

# THE FORTIAN.

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## After the Holidays.

The first day after the Christmas holidays is always a very busy one at Fort street. This year it was more so than ever. Long before nine o'clock the main entrance way was crowded with anxious fathers, mothers, and schoolboys and girls, while a long procession led up the stairs and into the Headmaster's Office, which was literally besieged for a couple of hours. Each one wanted to be first, and the anxiety of parents to have their children admitted to Fort Street speaks volumes for its popularity as the finest educational establishment in Australia. It was long after eleven before all the names were entered, and the new pupils drafted into divisions to be examined, a process which, with classification, occupied the rest of the day. We cannot state the exact number who applied for admission, but 260 would not be too great an estimate.

One peculiarity about this School is that there is very little delay, for by Tuesday morning work was in full swing again, almost as if there had been no such thing as holidays, but the happy looks of the boys and girls showed that the long vacation had been thoroughly enjoyed. It is to be hoped that all boys and girls will make up their minds to do a good year's work, especially those who intend sitting for the Senior, Junior, or any other examinations.

## Alterations to the Buildings.

Why you would hardly know the old place! During the vacation the carpenters and painters have been at work, and have caused as much change as the earthquake did at Kingston. It is surprising that these much needed alterations were not carried out years ago. The rooms which once were as dark as the black hole of Calcutta are now among the best lighted in the School, and the abolition of the corridors in order to form class rooms is a much appreciated change. In addition to these improvements a large wealshered is in course of erection for the boys. It is a large building 60 feet long, and will be much appreciated, especially in hot weather. Though these renovations have been carried out we hope that they will in no wise jeopardise or delay the erection of a new school building on modern lines for the model school of New South Wales.

The members of the Old Girls' Union donated a prize of £1 1s for a general information paper. Twelve questions were set to test the amount of general information possessed by the elder girls, and an hour was the time allowed. The winner was Dorothy M'Gowen 7A, while Ruby Birks came second. The school extends its thanks for the kindly gift and thought of the Union.

### University Examinations.

As most people know the University holds its annual examinations just about Christmas time, and this year the results were published on Christmas Eve. A number of the teachers from this school had been attending the various classes in Science and Arts, and we notice the following results upon which we heartily congratulate the various successful ones.

In the Faculty of Science Miss Grace Free and Mr. T. H. Johnston, B.A., were successful in passing the 3rd year Examination, and obtaining the degree of Bachelor of Science.

In the Faculty of Arts, Messrs. S. W. Cantrell, H. Cowie, and George Mackaness were successful in passing the 3rd year Examination and obtaining the degree of B.A.

Mr. R. Edwards was successful in passing the 2nd year Science Exam. Miss M. Woodlands, Mr. C. Crane, and Mr. A. W. Casbert passed the Second Year Arts Exam., and Mr. M. Mackinnon and Mr. C. Collins passed the First Year Examination.

As we glanced over the names in the lists we saw those of old Fort Street boys and girls everywhere, most of them doing well, some very well indeed. Here are one or two of them:—Leo Cotton, B.A., passed with distinction in Geology, 2nd Year Science, won Professor David's prize for Geology, the Deas Thompas scholarship for Geology and also 2nd Class Honours in Chemistry. His brother, Max Cotton, got 2nd Class Honours in Inorganic Chemistry, and won the University prize for Physiography. A. C. Lloyd got 2nd Class Honours in Science in Chemistry and passed with distinction in Engineering Design.

In Medicine we note the following: B. J. M. Harrison, passed first year Medicine, obtaining 2nd class in Biology and Inorganic Chemistry, and high distinction in Physics and distinction in Organic Chemistry. Trevor Turner passed 1st Medicine, with 2nd honors in Chemistry and Credit in

Physics. Harry Lee passed first Medicine, with 2nd class in Chemistry and Physics. Archie McLean, B.A., also passed the first year Medicine Exam.

We must also congratulate Dr. Wilfred Vickers on obtaining his medical degree of M.B. Ch. M.

I. H. Dick, another Fort Streeter, passed the Pharmacy Exams.

L. C. Mote, E. C. Bender, P. S. Eldershaw and Eddy Little passed first Arts, and C. G. Willis the third year Arts Exam.

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The school has suffered other losses besides these. Mr. W. T. Ferguson, who used to watch over sporting matters here, has been promoted assistant at Wollongong Superior Public School, and Mr. H. Cowie, B.A., to the same position at Goulburn Superior Public School.

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The new teachers on the staff are: Messrs. R. Taylor and P. Murphy from the Training College, and Mr. E. S. Davies, B.A., from Kegworth Superior Public School.

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The Department of Public Instruction has also appointed Mr. H. J. Meldrum, B.Sc., as Science Master at Fort-street.

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At the Technical College examinations held in December last some of our teachers did very well. Mr. T. H. Johnston got first place in First and Second Year Botany, and first grade in Geology. Mr. Pike got honors in Chemistry.

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Miss Mouldsdales obtained honors in Geology and first class in Chemistry, and Miss Smith first class in Geology and Physiology.

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Recruits are wanted for the Cadet Corps. There are only a few vacancies. Applicants should apply to Mr. Selle, the Captain in charge.

## THE LOWER WORLD.

By F. B. TELFER.

The vivid description of the infernal regions as pictured by the Greeks is not one with which the ordinary schoolboy is familiar. References are being continually made to the Lower World, and a few interesting remarks on the above will, no doubt, enlighten many of our readers.

It was a common belief of the Greeks that when a mortal ceased to exist, his spirit tenanted the shadowy outline of the human form it had quitted. These shadows were led by Hermes, the messenger of the gods to the under world, where they passed their time, some in "brooding over the vicissitudes of fortune" which they had experienced on earth, others in rueing the day that they had left the boundless joys and pleasures of life, but all in a state of semi-consciousness, from which they could be roused only by imbibing the blood offered to their shadows by living friends which endowed them with a temporary mental vigor. The heroes whose deeds of honor had reflected credit on their native land, were the only persons supposed to enjoy happiness in a future state, and Homer even relates that many pined for earthly joys, one example being the renowned Trojan warrior Achilles, who assured Ulysses that he would rather be the poorest laborer on earth than reign triumphantly over the realms of the shades. Every dark or gloomy abyss Greeks thought was an entrance to that awful region where eternal darkness reigned and anyone who had the misfortune to fall into it would be blown about for years before reaching the bottom—so frightful were the storms that

raged in this waste. An idea of the depth of the intervening space between earth and Hades might be formed from the fact that if a person were to let fall an anvil it would reach its destination at the end of five days and nights.

Later poets mention various entrances to Hades which were for the most part caves and fissures. There was one on the Mount Taeanum near Sparta, one in Thesprotia, and the most celebrated of all in Italy, near the pestiferous Lake Avernus, with its noxious exhalations.

The King of the Lower World was Pluto or Hades, the youngest brother of Zeus and Poseidon. This grim and gloomy subterranean monarch was regarded by the Greeks as their greatest foe who stole away their dearest friends, and ultimately deprived each of their share in terrestrial existence. So intense was their fear that, when they invoked him, they struck the earth with their hands, and in sacrificing to him turned away their faces.

In the realms of Pluto there were four great rivers, three of which it was compulsory for all the shades to cross. These were the Acheron (sorrow), Cocytus (lamentation), and Styx (intense darkness), the stream which flowed nine times round the realms. The shades were ferried across by that grim unshaven ferryman Charon, who, however, only took those whose bodies had "received funeral rites" on earth and who had conveyed with them his indispensable toll, an obolus or small coin (= 2d.), usually placed under the tongue of a dead person for this purpose. Accordingly, those who had not fulfilled these conditions were compelled to wander up and

down the bank for 100 years without respite.

After crossing the Styx, the shades encountered Minos, the supreme judge, who after hearing full confession of their actions on the earth, would pronounce the sentence of happiness or eternal damnation, according as their deeds had entitled them.

The tribunal was guarded by a formidable sentinel in the shape of a dog, called Cerberus. He was triple-headed, possessed a forked tongue and three bristling necks, his mane consisted of numbers of snakes, and his tail was long and very bushy. He permitted all shades to enter, but none to return. Then the spirits traversed the Palace of Dreams where reigned all the evils that man is here to (*e.g.*) Temper, Sleep. The happy spirits whose deeds on earth had been justified, passed to the right to enjoy the delights of Elysium, and proceeded to the golden palace Aides and Persephone. Here they received a kindly greeting, and set out for the Elysean fields which lay beyond. This region of bliss and everlasting happiness was replete with all that could charm the senses and please the imagination; the air was "balmy and fragrant," in the smiling meadows which "glowed with the varied hues of scented flowers" might be seen the babbling brooks gliding peacefully on; the groves and woods resounded with the joyous songs of birds; the vales were steeped in majestic grandeur; from the overhanging rocks trickled the crystal water which wended its way surrounded on all sides by numerous ferns, shrubs and creepers. The shades could devote themselves to their favorite occupations or amusements. The warrior found his

chariot and steeds, the musician his lyre, and the hunter his quiver and bow.

In a secluded vale flowed a gentle crystal stream called Lethe (oblivion), whose waters dispelled care, and had the effect of producing absolute forgetfulness of previous events. Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher, in his doctrine of the transmigration of souls said, that the shades after being 1000 years in Elysium were animated, they then drank of the waters of the Lethe and returned to earth to enter upon a new career. The guilty souls after being condemned by Minos, were led to the judgment hall of Hades, whose massive walls of solid adamant were surrounded by the River Phlegethon, "the waves of which rolled fire," and lit up with lurid glare these awful realms." In the interior sat the dreaded judge Rhadamanthus, who declared to each the precise torments which awaited him in Tartarus.

The wretched sinners after being scourged by the whips of the Furies, were dragged along by them to the gate opening into Tartarus. Then they were hurled into that awful waste to suffer everlasting torture. Tartarus was pictured as a vast gloomy expanse as far below Hades as the earth is distant from the Heavens. Some had their livers perpetually gnawed by vultures, others had to incessantly roll stones up a steep hill, and on approaching the summit the stone always rolled back to the plain below; some were bound to ever-revolving wheels; others again were seized with an ever-burning thirst and were placed to the chin in water, which, as they stooped to drink, receded from their parched lips. Above some hung delicious

fruits, but on raising to grasp them, a wind arose and carried them beyond reach.

### Literary and Debating Society.

The close of the year was celebrated by the Debating Society in a very fitting manner in the shape of a Mock Banquet held in the Senior room. The entertainment was managed by the committee, the members themselves catering. This was the first occasion on which such an entertainment had taken place, and its success was phenomenal. Over eighty members were present including a very fair number of vice-presidents. There were also a number of visitors, both Old Boys and representatives of other societies. A number of toasts were duly honored, including those of the King, Office-bearers of Society, Old Boys and the Ladies.

### Copy of a Letter Received.

To the Members of Fort Street Model Public School's Champion Life Saving Team.—

The President and Executive of the Royal Life Saving Society's New South Wales Head Centre have placed on record their appreciation of the services rendered by the above team in the several demonstrations of the Life-Saving Land Drill and Resuscitation given by them in Sydney and Suburbs during 1905-6 season as detailed in the Annual Report just issued.

The Members of the team were:

1. W. A. Selle.
2. N. Griffiths.
3. H. Hardwick.
4. J. Hunter.
5. T. B. Telfer.
6. H. Lee.

Under the command of Lieutenant T. H. Johnson, A.A.C.M.

These demonstrations form valuable means of bringing the Society's important work into public notice in new spheres.

Fort Street School has had the honor of winning the Roth Challenge Shield in the Annual Competitions of 1905 and 1906.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY,  
Colonel Rueter E. Roth,  
President.  
William Henry Cooke,  
Chairman.  
Anthony T. Henday,  
Hon. Secretary.

New South Wales  
Head Centre.

### Probationary Students.

At the end of last year an examination was held for Probationary Students, 1st and 2nd year. There were only two candidates from the Boys' Department—George Davison who gained 4th place, and George Redmond who gained 6th place. A large number of girls were successful, the list being:—

Dorothy Wiles, 1st place; Bessy Wooten, 4th; Mabel Daniels, 5th; Dorothy Eaton, 11th; Amy Rose, 20th; Kathie Tresilian, 20th; Violet Colinut, 44th; Bella Drake, 48th; Lily Bailey, 49th; Eunice Gardner, 50th; Annie Morris, 52nd; H. McDonald, 53rd; Ruth Horrocks, 60th; May Martin, 61.

The Second Year Examination was particularly worthy of congratulation, Fort Street gaining the first four places in this order:—

Nellie Hall, 1st; Ruby Oliver, 2nd; Minnie Harris, 3rd; Mary McIntosh, 4th.

Miss Chidgey, of the Cookery Department, has been promoted.

### SWIMMING.

The season is now in full swing, and many boys are enjoying the privileges of membership. It is unfortunate that some have not grasped the importance of such a useful exercise, but it is sincerely hoped they will do so ere the season closes. When the club started its operations, some 16 years ago, boys had their practices after 4 o'clock if their school work had been satisfactory, and it was not for some years after this that they had the opportunity of leaving school at 3 o'clock once a week, and that only after constant deputation on the part of swimming enthusiasts. Their place of practice for many seasons was in the Old Natatorium, Pitt-street, and that is the spot where Fort-street began to win its laurels in the Swimming and Life-saving world. Yet with these disadvantages, old Fort-street boys enjoyed their swim and rarely missed their chance. The members of to-day have the advantage of a clean and spacious bath, and we trust that you will not let the benefits that have been so easily placed within your reach slip away. We only mention these facts to show you the extra advantage you have over the lads who sat where you sit in the nineties.

It is most gratifying to note the boom in life-saving, and no boy should miss being in one of the classes.

Our annual carnival will take place on March 9, in Farmer's Domain baths, and a most enjoyable time may be expected. The great event of the Gala will be the Half-Mile Championship of this State, in which the best swimmers will compete. You will hear more about the events in the next issue,

but in the meantime—join the club and enjoy all its benefits. Don't miss a splendid opportunity of being proficient in one of the most useful and health-giving exercises.

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### Our Literary Competition.

During the course of last year we made an attempt with a certain amount of success at promoting literary endeavors among the boys and girls of Fort-street. We intend continuing the literary competitions this year, but have decided in future to indicate the subject and the lines on which we wish contributors to arrange their productions. This month it is proposed to offer two prizes of 2s. 6d. each, or more, if an article is of exceptional merit, for the best article sent in by the 21st February, on the two following subjects:—

- (1.) An Australian short story not more than 500 or 600 words.
- (2.) A school song suitable for a Fort-street School Anthem.

Competitions are open to all boys and girls of any age or class, but *must be original.*

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Arthur B. Walkom, late of the Senior Class, has been very successful in the Technical College examinations, gaining honors in first year Geology, and first place and honors in second year Geology.

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We are glad to be able to announce that the Department of Public Instruction has awarded Mr. D. H. Pike his First-Class Certificate as a teacher.

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One of the most active institutions in the school last year was the Debating Society. An increase of members is expected this year.

### Life Saving

On the 7th of last month the annual general meeting of the Royal Life Saving Society was held, and the Medal and Shield won by the Fort-street A team (Griffiths, Lee, Hunter, Hardwick) and Mr. Johnston in competition for the Roth Shield were presented.

Letters of thanks were handed over to the various members of the Fort-street teams who had assisted during the year in giving displays of land and water drills. An illuminated certificate of thanks was presented to Mr. Johnston for his services during the past four years.

The annual report of the R.L.S.S. gives a full list of passes for awards, Fort-street standing out very prominently in numbers. During the year F. Telfer and Mr. Hurt were awarded Certificates of Commendation for their successful efforts at rescues.

Classes will be formed up, and Mr. Kilgour hopes that the subject of life saving will be actively taken up by the boys.

### Senior Examinations.

Though the results of the Senior Examination were published at the end of last year, yet we feel it is our duty to insert them in our school paper.

Honors were obtained by the following:—

Medal for Conic Sections.—Arthur Walkom.

French.—First class honors—Moses. Second class—Walkom. Third class—Griffiths, Connall, Dircks, Burrows.

Mathematics.—First class—Walkom. Second class—R. Smith, Burrows, Griffiths. Third class—Moses.

Latin.—Second class—Moses. Third class—Burrows.

Individual Results: 1. History of Europe. 2. Ancient History. 4. English. 5. French. 6. German. 7. Latin. 9. Algebra. 10. Geometry. 11. Trigonometry. 12. Conic Sections. 14. Mechanics. 19. Ge-

ology. 23. Geometrical Drawing.

M signifies that the candidate has qualified for matriculation in the faculties of Arts, Law, Medicine and Science.

M.E. signifies that the candidate has in addition qualified for entrance to the department of Engineering.

The following is the pass list:—

(M.E.)—Burrows, G. J.—1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 7c, 9b, 10b, 11b, 12b.

Connall, N. S.—1b, 4a, 5b, 7c, 10c.

(M.E.)—Dircks, L. K.—4b, 5b, 7c, 9b, 10c, 11b, 14c.

Fox O. P.—7c, 9b, 10b, 11b, 23c.

(M.E.)—Griffiths, N.—2b, 4b, 5b, 7c, 9a, 10a, 11a, 12b, 14c.

(M.E.)—Moses, R. J.—2b, 4a, 5a, 7b, 9a, 10b, 11b, 12b, 14c.

(M.E.)—Shearman, C. H.—2b, 4c, 5c, 7c, 9c, 10c, 11c.

