

# THE FORTIAN.

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## Editorial.

"A WHILE TO WORK, AND  
AFTER HOLIDAY."

I hardly know which is the more pleasant—the holidays, or after the holidays. There is, and always has been a keen joy to me in going back to School after the holidays. For some days beforehand I am continually thinking of the New Year's Annual Re-union of scholars and teachers, and I am sure the same feeling is shared equally by you all.

Were you not, all of you, thinking whether the school would be in any way changed? Were you not wondering what boys had left, where they had gone, how many new boys there would be, whether you would know any of them, whether there would be any new teachers, or if any old ones had been removed? I am sure you all were, and that when you arrived on Tuesday morning you were in a slight state of nervous excitement pleasant to be endured.

And then came greetings to old friends; curious questionings about the absence or presence of teachers, interested arguments about holiday trips, and the thousand and one

things boys and girls find to discuss one with another after an interval of five or six weeks.

No doubt you enjoyed yourselves. We all did, and we are back at work again with health, intellects, and tempers all improved, and ready to battle with another year's hard toil. No doubt you were all pleased with the changes in the Boys' Main Room. Certainly the improvements have been excellently planned and carried out, but the effect will be very much better when the new furniture is fitted.

You all know well that stagnation is death. We sincerely hope then that in this year 1908 no one connected with Fort Street will allow himself or stagnate, but set himself a goal, and strive with might and main to attain it. The teachers will do their part. It is the right and bounden duty of parents and scholars to do theirs. In the past they have not failed. Neither let us hope will they fail this year.

As a bud grows and expands, seeking out the light, so Fort Street is expanding. She does not rest upon the consciousness of things done, but of things doing, and this year she is contemplating fresh advances. It would be unwise



even if we were fully acquainted with them, to tell you all the schemes the headmaster has in his mind, and is discussing with the staff for the advancement of Fort Street. Suffice it to say that from the excellent start that has been made, the earnestness of all, and the bright promise of many of the new boys, it seems fair to predict a very successful and happy year.

We are glad to meet so many new faces, to welcome so many old boys. Your Editor and Librarian has some plans in his mind, for which he asks the cordial support of all boys and girls in the school. He now puts some of them before you. In the first place he is very anxious to improve this, your school paper, both by increasing its size, and also by making the articles as interesting as possible. Also, he is at all times only too pleased to accept contributions, particularly anecdotes and incidents, relating to old girls and old boys. Can you help him by supplying some of these. At any rate you can all give the paper your pecuniary support.

Another proposal is that of compiling and printing a new Library Catalogue. This we hope to accomplish within a few months. It is also proposed to fit up the Library Recess with proper bookshelves. To do this needs money. Boys and girls then should extend their patronage frequently to the School Library, which has recently been augmented by somewhere near a hundred new books.

We are all very sorry to lose Mr. E. Lockley, the Manual Training Teacher at Fort Street for many years. He goes to the Technical College. His successor has not yet been appointed.

### Obituary.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the sad death of an old Fort Street boy, Roy Swanton, son of the headmaster at Hurstville. The boy, who was one of the very highest promise, was swimming at Cronulla Beach, and got beyond his depth. Two of our Fort Street boys, Ward and Rowbotham, with a Petersham boy, Furley, were some distance away at the time of the accident. They immediately ran to the Beach, and succeeded in finding the boy, but though they tried resuscitation methods for over an hour their efforts were unsuccessful. We extend our sincerest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Swanton in their irreparable loss. On the opening day of school this year, Mr. Swanton wrote a very heartfelt letter to Mr. Kilgour, accompanying two gold medals for Ward and Rowbotham as a mark of gratitude for their efforts to save his dearly loved son. Mr. Kilgour took a special opportunity of presenting these medals, with many expressions of appreciation for their brave conduct.

### EXAMINATIONS.

We have to offer our congratulations, though somewhat late, to Allan Chisholm who gained the Jones' Memorial Medal, and first position for students entering the Sydney Training College, and also the Parkes Bursary for best pass in languages among public school pupils at the Junior.

Ralph Blanchard, another Fort Street boy, was successful in obtaining first place for students who had not been probationary students.



## FORT STREET MODEL PUBLIC SCHOOL.

### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

#### SIXTH HALF-YEARLY BALANCE SHEET.

1ST JULY, 1907, TO 31ST JANUARY, 1908.

Receipts.	£ s d	Expenditure.	£ s d
Balance for last half-year	2 8 5½	By Cash, Advance to Sec.	0 5 7
To Cash Subscription		Telegram to Sec. ...	0 0 10
1st Quarter (119 Memrs)	1 9 9	Tickets ...	0 6 0
2nd Quarter (102 Memrs)	1 5 6	Wollongong Trip ...	1 4 0
		Prize Story ...	0 10 0
		Bell ...	0 2 3
		Banquet ...	0 12 6
		Total ...	£3 1 2
		Balance ...	£2 2 6½
	£5 3 8½		45 3 8½

HERMAN DEE, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.—H. Wall, M. Alexander, Auditors.

#### DEBATING SOCIETIES ANNUAL REPORT.

At the Annual Meeting of the L. & D. Society held last Friday, the Secretary read his report. Since its length does not permit of reproduction we are content to note some of its more important items. The enrolment is now 120, and still increasing, and the number of debaters twice as many as during the previous year.

The year's work consisted of the following:—Debates 12, Interclub Debates 5, M.S. Journals 6, Mock Elections 2, Impromptu Speeches 2, Literary Days 4, Lectures 2, Miscellaneous Subjects 5. The accounts of the various debates have been already published in our columns. Some of the debates such as that against Old Boys we hope to see made an annual affair. The M.S. Journals form one of the most

interesting and educative of the Society's works. Langker, the Editor, deserves great praise for his efforts in this direction. Another feature of the Society that deserves notice is the Literary Day. Two days were devoted to Dickens, and two to Australian affairs. We hope to see an extension of this system during this year. We also hope for at least one lecture each quarter, on popular and interesting subjects.

Among other interesting features during the year 1907 were the famous law suit, Mason against Telfer, and the prize speech day won by Stanton.

We congratulate the officers of Society on their enthusiasm, their energy, and their devotion to the interests of the Society, and wish the new officers a very prosperous New Year.



## GIRLS' PAGE.

### ENTRANCE TO TRAINING SCHOOL.

As a result of the examination held at Fort Street on November 20th, for probationary students seeking entrance to the Training College Miss S. Wade has been awarded an "A" scholarship, and Miss W. Harris has been awarded a "B" scholarship.

Miss Leoni Palazzi a probationary student appointed as pupil teacher, has also won a scholarship for the Training College.

Miss H. Ebsworth, a former Fort street pupil has won a scholarship for Training College.

The following girls were successful in obtaining probationary student scholarships:—

Ruby Benz, Dorothy Perry, Majorie L. Buskin, Charlotte A. Baxter, Pearl J. Dwight, Elsie M. Currie, Pearl Atkinson, Ella Washington, Louis Giles. Isabel Wilson, Maggie Moore, Rebecca Drake, Kathleen Martin, Muriel Boag, Mary McClusky, Bertha Carroll.

During the holidays Madge Downie, a member of the Life Saving Club, was able to render successful service at Freshwater, Manly. A woman was brought out of the surf almost drowned. Her friends immediately began to chafe her body, and tried to force hot drinks down her throat. Madge took charge, resuscitated the patient successfully, and was able to have her removed to her home by the time the doctor came. He expressed his satisfaction at Madge's work, and presented her with a bangle for her efforts.

The staff of the Girls' Department took the opportunity of presenting Miss Smith with a set of silver mounted articles as an earnest of their affection for her. Universal regret was expressed at Miss Smith's departure by both teachers and scholars. She takes with her the best wishes of us all. The girls also presented her with a leather hand bag.

### TECHNICAL COLLEGE RESULTS.

Among the Technical College pass lists for 1907 we note with pleasure that Ronald Richardson who in 1906 Junior, gained two medals, obtained first place and Honors in both Architectural Drawing and in Styles of Architecture, and Honors in Building Construction.

In the Manual Training Division we note that in

FIRST YEAR HONORS Fort Street gained one position. Alfred Lewington,

1st Grade—13 boys passed.

2nd Grade—62 boys passed, and four Probationary Students.

SECOND YEAR HONORS.—Harry Fitzmaurice and Walter M'Laren.

1st Grade—2 boys passed.

2nd Grade—10 passed.

THIRD YEAR HONORS.—George Connell.

Second Grade—6 passed.

A total of 101 boys.

### THE SCHOOL FUND.

Mr. Kilgour desires to thank all parents of children and friends of the school for their generous donations towards the School Fund last year, which reached the excellent total of £103 10s. 4½d.



## SWIMMING.

It is hardly necessary in a climate like we have in New South Wales to ask why we should learn to swim. We all wish to be strong and healthy; we all wish to have clean bodies; we all run the risk during some period of our lives, and, generally, when we are young and inexperienced, of losing our lives by drowning. Learn to swim, and your bodies will be developed, you will know the pleasure of being clean, and may be able to save yourself or some other human being, from death by drowning, and to learn to swim properly you must begin when you are young; then the muscles are soft and pliable.

How may you learn to swim? The best way, of course, is to have a teacher, and thus it becomes the duty of every Fort Street non-swimmer (boy or girl) to get in touch with the several instructors of the swimming clubs.

There are many strokes in swimming, and each stroke has some advantage. The one beginners should start with is the breast stroke. This is the easiest, most useful, and most comfortable method of swimming. You cannot swim at a high speed, but you can swim your longest distance with such a stroke. After you have gained confidence you may learn the side stroke as well as the others used in races.

Let each youth in this State keep in view the memory of that wonderful boy swimmer B. B. Kieran, who died in Brisbane two years ago. His achievement is a pinnacle to aim at in the natatorial world.

## AN EXTRACT.

We publish below an extract from the BULLETIN which may be of interest to new and old boys. We would like to get into communication with the author "Philo."

"Philo": A novel little publication is the organ of the Fort-street (Sydney) Public School — THE FORTIAN. The paper was established eight years ago by myself and a few other pupils, who set up and printed the six small pages of pica type at the school, stoutly refusing assistance from anyone but the schoolboys themselves. It has since increased to about three times its original size, and has now a consistent circulation of 900 copies per month. The uncontrollable tendency on the part of the boys to accelerate the disposal of "pie" by depositing it by the handful in the cases, in preference to the slower method of "dissing," has forced the editor to get the setting done away from the school, but the boys still do the printing. The pupils are encouraged to write stories and articles for the paper, and are paid for accepted matter. Altogether our baby-reptile contemporary, THE FORTIAN, is a highly creditable sheet.

The Librarian is very anxious to obtain a fresh supply of magazines for the Reading Room. He will be pleased to receive at any time parcels of magazines which at present are very urgently needed.

A special Preparatory Junior Class in French and German has just been started. Mr. Lasker is taking charge of this new venture. We are confident that in a year or two German will rank equally with French in Fort Street.



**DRAMATIC SOCIETY.**

A meeting was held on Monday afternoon, February 3rd, at 4 p.m., Mr. Kilgour in the chair.

Officers for the year were elected as follows:—President, Mr. Kilgour; Vice-Presidents, Teachers of 6th & 7th Classes; Secretary, Treasurer, and Business Manager, H. Dee; Property Manager, J. Malcolm; Stage Manager, N. Zions; Committee, G. Firman, A. Langker, W. McLean.

It was decided that the Committee should draft a set of rules to be submitted to a General Meeting.

**ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY'S REPORT.**

AN EXTRACT

Public Schools and Colleges.—Thanks to the encouragement given by Principal Kilgour, B.A., L.L.B., Headmaster of Fort Street Model Public School, Sydney, that Institution still holds the premier place with 233 Certificates and Medallions gained by the pupils during the past year. Compared with those gained in 1906, viz. 139, there is an increase of 94 awards. This increase has been principally in the Elementary (junior) Certificates. Five of the teachers' and four members of the girls' classes obtained, by examination, the Honorary Instructor's Certificate. Fort Street School retains the Championship for another year by its representative teams winning both the Competition Trophies, viz. the Roth Challenge Shield and the Hendry Challenge Cup.

This Society's drill is now included in the daily physical exercises at Fort Street School, Principal Kilgour being a strong advocate of swimming and life saving instruction forming part of the

curriculum in all schools. As a result, the Swimming Club of that Model Institution had last year a membership roll of 507 boys and 287 girls.

Demonstrations of rescue and resuscitation drill have been given by teams from that Institution at the School's Annual Swimming Carnival and at that of the East Sydney Swimming Club; at the Enfield Fête; and in the St. John's Institute Hall, Ashfield.

**PRESENTATION TO WARD AND ROWBOTHAM.**

In another column we have related the sad death of Roy Swanton. On the 4th instant, Mr. Kilgour assembled the whole school, boys and girls, to witness the presentation of the medals sent by Mr. Swanton. Mr. Kilgour addressed the school, dwelling upon the advantages of being thoroughly skilled in life saving and resuscitation methods, and then narrated the story of the bravery of Ward and Rowbotham, concluding by presenting them with the medals in memory of Roy Swanton. Since the presentation, Mr. Kilgour has taken measures for the teaching of life-saving drill to every boy in Fort Street School.

On the 15th January last, William Small, at present in Mr. Allen's class, saved the life of a boy who fell in the water while attending a Sunday School picnic at Clontarf. The act was a particularly meritorious one, since Small did not wait even to take off his clothes.

Librarian desires to thank a number of girls and boys for donations of magazines. Others are urgently needed. Kindly bring some along.



## SWIMMING.



### NOTES.

A. Barry won the 220 yards championship in connection with the Kieran Memorial Races for school boys at Lavender Bay Baths on 23rd January last. Rowbotham of Fort Street, was third. Barry's time was 2min. 52 3-5secs.

The Fort Street 18th annual swimming gala eventuates at Rushcutter's Bay Baths on March 7th.

Among many interesting items there will be the Diving Championship of the State. This is the first time that this championship has been contested, so that we should see a record entry.

The other events comprise the various school championships, 100 Yards Championship of School, 220 Yards First Class Handicap, Costume Race, Life Saving, Trick and Fancy Diving, Water Polo Match, and Farces.

The All Schools' Carnival will be held on March 14th, a week following that of the school.

The Annual Report of the Life Saving Society is to hand. It contains much interesting matter, and is liberal in its praise of the work carried on at Fort Street.

Classes in Life Saving at the school are again in full swing under the several instructors. The instruction forms part of the daily curriculum.

### LIFE SAVING.

#### THE BONDI SURF BATHERS' LIFE SAVING CLUB.

It is interesting to note how many old Fort Street boys are active members of the above Club. Mr. Eden Love (the captain) attended the old school some little time ago. This gentleman has rescued about twenty persons in all from drowning in the surf. One of these rescues was performed in so praiseworthy a manner that the Royal Life Saving Society has presented him with their certificate. Spencer Dennis, who was captain of the school a few years ago, is one of the 15 original members of the Club. Other old Fort Street boys are C. Dennis, A. Langan, A. Evans and W. Thomas. The team that won the rescue competition at Manly Surf Club's Carnival, had among its members, G. R. MacDougal, and G. Ormsby. Both of these members were also picked among the team which went to Cronulla to give an exhibition at that place. Ross MacDougal and A. Langan, the only members who, at present, hold the Royal Life Saving Society's medallion, obtained it at Fort Street. It is also an interesting fact, that out of the original 15 members who brought about the formation of the Club, six at least were at one time scholars at the Model School.

Mr. Norman Robertson has been removed to Broken Hill District School. We wish him success in his new appointment.



## SCHOOL NOTES.

Miss Free is on sick leave for about six weeks.

We are pleased to be able to report that Charlie Landon, late Captain of Fort Street, is much better.

Three of our boys, David Dean, John Degotardi, and Victor Bulteau, were among the list of new probationary students commencing work this year.

Harold Mason, who passed the last Senior, has been articled to Mr. C. Creighton Smith, Solicitor. Harry Brown, of oratorical celebrity, has also been articled to Mr. Waldron, of Dawson, Waldron and Glover, City Solicitors.

Sid. Rebyns, another old senior, has received an appointment to the Colonial Sugar Company.

Bert Moore, who passed the last Commonwealth Public Service Examination, has received an appointment to the Customs Department, Newcastle.

H. E. Williams, the Editor of the M2 Journal, has received a very nice letter from Dr. Percival Cole, of Columbia University, one time teacher at Fort Street.

We extend a very hearty welcome to our new teachers, Miss McDougal and Miss Cousens and Messrs. Arthur Hutchin and J. C. McMiles, from the Blackfriar's Training College.

Miss Macintosh has been removed to Wyong Public School.

Mr. Alexander McKean, B.A., lately on the staff of Fort Street School, has been removed to Mudgee District School. We desire to congratulate both him and Mr. W. E. Hunt, B.A., on the B.A. degree for which they qualified last Christmas.

We are also pleased to notify the success of Mr. A. W. Cusbert, B.A., Miss Woodlands, B.A., Mr. C. C. Crane, B.A., Miss Sherring, B.Sc., and Mr. R. C. Edwards, B.Sc., who were successful in their degree examinations last Christmas.

The number of applications for admission to Fort Street this year was larger than ever. A rough estimate of their number is about 400 boys and girls. Many of them had to be turned away from lack of accommodation.

We are pleased to be able to announce that another old Fort St. teacher, Mr. R. J. Middleton, B.A., lately at the High School, has been appointed Lecturer in Mathematics at the Sydney Training College.

Miss Smith has been appointed first assistant at Adamson Public School. We wish her success.

Miss Davies, Mr. J. Burges, Mr. R. A. Page, Mr. C. Collins, Mr. R. Taylor, passed the Second Year Examination at the University.

Please remember that the School Swimming Carnival takes place on the 7th March. Send your entries in soon to the Secretary, and do your utmost to make it a success.

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Drummond after her sojourn at Albury.



