



REPORT *of the* HEADMASTER
to the BOARD OF TRUSTEES



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE



1945-46

REPORT *of the* HEADMASTER *to the* BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1945-46

November 1, 1946

THE School year began as the articles of surrender were signed on the *U.S.S. Missouri*, and all through it ran the note of joyful relief at the end of hostilities. But free as we were from the strain of active warfare, we were beset by many problems as shortages persisted, the cost of living spiralled upward, and the postwar letdown covered the world with doubt and disillusion. And sorrow mounted as three more gold stars appeared on our service flag even after the end of fighting, bringing the total number of our war losses to 24.

The death of Granville Hudson Sherwood the previous summer left a tremendous gap in our organization, and it took contributions in skill and energy from several men to fill it. But filled it was, so far as that could be done, and ably. The return of four veterans, with their families, to the Faculty during the year was a joy as well as an enormous help, for these men brought with them a wider experience, new drive and a fresh point of view.

The critical illness of Mr. Allan Henry, Secretary and Treasurer of the Foundation, imposed on us the utmost strain of anxiety, and his usually frequent visits were greatly missed. The more recent illness of Mr. John Platt is also deeply regretted. Never have we been more conscious, however, of the deep and active interest of our Trustees. Bishop McKinstry and the other members of the Board have

spent much time and thought on the School's operation this year.

We welcome two new trustees, Mr. William Potter of Wilmington, and Mr. Albert Nalle of Whitmarsh, Pennsylvania, the latter being the father of three St. Andrew's alumni.

The Founder was unable to pay an extended visit to the School last spring, but we had the pleasure and benefit of his usual careful inspection of its plant and program last week.

The School was deeply saddened by the deaths of Mr. N. C. Wyeth and Mr. Arthur Brockie. The mural painted for our Dining Room by Mr. Wyeth is surely one of his finest memorials; and this whole School is a glorious monument to Mr. Brockie, its architect, who had dearly hoped to live to see the completion of its buildings.

In many ways this was our best year. Scholastically we ended with four First Groups and 42 Honor Groups in all, a record for this School. The disciplinary record was one of our best, and all of the 126 boys who began the year were with us at its end, with seven more who entered after Christmas. Two of these were combat veterans, Arthur Lee Wills, Jr., '44, who fought across Europe with the First Army, and Monroe Hyde Long, Jr., who flew many missions over Japan as waist-gunner in a B-29. The influence of these seasoned men was of the very best, and it was a privilege to have them here.

The spirit of the School was excellent, much hard work was done, and the groundwork was firmly laid for steady progress and high standards during our postwar era.

During the first part of the year our financial records were kept by Miss Adrienne Suddard as Financial Secretary, with a good deal of valuable help from Mr. Hawkins.

With the return of Mr. Schoonover to the School as Business Manager, the books were taken over by him. He was assisted first by Miss Suddard until she left for another position, and then by Miss Anne Trapnell, daughter of the Rector of St. Anne's Parish, Middletown, and sister of Richard Trapnell, '36. It is difficult to express fully our joy at the return of the Schoonovers, and at his taking over his manifold responsibilities with characteristic enthusiasm, efficiency and tact.

To accommodate the extra boys for the year 1946-47 we have converted the Wrestling Room in the Gymnasium into a dormitory (named "Cameron Dorm") for ten 4th and 5th Formers. The Founder very kindly underwrote the cost of this conversion and of the additional furniture and equipment involved in the increased enrolment, the total amount being about \$3,000.

The grounds, plant and equipment generally have come through the War in good shape, thanks largely to the excellent care of the Maintenance and Household Departments and the Office, who put in an especially busy and effective summer on repairs and redecoration. The boilers have all been converted back to oil, and Steve Foley now turns valves again, rather than shovelling coal, to the improvement of his disposition but the detriment of his figure!