(M.E.)—Smith, R. G.—4c, 5c, 7c, 9a, 10a, 11a, 12b, 14a.

Walkom, A. B.—4b, 5b, 9c, 10a, 11a, 12a, 14a, 19a, 23c.

SCHOOL FUND:—The Headmaster desires it to be announced that the total amount of money subscribed in response to the appeal at Christmas-time was £92 17s 2d. The thanks of the School are due to the generous donors.

At the end of last year the Public Service Board held an examination for Temporary Clerks. Four of our boys were successful in obtaining places. They are J. G. Greathead, A. Pye, J. Butchart and J. Drummond.

We are sorry so few contributions have come in for this week's issue, but hope that the interest will be increased next month.

Mr. Canhell has taken up the mathematical work on the Seniors in place of Mr. L. H. Christmas.

### School Notes.

Miss Harder got honor in French at the Technical College Exam.

Miss Hart is appointed to the Cookery Department.

Seventy-one boys from Mr. Lockley's Manual Training Classes passed the annual examinations at the Technical College. The following obtained honors:—First year—Bono and Fitzmaurice. Second year—Connell. Third year—Job, Mann and Ives.

Miss Coyle who has been Sewing Mistress at Fort-street for a number of years will be granted six months leave of absence from the 1st of February next, prior to her retirement from the service.

We are glad to hear of Mr. Turner's appointment as Director of Technical Education and beg to congratulate him upon it.

A number of Henty's books in the library have been rebound and are now available.

It will be of interest to boys who intend going on the land to know that a new Agricultural College has been formed at Hurstone College, Summer Hill, which will give students a thorough training in the principles of agriculture prior to proceeding to the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

The Headmaster has decided that in future all boys who can swim fifty yards must attend the Life Saving classes under Mr. Johnston's charge.

R. McKeown and Jack Redshaw, of the Public Service class, have both passed the examination of the Institute of Bankers.

Mr. O. L. Steele has been removed to the Superior Public School, Cleveland-street.

A number of our Probationary students have received appointments as Pupil Teachers. William Hindmarsh has gone to Alexandria, Reginald Read to Hurstville, and Harry Read to Glebe. We hope that they will have successful careers, and that their appointments will not interfere with their Senior work and their University careers.

The mantle of Mr. Ferguson has fallen upon Mr. McKean who will manage the Drill and Sporting affairs of the school.

We beg to congratulate Charles Laudon, our school Captain, on his promotion to first grade in the local competitions.

The Old Boys' Union is about to be revived under new rules, and a committee is arranging for a meeting.

Fort-street girls and boys will be interested to learn that Mr. T. T. Roberts, B.A., at one time at Fort-street, and lately Mathematical Master at Newcastle High School, has been appointed to Sydney Training College.

During the vacation the school has been visited by a number of former teachers. Among others we noticed Messrs. J. Green, S. Spencer, W. Moffatt, T. H. Pincombe and T. T. Roberts.

Miss Jean McBae who has been on the staff for a number of years has been appointed First Assistant at Wallsend Superior Public School. Her loss will be greatly felt.

Mr. C. H. Chrismas, B.A., who has been for some time in charge of the Senior Mathematics, has been appointed Mathematical Master at Newcastle High School. On his departure the students of the Senior class took advantage of the opportunity to present him with an address, pipe and tobacco pouch.



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## New Books for Girls in the Library.

"Aunt Diana," by Rosa Carey. "Esther Cameron's Story," Rosa Carey. "Merle's Crusade," Rosa Carey. "A Young Girl's Wooing," E. P. Roe. "Under the Dome of St. Paul's," Mrs. Marshall. "In the Service of Lady Russell," Mrs. Marshall. "A Summer in Leslie Goldthwaite's Life." "Patience Strong," Mrs. Whither. "Mrs. Halliburton's Troubles," Mrs. Henry Wood. "The Curse of Cowlen," Annie Swan. "Ione March," S. R. Crockett. "Norcliffe Court," J. W. Kneeshaw. "A Life for a Life," Mrs. Craik. "Last Days of Pompeii," Lord Lytton. "Hypatia," Charles Kingsley. "Cloister and the Hearth," Charles Reade.

## Literary and Debating Society.

The year opened with the same interest in the Society as was manifested during last half year. The Annual Meeting was held on Feb. 1. The reports will be found elsewhere. The officers of last year were re-elected. A great number of rules were altered, and it would be well when the new rule books are distributed if the members would study them carefully.

An Impromptu Speech Day was held on Friday, Dec. 8, and all the ques-

tions of the day were logically discussed. It is pleasing to note the number of young members who made their maiden speeches on this day. Among those were Messrs. Ward and Swanton.

On Friday, 15th Feb., business of more importance was carried out, viz.:—The State Parliament of Fort-street was opened by the governor, Mr. Kilgour. The governor's speech outlined the need of closer settlement, water conservation, etc. Mr. Lasker was elected speaker. Mr. Byrnes then moved the Address in Reply. The speakers on behalf of the Ministry were Messrs. Knox, Collins and Morgan; the speakers on the Opposition were Messrs. Telfer, Best and Mason. The Address in Reply was carried on the voices.

## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY'S SYLLABUS.

- March 1.—Manuscript Journal.
- .. 8.—Debate.
- .. 15.—Australian Day.
- .. 22.—Manuscript Journal.
- .. 29 } Vacation.
- April 5 }
  - .. 12.—Debate.
  - .. 19.—Prize Speech.
  - .. 26.—Impromptu Speech.
- May 3.—Manuscript Journal.
- .. 10.—Debate.
- .. 17.—Dickens Day.

From the above it will be seen that a successful half year is anticipated. The subjects are those which should appeal to all.

On Friday, February 22nd, a bye-election for the constituency of Wire Fence was held. Three candidates were forthcoming, Mr. Eric Ward, Liberal and Reform, Mr. Edgar Booth, Anti-Socialist, and Mr. Langker, Anti Socialist. The result of the poll was announced as follows:—

E. Ward, (L. & R.) ...	35
E. Booth, (A.S.) ...	10
A. Langker, (A.S.) ...	3
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Majority for Ward ...	25

### Prize Story.

#### THE FLANNEL FLOWER.

BY NELLIE HALL.

Long ago, when Kings and Queens, giants and dwarfs, fairies and witches all lived in Australia, there were no flannel-flowers.

In those days there stood upon the shores of Port Jackson (just where Government House stands now), a beautiful palace in which dwelt a King and Queen, with their two young daughters. The elder of these princesses was a marvelously beautiful girl, but so vain and haughty that she earned for herself the title of Princess Disdain. The younger Princess (though devoid of good looks) was so amiable and courteous that all united in calling her Princess Kindly.

One glorious summer day, there came to the Palace a handsome Prince. Charmed with Disdain's lovely face, he fell in love with her, and wished to make her his bride. But she, with her usual coquetry, treated him in such a haughty and overbearing manner, and kept him so long waiting for his answer that he began to tire of his suit, and being much thrown into the company of Kindly at

length discovered that it was *she* whom he loved.

So, the great surprise of all, wedding-day, was announced, and great were the preparations for the royal nuptials. But Disdain, who was not so indifferent as she pretended to be, resolved to destroy their happiness. She, therefore, obtained the help of a wicked witch, who gave her a potion, which on being administered would once more direct the Prince's love to Disdain. So, on the bridal eve, whilst all were rejoicing over the happy pair so soon to be united, Disdain placed the fatal liquid in the Prince's goblet.

On the next morning great was the alarm and confusion when it was discovered that the bride was missing. High and low they sought her, but, of course, their search was in vain, for the wicked enchantress at Disdain's instigation, had cast a spell over her, and transformed her into a serpent. But more astonishing than all was the manner in which the Prince received the news. Not a tear dimmed his eyes, but, embracing Disdain, he exclaimed with joy, "Still I have my lovely bride."

Months passed by, and now another wedding day was announced, but this one was fated to be interrupted, as was the last. For, as the lovely bride, clad in her flowing robes of whitest velvet, with emeralds gleaming in her glossy hair, stood at the Prince's side, Kindly suddenly appeared, and beside her stood a radiant Fairy. "I have watched over this child since her birth," said the latter, "and now restore to her the happiness which you have tried to destroy." So saying, she waved her wand, and at once dispelled the glamour of the witch's charms,

for, released from the spell, the Prince sprang forward to embrace Kindly.

Then, turning to Disdain, the Fairy waved her wand once more, and, lo! the Princess disappeared, but at the Church door sprang up a lovely flower, and to this day we still view Disdain's bridal robes in the velvety petals of the wild blossom, which we call the flannel-flower, while the emeralds that shone in her hair now form the pale green centre, and tips of the blossom.

A third time the Fairy waved her magic wand, but now over Kindly's head, and the young Princess became as lovely as her sister had been. Then, seeing that her favorite was restored to happiness, the fairy vanished for ever.

NELLIE HALL.

### Swimming.

Seventeen years ago Fort-street held its first Annual Carnival, when only two schools in the City could boast of a swimming club. There were less than 100 members in our club, so you can form some idea of the way in which it has grown, with boys and girls now having an enrolment of upwards of 700.

On March 9, at Farmer's Domain Baths, we place again before you our programme, which equals, if not surpasses, any one of the past. Patrons will have an opportunity of witnessing all branches of the Natatorial art, including sprinting, diving, life-saving methods, fancy swimming, endurance swimming, in which events the finest exponents of this State will be taking part.

The different class handicaps and Age Championships have brought out our best swimmers, in which

about 200 of our school will be competing. The 100 yards Championship will be one of the finest yet witnessed, and there will be little difference between Cooke and Barry when the distance is completed. No pupil should fail to witness this contest so brimful of interest, from the manner in which the 220 yards Championship and 440 yards Championship have been fought out between them during the past month.

Mr. H. Wylie and family will give an interesting display, whilst Ken Chambers and the Seagull Club will give us another of their capital displays.

The school is fortunate in having on its programme the Half-Mile Championship of N.S.W., in which the State's best swimmers are expected to start. In this event last year Reg. Healy was 1st, Cecil Healy 2nd, L. Macqueen 3rd, and O. Dickman 4th. Patrons during the race, which will last over 12 minutes, will have an opportunity of witnessing a great trial of stamina and pluck.

In the Old Boys' race such exponents as L. Murray, C. N. Smith, V. Lindsay and H. Hardwick will be competitors which gives ample evidence of a high-class event.

Various impromptu farces will be suddenly introduced into the proceedings, Fancy Costume and Clothes race, a Water-polo match will be played, a Life-Saving race and exhibition will be given which, altogether, complete an excellent programme.

Arrangements are well in hand, the management has done its best for a successful day, but it remains for the pupils and their friends to make their school carnival a gigantic success.

**THE 220 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The above event was contested on Feb. 12 and resulted as follows:

- A. Barry 1,
- E. Cooke 2,
- E. Ward 3,
- E. Rowbotham 4.

Time—2 min. 48 2-5 secs. It was a capital contest, and won only by a touch.

**THE 440 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.**

This event was decided on Feb. 19 and proved another interesting contest. It resulted as follows:

- A. Barry 1,
- E. Cooke 2,
- E. Ward 3,
- O. Watson 4.

Time—6 min. 8 secs.

A 220 yards Championship of 5D class was contested on Feb. 14 and introduced some fine young swimmers. Result:

- L. Wilson 1,
- W. Small 2,
- E. Moss 3.

Time—3 min. 26 secs.

Eric Ward at present is amongst our finest swimmers. In the 220 yards Championship he completed the distance in 2 min. 59 1-5 secs., which equals the champion's time of our school a few years back. The farther he goes the stronger he seems to swim.

It is proposed to issue certificates to boys who can swim a half and quarter mile under stipulated times. This will take shape after the carnival. We want to encourage endurance swimming.

**GIRLS' SWIMMING CARNIVAL.**

The Annual Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday, 22nd March next. Appended is the list of races. A new departure has been made in having three races outside the present school. We

are fortunate in being able to obtain the assistance of Miss Kilminster, whom we cordially welcome back.

**LIST OF RACES.**

- Age Championships.
- Class Championships.
- Handicaps from 10 to 50 yards.
- Breast Stroke Race.
- Novelty and Costume Races.
- Life-Saving Race.
- Prizes for Diving.
- Interclub Race.
- Race for members of Old Girls' Union.
- Race for Past Pupils.
- Parents and friends of children are cordially invited to be present.
- Admission 6d.

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Clement Kirke has been appointed to a position in the Bank of New South Wales.

The staff of the Girls' Department presented Miss McRae with a silver backed brush and comb, together with a handsome purse bag. The girls of her class showed their appreciation by giving a pendant set with torquises. Miss McRae carries with her the good wishes of every one to her new school at Wallsend.

On the 20th February the Fort Street Life Saving Squad gave a display at St. John's Hall, Ashfield.

We are glad to see our Senior Inspector, Mr. Cooper, is looking so well after his trip to New Zealand. Mr. Cooper showed his interest in the school by being present at the Old Boys' match at the Cricket Ground.

We are very glad to see the success of R. Adamson, whose score of 116 was a credit to the school as well as himself.

We have to thank Albert Langan of MI for a gift of complete annual numbers of "Chums" and "The Boys Own Annual."

### Cricket.



#### SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.

On Thursday, 21st February, the annual match School v. Old Boys was played on the Sydney Cricket Ground; the School winning by 23 runs. A feature of the match was the fine batting of R. Adamson, who made 116. Play started at 11 o'clock, and luncheon and afternoon tea were taken at 1.30 and 4 p.m. respectively. The following are the details of the play:—

#### OLD BOYS.—1ST INNINGS.

Webster, c Barnes, b Whittle	16
H. Collins, c Ivers, b Landon	3
R. Collins, c Holden, b Walkom	16
Keshan, b Adamson	28
Morgan, b Landon	44
Portus, run out	0
Lloyd, c Walkom, b Landon	1
K. Willis, b Adamson	2
L. Willis, not out	8
Thomas, lbw., b Adamson	4
Sundries	11
Total	133

Bowling:—C. Whittle, 1 for 45; C. Landon, 3 for 29; G. Dinsey, 0 for 9; A. B. Walkom, 1 for 22; R. Adamson, 3 for 19.

#### SCHOOL.—1ST INNINGS.

C. Landon, c Keshan, b H. Collins	6
R. Adamson, c Thomas, b K. Willis	116
A. B. Walkom, b H. Collins	0
A. Barnes, b Morgan	14
G. Lorking, b H. Collins	0
E. Main, c sub., b H. Collins	1
A. Holden, c R. Collins, b Lloyd	1
G. Dinsey, not out	2
S. Welch, run out	4
H. Ivers, b Lloyd	9
C. Whittle, b Lloyd	0
Sundries	3

Total 156

Bowling:—H. Collins, 4 for 57; Thomas, 0 for 30; R. Collins, 0 for 20; S. Morgan, 1 for 29; Lloyd, 3 for 13; K. Willis, 1 for 4.

#### The "Ancient Mariner" as an Exemplar of Coleridge's Genius.

There is more difficulty in the case of Coleridge than in that of almost any other writer of his rank in selecting, as the plan of our work requires, the most typical and characteristic of his more important writings. Judged from the point of view of literature, which must be ours, his poetry takes precedence of his prose; but among all his poems there is not one of any considerable length, and the longest and most laboured, and the one written with the most deliberate consciousness of a mandate from heaven above and a message to men below ("Religious Musings") belongs to his immature period, both as poet and thinker. "Christabel" being unfinished, nothing with any pretension to poetical greatness, as determined by the scale of execution, remains except "The Ancient Mariner," and insignificant as is even its bulk in comparison with the productions on which his chief poetical con-

temporaries would be most willing to rest their fame, and utterly inadequate as it is to represent the general cast of so opulent and versatile an intelligence, it does happen to be in close alliance with some of those tendencies of his own age with which Coleridge was most completely sympathetic.

These especial tendencies are the extension of the virtue of humanity so as to comprise not mankind only, but all sentient nature; and the reaction against what threatened to become the despotism of mere good sense devoid of any spiritual illumination, through what a distinguished critic has aptly termed the "renascence of wonder."

But it had scarcely extended beyond mankind. It was something quite novel for a poet to take up an offence committed against an irrational creature as entailing a curse upon the perpetrator only to be eluded by severest penance. Such legends had existed before, but they had been related as picturesque tales; it was entirely a new departure to hold them up as embodiments of sound ethical rule. The inculcation of the duty of kindness to animals was a minor matter, but most momentous was the assumption upon which the poet's attitude was grounded, that sentient nature was not divided into the two sharply demarcated classes of beings rational, and beings irrational, but that one pervading life was common to all.

The poem was to have been jointly written by Wordsworth and Coleridge, but, save for a single stanza and a line here and there claimed by the former, belongs entirely to the latter so far as the actual composition is concerned. Wordsworth had nevertheless exerted great influence upon his com-

panion by his suggestion of the incident of the killing of the albatross, without which the piece, originally founded upon a dream of a friend of Coleridge's, would have been a mere ballad of the wild and wonderful. This incident he derived from Shelvocke's "Voyage Round the World by way of the Great South Sea" (1726). And here a curious question arises. In Shelvocke's narrative the slaughter of the albatross does not appear as a piece of wanton cruelty, but as prompted by a not unnatural superstition. The bird was a *black* albatross. So long as it accompanied the ship bad weather prevailed, and the seaman who shot it, a melancholy, hypochondriacal person, Shelvocke says, did so under the impression that it was an inauspicious creature, bringing ill luck. Did Coleridge know this? Wordsworth doubts whether he ever saw Shelvocke's narrative, but the circumstances may well have been related to him along with the other particulars, and his statement that the Ancient Mariner's companions, who had at first condemned, afterwards justified his conduct:

'Twas right, they averred, to slay  
the bird

That brought the fog and mist—

affords some presumption that he did know it. If so, he showed admirable judgement in discarding a circumstance at first sight so picturesque, but which would have been ruinous to his moral, to which it is essential that no stain should sully the innocence of the victim, and that nothing but repentance should extenuate the fault of the Ancient Mariner.

