



TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY SERMON  
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REPORT *of the* HEADMASTER  
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ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

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"And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there forever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually." *1 Kings 9:3*.

So spake the Lord to Solomon after the dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem, in words appropriate to our celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Dedication of this School.

Originally I invited a great preacher, our Bishop, to give the address on this occasion; but he asked me to take over this assignment, which, being a man under authority, I do, gladly but humbly. In these remarks I would like to sum up very briefly what has happened here these past twenty years, and especially in the decade from 1940 to 1950.

From the beginning of the School in 1930, 809 boys have presented themselves here as students, 505 of them in the last ten years. One hundred and thirty-eight are still here, and 391 have graduated, about three out of five who entered. These 809 boys have been the School's great opportunity and its great challenge these twenty years.

The task of caring for the bodily, intellectual and spiritual needs of these boys, of feeding them, coaching them, teaching them and bringing them up as members of a Christian family, has been enormous. But for this task the School has been blessed with very great resources.

We have here a marvelous plant, increased since 1940 by the Auditorium, two houses and garages and the Laundry. The wing which will complete our Main Building is needed more urgently than ever, and though this decade saw the death of Arthur Brockie, the original architect of the School, the sketches of this wing which he left still represent just what is needed.

God has given the increase to our lawns and planting during these years, and the Naudain point acquired last spring is a fine addition to our some 300 acres of property.

Chiefly through the unstinted generosity of the Founder and the Donor, the School has held a splendid financial position, and has been able to set even its top tuition fee far below the cost per boy. Our flexible plan of tuition has remained in force, though the figures have been raised from time to time to meet higher costs. These are expressed in the fact that the cost per boy in 1940 was a little over a thousand dollars, but in 1950 about eighteen hundred dollars. Through all this the School has tried to maintain generous and enlightened policies toward its employees, consistently with its nature as a Christian institution.

Our curriculum, which we take to include every constructive educational activity in our program, has been conservative but, we think, sound. The School was rated high in the surveys of 1940 and 1947, the latter showing marked improvement in the areas rated lowest in the former. The records of our graduates show that on the whole they achieve higher grades in college than they did in school; and plenty of scholarships, honors and Phi Beta Kappas have fallen to them, including one Rhodes Scholarship. All boys have received two hours of religious instruction a week, and regular corporate worship is still central to the school life. In ath-

letics we have been rated in the top one percent. Other extra-curricular activities have flourished, and our "job system" is as thorough-going as ever. It was interesting to see one school after another adopting some such system during the War.

But these resources, plant, grounds, finances and curriculum, are secondary to our chief resource, the people who have helped make the School what it is. In these twenty years, and especially in the last ten, so many of the greatest of these have entered Life Eternal. The loss of our Founder, that extraordinary combination of scientist and classical scholar, industrialist, churchman and mystic, is still fresh in our minds. Not only of his substance but of himself he gave so richly to this school. But he survived by ten years Bishop Cook, the first President of the Episcopal Church School Foundation, whose leadership in the Church and in education and whose hearty love of young people made it a most blessed coincidence that he was Bishop of Delaware twenty years ago. It was the 30th anniversary of his Consecration that we celebrated yesterday. We remember another trustee, John Platt, a man of outstanding wisdom, culture, judgment and integrity, whose contribution to the early days of the School was very great, and who still helps us, we believe, from the other side of the veil.

Yet our present trustees, led by our beloved Bishop, and still numbering four of the original members, the Vice-President, that wise elder statesman, Thompson Brown; the indefatigable Secretary-Treasurer, that brave sportsman and gentleman, Allan Henry; and those able and devoted counsellors, Judge Rodney and Walter Laird, are the finest group any school could have behind it. And this we have occasion to remark a hundred times a year!

About the beginning of the past decade death claimed two



members of our Faculty, Captain Edward Williams and George Emlen Hall; and five years ago Granville Sherwood, Senior Master and charter member of the Faculty. Those who have left our Faculty for other work include such veteran masters as Hamilton Hutton, Daniel Holder and Robert Tonks. Seven masters went to the War, all survived, thank God, and six returned here. So we were able to reorganize the administrative and teaching departments of the School around a solid nucleus of seasoned men and in recent years add the fine group of younger masters who are now such an important asset to us.