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## LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held on Friday, 7th Mr. Morgan read the Annual Report, which was of a highly satisfactory character. Mr. Malcolm moved, and Mr. Langker seconded, that it should be adopted. It was carried with acclamation. Mr. Dee then read the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £2 2s 6d. Mr. Potts moved that the balance sheet be adopted. Mr. Chedghey in an able maiden speech seconded this motion, and it was carried unanimously. The rules of the Society were then altered, and the committee for the ensuing half year was elected. The committee is: President, Mr. Kilgour; Vice-presidents, Teachers of sixth and seventh Classes and John Malcolm; Secretary, I. Morgan, Treasurer, H. Dee; Editor of M.S; Journal, A. Langker; Sub-editor, N. Zions. A permanent committee of five was then elected. These were: D. Stafford, C. Gostelow, V. Chedghey, G. Firman, T. Potts.

On Friday, 14th, Mr. Byrne's motion that Mr. Brown be elected a life member was carried unanimously. Mr. Langker left the Editorial "Critic" and "Educated

Wallaby" at home, so Mr. Zions opened the afternoon by reading his first sub-editorial, which was on Conscription.

Mr. Langker then read "The Critic," which had been re-written during the dinner hour. Other articles were two new and excellent papers, "The Courier," and "The Austral Goanna," an original article on "Genius," and a fine paper called "The Patriot." On Friday, 21st, Mr. Morgan moved that "Preferential Trade should be established within the British Empire." It was carried by 76 votes to 41. The meeting closed at 5 o'clock after a very interesting debate. The business for Friday 28th, was "Australian Day."

The programme, which was very interesting and greatly appreciated was as follows:—Introduction, Sturt's Exploration, G. Firman; Reading, "The Drover's Wife," V. Chedghey. Recitation, "Andy's Return," A. Anderson. Speech from Sir Henry Parkes, R. Blanchard; Myth, "The Seven Sisters and Wyambah the Turtle," T. Potts; recitation, "When the Sun went down," I. Morgan; reading, "In Push Society," H. Dee; reading, "The Waybacks in Sydney," J. Malcolm.



## SYLLABUS.

- Half-year ending June, 1908.
- Feb. 7—Annual Meeting.  
 „ 14—M.S. Journal.  
 „ 21—Debate.  
 „ 28—Australian Day.  
 Mar. 6—Debate.  
 „ 13—Lecture.  
 „ 20—M.S. Journal.  
 „ 27—Debate.  
 Apl. 3—Impromptu Speeches.  
 „ 10—Prize Speech Day.  
 „ 17 }  
 „ 24 } Vacation.  
 May 1—Manuscript Journal.  
 „ 8—Debate.  
 „ 15—Literary Day.  
 „ 22—Debate.  
 „ 29—M.S. Journal.  
 June 5—Junior Farewell.  
 „ 12—Lecture.  
 „ 19—Debate.  
 „ 26—Mock Election.

## GIRLS' DEBATING SOCIETY.

A Literary and Debating Society conducted on somewhat the same lines as that of the boys, is projected by the girls in the junior and ex 7th classes. The first meeting took place on Friday when officers, etc., were elected.

## 5D DEBATING CLASS.

First Debate.—Should S. E. Gregory be selected for Fourth Test Match—Drawn.

Second Debate.—Why a boy should join the Sports' Club—Drawn.

Third Debate.—Defence—Drawn

Fourth Debate.—Which is the better game, Cricket or Football—Won by Ministerial.

Ministerialist's Party.—O. Tunks, Premier; J. Hoskings, Minister for Public Instruction; J. Frazer, Minister for Mines; C. Worboys,

Minister for Agriculture; S. Court, Minister for Works; G. Dorahey, Attorney General; W. Stewart, P. Reid, H. Adams, E. Eyres, A. Rinaldi, R. Thoms, A. West, O. Hann, R. Adelt, R. Stewart, S. Cairns, A. Charlier, G. Brambley, K. Chambers, A. Asprey, A. Johnson, Wright, C. Pudney, C. Collis, N. Craven.

Opposition Party.—D. Hughes (Leader); G. Ruth, L. Swan, C. Pilcher, B. Young, C. McLeod, J. Kennedy, L. Collins, H. Howard, J. Jones, Stephens, L. Adams, M. Garnett, J. Powell, H. Pritchard, Williams, J. Oag, N. Railton, J. O'Sullivan, R. Grey.

## CHESS AND DRAUGHTS CLUB.

During the last two months this club has held two tournaments in the respective lines.

In the former, the "Draughts," J. Ridley, Seniors, carried off the palm, and S. Knight was equally successful in winning the "Chess" supremacy. Keen interest was evinced in both contests, both winners displaying brilliant knowledge of the games.

The membership of the club is rapidly and daily increasing. Members are admitted at the infinitely small fee of 1s.

Games are played daily in the Orderly Room, starting at 12.45 and finishing at about 1.30. Albert Barry, of M1 class is the present secretary, and he will be pleased to receive the names and subscriptions of intending members.

A number of our teachers are sitting for examination at the University this week. We wish them success.



### RURAL CAMP AT MORPETH

The twice postponed Rural Camp eventually took place on February 11th, and like its predecessors was a marked success. The different units were conveyed per "S.S. Hunter" to Newcastle, and though rain fell heavily during the night and the following day, still the newness of their surroundings and the ever present question of "I wonder what kind of a place Morpeth is?" kept the lads from being otherwise downhearted. At the "Coal Emporium" a pleasant hour was spent in looking at the shipping and strolling through parts of the town. The cracks still existent in the ground after the late creeps, the remains of Cohen's fire, and the presence of three wrecks at the mouth of the river were interesting to us all. Leaving Newcastle, we journeyed in the "Guthrie" past Raymond Terrace to Morpeth, a distance of some thirty miles.

Our camp was centred at the latter place overlooking rich agricultural flats, yielding crops of lucerne, maize and sorghum to perfection.

Wednesday afternoon was spent in distributing blankets, fixing tents, erecting flags, and giving our camp as near a military appearance as possible. Up with the sun on Thursday, and with our daily rations we journeyed with Parramatta School through East and West Maitland. Among the many interesting structures met with on the way were the flood gates placed across Walis Creek, and so constructed that as the water rises in the Hunter the inflow into this creek causes these gates to close, and so prevent the inundation of the surrounding country. West

Maitland, a town of some 15,000 inhabitants, is the commercial centre of this part of the country. The business houses on the side of the main thoroughfare, High St., are built right over the bank of the river, and with every big "fresh" the lower stories of these places are partially flooded.

On through Oakhampton to Scobie's vineyard. Here were acres and acres of land under grape culture, and though the country had just passed through a heavy drought, yet the fruit in this orchard looked very healthy. This was the result of irrigation, the water being obtained from the adjacent water works. An extremely pleasant time, you may be sure, was spent in this vineyard, Mr. Scobie himself piloting us over his homestead, and giving us plenty of information regarding the growth of his grape crops. His orchard had suffered greatly from the presence of grasshoppers, which even during our visit, were moving about in thousands. On leaving, each boy was presented with a luscious bunch of grapes, as a temporary souvenir of his visit.

The school library has now been fitted up properly with bookshelves which give the room a fine appearance. Thanks to the services of two energetic and enthusiastic boys, Packer and Pines, the books have all been mended and new titles affixed. The attendance and number of borrowers has materially increased. Many more new magazines are needed. We have to thank many donors for their gifts of periodicals. Also the Librarian wishes to thank the prefects for their assistance in supervising the reading room.



## SWIMMING.

The Girls' Annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday afternoon, 27th March.

Programme :—

100 yds Championship of School.

100 yds Breast Stroke Championship.

Age Championships.

Class Championships.

20, 30, 40 and 50 yds Handicaps

35 yds Breast Stroke Handicap.

50 yds Handicap (Past Pupils of School.)

50 yds Handicap (Old Girl's Union)

Life Saving Competition.

" " Race

Tub Race and Fancy Costume.

Balloon Race.

Musical Life-buoys.

Finding North Pole.

## THE CARNIVAL.

For the eighteenth year in succession Fort Street Model Public School held an important swimming carnival on Saturday afternoon, 14 instant, and as usual the programme attracted a large gathering of spectators. Hitherto the domain baths had been the venue, but they were not available this year, consequently the committee had to go further afield and Rushcutters' Bay Baths was the scene of action. The special attraction was the decision (the first time) of the diving championship of New South Wales, which the governing body a few months ago added to the list of blue riband events. Each competitor was allowed five trials, and asked to show standing dives from heights of 12ft. and 25 ft., a running header from the springboard, and two other dives, the nature of which was left to the competitor concerned. Those who

entered were J. Stokes and A. G. Humphries (Rose Bay), F. G. Richardson (Bondi), C. Kirke, G. Robey and S. Riddington (Manly), A. Wickham (East Sydney), and P. Punch (Leichhardt). The colored champion, Alick Wickham, whose displays of the same character invariably win great applause, proved, as most swimming people anticipated, too clever for the opposition, though his 145½ points only placed him 4½ in front of Kirke, and 7½ better than the Rose Bay representative. Barry's success in the 100yds championship of the school was expected; he credited himself with a fine performance by getting over the distance in 1min. 12-5sec. Life-saving and diving exhibitions were interesting events. The hon. secretary, Mr. W. A. Selle, is to be complimented on the success achieved; he brought a great deal of well-directed energy and considerable enthusiasm to bear.

The officials were :—Referee, Mr. G. H. Stainlay; starter, Mr. A. W. Griffiths; check starter, Mr. E. J. O'Dowd; judges, (50yds events) Messrs. A. C. W. Hill and F. Rigney, (diving championships) Messrs. W. W. Hill, C. D. Jones, and F. C. Williams; timekeepers, Messrs. W. Kerr and T. C. Roberts; costume steward, Mr. C. D. Jones; marshals, Messrs. Collins, Crane, and J. Taylor; result stewards, Messrs. Wines, Frew, and boys of school; capsteward, Mr. E. Parker; steward of farces, Mr. F. T. Allen; clerks of course, Messrs. Cantrell and W. A. Selle.

Results :—

Fourth and Fifth Class Handicap, 50yds.—First heat: J. Duff, 1sec, 1; A. Warboys, 7sec, 2. Second heat: A. Rinaldi, 6 sec, 1; R. Thom, 2 sec



2. Third heat: H. Puckeridge, 9 sec, 1; E. Ayres, 4sec, 2. Fourth heat: N. Griffen, 2sec, 1; R. Robin, 3sec, 2. Fifth heat: O. Pilcher, 1sec, 1; H. Wylie, 3sec, 2.

Final.—C. Pilcher, 1 sec, 1; N. Griffen, 2secs, 2; J. Duff, 3

Sixth and Seventh Class Handicap, 50yds.—First heat: A. Barry, scratch, 1; A. Hall, 10sec, 2. Second heat: A. Metcalfe, 9sec, 1; W. Small, 7secs, 2. Third heat: J. Morgan, 10secs, 1; F. Bramley, 9 secs, 2. Fourth heat: A. McKenzie, 8secs, 1; D. Eagar, 9secs, 2. Sixth heat: W. McDonagh, 11sec, 1; H. Reid, 4sec, 2. Seventh heat: A. Wood, 1; S. Knight, 2.

Final.—A. Metcalfe, 1; B. Green, 2.

100yds 14-Years Championship of School.—D. Kirkwood 1, B. Green 2, L. Small 3. Won easily by 5yds.

100yds Brilliantshine Championship, open to all schoolboys under 16 years.—R. Kinnimont (Fort-street) 1, T. Jones (Crown-street) 2, A. Bellingham (Cleveland-street) 3. Won by a yard.

50yds 13-Years Championship of the School.—First heat: F. Mason 1, K. Millar 2. Second heat: T. Farrell 1, W. Davis 2. Final: T. Farrell 1, F. Mason 2, K. Millar 3.

100yds Sobroan Boys' Handicap.—Jacobs 1, Maworthy 2. Won by a foot or two.

100yds Championship of School.—A. Barry 1, E. Cullen-Ward 2. Won by 5 yds. Time 61 2-5sec.

100yds Old Boys' Handicap.—First heat: W. Congdon, 21sec, 1; E. J. L. Cooke, 3sec, 2. Second heat: O. Watson, 13secs, 1; R. Scholer, 18secs, 2. Final: W. Congdon, 21secs, 1; O. Watson, 13 secs, 2; E. Cooke, 3secs, 3. Congdon disqualified.

100yds Training College Handicap, for present members of the Sydney Training College.—First heat: Killip 1, Cummine 2. Second heat: Thompson 1, Walford 2. Final: Killip 1, Cummine 2, Thompson 3.

50yds 10-Years Championship of School.—L. Duff 1, S. Turner 2.

50yds 11-Years Championship of School.—H. Kinnimont 1, J. Sangster 2.

50yds 12-Years Championship of School.—J. Duff 1, A. Hurley 2.

100yds 15-Years Championship of School.—E. Cullen-Ward 1, R. Kinnimont 2. Won by a yard. Time 1min 18 1-5sec.

200yds East Sydney Club Handicap.—First heat: R. Garland 1, G. Wilds 2, A. Dupain Cox 3. Won by 6ft. Time 2min 26 4-5 sec. Second heat: C. J. Hunt 1, A. Freeman 2. Won by a yard and a half. Time 2min 33 2 5sec. Third heat: H. Baker, 4sec, 1; C. Healy, scr., 2. Time 2min 17 4-5sec. Healy's time was 2min 15 1-5sec.

Final.—H. Baker, 4sec, 1; O. Hunt 2; N. Wild 3. Won by four or five yards. Time 2min 16 4-5 sec.

Diving Championship of New South Wales.—Compulsory: Standing dive from an altitude of 25ft, running header from springboard. Alick Wickham (East Sydney)

145½ points	...	...	1
C. Kirke (Manly) 141 points	...	...	2
A. G. Humphries (Rose Bay)	138 points	...	3

Best Fancy Costume.—H. Nash ("King Arthur") 1, G. Firman ("Cannibal") 2.

300yds First-class Handicap.—G. Bell (East Sydney) 1, C. N. Smith (Sydney) 2, R. Healy (East Sydney) 3. Won by 3yds. Time 4min 1 1-5sec.



Championship Polo Match.—The High School scored 76 runs. Pyrmont beat Balmain by three goals to nil. First Grade Final. Woolcott obtained 5 wickets for 29 runs. Fox, 2 for 4. Adamson, 1 for 14.  
Clothes Race.—A. Barry 1, D. Osborne 2.

## THANKS.

The President and Officers of the Fort Street Model School Sports Union desire to tender its sincere thanks to the following firms for their very kind donations towards the Swimming Carnival:—Messrs. Stewart Dawson and Co., Messrs. William Collins and Sons, Messrs. Peapes and Co., Ltd., Messrs. Wm. Brooks and Co., Messrs. Cadbury Brothers, Messrs. Angus and Coote, Messrs. Walker and Hall; and for the kind loan of flags to the Secretary, Department of Navigation, H. Hellings, Esq., (Polo posts and course marker, Officials, N.S.W. A.S.A.

## CRICKET NOTES.

Since our last issue several "outside" matches have been played. On 12th February we played the return match with the Sydney High School, and were again successful. The following were the scores:—

### FORT STREET.—1ST. INNINGS.

Dinsey, c Thatche, b Mitchell	50
Fox, c O'Neill b Seale	29
Barnes, b Mitchell	6
Woolcott, c Asprey, b Mitchell	7
Stafford, bowled Mitchell	4
Hook, c Thatcher, b Mitchell	2
Rowbotham, b Mitchell	4
Adamson, b Mitchell	11
Thom, run out	3
Kirkby, not out	2
McDonagh, c and b Mitchell	0
Sundries	5
Total	123

On 4th March a team proceeded to Katoomba under the guidance of Mr. Cantrell to try conclusions with the Katoomba cricketers. This was our first match against men this season, and the result was hard to foretell, but our boys showed their grit by scoring 105 runs to their opponents 73, thus winning by 32 runs.

### FORT STREET.—1ST. INNINGS.

Fox, b Tabrett	13
Dinsey, b Simons	3
W. Stafford, run out	33
Adamson, b Simons	8
Woolcott, c James, b Simons	1
Farnsworth, c Medlicott, b Tabrett	29
D. Stafford, b Medlicott	4
Hook, c Gilchrist, b Tabrett	0
Rowbotham, b Medlicott	7
McDonagh, not out	0
Potts, b Tabrett	0
Sundries	7
Total	105

Woolcott obtained 5 wickets for 34 runs, Rowbotham 1 for 8, Dinsey 1 for 0, Fox 1 for 22.

### FORT STREET.—2nd Innings.

Adamson, b Tabrett	25
McDonagh, c Whitford	3
Woolcott, not out	12
Hook, not out	5
Sundries	3
Total	48

Two wickets for (Stumps were drawn.)

Fort Street is still leading in the competition among the Public Schools. We defeated Petersham by eight wickets on 14th February. Petersham obtained 82 runs. First innings and second



innings. Fort Street obtained 121 runs, first innings and 158 2nd innings.