Miss Callaway, M. Chauvet, Mrs. Foley and the others in the Kitchen met the postwar shortages of food as ably as they did the wartime difficulties, and by their superhuman efforts in the skillful planning and attractive preparation of meals, the School was again well fed.

Mrs. Heater and her able team in the Laundry and Housekeeping Department continued to operate what we confidently believe is the best establishment of its kind anywhere in this region.

The Farm herd is now up to 22 milk cows, and such is the quality of these animals that they produce enough milk even for our larger school. There are also 14 heifer calves.

In 1946 there was only a fair wheat crop, but the corn crop is a bumper one. The potato crop was tremendous and yielded a number of potatoes weighing as much as a pound apiece.

The University of Delaware, the County Agricultural Agent and the Eastern States Cooperative conducted an experiment on our potato patch last summer, to test different types of dusting compounds. The patch was visited several times by interested groups, and the high crop produced was testimony to the excellence of the materials tested.

The apple crop was better than last year, but still not good, though the spraying program was maintained with fair regularity. More beans, tomatoes, sweet corn and other vegetables were available for the School this year.

During the summer a group erected and organized a camp for migrant labor on the Silver Lake Road, thereby making available workers from Jamaica, Florida, and other parts of the South. This has been a real help to the community, and the School Farm used this labor for harvesting its potatoes.

The return of Mr. Schoonover as Business Manager has meant a great deal to the Farm. He spends much time on its operations, has helped to build up the herd, to have the barns and other buildings put in good repair and painted, and to follow closely the availability of produce to the School and outside markets.

Seven of the Faculty had been given leave of absence to serve in the Armed Forces. During the year four of them, Messrs. Hutton, Hillier, Baum and Schoonover, returned

to the School, one more, Mr. Voorhees, this September, and Commander MacInnes is expected this January. Mr. Dennison is teaching at his old school, St. Paul's, Concord. It was a succession of delights to have our men come back. Colonel Hutton was the first to leave and the first to return. His fine record was mentioned in the 1945 report.

Mr. Hillier was next, arriving here in December. He was called to active duty in February, 1942, and was on the Special Staff, I.R.T.C., Camp Croft. After serving as a Platoon Leader, 272nd Infantry, 69th Division, he was assigned to the Special Staff, Hq. 97th Infantry Division, and in 1944 and 1945 served in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Czechoslovakia. He ended the war as a 1st Lieutenant.

Mr. Baum returned in January, having been in the U.S.N.R. since December 1941. He was assigned to Naval Intelligence in Wilmington until 1943, then served in the Naval Armed Guard on merchant ships until June, 1945. His convoys took him to the Persian Gulf, Puerto Rico, Murmansk, Bristol Channel, Cherbourg and Antwerp. After this he was Boat Group Commander, *USS James O'Hara*, a troop transport sailing to the Philippines, Japan and Tinian. He was discharged as a Lt. Commander.

Mr. Schoonover resumed his position as Business Manager and Secretary of the Faculty in April. He was commissioned an Ensign, U.S.N.R. in December, 1943. He served as Staff Ordnance Officer for the Advanced Naval Air Training Command, Jacksonville, Florida, was on the Staffs of Admirals McFall and Davison, and was responsible for the care of ordnance on 3,500 aircraft and for all ordnance material used in the Command. He was also in charge of all Land and Sea Target Areas and Camera

Gunnery maintenance and training. He was discharged as a Lieutenant (j.g.).

Mr. Voorhees was back in residence early in September, 1946, to resume his headship of the Classics Department. He left us in December 1943, to become Lieutenant (j.g.) and later Lieutenant in the U.S.N.R. He served as Gunnery Officer with the Naval Armed Guard, on merchant ships in the Atlantic, North Sea, Normandy Beach and Mediterranean convoys. He was Naval Commanding Officer of Troops on chartered transports, and Educational Services Officer at the Officer Separation Center, New York City.

Commander MacInnes is in charge of important naval projects which require his continued attention, but it is expected that he will be able to return by January 1, 1947. His splendid record was outlined in last year's report.