Of the Staff, Betty Tillotson, our Head Nurse for a year, was taken from us by death; and in the past decade all the original heads of Staff Departments left us for other positions: Cedric Cooper, Superintendent of Plant; Woodall Cochran, Farm Superintendent; Kathleen Michaelis, Housemother; Margaret Miller, Head Nurse; and Dorothy Welton Raymond, Librarian and Secretary. Their places have been filled most ably by others whom you know well. But at this time it is good for us to look back with gratitude at their contributions to the School in its earlier days.

The crown of our efforts and the source of our greatest joy are our alumni. Their establishment in home, business and professional life was set back enormously by the War. About 300 of them gave years of their lives in military service; and 25 of them, including one German Exchange student, gave their very lives in the conflict. Three alumni have died from other causes in the past decade.

We are inordinately proud of the record of our old boys in a wide variety of vocations, and it is wonderful to feel the ever stronger support of this increasing body of able, successful and loyal young men. In the field of the Ministry we would

like to see more of them; but pray God that development will come in time.

So we have been blessed and upheld in our task of caring for and teaching these 809 boys, having as our resources the finest in plant and grounds, splendid financial support, a sound and ever-developing curriculum, and above all the resource of people: trustees, faculty, staff and alumni, and let us not forget that all-important group, the parents!

All too many of these people have passed in this decade from the Church Militant here on earth to the Life beyond. But we do not feel that we have lost them from the School family. We believe that they are near us and working with us from another realm, a strong anchor for us in the spiritual world.

In twenty years this school has weathered the greatest depression and the most terrible and devastating war in history. Now it is under the strains and pressures of the "Cold War", which has become not so cold in recent months. We start our third decade under the suspense of critical world events to which no one can see the outcome or the end.

The very threat of war holds dark implications for manpower and the future educational plans of our boys. The economic pressure raises the question of how independent educational institutions are going to be able to support themselves. The growth of the welfare state is beginning to subject independent schools to controls sometimes exerted by those who understand little of the genius and peculiar contributions of such schools. Above all the Church school is faced by the rising tide of secularism, not only in its atheistic Communist form but also in the more subtle form of human self-sufficiency, the reliance of men on science, intelligence, nationalism, but not on God.

So we are not fooling ourselves that the School faces easy years ahead. We are girding ourselves for hard, sacrificial work against uncertain conditions and perhaps great odds. But neither are we lowering our sights on our basic goals. We shall continue to offer our boys the finest training we can, with the Christian religion squarely at its centre. We hope the School will have an increasing opportunity to share its good things by widening the range of its enrolment and of its offerings, and by acting as a demonstration ground or "pilot plant" for experiments and projects beyond the present scope of the public schools.

To work effectively toward these goals, to be loyal to the Founder's concepts for his school, and above all to base our work squarely on God's will, there are three things I would bid you keep always in mind:

First, we must remember that "except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it". We must never cease to rely on the supernatural power, the grace of God, which is so freely given us through the Christian foundation of this school. There is the ever-present temptation to rely too much on our rich material blessings or on the experience and skill acquired in years of operation. Without fervent prayer, without regular nourishment by sacramental food, without listening to the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit, we shall be cutting ourselves off from the real source of Power, that is, God.

Second, the real work of this school has always been done and always will be done by committed people. In his statement of purpose the Founder wrote: "The teaching and conduct of this school are based on the Christian religion. The trustees and teachers believe that man's knowledge of right and wrong has been revealed by Almighty God and



demonstrated by the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, and that man is guided by the Holy Spirit to live according to God's revelation."

Thank God that the School has been in the hands of men and women who not only believed in God but were willing to give themselves to Him and to the service of their fellowmen. Those who have made this school what it is have not worked on a wage-per-hour basis but because they were fired by a divine spark and inspired by the love of God and a desire to give their best to their boys. Much of the work here is costly in time, energy and privacy. Much more has been done here than was paid for in salaries and wages. It is that "much more" which has counted most of all and rewarded most richly both those who received it and those who gave it.

So also the boys who have got most from the School have been just those who continually gave more than was required of them, went beyond the bare assignment, took part in activities whose only reward was hard work and the satisfaction of a job well done, in short who were always willing, even glad, to "go the second mile".