(To be continued).

**Howlers.**

The following are selected from a list published by the "Australian Journal of Education":—

1. The name of Cæsar's wife was Cæsaræa. She was above suspicion.
2. Tolstoy was the leader of the Passive Resisters; he had his goods sold rather than be vaccinated.
3. Paraphrase:—"Oh, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth."  
—"Excuse me, ye sanguinary clod."
4. Simon de Montfort formed what was known as the mad Parliament; it was something the same as it is at the present day.
5. The Duke of Marlborough was a great general who always fought with a fixed determination to win or lose.
6. Q. Correct the sentence, "It was me that broke the window."  
A. "It wasn't me that broke the window."
7. To keep milk from turning sour you should leave it in the cow.
8. A circle is a line which turns round until it meets itself again.
9. The cavity which contains the lungs is called the stomach or borax.
10. The embalmed body of an Egyptian is called a dummy.
11. The chairman replied with a few appropriated words.

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**This Month's Literary Competition.**


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Very few competitors endeavoured to secure the prize offered in the verse division, only two poems being submitted. Neither of these showed sufficient merit to justify the award of a prize.

The Australian Story Prize will be divided between Nellie Hall,

Dorothy Lemm and Muriel Robertson, who will receive 2s 6d. each on application to the Editor.

Now what is the matter with the boys? Is there no literary merit on their side of the school? Are they too chivalrous to compete with girls, or have they too many exams? This month we have only one masculine contributor.

**ANSWERS TO CONTRIBUTORS**

N.H.—Story will appear this issue. The verses are pervaded by a good sentiment, but you have spoiled the metre of your first stanza by your lack of knowledge of Latin quantity. Then again the use of "do," to maintain the present tense is inartistic.

KUNDRY:—A good story well told; but wolves and deer are not indigenous to Australia. Will use later on.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.—You have given us a good tale with a dramatic finish, and displaying a sound knowledge of aboriginal customs. You should, however, exercise greater care with your grammatical constructions.

ROVER JACK:—Too improbable even for a snake yarn.

J.W.:—An Australian story would have been preferable. Pay more attention to spelling, and write short crisp sentences. The pirate story is a rather worn-out theme at present.

L.D.S.:—Your effort is somewhat crude. Study the laws of metre. Do not attempt to make "homes" rhyme with "stones."

L.A.:—Your story savours too much of the Boys' Own Annual.

LEONIE J.:—Composition good, but not incident.

L.M.:—Subject slight. A little careless.

### School Notes.

The ranks of the Probationary Students in the Girls' Department have been broken into lately by the following appointments as pupil teachers.

Gladys Levick	to St. Leonards.
Fanny Robertson	„ Mortlake.
Ethel Sheridan	„ Kegworth.
Violet Ryder	„ Stanmore
Lily Titchen	„ Surry Hills
	South.

We have to thank Mr. Selle for a donation of a year's numbers of the WINDSOR MAGAZINE, and also Cecil Simons of Mr. Allen's class for gifts of books and magazines. Other donations of a similar nature are earnestly requested.

We have received news of the appointment of several of our Public Service boys as temporary clerks in the various Government Departments. John Greathead has gone to the Lunacy Department, and Robert Drummond to the Public Service Board.

We beg to acknowledge subscriptions to the "Fortian" from Messrs. H. P. Melville, B.A., Bathurst, H. Burston, and K. W. Middleton.

Mr. George Tillbrook, whose boys did so well in the Geography section of last Junior, has received an appointment as visiting Lecturer in Geography at the Sydney Training College.

Mr. T. H. Johnston, B.A., B.Sc., for the last 4 years on the staff of Fort Street, has been transferred to the Technical College, where he will occupy a position as Lecturer in Biology, Physiology, and First Aid.

The following have passed the Life Saving Examination for Medallions:—Mr. S. W. Cantrell, B.A., and Mr. E. H. Parker, A. Barry, R. Coogan, E. Rowbotham, A. Langan.

For Instructor: Messrs. S. W. Cantrell, F. Hardwick, and F. T. Allen.

On Saturday, 23rd ultimo, a display by the same squad was given at Kogarah Swimming Club Carnival.

The Matriculation Examination will be held on the 11th March and following days. We have a few candidates and wish them success.

The boy's weather shed is now completed and in use, forming a grand protection from the sun and rain.

Last week a lecture was delivered at Sydney University by Colonel Bell, late Consul for United States, on the subject, "Earthquakes and their Causes." Colonel Bell exhibited a very fine map of the Pacific earthquake region, which he said had been drawn by a Fort Street boy. This boy was Ronald Richardson, of last year's C2, who gained the medal for geography in last Junior.

Among the lists of teachers who had passed the December Examinations at the University, we omitted to mention the name of Miss Davies, who very creditably passed the First Year Examination. We regret the omission of her name. We also omitted the name of Mr. Selle, who got Honors in Chemistry, and First Grade in Geology.



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## OUR NEXT COMPETITION.

Next month we intend offering two prizes to Fort Street boys and girls for Essays on the following subjects:—

(1) Your Favourite Hero or Heroine.

(2) The last book you have read.

Essays must *not* exceed two (2) pages, and must be interesting. If possible there will be one prize for boys and one for girls.

We have received two articles this month, but they were not good enough for publication.

"Miss Sunshine" by D.L. is too short, while "Justice to other Nations" by R.D., is hardly interesting enough.

## HONORS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Several of our teachers have been distinguishing themselves at the University Honor Examinations held at the end of last month. Mr. G. Mackaness, B.A., gained First Class Honors in English, 3rd Year, and divided the James Coutts' Scholarship and Professor MacCallum's Prize with another student.

Mr. E. S. Davies, B.A., gained Second Class Honors in French, 3rd Year.

Mr. A. W. Cusbert gained Second Class Honors in English, 2nd Year.

Miss Woodlands, Second Class Honors, English, 2nd Year.

We would remind the senior students of Fort Street, and particularly those who intend to go to the University, that the annual commemoration of the University will be held in the Town Hall, on Saturday morning, the 27th of this month.

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

At the University Examinations last month we notice the following results, interesting to Fort Street.

2nd Year Arts Exam.—Pass: Mr. A. W. McKean, Mr. W. E. Hunt.

1st Year Science.—Pass: Miss B. Sherring.

1st Year Arts.—Pass: Mr. E. H. Parker, Mr. J. F. McCauley (half).

Matriculation.—Pass: Mr. E. G. Evans, Mr. P. Murphy.

It will also be of interest to note that Mr. H. T. Lovell, B.A., has been awarded Professor Anderson's Prize for a Philosophical Essay.

**SWIMMING.****FORT-STREET GIRLS' CLUB.**

The tenth annual carnival of the above club was held at Elkington Park Baths, Balmain, last month in the presence of about 700 people. The swimming of the girls was of a high order, the improvement on previous years being most pronounced, the breast and back stroke being excellent. Miss Partridge, Headmistress, who is a great enthusiast in swimming, was present, and was much interested in, and gave great support to the proceedings. The arrangements, which showed careful organisation, were carried out without the slightest hitch. For this satisfactory state of affairs Miss Bourke, instructress to the club, was very much responsible, this lady being ably assisted by Miss Moloney, (hon. secretary) and Miss Mouldsdate (hon. treasurer), and the officials, who were as follow:—Referee and timekeeper, Miss Kilminster; starter, Miss Bourke; check-starter, Miss Craig; judges, Miss Partridge and Miss Smith; judges for diving, Mrs. Bentley and Misses Durack and Bishop; marshals, Misses Mouldsdate and Drummond; clerk of course, Miss Moloney; result steward, Miss Rourke. Results:—

100yds. Championship of the School.—Elsie Rea 1, Edie Rea 2, Doris Stinson 3; time 1min. 43sec.

50yds. Handicap, Old Girls' Union.—E. Murray 1, N. Hooper 2, time, 40sec.

50yds. Old Girls' Handicap.—F. Murray 1, D. Fortey 2.

100yds. Back and Breast Stroke Championship.—Elsie Rea 1, Edie Rea 2; time 1 min. 58 2-5sec.

10yds. Handicap, Section A.—H. Danahay 1, M. Milne 2.

10yds. Handicap, Section B.—M. Gregors 1, M. Sproule 2.

10yds. Handicap, Section C.—E. Lamerton 1, M. Bear 2.

10yds. Handicap, Section D.—B. Millar-1, R. Millen 2, H. Thorpe, 3.

6th Class Championship, 40yds.—E. Clayton 1, J. Rigby 2, P. Kermode 3;

time 42 3-5sec.

7th Class Championship, 50yds.—Elsie Rea 1, Ray Bear 2.

20yds. Handicap.—A. Section: E. Lamerton 1. B Section: J. Black 1, M. Sproule 2. C Section: A. Bones 1, H. Thorpe 2. D Section: J. Salter 1, A. Payens 2.

Life-Saving Race, 40yds.—Section A: Elsie Rea 1, Edie Rea 2; time 50sec. Section B: E. Clayton 1, O. Bardsley 2, L. Braham 3.

Championship, under 12, 40yds.—E. Pendred, 1; E. Johnson, 2. Time, 35sec

Fancy Costume and Race.—R. Bracken (Court Jester), F. Puckeridge (Indian Chief), O. Bardsley (Cannibal Chief), equal costume. Race: Elsie Rae, 1.

50 Yards Handicap, public school girls.—A. Pearce (Watson's Bay), 1; G. Stinson (Glebe), 1. Time, 47 1-5 sec.

30 Yards Handicap.—A section: A. Bones, 1. B section: E. Pendred, 1; R. Braham, 2. C section: M'Intosh, 1; C. Arnold, 2. D section: O. Bardsley, 1; S. Reid, 2.

35 Yards Handicap on Back.—A section: L. Braham and O. Bardsley, dead heat, 1; D. Stinson, 3. B section: Elsie Rae, 1; Edie Rea, 2.

Tub Race.—First heat: Elsie Rae. Second heat: Edie Rea. Third heat: Doris Stinson. The final is to be contested.

70 Yards Championship, 14 years.—D. Stinson, 1; C. Arnold, 2; D. Lambert, 3.

Inter-club Handicap.—M M'Intosh, 11sec., 1; F. Durack, 4 sec., 2; A. Bishop, 4 sec., 3. Time, 42 4-5 sec.

40 Yards Handicap.—B section: J. Gazzard, 1; A. Payens, 2. C section: Edie Rea, 1; L. Braham, 2. D section: Elsie Rae, 1; O. Bardsley, 2; S. Reid, 3.

Fifth Class Championship, 35yds.—F. Puckeridge, 1; Sybil Reid, 2; Madge Downie, 3.

35 Yards Breast Stroke Handicap.—A section: G. Cowen, 1; J. Black, 2. B section: J. Rigby, 1; J. Lambert, 2.

C section: Elsie Rea, 1; Edie Rea, 2; Ray Bear, 3. Time 31 1-5sec.

Lifebuoy Competition (novelty).—Elsie Blunt, 1; O. Bardsley, 2.

Fourth Class Championship, 30 yds.—E. Graham, 1; M. Lambert, 2.

50 Yards Race.—Section A: R. Mackenzie, 1; E. Leggett, 2. Section B: D. Hassall, 1; L. Johnson, 2.

12 and 13 Years Championship, 50 yds.—E. Graham, 1; G. Cowen, 2; D. Eaton, 3.

Non-swimmers Wade.—A section: E. Garrett, 1; Sarah Crealy, 2. B section: D. Hassall, 1; D. Blackwell, 2.

Neat Diving.—F. Puckeridge, 1; Elsie Rea, 2.

Diving for objects.—Elsie Rea, 1; Elsie Blunt, 2.

Eollow My Leader Competition; leader, Miss Bishop.—Edie Rea, 1; Elsie Rea, 2.

The following letter has been received by Miss Partridge; we are pleased to publish it.

8 Cove Street,  
Balmain.  
23-3-'07.

Miss Partridge.

Dear Madam,—Just a line to congratulate you on the success of one of your girls, Miss Elsie Rea, who now holds the 50yds Back Stroke Championship of N. S. Wales.

Her win is all the more meritorious when one considers what a very heavy afternoon's racing she had at her School Carnival the day before.

Sincerely Yours,

HELEN CRAIG, Hon. Sec.,  
Balmain Ladies' Swimming Club.

### Life Saving Examination.

The Girls Life Saving Examination was held at Elkington Park Baths on Wednesday, 27th March. Following are the results:—

Proficiency Certificates.

Dot Eaton, Dot Malcolm, Geraldine Cowen, Leah Braham, Olive Bardsley, Jean Cameron, Eda

Johnson, Jennie Rigby, Ray Bear, Daisy Lambert, Jennie Gazzard, Myra Lambert, Annie Payens, Cousie Arnold, Edie Clayton, and Miss Maloney.

Medallions.

Elsie Blunt, Doris Stinson.

For Instructors.

Miss Maloney, Miss D. Fortey, E. Blunt, D. Stinson.

Instructors for the Class.

Misses Bourke, Edith and Elsie Rea.

Examiner.

Mr. G. H. Williams, Hon. Instructor-in-Chief.

The 160 yards Relay Race was run off also, and resulted in a win for the scratch team:—Doris Stinson, G. Cowen, Edie Rea, J. Gazzard. Time, 15'7 min.

2nd team:—Ray Bear, Elsie Blunt, Leah Braham, D. Lambert. In the Life Saving Competition.

A Section: Edith Rea 1, Elsie Rea 2.

B Section: Ray Bear 1, Edith Clayton 2, Elsie Blunt 3.

In a few weeks there will be published "Notes on the Talisman" by C. H. Northcott, B.A., a late teacher of Fort Street. Boys and girls who intend to sit for 1908 Junior would do well to secure a copy. The price is one shilling.

We see that Barry is the champion swimmer of all schools in N.S.W. We hope to see him the champion of Australia before many years have passed.

Fort Street Champion Life Saving Class won both the Hendry Cup and the Roth Challenge Shield. A full report will be found in another column.

## LIFE SAVING.

### A RECORD RESULT.

The year 1907 creates a new record in the era of the teaching of Life Saving at Fort Street. Over 200 boys qualified for certificates and medallions, under the tuition of the various instructors on the staff.

### HENDRY CUP COMPETITION.

The above competition for school-boys under 16 years of age took place at Drummoyne Baths on March 21st. There were 7 entries amongst which were four teams from Fort Street.

The School secured 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th places, a most gratifying result. Fort Street A and Fort Street D tied for 1st place, and in the swim off D team proved itself victorious by 89 points to 87. The teams thus won the Hendry Cup for the school and each member gains a medal. The members of both squads were:—D: Wilson, Sangster, Waites, and Kinninmont; A: Barry, Langan, Ward, and Rowbotham.

### ROTH CHALLENGE SHIELD AND CHAMPIONSHIP OF N.S.W.

This competition took place on Tuesday, March 26th, at Drummoyne, and again Fort Street demonstrated its superiority in Life Saving.

Only four teams were entered for the competition and our representative team scored 91 points out of a possible 100. The other teams were Newtown (79 pts.), Sydney Ferries (75), St. John's, Balmain (60).

The School team consisted of Messrs. Selle, Parker, Griffiths, and Telfer. This is the third successive year Fort Street has had the honor of winning the Roth Shield and Championship. All the School

teams were under the instructorship of Mr. T. H. Johnston, B.A., B. Sc.

Displays were given by the School Team at Drummoyne (P.S. A.A.A.S. Carnival), and at the Enfield Fete during the beginning of the month.

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### The "Ancient Mariner," as an Exemplar of Coleridge's Genius.

(Continued.)

In the ancient man Coleridge has added one to that gallery of typical figures created by poets and writers of imaginative prose who impersonate a particular class of men or a particular order of ideas. The Mariner represents the glamour attaching to the old man who, having from his youth sailed the seas, returns to spend his old age among his fellows on shore, and is naturally and justly regarded by them as the depository of mysterious knowledge respecting a world unfamiliar to themselves. Such a personage must, from the nature of the case, be venerable, weather-beaten, and more or less oracular; he may well be endowed with a glittering eye; possibly, though less probably, with an eloquent tongue also; and, dealing with a region unknown to his hearers, must feel himself entitled to claim from them "that suspension of disbelief which constitutes poetic faith." Should any mysterious circumstance or dark rumour attach to his own character or history, he may himself become a legendary figure in his own lifetime. Lancelot Blackburne, having made a voyage to the West Indies in his youth, took the character of a buccaneer along with him to the

archiepiscopal throne of York; and the veteran seaman, Owen Parfit, having voyaged on the West African coast and there had, as was not questioned, dealings in slaves and with the devil, left his neighbours in no doubt how to account for his disappearance when, one summer afternoon, paralysed as he was and unable to move a step by himself, he vanished without leaving a trace behind him.

