



Four prizewinners at Stanley Grammar School speech day yesterday were, left to right, Louvain Phillips, Jennifer Teasdale, Kathleen Rowe and Valerie Baxter.

## School system must change, says head

THE two-way transfer of pupils to cater for the "late developer" will become a more common feature of the educational system, parents at Stanley were told last night.

Dr. L. E. Sharp, the headmaster of Stanley Grammar School, said this last night in his annual report at the prize presentation.

He told parents that they must realise how much harm was done to a pupil who was "vainly trying—and sometimes not trying at all—to cope with work that is too academic for him."

Dr. Sharp added: "One way in which this flexibility to allow for the late developer is already being applied is demonstrated in the constitution of our sixth form this year."

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The lower sixth had reached the "unprecedented size" of 70 pupils, and of these 18 were transferred from Annfield Plain Modern School, after a successful ordinary level course.

These pupils, he said, were not "dispirited with feelings of inferiority," but were particu-

larly confident, ready to work, and very ambitious.

He went on: "I think we are at the beginning of a period of great co-operation between all stages of education. The barriers existing at present between different types of schools must ultimately fall.

"Whatever the final answer, the rigid and irrevocable channelling of a pupil at an early age must, I am convinced, become a thing of the past."

Special prizewinners were:—  
J C Forster Memorial History Prize, T William Lee; Albert Armstrong Memorial Prize for Geography, Norma Harrison; Rotary Club Jubilee Prizes, Keith Parker, Joan Slater; Past Students' Association Prizes, Robert Harrison (head boy), Margaret Livesey (head girl).

Form prizewinners:  
Sidney Clough, Trevor Boggon, Janice Toal, Susan Craggs, Laurie Tregoning, Janet Muncaster, Maureen Harvey, Kenneth Reed, Joan Chapman, Jennifer Buglass, Anne Daghish, Sheila May, Kathleen Johnson, Allan Bailes, June Bell, Ruth Puckering, Judith Gales, Peter Carr, Diane Pickering, John Wright, Cynthia Tooke, Theima McNeill, John Spurr, Stephen Pringle, Alan Wilson, Margaret Jennings, Reginald Lumsden, Howard Bott, Christine Bowman, Irene Ward, Eileen Bell, Jean Adamson, Ann Hunter, Janet Pattison, Kathleen Robbins, Joan Reynolds.