All who have returned have brought with them a larger outlook, fresh zeal for the welfare of the School and keener insight into the possibilities of its work, as well as much experience in efficient methods and administration. The Faculty team is as strong as it has ever been, and with the return of its Senior Master, Commander MacInnes, will be complete and ready for the fullest demands and opportunities of the postwar world.

Two other employees, our Painter, Elwood, known as "Buck", Graham, and a former Kitchen Man, Gilbert Frisby, have returned safely and honorably from duty with the Army in the European and Pacific theatres respectively. "Buck" is back at work here, while Gilbert is continuing his education at the Delaware State College.

Pending Commander MacInnes' return, we have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Charles S. Woodward, an able and experienced teacher of Mathematics. Mr. Woodward taught for 33 years in the Dickinson High

School, Jersey City. He retired in 1940, but various schools called him forth from retirement while their Mathematics teachers went to war.

Mr. Economos and his charming wife have left us for Perkiomen School, where he is Head of the English Department and Coach of Soccer. The School is most grateful to Mr. Economos for all he gave it in the two and a half years of his service here. He undertook most willingly any task that the many exigencies of the times called forth, and performed it ably and diligently. He filled a difficult place with enthusiasm and zeal, and our best wishes go with him and Mrs. Economos.

Ten years ago Miss Dorothy Welton, now Mrs. Raymond, came to be Librarian and Secretary to the Headmaster. Up to that time the Library had been a meagre and haphazard affair. This energetic and creative young woman has built up the Library into an institution of which the School has plenty of reason to be proud. In organization, selection of books and collections of material we believe it is outstanding for such a young library. It has been traditionally a library open night and day to all; and much of its work has been done by the three student Library organizations in which Mrs. Raymond has enlisted so much interest and effort.

Mrs. Raymond has retired as Librarian in favor of Mr. Campbell, who will also continue as head of the audio-visual and moving picture program, but she will act as Assistant Librarian this year, to help in the transition, while putting most of her time into secretarial work in the Office. For all her service as Librarian and, during Mr. Schoonover's absence, as Secretary of the Faculty, the School is profoundly grateful.

Mr. Schmolze had always done a good deal of work in

the Registrar's Office, and he succeeded Mr. Sherwood as Registrar. For the past few years he has also been Acting Head of the Mathematics Department. To all his duties Mr. Schmolze has brought conscientious, meticulous and imaginative work, and has amply earned the full year's sabbatical which he has accumulated since he came here in 1931.

With Mr. Schoonover's return Mrs. Schmolze laid down the responsibilities as Executive Secretary which she had discharged with the highest degree of energy, serenity and cheerful tact. Everyone who dealt with the School through Mrs. Schmolze knows that there is simply no praise too high for her devotion and charming efficiency in this position!

Holidays were enjoyed for three children born during the year, a daughter, Sherry, to the Culleney's, a son, William Randolph, to the Hilliers, and a daughter, Martha Elizabeth (after five sons!), to the Hickins.

Mr. Morris and Miss Elizabeth Pyle are to be congratulated on their marriage on October 26, 1946. The bride has often been a welcome visitor at the School, and this union seems to us a most happy one.

All during the War our most joyful moments were associated with the return of Alumni to the School, many of them fresh from the fighting fronts; and our times of deepest sorrow were those all too frequent days when news came of a brave St. Andrean's death. Even during this year of peace we were not exempt from these shocks of loss. Three more St. Andreans lost their lives in the Armed Forces.

Captain David Ely Cain, Jr., '34 died of accidental monoxide poisoning at Jamestown, R. I., on March 22, 1946, after serving in the Army in the Pacific Theatre.

Lt. James Noah Slee, Jr., '37 was killed by a plane crash on an airfield in Germany on November 1, 1945.

Sgt. Charles Anthony Stoddard, '43 was serving in the Marines in Japan, and died suddenly of pneumonia in Sasebo on February 16, 1946.

