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THE tremendous events of the past few months have made this a year of extremes, raising us at times to the heights of joy and relief and at other times plunging us into the deep shadows of sorrow and loss. On the one hand there has been the ecstatic news of victory and peace, the liberation of prisoners of war, the return home of the warriors, and the removal of the spectre of anxiety. For us a high point has been Mr. Hutton's resumption of his work here, after more than four years in the Army, recently as a Lieutenant-Colonel on the Planning Division, Army Service Forces, and more recently in the work of redeployment in Paris. The first of our seven Faculty members to leave us for the War has been the first to return! On the other hand we have had to bear the loss of our gallant President, of eleven more old St. Andrew's boys who died in battle, and of that great Charter Member of our Faculty and its Senior Master, Granville Hudson Sherwood.

Last January Mr. Sherwood suffered an attack of coronary thrombosis. After several weeks in the hospital he rested at home, and left for his summer home in Willsboro, N. Y. with every confidence that he would be back at his teaching in September. On July 15th he died suddenly, and after a triumphant service in the School

Chapel, his ashes were interred in Old St. Anne's Cemetery, Middletown. During his fifteen years as Senior Master, Head of the Department of Modern Languages, teacher of French and Spanish, Registrar, coach of tennis and squash and Advisor to several forms, he held a place here as leader, confidant and friend which was unique. His wise judgment, his sparkling wit, and his deep sympathy and understanding of boys are greatly missed. There is hardly a letter that comes in from our Alumni which does not mention "Sherry" with gratitude and admiration, and a sense of personal loss.

Mrs. Sherwood and her two sons are living in Wilmington, where she is teaching French at Mrs. Tatnall's School.

In spite of the stress and strain of the War, the School's fifteenth year was an outstandingly good one. The enrolment was at its top figure, with 136 boys in residence at one time or another throughout the year, and 132 at the midyear. We graduated 24 boys of whom St. Andrew's has every right to be proud. The spirit of Commencement reflected the year's accomplishments, and we were glad to have the address delivered by the Reverend John E. Large, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, on the fifth anniversary of the completion of his duties as Chaplain of the School. The Founder's two-day visit in the spring and his favorable report on what he observed here also indicate the generally successful nature of the year. Sound progress was made scholastically; the School was well fed, and kept warm and cleanly clad when wartime shortages made these things no easy task; our athletic record was outstanding, with championships in two sports; and the health record was the best in the history of the School. This last cir-

cumstance was a fitting celebration of Miss Miller's return as Head Nurse after two years' leave of absence with the Red Cross in Honolulu and as Nurse at St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J.

In February 1943 the Headmaster ventured some prophecies. These have largely come true, in that the War *was* won "some time in 1945", "the economy of the nation" is to be "practically on a wartime basis for a year or more after winning the War"; and "Government control" *has* begun to "slacken after the War". We may take some satisfaction, therefore, in the fact that the School laid its plans on correct assumptions, and so is neither "ahead of the game" nor lagging in its program.

The School's most urgent problem at this time is housing. Since Mr. Holder's house was built in 1938 no new quarters have been built here. Families have continued to increase, however, and with six men who may return from the Armed Forces in the next year or two, it is necessary to add to our housing facilities. One good step in this direction was the acquisition of the Corbit Mansion in Odessa this summer at a cost of \$7,800. It has been a race against time and shortages of materials and labor to put this fine old house in condition, but with the help of Mr. Louis Mandes and his men, and of our own Maintenance Department, many of whom worked there during their vacations, we have managed to make it ready for occupancy by Mr. and Mrs. Hickin and their five sons. We are still waiting for the boiler of the oil burner, and there is still work to be done there, but at least the house is habitable.

Sabbaticals are due Messrs. Schmolze and Fleming, and as these are granted in the near future, the shortage of housing will be that much relieved. It may be that

rented quarters in Middletown will be easier to obtain as time goes on. Just now they do not exist. In any case it is of the utmost importance that the projected building program be started as soon as conditions permit, and that at least two masters' houses be included in the first phase of this program.

Mr. Hutton is back in his house on the point, and the Schmolzes are occupying an apartment in the Sherwood house. This leaves the rest of this house for the next family which returns, for temporary occupancy at least.

The part played by Mr. Cooper and his Maintenance Department and by Mrs. Heater and her cleaning women, in getting these quarters ready for occupancy, has been nothing short of phenomenal!