Third and finally, this Christian life we try to live here cannot be lived in a vacuum. For wherever a person gives his life to God and commits himself in earnest to the way of Christ, he finds himself part of a group committed to that way and living in fellowship. This is the Church, the "Divine Community" of which our Lord Himself is the Head. Unless we identify ourselves with that Body, adopt its ways and traditions, subject ourselves to its discipline, feed on its sacramental food and rejoice to be part of its fellowship, we are missing the greater part of God's gift. In this school we believe that the individual needs much help in his pilgrimage to God, that "the flight of the alone to the Alone" is not

enough. We find that help in the fellowship and ways of the Church, which our Founder loved so well and served so devotedly.

Ten years ago I said in my Decennial Report: "We are looking forward to the next ten years, ready to do our part in serving the Church and the State. We are confident in the leadership of our beloved Bishop McKinstry as we were under Bishop Cook in the past. We rejoice at being under the control of a seasoned and far-sighted Board of Trustees. We are encouraged at the progress made so far, but we promise that our 25th Anniversary will see the Faculty and Staff much improved in their ability to teach, lead and care for the boys entrusted to them."

If we had known of all the agony and destruction that was to be turned loose in the world in those next ten years, we might not have spoken so hopefully. But we did know something else, something stated in the words of the text: "And the Lord said, . . . I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, to put my name there forever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually".

Only God's grace and love could have brought us through these last ten years. Only He can bring us through the anxious years ahead. We face a future in which it has been said "there will be no security but only adventure". Thankful for the past and hopeful for the future we face that adventure in the strength of God's might. Grant that He may make us in all things equal to the task!

EXCERPTS *from the*  
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November 17, 1950

On October 14, 1950, the School celebrated the Twentieth Anniversary of its Dedication. The sermon preached by the Headmaster on the following day dealt in a general way with the School's growth and progress during its first twenty years. This report will supplement that sermon, and will therefore be briefer than usual.

Our twentieth year of operation can be viewed by the Headmaster in a rather detached and objective way, since he was away from School about half of it. He and Mrs. Pell attended General Convention in San Francisco; toured New England and parts of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia in the Fall Term, to visit parents and alumni; and spent the Winter Term on sabbatical leave in Florida and Georgia. For this leave the Headmaster is most grateful to the Board.

Over 12,000 miles were covered on these tours, about half of them by car, and many parents, alumni and friends of the School were visited. On the New England tour alone the Pells saw 65 alumni, mostly in the colleges. For all the warm hospitality given them from San Francisco to Vermont, from Arizona to Florida, the Pells are deeply thankful.

Viewed from this wider perspective our twentieth year was one of our best. Credit for its success goes to the whole School, students, Faculty and Staff; but the Headmaster is especially grateful to Mr. MacInnes for running the School in his absence with characteristic energy and administrative efficiency, and for handling the enormous task of college transcripts with excellent results; to the School clergy for their devoted work in the religious life of the School; and to the Class of 1950, which made an outstanding record in every way, particularly in leadership.

The election of William Hollingsworth Whyte III, '35, an editor of Fortune Magazine, to our Board of Trustees, reminds us that the School is reaching a certain maturity, and that our alumni will be increasingly involved in its direction and support. We await eagerly the day when sons of alumni are enrolled here!

### *Plant, Equipment and Finances:*

1950 will be remembered at St. Andrew's as a year in which the plant and related equipment were brought to a condition of excellence remarked by all who visit the premises. It was a year of great refurnishing and refurbishing, initiated by the completion of the new laundry. This presents an attractive appearance as well as excellent facilities for the large volume of work accomplished there.

Not only was the effect of the new laundry felt in the relief of tremendous pressure on this department, but the area vacated in the main building by the laundry has been found even more welcome and helpful than anticipated. The old laundry office has become "The Noxontown Museum of Natural History", an excellent undertaking by Mr. Amos and his



Science Club, and store rooms in another part of the old laundry area for paint and janitors' supplies enabled the school to create two handsome new classrooms where these activities had been located previously. The old laundry room was converted into a large food storage room, an attractive dining room for employees, and a rest room for the kitchen employees. This additional working space has truly been a God-send.

The work done on our heating system has brought a great improvement, and provides steady and comfortable heat throughout the Main Building.