**FORT STREET.—1ST INNINGS.**

Stafford, b Armstrong	...	...	6
Farnsworth, b Millett	...	...	2
Flook, b Teale	...	...	7
Rowntree, c Christian, b Millett	...	...	0
Rowbotham, b Millett	...	...	1
Dinsey, c Firkin, b Millett	...	...	57
Woolcott, b Armstrong	...	...	29
Kirkby, c and b Millett	...	...	7
McDonagh, b Millett	...	...	0
Bray, b Millett	...	...	0
Harrison, not out	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	12
Total	...	...	121

**FORT STREET.—2ND. INNINGS.**

Rowbotham, c and b Teale	...	...	5
Flook, b Armstrong	...	...	10
Dinsey, run out	...	...	32
Woolcott, run out	...	...	17
Farnsworth, retired	...	...	19
Stafford, b Armstrong	...	...	15
Kirkby, retired	...	...	22
McDonagh, not out	...	...	13
Bray, not out	...	...	5
Sundries	...	...	20
7 wkts for	...	...	158

We must offer a word of praise to Dinsey, W. Stafford, Farnsworth and Woolcott for their excellent performances lately. The four of them have been scoring consistently while Woolcott has been bowling very successfully. It is hard to understand why the first three mentioned cannot secure a position in the Combined Public Schools' team, seeing that only two of our players, Woolcott and Rowbotham have been chosen, while three players each from Cleveland Street and Petersham are in the team. As I mentioned before, we are the leading team in the competition, and consider that a gross injustice

has been done to our players. We have good grounds to complain, seeing that Woolcott scored 20 runs out of a total of 37 in the first innings of the Combined Schools against the Sydney Grammar School and that he and Rowbotham obtained 7 out of the 10 Grammar School wickets and thus proved themselves far superior to the boys from the other schools. Up to the present the representative school team has not been defeated, having won five matches and drawn one.

**DRAMATIC SOCIETY.**

The above society has made a splendid start for this year. A constitution has been framed and printed and a new committee elected. The officers are:—President: A. J. Kilgour; Vice Presidents: Teachers of 6th and 7th classes; Secretary, Treasurer and Business Manager: G. Firman; Property Manager: J. Malcolm; Stage Manager: N. Zions; Committee: A. Langker, G. Firman, W. McLean. A number of little comedies and plays are to be bought, to which reference will be made when a performance is decided upon. A performance is mooted for April 15th.

**OLD BOYS' NEWS.**

Percival Watts, B.A., L.L.B., an old boy of the school who passed from the school to the University on a brilliant Senior Pass, a success he maintained throughout his career there, has recently opened offices in Castlereagh Street as a solicitor.

We are pleased to be able to announce the formation of a Girl's Debating Society, of which a report will be found in another column.



## SCHOOL NOTES.

We welcome back Miss Kilminster from her trip to Fiji, where she was detained in quarantine.

We are pleased to be able to state that the number of members of the Sports' Union has now reached the large total of 674.

Take notice that the Girls' Annual Swimming Carnival will take place on the 27th of this month. For particulars see another column.

We have heard that Mr. T. H. Johnston, late of this school, has been appointed Resident Science Master at Bathurst Technical College.

Mr. J. W. Abell has taken up duty as teacher of carpentry at Fort Street as successor to Mr. E. Lockley, removed to the Technical College.

Miss Leila Cole has been removed to Forbes Public School. The new teacher in the infants' department is Miss Cousins, also from the Sydney Training College.

Mr. Norman Robertson has been appointed to Broken Hill District School. The new teachers since last issue are Messrs. George Johnson and W. M. Woodward from Sydney Training College.

The half-yearly meeting of the Sports' Union will be held on the 27th March at 1 o'clock. At the last committee meeting, Messrs. E. S. Davies, B.A. and F. T. Allen were appointed Honorary Auditors.

The Fort Street Old Boy's Union Second Smoke Concert takes place at the Rayne Chambers, Hunter and Castlereagh Streets, on Thursday evening, 26th inst., and the General Annual Meeting will be held at the school the Monday evening following.

As usual after the Christmas vacation, the staff has suffered a number of changes. We noted Mr. McKean's appointment to Mudgee. Mr. Albert Hardman has been removed to West Maitland Superior Public School, where he will have as companion, Mr. D. A. Pike.

We note with pleasure the success of Herman Dee, who gained fourth position in the Professional Division of the recent Public Service Examination. We extend him our congratulations. We note also that an old boy, Stanley Thornton, past the Clerical Division of the same examination.

We are very pleased to note the tidy appearance of the garden on the north side of the avenue. It reflects very great credit on the boys of 4A class and their teacher. The display of flowers is now a fine one, and from all appearances will soon be even better. We hope to see the south side soon in the same condition.



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## EMPIRE DAY.

We publish below an extract from the Under Secretary for Education's Circular in reference to Empire Day :—

"It is by the oldest pupils of the school that the significance of the day will be best understood, and with them the instruction will have most effect. The history of the British race in many lands furnishes ample material for the instruction required, in the lives of men and women whose heroism or self-sacrifice, or enterprise, or scientific skill, or literary power has helped to build the Empire. While pride in the achievements of the race may thus be stimulated, it is not desirable that it should be fostered by any disparagement of other countries. The practical outcome of the lessons of the day should be the deepening of a patriotic regard on the part of the pupils for the portion of the Empire that lies nearest to them and of a sense of

their duty to their own Australian land. The fact that they as Australians belong to one of the great confederation of nations which make up the Empire, held together by a tie which unites them all for the defence of each, is in itself a demand for good citizenship and loyalty to their own land. Their duty and allegiance to their own country should be the centre round which will gather their best service to the Empire. Some useful end will be gained by the celebration of Empire Day if the senior pupils of the schools, while learning to admire that which has contributed to the Empire's greatness, learn also that they live in a land of great possibilities, a land that claims their deepest regard and truest service, and a land the destiny of which they may help to shape by their readiness to advance its interests and to maintain its honour.

P. BOARD,

Under Secretary and Director of  
Education.

30th March, 1908.



## L. and D SOCIETY.

Mr. Mackaness, V.P., delivered an interesting lecture on "Charles Reads," on April 3rd. The lecture was very instructive and well appreciated. Mr. Morgan moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by Mr. Ched-gey and carried unanimously. A Prize Speech Competition was held on Friday, April 10th. The judges were Messrs. Kilgour, Lasker and Mackaness. There were six competitors:—H. Reid, I. Morgan, T. Potts, A. Langker, J. Malcolm, and V. O'Neill.

The Judges decided in favour of Mr. Morgan. The business for Friday, May 1st, was the reading of the Manuscript Journal. Mr. Kilgour presented Mr. Morgan with the prize for the Speech Competition held on April 10th. Mr. Langker read his editorial on "The Noble Testimonial Fund," Mr. Kilgour congratulated Mr. Langker on his production.

"The Australian 'Goanna,'" which was read by Mr. Zions, contained a good description of the Dramatic Society's performance by Pingnis.

An article by V. O'Neill on "Byron" was discussed by Messrs. Reid and Mackaness. "The Courier" was read by Mr. Zions, and discussed by Mr. Kilgour. The paper contained a splendid story by C. Sampson, entitled, "The House on the Hill."

"The Educated Wallaby" was read by Mr. Langker.

"The Dramatists of Fort Street School" and "Secession in Australia" were the subjects of two other articles.

"The Patriot" was read by Mr. Zions.

"The Waratah"—a new newspaper—made its first appearance on Friday.

## University Commemoration.

We noticed among the lists of Students awarded degrees at the Annual Commemoration of the University on the 2nd instant the following honors won by teachers, and old boys and girls, and therefore of interest to Fort Street.

M.A.—George Whitney, B.A. (old boy.)

M.A.—H. Tasman Lovell, B.A.

B.A.—Clive Chas. Crane, (3rd Class Honors in French).

B.A.—Allan W. Cusbert, (1st. Class Honors in English.)

B.A.—Olive Malcolm, (1st. Class Honors in History—2nd Class Honors in French—3rd Class Honors in English.)

B.A.—Regernald Abrams.

B.A.—Horace Douglass.

B.A.—Robert F. Harvey.

B.A.—William E. Hunt.

B.A.—Alexander McKean.

BA.—Charles P. Smith.

B.A.—Mabel R. Woodlands.

L.L.B.—Samuel Ebsworth, B.A.

B.Sc.—Leo Cotton, (1st Class Honors, John Coutt's Scholarship on Geology, Numerology, Professor David's Prize for Geology, 2nd Class Honors in Geology, Palaeontology.)

B.Sc.—Beatrice Sherrings, (1st. Class Honors in Geology, Palaeontology.)

B.Sc.—Rowland C. Edwards.

The Beauchamp Prize for an English Essay was awarded to an old boy, William Maxwell, B.A.

## OTHER HONORS.

Clifford M. Collins, B.A., (George and Matilda Harris Scholarship for Law.)

Henry Laird, B.A., (Professor Cobbett's prize for Political Science)

Arthur Walkom, (High Distinction in Geology) 1st. year Science.



## GIRLS' PAGE.

### Report of the Girls' Swimming Club Season, 1907-8

The season has been a very good one, the weather being favorable. The girls swimming has improved, and the Club membership increased to 320. The carnival held on 27th March was very successful.

The Life-Saving Class worked hard during the season, with the result that all those presented for examination passed in a highly creditable manner. Miss Maloney, hon. sec., completed her Life-saving examinations, and now holds her medallion and hon. instructor's certificate. Two members gained elementary certificates, 8 proficiency certificates, 7 medallions, 4 hon. instructor's certificates. Miss Elsie Rea has been indispensable, and we desire to thank her for all her hard work. We congratulate her on her third year as champion of the Club, and we regret that this is her last School year, also we thank her father, Dr. Stanley Rea, for his additions to the prizes.

The thanks of the Club are also due to Mr. Velle, who helps us now as Mr. Pike did in past seasons, and to Miss Kilminster for her help at the carnival. The Club cannot sufficiently thank Miss Partridge for all her kindness, and the interest she takes in our sport.

For the first time in the history of our Debating Society, a girl, Miss Dorothy Wiles took part in a Debate last Friday.

## THANKS.

The Committee of the Swimming Club desire greatly to thank Dr. Stanley Rea for his additions to the Swimming Trophies this season. The Dr. Rea's Trophy 70 yards Handicap, was held on the Monday following the Carnival with the following results:—

- 1st. Stella Cherry—Opera Glasses
- 2nd. Leah Breham—Silver and cut glass scent bottle.
- 3rd. Consie Arnold and Daisy Lambert—Bound Editions, of the Poets.

## GIRL'S SPORTS UNION.

The Girl's Sports Union appears for the first time this winter season. Hitherto the girl's Athletics departed with the summer. It is proposed to play Court Tennis, Hockey, Basket Ball, etc., and we count on the support of all the Intermediate and Senior Class girls. In next Month's issue we hope to report great progress of the Union.

A. L. BOURKE, } Joint  
M. MALONEY, } Hon. Secs.  
E. L. MOULSDALE, Hon. Treas

During the month the school was visited by Madame Rosa Bird and Dr. Roth. Madame Bird delighted the girls by her vivid description of life in Japan. She showed dolls dressed in Japanese costume, among them a bride and bridegroom, and enlarged on the marriage ceremony in Japan. The elder girls rendered several French songs in a way which delighted the visitor, who was kind enough to sing for them in return.



### GIRL'S M.P.S. LITERARY and DEBATING SOCIETY.

The 2nd meeting of the above Society was held on Friday, April 5th. The proceedings were of a literary nature. The subject under discussion was "Tennyson's Life and Works," with special reference to Enoch Arden and Cenone. Miss D. Wiles opened the meeting with a brief sketch of Tennyson's life. Other Members who took part, were:—Misses M. Martin, M. Bragg A. Rose, E. Hamilton, M. Wilson, E. Griffiths, L. Botan, M. Mansley, and M. Smith. Miss Mouldsdale closed the meeting with a description of two of Tennyson's Idylls.

The subject for next debate will be "Are Colonies Advantageous to the Mother Country," at which no speeches are to be read. All must be extempore.

On Friday, May 8th, the business was a Short Paper Tournament between the Wollongong Literary and Debating Society and the Fort Street Literary and Debating Society. There were 22 representatives from Wollongong and about thirty representatives of the Fort Street Girls' Literary and Debating Society present:—

The teams were:—Wollongong: Readers, Miss Stumbles, Miss Eastaway, Mr. Rankin; Critics, Mr. Edgar, Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Barnet. Fort Street: Readers: Mr. H. Reid, Miss D. Wiles, Mr. A. Langker. Critics, Mr. T. Potts, Mr. C. Gostelow, Mr. I. Morgan.

The judges were Mr. Lasker and Mr. Ferguson (Wollongong). Mr. Kilgour acted as Chairman and Umpire.

Miss Stumbles opened the tournament with a paper on "The Shoalhaven River," which was criticised by Mr. T. Potts.

Mr. H. Reid then read a paper on "Some Phases of Socialism," which was criticised by Mr. Edgar. The third paper was read by Miss Eastaway. It was a description of "An Airship Trip from Sydney to London." Mr. C. Gostelow criticised the paper.

Miss D. Wiles represented the Fort Street Girls' Literary and Debating Society by reading an essay entitled, "Should Women have Higher Education." Mr. Morrisby criticised the paper.

Mr. Rankin read a short story entitled, "Three Men in a Boat," being a stirring description of the experiences of three men who in a small boat encountered a squall on Lake Illawarra. Mr. Morgan criticised the story.

The last paper of the afternoon was read by Mr. Langker on Hospital Saturday—"A Myth." Mr. Barnet criticised the paper.

The judges decision was as follows:—Essays, Fort Street; Reading, Wollongong; Critics, Fort Street.

The Wollongong Party, accompanied by about 30 Fort street boys, visited Kurnell on Saturday and spent an enjoyable day. The party returned to Wollongong on Saturday evening by the 5.55 train.

Departures and changes are the order of the day. Miss Sherring has gone to be first assistant at Glen Innes. Prior to her departure Miss Partridge presented to her a beautiful afternoon tea set. We congratulate Miss Sherring on her gaining the degree of B.Sc. and we heartily wish her a sunny future.



## SCHOOL NOTES.

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We notice with pleasure that one member of our staff, Mr. C. R. Collins, has been gazetted a Lieutenant in the Army Service Corps.

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Mr. A. Dice, of Chatswood Superior Public School, has effected an exchange with Mr. W. M. Woodward, and commenced duty on the 7th of this month.

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Fort Street's Champion Relay Team for 1908: A. Barry, E. Cullen Ward, R. Kinnimont and Gerald Murray, easily demonstrated their superiority at the All School's Carnival in winning the event by nearly two laps.

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It seems to be the natural thing now for Elocutionists to give recitals of the various English Authors, studied for the Junior Examination each year. Parties from the school have recently been to one on Enoch Arden, and another on the Talisman. We think the idea is a good one if well carried out.

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Readers of THE FORTIAN are notified that the increased circulation of THE FORTIAN last month has induced the Editor to issue a twelve-page number this month also. At the same time he wishes it to be well understood that should the circulation fall below that of last month the increased size cannot be continued.

The Junior Examination will be round again in about three weeks. The farewell to the Juniors will be held on the Friday immediately preceding the Examination. We advise the Juniors to put forth their very best endeavours during the few weeks still remaining to them. Revise as much as possible. We wish them all, boys and girls, all success and no failures. The word FAILURE should not be found in any one's vocabulary.

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An idea is mooted among life-saving circles that a Squad of Fort Street Boys be taken to country centres to illustrate practically the Society's methods of rescue and release.

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Sympathetic reference was made at the annual meeting of the enthusiasm of the late hon. sec., Mr. D. A. Pike, whose work, it was stated, would never be forgotten.

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The prizes in connection with the Brilliantshine Shield will be available shortly. Fort Street scored five firsts, two seconds, two thirds and one fourth in seven races.

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The Life-saving Exams. are now nearing completion. The record to date is 234 passes. Last year's awards totalled 207.

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Great praise is due to Miss Elsie Rea for establishing such a magnificent record in the Girls' Swimming World.

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Next year it is the hope of the officials to complete the L. S. Exams. before Christmas.



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**SWIMMING.**


The Eighteenth Annual Distribution of Swimming Prizes took place in the Main Room on Tuesday, 5th May, when a vast number of members of both Girls and Boy's Swimming Clubs was assembled.

Mr. Kilgour was in the chair, and round the table were seated Misses Partridge, Bourke, Mouldale, Maloney, and Messrs. Lasker, Selle, Parker and Allen.

The Girls' Annual Report and Financial Statement was first read by Miss Bourke. This was agreed to on the proposition of Mr. Selle, with Mr. Parker as seconder.

Mr. Selle then read the Annual Report for the Boys' Swimming Club. Mention was made of the marked improvement in both swimming and life-saving, of the increased membership, success at the Ali School's Carnival, and the winning of the Brilliantine Shield and Hendry Cup.

The report was received and adopted, Mr. Kilgour moving, and Mr. Lasker seconding the resolution.

The prizes were then presented by Mr. Kilgour to the various winners, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, proposed by D. Stafford, and seconded by A. Langker.

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**5B DEBATING CLASS.**

5B has resumed its weekly debates. The first subject considered was "The Present White Australian Policy." Read, Rigney, and Griffiths were the best speakers against White Australia, and Evatt and Gilbert the best for White Australia. The next subject discussed was "Whether Australia should have a Navy of its own." This question has not yet been decided, but is to be continued this week. The speakers are: Rigney, Humphrey, Robbins, Read, and Hartley for a Navy, and Griffiths, Adams, Gilbert, Hanson, and Evatt are speaking against the question.

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**GIRL'S NEWS.**

Much regret was expressed at Miss Jeffreys departure for Hamilton. Her class presented her with a manicure set in a case, and the staff presented a very handsome olivine and pearl pendant. Miss Jeffreys carried with her the good wishes of all for her future success.

Miss Woodlands also received her B.A. degree at the last commemoration and we tender our hearty congratulations.

Miss Free has resumed duty and looks much better after her trip.

The total number of members of the Sports Union now stands at 709. Its success is now assured.

Empire Day is approaching. Let each boy do his part to make the celebration a success.



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## TO OLD BOYS.

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It is particularly requested that all Old Boys should be notified that the address of the Secretary of the Old Boys' Union is:

Mr. P. R. Watts, B.A., L.L.B.,  
Master Builders' Exchange,  
Castlereagh Street.

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As the fathers and brothers of many of our present boys were formerly pupils of Fort Street we would like them to keep in touch with Mr. Watts, and thus help the Old Boys' Union to become a real success. Mr. Watts, or the Editor of this Journal, will at all times be pleased to receive paragraphs or cuttings recounting the deeds or personal welfare of the old boys and old girls of Fort Street.