The achievements of the year were accomplished in the face of unusual difficulties in keeping our classrooms manned. Mr. Morris had to leave in December for a serious and extensive operation, and was unable to resume teaching until the Spring Term. Mrs. Sunbury took on a larger teaching load for the period of his absence, thus increasing the admiration and gratitude already felt by us all for this ever-cheerful and competent member of our staff. For a short time during the Winter Term, Mrs. Pell took classes in 3rd Form Sacred Studies and French.

When Mr. Sherwood was hospitalized in January we were very fortunate in engaging Mr. Joseph Hunsicker to take over his classes. Mr. Hunsicker is a graduate of Germantown Academy and Princeton University, had been on the Staff of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, and had taught at West Nottingham Academy. He served as a Lieutenant (j.g.) in the U. S. Naval Reserve, being stationed in the Panama Canal

Zone, and having been honorably discharged just before coming here.

After more than four years of devoted service as Chaplain and teacher of Sacred Studies and English, Rev. Lynnly B. Wilson, Jr. found it necessary to resign on account of his health, and left us at the end of the Fall Term. His erudition and enthusiasm as a teacher and his sympathy as a priest and friend have made him greatly missed here. The Chaplaincy was filled in January by Rev. George William Culleney, St. Andrew's '34, our first alumnus to enter the Priesthood. After graduating from Trinity College and the Berkeley Divinity School, Mr. Culleney served at Conway, Arkansas, where he helped build a new church. To this were sent the altar and altar rail of our original School Chapel. Later he was on the Staff of the Cathedral at Albuquerque, New Mexico. In both posts he did much work with students, and in coming back to his old school he realized an ambition he had held for many years. With his wife and three children he occupies the North Apartment in the main School building.

Last year Mr. Hagerty succeeded Mr. Tonks as Head of the Science Department. Mr. Fleming now succeeds Mr. Sherwood as Head of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, and Mr. Hutton has resumed his headship of the History Department.

At the end of the year Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sunbury left us to go to St. Mark's School. We greatly miss this pleasant pair of able and devoted teachers, whose professional skill and experience were matched by the sincerity of their Christian convictions.

Mr. Sunbury's place in the History and English Departments is being filled by Mr. Albert Hickin, a

graduate of Mount Hermon School and Washington and Lee University. Mr. Hickin has also studied at Harvard and the University of Virginia. He has conducted his own school, Old Lyme Academy, and taught at Kent and Darrow. With his long teaching experience he brings considerable coaching ability, and is helping this year with Varsity football and Junior basketball.

The School is most grateful to those who took over Mr. Sherwood's extra-curricular work. Mr. Hawkins handled the squash squad, Dr. Potts coached the tennis team, Mr. Holder and Mr. Barron took over the School Store, and Mr. Schmolze and Mr. Fleming absorbed the extra work in the Registrar's Office.

Miss Dano was married in June to Lt. William Baxley, U.S.N.R. This year was the sixth of her employment in the School office, and her second as Financial Secretary. Her conscientious work, high standards and cheerful wit have made her an invaluable employee. Her post as Financial Secretary was filled by Miss Adrienne Suddard, who came to us in July from the Hercules Powder Company.

On July 21st a very happy event took place in the School Chapel when Miss Dorothy Welton, our Librarian and Secretary to the Headmaster, married Pfc. Charles Martin Raymond, now stationed at Fort DuPont. Mrs. Raymond continues her work here and at the Fort, as Librarian, and it is to be hoped that this arrangement will be of long duration. Mrs. Raymond's services as Alumni Secretary have been enormous, and she and Mrs. Pell have done wonders in keeping in touch with our fast-increasing body of old boys.

The School was saddened during the year by the death of two former employees, Mr. Preston Stout, recently our

Boatman, and Mrs. Florence Price, formerly employed in the Kitchen.

During the year a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Holder, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Culleney. Sons were born to three Faculty families on leave of absence in the Armed Forces: Lt. and Mrs. Schoonover, Lt. and Mrs. Hillier, and Lt. and Mrs. Baum.

Six boys left School during the year to enter the Armed Forces, three by induction and three to enlist in the Navy. Two of the latter left just before the end of the year, and graduated with their Class. Two of the former qualified for their diplomas upon leaving St. Andrew's.

Twenty-four boys graduated in June, and since then one member of the Class of 1946, Pvt. James Moorehead Perry, U.S.M.C.R., has graduated by extra work in summer school, and one member of the Class of 1943, 1st Lt. James Warby Crichton, U.S.A.A.F. was awarded his diploma on the basis of educational work completed in the Army.