A Charter Member of the School, *Eugene Zoldy, '34* died in July of tuberculosis, after several years of illness.

We have not yet been able to find out which of our German Exchange students was killed, but we have heard several times from Ulrich Birkholz.

A Committee headed by Hollingsworth Whyte, Jr., '35 is considering various possibilities for our War Memorial. The suggestions have covered a wide range, from a scholarship to a plaque, from stained glass windows in the Chapel to a cloister connecting the present building to the next wing. It is hoped that a decision will be reached soon by this committee and the Trustees, so that further funds may be secured and the memorial completed in the near future.

Well over 300 Alumni served with valor and devotion in the Armed Forces, and the rest did their part with equal devotion and often in work of the utmost importance on the home front. From Berlin to Tokyo, on the land and sea and in the air, St. Andreans fought the good fight; and as civilians they contributed to everything from diplomacy to the atomic bomb.

Our overwhelming pride in the War record of our old boys was matched by our joy in the return of more than 50 of them for Commencement in their first postwar reunion. They showed their prowess by beating the Varsity baseball team, and their accumulating years by losing two spirited quarter-mile races to the Varsity crews! The Commencement Address by Hollingsworth Whyte '35, who was a Captain in the Marines and is now working for *Fortune*

Magazine, was one of the best and most provocative ever given here. The festivities and fellowship were enjoyed to the full. Those St. Andreans who had entered Eternal Life were remembered and honored at the Memorial Service of Holy Communion celebrated by our Chaplain, Rev. George Culleney, '34, on the Sunday after Commencement.

Chester Baum '36, as acting Secretary of the Alumni Association, made most of the arrangements for the reunion, and with Mrs. Raymond has reorganized and further developed the School's contact with the alumni. Elections of new officers are being held.* The interest of the alumni in the School, their increasing numbers and frequent visits here are most heartening, and promise well for their greater participation in the promotion and development of the School.

A winter reunion, probably during Christmas vacation, is being planned, to be held in Philadelphia. It is also hoped that meetings of the Fathers' Club will be resumed shortly.

Perhaps our greatest channel of communication with our alumni has been Mrs. Pell's birthday letters. Though a labor of love, it has been no small undertaking for Mrs. Pell to write these hundreds of birthday letters each year. The prompt and full replies she has received from all over the world have been a great reward, and our old boys have expressed their appreciation warmly.

Twenty-two diplomas and one certificate were awarded in June to the Class of 1946, and three to members of previous classes who had completed their requirements after leaving here for the Armed Forces. Three more such belated diplomas were awarded to veterans this fall.

* The results of the elections are: President, William Hollingsworth Whyte, Jr., '35; Vice-President, Arthur Byron Dodge, Jr., '41; Secretary-Treasurer, Chester Earle Baum, Jr. '36.

The Class of 1946 are now occupied as follows: In college, 16; in the Navy, 5; in the Army, 1; in business, 1.

It has been gratifying to have so many alumni enter or reenter college upon their discharge from the Armed Forces. At Princeton we have some 17 St. Andreans of various vintages; at Trinity College there are at least a dozen, ranging from the Classes of 1937 to 1946!

The enrolment by states and other nations was as follows: Pennsylvania, 30; Maryland, 21; New York, 18; Delaware and New Jersey, 13 each; District of Columbia, 10; South Carolina, 5; Ohio, Massachusetts and West Virginia, 3 each; California, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky and Virginia, 2 each; Mississippi, 1; Bermuda, 2; England, 1.

The School's curriculum returned to a peacetime basis with the dropping of Military Science, Aeronautics and Navigation, and revived emphasis on history, languages and the sciences. We taught three histories, Ancient, Modern European and American, this past year, and have restored English History for 1946-47. The five-year Science sequence continued, with a good deal of nature study in Second Form General Science. We had help with this from Dr. Horace Richards of the Academy of Natural Science in Philadelphia. He made three visits to St. Andrew's, once for a lecture, and twice for fossil hunts. These were most successful, in that we located a bed of Eocene shellfish fossils a mile up Noxontown Pond.