It is possible that some reminiscence of this inexplicable affair, which occurred in the adjacent county of Somersetshire a few years before Coleridge's birth, may have contributed something to his conception of the Mariner. However this may be, he has in this typical personage embodied whatever is most characteristic of the glamour of ocean,

Its living sea by coasts uncurbed,  
Its depth, its mystery and its might,  
Its indignation if disturbed,  
The glittering peace of its delight.

An affinity may also be remarked between the Ancient Mariner and another legendary figure more ancient and more celebrated still, the Wandering Jew. Both are aged, both range the earth in expiation of a crime; both are always ready to narrate their histories, and these once told, vanish without a trace. In dealing with the incidents of seafaring life and the portraiture of his principal character, Coleridge while always correct in essentials, has avoided the realism of detail which would not befit a poem which aims at being a selection of picturesque circumstances, and not an indiscriminate transcript of whatever an observing eye might find to note up or around a vessel. When the "Ancient Mariner" was written,

Coleridge had never been at sea. When at last he made a voyage, he discovered an inaccuracy in one of his most beautiful descriptions, and amended this in the next edition, but, to the contentment of the modern reader, beauty and melody eventually prevailed over strict accuracy, and the passage returned to its original form.\*

\* He had written "The furrow followed free," "but I had not been long on board a ship before I perceived that this was the image as seen by the spectator from the shore, or from another vessel. From the ship itself the water appears like a brook flowing off the stern." He therefore substituted "The furrow *streamed* off free" in the edition of 1816 but the original reading was restored in the collected edition of his works in 1828.

Four of our boys have been awarded Bursaries allowing them to attend University Lectures free £30 per annum and books. The successful ones are R. Moses, A. Walkom, N. Connall, and G. Burrows.

Mr. D. A. Pike, for many years associated with Fort Street and particularly famous in its sporting circle, has been promoted to First Assistant at West Maitland Superior Public School. We wish him success in his new appointment.

Neville Griffiths has commenced lectures in the University Medical School.

We are pleased to be able to announce that Mr. H. T. Lovell, B.A., late of Fort Street and now Lecturer in the Sydney Training College, has been awarded the Woolley Travelling Scholarship.

Two of our old Fort Street Boys Harry Griffiths and Harry Stephens, have commenced evening lectures at the University

### Literary & Debating Society.

On Friday, March 1st, 1907, Mr. Collins read a Manuscript Journal. His Editorial on Literature was appreciated by the elder members, whilst numbers of other articles which contained more wit appealed more directly to the younger members.

On March 8th, a serious case was decided in the Full Court of Fort Street, before their Honors Chief Justice Lasker and Justices Mackaness and Moses. The case was as follows:—Mr. Mason complained that, by leaving the school, Mr. Telfer had forfeited his position as Leader of the Opposition in Fort Street Parliament, and that he (Mason) had been duly elected to fill the same post. The Judges brought in the following verdict:—“That Mr. Telfer, by leaving the school, had forfeited his position as Leader of the Opposition, and that Mr. Mason had been elected by tacit consent.”

On 15th March, Parliament met to discuss the motion of the Minister of Education, Mr. Chas. Landon, that education should be free from the Kindergarten to the University. Mr. Mason led the Opposition. The Premier (Mr. Knox), Minister of Lands (Collins), Justice (Ward), and the Colonial Treasurer (Mr. Barnes), also Messrs. Brown, Smith, Telfer (Leader of Third Party), and Stanton, spoke in support of the motion. Messrs. Robyns, Langker, and Booth supported Mr. Mason. On division the motion was carried by 61 to 41.

The quarter was ended very suitably by an Australian Day. The following was the programme:

1. Essay—“Old Sydney,” Mr. C. Landon
2. Speech from Sir H. Parkes, Mr. T. B. Telfer

3. Reading—“The Hairy Man,”

Mr. C. Hill

4. Myth ... Mr. A. G. Barnes

5. Reading—“The Man from Iron Bark,”  
Mr. K. Rossiter

6. Selections—“Old Convict Days,”  
Mr. Eager

7. Speech from Sir H. Parkes,  
Mr. E. G. Knox

8. Selections from “Steele Rudd,”  
Mr. A. Stanton

A number of prominent members of the Education Department were present at the meeting.

#### SYLLABUS.

April 12.—Junior Debate.

“ 19.—Prize Speech.

“ 26.—Impromptu Speeches.

May 3.—Manuscript Journal.

“ 10.—Debate.

“ 17.—Dickens's Day.

We notice by the daily papers that Mr. A. B. Clarke, of the Naval Brigade, who has been selected as one of the three marksmen to represent N.S.W. at the Bisley competition in England, was a scholar and also a cadet at Fort Street some years ago. We hope to see him uphold the honor of his colony.

We have received a number of magazines from Cuthbert, for which we thank him. More are earnestly requested.

We have also received a number of magazines from Alex. Skinner, whom we also thank sincerely.

We extend our most sincere sympathy to Mr. William Given and family in their recent sad loss.

Miss Elsie Rea is making a name for herself as a champion swimmer.

In the recent examination of our Juniors, first place was secured by Frecker o MI.

**Most Popular Books.**

**SCRIPTURE PRIZES.**

Some year or two ago one of the London Magazines asked its readers to name the book which in their opinion was the best ever written. One of the senior boys has handed us the list of 28 most popular books according to that census. Here it is. Read the list carefully, and ask yourselves, each one of you, "How many of these have I read?" Those you have not mastered, make a start with at once. The majority of them are in the Library. Any which are not, will be provided if asked for.

**The 28 Most Popular Books.**

David Copperfield	...	C. Dickens
Vanity Fair	...	W. M. Thackeray
Lorna Doon	...	N. Blackmore
Ivanhoe	...	W. Scott
Adam Bede	...	G. Elliott
Jane Eyre	...	C. Bronte
For the Term of his		
Natural Life	...	M. Clark
A Tale of Two Cities	...	C. Dickens
Pickwick Papers	...	C. Dickens
John Halifax, Gentleman	...	Mrs. Craik
The Cloister and the		
Hearth	...	C. Reade
The Three Musketeers	...	Dumas
Last Days of Pompeii	...	B. Lytton
Kenilworth	...	W. Scott
Robbery Under Arms	...	K. Beldrewood
David Harum	...	Westcott
The Light that Failed	...	R. Kipling
Adventures of Henry Es-		
mond	...	W. M. Thackeray
Martin Chuzzlewit	...	C. Dickens
Heart of Midlothian	...	W. Scott
Dombey and Son	...	C. Dickens
Geoffrey Hamlyn	...	C. Kingsley
The Crisis	...	Winston Church-
		hill
Mill on the Floss	...	G. Elliott
The Newcomes	...	W. M. Thackeray
The Sky Pilot	...	R. Connor
Hypatia	...	C. Kingsley
Treasure Island	...	R. L. Stevenson
Night and Morning	...	B. Lytton
Our Mutual Friend	...	C. Dickens
Rienzi	...	B. Lytton
Ship that Pass in the Night	...	B. Harraden
Golden Butterfly	...	Besant and Rice
The Scarlet Letter	...	Hawthorn
It's never too late to Mend	...	C. Reade
The Sowers	...	H. Merriman
Tess of the D'Urbervilles	...	Hardy
The Woman in White	...	W. Collins

The following girls won prizes in connection with the Scripture Examination of the Public School pupils attending Church of England Scripture.

**Senior Division.**

First Class.—Lily Titchen, gold medal.

Grace Ringwood, prize.  
Mary McClusky, certificate.  
Pearl Carruthers, certificate.

Second Class.—Ruth Tunks, certificate.

Third Class.—Gladys Levick, certificate.

**Intermediate Division.**

First Class.—Beatrice Gerahy, certificate.

Olga Mulholland, certificate.  
Edith Johnson, certificate.  
Elaine Cooper, certificate.

Alice Topper, certificate

**Junior Division.**

First Class.—Brenda Chapman, certificate.

Lily Harris, certificate.

Second Class.—Maioie Collis, certificate.

In former years it was the custom of the Department of Public Instruction to award Bursaries as a result of the March Matriculation Examination. This plan has now been abandoned, and the qualifying examination is the Senior. In consequence of this we were represented at the Matriculation Examination by only one boy, Harry Stephens, who was successful.

Mr. Kilgour has received the addresses of a number of American school boys and school girls, and is arranging to have letters sent to them from some of our scholars.

## With the Rural Camp School at Berry.

The first session of the Rural Camp School at Berry proved a marked success, both as regards the amount of industrial information gained, as well as the incidental broadening of the pupils' minds. No more suitable district than that of the Shoalhaven could have been chosen for an expedition of this kind, for the mountain scenery is splendid and varied, the climate bracing, and above all, the hospitality of the people beyond question. Climbing mountain slopes, travelling country roads with the day's rations in the swag, inspecting dairies, farms, schools and homesteads, could not fail to interest and instruct the city boy whose horizon is generally walled in by brick and mortar.

In this country centre the farmer is welcomed at sunrise, not by the rumbling and jolting of tram cars, but by the song of the magpie, and soldier bird, the cackling of poultry, or the lowing of cattle. He milks his forty to sixty cows, extracts the cream which is made into the best of butter at the local factories, whose weekly output exceeds two tons, and with the refuse feeds his swine and calves, all this previous to the more laborious task of tilling his plot of arable land, for crops of sorghum, maize and oats. These he finds most suitable for feeding his cattle, and to better preserve them for the coming winter, he stows them up as ensilage in quantities as great as a hundred tons. His breed of cattle are confined to the Short Horn, Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Kerry, and Holstein.

A climb to the summit of a hill overlooking Berry township gives one a view of Seven Mile beach, and the Shoalhaven River in the distance, whilst a mile outside the town is Broughton Creek with its little one funnel steamer "Coonoderry" plying as far south as Nowra. Three hours coach journey, during which you successively overlook, penetrate, and skirt a dense "brush" of vines, box-trees, and gums, brings you to Kingaroo Mountain. On gaining the summit the whole panorama of valleys and hills bursts into view. As far as one could see, hill and dale succeeded each other, until in the gray distance they seemed to disappear in the ocean. A long, winding line of she-oaks indicated the course of the valley river, whilst some five miles to the West nestled the little valley township.

Such a scene tends to fill one with awe rather than with admiration, and on the return to home quarters the mountains and valleys for the time are forgotten amid preparations for tea. Carving and serving out the beef and pumpkin, drinking nutritious "billy" or "bucket" tea, washing and wiping up the enamel ware, and at night trying so very hard to obtain a comfortable bed out of three coarse blankets and six feet of hard ground, all this newness of things helps to make the camp life of one hundred and forty-four boys very novel and enjoyable, and when on our return journey to the Metropolis we sat and nursed over our experience, we could not but feel deeply indebted to the people both of the town and country for their kindness in making our camp trip to Berry as instructive and interesting as it has been.



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## EMPIRE DAY.

Empire Day has been instituted with a very worthy purpose, that is to instil into the minds of the young of our Empire lessons of fidelity and patriotism. That this intention was fulfilled at the Fort Street, on the 24th of last month is plainly evident. For some weeks previous preparations had been made, songs being well practised under Mr. Hurt's baton. On the day fixed a stand had been erected in front of the main entrance, while the grounds were gaily adorned with flags. The school massed at 10.30 a.m. Soon afterwards there arrived Professors MacCallum and Anderson Stuart, of Sydney University, accompanied by Professor Jordan, of Leland, Stanford Junior University, California. These gentlemen, introduced by Mr. Kilgour, then addressed the pupils and a large number of enthusiastic visitors. The speeches were excellent, breathing a fervent patriotism. The songs were ably and enthusiastically rendered. Unfortunately, Messrs. Hogue, Minister for Education, and P. Board, Under-Secretary, arrived too late to speak. The proceedings terminated at about 12.30.

## OLD GIRLS' UNION.

The Old Girls' Union had a very enjoyable outing on the Saturday following Empire Day. A drive to South Head and a visit to the Ostrich Farm were arranged. The members, to the number of 33, assembled at the School, and after much packing, scrambling, and fan a start was made. The day, the scenery, and the visit to the farm were all delightful. We were shown over the farm by a courteous attendant, and all our eager questions were fully answered. Lastly, we saw such feathers, boas and fans as caused envy to every feminine soul. The afternoon tea and the drive home in the moonlight were not the least pleasant part of a pleasant outing.

The following girls have been appointed pupil teachers to the schools mentioned. They were previously students here for nearly two years:—

May Roulston, to Warrawee;  
Mabel Hartnell, to Woollahra;  
Grace Ringwood, to Watson's Bay;  
Edna Dent, to Albion-street; Helen Hall, to Glebe; Ruby Oliver, to Ancliffe.

## THE CADETS.

On Wednesday, May 15, E Company, Fort-street, took part in a whole day parade at Centennial Park. All the members of the Company were present, and presented a neat and soldierly appearance. Without wishing to boast about our company, we think it is a credit to the school, and every one of the cadets should try to keep up their reputation and the reputation of the school.

On Wednesday, May 22, a presentation of colors was made to the 1st Battalion of Commonwealth Cadets.

The presentation was made at Centennial Park in the presence of General Gordon and a large gathering. The colours are very fine. They are the Regimental Colours and the King's Colours under which the battles which made the British Empire have been fought. Does every cadet think what "The Flag" means.

The appearance of the Fort-street Company was favourably commented on by the officers of other Companies, and every new member of the Corps must see to it that he keeps up the standard.

Capt. Selle has resigned his command of E. Company, Commonwealth Cadet Corps, and Lieutenant McKean succeeds to the command. The intention is to raise the numbers up to 60, and every cadet ought to get his mate to join so as to learn to handle a rifle.

We have received two parcels of magazines from Mr. Selle and Bowker of 4D. We thank the donors.

## THE JUNIOR BOY (AND GIRL).

## A DREAM.

I am a humble Junior Boy,  
Chock full of things galore,  
And as I sleep I hear them now  
Around my chamber door.

I see now in my visions  
When there should be none at all,  
Allen-a-Dale and Cæsar's Ghost,  
At the Siege of Edenhall.

And as I look the scene doth change  
But soon glides up another ;  
'Tis the Skeleton in Armour,  
With Leviticus' brother.

Now, they're going down the street,  
To see their friend King Lear,  
Whose whiskers, by my Halidome,  
They are so thin and sere.

And now I see Pythagoras  
Who is with the Merie Queen ;  
She says "now watch the £'s d,  
And "keep the dismal sheen."

But still there is another scene,  
'Tis our ancient friend Jean Paul  
With his long grey beard and glitter-  
ing eye,  
He's off to Cumnor Hall.

Yet still another scene appears,  
And 'tis a glorious sight,  
The ancient mariner vulcanized  
By Hydrogen Sulphite.

But still they're coming, yes they come  
I'm sure that I can hear 'em ;  
It's Père Roquille just been found  
By the Remainder Theorem.

Now all these things and many more,  
Do haunt our peaceful nights,  
And yet we come again at morn  
As bright as any sprites.

And all these things shall hold their  
sway,  
Until the Junior's o'er,  
But after that we all have sworn  
That fag we will no more.

—A JUNIOR BOY.

## THE JUNIOR PICNIC AND BANQUET.

The Junior Picnic was a pronounced success, as was also the Banquet. Although there was a shower of rain early in the morning, the clerk of the weather decided to favour us. The result was a beautiful sunny day. On arriving at the picnic grounds some of the boys chartered boats. A football match was played—Commercial versus Matric. During the morning our worthy chief, Mr. Kilgour, in company with Inspectors Parkinson and Cooper, passed an enjoyable hour on the river. Messrs. Potts and Zions, of M1, arranged the table. On completion it was a sight for tired eyes. Everybody present (including Mr. Kilgour, the visitors and the staff) enjoyed a very hearty meal. During the afternoon the boys and teachers went boating. It was a very merry company that started for the train a little after 5 o'clock. Some alarm was occasioned by the absence of two of the boys, but they arrived in time at the Central Railway Station. Cheers were given for the King, the School and Mr. Kilgour.

About 7.20 the boys began to stream into the A.B.C. The extremely small size of the dressing room caused no little inconvenience, but everybody managed to be ready by 7.45. The visitors present were Inspectors Parkinson, McLelland, Cooper and Willis, besides Mr. Kilgour and those members of the staff connected with the junior classes. Mr. Brown, of M1, was chairman. The meal, from the opening course—*consomme royale*—to the coffee with which we ended, was well enjoyed by everyone present. Mr. Brown

commenced the second part of the evening's programme by announcing apologies from Mr. Turner and Mr. Meldrum, both of whom were absent owing to prior engagements. He also read a note from two members of last year's CI. Mr. Brown then proposed the toast of "The King." The National Anthem was sung, and three cheers were given. The next toast, "The School and the Staff," was proposed by Mr. Gregory, of M2. (Cheers.) Mr. Kilgour responded on behalf of the school, remarking on the facilities afforded to its pupils. Mr. Fraser responded on behalf of the staff. Mr. Lasker then proposed "Success to the Juniors." For three reasons, he said, he felt sure of their success, their capacity for eating, their capacity for laughing, and the training they had received. To this toast Messrs. Coogan and Osborne replied, and afterwards the teachers and visitors sang "For they are jolly good fellows." Messrs. Kirkpatrick and McLean responded on behalf of M1, C1, C2, and M2 respectively. Mr. Kilgour next proposed "The Visitors." (Cheers, and "For they are jolly good fellows.")