There has been a large number of requests from Alumni being discharged from the Armed Forces for transcripts of their records here, to be sent to colleges which they are entering on the G.I. Bill of Rights. It is most encouraging that so many of these men are putting their educational opportunities first in their choice of civilian careers.

The present occupations of the Class of 1945 are as follows: Army, 5; Navy, 9; Marines, 2; College, 10. One man now in college was in the American Field Service during the summer.

The enrolment by states and foreign nations was as follows: Pennsylvania, 27; Maryland, 20; New York, 19; District of Columbia, 16; Delaware, 11; New Jersey, 8;

Connecticut, 5; South Carolina and Florida, 4 each; West Virginia and Kentucky, 3 each; Georgia and Ohio, 2 each; Massachusetts, North Carolina and Nevada, 1 each; Bermuda, 2; England, 1.

Each year recently it has been harder to get food, but Miss Sally Callaway and her skillful Kitchen Staff have continued to feed us bountifully and temptingly. How they have done it we do not know, but we salute them with admiration and gratitude! Mrs. Heater, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stearns and her capable women, turned out a fine laundry week after week, and helped greatly in the program of summer cleaning and renovating.

Mr. Cooper's Maintenance Department deserves special mention this year. Reinforced by the return of two men from War industry and the addition of another mechanic recently discharged from the Army, they conducted a vigorous campaign against the odds of wartime difficulties. Like the men in the Armed Forces, the Maintenance gang does the difficult immediately, and if you will give them a little more time, they will also do the impossible. They had a large amount of extra moving of furniture, redecorating of houses and apartments, and patching up of worn-out motor vehicles. Most of the year they had to handle the additional work involved in heating by coal. They built partitions into the Gymnasium dormitories, thereby forming semi-private double rooms. They kept the plant and grounds in good condition, and accomplished the large summer work program more quickly and efficiently than ever before.

We still have some coal to be used up, but we are now heating both Main Building and Gymnasium by oil.

One boiler in the Main Building is still adapted for coal, the other for oil.

The Office this year was a feminine domain, and was run with cheerful dispatch and efficiency. First Miss Dano and then Miss Suddard handled the complex financial affairs of the School, and Mrs. Schmolze as Executive Secretary was the strong and sensitive balance wheel of the School's affairs, and an example of serene competence.

Mr. Hutton has taken over his old post at the head of the Job System, relieving Mr. Cameron, whom we thank and praise for his willing assumption of this major area of school activity and for his faithful attention to its many details.

The Scholastic program underwent few changes. Mr. Schmolze was too busy with Mathematics classes to teach his Current Events course this year, and Mr. Morris' operation and absence prevented him from holding Art classes. We offered only two years each of Latin, French, Spanish and German. Military Science was taught to a class of 11. This included drill with the State Guard and a very useful course in Communications taught by Mr. Cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Sunbury conducted their valuable work in Remedial Reading, and their considerable contribution in this important field is missed this year. We plan, however, to carry on the basic elements in this program, including the use of the Harvard Films for those whose rate and comprehension need improvement.

The Science Department has recommended some changes which are being put into effect during the present school year. Second Form Science has been made simpler and given a greater slant toward nature study,

with a good many outdoor expeditions. A comprehensive course in General Science, with a substantial content, is being offered in Third Form. Fourth Formers may study Biology, Fifth Formers Chemistry, and Sixth Formers Physics. These courses are not limited to the Forms specified; for example, a Fifth Former may take Biology or a Sixth Former Chemistry.

The success of the year athletically should not be judged merely by games won or championships awarded. We have always stressed the importance of "athletics for all", and the participation of every boy in the sports program right around the year. From every point of view, however, the athletic year was a good one. The football team finished second in the I.A.C. rating, the basketball team rewarded Mr. Fleming's indefatigable coaching with the I.A.C. Championship, and Mr. Holder's Eight won the National Schoolboy Championship on the Schuylkill.

Transportation to games away was accomplished by trains, station wagons and cars, since the O.D.T. had not yet authorized the use of our bus for such trips. This made athletic travel something of an ordeal, and an expensive one at that. The removal of these restrictions on our bus has been a cause for rejoicing.

Our four original sailboats have served nobly for 15 years, and this summer have given out completely. Our rowboats have been reduced to three. It is encouraging to report, however, that our boat house is full of shells, all in the best condition their various ages permit.

The new football field was put into use last fall, and occupied by the Junior Varsity Squad, which formerly had to share a field with the Six-Man Football Squad. We now have two eleven-man and two six-man fields.