There was notable work in French reading done by Mr. Fleming's pupils, and for 1946-47 we are reviving Third Year French. Spanish continues, but German has been dropped for the time being.

The English Department has always been one of our very strongest, but has suffered from being manned by too many masters, some of whom contributed a minor part

of their teaching hours to this subject. We are gradually putting more of the English courses under the regular fulltime members of the Department, and trimming off the loose ends. Mr. Baum took over the Remedial Reading program left vacant by Mr. Sunbury's departure in 1945, and carried on that important work with selected individuals whose need of it was demonstrated by the Nelson-Denny and Iowa tests.

Since 1944 we have given the American Council Psychological Test and the Iowa Reading Test to boys above the Second Form, in the Fall Term. The results of these are invaluable for many purposes. This year we plan to have Sixth Formers take a battery of vocational and aptitude tests, given by Van Tine and Gardiner, a Wilmington firm with considerable experience in this field. It is expected that these tests will be of great help in planning for college, and choosing college courses and, eventually, a career.

This year the Faculty is planning a comprehensive study of our curriculum. We hope to work out a better coordinated course of study, with richer offerings in each department, and the whole curriculum oriented toward postwar needs as well as successful college entrance. We are due to be evaluated again this year under the Co-operative Study, and have chosen the areas of Curriculum, Instruction, Outcomes and Library for our second evaluation under this program.

The fine development and present state of the Library have already been mentioned. It now contains over 4,000 volumes, though many have been "weeded out" during the year on account of our present limited shelf space. This figure does not include 888 books in the Reserve Library. The circulation of books during the year was 2136. The

full budget of \$800 was spent, and many good new accessions made, with all departments benefiting.

Because of the dampness in the basement, we have usually moved all the Library shelves, with the books in them, to an upstairs classroom for the summer months. This year we tried dehumidifying the Library with calcium chloride containers. The project was successful, and no damage occurred through dampness or mold.

Library instruction was given to all boys again this year, but this course is being streamlined. The use of the Library by both boys and masters is slowly increasing. A collection of Victrola records is being built up as part of the Library's facilities, and 12 new albums were added during the year.

The system of having Faculty Advisors for each of the three upper forms continued to be most valuable, and in this capacity Messrs. Fleming, Holder and Cameron made noteworthy contributions. As Advisor to the Sixth Form, Mr. Fleming gave the boys especially careful briefing on their duties as supervisors of study hours and dormitories. The Faculty made a study of the desirability of boys running morning study hours, and by a close vote decided that the advantages in leadership training outweighed the disadvantages involved in their relative inexperience.

The present Study Hall holds about half the School. When tests or examinations are being given to large groups it is necessary to divide into several groups, with supervisors in two or three classrooms to supplement the Study Hall. We look forward to the day when the whole School can be assembled in one Study Hall for such purposes.

A new feature of this year was the holding of School Meetings in the Auditorium at regular intervals. The Praefects presided over these gatherings, and ably led dis-

cussions of a variety of matters. As a result of these meetings a modified Honor System was introduced, covering honesty in connection with tests, examinations and the property of others. To "sign up" for the Honor System is a voluntary matter, but a great majority of the School is now enrolled in it, and its effect is already visible in the life of the School. Special credit goes to the Senior Praefect, David Bellis '46 for his leadership in formulating and presenting the Honor System to the School.

The relaxation of wartime tensions brought us our best disciplinary record in many years. And there was an almost complete lack of the homesickness which welled up so strongly last year. The morale of the School was never better.

The health record was almost perfect for the first eight weeks and the last eight weeks of the school year. But in November the grippe descended upon us, and the last part of the fall term and the winter term produced 117 cases of grippe, influenza, tonsillitis, virus pneumonia and bronchitis in 13 weeks. If it had not been for the excellent nursing care given by Miss Miller and Mrs. Campbell, and for the use of Dr. Lee's course of sulfa drugs and influenzal vaccine, which checked the grippe in 6 hours and cleared it up in 24 hours, our Infirmary would have overflowed, and we might have had to close for a time, as did so many other schools.