Other projects or replacements authorized and carried out are:

- (a) The addition of two new sailboats of the Blue Jay Class to the Yacht Club fleet.
- (b) The purchase of the following major items of equipment: an orchard and crop sprayer, a section of grandstand, an industrial vacuum cleaner, an extractor for the laundry, a Pontiac Station Wagon, a tractor, a small mower, a plough, and floor sanding machinery.
- (c) A new silo at the farm.
- (d) A new six-car garage behind the auditorium.
- (e) Three masters' houses given necessary termite protection.
- (f) A roadway entrance provided for the new laundry building, and a large area by the kitchen paved to relieve a parking and turn-around problem.
- (g) A room built in the South Dormitory for the Sixth Form Supervisors.
- (h) A new roof on the cloister and necessary repairs to the roofs of the Gym and Main Building as well as the Headmaster's house.



For the first time since the purchase of the original property, the School has added to its land. A portion of the Nau-dain Situate, an historical tract adjoining the southern part of the school property was purchased during the spring. It consists of 19.8 acres of pasture land on the lake front opposite the general area of the Headmaster's house. This purchase provides lake front protection and additional pasture land for the dairy herd, as well as a possible location for additional housing.

One of the most significant improvements to the School property was made during the winter term by the Boys' Work Squad. The project undertaken was the clearing of the lake front by the sailing dock and was undoubtedly one of the most noticeable jobs the Work Squad has ever done. Whereas the lake was becoming almost completely hidden by vegetation, it is now prominently visible, and the expansive lawn from the Cloister slopes gracefully and unimpeded to the very edge of the water.

The playing fields were heavily fertilized, and this fall our football field was in perfect condition, a thick carpet of green.

Mr. DeBoer has embarked on a program of carrying out recommendations made by the University of Delaware to enable the School Farm to become an income-producing department and a feature of the School which should prove of promotional value. Although it will take several years to effect the program, a great deal has been done already this year. Parts of the program involve considerable outlays of money, such as the rapid development of good pastureland from old crop fields and the necessary heavy culling of the herd. The deficit from Farm operations this year is not expected to continue.

The informal Pension Committee of the Faculty has done

a great deal of work, and wishes to acknowledge the considerable help of Mr. Emile du Pont, his assistant, Mr. Robert Tesh, and representatives of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada and the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

### *Personnel:*

Last year's Faculty are still with us, though some members are liable to call by the Naval Reserve later in the year. Our new Chaplain, Rev. James Oren Reynolds, came into residence in September. A graduate of Amherst and General Seminary, he is in Deacon's Orders, and expects to be ordained Priest in January. He served in the Navy for three years during the War, and has taught children of such varying backgrounds as Navajo Indians and Park Avenue New Yorkers! He is in charge of the Chapel, assists Mr. Clarke and the Headmaster with the Sacred Studies, and helps supervise the dormitories.

Rev. Ernest Hoyt, who was Acting Chaplain during the fall and winter of 1949-50, is now Rector of Christ Church, East Norwalk, Conn.

After two years of most effective work as Financial Secretary, Miss Alma Outten resigned, and has been replaced by Miss Mildred Coles, who is an old friend of the School and sister of Mrs. Hillier. Miss Coles came to us from the New York Office of Ford International.

Last December our new Farm Manager, Mr. Samuel De Boer, moved into the Farmhouse with his bride. This engaging couple made a most promising start while finishing their courses at the University of Delaware, from which they both graduated last June.

The School has enjoyed holidays in honor of Martha Muir Chamblin, born on January 7, Ellen Van Buren Thomson, the Headmaster's first grandchild, born on August 12, and Diane Hearne Ten Broeck, born on September 10.

Mr. Hawkins, who joined the Faculty in 1941, will take his first sabbatical leave this winter and expects to spend it in Europe. Mr. Fleming, who came to us in 1937, plans a full year's sabbatical for next school year.

### *Alumni:*

The election of William Hollingsworth Whyte, Jr., '35, to the Board of Trustees has been mentioned above. At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association last June William Day Scott, Jr. '34, was elected President, and Timothy Mann, '47, Vice President. Chester Earle Baum, Jr. '36, remains as Secretary-Treasurer, ably assisted by Mrs. Fleming as Secretary to the Alumni Office. Some 55 alumni returned for the Commencement weekend, and their baseball team managed to send the School's I.A.C. Co-Champions to defeat by a close score!

The annual dinner was held in New York on December 18, and two other regional dinners were sponsored by the New York group. Organized gatherings of alumni were also held at Yale, Princeton and the University of Virginia, and attended by the Headmaster.