Messrs. Cooper, Willis, Parkinson, and McLelland replied to this toast. Mr. Willis was proud to be able to say that he had been pupil, teacher, and headmaster of "the Grand Old Institution." Mr. Lasker, he said, had been one of his pupils. Mr. McLelland remarked, in his speech, that he did not attach much importance to the passing of the junior. It was merely a stepping stone to higher things. He thought the idea of a picnic and banquet was a very good one, bringing, as it did, the teachers and pupils together in a different

## FOOTBALL.



## RUGBY NOTES.

The Junior Competition commenced last month, and five teams have entered, viz: 5A, 5B, 5D, 5E, 6A. The result of the first match, which was between 5A and 5D, was a draw, neither side scoring.

In the Public Schools' Competition, Fort Street have entered one team in the Senior Grade and have to defend the magnificent shield which at present graces the wall in the main room. So far Fort Street have scored four points out of four points, having been granted a bye while Cleveland Street were playing Stanmore. Fort Street met Stanmore on Alexandria Oval, 31st ultimo, and beat the latter team by 8 to nil. The members of the competition team must go in for more systematic training, as many were lagging behind towards the end of the match against Stanmore. The team should be greatly improved by the addition of some of the better players from among the junior classes. These boys so far

have not been asked to play for their school as the selection committee recognise the importance of their forthcoming examination, but intend to promote a series of matches in which these players may participate later on.

Members who are desirous of joining the team that will journey to Maitland are reminded to hand in their names to the Secretary within the next few weeks.

## LIBRARY BOOKS.

We beg to remind borrowers of books from the Library that many of them are very neglectful in returning these same books, which causes a great deal of annoyance and inconvenience. The following are some of the Library rules which will be very strictly enforced in future:—

(1) Books may be kept out two weeks for one penny.

(2) A fine of one penny per week will be charged on all books overdue.

The Librarian intends to send notices to all who keep books out beyond the authorised time.

Again, it should be remembered that all money obtained both from the Library and the "Fortian" is spent on books. So that by supporting either the pupils of the School are only contributing to themselves.

Mr. Charles W. Judge for some years on the staff of Fort Street has been promoted Assistant at Young District School. We wish him success in his new position.

We have two new teachers on the staff of the Boys' Department, Mr. W. Fitzgerald, from Camden, and Mr. Van Epen from Stanmore.

We believe that the Boys' Main Room is to be divided into three rooms by partitions similar to those in the Library.

## THE JUNIORS OF 1907.

For many years past the greatest event in Fort-street School life is the Junior Examination. Each year brings new successes, and, we hope, fewer failures. The record, or shall we say records established by Fort-street in the past, have never been beaten by any school in Australia. Every year somewhere about 100 pupils are successful. This year we hope for greater success than last, and if thoroughness of preparation is any guide to results, then our hopes should be realized. We take this opportunity of wishing all girls and boys the greatest of success. They have the best wishes of the whole school with them.

## THE FAREWELL.

Following a time-honoured custom, the senior part of the school assembled at 3 p.m. in the main room to bid farewell to 1907 juniors. This is a custom which is viewed by all as one of the most pleasing of our school life, though at the same time it marks the close of the scholastic career of some of our girls and boys. Not all, however, for we hope to see many of them back again in a few weeks to obtain that higher instruction fitting them for a University career.

On Friday last, as usual, the place of honor in the centre of the school was occupied by the 1907 juniors. Mr. Kilgour was in the chair, and seated round him were a number of old boys, Vic. Maxwell, Jack Hunter, Arthur Walkom, Reg. Moses, Nevil Griffiths and others. This loyalty of our old boys is one of the most pleasant features of Fort-street School life.

The proceedings were opened by a good programme of songs and

recitations, one of which, though a parody, and containing a number of stock phrases, was appropriate to the occasion.

At the conclusion of the concert, Mr. Kilgour presented, on behalf of the 1907 juniors, a number of valuable presents to the teachers of the junior classes, as tokens of appreciation of the work done in their preparation.

From the girls to—

Miss Molesdale, 2 books.

Miss Mandelson, jewel casket.

Miss Maloney, belt.

Miss Harders, purse.

Miss Stoney, scent bottle and hat pin.

Miss Evans, Browning.

And from the boys to—

Mr. Fraser, a shaving set.

Mr. Crane, an umbrella.

Mr. Davies, set of razors.

Mr. Parker, silver-back clothes brush.

Mr. Tillbrook, 3 books.

Mr. Cusbert, fountain pen.

Mr. Meldrum, set of chessmen.

Mr. McKean, pair of pipes.

Mr. Selle, pair of pipes.

Mr. Murphy, fountain pen.

Mr. Kilgour then addressed the girls and boys, wishing them success on behalf of the school; and prosperity in their lives.

Mr. T. T. Roberts, an old teacher, also gave a short address.

The proceedings closed with Auld Lang Syne.

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Benjamin Howe, of 5A Class, was successful in gaining 1st position in the examination for engineering students entering Garden Island naval workshops.

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Mr. Van Epen has resigned from the service of the Department of Public Instruction.

relationship to that in which the school work placed them.

Mr. Parkinson was sorry that he could not claim the honor of being a pupil of Fort-street School, but as he had lived "way out in the backblocks, in a place called Newtown" (laughter) he had to be satisfied with the local school.

A musical, vocal and elocutionary programme was then gone through. Owing to the want of time the latter half of the programme had to be cut out.

"Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" closed, a very enjoyable evening.

During the evening a flashlight photo was taken, copies of which may be obtained on application to Mr. Fraser.

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## FOOTBALL.

### AUSTRALIAN RULES.

The club this year is much stronger numerically than last, though our first grade team is weakened by the loss of Walker and others. However, new boys, who are shaping well, will take their places, and, it is hoped, will render a good account of themselves, and maintain the honor of the school when they meet Peter-sham on the 14th inst. The importance of practice is not thoroughly understood by some of the aspirants for a position in the team, however, and those boys who do not attend to training will find themselves passed over by the selectors, if they do not make amends in this respect.

The seconds have turned up well in the afternoons, at the practice games in the Domain, and are improving very greatly. They have played two matches, against Cleve-

land-street and Redfern. Both days were wet, and against high scoring, but Fort street won each time, the scores being 14 points to 1, and 24 to 2 respectively. The forwards must practice picking up the ball, and kicking quickly if they are to defeat William-street, and win their district competition.

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### A BASE BOARD.

Mrs. Dobbs waited until dinner was over, says "The Teacher," before she handed Mr. Dobbs the note Willie had brought from his teacher.

"My boy," said Dobbs when he had read it, "I understand from this that you are excused from school until the Board of Education has an opportunity to consider your case!"

"Yes, sir," answered Willie, who had begun to whimper.

"Do you know what the Board of Education is, my son?"

"No, sir."

Mr. Dobbs went into the shed and selected a thin, flexible strip of board. Then he summoned his son, and for several minutes he was busy with Willie.

"That, my son," he said, as he finished, "is the board of education that was of use to me when I was a boy."

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We hope to see many of our Juniors back with us again, in a few weeks.

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We understand that the Junior papers so far are very satisfactory to the majority of our candidates.

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Mr. Selle has received the Life-saving Certificates, which will be distributed within a few days.

LITERARY AND DEBATING  
SOCIETY.

(Continued from Page 8.)

On May 2nd, Mr. Collins introduced a M.S.S. Journal. The articles were of a very high character. The editorial and a paper by "The Critic" were the best yet read in the Society. Other articles were "De Libris," "Abuses of the Seniors" (a paper which caused a very heated discussion), "Phrenology," and an essay on N.S.W.

On 10th May an innovation was made which promises well in the future. The first Dickens' Day was a great success. The articles read or recited were mainly from Chas. Dickens' three works, "Pickwick Papers," "David Copperfield," and "Martin Chuzzlewit." The following was the programme:—

- I. Paper. "Young Dickens." Mr. Kilgour.
- II. "Bardell v. Pickwick." Mr. Geo. Fraser.
- III. "Death of Chuzzlewit." Mr. H. Dee.
- IV. "Shaving Scene from Chuzzlewit." Mr. Geo. Best.
- V. "Copperfield and the Waiter." Mr. E. G. Knox.
- VI. "Pickwick on Ice." Mr. S. Robyns.
- VII. "Death of Barkiss from Copperfield." Mr. S. Lasker.

A CENTURY I VERY NEARLY  
MADE.

By A. C.

It was a beautiful day in early Autumn. The air was balmy, such as would revive the soul saddened by the most oppressing cares.

I was not in such a predicament, however, for I was going to play

cricket. The turf was beautifully green after the recent rain, and with the soft rays of the Autumn sun upon it, presented a spectacle worthy of the "Emerald Isle" itself.

I went in to bat first with someone as a companion whose name I cannot call to mind. From the initial over things went smoothly for me. I slashed about in all directions. The ball flew to the palings, the rattle when it came in contact with them being very satisfactory—for me. The bowlers were completely non-plussed. My other companions, I may mention, were sent back to the pavilion at intervals, but I—to be brief, I was invincible. Every man on the side, including the wicket-keeper, and almost the umpires, were tried at the bowling crease, but their efforts were fruitless. I continued my onward career undaunted. The ball was not only travelling to the fence now, but a long way over. I was not the least bit tired. Glancing up I perceived that my score stood at ninety-nine. How my heart swelled with pride! Only one more for the coveted century. I had just hit the bowler three times over the fence in succession, the last hit narrowly missing an old lady who appeared much annoyed at having her equilibrium so nearly upset. For my part I treated it as a joke.

Well, as I said, I wanted one for the century. Up came the bowler, and I, well, I was just preparing to send the ball soaring high above the heads of the onlookers when—I woke up with a terrible start. It was five minutes to eight!

It was a pity, for I never batted so well before.

## A VISIT TO MACQUARIE LIGHTHOUSE.

By W. BUCKLE (5 A.)

About 60 boys were taken by their teachers to the Macquarie Lighthouse, on Thursday, May 3. When we reached Circular Quay we had not to wait long before the "Vaucluse" glided into the wharf, and we were soon on our way to Watson's Bay. After a very pleasant trip down, we had to walk about half-a-mile to the lighthouse; but on our way we saw the Gap, where the ill-fated Dunbar was wrecked. The weather was not at all desirable for such an outing, as 'twas rather cold, and we had a few showers of light rain during the afternoon. On reaching our destination we were struck by the cleanliness of everything, and going up about a hundred steps that form the spiral staircase, we stood on the top landing. This lighthouse is 346 feet above sea level, and its total cost is £20,000. The mirror, which cost £7000, takes the shape of a room with sixteen sides. It revolves on steel bearings, so nicely balanced that it can be revolved by a push with the hand. The casings are of gun metal. This revolving part weighs about six tons. The sixteen sides are made up of 795 pieces of prismatic glass, which reflecting one upon the other, give the small electric light great power, for it is said to be visible for thirty miles at sea. The flash when viewed from a distance, is seen for eight seconds; thus it takes about a minute to make one revolution. The first lighthouse at South Head was built in 1817; the present one was erected in 1881. Should the electric light fail, it can be temporarily replaced by an oil-lamp. The electric light is arranged in two parts, so that when one

carbon stick is burnt out, the other is instantly pushed into its place. In this way the light is constantly kept burning throughout the night. The outing proved to be very interesting and instructive.

(We are always pleased to publish articles like the above if sent to us.—EDITOR.)

## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On 12th April a junior debate was held on the subject: "Given a sum of money to whom would you erect a monument, Clive or Wellington?" Messrs. Ward, Eager, Ellard, and Smith, supported Wellington. Messrs. Booth, Bothrell, Le Brun, and Metcalf spoke in favor of Clive. On division Mr. Booth's party won the day.

On the 19th, the 3rd Half-Yearly Prize Speech was held. The subject was "That the assisted immigration carried on in Australia is detrimental to public interest. The prize was won by Mr. Stanton, of the Senior Class.

On the 25th, a great ministerial crisis occurred on the motion introduced by the Hon. the Premier (Mr. Knox) "That in the opinion of this House it would be to the advantage of the Empire, and facilitate the dealing with questions which affect the oversea dominions if the Imperial Council were established to which each of the self-governing colonies should send a representative."

Messrs. Collins (Lands) and Brown supported the motion. Messrs. Langker and Best spoke on the Opposition. The motion was lost by 28-26.

Mr. Knox tendered the resignation of himself and colleagues. The meeting was characterized by the excellence of the speeches.



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1. Junior and Senior Commercial Certificates will be given by the University to candidates who pass the prescribed examination.

2. The certificates will be awarded in connection with the Junior and Senior Public Examination of the University.

3. Candidates for the Junior Commercial Certificate will be required to enter their names in the same way as ordinary candidates for the Junior Public Examination, but they will be provided with alternative papers of a suitable character in the following subjects:

- (a) English, including Précis Writing.
- (b) Arithmetic, including Commercial Arithmetic.
- (c) Geography, including Commercial Geography.
- (d) English History, including Commercial History.

4. Candidates will be required to pass in the following five sections, as prescribed in the regulations which follow, in order to obtain the Junior Commercial Certificate

- (a) English, including Précis Writing.
- (b) Arithmetic, including Commercial Arithmetic.
- (c) Geography, including Commercial Geography.
- (d) English History, including Commercial History.
- (e) A Modern Foreign Language.

Candidates will be permitted to take up, in addition, two other subjects selected from the subjects for which candidates may enter in the Junior Public Examination.

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6. Candidates will be required to pass in the following five sections as prescribed in the regulations which follow, in order to obtain the Senior Commercial Certificate:—

- (a) English Literature, including Composition and Précis Writing.
- (b) One Modern Foreign Language.
- (c) Arithmetic and Algebra.
- (d) Geometry and Mensuration.
- (e) History of Europe, including Commercial History as a special subject; or Geography, including Commercial Geography as a special subject; or one of the other subjects for which Senior candidates may enter.

Candidates will be permitted to take up, in addition, not more than five other subjects selected from the subjects for which candidates may enter in the Senior Public Examination. These may include History of Europe and Geography, as described in subsection (e) of section 6, if not already taken.

7. The fee for admission to the Junior Public Examination shall be £1, and to the Senior Public Examination £1 10s. This fee shall admit to one examination only.

8. The examination for the Junior and Senior Commercial Certificates will be conducted in all respects in the same way as the Junior and Senior Public Examinations, as set forth in the Manual of Public Examinations issued by the University of Sydney.

## FOOTBALL.



### AUSTRALIAN RULES.

Fort-street A clearly demonstrated their superiority in handling a wet ball in the match Peter-sham v. Fort-street a fortnight ago. The scores were 3 goals 11 behinds to 2 goals 1 behind. Barry kicked two goals and Thomas 1. Others who played best were Welch, Stafford (2), and Chambers.

The teams will meet again on Friday, 5th July, on the Agricultural Ground.

Given a fine day, a good game of football should result.

Fort-street will probably play against combined Victorian Schools in July.

Mr. Judge writes from Young congratulating the school on the first win.

The West Australian schoolboys will play against Sydney schools in September.

Since last issue of the "Fortian" the B Grade team has played several matches, winning all but one. Waverley, Redfern and William-street were all easily defeated, but last Friday the tables were turned, and Fort-street sustained its first defeat at the hands, or rather feet, of Bondi. The luck of the day went against our team, which easily had the best of the game. Boys must roll up to practice and play together if they wish to win the B Grade competition.

## FORT-ST. V. PETERSHAM.

By "Rover."

The above teams met for the second time on Friday last, at the Agricultural Ground. In contrast to the former match the day was fine, and clear.

Both teams lined out at 3.40, and the ball was set going about 3.45. Fort-St. won the toss, and decided to kick with the wind. Here I must compliment Barry on his prowess, as the school scored in this quarter 16 points to their opponents nil. On changing ends, our captain decided to strengthen the backs by placing an extra man there—the result of which enabled us to prevent Petersham from scoring. The bell ringing half-time the scores were 16 pts to nil.

On resuming, our ruck, consisting of Barry, Welch, and Wilson, clearly demonstrated superior skill in passing and handling the ball. Wilson kicked a beautiful angle goal, and Thomas was responsible for one also. The quarter ended with the score 28 pts to nil. Up to three-quarter time Petersham had not scored a point. In the final quarter we scored 1 goal 3 behinds to 2 behinds, thus winning the match by 35 points.

Undoubtedly Barry played the game of the day, although he was closely followed by Blundell, of Petersham. All Fort-St. team played well (the result of constant practice), and I would specially pick out Barry, Welch, Wilson, Bradley, Rowntree, W. Stafford, and Leggett, as the top-notchers. It only remains now for the splendid team to train well and keep together, so as to win the next match which must be the final in the competition.

Kinnimont has been playing very well for the Seconds. He is being tried to-day in the First's against Petersham. The Second's will miss him.

The forwards must learn to handle the ball much quicker than they do. They spoil many chances of scoring by fumbling. Get the ball and then kick it, forwards!

Grieve has been the most consistent goal-kicker so far. He generally manages to score at least one. Ought to have had one against Bondi, but the mark, a good one, was taken from him. Better luck next time.

Charge the ball—not the man. Get the ball, and then get rid of it. Don't hang on to either the ball or the boy. The first is bad, and the second—worse.

A greatly improved boy is Eric Ward. He is new to the game, and stripped for the first time last Friday. Kicked one goal, and hit the post another time. Will get into First's before the end of the season—probably.