Mercifully we did not have a single case of the usual contagious diseases! The average gain in weight was nine and a half pounds, half a pound greater than last year, testifying to the continued excellence of the nutrition provided by Miss Callaway during difficult times.

Most of our Varsity teams were composed of rather green material, and the only I.A.C. Championship won was in

Tennis, coached by Dr. Potts. Mr. Cameron's wrestling team was one of the best we have had, however. Crew was handicapped by the letting of most of the water out of Noxontown Pond to repair the gates of the dam. The crews got on what water was left by keeping their shells in the woods back of the Launch House, and wading out on the beach to launch them. This strenuous method continued until the water level returned to normal.

Mr. Hutton took over the Varsity baseball team as of old, and Mr. Baum coached the Achaean Club Crew, which won a close-fought victory over Mr. Culleney's Vikings.

We still have one sailboat in commission, and plan to recondition the other three, with the help of the Yacht Club, for use this spring, rather than buy new boats at the present astronomical prices.

Our program of musical instruction was as intensive and successful as usual, covering courses in Music Appreciation, lessons on instruments, the Band, the Choir and the Glee Club. Each year Mr. Barron seems to have a larger number of active participants in music. The Choir, coached by Miss Miller, was one of our best. Art classes were greatly curtailed by Mr. Morris' occupation with other duties and treatment of his back; this year, happily, extensive treatment is no longer necessary, and his art classes have been resumed on their former scale.

The usual number of moving pictures, lectures and entertainments was held; and Amateur Night on Hallowe'en and the School Play, "Three Live Ghosts" in February gave scope for the boys' dramatic talents. The play, coached by Mr. Hillier, was an outstanding performance. It was given for the benefit of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund, and the sale of tickets brought in a substantial amount.

Ordinarily held in the Winter Term, the Sixth Form Dance was given this year at the end of football season. The dance itself was a delightful affair, as was also the Fifth Form Dance in the spring. But the health authorities believe that our grippe epidemic started as a result of the feminine invasion for the fall dance, and we are returning to the winter date in 1947.

Printing costs held down the number of printed "Cardinals" put out during the year, but a weekly news sheet was mimeographed as a supplement. Mr. Baum took over the supervision of the "Cardinal". The Yearbook and one issue of the literary magazine "The Andean" were produced.

The Chapel was the scene of six baptisms and eight confirmations during the year. The School was in session during Holy Week and Easter, and Mr. Culleney gave the Good Friday meditations. An interesting service was the dedication of the Greek flag, the gift of Mr. Economos, by Father Kalpaxes, the Pastor of the Greek Orthodox Church in Wilmington. The Faculty are most grateful to Mrs. Campbell for leading the Sunday School for their children.

The Student Vestry disbursed over \$1,000 in Chapel contributions to Diocesan and National Church purposes and other causes, and the School gave a total of \$1,000 to the Reconstruction and Advance Fund.

Camp Appoquinimink was occupied again this summer by groups of boys from Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, under the auspices of the Christina Community Centre; and, renamed "Camp Christina", was directed by Mr. Charles Davis. This was "roughing it" in true pioneer spirit, for the camp is in poor repair and the facilities limited. To the 105 boys who enjoyed it, however, these conditions merely added to the fun!

The Young Peoples organization of the Diocese held a very successful meeting at the School during the spring vacation, and there was a splendid Laymen's Conference in September 1946, the third in recent years. The Headmaster, Mrs. Pell and four masters attended the Atlantic City Conference on Religion in Secondary Education in October, 1946, and joined with some 300 representatives of 170 schools in rethinking and replanning the religious life and program of their schools.

The following gifts are gratefully acknowledged:

From the Founder, 14 shares of Christiana Common Stock.