There was less serious disciplinary trouble than during the previous year, but a good deal of general restlessness and what might be called "surface disorder". A few boys accumulated very large numbers of demerits. One boy was expelled, three withdrawn during the year at our recommendation, and two asked not to return for this year, all for disciplinary reasons.

Our smoking rule was revised to allow any boy 16 years of age to smoke at certain limited times and places, provided he has his parents' consent.

The beginning of the year was marked by an unusual amount of homesickness. Several boys left school for home without permission. In view of the almost complete absence of such phenomena so far this year, we may perhaps attribute this homesickness to the accumulated strain of war on boys and families.

The record showing on health has already been mentioned. Only 24 boys were admitted to the Infirmary during the year, for a total of 57 days and nights, as against 56 boys admitted during 1943-44 for a total of 206 days and nights. The office visits for 1944-45 were 2,220 as against 3,325 for the previous year. Common colds averaged one per boy, and gastroenteritis, bilious attacks and poison ivy made up the bulk of the cases treated. There were 12 cases of grippe and seven of German measles.

One boy came down with infantile paralysis before returning to school in September, 1944, and after taking the whole year to recover, is back at St. Andrew's with no ill effects.

Much praise is due Miss Miller and her assistant, Mrs. Campbell, for the fine health record, but Miss Miller has pointed out that it never would have been possible with-

out whole-hearted cooperation from masters and boys.

The use of DDT this fall has cut down the number of flies and other insects in the buildings, and thus has helped remove a possible source of illness.

There was the usual program of recreation, including moving pictures, shown by a team of boys under Mr. Sunbury's direction, lectures, one piano recital, and the boys' dramatic efforts. These last consisted of a particularly good Amateur Night on Hallowe'en and the School play, "Seven Keys to Baldpate", at the time of the Sixth Form Dance, in the Winter Term. We are most grateful to Mrs. Sherwood, who did a major part of the coaching of this play before Mr. Culleney arrived to share this task with her. The play was a finished production, and certainly one of the best given here.

The high cost of printing caused us to curtail the number of publications, but the printed *Cardinal* was supplemented by periodical mimeographed news sheets, and a good yearbook was produced by the Class of 1946 for the Sixth Form. The School Handbook, used in mimeographed form for the past few years, was revised and printed in handy pocket size in time to be distributed this fall.

The services and activities of the Chapel went on as usual. Rev. Dr. Bernard Iddings Bell held a preaching mission in October, and Rt. Rev. William Payne Roberts, Missionary Bishop of Shanghai, preached for us in May. On February 18th Bishop McKinstry confirmed 19 boys. The School was in session for Holy Week and Easter. The Headmaster gave the Good Friday meditations and our Easter Service was particularly beautiful and significant.

The David Richard Cooper Memorial Altar Shelf was installed in September, and together with our Font forms a baptistry at the west end of the south aisle. The 75th baptism to be performed in the School Chapel was administered there last summer.

Mr. Culleney has compiled a printed handbook for Acolytes and Sacristans, and this has already been a great help in their training.

It has been a particular delight to welcome as Rector of St. Anne's Church, Middletown, Rev. Richard W. Trapnell, D.D., father of Lt. Richard W. Trapnell, U.S.N.R., St. Andrew's '36. Dr. Trapnell and his wife and children have been frequent visitors at the School, renewing the pleasant association of former years.

Camp Appoquinimink did not open officially last summer, but Mr. Charles Davis of Old Swedes' Church, Wilmington, occupied the camp buildings with small groups of Wilmington boys, over a period of several weeks. The camp buildings are in need of extensive repairs, and the dock has parted company in the middle. Mr. Davis and his boys had a happy and profitable outing, however, and kept the camp from being a complete war casualty.

The following conferences were held at the School: In September, 1944 and 1945, very successful Laymen's and Clergy conferences the weekend before the opening of School; in June 1945, a Clergy Conference the Monday after Commencement; on Labor Day 1945, the outing of the young people of West Presbyterian Church, Wilmington.

There were not as many chances for war work this

year, but several members of the School were active in the Delaware State Guard, the ladies did a good deal of work on Red Cross dressings, and Mrs. Sherwood and Mrs. Fleming conducted War Bond and Stamp sales. Mr. Holder and Mr. Sherwood were members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Mr. Holder saw some real action when his boat swept a number of mines laid by a U-boat from the lower Delaware Bay. One of the mines blew up a tug near Mr. Holder's boat during the sweeping operation.