**RUGBY.**

## SENIORS V. COMMERCIALS.

On the 17th inst., a battle royal took place on the historic field of Birchgrove Oval, between two forces representing respectively the Senior and Commercial football teams. I may as well state now, in order to make matters clear, that I was in the ranks of the Senior team.

We stripped for the fray, and a strange and incongruous spectacle  
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QUOTATION COMPETITION. TO BOYS ABOUT TO LEAVE SCHOOL.

The "Fortian" offers this month a prize of 2s. 6d. for the girl or boy who can locate the following quotations giving author and poem in each case. Place your answers, name and class in an envelope, and hand it to the Editor, or Miss Mouldsdales, by the 21st July. In the event of more than one person being correct the prize will go to the first envelope opened after that date.

- (1) The world is too much with us ; late  
and soon.  
Getting and spending, we lay waste  
our powers.
- (2) We are such stuff  
As dreams are made on, and our  
little life  
Is rounded with a sleep
- (3) A thing of beauty is a joy for ever.
- (4) Sweet are the uses of Adversity  
Which like the toad ugly and  
venomous,  
Wears yet a precious jewel in his head.
- (5) To me the meanest flower that blows  
can give  
Thoughts that do often lie too  
for tears.
- (6) Our remedies oft in ourself do lie  
Which we ascribe to Heaven.
- (7) Stone walls do not a prison make  
Nor iron bars a cage.
- (8) Never anything can be amiss  
When simpleness and duty tender  
it.
- (9) One more unfortunate,  
Weary of breath,  
Rashly importunate,  
Gone to her death.
- (10) But more of reverence in us dwell  
That mind and soul, according  
well  
May make one music as before.
- (11) Hell has no rage like love to hatred  
turned  
Nor hell a fury like a woman scorned.
- (12) 'Tis with our judgments, as with our  
watches, none  
Go just alike, yet each believes his  
own.

Mr. Kilgour wishes it to be stated that he would be glad if those boys about to leave school would leave their names and addresses with him. During the last few weeks a number of excellent Sydney firms have accepted boys from Fort-street on Mr. Kilgour's recommendation. Constantly Mr. Kilgour is able to procure good situations for the right style of boy, for he has invariably found that the boys whose character and record he knows, and whose claims to a position he has recommended, gives the greatest of satisfaction to his employees, and keep up the record of the school for turning out not only scholars, but also men. Will boys interested in this please take notice, and hand in their names. The following boys have received the positions mentioned, through Mr. Kilgour's recommendation and instrumentality.

Whittle—Hardy Bros., Hunter St.  
Moors—China Navigation Co.  
C. Hill—Illawarra Navigation Co.  
Renshaw—Gas Company.  
Sandels—Gas Company.  
Hopkins—Bank of North Q'land.  
Holden—Briscoe and Company.  
Portus—Miles, Vane and Miles.  
Wilkinson—W. Tarlton, Account'nt.  
Alexander (M.3.)—Pitt Son and  
Badgery.

During the Mid-winter Vacation of the High Schools we received visits from some of our old Teachers, including Mr. C. H. Christmas, B.A., Mr. R. Middleton, B.A., and Mr. C. P. Schrader, B.A. They still retain an active interest in the old school, and wish they were back again.

### THE NEW JUNIOR CLASSES.

After an exhaustive examination the new Junior Classes for 1908 were formed up a few days ago. A slight variation has been made in the organization, there being now only one Matriculation Class and three Commercial Classes.

We would impress upon our new Juniors the necessity for a solid effort at once, not a mere cram at the end of the time. We hope to see them—for they have already a good record—eclipse all Juniors of the past few years.

A large number of the Juniors of 1907 Juniors are returning to school. Some intend sitting for the Senior, others for the Public Service. The numbers in the Senior Class will be so large that they will in future be allotted the two rooms upstairs instead of one as formerly. This year's Senior boys are now working very hard and earnestly. We have been informed that several old boys, now Pupil Teachers, intend sitting for the Senior this year, including W. Hindmarsh and Harry Reid.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

We desire to congratulate Mr. W. Fitzgerald, on having obtained his first-class Certificate as a Teacher, and also Mr. G. Fraser, B.A., on having passed the written examination for that same class Certificate.

Mr. H. T. Lovell, M.A., one of our late Teachers, and now the Woolley Scholar, leaves Sydney on the 12th of this month for Jena University. We note that Mr. Lovell has just been successful in gaining his M.A.

in Philosophy, though the degree cannot be conferred till next year.

In consequence of the illness of the Resident Science Master at Bathurst Technical College, Mr. H. Meldrum, B.Sc., our Science Teacher is absent, filling the vacant position. Mr. L. C. Morris, from the Technical College, is taking a few of Mr. Meldrum's lessons.

In last month's issue we stated that Benjamin Home, who passed first for engineering apprentice at Garden Island, was in 5A class. We should have said M5.

We forgot to mention previously that Tom Wilkins, late of the Senior Class, is one of the two 1907 P. N. Russel Engineering Scholars at the University of Sydney.

### CROSSING THE BAR.

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me;  
And may there be no moaning of the bar  
When I put to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the  
boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark,  
And may there be no sadness of farewell  
When I embark:

For tho' from out our bourne of Time  
and place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have eost the bar.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

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 we presented, each in a different coloured guernsey. We held a competition to decide who wore the most amusing costume. The contest, as all saw, lay between Robyns and Wall, and so equally ludicrous did these two appear, that the judge was obliged to pronounce a draw. The prize, I might mention, was a half-penny with a hole in it, that the captain had kept in his pocket for about two weeks, trying to pass off on "Henry Young, confectioner." It seemed as if the prize would have to be divided, but a brilliant suggestion by Adamson solved the difficulty. His suggestion was that the two should fight, but in the Greek style, and the winner to have the prize. In that style of boxing, as perhaps you know, there is usually only two hits, he who hits the harder—running. We pointed this out to Wall, and the desired result followed, for that gentleman hastily withdrew and renounced all claims to the prize in favour of Robyns.

Now we trooped out and took our places, the Seniors having lost the toss, and with the sun in our faces. It was plain that our team was altogether too strong for the Commercial, who, however, fought a good battle. Adamson scored almost directly and converted. Then Knox thought he would imitate Adamson's achievement as he was only about 15 yards from the goal, when to his utter amazement, he suddenly found himself stretched on the ground, and the ball lying down near the other goal.

A amusing occurrence was the try of Davison, who ran almost half-the-length of the field, with a Commercial thundering after him, but nobody in front. He secured his try, and Wall, who had been

distinguishing himself right through the battle, was given the kick, but, need we say, failed to convert. Barnes, as breakaway, played a splendid game for us, and despite the fact that he was in a lather of perspiration, complained that he was not given enough work. As regards myself I had once or twice had the ball in my hands, but, thinking discretion the better part of valour, I hastened to pass it to the man nearest me, whether he was a Senior or Commercial being only a detail that did not concern me. At last a glorious chance came in my way. I had been watching the downfall of Mr. Knox, when suddenly the ball came into my hands. Of course I tried to get rid of it at once, but there was nobody around. I thought of dropping it and fleeing, but the rest of my team kept yelling, "run," so I ran towards the goal, nobody of course being in front. I was beginning to plume myself on getting a try, when suddenly I saw a big, fleet-footed Commercial thundering down upon me. I could do nothing but stand there open-mouthed, and soon he reached me. Then he took the ball from my powerless grasp, lifted me up to his own level, and taking care that my head was undermost, he dropped me on the hard ground. For some time I lay there without daring to move, and in a half-dazed condition. At last I collected my scattered senses, (and it really seemed to me as if they had been literally scattered over the field) and was just thinking of retiring from the field when the whistle blew and the battle was over. The match had been won for us, mainly due to the exertions of Landon, Robyns, Adamson, and Barnes, by 38 points to nil.

A VISIT TO LEVER BROS' SOAP WORKS.

(By G. NIXON.)

On June 5, Mr. Harradine, took his class (5A) to Lever Bros. Soap Works.

On entering the premises we found a clean and tidy looking office. We were then lined up and divided into two parts, one part going with Mr. Harradine, and a young gentleman from the office, and the other part going with another young man from the office. At this stage we started on our little expedition.

Strewn round the ground were a large number of extremely large casks to hold the different oils, especially cocoanut oil. We had to walk little more than a hundred yards when we came to a large heap of copra in a big brick room.

The copra is put into a well, when it falls gradually on to a conveyor which is a canvas belting and which carries it to another well where it was crushed. This is then called dessicated cocoanut. We walked along a little further, amid a great noise of machinery, and found the ground copra coming out of a funnel on a matting about five feet long and one foot six inches wide.

When this matting is partly covered it is folded over and the machinery is worked so as to squeeze the cocoanut oil out of it. A man then takes one end of this cake (for it is squeezed into a cake when the oil was taken out of it) and slides it into an oven. This hardens the cake and takes any oil left in it by the other machine. It is taken out and put into another machine, and when it marked and cut is then ready for use, and is called an oil cake.

THE SOAP ROOMS.

We were taken to a large room where the printing is done; we were shown an adjoining room where the boxes are cut, printed on, and nailed, which was all done by machinery. We were taken up in a lift to see the boiling fat. We went back to see the packing. Another conveyor is carrying bars of soap along past the girls that are packing it. Each boy was given a sample of soap, and then we started for home.

Every boy enjoyed himself, and it is hoped every boy will remember the trouble that a bar of soap takes to make.

RUGBY NOTES.

Fort-street are well represented in the Northern District team. The following schools constitute the Northern District:—Mosman, St. Leonards, Neutral Bay, East St. Leonard, Gordon, Warrawee and Fort-street. The following players were chosen from Fort-street:—Bottrell, Hermes, Ridley, Hill, Farnsworth, Harden, Spencer, Rowbotham, Best and McGennis.

The first round of the second grade competition has almost finished. The results have been tabulated as follows:—

Class	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Bye	Total
5c	3	1	1	1	1	5
5a	4	1	2	0	1	4
5b	1	1	0	0	1	4
6a	2	1	1	0	1	4
5e	2	1	1	0	1	4

On the 28th June Fort-street defeated the Christian Bros. High School, Waverley, by 13 points to 3. Fort-street showed much better form than in former matches.

### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On May 31, 1907, Mr. Mason (Premier) introduced a motion to the effect that "Charles I was rightly put to death." The Opposition was led by Mr. Knox.

Messrs. Telfer, Best, Williamson, Robyns, Langker and Gostelow supported the motion. Messrs. Knox, Collins, Stanton, Rossiter and Smith (Opp. Whip) spoke in opposition. On division the motion was carried by a small majority.

The farewell to the Juniors on the 7th June prevented a meeting.

On the 12th June Mr. Collius read a splendid manuscript journal. His editorial was particularly fine.

The second number of that brilliant paper the "Critic" was received with the enthusiasm due to such an attempt. We should be very glad if the editor would call at our office. We have a position for him.

The first number of a new attempt, the "Ensign" was read. It is much in the same line as the "Critic," but perhaps more personal. At all events it is a valuable acquisition to the society.

As this was Mr. Collins' last journal we take the opportunity to congratulate him on the splendid work he carried on whilst in office.

On the 19th June, Mr. Mason (Premier) introduced a motion abolishing "Women Suffrage."

Mr. Knox led the Opposition.

Messrs. Mason, Langker and Israel spoke on behalf of the motion, which was strenuously opposed by Messrs. Knox, Collins, Stanton, Gostelow and Rossiter. On division the motion was lost.

Mr. Brown, one of Mr. Knox's chief supporters, has undertaken to form a ministry.

On Friday, 29th June, Mr. Lasker delivered his long-looked for lecture on Paris. The lecture was illustrated by excellent lantern-slides. Mr. Hust very ably managed the lantern. Mr. Lasker led his audience from his entry into the city over all the sights which he himself saw on his visit to that city. The principal places shown were "The Tuileries," "Place de la Concord," "Arc de Triomphe," "Eiffel Tower," "Chambre des Deputies," "Trocadero." He also showed and described several of the famous Boulevards.

The lecture was greatly appreciated by all present, and we sincerely hope that Mr. Lasker may be prevailed upon to give more of his interesting experiences.

#### SYLLABUS:

##### Friday

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| July 5. | General Meeting    |
| 12.     | Debate             |
| 19.     | Manuscript Journal |
| 26.     | Debate             |
| Aug. 2. | Australian Day     |
| 9.      | Debate             |
| 16.     | Impromptu Speeches |
| 23.     | Debate             |
| 30.     | Manuscript Journal |
| Sept 6. | Prize Speech       |
| 13.     | Debate             |
| 20.     | Dickens' Day       |
| 29.     | Vacation           |
| Oct. 4. | " "                |
| 11.     | Impromptu Speeches |
| 18.     | Debate             |
| 25.     | Manuscript Journal |

In the P.S.A.A. Rugby Competition Fort-street stand second, having lost one match. We defeated Stanmore, on the 21st, by 8 to nil. The ground was very wet and the ball slippery, which fact accounts for the small score.



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## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, 6th September, a Mock Election was held. Three Liberal candidates presented themselves. The result of the voting was as follows:—Mr. G. Firman 43, Mr. E. Williams 28, Mr. W. McLean 20.

On Friday, 13th September, Mr. Brown (Premier) moved that in view of the treatment N. S. Wales has received at the hands of the Federal Parliament she should secede. After a hot discussion Mr. Brown's hitherto invincible ministry was defeated by 51 votes to 39.

On Friday, 20th September, Mr. Langher announced his Ministry as follows:—Premier, A. Langker; Attorney-General, R. Blanchard; Minister for Public Instruction, J. Malcolm; Minister for Public Defence, W. McLean; Minister for Lands and Industries, J. Morgan; Government Whip, M. Alexander.

The afternoon was devoted to Dickens. The programme was as follows: Introduction, "Pickwick Papers," President. Dialogue from "Pickwick Papers," Messrs. Langker and Dee; Extract, Mr. Frecker. Extract, Mr. Lasker, vice-president; A dramatised piece from Bleak House. The cast of charac-

ters for this piece appeared in the last issue of the "Fortian."

Another inter-club debate is to take place between Fort-street and Wollongong District School at Wollongong on October 11th. There will be four speakers on each side. Messrs. Gostelow, Brown, Langker and Morgan will represent Fort street. G. Firman is emergency.

Fort Street will oppose the statement "That the Legislative Council should be abolished in N. S. Wales."

We are very pleased to note the progress of Reg. Nicholls who secured the best Junior Pass in 1905. He then entered the firm of Burns, Philp and Co., and now has been appointed to an excellent position in the Townsville Branch of that Company. He came up to see us before his departure. We wish him success.

We have noticed in the daily papers that Mr. A. G. F. James, M.L.A., the new member for Goulburn in the State Parliament, received his early education at Fort Street Model School.

## FORT STREET TRIP TO MELBOURNE, 1907.

BY ONE-OF-THEM.

Doubtless most of the "Fortian" readers will remember that Ryde were defeated by our team by 99 points to 10 in the Challenge Match the day prior to our setting out.

Our party consisted of 22 boys under the charge of Mr. W. Selle, who engineered us through without a mishap. We arrived in Melbourne on Thursday, 19th ultimo, and were received at Spencer street Railway Station by the members of the Victorian Football League and members of the Victorian S.S.A.A. After being driven round the City we were escorted to our headquarters in Bourke street, "The Crystal Palace Hotel." Partaking of a good dinner we felt quite prepared for a slight practice on the Melbourne Cricket Ground, after which the reception took place. In the evening the members kindly accompanied us to the Theatre, where we witnessed the production of "The Dairymaids." Whilst here the renowned singer, Clara Butt, sent over to us, asking the name of the School to which the "wearers of the waratah" belonged.

Friday we spent the day in viewing various institutions and industries—the Baths, Public Library, Art Gallery, Tobacco Factory, Continuation School, etc.

A concert was arranged for our benefit in the evening at the hotel, and an early move was made to bed to prepare for the Saturday's contest.

As the Victorian School Premiership had not been decided the team pitted against us was a formidable combined team. Of

course our lads had no idea of success. However, we entered thuring boldly, and made a good stand. We were defeated by the first-class Melbourne team by 41 points to 11.

On Saturday night the League members took us in hand, entertaining us in right royal fashion.

Suiting both our minds and appetites Sunday morning was spent at Church and a beautiful 20 miles drive to Brighton Beaumavis and Sandringham filled in the afternoon. Everyone was impressed with the scenery along Hobson's Bay, an arm of Port Phillip. Monday morning was spent at the Zoological Gardens, and in the afternoon we again played football. This time we were more successful against the second team defeating Melbourne by 79 points to 2. We then witnessed Victoria beat the West Australian Schoolboys. A theatre party wound up our last night in Melbourne.

Tuesday morning we were up early to pack. That finished, we were taken to the Aquarium and took note of many details around the Exhibition Building.

A motor car drive for 30 miles was undertaken in the afternoon round the outlying suburbs towards Heidelberg—then we came to the Fire Station, where drill and manoeuvres were illustrated to us. A slight farewell took place at 4.30, and the train held us at 5. Fully 300 people gave us an enthusiastic send-off.

A hearty tea was partaken of at Seymour—a little sleep, and arrival at Albury at 10.30 almost finished Tuesday's programme. At the border City we were apportioned to private houses. On the morrow we saw the Hume monu-

ment, Hovell tree at the spot where the two explorers first crossed the Murray, thence the Botanical Gardens, and places of interest. The Mayor of Albury kindly entertained us with light refreshments. In the afternoon the Albury ex-scholars were defeated by us by 12 points to 5. This match was very exciting, and was witnessed by a good crowd.