From Mrs. A. Felix du Pont, a silver plated soup tureen.

From Mr. A. Felix du Pont, Jr., an ice boat.

From the Class of 1945, a leather-bound Litany book for the Chapel.

From the Class of 1946, a large globe of the world on a stand, to be illuminated by light from within.

From Mr. Hillier, two Italian primitives which have been hung at the corners of the Baptistry in the Chapel.

From Commander MacInnes, a ship's bell.

From Luther Campbell, Jr., '46, a reading desk and light, made by him, for use at lectures.

Donations to the War Memorial from Mr. Claiborne Pell, Mr. Harris Berlack, William Fox, '36, Powell Pierpoint, '40, and Levin Lynch, '45.

Donations to the Sherwood Memorial from Mrs. Henry Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Schoonover, Beverly Hazel, '36, William Fox, '36, and Levin Lynch, '45.

From Mr. Gerald Street, a very complete set of World War II maps collected from the daily papers and organized into a number of volumes.

From Arthur Dodge, '41, a donation to the Class of '41 Shelf in the Library.

Donations of books to the Library from the Founder ("The Life of Alexis Irenée du Pont"), Mrs. S. Morris Pell, Mr.

William Zuill, Mr. Albert Fox, Mr. and Mrs. George Schwartz, Mr. John Martin and Colonel Fixel.

So much for the school year 1945-46. For the current year we have 146 boys enrolled, including two Navy veterans, William MacDonald '45 and Richard Broome '46.

We must list Faculty housing as our most pressing need at this time, but in last year's report we mentioned several other "reconversion" projects which needed to be carried out in the immediate future. The reorganization of the Faculty and Staff will be complete by the end of this year. The study of our postwar curriculum and the School's second evaluation by the Cooperative Study will have been completed. The enrolment has already passed the hoped-for mark of 140 boys. And we trust that financial planning by the Trustees, Faculty and Staff will obviate any deficit this year.

There are also a number of replacements to be made, such as station wagons, kitchen equipment and sections of roadway, and these cannot wait much longer. Rehabilitation of the original well should be effected as soon as possible, and the expansion of the Kitchen is also a pressing need. Before long our planting program should be resumed.

Conditions forbid completion of our Main Building in the immediate future, but we recommend continued study of our plans for this project. We can carry on for a time with a Study Hall which accommodates only half the School, a subterranean Library, the Fourth Form housed in various temporary dormitories in the Gymnasium, and the bare minimum of classroom space. But these facilities are not first class nor in keeping with the rest of the plant. And as long as we desire the highest standards for St. Andrew's School, we cannot be content with them.

The Headmaster recently attended the Bicentennial Celebration of West Nottingham Academy, a neighboring Presbyterian school of revered tradition. Our thoughts turned to wondering what St. Andrew's would be in the Year of Our Lord 2130! By that time there will doubtless be "One World". But what world will it be: A Communist world, a Christian world, or, as some pessimist has suggested, only the World to Come? By the end of this century we should know the answer, and we pray that St. Andrew's may stand for centuries a Christian school in a Christian world. But the ideological lines are being more clearly drawn each day between Christianity and secularism. This was the recurring theme of the Atlantic City Conference. While the secular world works with cunning and pervasive energy, Christians are waking up, recovering a lively faith in God, rediscovering the value of hard thinking (yes, even of "dogma", that much despised commodity!) in religion, and applying their faith to the practical issues of life. Our Church schools can be the training ground of Christian soldiers in the true sense of the term, as they have lately been for American soldiers. The warfare of ideas is as real and its end results likely to be as epochal as the recent war of guns, tanks and planes. May St. Andreans be found in the forefront of the warfare of Christ against paganism, and at its Bicentennial may St. Andrew's School stand true to its purpose to provide Christian education and to base its teaching and conduct on the Christian religion!

Respectfully submitted,

WALDEN PELL, II
Headmaster