More than 300 Alumni, Faculty members and other employees have been serving in the Armed Forces, and their faithful, courageous and often distinguished service has been a source of extravagant pride to friends of the School. In singling out two men for special mention, one an alumnus and the other a master, we do so with the thought that they represent the spirit and achievement of St. Andreans generally.

Lt. Charles Silliman, A.U.S., St. Andrew's '36, was badly wounded near Aachen. He was blinded in one eye, and is slowly recovering the full use of the other. While at Valley Forge Hospital he was enrolled in a course in short-story writing, and had a story, "Replacement", published in the *Saturday Evening Post* of July 7, 1945.

Lt. Comdr. John N. MacInnes, U.S.N.R., Head of our Mathematics Department and former coach of Varsity football, had been on the staff of the late Admiral McCain, with the Second Carrier Task Force. It did not surprise us that "Mr. Mac" got into most of the rampaging attacks made by the carrier forces on the Japanese. He was on the *Bunker Hill* when it was attacked, and received the Purple Heart for burns received in this action. He was awarded the Bronze and Silver Star

Medals and the Legion of Merit. And he was one of the advance party to land at Atsugi Airport, being in the first Navy plane to arrive there.

It has been cause for the highest rejoicing that all five of our Alumni who were prisoners of war have returned home safely. These were Flight Officer William Fox, U.S.A.A.F., St. Andrew's '36, Lt. Burdette Shields Wright, U.S.A.A.F., St. Andrew's '39, Lt. William Robert Cory, A.U.S., St. Andrew's '37, Pfc. Joseph Fletcher Littell, A.U.S., St. Andrew's '42, all prisoners in Germany; and Lt. George Estabrook Brown, Jr., U.S.N.R., St. Andrew's '37, who survived the scuttling of the submarine *U. S. S. Sculpin*, and was a prisoner of the Japanese for 15 months before word was received from him through a propaganda broadcast. This was the only communication from him or about him until he was liberated!

Lt. John Norvin Compton, Jr., U.S.N.R., St. Andrew's '36, is still missing in submarine action.

All through this year fell the hammer-blows of news of the death in combat of old St. Andrew's boys. The ten gold stars on our Service Flag last year have been more than doubled, and we ended the War with 21. These are the men who have made the supreme sacrifice during the past year:

Wing Commander Malcolm Crocker, D.F.C., R.A.F., St. Andrew's School 1935.

Pfc. Irving de Shong, A.U.S., St. Andrew's School 1936.

Lt. William Woodthorp Reade, U.S.A.A.F., St. Andrew's School 1939.

Sgt. Leonard Brooks, A.U.S., St. Andrew's School 1939.

Lt. William Dorsey Somervell, U.S.A.A.F., St. Andrew's School 1939.

Pfc. Thomas Gordon Dovell, A.U.S., St. Andrew's School
1941.

Lt. Johannes Van Mesdag, Dutch Royal Air Force, St.
Andrew's School 1942.

Pvt. John Holman, A.U.S., St. Andrew's School 1942.

Pvt. James Grant Barklie, A.U.S., St. Andrew's School
1943.

Cpl. Donald Fuller, U.S.A.A.F., St. Andrew's School
1944.

May their souls rest in peace, and may light perpetual
shine upon them!

In a roundabout way we have heard that one of our
German exchange students, we are not sure which one,
was captured by the American Army at the end of the
War. He was an S. S. Trooper, and because of his knowl-
edge of English was selected to help process prisoners.
The dismal sequel to this part of the story is that he was
shot by his captors, for what reason we are trying to
ascertain. Nothing has been heard of the other two
exchange students since the War began.

There has been considerable interest in establishing
memorials to our Gold Star Alumni and to Mr. Sherwood.
For the Alumni War Memorial it has been suggested
that we build the bell tower which is planned to con-
nect the present building with the proposed new wing.
One popular suggestion for Mr. Sherwood's memorial
is a room in the new wing devoted to foreign languages
and equipped with phonograph records, pictures, for-
eign language films and other background, comfortably
and attractively furnished. Already \$1,250.00 has been
given to the War Memorial Fund and \$603.00 to the
Sherwood Memorial Fund.

The following gifts made to the School during the year are gratefully acknowledged:

From Mr. John Ray, father of John Ray '42, one thousand dollars, the income from which is being used to purchase special books on religion and other topics for the Library.

From Mr. Albert Nalle, father of Jesse Nalle '39, Peter Nalle '41 and Beauveau Nalle '45, one thousand dollars for the War Memorial.