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## THE MANUSCRIPT JOURNAL

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We desire to point out a few features of the present M.S. Journal—some good, some otherwise. Firstly, Why has the craze of writing imitation newspapers taken such a hold on the members of our Society? We now have no less than five papers. "The Critic," "The Wallaby," "The Gohanna," "The Patriot," and "The Courier," all constructed much on the same plan. Cannot some of our literary artists devise a much more original

way of displaying their genius. Secondly, there is a tendency to buffoonery in some of the papers. This is particularly noticeable in some of the advertisements, a form of literature requiring very little intellect to write. Some of these are witty, the majority personal, and somewhat pointless. They hardly evoke a smile now. Thirdly, each editor seems to think it his bounden duty to give a more or less lengthy synopsis of previous debates. These are generally well written, and though usually tinged with a partisan spirit might be omitted occasionally. Fourthly, owing to the length of many of these papers there is no time for discussion; surely the most profitable part of the M.S. Journal Day. We are pleased to see that papers are now limited to eight pages. We hope the quality will show a decided improvement. Fifthly, in connection with this journal we would like to see many more separate articles, either grave or gay, much like those contributed last issue by A.M.L. Sixthly, let no one take these remarks as carping criticism. We consider it our duty to point out genuine defects and we hope in future issues to see something more original. For instance, why should not some one give us an original diary, or a series of illustrated sketches, or an imitation of some literary work. We look forward to next issue with much interest.

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It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Herman Dee to a Cadet Draftsmanship in the Railway Construction Department. The various unions of the school will miss him. He was an ideal Treasurer.



## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

It is always destructive to a proper comprehension of a literary work to read extracts only. So it was with the Dramatic Society's last two performances. To those unacquainted with Shakespeare's play, the rendering lacked coherence, but of course that cannot be laid to the charge of the actors concerned. We are however sorry that it was necessary to act selected scenes only. We regret also the fact that the main room does not possess better acoustic properties, for those members of the audience at the back of the room saw little and heard less.

As for the play itself is concerned it had many merits, some defects. The attempts at scenery were perhaps better than the Elizabethans themselves possessed. The parts were known perfectly which is more than some Amateur Companies can boast. We noticed however that the latter half of the play was decidedly superior to the former both in staging and rendering. The costumes were generally excellent though we are at a loss to explain the fact that the colour of lions in Elizabethan times appears to have been a bright blue and that they also possessed methyated spirit lamps, vide McLelland. Of the characters generally we consider that perhaps the best, were Frecker, whose dress, beard, general get-up, and stately language showed what some of the others

lacked. keen appreciation of the spirit of the part played.

Potts who made a stately Theseus, and who looked every inch a Duke must have pierced with many darts the heart of his lovely companion Hippolyta, seated by his side. Potts was much envied by other members of the Society.

The part of Bottom, played by Firman was spoken well, but was slightly overdone, and lacked that critical appreciation of the inner meaning of the part which Shakespeare intended.

Morgan played well. The best spectacular scene in the play was Titania on her flowery bed. Malcolm gave a good rendering, while McLean as Wall was also good.

As an actor Zions was amongst the best, but he'll have to improve his voice. The minor characters were fairly well played, some rather indistinctly as Harry Reid.

The staging of the play reflects great credit on the management. We do think however, it would be better if the stage manager had no part, and so could give his whole time to the stage arrangements. The dramatic Society generally is showing a vast improvement on previous productions.





### FOOTBALL NOTES.

The Rugby Football Club held its meeting last month, Mr. Cantrell was elected again to fill the position of Secretary.

Two class competitions have been formed in the school, M2, M3, 7A, 6B, 5F, are in the A Grade, while 4A, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5E are in the B Grade.

Each player has to provide himself with a maroon guernsey, and round the waist he must wear the distinguishing colour of his class.

On 1st of May the Competition team played its first game with Hurlstone Continuation College.

During the first half neither side scored, though the Hurlstone boys were considerably heavier all round. In the second half Hurlstone scored 3 points by kicking a goal from a mark. Toward the end of the game Harden broke from the ruck with the ball at his toe. As soon as he picked it up the full back stopped his career, but Farnsworth was on the spot and immediately snapped up the ball and scored. The kick at goal failed. When the

whistle sounded full time, the scores remained unchanged, 3 all.

We are very pleased to note the success of R. W. Adamsen, who has joined the University team. He is playing centre three quarters for their Firsts and has received very great praise for his play from the sporting papers.

### CADETS.

The Membership of our Corps has considerably increased since Xmas, and now numbers 65 of all ranks.

At the musketry course held at the latter end of last year, three of our number:—Colonial Sergeant Wright, Corporal Leary and Cadet Gibson, qualified for their marksman badges, whilst 13 others qualified as first class shots. Taking into consideration the faulty ammunition, our boys did remarkably well.

Another meeting is to be held 21st. and 22nd. instant, and the O.C. hopes to see the prizes in matches 3 and 4 annexed by the boys of "A. Coy."

Then our long talked of expected camp is to be a reality. The boys are to spend four days, May 26th, 29th under canvas at Parramatta Park. Whilst we are in camp Colonial Paul is desirous that the parents and the friends of the Cadets should visit the camp, especially on Thursday afternoon, when a review is to be held.

There are still about 15 vacancies in the corps which the O.C. is desirous of filling, since Fort Street has now the honor of being "A Coy." in 1st Battalion under the new organisation.



## Should Woman have Higher Education ?

(BY DOROTHY WILES.)

Woman, her position and education, is one of the principal questions of the present day.

In bygone ages her position was one of servitude. The question, "Have women souls?" was even asked. In these enlightened times when we have shaken off the trammels of those dark periods we find it hard to realise that such a question could even flash across men's minds. But we must remember that in past times physical strength was the main power in government, and so women lacking this were oppressed and suppressed. With the elevation of mind and soul, woman's condition improved. This is a striking proof that it was not lack of ability, but lack of opportunity to use that ability which kept her in her lowly place. We ask you now to throw off all prejudices, and to regard this question with a clear and unbiassed mind.

It is often said that women's intellect and application are inferior to man's. This question can never be decided until women are given their fair chance, for, while men have been educated for centuries, the general education of women is comparatively recent, and even now the training of the majority of girls does not encourage them to gravely and deeply pursue studies which, they are told, will be useless to them in after life. But some women have proved that their sex is capable of profiting by higher education. In literature the world owes much to them. We think of Sappho far back in the past, and, in later

times, that splendid trio of authoresses—George Elliott, Charlotte Bronte and Jane Austin, poets such as Elizabeth Barrett Browning, whose sonnets are classed with those of Milton and Wordsworth, Christina Rossetti and Jean Ingelow, and writers on political and social questions, such as Harriet Martineau. Then, too, we have artists, of whom Rosa Bonheur and Madame Le Brun are examples, and scientists like Mary Sommerville and Madame Curie. If time would permit, many more names could be added to this list of women, who have achieved honor and success in spite of the disadvantages under which their sex has labored.

The general idea prevalent in the world is that women cannot be both highly educated and domesticated. But we maintain that higher education does not exclude domestic duties.

We have many examples in history of women who have combined learning with the sensible management of the home. Harriet Beecher Stowe brought up a large family well on a small income in spite of her literary and social work. The mothers of George Washington and Oliver Cromwell were also fine, noble women, who trained their children mentally and morally and managed business affairs without neglecting their home duties or social claims.

Thoughtful people cannot but see that the woman's chief sphere is in the home. But a cultivated brain will not by any means be a hindrance to a housewife, for certainly she will not perform the most commonplace task the less effectually because of that culture. Does ignorance of any and everything outside domestic duties secure their more efficient per-



formance? The management of a home requires "method, accuracy, economy, discipline and knowledge." These qualities must naturally be better developed by the help of education, so, consequently a cultivated woman will be a better home maker than an ignorant one.

True, women have to think much of the happiness of others, yet they have no right to forget the duties they owe to themselves. A talented woman who neglects her mental culture and leads

"A sort of cage-bird life, born in a cage  
Accounting that to leap from perch to perch  
Is act and joy enough for any bird"

is dwarfing her better self. Yes! a woman has her own mind and soul to account for, as well as a man; she also is responsible for the development of her talents, and it is the inconsiderate selfishness of men which bars her development by the cry "women must be content with their homes."

But let us look at the question from a man's standpoint. How much better it is for an intelligent man to have a wife who can sympathise with and participate in the reading and discussion of subjects of common interest than one who is a mere household drudge, unable to understand her husband's husbands higher thoughts and feelings.

Many of our greatest men have been fortunate enough to have had wives who aided them by sympathy as well as practical help. Burke's wife was a noble and clever woman, and she succeeded in making her husband wonderfully happy. Galvani's wife aided him in his discoveries in the field of

electricity. The wife of Huber, the Geneva naturalist, by her quick observation and loving devotion was a compensation to her husband for his blindness. John Stewart Mill said of his wife, "She was my inspirer, and in part the author of all that is best in my writings." These examples will serve to show how beautiful can be the companionship between two minds with common interests.

But the important reason for the higher education of woman is her influence on posterity. Having the training of the world's future citizens, involving such tremendous responsibilities. Surely, she should not be allowed to remain ignorant, and so lose the incalculable good which a well-balanced and cultivated mind can effect. The woman need not lose her womanliness because of knowledge. "She will be juster because she knows more, better because she is stronger, milder because she is wiser."

If the improvement was great in consequence of the higher education of men it will be doubly surprising when both men and women improve together. We can hope in that time to see the world make enormous strides, for there will be "Two heads in council, two beside the hearth,

Two in the tangled business of the world,

Two in the liberal offices of life,  
Two plummet drop't for one to sound the abyss

Of science, and the secrets of the mind;

Musician, painter, sculptor, critic, more

And everywhere the broad and bounteous earth

Should bear a double growth of those rare souls,

Poets, whose thoughts enrich the blood of the world."



### Pearl Divers at Thursday Island.

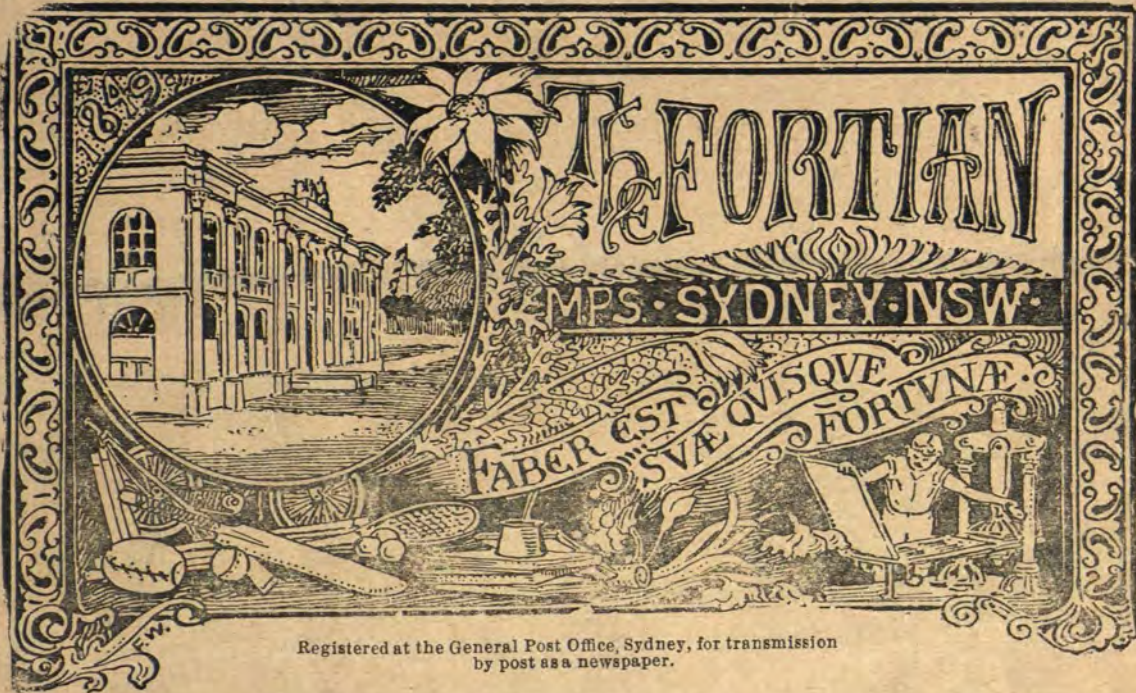
(Continued from last Issue.)

Once the diver is in the water, and the air going to him, he is very light—so light that it is hard to keep the feet down. I had had warning of this, and by stooping forward and beating the water with my hands, managed to go down 'feet first,' which is rather unusual for the first attempt.

It is wonderful to feel so light when one knows of all the lead on boots and chest and shoulders. The only parts left to the mercy of sharks, etc., are the hands. They must be free for working the ropes when required, and for gathering the shell. I was told that if I saw a shark (and I had seen many when out in boats all round the Island) I was to loosen the elastic wristband with my finger, and the air rushing out would cause bubbles which would frighten the shark away. It sounded all right, but I am afraid had I met a shark, I should have been more inclined to put my hands behind my back for safety, seeing that he would not touch any but my hands. Luckily for me I saw no sharks, but other fish—and sea-weeds and the edge of a reef. I brought back some specimens from the bottom of the ocean. It is a most peculiar sensation to feel the air coming in—it comes in very quietly. I had been told that by turning a valve at the side of my helmet, it would let in a great rush of air, and that I would shoot up to the surface like a rocket, and intended doing it, to give those on top a surprise, but thought better of it. Supposing I had been right under the ship when I turned the valve, I should be taking my chance of getting a bump—and denting my helmet—

so I "pulled the string in the regulation way, and was drawn very quickly to the surface, where I grasped the rope ladder, and many willing hands assisted me on to the ship, and one needs assistance with all that weight, when out of the water. Several snapshots were taken, but Thursday Island climate is not good for photographic plates, and they proved to be almost a failure. When below one can see about a yard in front of one. I stayed at the bottom over seven minutes, having no idea when down of how the time was passing. It is a sensation I would not have missed for worlds, and would gladly go again, although it is quite an uncommon thing to hear of a lady going down. They ask many questions about one's 'heart' before allowing the experiment. The air-pipe is made of very thick rubber, and lined and interlined for safety. When really carrying on the diving work each lugger has a diver, tender and crew.' There are always two men at the pump, while a diver is down, and they are relieved at times by another two. The shell is stored on the lugger, and then brought in to the Island. Some times the boats are away for six or eight weeks getting a 'catch.' In some instances the divers have the privilege of keeping the pearls, if any are found, and the owners of the fleet get shell only. For this they get as much as £240 per ton for picked shell; less for other varieties. In some cases, the luggers work in conjunction with a schooner, in which case the opening and searching for pearls is done on board the Schooner only, and the owners get the find. The 'Divers' wages in these two cases would vary. Photos showing the working of the industry may be seen.





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## Editorial

The Editor will be pleased to receive contributions, which should be left in the Editor's Box in the main entrance. All contributions will be acknowledged in the current issue.

In September 1907 after long deliberation and discussion, yet with much trepidation a meeting, or rather meetings were held to elaborate a plan for combining all the Sports' Clubs into one Union, controlled by a central committee, and exercising authority over all the realms of sport. If unity is really strength, then we have it fully exemplified in the case of the Model School Sports' Union. We do not think that during any past year there has been more sport in the School than during 1907-8, and at a cost of either one and six or 2s per member. We make bold to state, too, and no one, we feel sure, will deny the fact that every club has received fair treatment, and all the money it required. But two great feats have been accomplished, which before were practically impossible, a practice wicket was obtained in the Domain, and a Sports Meeting held. If for nothing else, we think the Union is to be congratulated on these achievements.

A glance at the balance sheet shows us that roughly the income of the Union was £134 for the year, and of this £64 has been returned to members of the Union in prizes and trophies, while there remains a credit balance of about £10, which is to be kept as a stand-by in case of a wet day at the next Swimming Carnival or Sports' Meeting. Altogether we consider the Union a huge success, and that, if members accord it the same support this year as last there will be no doubt about the future.

With this issue THE FORTIAN is increased from twelve to 16 pages, as promised some three months ago. We hope our readers will support the advance and send us in enough copy to keep the succeeding issues well supplied.

## When I Lived in Madras.

(BY ETHEL TAYLOR.—5B)

We lived for some years in Madras, at a place called Rayapuram, our front door being not 50 yards from the sea.

In the South or Madras Presidency, there are many off-shoots of the Hindu caste, beginning with the Brahmins of Priestly caste,

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similar to the "Children of Levi" in the Old Testament. Then come inferior castes of the same religion, like clans with family names, such as Moodliars, Naidus, Pillays and many others.

Trades and professions have a value in precedence, and members of one trade will not eat with another.

The chucklers or shoemakers are the lowest caste, and after them follow the outcasts or Pariahs, who may follow a form of the Hindu faith, or be Christians; the latter are greatly oppressed in a great many native villages, and large Temple Centres such as "Madura." Their food consists of fish, vegetable and meat curries, according to caste, with large quantities of rice, and dholl (split peas.) It is served upon leaves, sewn together in a circular form, about the size of a large dinner plate, and, after use, these are thrown away and new ones used at every meal.

There are a great many highly educated natives, who hold positions as Judges of the High Court, Members of the Council, and Principals of large Mercantile Houses. Education is very cheap, and very many native B.A.'s are working as clerks for £1 a month. These are mainly of the Brahmin caste. Their great ambition is to get into Government service.

The natives of India dress very scantily because of the heat. The women wear little tight fitting jackets with a thick muslin cloth (f) thrown over the right shoulder and folded two or three times round the waist.

The inferior men wear a cloth round their waist, and sometimes nothing at all.

The Mahomedan women dress differently, but are not supposed to be seen by any male outside their family.

Some of the women's dresses are very prettily arranged.

