Literature was one; music another, and science still another.

Mr. Johnston was speaking at the annual presentation of Honor Certificates to the successful pupils—this year held in private because of the polio. epidemic. Expressing pleasure at seeing so many gaining Honors and congratulating the successful pupils, Mr. Johnston said he considered this one of the greatest privileges of school life. But there were other things in life besides purely scholastic work and it was interesting to note that only one-third of the marks in the Rhodes Scholar award were for scholastic attributes.

There were now 9,000 attending the Melbourne University, and he knew of quite a few who had received their grounding at the Dandenong High School, and were now doing particularly well. The University gave them that further education so necessary to those taking up a professional career, or enabled those who had been through a good school and still felt there was something they wanted to learn, the chance to go on a bit further with some particular subject in specialised courses.

Thanking the Advisory Council for the welcome they had given him, Mr. Johnston said he was happy to come to Dandenong for many reasons, the main one being that Mr. Griffiths had been his first master some years ago at University High.

Spiced with whimsical humour, Mr. Johnston's talk was greatly enjoyed by the pupils.

In introducing the speaker, Mr. F. A. Singleton, chairman of the Advisory Council, on behalf of that body, extended its appreciation to Mr. J. L. Griffiths, the headmaster, for the excellent work he and his staff had continued to do at the school. To those teachers who had received well-earned promotion and would not be

those teachers who had received well-earned promotion and would not be returning next year, he extended best wishes for every success in their new sphere of service. Some of the boys and girls would be leaving also to go into their own vocations, or perhaps on to the University for further knowledge, and he wished them all the best. Later that day they would sing "The Best School of All"—and to them the Dandenong High School, where they had spent so many happy days, would always be "The Best School of All."

After the presentation of Honours Certificates to the 241 pupils who qualified for them (full list published in our last issue) the editors of the school magazine "The Gate," June Russell and Kenneth Lee, were presented with specially bound and inscribed copies.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Johnston was moved by Mr. J. McAfee, who has been a member of the Advisory Council since its inception, and seconded by Mr. F. A. Singleton, was carried by acclamation.

A short musical programme by the scholars proved an enjoyable climax.