From Mrs. Granville Sherwood, one hundred dollars for the Sherwood Memorial.

From anonymous parents, four hundred dollars for the Sherwood Memorial.

From Mrs. Mabel Dovell, one hundred dollars for the War Memorial.

From Mrs. Stanley Brown-Serman, whose death from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever was a tragic event of the summer, a number of books for the Library. These books belonged to her son, Lt. Arthur Stanley Brown-Serman, U.S.M.C.R., St. Andrew's '40, whose death was recorded in last year's report.

From Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Strong, a number of books on sport and aviation for the Library.

From Mr. Homer Economos of the Faculty, the flag of Greece for the Chapel. This flag was dedicated this fall by Rev. George Kalpaxis, of the Greek Orthodox Church in Wilmington.

From Miss Kristen Culleney, daughter of our Chaplain and Mrs. Culleney, the flag of New Mexico, the State of her birth.

From Alumni from that state, the flag of Tennessee.

From Rev. Lynnly B. Wilson, Jr., former Chaplain of the School, the candlesticks now adorning the David Richard Cooper Memorial Altar.

From three parents, substantial additions to their sons' tuition fees.

From Robert Boyd, III '44, fifty dollars for the Sherwood Memorial.

From various Alumni, gifts up to \$25 for the War Memorial and Sherwood Memorial.

Two new prizes were given at Commencement this year. Mr. George Harrison Frazier, Jr., father of George Frazier, III '43, gave the Frazier Prize for Outstanding Service to the School, and Mrs. James Craik Morris, widow of the late Bishop of Louisiana, gave a prize in memory of her husband for the best essay on a timely subject, this year "What We Are Fighting For". Both these prizes included a certificate and a money award.

We are well started on the new school year, with 126 boys enrolled. The Faculty is adequate in number to handle the basic work of the School, but we could use at least one more man immediately in the remedial program and to give us some reserve teaching power. The average income from tuition will be definitely higher this year, because of the upward revision of our tuition quotas, and the total income should be higher also.

The plant has come through the War in good condition, and we can feel that the necessary expense in labor and materials to accomplish this has been well invested. Our scholastic program has been maintained without watering down our standards. The offering of courses has been adapted to fit wartime conditions, but has been curtailed in no important respect. The spirit of the School has never been better.

Conditions may not be favorable for building for another year or two, but we recommend further study of

plans for the new wing, Library and Auditorium, for additional houses for masters and other employees, and for bringing our planting program up to date. At the same time there are immediate projects of "reconversion" to be carried out, including the reorganization of the departments of the Faculty and Staff as personnel return from the Armed Forces, the increase of the enrolment to the proposed 140 boys as soon as additional quarters are provided, and financial planning to meet the present and future cost of operation by higher income from tuition fees as well as by income from endowment.

The Harvard Report, "General Education in a Free Society", significant as it is, is but one symptom of the thought and planning being put into post-war curricula. The independent schools have always been the champions of "general education" in the sense of a rich background and a broad, liberal culture, as opposed to the increasing emphasis on "vocational" studies. Schools like St. Andrew's have a glorious opportunity to work out the implications of the educational needs of the post-war world. It is our dream that before our Twenty-fifth Anniversary in 1955 we shall have a completed plant for a school of 140 boys and its appropriate employees, and a curriculum ideally suited to train the sort of leaders the world needs so desperately.

Overarching all our days is the ghostly, billowing cloud of the atomic bomb, with its awful promise of either providing unlimited energy to mankind or annihilating civilization. Now more than ever we must be "wise as serpents and gentle as doves", now more than ever we realize that the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our affairs is no mere spiritual luxury but an absolute necessity. "The teaching and conduct of this school

are based on the Christian Religion." In this religion lies the pattern of the "One World" which must shortly come to be if there is to be any civilized world at all. In the genius of the Christian Church lies the answer to the tremendous problems ahead of us.

It is the School's greatest opportunity that its mission is to serve and help build this Church, which, in the words of Archdeacon Hannon, in the *Living Church* of October 14th, the late Bishop Roots saw "as the soul of the nation, interpreting and interpenetrating all its life; the vanguard of all creative thinking; opening to laborer and industrialist, to the statesman and the ordinary man, the secret of living and living together; giving men victory over frustration and selfishness, releasing the hidden energies of human personality, mobilizing unknown qualities of creative thinking and great living for world service."

Respectfully submitted,

WALDEN PELL, II
Headmaster