Most women wear monstrous ear-rings and gold rings and ornaments through their noses, and sometimes their lips. They are very fond of any kind of jewellery, such as bangles and necklaces.

Lands are not farmed in large holdings as they are in Australia, although Rajahs and Temindahs

own large estates. They are farmed out to the actual cultivators called Riots, who irrigate, plant, and reap the different produce. There are two classes of agricultural land, called wet and dry land. The wet lands are those adjacent to rivers and canals, which are irrigated from those sources, and a rent is paid to the Government.

The dry lands are irrigated from wells, the water is raised in several ways, by bullocks drawing up over a pulley by a rope and leather bucket, but the Picotta is used far more, having been in use many centuries.

Now the Picotta consists of three beams or very long and thick sticks placed over the well with another that moves up and down like a see-saw, and is placed through the other three. Two men are employed to work it, and these men stand on the end. Then they walk down the beam a little way to let the iron bucket into the well, and when they want it drawn up again they weigh it down on the end, so you see it is worked somewhat like a see-saw.

## Junior Authors.

(a) SIDNEY CARTON. One of the finest conceptions in this or in any of Dickens' novels is Sidney Carton. He takes a prominent part in the exciting action of the dramatic finale, saving the situation and the life of his rival in love by his self-sacrifice. We first saw him as Stryver's "Jackal." Here, Carton, a one-time gentleman, skilled in legal knowledge and practice, brings fame and fortune to a vulgar, but successful lawyer, who obtains from the clear insight and well-trained mind of Carton that information and those hints which enable him to win his cases. Carver had sunk low, very low indeed, and he owes it to the drink with which Stryver plies him so plentifully "The old Sydney Carton of old Shrewsbury School," said Stryver, nodding his head over him as he reviewed him in the present and the past. "The old see-saw Sydney. Up one minute and down the next; now

in spirits and now in despondency.

"Ah," returned Carton, sighing, "Yes! The same Sydney with the same luck. Even then I did exercises for other boys, and seldom did my own."

It is this easy-going good nature, coupled with his love for drink, that has brought him to the humiliating position he occupies with Stryver.

He had splendid abilities, but lacked decision. He could not seize on his opportunities. As Dickens says "Sadly, sadly the sun rose. It rose on no sadder sight than the man of good abilities and good emotions, incapable of their directed exercise, incapable of his own help and his own happiness, sensible of the blight on him, and resigning himself to let it eat him away."

Such is the wonderful picture Dickens draws of Carton before he came under the influence of Miss Manette, whom he learned to love devotedly and reverently, and it was this love which made the drunken, irresolute lawyer's hack the hero who died so nobly, comforting by his calmness and sympathy the trembling heart and faltering spirit of the poor little seamstress who died with him. Wonderfully pathetic and touching is the scene where Carton declares his hopeless love for Miss Manette. Says he, "For you, and for any dear to you I would do anything. Oh, Miss Manette, when the little picture of a happy father's face looks up in yours, when you see your own bright beauty springing up anew at your feet, think now and then that there is a man who would give his life to keep a life you love beside you."

This is no idle boast. This love is the needed incentive which drives all his irresolution away, and makes him the cool, keen, ready-witted man who turns up in Paris eight years later. He becomes at once master of the situation. Plans are made with exactness and forethought, his final sacrifice suggested to him by the likeness between himself and Darnay, which he had made use of to save the latter from conviction as a spy on his first trial, is carefully planned, and resolutely faced. He does what he considers



his duty quietly and nobly. There is no whimpering, no heroics. He simply faces death in a matter of fact way, as being the fitting end of a life such as his, and as by bringing happiness to the being he loves, he is doing at least one good action in a wasted life.

He dies then, calmly and heroically. Unselfish as ever, filled with a spirit of honor, magnanimity, tenderness and humility.

As Grant White remarks: "There is no grander, lovelier figure in literature or history than the self-wrecked, self-devoted Sydney Carton, and the story itself is so noble in its spirit, so grand and graphic in its style, and filled with a pathos so profound that it deserves, and will surely take a place amongst the great serious works of imagination.

## Prize Essay.

(Winning the Lord Meath Empire Challenge Cup and League of the Empire Prize, £5 5s. inter-all-Secondary Schools of the Empire)

SUBJECT:—"State and criticise the relation between Great Britain and any Country or Crown Colony with which you are acquainted."

When our planets were thrown off by the sun they did not disappear into space, but remained circling round their parent sphere, warmed and lightened by

its beneficent rays. So also the Colonies, thrown off by expanding England, do not break away, but keep circling round their National Sun, bound by love and gratitude—a bond which we hope will be as lasting as solar attraction.

We think of England as a mother, and of Australia as one of her grown-up children who, while striking out in life for herself, still looks to the motherland as 'home,' and still models her ideas and ideals on those of the parent who educated her, and whose fine example is always before her. Even though the child, as behoves her youth, may advance with more quickness in some ways, the progress will only be a few steps more on the same path on which her mother taught her to walk.

Before actually studying the present relations of Australia to Britain, we would do well to think for a moment on her past. We know that Australia was first used by England as a repository for the scum of her land—a safe prison for convicts.

Free settlers coming, and merino sheep being imported, the colony began to prosper, and soon a cry was raised against the transportation of convicts. In 1840, when the wish of the colonists was granted, the people settled down in peace, and in 1842 'representative was given to them. This opened way to the freedom of 1851, when four colonies and New Zealand were allowed to frame their own constitutions which were in force before five years had elapsed. The remaining two colonies got their constitutions later.

With constitutional government grew a much better feeling towards England in all the Colonies.

A desire for Federation had been felt for some time before self-government was granted. A closer union of the Colonies was necessary for trade, protection and expansion.

In 1900 the bill for Federation was passed. Australia, is then, at the present time, a Commonwealth, ruled over by the King of England, who is represented by his governors. Each State rules itself on local matters, but the Commonwealth Parliament decides on all questions of general importance, such as defence, customs, postage, &c.

The chief ties between Great and Anstralia are similarity of race, patriotism, need of protection, and commercial help. About 95 per cent. of the Australians are of British origin and have inherited British instincts. All Englishmen have a natural love of old customs and institutions; and, in spite of the spirit of democracy and growth in Australia, we still love our system of a limited monarchy and we preserve

"That sober freedom out of which their springs  
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pend on our remaining true to our feeling of love and gratitude to the motherland. Our position in the Pacific is such that some protection is necessary. We are isolated to a certain extent, and would be an easy prey for any land-hungry power, sparsely populated and poorly guarded as we are. But British warships make any nation think twice before molesting us, and the Union Jack means liberty and security of right.

England not only guards, but links us with her other possessions. This help and protection is very important to our trade, for it assures our position among other nations. But we must not forget that the great fleet, always ready to help us, would be unnecessary merely for the protection of the British Isles, and that, while the Colonies possess one-fifth of the trade, they only pay one-hundredth of the cost of protection. But on the other hand Australia is of use in the Pacific as a centre for trade operations, and, if properly equipped, would be a splendid naval base.

Mutual relations can be noticed in trade, for we supply raw material, and England returns manufactured goods. Nearly three-

fourths of the wool used in English manufactories come from Australia and New Zealand; and other produce, such as butter, hides, tallow, wheat, timber and metals are exported.

We are also of some value politically to our parent. Sir Charles Dilke says: "Australia tries for us experiments, and we have the advantage of being able to note their success or failure before we imitate or vary them at home." Take for example, Payment of Members, Woman Suffrage, Old Age Pensions, and the Referendum; these, and other questions have been discussed and passed into law in different parts of Australia, most of them in all parts.

But there are disadvantages in the present relations of the self-governing Colonies with Britain. Our motherland has a very unfair share in the expenses and responsibilities of protecting the Empire. In 1902 England's expenses for navy and army defence were 29s 3d per head, Australia's 3s 6d per head. These figures speak for themselves; that some change is necessary we cannot help but see. The bonds between us are not strong enough; Britain should not

have all the expenses and responsibilities while her young, vigorous children are ready to help her.

(To be Continued.)

### Literary and Debating Society.

On Friday, September 4th, impromptu speeches were held. The speaking was not of such a good order as it has been previously, and the mistake was made of picking the younger members to speak on subjects which they did not understand. The principal amongst a large number of speakers were Dibbs, Godfrey, Langan, Frecker, McLelland, Chedgoy, Cusbert (V.P.), Morgan, Railton and Lasker (V.P.) The principal subjects were: "What do you think of the American Jackey as compared with the English Jack Tar?" "What will a schoolboy's life be like in 1908?" and "Is Boxing Brutal?"

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journals that has ever appeared in the Society was read. The articles, which were exceedingly varied, showed deep thought, originality, and a large amount of learning. The contributions were Editorial on "Elocution;" sub-editorial, entitled "Mainly Topical;" "An Obituary to the Senior Class," by "Pimple Cake." This was the best, the wittiest, and the most original article which has appeared for some time. "The Adornment of the City," by "Pro Bono Publico," a very creditable article; "A Lay" by Pinguis, which excited a great deal of adverse criticism from Mr. Lasker's German Class; "Criticisms in General" by "Ros-trum;" "Energy" by Noble; "A Dream" by "Bluet." "The Use of Debate" by "Phiz.," and "A letter from Phacydides the Second."

On Friday, September 18th, a Mock Election was held, and for the first time in the Society's History, a Socialist was elected. It was a very strong meeting, Frecker being elected with 69 votes, his opponents Noble (L. and R.) and Silberthan (L. and R.), receiving 20 and 17 votes respectively.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 17, Blanchard (V.P.), Langan and Byrne represented Fort street at the Mock Banquet of the L. and D. Society of the Petersham S.P.S. They were welcomed by Mr. Rickard, the headmaster, who spoke in very flattering terms of our School. Mr. Reid also said a few words of welcome. Our representatives responded, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Messrs. E. Frecker and L. Andrews have been elected to fill the two vacant positions on the committee.

### The Annual Dinner.

Arrangements are being made to hold the annual dinner at a date, yet to be fixed, towards the end of October. Further particulars will be published in our next issue.

### The Wise Hindu.

A number of quaint and clever aphorisms have been gathered together by Arthur Penterman in a unique book. The name of the book, 'Betel Nuts,' is derived from the nature of the proverbs which are said to be ever on the mouths of the people of Hindustan, giving spice and color to their speech even as the betel nut—the chewing gum of the Orient. We quote a few of the proverbs:—

God ripens the mangoes,  
The farmer shakes the tree;  
God cures the patient,  
The doctor takes the fee.

"Who cooked this rice?"  
"Not I!—that Worthless  
Hound!"

"Tis very nice."  
"Why—yes—I stirred it  
round!"

You have no Debts?  
Indorse a note;  
You have no Cares,  
Then buy a Goat.

This under the rose,  
But it's true to the letter;  
The man thinks he knows,  
The woman knows better.

"O Allah take me!" prayed Ram  
Chunder,  
Above him crashed and roared the  
thunder.  
"Not now!" he cried in fright and  
sorrow,  
"Now now, oh Lord!—I meant  
to-morrow.

The donkey to the camel said:  
"How dainty are your feet!"

The camel to the donkey said:  
"Your voice is very sweet!"

—The Reader.

### Correspondence.

To the Editor of THE FORTIAN.

Sir.—As the swimming season is close at hand, and such a keen interest is taken in the noble sport by the boys of Fort street, I suggest that a Surf-Bathing Club be formed at the School, and start, as soon as the weather allows, to go to Manly, say every second Friday evening, and pitch camp outside the town till Saturday or Sunday. This would prove to be experience to a great extent in the way of camping, and it would also do the participants the world of good. Yours, etc.,

J. G. J. T.

(Note by Editor.—We will always be pleased to publish letters from correspondents which refer in any way to School matters or objects of interest)

### Dramatic Performance.

On September 17th a performance of "He's a Lunatic" and "My Turn Next" was given. Mr. McCauley helped very materially with his choir of boys. Everyone was unanimous in praise of the singing, and The Society is very much obliged to Mr. McCauley for his help.

The attendance was excellent. There were 200 girls and 354 boys, making a total of 554. We regret very much that so many were turned away from the door. But we hope to repeat the performance in a few weeks time.

The acting on the whole was very good. The audience was very pleased with the performance, and much amusement was caused. Amongst the foremost in the humorous line was Theo. Potts, who had the audience convulsed. Frecker and Morgan were also very good, and Zions acted up to his reputation. Silberthau was the best girl—to look at, but he could not be heard at the back. Frecker and Blanchard also were a success as girls, and Blanchard manipulated his vocal organs with the greatest dexterity.



## Girls' Page

### Literary and Debating Society, Section 6.

The third meeting of the Society was held on Friday, September 18. The subject was, "Is Travelling a better means of education than Reading."

Miss H. Kilgour and Miss K. Shankland (Ministry) read very good papers in favor of travelling. Papers were also read by Misses E. Gow, E. Barker (Ministry) and M. Collins, K. Lovell, E. Norwood (Opposition.) The motion in favor of travelling was carried almost unanimously. The next meeting will be held on 6th November, when the programme will be "An Afternoon with Tennyson." Papers will be read and recitations rendered by the following members:—Stella Nelligan, Esther Mitchell, Iris Vickers, M1; L. Levonsohn, Muriel Ainsworth, L. Straughen, 7A; Carmen Cartledge, K. Carey, L. Hughes, 6A; Olive Gibson, M. Shore, L. Bladwell, C. Thornton.

On the 11th September, the consideration of "The Progress of Humanitarian Movement" was concluded.

A paper on "Hospitals" was read by J. Hall, and was followed by "The Life of Florence Nightingale," by P. Burrell, "The Red Cross League," by D. Lee, "Coffin

Ships," by R. Shea, and "Punishments by N. Young.

Two recitals were also rendered, "St. Philomena," by D. Waldon and "The Bells," by D. Perry. The decision of the judge was as follows:—

The best recitation, N. Lawson. The best paper, P. Kermode. The subject chosen for the next debate is "Has the hope of reward or the fear of punishment most influence on a man."

### Basket Ball Match.

A match between two teams of eight was played at the Sports Meeting, September 12th. Miss Eileen Turner captained the "Reds" v. Miss Marie Eastes "The Blue's." The game was even and fast, and resulted in a draw of four goals each.

Miss Bourke acted as Umpire, and Miss Maloney as timekeeper.

### Hockey Club.

The Hockey Club held a meeting to review the season 1908 on Tuesday, 8th September.

During the discussion of afternoon tea a vote of thanks was enthusiastically carried to Mrs. Partridge, president of the Club. It was suggested and carried that the Misses Clubbe, who coached the Fortian, and Mr. Swannell, who has helped the Club in many ways, should be invited to afternoon tea

on Thursday, 17th September, and presented with souvenirs of the season.

The afternoon tea given by the Hockey Club on Thursday, 17th September, was a jolly re-union of the girls and members of Boys' School Staffs and the Fortians. A few Old Girls and Boys' Union members were also present.

The Misses Clubbe were the guests of the afternoon. On behalf of the Fortians Misses Eileen Turner and Dot Cooper presented them with mementoes of the season.

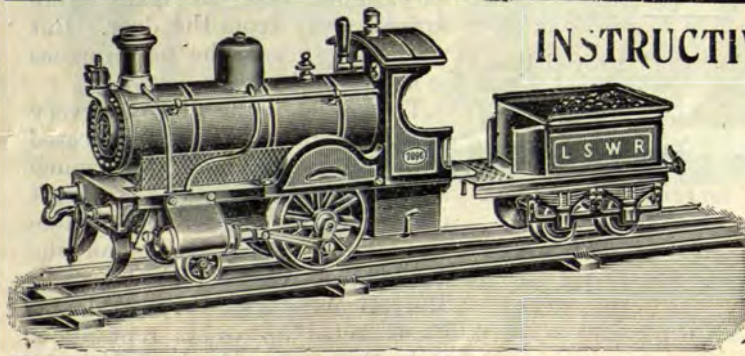
Mr. Swannell was unable to be present, but has written to thank the Fortians for the souvenir they sent to him.

### Hockey Match.

On September 12th, on the Sports Ground, in conjunction with the Fort-street annual sports meeting, the Fortians played an exhibition hockey match—"Reds" versus "Blues." Mr. B. I. Swannell refereed the match, which was won after a hard tussle by Blues, by 2 goals to nil.

Asked his opinion of the game, Mr. Swannell said:—

"It was a jolly fine game to watch and a pleasure to referee. I think that, considering it is their first season, and there are no experienced players in their ranks, the girls put up a splendid game. With a bit of coaching in the finer points, combination, and all that sort of thing, they should make a fine side next season."



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Speaking of the actual play, he said: "I thought the 'Blue' forwards very good, particularly the inside right and the outside left. I did not think too much of the 'Red' forwards, they 'balked,' too much, and got in one another's way, failing to take advantage of chances their backs gave them. I think the 'Red' goalkeeper played splendidly and saved any amount of shots, the two 'Red' backs were also good."

Asked what he thought of the captains, Mr. Swannell replied: "Ah! why didn't they boss the players more; when they saw them bunching, why didn't they make the players open out and pass; but I expect captaincy wants experience, eh? Altogether, I thought it a jolly fine game, and that the girls were really skilful, and played splendidly. If there is to be another match next season, I am a candidate for the position of referee."

The goalkeepers for the 'Blues' were Misses Ingamells and Moore.

### Old Girls and Boys' Social.

The Old Girls' Union, in conjunction with the Old Boys' Union, gave a most enjoyable dance at the A.B.C. rooms on Friday, 18th September. Miss Partridge, president of the O.G.U., acted as hostess, her assisting committee being Misses Evans, Bourke, Drummond, Dixon, Wardrop, Gormley (hon. treasurer), and Nelson (hon. sec.), and Mr. Hill (hon. treas. of the O.B.U.) and a committee of gentlemen.

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Board, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. Kilgour and Miss Cooper were among the guests.