The graduating class numbered 33, two of whom received their diplomas in September after completing the requirements by summer work. One diploma was Magna Cum Laude, and five Cum Laude. Our Commencement speaker was an old friend of the School, Ven. Albert Lucas, Arch-

deacon of Maryland and formerly Headmaster of St. Alban's School. The Alumni Award for Outstanding Public Service went to Findley Burns, Jr., '35 for his work in the foreign service of the Department of State.

According to last year's report of the National Registration Office, our alumni received higher average grades in college than in school at 23 institutions, lower grades at four and the same average grades at one.

The Fathers' Club held its annual meeting at the School on the weekend of November 11-13, 1949. Some 60 fathers attended as guests of their sons and the School. For 1949-50 the officers were: President, Mr. William F. Auersch; Vice President, Hon. J. Caleb Boggs; Secretary, Rev. W. Carroll Brooke.

### *Enrolment and Curriculum:*

We began the year with 138 boys and added one in the Spring Term. No boys were withdrawn during the year for any reason. For 1948-49 the enrolment was 145, and for 1950-51 it is 138. Eighty-two percent of the boys were Episcopalians. Of our 36 new boys, 23 came to us from public and 13 from independent schools.

The enrolment by states and nations was as follows: Pennsylvania, 33; Delaware, 25; Maryland, 21; New York, 13; New Jersey, 11; Virginia, 9; District of Columbia, 6; Kentucky, 4; Florida and Georgia, 3 each; West Virginia and Bermuda, 2 each; and one each from California, Connecticut, Cuba, Illinois, Louisiana, South Carolina and Venezuela, a total of 16 states and three foreign nations.

Academically the session 1949-50 was a successful one. Sep-



tember found thirty-two of the graduating class in college—three each at Cornell, Delaware, North Carolina, Virginia, and Yale; two each at Brown, Washington and Lee, and Princeton; one each at M. I. T., the United States Military Academy, Oberlin, Lafayette, Rutgers, Williams, Columbia, Trinity, Penn State, Rensselaer, and Harvard. In the class were distributed eight scholarships, two each to Princeton and Yale; one each to Trinity, Columbia, Oberlin and Brown.

Zoology and Geography, two courses introduced in September, proved successful and both will be continued. The tachistoscope, offered to the School by Mr. Alden W. Foster, has been obtained and will soon be put into operation by the Remedial Reading Department.

Actually we have been less concerned with new courses than with improving the effectiveness of the program we now have. This has led to the formation of an Academic Eligibility Committee, whose business it is to examine the records of all boys, but particularly those in failing groups, and to take such measures as seem necessary to insure the boy's having sufficient time to do his work. In actuality the boy may be prevented from missing classes for any cause not approved by the Headmaster, and may be asked to give up extra-curricular activities which seem to consume too much of his time. It is in effect an eligibility system which avoids the horrors of a system based wholly on academic averages and the weakness apparent in no system at all. It does this by considering all available information, rather than considering grades alone.

### *Library:*

The central Library now numbers a collection of 4907 volumes and the English and other Reserve Libraries 1408 vol-



umes, a total of 6315. One hundred sixty-nine volumes were added during the school year. The total circulation of books was 2995, which seems to be a good number, reflecting the effectiveness of our Library program and the work of Mr. Campbell, the Librarian.

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Campbell, the Library presented a larger number of exhibits than usual. The Library Staff, a student organization, presented a monitor speaker to the movie booth, and nine albums of records were added to the audio-visual equipment, which is handled through the Library.

Since the movie program is part of the audio-visual activity of the School, it is proper to mention here that 35 feature films and 80 "shorts" were presented in the Auditorium during the year.

### *Discipline, Jobs and Health:*

The general conduct of the School was very good. Credit for this situation goes partly to the boys and partly to the Discipline Committee, led by Mr. Fleming. Through most of the year well over a hundred boys were on the White List for very good conduct.

The Honor Committee functioned well under the chairmanship of William Murray, the Senior Praefect, and instituted some changes in membership to allow three of its members to be elected by the student body as a whole.

Through the Job System the daily tasks of cleaning, care of quarters, waiting on table and washing dishes were carried on as usual, with student supervisors taking a large part in the direction of the program.