A theatre party at the Mechanics Theatre made the time fly towards train departure. We left the town at 11 a.m. and reached Sydney on Thursday all well, jubilant, and thoroughly overjoyed with our magnificent tour.

Our grateful thanks are due to the members of the Leagues of Victoria and N.S.W. for the generous, and sportsmanlike manner in which they treated and received us.

All of us were highly impressed with the scientific and skilful game of football played by Carlton and South Melbourne after our first contest, and we were all proud of our positions as being amongst the 45,000 spectators.

Last Saturday Fort street met Albert Park (Vic.) on the Kensington Racecourse. Each side scored 4 goals 2 behinds, thus making a draw, after an even and keen display of football.

A trip to Victoria, S.A. and W.A. for the N.S.W. schoolboys is mooted for 1909. Next year a combined N.S.W. team will be sent to Melbourne. We hope to see Fort street well represented again.

### LAST MONTH'S QUOTATION COMPETITION.

The number of answers received for this competition, 19 in all, was very pleasing. Some of the replies, too, were very neat. The envelopes were well mixed, and the first one selected belonged to ERNEST R. OVERTON, of 5C Class, to whom the prize of 2s 6d, has been awarded. The complete list is as follows —

#### Correct.

Ernest Overton, 5C Class, 12; D. G. Marks, 6B, 12; E. Lewis, 5C, 12; G. Pugh, 12; Ruby Millen, 6B, 12; A. B. Snodgrass, CI, 12; R. A. Noble, Senr., 11; E. Neustadt, 5C, 12; J. Malcolm, Senr., 11; J. Ridley, senr., 12; K. Byrne, senr., 10; H. O'Keefe, 5E, 10; H. Chapman, 5E, 10; J. Powell, 5D, 5; L. Andrews, senr., 12; G. Packham, 6B, 12; G. Lawrence, 6B, 12; W. Smith, 12.

The correct answers are as follow:—1. Robert Herrick. "To the Virgins." 2. Alex. Pope. "Essay on Criticism." 3. Robert Burns. "For a' That and a' That." 4. W. Shakespeare. "A Midsummer Night's Dream." 5. W. Cowper. "Retirement." 6. A. Tennyson. "Crossing the Bar." 7. W. Shakespeare. "Hamlet." 8. Edward Young. "Night Thoughts." 9. Edward Young. "Night Thoughts." 10. John Milton. "Comus." 11. S. Coleridge. "The Ancient Mariner." 12. Charles Kingsley. "A Farewell."

The following boys have been appointed to the following positions, respectively: R. Benfield, Groves and Co.; K. Leigh, Burns, Philp and Co.; R. Coogan, Burns Philp and Co.

### CADET NEWS.

E Company, Fort Street, was inspected on Wednesday, 11th September, by Colonel Hoad, the Inspector General. He expressed himself well pleased with the company.

At the annual sports held by the P.S.A.A.A., the guard of honor was formed by the Fort Street cadets. Their behaviour was excellent, and by the precision of their movements and their soldier-like steadiness they evoked great praise from the the Governor, Sir Harry Rawson, General Gordon, Admiral Fawkes, Colonel Hoad, and also from officers of the First Battalion, to which Fort Street belongs. The guard of honor was a credit to the grand old school.

Lieutenant McKean, the officer commanding the company, will accept recruits. The intention is to raise the strength of the company up to 80, so all boys who are willing to join must hand in their names very soon to Lieut. McKean.

### THE FORT STREET SPORTS' UNION.

It has been recognised that the time has arrived when we should form a Sports' Union, consequently a meeting was held on the 16th September to discuss the question, and it was unanimously decided to form a Sports' Union.

All clubs (Football, Swimming and Cricket) will be controlled by their own officers in all matters except finance, which will be in the hands of a general committee formed from delegates sent from each club.

We hope to see every boy loyal to his school, and support the Union by becoming a member. A member of the Union is entitled to engage in any of the sports pro-

vided by the Union, that is, for the modest sum of 2s each may swim, play football and cricket. In addition if the Union be warmly supported we shall have our own Sports' day, when athletic competitions shall be indulged in by our own members only, on similar lines to the sports held by the other large Public Schools.

We feel confident that every true pupil of Fort street will help his school to successfully take this step towards progress, and that he will feel a keen satisfaction on that day when he can take his parents and friends to witness a sports meeting, held by his own school.

### OLD BOYS' UNION.

On Wednesday evening next, 16th instant, the Fort Street Old Boys' Union will hold a smoke concert in the Oddfellows' Hall, Castlereagh street, at 8 p.m. A good programme has been arranged. We take this opportunity of asking the present boys to inform all Old Boys of the function, to which they should lend a helping hand by being present on that evening. Tickets are 1s 6d. R. Moses and A. Barnes are hon. secs.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL NOTES.

The football season has drawn to a close in order to give place to cricket and swimming.

The final match of the class competition was played by Mr. Page's team and Mr. Eva's team, the latter winning the match and also the medals presented by the Fort Street Football Club. The following players receive the medals: Best (Captain) Spencer, O'Grady, Churchill, Hall, McKillop, Harrison, Barker, Hermes, Vernon, Jordan, Sainy, Cameron, Scott, and Keane.

## NEW BOOKS.

Owing to the increased interest in and patronage accorded to the School Library, particularly by the girls, a large number of new books, about 70, has recently been added. The names of these are posted on the notice board, but we would like to note that many of them are new school stories, and stories for girls. We would desire to impress all with the fact that the larger the number of borrowers the greater will be the number of new books. Mr. Mackaness, the librarian, will always be prepared to receive the names of books suggested as being suitable for the Library. If this present quarter is a good one financially he will promise to buy one hundred volumes to be put upon the shelves after Christmas.

One other point we desire to impress is that borrowers are not careful enough in the use of the books, and also that many are very unpunctual in returning the books they have borrowed. All fines will be enforced, for, during the last few weeks several books have been found among the lost property of the school. We thank boys and girls for the very excellent way they have been supporting the Library lately.

## A TRIP TO MENANGLE.

On Saturday, 28th September, Mr. Crane, with H. E. Williams, M2, assisted by Mr. Short, from Crown street, took his class to Menangle, a small township about 40 miles out of Sydney, on the southern line. We had a very pleasant journey in the train, and on reaching the Station after about two hours' traveling were met by some of the Menangle boys. They showed us over their butter factory, which proved very inter-

esting. It was not turning out much butter, however, owing to the scarcity of milk. We were then shown over the piggery.

There is a beautiful fresh water hole at Menangle, where we spent most of our time. During the morning Mr. Crane gave a race, and Green won it. In the afternoon we had a game of cricket, but being hot we soon returned to the water hole where we remained till dark. We caught the 8 o'clock train back, and arrived in Sydney about 10.20, the train being late.

We wished Mr Crane happy holidays, but we are sorry to say he has spent most of them in bed with Measles.

We desire to thank heartily Dorothy Jiggins for having presented the Library with about 40 copies of "Life," all in the very best condition.

John Greathead, who matriculated in 1906, and has since been temporarily employed in the Public Service, has successfully passed the examination for Cadet Draftsman, and has received an excellent appointment in the Lands Department at Grafton. He left on Saturday. We wish him success.

The long expected fittings of the Chemistry Room have at last arrived—at least some of them. The room looks something like a chemistry room, now, with its tables and gas tubes, fittings, etc.

Miss Asher has been appointed to the Infants' Department.

Fort Street easily defeated Wollongong in the inter-club debate.

## CRICKET NOTES.

Early in September we held our cricket meeting, when the main room was well filled by interested supporters of the game. Mr. Kilgour occupied the chair.

The officers for the coming season were elected as follows:—

Patron: D. J. Cooper, Esq., M.A.

President: A. J. Kilgour, Esq., B.A., L.L.B.

Committee: H. Woolcott, R. Farnsworth, J. Wilson.

Treasurer: G. Mackness, Esq., B.A.

Secretary S. Cantrell, Esq., B.A.

It has been decided to enter three teams in the Public Schools' Competition.

The first match of the season was played on Birchgrove Oval, 28th September, against the Technical College. Fort Street won the toss and decided to bat, putting up the score of 261 before yielding to their opponents who scored 83.

The results are as follows:—

Barnes retired	...	...	57
Adamson bowled	...	...	74
Woolcott hit on wicket	...	...	46
Landon retired	...	...	32
Farnsworth bowled	...	...	8
Rowbotham caught	...	...	1
Main caught Barnes	...	...	0
Dinsey not out	...	...	10
Wallace bowled	...	...	8
Fox bowled	...	...	1
Sundries	...	...	16
Total	...	...	261
Dinsey secured	2	wickets for	6.
Wallace	1	"	0.
Adamson	1	"	4.
Main	1	"	25.
Farnsworth	1	"	4.
Woolcott	2	"	16.

## GIRLS GUARD OF HONOR.

The Committee of the Women's Exhibition thought a Guard of Honor for Her Excellency, Lady Northcote would be a nice idea. The plan was carried out by the Fort Street girls. The 200 girls, all dressed in white and carrying wands tipped with wild flowers and ornamented with green, black, and white ribbons, lined the passage in the main pavilion. As Lady Northcote and her party passed onward an arch of flowers was constructed, after which all stood at attention, the flowers making bright spots of colour against the white dresses.

Two girls, Sarah Wade and Ruth Tunks represented Britannia and Australia, presenting a bouquet of wild flowers. Her Excellency expressed herself as much pleased with the display.

We bid farewell this month to Miss H. Rankin, Directress of Cookery in N.S.W., who is to be married on the 23rd instant. We take this opportunity of wishing Miss Rankin happiness and prosperity.

In another part of this issue we mentioned the names of several boys who have been appointed to good positions. Mr. Kilgour has been overwhelmed by applications from the best firms in Sydney for good boys, but the supply is not equal to the demand. We have pleasure in announcing the following excellent positions lately obtained by Fort Street junior boys:

Percy Stillman to John Bridge & Co., William Wood to Houlder Bros., Claude Maginnis to Pitt, Son & Badgery, Sid Ritchie to Goldsbrough, Mort & Co., Fred Skinner to Gas Co.

JUNIOR CLASS QUARTERLY EXAMINATION.

The following are the best of the results:—

J. Wright, C1, 76; G. White, C3, 71; T. Clowry, C3, 68.

Latin.—J. Yolland, M1, 87; W. Hanson, M1, 81; G. Harden, M1, 78; A. Barry, M, 76.

Geography.—Mackenzie, C1, 80; Rowbotham, C1, 71; Mundle, C1, 70; Anderson, C1, 68.

Chemistry.—W. Meldrum, M1, 94; B. Green, M1, 96; W. Stafford, M1, 94; A. Barry, M1, 90; J. Dexter, M1, 92; A. Sims, C1, 90; E. Booth, M1, 91; C. Murray, M1, 95; R. Kinnimont, M1, 91; F. Barclay, M1, 95.

Algebra.—A. Barry, M1, 98; H. Brett, M1, 98; B. Green, M1, 97; J. Dexter, M1, 94; W. Meldrum M1, 93.

Arithmetic.—A. Barry, M1, 99; H. Hook, M1, 99; W. Stafford, M1, 98; C. Murray, M1, 95; J. Dexter, M1, 91.

Geometry.—H. Hanson, M1, 94; C. Wallace, M1, 85; H. Broadbent, C2, 82; B. Green, M1, 81.

English.—C. Wallace, M1, 76; E. Booth, M1, 75; Bradley, M1, 75. WILLIAMSON C1, 75

M III (1903-4) UNION.

As many know, in May of last year the Old MIII 1903 1904 formed a Union, and held a very successful dinner in the month of June. We received a copy of their constitution through the kindness of their Secretary, Mr. Reg. Nicholls. Mr. Nicholls having left this State we would be pleased if the new Secretary would send us any news of old members.

We would like to remind our readers of one or two points in connection with this Union:

First.—The Union proposes to

award an annual prize to the members of the current MIII class. This will be awarded this year for the first time.

Second. All members shall at least twice in the year forward to the Secretary any items of personal or general interest. We hope the Secretary will then forward them to us. Also, the Union intends holding an annual picnic either this month or next. The Fortian wishes the Union and its members every success.

NEW QUOTATION COMPETITION.

Conditions as usual. Prize 2s 6d. Answers to be in by 25th of this month.

I. To-morrow to fresh woods and pastures new.

II. Frailty, thy name is woman.

III. Full many a flower is born to blush unseen

And waste its sweetness on the desert air.

IV. God moves in a mysterious way,

His wonders to perform.

V. When Greeks joined Greeks then was the Tug of War.

VI. To live in hearts we leave behind,

Is not to die.

VII. Satan trembles when he sees The weakest saint upon his knees.

VIII. See the conquering hero comes Sound the trumpets, beat the drums.

IX. They also serve who only stand and wait.

X. Who steals my purse, steals trash.

XI. Tender-handed stroke a nettle And it stings you for your pains;

Grasp it like a man of mettle And it soft as silk remains.

## GIRLS' PAGE.

### EDITORIAL

We intend in future if possible to devote two whole pages to the Girls and their doings. We would therefore beg the girls of Fort Street to supply us with the necessary copy, original or otherwise. We will be pleased to publish anything of interest. Please hand your article, clipping, or piece of news to Miss Mouldsdales or the Editor at any time during the month.

#### What Little Things Can Do.

(By Dorothy E. Crackanthorp.)

I am going to write about the dust in the air. I think it is a good subject to prove that little things that we despise are very useful, and the cause of very beautiful things. It is the particles of dust in the air that give us the beautiful blue of the sky. If there were no dust in the air the sky would be black. We should see the stars by day, and there would only be light near to the earth. The particles of dust in the atmosphere reflect the sun's light to us. The larger particles of dust sink close to the earth, and the smaller ones rise to the air. When the sun shines on these small particles they absorb every colour but the blue, which is bent back, and we see only the blue.

The lovely colors at sunset are also due to these dust particles. The rain and clouds are also due to these dust particles. If there were no dust particles the clouds would

not form, and we should not have the gentle rains. The water vapour in the air would most likely condense on the surface, and everything near the surface of the earth would be wringing wet, even our clothes. Thus we see that the despised dust particles cause beautiful and useful things in nature.

#### A visit to the Botanical Gardens.

By Douis Lee.

On Thursday afternoon, the 12th September, Miss Free took the Botany Division of 7A Class to the Gardens. Miss Connolly, one of the teachers from Duwiche Hill School, paying a visit to Fort Street, accompanied us. We went with the idea of examining the various forms of flowers.

Of those which we had time to observe one was the Petunia, which somewhat resembles the convolvulus, but has a very leaf-like calyx, scarcely distinguishable from the leaves of the plant. In many of these flowers the stamens were changing into a petal-like structure showing the coloring and variegation of the corolla. We also saw a splendid specimen of a spurred corolla and noticed that all the central petals of one or two yellow ranunculi had turned to a bright green. Among others which we examined were the Lupin, Carnation, and several other interesting flowers the names of which we did not know. We spent a very pleasant afternoon, but as we left School at 3 o'clock we had very little time to enable us to catch our usual conveyances.



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## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, October 11th, the Manuscript Journal was read by Rossiter in the absence of the Editor Langker, whose editorial on "The Saving Grace of Humour" was well received. The "Ensign," "Critic," and a new newspaper, "The Educated Wallaby," made their appearance. Other contributions were "The Great Cricket Match"—a short story, "Avernus" by "Opposition," and an essay headed "Of Breaches."

On Friday, October 18th, Langker, Premier, moved "That Arbitration is impossible as a substitute for War." Brown with one supporter, Ward, opposed the motion. McLean, Blanchard, Morgan, and Malcolm, supported Langker. The motion was carried by a large majority.

## THE TRIP TO WOLLONGONG.

On Friday morning, October 11th, a party of twelve of the most prominent members of our Society, in charge of Mr. Lasker, took their places in the early train to the South Coast. The journey was enlivened by means of a water-pistol, a date-pudding, and a certain pipe. We arrived at Wollongong, our scene of action for a few days,

at 11 o'clock and were conducted to our respective boarding-houses.

In the afternoon the inter-club debate, the object of our visit, took place. Gostelow, Brown, Langker, and Morgan, represented Fort Street and according to the judges acquitted themselves very well. The Wollongong speakers also spoke well while they lasted, but being inexperienced their time of speaking was rather short.

Thursday was spent in a climb to the top of Mt. Keira, and although the climb was somewhat tiring the view from the summit was excellent. At our feet was spread a panorama of the whole Wollongong district, with its scattered houses, smoking coke-ovens, and coal mines. In the distance, southward, Lake Illawarra and Port Kembla could be seen. To the north lay Clifton and Mt. Pleasant, while Prospect Reservoir could also be distinguished by a glimmer through the trees. Miles of coast stretched before us in an unending line of alternate cliffs and stretches of beach. This was the view said to eclipse that of Bulli Look-Out. Sunday was spent quietly, very unlike Saturday evening, of which let the debaters themselves speak. We returned by train on Monday after enjoying

one of the most splendid trips we ever had.

A letter has been sent to the Wollongong School thanking them for the hospitality to us. Their local newspaper gave a fine report of the debate. On Friday, October 28th, a description of this trip was given to the Society by the various members of the party.

