

## MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### THE SOUTHPORT SCHOOL

A very impressive ceremony took place at The Southport School on Speech Day, Dec 1st, when the foundation stone of the Library to be erected to the memory of the 650 Old Southportonians who participated in World War No. 2, 75 of whom paid the supreme sacrifice. The memorial library is being sponsored by the Old Southportonian Association and will involve an expenditure of £15000. The site is on a high point of ground to the west of St. Albans Chapel which is The Schools memorial to the Southportonians who participated in the

first world war.

About 500 persons present including the school boys assembled on the site prior to the prize giving ceremony formed up in three sides of a square and at the appointed time a procession led by the cross bearer, Messrs I. M. B. Cribb (president), T. G. Labey, Major General R. H. Nimmo and T. M. Foggitt representing the Old Southportonians, Mr G. R. H. Gill (School Council), the Archbishop, Bishop Dixon and Dean Barrett marched from the chapel to the site where the Headmaster (Mr J. N. Radcliffe, M.A. Dip. Ed.) announced the object of the gathering.

Bishop Dixon, founder of The Southport School, laid the granite foundation stone which bore the following inscription:

A.M.D.G.

This library was built as a memorial to the Old Southportonians who served in the World War 1939/45.

Let us be worthy of them.

The founder of the School, Bishop H. H. Dixon, M.A. laid this stone on the 1st day of December, 1948.

Prior to the stone being laid in position a casket containing a copy of the "Southportonian Magazine" of December 1948, also one of the "Old Boys Review", a copy of the Courier Mail of December 1, 1948.

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The stone was blessed by the Archbishop and after a short prayer the procession re-formed and marched back to the Great Hall at The School where the prize giving took place.

A photograph of the laying and blessing of the foundation stone appears on page 8 of this issue.