Miss Agnes Nelson, who succeeded Miss Tillotson as Head Nurse, reported a good year for the health of the School. Office visits numbered 3339 compared to 4203 for the previous year, and 51 boys spent a night or more in the Infirmary, compared to 69 the year before. Dr. Lee visited the School regularly. Army A & B flu shots were given the boys, and on Nov. 9, 1949 the mobile unit of the Delaware Anti-Tuberculosis League x-rayed the chests of all members of the three upper forms and all food handlers among the employees.

We came off lightly on contagious diseases, with two cases of chicken pox. There were 209 colds, many of them the result of the cold, wet spring; 52 cases of gastro-intestinal upsets; 14 of mild intestinal grippe; and 10 of influenza.

Through the Maryland Casualty Company we offered the boys a combined form of insurance against the expense of accidents and illness. This policy was adopted by 63 percent of the parents.

### *Athletics:*

The *Wilmington Morning News*, Thursday, March 9, 1950, carried a two column article on their Sports Page which was a source of gratification to everyone at the school. The paper's feature sports writer, Bob Kelley, had visited the school, watched our athletic program in action, and talked to both boys and masters before writing his article. A few excerpts follow:

"After being subjected to a barrage of nonsense concerning the incompatibility of sports and studies, it is refreshing to discover St. Andrew's School in Middletown and the harmonious merger that has been achieved there of a boy's natural interests and his scholastic chores. Both receive plenty of attention."

"The school's program takes in a staggering variety of activities. Nine varsity sports teams may not appear to be above average to those used to large high schools with enrolments running into thousands. But when an academy of less than 150 students can field championship representatives in two sports and strong units in seven others, then boosters of the Cardinal and White have cause to chortle."

"An infectious athletic spirit is part of the school's tradition. Everyone—from the Headmaster through the youngest member of the lowest class is constantly engaged in some sports activity, except when it is time to hit the books.—The entire student body provides the talent pool, since each boy is required to try his hand in some game, voluntary or otherwise."

"St. Andrew's takes this fine example of school spirit and pride in calm stride. Most schools, if able to boast of a similar mass effort—would bombard the nation with the news. But not St. Andrew's. It is traditional there to go all out in sports and studies; not news."

We feel that the above is a sincere compliment to all who have worked over our athletic program, both masters and boys.

We do not want to single out any special sports or individuals in this year's report, for the *kudos* goes to all. However, we are particularly proud of our Interstate Academic Champions in basketball, our Co-champions in baseball, and our tennis team, which lost but one match out of nine.

### *Activities:*

Our Activities Program, as reorganized a year ago, continues to provide the necessary free time recreation for the boys. We feel that we have the correct number of clubs, minor sport activities, musical opportunities, and such diversions to make a well rounded program. One of the points which all

our masters, acting as advisors, must watch is the tendency of some boys to overdo extra-curricular activities at the expense of scholastic accomplishment. In such a case the boy must be advised, perhaps even forced, to give up some "club" activity. The new Academic Eligibility Committee, described under "Curriculum" may also deal with a boy in this situation.

It is continually gratifying to see the new things here and there about the school and grounds which are direct products of group activity. The sail-boats are now on marine railways and hauled out of the water; railways devised by the boys of the Yacht Club. We will soon open a most attractive museum, the Noxontown Museum of Natural History; the idea, the planning, the execution, all the results of the Science Club's activities.

The Criss-Cross Club produced one of our best plays, "You Can't Take It With You". This was given in Middletown as well as in our Auditorium.

There was renewed interest in riding, though our stable contained but three horses. And a new feature was a musical contest open to all boys and held at the end of the Spring Term.

### *Chapel:*

During the fall and winter terms Rev. Ernest Hoyt was Acting Chaplain. The duties of Chaplain were taken over by the Headmaster upon his return from sabbatical leave at the beginning of the spring term.

Besides the usual services in the Chapel one marriage was performed, four children and one student were baptized and



seven boys were confirmed by Bishop McKinstry on January 29.

Our visiting preachers included Rev. John E. Large, Rev. Donald Mayberry, Rev. Kenneth Clarke, and Rev. Donald J. Parsons, as Baccalaureate Preacher.

The Faculty children, for whom we formerly operated a Sunday School, now attend the Church School at St. Anne's Church, Middletown, a happy arrangement for all concerned.

Groups of students were accompanied by Mr. Broadbent to conferences on religion at Buckhill Falls, Pa. and the Baldwin School. Such conferences are popular with the boys, who seem to get a great deal of benefit from them. The Laymen's Conference of the Diocese was held at the School the weekend before we opened in September, and the young people of the Diocese met at the School on March 25.