On Friday, November 1st, a non-ministerial debate was held. Malcolm moved "That Napoleon was a greater man than Wellington." Marcus Alexander opposed the motion. Many young members took part, and owing to the large number of speakers the time of speaking was altered from 10 to 5 minutes. The subject afforded one of the finest debates yet held in the Society. The motion was put a few minutes after 5 and lost by 35 votes to 33.

#### SCHOOL CAPTAIN.

Since Landon the Captain of the School for the last two years will be completing his course in a few weeks it will be necessary for the School to elect a captain for 1908. The following regulations are published in connection with the election.

- (1). All nominations must be in Mr. Kilgour's hands a fortnight before the 28th of this month—November.
- (2). The election will take place on the following day.
- (3). Only the boys of the Upper School, 6th and 7th classes, will be allowed to vote. This rule had been made because the personal worth and the character of the Senior Class boys from whom the captain must be chosen are not known to all the boys in the Lower School.

#### 1907 SENIORS.

On Friday, the 15th of this month, we bid farewell to the 1907 Seniors, as fine a set of Seniors as this School has ever produced. Their number is about the same as last year, but will be increased by the names of Harry Reid, Allan Chisholm, and William Hindmarsh, who, after spending eighteen months or so in the Senior Class, are now pupil teachers in some of the suburban schools.

We take this opportunity of wishing the 1907 Seniors the greatest of success in their examinations and hope to see them among the honor winners when the results are published.

Personally and intimately acquainted with them as we are, we know we are justified in saying that their influence on the life of the School has been very considerable. The active interest taken in the Debating Society by Knox, Collins, Telfer, Mason, and Best, has done much to establish that institution upon its present sound basis, and to excite in the new Seniors an emulation which will make them prove worthy successors of the 1907 Seniors.

We desire here also to express our appreciation of the valuable services both to the teachers and the school generally of Charlie Landon, Captain of Fort Street 1906 and 1907, who has acquitted himself with great credit and evinced all the qualities of a true sportsman. The new captain will have a good example to follow.

But we could go on thus indefinitely. We need only conclude by wishing him the best of best wishes—success in the Senior, and more than all, success in life.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. Senior Inspector H. McLeland was an interested spectator of the debate Wellington v. Napoleon.

We are pleased to be able to report that George McShane, one of last year's Junior boys has received an appointment as Junior Clerk in the Savings Bank of N. W. Barrack Street.

At the Old Boys' Smoke Concert held last month, Mr. J. W. Turner announced that he intended to offer an annual prize to Fort Street Boys for proficiency in Science.

They say the new Sports' Union is going to be a great success, and an important factor in Fort Street School life. The enrolment has now gone into the fifth hundred.

Mr. Harry Reid, a former Senior boy and lately a pupil teacher at Hurstville, has passed the Professional Examination of the Public Service and has received an appointment to the Lands Office at Hay. He paid the school and the Debating Society a visit on the eve of his departure.

The school also had a visit from two old boys, Armstrong and Milne, a few days ago.

We are sorry that Frank Telfer was so unfortunate as to meet with such a serious accident when the Senior was so near.

Mr. Principal Senior Inspector Cooper was very pleased with the literary value of the Debating Society's Manuscript Journal.

The school has just received its annual inspection. Messrs Senior Inspector Willis and Inspector S. H. Smith visited the Girls' Department and Messrs. Principal Senior Inspector Cooper and Senior Inspector Parkinson the Boys' Department.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. R. C. Taylor in his recent sad losses.

The school is presenting a number of candidates for the various Examinations of the Alliance Francaise to be held next month.

Now that the new Science Room has been fitted up, and a stock of apparatus obtained, a new arrangement has been brought into existence whereby each class obtains one continuous afternoon's practical work in science each week, in addition to the ordinary theoretical lessons. Science is making great progress at Fort Street.

Mr. Selle and Mr. Parker have initiated swimming instructional classes for non-swimmers. Life saving classes are also in process of formation. Only members of the Sports' Union are to be admitted to these classes.

Mr. Kilgour is still in daily receipt of communications from good city firms asking for boys to fill excellent positions. The supply, we are sorry to state, is not nearly equal to the demand, but Mr. Kilgour wishes it to be known that only boys who have received the full training that the school gives are considered by him in filling positions.

The medals for the Hendry Cup Competition will be available in the course of a few days.

## GIRLS' PAGE.

### FAREWELL TO MISS RANKIN.

At Fort Street on Thursday, October 18th, a complimentary Afternoon Tea was tendered to Miss Rankin, late Supervisor of Cookery, by teachers and students of cookery. Among those present were Mrs. Board, Mrs. McBurney, Misses Partridge, Banks, Wignell, and Munro; Messrs. Board, Dawson, Turner, Kilgour, Wigram, and Richards.

On behalf of the Cookery Staff of N.S.W., Mr. Board presented Miss Rankin with a dressing case, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the work done by her in connection with Domestic Science and Cookery, both as a teacher and supervisor, expressing the opinion that it would be hard to fill her place.

The five students in training at the Technical College, for whose professional training Miss Rankin has been responsible for the past year, also took the opportunity of presenting her with a silver sauce bowl in recognition of the kindly interest taken by her in their work.

On Thursday, Friday 17th and 18th October, the Probationary Students' Examination, was held in the I.O.O.F. Temple, Elizabeth Street. About 136 candidates sat, of this number three quarters were girl students, for both 1st and 2nd year were examined at the same time. The inspectors superintending the examination were Messrs. Willis, Cooper, Parkinson, and Smith. Fort Street was largely represented, there being 33 girls, but only 2 boys undergoing the test. The girls sitting for the examination were trained by Miss

Hanratty, who expended a great amount of energy and time for their benefit. On Wednesday, 16th October, Miss Hanratty was presented with a purse and Miss Davies (History teacher) with a very nice volume of Shakespeare's plays.

### OLD GIRLS UNION.

The annual meeting was held on Saturday, November 2nd, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:— President: Miss Partridge; Vice-Presidents: Misses Bourke and Mouldsdales; Recording Secretary: Miss Maloney; Corresponding Secretary: Miss Florrie Nelson; Treasurers: Miss Harders and Miss Ella Gormley; Committee: Misses Munro, Fell, H. Ebsworth, N. Dickson, and G. Butler.

The rest of the afternoon was spent most agreeably in a Musical Romance competition, which was won by Miss E. Sheldon. Afterwards afternoon tea was dispensed.

Arrangements were made for a Moonlight Harbor Excursion on the 23rd instant.

All old Fort Street girls are invited to join our Club, and so keep up their connection with their much loved school.

### A LETTER TO FORT STREET GIRLS.

#### BATHURST DISTRICT SCHOOL.

It is a year since I left the dear old School on the hill, but I have not forgotten it. I don't think anyone who knew it could.

I have been wondering if the Probationary Students at Fort Street would care to hear anything of their fellow-students who are training at Bathurst District School. I would like to be having my training at my old School, but

Bathurst is nearer home, that grandest of all institutions.

There are at present 22 students at this School—12 being second year, and 10 first year. Five of the first year do second year work, but they are not going for Training Exam. this year.

It seemed strange to find girls and boys working together here, but the teachers evidently think it acts better. I myself don't like it half as well as being separate. Another thing I found strange was being taught by masters. For out of the four teachers who have charge of the students three are masters.

No doubt many Fort Street boys will remember Mr. H. P. Melville, who was once among them. Perhaps it will be of interest to know that he now teaches an "old" Fort Street girl.

The second year students are getting very anxious, now that their exam. is so near. They don't seem to be able to cram enough in, especially as they have to do their practical work as well.

I must not forget to say that I take great interest in the Quotation Competitions, and am always on the look-out for the Fortian to see if I have located the questions correctly.

I was very pleased to notice in last month's issue the "Girls' Page," and I hope it will be kept up.

Hoping that this may prove of interest,

I am, yours sincerely,  
A LOVER OF FORT STREET.

### ELECTION OF PREFECTS.

To assist the teachers, and help in School discipline, Mr. Kilgour has decided to inaugurate a system of Prefects. An election was held

last week, and the following boys obtained the coveted honor:—Stifford, Potts, Malcolm Gostelow, Knight, and Langker. More about this next issue.

The Swimming Club has started again with a membership of 265 already enrolled. Few things seem to delight the girls more than their weekly visit to Elkington Park Baths, some who, on their visit, "stood shivering on the brink" are now ready to plunge boldly in, and we hope, before the season ends, will become expert swimmers. A Life Saving Class of about 30 members has been started under the leadership of Miss Bourke.

We are pleased to be able to report that two of our boys, Wood and Moore, have been successful in the Commonwealth Public Service Examination.

Boys are reminded that it is their duty so to conduct themselves when travelling to and from school by boat, train or tram, as not to interfere with the comfort and convenience of passengers, or do any act to which exception could possibly be taken, or which would bring discredit upon themselves or the school to which they should esteem it a great honor to belong.

The Roth Challenge Shield Championship Medals have been delivered to the winners.

The debate, Fort Street versus North Sydney Boys' Institute, resulted in a draw. We understand McLean's speech was the best delivered.

The following appointments are notified: E. Wheeler to the Savings' Bank; H. Raymond, to the Sugar Company.

N.B.—Much news is held over this issue for want of space.

### Answers to Contributors.

D. Lee, 7 C.:—Language very conventional, and subject very commonplace, still the style is good. You should try something less stilted and more imaginative.

F. Mailler:—Language is also very conventional. Omit all mention of "gentle zephyrs" and such like.

### Cricket Notes.

A Cricket Meeting was held on 17th October, when Mr. Tate occupied the chair. Messrs. Harradine and C. Gestelow were elected delegates to represent the cricket interest on the Sports' Union Committee.

Fort Street played a drawn game with the Sydney Grammar School seconds. The following were the scores:—

FORT STREET—1st Innings.	
A. Barnes c and-b Bray	... .. 11
R. Adamson b Bacon	... .. 0
H. Woolcott b Bacon	... .. 59
B. Moore c Bacon b Bray	... .. 0
C. Landon c Ritchie b Bacon	... .. 75
C. Kirkby c Sheldon b Johnson	... .. 1
N. Fox b Bray	... .. 18
G. Dinsey b Johnson	... .. 2
E. Rowbotham b Slade	... .. 19
R. Farnsworth b Bray	... .. 5
E. Main not out	... .. 0
Sundries	... .. 7
Total	... .. 197

### SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. 1st Innings.

Bacon run out	... .. 14
Sheldon c Dinsey b Main	... .. 15
Johnson c Rowbotham b Woolcott	... .. 25
Farrar b Main	... .. 64
Slade not out	... .. 5
Gregg not out	... .. 1
Sandries	... .. 7
4 wickets for	... .. 131

Fort Street A team defeated Cleveland Street A by 4 wickets on 1st inst. Scores:—

FORT STREET—1st Innings.	
Kirkby b Woolcott	... .. 8
McDonagh b Chapman	... .. 5
Woolcott c Woolcott	... .. 1
Dinsey a and b Woolcott	... .. 0
Rowbotham b Chapman	... .. 19
Farnsworth b Chapman	... .. 13
Stafford lbw Woolcott	... .. 1
Bulteau lbw Chapman	... .. 0
Wilson not out	... .. 4
Rinaldi b Chapman	... .. 0
Bray c Woolcott b Chapman	... .. 0
Sundries	... .. 4
Total	... .. 55

### 2nd Innings.

Woolcott c Woolcott b Rose	... .. 7
Rowbotham run out	... .. 1
Kirkby c Woolcott b Chapman	... .. 0
Farnsworth run out	... .. 19
Dinsey c Walker b Chapman	... .. 0
Wilson b Woolcott	... .. 4
Stafford c Walker b Rose	... .. 32
McDonagh b Upham	... .. 20
Bulteau b Rose	... .. 14
Bray not out	... .. 15
Rinaldi b Smith	... .. 5
Sundries	... .. 4
Total	... .. 121

Cleveland Street scored 40 runs in first innings and 81 in second.

Rowbotham obtained 8 wickets for 39 runs, Dinsey 4 for 15, and Woolcott 7 for 41.

Fort Street B team defeated Cleveland Street B by 60 runs. For Fort Street, Flook 35, Rowntree 15 and 12, and Black 12 and 12 were chief scorers. Ferris obtained 8 wickets for 25, Flook 4 for 24, Wright 6 for 18, Rowntree 1 for 0.

Cleveland Street scored 55 and 24 runs, and Fort Street 88 and 51.

Fort Street C team were defeated by Randwick Asylum by 25 runs.

Randwick School were defeated by Fort Street C by 1 innings and 45 runs.

LAST MONTH'S QUOTATION COMPETITION.

The envelopes were opened in the following order, and the prize of 2s. 6d. this month has been awarded to Peggy Kermode of Class 7 A.

- 1 J. Ridley, Seniors ... 5
- 2 Peggy Kermode, 7A ... 11
- 3 L. Lavers, M3 ... 11
- 4 L. Andrews, Seniors ... 11
- 5 G. Packman, M3... ... 11
- 6 N. Hindmarsh, 7A ... 11
- 7 K. Byrne, Seniors ... 8
- 8 Ruby Millen, 6B... ... 11
- 9 Alex Drake, 5D ... .. 11
- 10 H. Cohen, M3 ... .. 11
- 11 A. Fitzmaurice, M3 ... 11
- 12 R. Noble ... .. 10

The following were the correct answers:—

- 1 Milton—Lycidas.
- 2 Shakespeare—Hamlet.
- 3 Gray—Elegy.
- 4 Cowper—Light shiving out of darkness.
- 5 Lee—Alexander the Great.
- 6 Campbell—Hallowed Ground.
- 7 Cowper — Exhortation to Prayer.
- 8 { Lee— { Alexander the Great or Judas Maccabeus
- 9 Milton—Sonnet on his Blindness.
- 10 Shakespeare—Othello.
- 11 Hill—Written on a Window in Scotland.

NOVEMBER QUOTATION COMPETITION.

- 1. The man that hath no music in himself  
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds  
Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils;
- 2. Be just, and fear not.  
Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's  
Thy God's and truth's.

- 3 He, that filches from me my good name  
Robs me of that, which not enriches him  
And makes me poor indeed
- 4. To thine own self be true ;  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man
- 5. Ill fares the land to hast'ning ills a prey  
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay
- 6. Trust no future, how'er pleasant  
Let the dead past bury its dead.  
Act—act in the living present  
Heart within, and God o'erhead.
- 7. There is a tide in the affairs of men  
Which, taken at the flood leads on to fortune
- 8. Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just.
- 9. The child is father to the man  
And I could wish my days to be  
Bound each to each by natural piety.
- 10. One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.

NOTE:—1 prize of 2s. 6d. Answers to be in Editor's hands by the 25th of this month.

SWIMMING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Swimming Club was held in the Practising School on the 15th ulto., Mr. Parker occupying the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows:— Delegates to Sports' Union: Mr. E. Parker and A. Barry; Committee: Messrs. Parker, Allen, Crane, Evans, and the hon. sec; Hon. Secretary: Mr. W. A. Selle; Delegate to N.S.W.A.S.A.: Mr. W. L. Selle. Various accounts were submitted and passed, and the meeting closed.

### FORT STREET MODEL SCHOOL SPORTS' UNION.

As reported in our last issue, it was decided by the unanimous vote of the school to amalgamate all the clubs into one Sports' Union, and a committee was appointed to frame a constitution. On the 14th ultimo this committee presented its report to a mass meeting which adopted the whole of the committee's recommendations of which the most important are as follows:—

(1). The Union shall include Cricket, Football, Swimming, and such other clubs as may be deemed eligible.

(2). The Union shall control all financial matters of all clubs.

(3). Each club shall send to the Union two delegates, who, with the Secretary, Treasurer, and Captain, shall form the governing committee of the Union.

(4). The subscription shall be 2s. per annum for classes above 4th class; 1s. 6d. per annum for 4th classes and those below.

There were a very large number of detailed recommendations also, which were adopted. The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—Patron: The Hon. James Hogue, Minister for Education; President: Mr. A. J. Kilgour, B.A. LL.B.; Vice-Presidents: Mr. Principal Senior Inspector D. J. Copper, M.A., Mr. Senior Inspector H. Parkinson, Mr. Senior Inspector H. McLelland, B.A., Mr. Senior Inspector M. Willis, Mr. J. W. Turner, Mr. S. Lasker, M.A.; Hon. Secretary: Mr. S. W. Cantrell, B.A.; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. G. Mackaness, B.A.

The Committee which was elected at subsequent meetings of the various clubs is as follows:—Cricket: Mr. Harradine and Cecil Gostelow; Football: Rugby, Mr.

Evans and Mr. Page; Australian Rules, Mr. Selle and F. D. Stafford; Swimming: Mr. Parker and Albert Barry.

The Union has already taken control of Sport generally, and is pushing matters along well. The various club reports and doings will be found in other columns. The Treasurer, however, would like to mention that the support from the Lower School is much better than that received from the Upper. He hopes this matter will soon be rectified. The Committee would also like to mention that at their first meeting it was decided to obtain a wicket on the Domain for five afternoons each week. This has been done and earnest practice is in full swing.

The number of members who have already joined the Union is well over 400. This is excellent for a fortnight's work, but to make the Union a thorough success and to give each sport the pecuniary aid its needs, we require an enrolment of 600. Every boy should be able to show his little red and white ticket as a Member of the Sports' Union, and thus do his share of the work.

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