At supper, Mr. Kilgour rose to speak of the value of such gatherings of old Fortians. Mr. Turner, who was received with great applause by his old pupils, also spoke of his delight in seeing so many of his now grown-up boys and girls. He congratulated the school on its great progress, and expressed his hope that much will be done to glorify the Diamond Jubilee Year of Fort-street in 1909.

Mr. Board expressed his pleasure at being present on such an enjoyable occasion.

The arrangements for the evening were in the hands of Misses Maloney and Nelson, and Mr. Watts, and both Unions feel most grateful to them for a delightful dance.

### The Old Girls' Dance.

The social evening held recently in connection with the Old Girls' Union was a pronounced success. The large room at the A.B.C. was well filled, and all those who were present enjoyed themselves so thoroughly that the wish was universally expressed that the fixture should be made annual. Amongst the guests were the Under-Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Board, and J. W. Turner, Esq. An agreeable feature of the evening was the enthusiastic reception accorded to Mr. Turner by the Old Boys who were his pupils a decade ago.

### Senior Cadets for Fort Street.

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori," says Horace, and the same sentiment prevails to-day. The defence question looms large in the eyes of Australians. The white races must in the future face the yellow, and decide who shall rule the Pacific, and, incidentally, Australia. The time for discussion has passed; compulsory training will in the near future be an accomplished fact.

Let us not wait for the order compelling us to undergo military training, but let us take upon ourselves at once the duty that is ours, viz., taking our share in the defence of our country. We may be few, but every little helps, however small. For these reasons, all seniors and old boys are invited to unite and form a corps of Senior Cadets. Let us not be left behind all the great Public Schools, which have already established fine corps. Don't delay, but send in your names at once, so that a requisition can be made for the establishment of a corps of Senior Cadets at Fort-street.

A. W. STUTCHIN.

### Old Boys' Column

With the formation of an Old Boys' Literary and Debating Society the Old Boys' Union will enter into a new phase of its existence. The educational and social value of debating is so well recognised in the school that it scarcely needs advocacy in these columns. Mr. Watts is already in touch with a large number of old boys who will take up the cudgels of oratory with enthusiasm.

At the present time a sub-committee is engaged in drafting rules and arranging a syllabus of subjects. The intention is to open the programme with an inaugural address by a well-known public man. Mr. Bruce Smith has been approached, and has promised his assistance. It is almost definitely arranged that the inaugural meeting will take place on 16th October, at one of the city halls. All old boys and their friends—and, of course, pupils of the school and their parents are included—are cordially invited to be present. Mr. Bruce Smith will speak on a theme appropriate to the occasion, and his words will be listened to with eager interest by all Fortians, past or present.

### Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Sports Union will be held in the Main Room on Wednesday at 1 o'clock. All boys, it is hoped, will be present and support the Union.

### Exchanges.

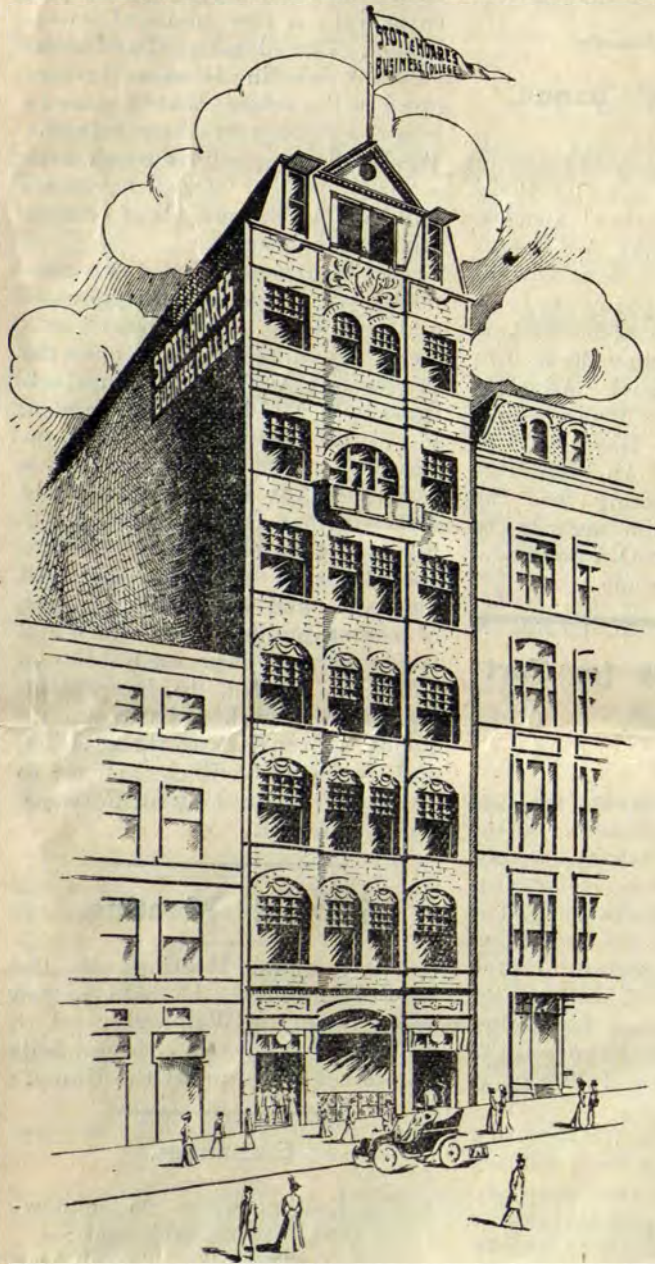
The Editor desires to acknowledge the following exchanges:—

The Trident, The Torchbearer, The Central, The High School Chronicle, The Kookaburra.

The following girls sat for entrance to the Training College: Amy Rose, Hilda McDonald, Dorothy Wiles, Violet Colenutt, Susie Collier, Isabel Drake, Eunice Gardiner, Lily Bayley, Dorothy Eaton, Millie Bragg, May Martin, Annie Morris. We hope they will all be successful in obtaining high positions.



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## School Notes

It is with pleasure that we announce the following appointments:—

Richardson, Casserly and Luciano to Harrison, Jones and Devlin.

Pettitt to the Newcastle and Hunter River S. N. Coy.

Rupert Leggett to the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (Childers' Branch, Queensland.)

A preliminary meeting of the Cricket Club has been held to discuss matters connected with the coming season. Many of the best players have left, but we hope other players will come on within a month or two. Matches have already been arranged with the Sydney High School, the College for Deaf (Prahan, Victoria), Sydney Grammar School, St. Joseph's College, and the Old Boys. Cricket, however, will never flourish as it should until we have a ground of our own.

Albert Barry, a recruit from Fort Street, played a magnificent game in the final of the Premiership of the N.S.W. Football League. His high-marking was a treat to witness. Tall, muscular and wiry he proved of enormous strength to East Sydney. Next season will probably see him in the first flight of champions.

Keith Walker, another old Fort Street boy, has demonstrated clearly that sport in the Public Schools is at a high standard.

Harry Brown (erstwhile "Doc.") has been umpiring in the Young Australian Competition and giving general satisfaction. It was Brown who surprised the Melbourneites two years ago with an oratorical effort when responding to the toast of the winning team.

A letter has been received by the headmaster from Mr. R. L. Austin of the Vic. S. S. A. A., complimenting the N. S. W. boys who visited Melbourne last week on their exemplary conduct and general bearing when in the Southern capital.

## Model School Fort Street Sports Union.

The distribution of prizes won at the last Sports Meeting will take place on Thursday afternoon, 8th inst., at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Board has been invited to present the trophies. The certificates won at the last Junior, several honor caps to leading members of the various Sports Clubs, and sets of medals to winning football teams, will also be presented on the same occasion.

All parents and friends are cordially invited to be present.

## Swimming.

The Annual Meeting of the Swimming Club was held in the Main Room on Tuesday at 1 p.m. A vast assemblage of swimmers and non-swimmers eagerly listened to the remarks of the President.

Reference was made to the large number of boys enjoying the privileges of the Club—to the marked improvement and rapid growth of Life-saving Instruction in Schools—(the system emanated from Fort Street), and to the construction of the new Corporation Baths in the Domain, to be used by members.

Messrs. E. H. Parker and F. T. Allen were elected as representatives of the Swimming Club on the Sports Union.

A strong committee of workers, consisting of Messrs. Allen, Parker, Cantrell, Frecker, Cullen Ward and Langan was appointed.

Mr. W. A. Selle was unanimously elected as secretary for the ensuing twelve months.

The All-Schools' Swimming Carnival will probably take place on Feb. 27th, 1909.

Fort Streets Carnival will be held on March 13th, 1909.

Swimming practices will be conducted as in former years bi-weekly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

The new City Baths will be opened by the Lord Mayor on October 13th.

Fort-street should have no difficulty in holding the Brilliantshine Shield for the next year.

The competition will be started almost immediately.

At the annual meeting of the Sports Union honor caps will be presented to Albert Barry, Roy Farnsworth, Guy Harden, and Wallace Stafford for meritorious performances during the last two seasons in sport. The honor caps have been specially made and are of unique design.

During the vacation several boys from the School were present in different places, representing the metropolis in football. Bray, Harden, Harrison, O'Grady and Langan were playing Rugby in Maitland and Goulburn. W. Stafford, Kinninmont, Cullen Ward, V. O'Neill, Weiss, Crozier and Bradley were the boys from Fort-street representing N.S.W. in Melbourne last week. The N.S.W. team was defeated by 40 points to 8.

Stafford was the captain of the inter-state team.

## Our First Sports Meeting.

On Saturday, the 12th ultimo, our first athletic meeting eventuated, and very successful was the result. The Under-Secretary for Education, Mr. P. Board, M.A., and Mr. Senior Inspector Parkinson honored the meeting with their presence. The programme was a very full one, and the events well contested. Mr. Cantrell, the secretary, is to be congratulated on the excellence of his arrangements. Through the courtesy of Captain Mason, the Sobraon Band rendered a programme on the lawn. The officials were as follow:—Judges: 100yds events, Messrs. Kilgour, Lasker, Connell and Cusbert; long distance events, Messrs. Meldrum and Moses; novelty events, Messrs. Macnee and Harradine. Starters: Messrs. Selle and Craddick. Time-keeper, Mr. F. T. Allen. Marshals: Messrs. Parker and Collins. Result stewards: Messrs. Wines and Dyce. Check-starters: Messrs. Taylor, Evans, Murphy, Frew, Burges, Hutchin, McMiles, McCauley, Smith, White and Lever.

Secretary and Clerk of the Course, Mr. S. W. Cantrell; Treasurer, Mr. G. Mackaness.



The following are the results:—  
 Fourth-class Handicap.—Final.  
 C. Lee, 6yds, 1; L. Swan, 5yds, 2;  
 L. Williams, 5yds, 3  
 Handicap (C and D classes) 100  
 yds.—K. Chambers, 1; A. Solberg,  
 2; B. Webb 3.  
 Handicap (Class C 1).—E. Row.  
 botham, 2yds, 1; E. Cullen Ward,  
 scr., 2; H. Polyblank, 5yds, 3.  
 Handicap (Class C 3), 100yds.—  
 H. Keane, scr., 1; L. Rowbotham,  
 1yd, 2; C. Holt, scr. and L. Phelps,  
 3yds, dead heat, 3.  
 Handicap (Class 5 B), 100 yds.—  
 G. McDonald, 1; E. Sherwood, 2;  
 S. Tindal, 3.  
 Handicap (Class 6 A), 100 yds.  
 —R. Fazackerley, 1; R. Miller, 2;  
 W. Jones, 3.  
 Throwing at Wicket. — L.  
 Phelps, 1; C. Wallace, 2.  
 Handicap (Class 5 A), 100yds.—  
 M. Linane, 1; S. Hilliard, 2; A.  
 Fenwick, 3.  
 Handicap (Class 5 E), 100yds.  
 Final, G. Abbott, scr., 1; G. Dorahy,  
 4yds, 2.  
 Senior Relay, 440yds.—Maclean,  
 Bray, Stafford and Fox beat  
 O'Neill, O'Grady, Silberthau and  
 McLelland.  
 Handicap (Class 6 E), 100yds.—  
 G. Downey 1, G. Murray 2, B.  
 McGregor 3.  
 Junior Bicycle Race, half-mile.—  
 W. McKeown 1, A. Rasmussen 2,  
 R. Fazackerley 3.  
 Handicap (Class 6 D), 100 yds.  
 —F. Campbell, 1; G. Holmes, 2;  
 R. Hepburn, 3.  
 Pole Vault.—C. Kirke, 7ft 5in,  
 1; R. Bradley, 7ft 4in., 2.  
 Broad Jump.—G. Kirke, 17ft 5  
 in., 1; R. Bradley, 7ft 4 in., 2.  
 120 yds. Hurdles.—F. O'Grady,  
 10yds behind, 1; D. Stafford, 8yds  
 behind, 2; E. Rowbothom, 8 yds  
 behind, 3.  
 Handicap (Class 6 C), 100yds.  
 Final, W. Buckle, scr.; D. Parkes,  
 scr., and C. Hill, 11yds, dead heat,  
 2.  
 School Championship, 100 yds.  
 —C. Bray, 1; V. O'Neill, 2; W.  
 McLean, 3. Won by three yards.  
 Time 11 1-5s.  
 Senior Bicycle Race, half-mile.  
 —Billington 1, K. Fazackerley 2,  
 Ward 3.  
 Championship (13 years), 100  
 yns.—D. Parkes 1, G. Dorahy 2,  
 C. Lee 3.

Junior Walk, half-mile.—T.  
 D'Arcy Irvine, 1; Hudson, 2;  
 Kennedy, 3. Time 4m 20s.  
 Championship (14 years), 100  
 yards.—W. Buckle 1, G. Murray 2,  
 Powell 3.  
 Championship (15 years), 100  
 yns.—V. O'Neill 1. W. Stafford 2,  
 R. Morgan 3.  
 Old Boys' Half-mile Handicap.  
 —Alanson 20 yds, and J. L.  
 Devitt, 20 yds, dead heat 1;  
 Welch 3. Devitt won the run-off  
 by about five yards.  
 Sack Race.—N. Fox 1, O.  
 Watson 2.  
 Handicap (Class M 2), 100 yds.  
 —B. Ronald, scr, 1; E. Eastman,  
 8 yds, 2; G. Kennedy, 2yds, 3.  
 High Jump.—B. Degotardi, 4ft  
 11in., 1; C. Kirke, 2.  
 Handicap (Class M 1), 100yds.—  
 F. O'Grady, 1yd, 1; R. Bradley,  
 3yds, 2; E. Forsyth, 5yds, 3.  
 Senior Handicap, 100 yds.—  
 Heat 1: C. Bray 1; N. Fox 2; G.  
 Harden 3. Heat 2: W. McLean  
 1, R. Silberthau 2, C. Collier 3.  
 Final, McLean 1, Silberthau 2, Fox  
 3.  
 Obstacle Race.—G. Firman 1,  
 Phelps 2, C. Smith 3.  
 Championship (16 years) 100  
 yds.—C. Bray 1, R. Silberthau 2,  
 E. C. Ward 3.  
 440 yards School Handicap.—B.  
 Ronald, scr, 1; T. Potts, 5 yds, 2;  
 K. Flook, 15yds, 3.  
 Three-legged Race.—G. Vernon  
 and J. Hanrahan 1, C. Lee and J.  
 Tinker 2.  
 Junior Relay, 440 yds.—Buckle,  
 Parkes, Hankin, Powell, 1; Mc  
 Gregor, Murray, Downey, O'Grady,  
 2.  
 Tug-of-War.—Upper Seniors  
 (Stafford, Malcolm, Firman, Potts,  
 Knight and Degotarid) beat  
 Lower Seniors Boye, Langan,  
 Ridley, Fox, Rowbotham, Tucker.  
 Sobraon Handicap, 100 yds.—  
 Lennan 1, Rogan 2, King 3.  
 880 yards School Handicap.—K.  
 Flook, 30 yds, 1; Fox, 2; F.  
 O'Grady 3.  
 Old Boys Race, 100 yds.—H.  
 Bisset 1. McDougall 2, N. Bisset 3.  
 In addition, the schoolgirls gave  
 two interesting exhibition games—  
 basket ball and hockey. In the  
 latter the Blue team, captained by  
 Miss Craig, beat the Red, led by  
 Miss Maloney, by 2 goals to nil.



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Some interesting scout work in scrub has also been done.

Shortly after Michaelmas vacation we hope to have a bivouac. We shall go out on Friday afternoon, camp out at night and return on Saturday afternoon. These bivouacs are sure to be interesting, enjoyable and instructive. Plenty of work and plenty of fun is the motto of the corps.

## The Lost Cause

By C. R. COLLINS

Chapter II.

### How Sir John Fired his Last Shot.

She stopped and crouched in the dark of the trees. The Roundhead sentries were everywhere. Her peril rendered her senses trebly acute, but it was only with extreme difficulty that she at length reached the Lodge. She called softly :

"Sir John! Sir John! Are you awake! Are you awake?"

A man who is used to being face to face with death can sleep anywhere and at any time. Moreover he is a light sleeper, and can awake at will. It was unnecessary for Alison to call twice. Barrington was now thoroughly awake. In an

instant he had the ladder to the ground, and descended.

"You must go, Sir John. They know I have seen you, and have set a watch upon me. I have brought you some food now, as I shall not be able to keep tryst to-morrow. If I came here in daylight they would follow me and find you, so I came to warn you to-night."

"You have run a great risk, child."

"I had to pass the Sentinels to get here."

"And you have run this risk for me my pretty one."

"For the cause, Sir John."

"Quite so—for the cause," and then, under his breath; "In this instance, hang the cause."

"You must go away from here."

"But, my dear, duty bids me stay here. I must meet at the house of your respected uncle a man who is to give me papers which are of the utmost importance to His Majesty. I arrive here only to find the Rebels in possession of the rendezvous. I must see that man now for a double reason, to warn him, and to get those papers."

"But they will find this place and catch you."