The Headmaster was Chairman of the Conference on Religion in Education, held in Atlantic City from October 19 to 21, 1950. Three other masters attended from St. Andrew's. This conference, sponsored by the National Preparatory School Committee, had a total attendance of about 340 heads of schools, chaplains and teachers, and was an inspiring experience.

In preparation for this conference the student body, led by a special committee, answered a questionnaire on the religious life and program of the School. This brought out a number of interesting and challenging points of view, and showed confusion about religion in general and impatience with some phases of organized religion in particular. The Vestry and the various forms have been studying this questionnaire, but so far no major conclusions have been reached. All this is of value to our new Chaplain, however, in revising and improving the Chapel program.



As part of our Twentieth Anniversary observance, we have sent our graduates a religious questionnaire similar to that which they answered in 1940. The results of this will be circulated when complete.

The facilities of the School and its grounds were used during the summer by a large number of organizations and groups, who came for meetings, outings and picnics.

### *Gifts:*

*The following gifts are gratefully acknowledged:*

From Mrs. A. Felix du Pont, a 16 mm moving picture projector, complete with speaker and screen.

From Mrs. A. Felix du Pont, the Founder's collection of antique firearms.

From the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company, six reproductions of highlights in optical history.

From Mr. William W. McDowell, father of William Wallace McDowell, Jr. '47, \$100.00 to be set up as a fund to be expended on some item of equipment for the school.

From Mrs. Charles A. Raymond, the flag of the State of Oklahoma, for the Chapel.

From Dr. W. S. P. Combs of Middletown, a scratch print of Middletown Academy by John Moll.

From Mr. Raymond S. Owen, father of Harrison Owen '53, the flag of Maine for the Chapel.

From Mr. Edwin H. Downes, father of Hall Downes '51, the flag of Cuba for the Chapel.

From Dr. Francis Giammattei, father of Francis Giam-

mattei, Jr. '47, and David Presby Giammattei '53, the flag of El Salvador for the Chapel.

From Constantine Nicolai Tonian '49, the flag of Iran for the Chapel.

From the Interstate Athletic Conference, two banners representing championships in basketball and baseball.

From her many friends at St. Andrew's School, a plaque located in the Chapel to the memory of Betty Tillotson, St. Andrew's School nurse who died August 1, 1949.

From Mr. H. E. C. Schmolze, a file of the New York Times Midweek Pictorial for the years 1917, 1918, and 1919.

From Mr. G. C. Voorhees, three reliques from Rome and Pompeii: a tile from the Palace of Augustus, a piece of Parian marble from the Acropolis at Athens, and a Greek plaster head from Athens.

From William Lowe Wrightson, Jr. '52, Mr. John A. Campbell, The Tuition Plan, Inc., Fortune Magazine, Mr. H. E. C. Schmolze, Mr. William H. Amos, and St. Andrew's College, Aurora, Ontario, books for the Library.

From the Art Section of the U. S. Marine Corps and Navy, three framed water colors and 25 prints of appropriate service subjects.

From Mr. Alden Foster, father of David Foster '51, and Robert Foster '54, funds to provide a Tachistoscope for Remedial Reading and other uses.

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### *In Conclusion:*

For the progress made so far in every phase of the School's

development and work we are grateful beyond words. There is much unfinished business, including the completion of the Main Building, the provision of better quarters for our boys and more housing for employees, the revision of our Pension Plan, and the continual improvement of the curriculum and its related activities.

The School's material resources are very great, but its personal resources are even greater. No school could have a finer Board of Trustees, a fact of which the Headmaster is continually and gratefully aware. In his colleagues of the Faculty and Staff he feels most deeply blessed. To all of them he extends his heartfelt gratitude for their work of the past year. To Messrs. MacInnes, Cameron and Schoonover go his special thanks, for their substantial help with this report as well as for all their invaluable services as senior members of the Faculty and Staff.

As the School goes forward into its third decade, we face world problems and uncertainties which will tax our wisdom, courage and devotion to the utmost. Only in God's power and grace working in the hearts of free men can we have hope. We pray that the responsible leaders of the School will always rely on the spiritual resources of God given us in the Christian religion, in fulfillment of the purposes of the Founder.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Headmaster.*