"And would that trouble you very much."

"Certainly, it would injure the cause, the cause on which all our hopes are set."

"Quite so, the cause. Then you can find me another hiding place?"

"Yes, there is a cave the other side of the beck. They are less likely to find you there. The way is so difficult. Come I will show you."

"Not too fast, my dear," said Sir John, as they brushed their way through the copse. This arm of mine is worse than I dreamed, and I am rather weak in consequence." He was indeed weak, and his gait was uneven. Alison took his arm to assist him."

"Mind, my dear, there's a horse-pistol in this hand. I would not like to spoil your frock."

A dark figure stepped out of the shadow of a bush and loomed big in front of them.

"Halt there!"

Then came a dazzling flash and a roar like a thunder burst. Alison's cheek felt as if it had been pierced by a red hot needle. A second flash answered the first, almost blinding her, and a second report stung her ears. The figure in front dropped heavily on the dew-beaded grass, and the moonlight glistened with ghastly effect on the pale dead face and unclosed staring eyes. She put her hands up to her face to shut out the uncanny sight. Already she could hear the rapidly repeated thud of running footsteps. Sir John was swearing softly by her side. "Beshrew me! It was my last bullet, and I am too weak to use my sword."

Then she was aware that her left hand was wet with blood.

If the Wade in the Beck.

Chapter III.

The contact of her hand with her bleeding cheek aroused the girl to a sense of their peril. She half led and half dragged Sir John, who was now staggering feebly, into the undergrowth which fringed the beck. Down they crouched, flat on the earth, their faces almost touching the water. She could feel her heart thumping madly, and heard the footsteps of the enemy, crashing through copse and thicket. She heard the cry of rage which announced that the Roundheads had blundered upon the pale bleeding corpse of their comrade. They were even now seeing those open staring eyes, and the poor white face with that ominous dark blotch on the forehead. She could hear them thrusting their swords into the brushes. Once they almost trod upon her, but a merciful providence seemed to watch over her that night, and she remained undiscovered. Then she heard them pause for a muttered consultation. Another cry! and a patter of rushing feet. They had discovered the Lodge. This was a diversion to be taken ad-



vantage of. Stealthily and silently, she and Sir John slid into the stream which was breast high at that point. The Roundheads soon discovered that the Lodge was empty, and now they were searching the undergrowth again. The fugitives were well screened from view in the shadow cast by the opposite bank. For a moment or two they stood motionless, Alison holding Sir John's hand while with the other she kept her basket and its precious contents out of the water.

It was not an easy matter to wade up stream without attracting the pursuer's attention. Her feet were cut by the sharp pebbly bed, and her cloak, heavy with water, was dragging her down. Sir John's arm was bleeding again, and he was becoming fainter at every step. She stopped and supported him by passing an arm round him while she accomplished the feat of extracting the cork from the sack-bottle with her teeth, and this without upsetting the bottle or her basket. Then she managed to set the wine to Sir John's lips. The half-unconscious man, feeling the sack-bottle at his mouth, drank instinctively. It revived him to the extent that he could stand unaided and assist the girl to re-cork the bottle. But even now he could not make his way upstream without her assistance. The sounds of pursuit had died away long before they reached a point where the beck grew shallow and shallower until it was but ankle deep. Then they stepped up on to the bank.

It was up-hill work now. The gently shelving bank gave place to big stones and thick shrubs. Suddenly a precipice arose sheer above them. Alison pushed aside some bushes growing near the base, and revealed a cleft just wide enough to admit the entrance of a man. The fissure, however, led to a spacious cavern with high arched roof. In one corner they could hear the trickling of a limpid stream. This was the spring whose waters sank into a subterranean passage leading to the head of the beck.

"Here," said Alison, "you are perfectly safe."

But now that the danger was

past the girl seemed more likely to collapse than the man, and the services of the sack-bottle had to be invoked to restore her to her normal state of consciousness.

"Bear up, my dear," remonstrated Sir John. "There is work to be done yet."

"Yes, I must make you comfortable here."

"You must not, I must shift for myself. I am too disabled to finish my mission, so I must call in your assistance. I have been sent here to meet a man who will deliver into my hands certain papers of state, being in fact certain letters which the King had written to the late Lord Strafford. These papers would damage His Majesty's cause if the rebels had them—so his Majesty thinks."

"You think otherwise?"

"I think his cause is lost utterly."

"It cannot be."

"It can, and is."

"It cannot. The right can never fail."

"My dear girl, in all matters of high politics being in the right simply means being in the majority. Our side is in the minority, and is accordingly not only wrong, but ruined. We are ruined through our own misdeeds. His Majesty's policy is a mistaken one, because it is the will of the few opposed to the will of the many."

"Why then, do you fight for the King?" "She was beginning to wonder whether a man of so questionable a loyalty was worth assisting.

"Why do I fight for him?" Sir John shrugged his shoulders, and then winced at the pain this action caused his wounded arm. "Any coward can support what is right, but it takes a brave man to fight for a wrong, especially when he has everything to lose by being in the wrong. But we waste time, dear lady. You must meet this man instead of me, and that, before these crop-eared rebels see him."

"And how shall I know him?"

Sir John fumbled in his vest and drew forth a ring.

"The King's signet. Present this. He is a short, thick-set man, and marvellously ill-favoured. He has a scar on his right cheek, which gives his eye a peculiar droop, and sets his face in a per-

petual grimace. You cannot mistake him."

How she performed the home journey Alison could never remember. Her mental impression regarding it was one of falls and stumbles, groping in rocky places, creeping in and out shadows, gliding noiselessly over gravel paths. She had but a hazy recollection of reaching her room.

When she awoke it was nearing mid-day. Horses were stamping without. The clang of armour blended weirdly with sharp rasping words of command and the querulous blare of trumpets. She drew back the curtain, and a torrent of sunlight burst through the casement. Below in the drive men were running to and fro, others tightening their girths or donning their harness. Weatherby swung into his saddle, snapped out one order at which the men stiffened beside their horses' heads: then another, and after a second's ferment of swerving steeds and springing men the whole had mounted. Next instant they were clattering, two and two, down the avenue.

Her maid's presence now called her to attention.

"The blessed heavens are merciful, Mistress Alison. The rebels are leaving us. Sir Antony is feeling better, and left his bed this morning. And what do you think? Roger Blair and Gervais Shackbold, who went off to the wars with poor Master John, are back in the village. They say there is a rally in these parts for the King, and that five hundred loyal troops will soon be in the village.

(To be Continued.)

The two farces produced by the Dramatic Society last month were a decided success. A crowded house made the affair a success, too, from the monetary point of view. The histrionic art is making great progress in the School. It is not beyond the improbable to dream of another David Garrick.

Boys are reminded that the first year of the Sports' Union has now ended, and that the incoming officials hope for as good support this year as last.



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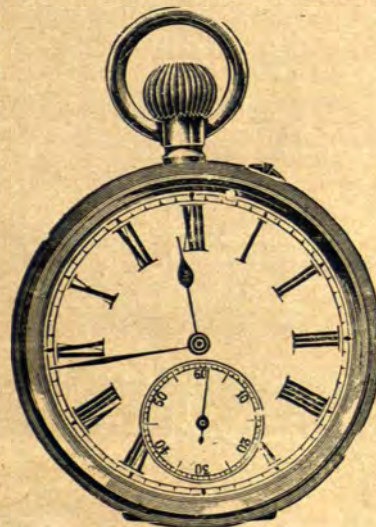
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## L. AND D. SOCIETY.

Owing to Empire Day the Manuscript Journal for the 29th was cancelled.

"An afternoon with the Novelists" was held on May 15. The programme was as follows:—

1. Lecturette, on Marie Corelli, by N. Zions; 2, Reading from "The Virginian," by H. Reid; 3, Reading from "Kenilworth," by V. Chedghey; 4, Reading from Harry Lorrequer, by I. Morgan.

On May 29th the debate which had been postponed from May 22 was held. The Ministry affirmed that "The Wars of the Roses did more good for England than did the French Revolution for France." Mr. Gostelow opened the debate for the Ministry, and was supported by Messrs. Potts, Brown, Noble and Byrne. Mr. Langker replied for the Opposition, and was supported by Messrs. Blanchard, Morgan, Chedghey, Collins (V.P.) and Mc Lelland. Mr. Gostelow replied.

The voting was as follows: Ministry 54; Opposition 57.

Mr. Potts (Premier) tendered his

resignation, and said he would advise Mr. Kilgour that Mr. Morgan be the new Premier.

## M6 DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 15, a very pleasant afternoon was spent with the M6 Debating Society, the subject of debate being "Was Noble justified in receiving the testimonial granted to him by the Australians?" O. Tunks (Premier) took the affirmative side, and D. Hughes (Leader of the Opposition) the negative. After a very lively debate the division was taken, resulting in a majority of one for the Government.

Our next debate was held on May 29th, "Should we encourage the immigration to Australia of the 5000 Scottish Fishermen and their Families." E. W. Rivett (Premier, in succession to O. Tunks resigned) led in the affirmative, R. Hughes (Leader of the Opposition) taking the negative. The debate was exceedingly interesting, and when the division was taken the Government had a majority of 9.



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## EDITORIAL.

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This is the last issue of "The Fortian" in its present form. This paper has now been in existence for ten years, and has passed through many vicissitudes, though each change has, we think, been for the better. When the paper was first started in 1898 it was about five inches by four, and the price was a half-penny. The name of Fred Conway will be remembered as one of the earliest workers on the paper.

At the beginning of the year we promised that several improvements would be carried out. In the first week of next month, July, probably on the fifth, the first of the new issue of "The Fortian" will appear. It is intended to make the size much larger, to issue a coloured cover, and, if possible, make use of a few illustrations from time to time. It is possible that on account of the very much increased cost of preparing the first issue that the price of that one issue may be twopence. We hope, however, to be able to keep the price as usual.

One other particular deserves notice. In this new July issue there will appear the first instalment of a new serial story, written by Mr. C. R. Collins. This will be continued month by month. As it is desired that this new issue may be in every way a creditable one we desire to make known that Mr. A. W. Cusbert, B.A., and Mr.

C. R. Collins, have kindly consented to take the positions of sub-editors of the Magazine, and assist in making the new issue a success.

We now desire to bring before the boys and girls of this School the fact that we are anxious to receive from them, one and all, their own literary attempts. Articles of all kinds will be gladly received, and if worthy will be published. Secretaries of Class Societies will greatly assist the Editor by sending their reports to him regularly, and with full details. News of Old Boys and Girls will be gladly received.

The Editor's Box has been renovated, and is now placed in the main entrance way. It will be opened regularly each month. We ask, therefore, that our readers will help in every way possible to make this new undertaking a success.

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On Saturday night last Mr. Kilgour presided at the annual dinner of the old M3 Class. Mr. Lasker was also present and an enjoyable time was spent.

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The examination for positions in the 1909 Junior Classes will be held next week.

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The classes which will be examined are those of Messrs. Burges, Hunt, Frew, Allen, Evans and Hutchin.



### SCOUTING FOR BOYS.

A work recently published by Lieut-General R. S. S. Baden-Powell the defender of Mafeking, should recommend itself to our Cadets. The writer treats his subject in a very scientific manner. He invents a number of scouting games which are carefully graded, and a boy by passing through this course may develop into an efficient scout.

No previous military training is necessary. The boy scout must take plenty of exercise, especially exercise of the nature of cross-country running and walking. Further, he must utilise and develop his powers of observation, and must learn to make inferences from the facts observed. For instance, a well trained scout can tell whether cavalry or artillery has passed over a given road recently, whether the horses were trotting or ambling. He acquires this knowledge by noting the size of the hoof prints, the depth of the impressions, their distance apart, and so on. Then, too, the scout must have a well defined bump of locality. He should be able to travel over unknown country and find his way back in safety. Above all he must remember the Golden rule of scouting:—"See all you can without being seen."

The Author has based his lessons upon experience gained in actual warfare. Baden-Powell's reputation as a scout was established in the Matabele campaign of 1896, when he located the position of a rebel impi, by the mere use of his faculties of observation and inference. He worked on the lines of Conan Doyle's hero, Sherlock Holmes, and indeed, this was for a long while B.P.'s regimental nickname.

The Book is published in five parts, sixpence each. We hope at various times to make use of B.P.'s five articles. The agents for the work are Gordon and Gotch.

### SEEKING THE FRAY.

BY OLIVER FOX,

Slipping across a sea of gold,  
Lit by the glow of the dying day,  
There glides the pride of England  
bold,  
A warship seeking for the fray.

Proudly she churns the Ocean  
wave  
And flings aside the sparkling  
spray,  
Like music from some mermaid's  
cave  
The rippling waters fall away.

Ruffling the surface of the deep,  
A gentle breeze flits o'er the sea;  
The silent stars their watch to  
keep  
Shine down from heaven's tran-  
quillity.

In the list of Old Boys who obtained honors at the last University Commemoration, we inadvertently omitted that of Mr. John P. H. Giles, who obtained his degree of M.A. in the School of Philosophy. Mr. Giles is a real Old Boy, for he has a boy of his own at present attending this School.

Mr. Henry Joachim has been promoted to be teacher in charge of the Public School at Illawong, near Cobar. We are very sorry to lose Mr. Joachim. His successor is Mr. James Macnee from Grafton Public School.



## GIRLS' PAGE.



MISS DOROTHY WILES,

Fort Street has one girl in particular to be proud of this year. It is she whose photo. appears above, Dorothy Wiles, winner of the Earl of Meath's Challenge Cup, and the Empire League's Prize of £5 for the best essay among Secondary Schools of the British Empire.

The subject of the Essay was, "State and criticise the Relation between Great Britain, and any other Country or Crown Colony with which you are acquainted," and was limited to 2000 words.

It was rather a strange co-incidence that the very day of publication of our last month's issue, which contained Dorothy's Essay on Secondary Education, the cable of her great success should arrive.

Fort Street is very proud of her. During the Empire Day celebrations. The Hon. C. G. Wade, our State Premier, congratulated her on her success, and presented her with a pretty little Empire Brooch. She has also been elected a honorary life member of the Women's League of Empire.

### GIRLS SPORTS' UNION BASKET BALL MATCH.

On Tuesday, May 26, the Students played the rest of the Club, resulting in a win for the Students by 21 points to 20.

Miss Dorothy Eaton captained the Students, and Miss Elsie Rea, the rest of the Club. Miss Bourke acted as Umpire. The match was a good one, both teams being very even. The return match will be played on Monday, 1st June. Colonel Roth, D.S.O., hopes to be present.

Any information cheerfully given by the Hon. Sec. from 12.30 to 1.15 daily.

The G.S.U. is progressing well. Tennis is regularly played, but Basket Ball is the prime favorite. The Hockey Club is now formed. The Misses Clubb have most kindly consented to coach the girls, and Mr. Blair I. Swannell has taken the greatest interest in the Club, having attended twice at School to give the girls an idea of the game, and explain what *good* Hockey means. He has given us help in choosing sticks, costumes, etc., and also in having our ground marked in the Domain. Practice starts at 3.15 on Thursday, 28th May.

A. L. BOURKE } Hon.  
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The concert given on Friday, May 15th, was a great success, and resulted in a substantial addition to the Club funds. The Committee tender their thanks to the Senior Boys who helped us so splendidly at the Concert.

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**MOCK ELECTION.**

After several week's recess, which most of the members of Mr. Frew's class availed themselves of to gather instruction from the methods and speeches of their more experienced schoolmates, who hold forth weekly in the Art room, the Debating Society of Sixth C Class held a Mock Election. Three members were duly nominated and seconded. These three—Simpson, Mason and Cocks, each delivered election speeches, and were ballotted for in due course. The class showed its appreciation of Simpson's fine attempt at election speaking by returning him by a substantial majority. Mason occupied the position of Leader of the Opposition.

**RUGBY NOTES.**

Since our last publication Fort Street played two more matches in the Public Schools Competition, the first against Burwood, the other against Mosman. The team that played against Burwood was composed as follows: Fullback, Black; three-quarters, O'Neill, Irving, Small, Jones; Halves, Kirkby and Railton; forwards, Farnsworth, Firman, Harden, Rowbotham, Cotter, O'Grady, Langan, Smith.

Tries were obtained by Railton, Jones and O'Neill, and when the whistle sounded full time the scores were 9 to nil in favor of Fort Street. O'Grady played on the three-quarter against Mosman, and showed great ability in attack and defence. At present he is the pick of the back division among the competition players. Dinsey was in great form against Mosman, scoring two tries. Up to the present, Fort Street and Hurlstone

College are leading, each having scored 7 points, while Cleveland Street has 6 points to its credit.

In the class competitions, the following points have been scored:

**A COMPETITION.**

Class	Points.
6B	4
5C	4
7A	2
M2	2
5F	2
M3	2
6A	0

**B COMPETITION.**

5B	4
5D	3
5A	3
4C	3
4B	3
5E	2
4A	0

Immediately after the Junior Examination, a team will proceed from the School to play the Maitland High School, and if possible the Newcastle High School also. It is proposed that the return matches be played about the time that the American Fleet is in Sydney.

**TO OLD BOYS.**

The Old Boys' Union wish it to be announced that a Smoke Concert will be held on Friday, the 12th instant, at the A.B.C. Rooms, Pitt Street, at 8 p.m. A good programme has been arranged, and Mr. Watts, the Secretary, expects a fine attendance of old boys.





### EMPIRE DAY.

There is no doubt that the Empire Day movement is growing rapidly. In the first place the number of visitors to the School on the 25th ultimo was much greater than on any preceding occasion, and secondly the enthusiasm evinced in the proceedings was much keener.

Staging was erected round the main entrance. This was decorated by some of the ladies of the staff, and presented a pleasing appearance. The singing was ably and enthusiastically conducted by Mr. McCauley, who put his whole heart into his work with good results. The songs included one written for the occasion by Mr. Collins.

The speakers, who were received on the dais by Mr. Kilgour, were the Hon. John Perry, Minister for Agriculture, Mr. W. M. Hughes, M.L.A., the Hon. J. S. Larke, High Commissioner for Canada, the Hon. the Premier, Mr. C. G. Wade, and Professor Wilson, Professor of Anatomy at the University. The speeches, which were too long to report, were brimming with patriotic feeling, each speech being followed by one or two songs. At the conclusion of the ceremonies cheers were given for the King and the Empire.

### SPORTS UNION.

#### Half-yearly Meeting.

In accordance with the constitution, the half-yearly meeting of the Sports' Union was held last month. Mr. Kilgour presiding. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Cantrell, gave an account of the half-year's work, which was entirely satisfactory, and then outlined the programme for the present season. Among other matters he dwelt on the fact that the committee had fixed the date of the first Annual Sports meeting, which is to be held in the month of September next. A sub-committee has been appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The support of all the school, besides that of members of the Union is needed to make this function a success. Suggestions will be gladly received.

The Hon. Treasurer Mr. Mackness then read his half-yearly report which showed that the number of members had now reached the magnificent total of 707. The report also showed that the Union possessed a credit balance of over £40. The proceedings then closed.

#### A TRIP TO THE MUSEUM.

By HILDA M. BAILEY.

On the 5th May our teacher took our class to the Museum. On first entering we saw a group of animals such as lions, bears, cows, etc. What first struck my attention was a tremendous sperm whale, 66 feet in length. Then we saw the Alpaca, whose hair is made into coats, etc.

We came next to Cook's relics, such as his comb, compass, helmet, and his Bible, with which he conducted service on board the "Endeavor."



We also saw the bottles, in which he used to carry his specimens; his axe, fishing hook, pouch, boomerang, and his medals were also on view. Afterwards we came to some very large snakes. One was called the Rock snake; it was 30 feet in length. Also a diamond, carpet, coral, and night snake.

Some frogs and birds were inspected next. We saw a very fine Lyre bird's nest, and some very pretty birds from New Guinea, such as the King, the Golden Winged, and the Rifle Bird. Then walking along a little further we came to some very pretty specimens of coral. There was one piece that came from Fiji Islands. It was pure white, and it looked very fine. After going up another flight of stairs we came to the butterflies. There were some from America, California, Japan and Brazil. There was one very uncommon butterfly called Papilio. It came from India. After this we came to the minerals, which included gold, lead, iron, etc. We saw a model of a very large piece of gold called "The Welcome Nugget," weighing 2280 oz. It came from Victoria. We also saw marble, cobalt, calcite and sulphur. We saw a very large meteorite. It fell in the year 1888, and where it had hit the earth it was smooth and shiny. We also saw many others that fell over 100 years ago. On my way out I saw a very large Palpus. It was caught at Manly Beach. When we came out of the Museum we went over to have a look at the tablet that has just recently been placed on Captain Cook's Statue. It was erected by the Yorkshire Society. Then, saying farewell to all our friends, and teacher, we departed home, after spending a very pleasant afternoon.

## New Books in the Library.

MAY, 1908.

Young Ranchers, E. S. Ellis; Raven's Worth, Mrs. H. Clerk; Teddy, Her Book, Annie Chapon Ray; Cabin Clearing, E. S. Ellis; Some of Our Fellows, Rev. G. S. Millington; Brought to Heel, Kent Carr; Betty's First Term, Lillian F. Wevill; Fortune of Philippa, Angela Brazil; Frank Fairleigh, Frank E. Smedley; Frank and Fearless, W. C. Metcalfe; Forest and Fire, E. S. Ellis; A Houseful of Girls, Mrs. G. D. Horne Vaizez; Clive of Clair College, J. Harwood Panting; Old Home House, J. C. Lincoln; Pearl of Pearl Island, John Oxenham; Sinful Peck, Morgan Robertson; Lake of Gold, George Griffiths; Daft Days, J. Grant.

Junior Farewell.—On Friday afternoon next the farewell to the 1908 Juniors—boys and girls—will be held in the main Room. A good musical programme has been arranged, and it is particularly desired that as many Old Boys and Girls as can make it convenient will be present on Friday. On Saturday night the Juniors will hold their annual dinner at the A.B.C. rooms. There will be no Junior Picnic this year. If hard work and devoted painstaking teachers are any index of thorough preparation, then the boys and girls of 1908 should do honor to the School which has educated them. "The Fortian" wishes them all success. The headmaster, the staff, and their comrades all do the same.



## AN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL MYTH.

BY ERIC FRECKER.

I was strolling about the Blacks' encampment at La Perouse about a week ago when my attention was attracted by a genuine old black of the King Billy type, who held out his grimy paws with the usual request, 'Gib it 'bacca, boss.' Not being a smoker, however, I favored him with a shilling, to the old fellow's huge delight. "Him budgeree good fellow," he reflectively remarked, gazing at the coin. After this flattering opinion of myself I engaged the old man in conversation about the good old days when bushranging was rife, and Australia was young. As a laughing Jackass near by let forth a piercing, nerve-shattering burst of discordant laughter the old man muttered "Debil-debil bird!"

"Why?" I queried.

"I tell you," he said, and this is the tale he told, denuded of the pigeon English in which he expressed himself.

"Long ago in the little village of Turramundi, which was situated far back near the edge of the world, there lived a proud, haughty young man named Kookaburra, who was much renowned as a fighter and hunter. In consequence of the flattery he received on this account he actually imagined that he was the best man in the world. Now, in the same village lived Murrurumbi, the great Chief who ruled over all. He had a very beautiful daughter named Womberai, whom Kookaburra desired to make his lubra, for he thought

such a marriage would make him both wealthy and powerful. In aboriginal custom he demanded the girl from her father, at which presumption Murrurumbi was very wroth, and tried to kill him. Kookaburra, however, escaped into the bush in a very bad mood, for his vanity had received a decided check, and sat down on a stone to meditate. As he did so an adder, hidden under it, struck at him, but by an eagle leap he evaded the thrust and pinned the adder to the ground with a stick. Whilst in this position, a hideous, devilish idea came into his head, and he laughed a discordant, malevolent laugh, long, loud and mirthless. He was determined to introduce the snake into the great Chief's hut, and thus kill him, so that he might carry off Womberai to be his lubra. That very night he crept back to Turramundi with the snake, and pushed it through a hole near the Chief's sleeping-mat, having first stirred it up so that it would strike him. Then he broke into the hut and carried off the shrieking Womberai to the next village. But the great God, Coo-dee, had seen his doings, and was displeased with them, so, as Kookaburra, and his companions were holding a great corroboree after the marriage he descended to earth, near Kookaburra, in the form of a kangaroo and, to the native's astonishment, said "Kookoburra, go hence as a bird." Kookaburra ever since has had a deadly hatred of snakes as the cause of his downfall, but never yet has he been able to restrain his desire to laugh when he sees a snake, as he did when he saw that adder.

Here the old man ended, and said, "That's why me call him debil-debil bird, boss."



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## Editorial

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"Thou has been weighed in the balance and found wanting!" were the words which formed themselves in letters of flame, predicting the overthrow of a mighty empire. There is a similarity in the rise and fall of every great state. A hardy vigorous people establishes itself in a land, rules it, and as population increases, expands to occupy other territories. Expansion implies prosperity, and a prosperous nation too frequently becomes a luxurious one, and so loses the energy and hardihood which lies at the root of its greatness. The idol is indeed one of gold, but the feet are mere clay.

With regard to our own Empire, we are just at that critical stage when racial degeneration is likely to set in, and it is the duty of each and every one of us to put forth the utmost effort to counteract such tendencies. There is not sufficient manliness in the present generation; there is too great an assumption of independence, an

independence which is not infrequently based on mere impertinence and personal cowardice. Among the adverse criticisms hurled at the present Scouting and Cadet movements (we cannot separate them) is the one that it teaches boys to indulge in the wicked art of war. War certainly is an evil. No one attempts to deny that for a moment; yet it is an evil which would be provoked rather than remedied were we to neglect our duties to the State by not preparing to defend it. We cannot help thinking that many declaim against military training only to cloak a want of spirit; a want of spirit which would cause them to stand by idly while their land is invaded.

Such a lack of spirit, we are glad to be able to say, does not prevail in Fort Street. The Scout patrols are increasing, and the enthusiasm with which recruits have presented themselves for enrolment in the new Senior Cadet Corps is a gratifying evidence that the military spirit of the race is still a long way from its death bed.

We notice in one of the daily papers that an old boy, Elwell, has invented a method of wireless telephony which has proved successful over a distance of 5 miles. He is a Professor at Leland-Stanford University, America.

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## Prize Essay.

Winning Lord Meath's Cup.

By Dorothy Wiles.

(Concluded.)

No Empire like ours has ever arisen, and therefore we may expect some new and close tie such as the world has never seen before. We know that "union is strength" and strength is necessary to a great nation. Instead of the predicted feeling for disunion of England and Australia, a wish for closer union has grown of late, fostered, perhaps, by our splendid system of education, by which the younger generations are taught to love England and her history, and to acknowledge the superiority of their government by comparisons with less enlightened races. The various leagues and associations help, too, and Empire day does much to weld us together as brothers.

During the nineteenth century the whole trend of nations has been towards union. Germany and Italy have fulfilled their wish in this respect, and the British Empire seems near to it also. And what nation would care to attack such a great Empire as this would be? It would conduce to peace, if the aims of Britain were right.

In early days the Colonies were considered as a nuisance. Edward Gibbon Wakefield and others helped to dispel this idea, and laid the foundation of the Royal Colonial Institute. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert worked hard to strengthen the feeling of love and goodwill towards the Colonies. In 1884 the Imperial Federation League was formed. When it was dissolved it had made nearly all thoughtful men take up the question of closer union. In 1887 was held the first Colonial Conference; this was the beginning of the consultations held between British and Colonial statesmen. The Colonial Coronation Conference decided: (1) That the Colonies should take upon themselves a larger share of the burden of naval defence, (2) that periodical

conferences of Premiers should be held at intervals of not more than four years to discuss questions of common interest. The Colonial Conference held last year was the first called wholly for the transaction of business. The chief questions dealt with were: The constitution of future conferences, preferential trade, defence, naturalisation and emigration.

The chief changes made were: the title of "Colonial Conference" is to be changed for "Imperial Conference," the Prime Minister is to be the president of the Conference, and each country is to have one vote on one question. A distinction between the self-governing and Crown Colonies is to be made in the Colonial Office. Preferential trade was advocated. In special questions relating to defence, a colony may refer for advice to the Committee of Imperial Defence, and a representative may be sent from that colony during the discussion of the question. The whole doings of the Conference show a desire for uniformity in the British Empire.

Some day, perhaps not far off, we may hope for an Imperial Parliament meeting to legislate for a grand federation; working for the common good of all parts of the Empire, and, above all, of humanity.

Surely the drawing together of the Australian Colonies in a Federation is a good omen for our Empire's future. But not only is an Imperial Parliament an ideal; it is also a necessity. The British Parliament has too much work to do and cannot be expected to accomplish everything successfully. An English voter has foreign and domestic affairs put before him in a rather mixed way; either one question or the other suffers. A separate body should control the general business of the realm.

In a closer union a firm trade basis must be established. Many self-governing Colonies, even now, favour the idea of preferential trade with Britain, and if some arrangement can be come to so that the Empire will have different trade laws within itself to those for foreigners, a better trade with all parts of the British Dominions will result.

Each part of the Empire wishes for liberty, righteousness and freedom of thought, and the Governments of the different parts of the Imperial Dominions are alike in constitution and aim, so that in a scheme of Imperial Federation we see the best future for Britain. Lord Brassey states as a necessity: "The right of each part of the Empire, which bears its fair share of the Imperial burdens, to a voice in the Imperial policy, and the right of each part of the Empire to manage its own local affairs in its own way." The methods of union are very much discussed, but if the wish for it is in the people's hearts, the right way will be found in time. The welding together will, no doubt, be gradual; we must not try to make sweeping changes without due consideration. Australia is gaining in prosperity, and will soon be more fit to bear their burden in a common expense and responsibility.

We hope and pray for the fulfilment of the ideal of an Empire, each part helping the other; the Colonies, with their strong young life, supplying the element which is lacking in the mother, and she in her turn giving advice and wisdom which only a mother can give. But we cannot expect to endure as a nation if we forget God and right in selfishly pushing our own interests. E. B. Browning has said: I confess that I dream of the day when an English statesman shall arise with a heart too large for England, having courage in the face of his countrymen to assert of some suggested policy, 'This is good for our trade; this is necessary for our dominion; but it will vex a people hard by it will hurt a people farther off, it will profit nothing to the general humanity, therefore away with it, it is not for you or for me.' When a British Minister dares speak so, and when a British public applauds him speaking, then shall the nation be glorious—and her praise, instead of exploding from within, from loud civic mouths, come to her from without—as all worthy praise must, from the alliances she has fostered and the populations she has saved."

Yes, our Empire must have a high ideal of improving the world;



and we must, with zeal and humility, try to further the cause of God and righteousness to our backward and weaker brethren, remembering that Britain must stand as a symbol of justice, liberty and Godliness, and so she will advance in the right way and, with God's blessing and help, will spread her noble influence more and more, until the dark spots on this world become light, and all shall live together in peace and happiness.

DOROTHY WILES,  
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## Junior Authors.

### Characters in the Tale of Two Cities.

Charles Darnay, the nephew and heir of the St. Evremonde family, presents to us the anomaly of a French aristocrat who, departing from the traditions of his house and caste, pities and aids rather than despises and oppresses the peasantry, from whom his race have drawn their fortune. Darnay's part in the action of the book is a prominent one, though he is not a great character. He is, indeed, rather colorless, nor does he stand out above the rest of his companions as a great, noble, or self-sacrificing hero.

We first see him on trial for his life before a Court whose sympathies were probably against him; his bearing here was manly and dignified. Here began that inter-

est in Miss Manette which culminated later in the happy union of the pair. His greatest and best moments are those when, in response to the appeal of his servant Gabelle, he determines to visit the land of his birth, and assist his old dependent, though he must know that such an action will probably cost him his liberty, and perhaps his life.

In him we, perhaps, admire most his humanity and truthfulness. His feeling of pity for the wretched French peasantry, and his hatred of the system of tyranny under which they groaned, led him to renounce name, fortune and country, and live the life of an exile and a toiler in a foreign land. Here, however, he was rewarded to some extent for his self-sacrifice by his happy wedded life with Lucie Manette, whom, however, he had not informed of his identity before marrying her.

This happy life was rudely interrupted by Darnay's resolve, prompted by humanity and pity, to return to France, in doing which he risked not only the loss of all that life held dear, but even life itself. This loss is prevented by Carton's self-sacrifice, and Darnay escapes to England, freedom and happiness. Darnay is then a man of noble humanity, of transpired honesty, one who, if not capable of the complete self-abnegation and surrender of Carton, yet performs his part in life to the best of his ability.

Lucie Manette, the daughter of the old French doctor, is a charming picture of gentle, tender womanhood. She is not great or

magnificent. She rises to no heights of passion, and sinks to no depths of despair. She loves her husband with the true and tender love of a good woman, and is the ideal wife and mistress of a home over which she breathes a spirit of culture and refinement. She is nowhere brilliant or heroically grand, but rather is one of those who have "learned to labor and to wait."

She can suffer, and suffer bravely. If she shows a proneness to faint on very small provocation, we must not blame her for it too severely, as she belongs to an age when such an action on the part of a young lady was considered genteel. Yet, in times of trial and difficulty, she is ready to endure with fortitude the trials that fall to her lot; she seems born to minister to the sick and afflicted, whether in mind or in body. It is as daughter or wife we see her at her best.

### Literary and Debating Society.

The meeting of Friday, 2nd October, began a new era in the history of the Society. There was such a large number of members that it was thought advisable to exclude all the classes below C3, and form a Junior Society for those below that class.

The business of the afternoon was Lecturettes, which was also a new departure. Langan delivered a lecture on "Sports and Pastimes,"

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which was criticised by Frecker and Byrne.

Mr. Lasker, V.P., delivered an interesting discourse on his walking trip to the South Coast, which was discussed by Morgan.

Blanchard delivered an instructive lecture on "Slavery," which was criticised by Messrs. Morgan and Chedghey.

The business of Friday, October 9th, was a debate. Blanchard moved that "The Liquor and Tobacco Traffic should be under Government monopoly," and was supported by Silberthau, Byrne, Noble and Zions. Morgan, leader of Opposition, opposed the motion, and was supported by McLelland, Frecker, Fenwick, Langan and Chedghey. Fenwick's maiden speech was a revelation.

After a stirring and somewhat boisterous debate the motion was lost by 19 to 10.

The business of Friday, October 16th, was Manuscript Journal. Although the papers were not as good as the last Journal they were well up to the standard, and caused a great amount of argument. Zion's editorial consisted of an appeal to the Society, which was discussed by Morgan, McLelland and Zions.

Byrne's sub-editorial, which, by

the-way was exceedingly well written, consisted of an imitation from Dickens, and was criticised by Blanchard.

"The Discovery of Fort Street M.P.S. in 8008" by Pinguis, was favorably criticised by Mr. Lasker, V.P.

"Examinations," by "One who writes from experience" was discussed by Langan, Morgan, Byrne and McLelland.

"Party Feeling and Mutual Discussion," by "Mutual," was discussed by McLelland, Andrews, Morgan, Mr. Lasker, V.P., Booth, Langan, Byrne and Morgan.

### The Merchant of Venice.

At the Standard Theatre on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the 11th, 12th and 13th insts, the Sydney Muffs intends reviving Shakespeare's delightful Comedy "The Merchant of Venice." The play as produced by the Muffs will include the famous "ring scene" so frequently omitted, and as the cast is an exceptionally strong one an enjoyable performance should result. The players include the Misses Prince, Lillian Booth and Ellen Crone who will appear on

alternate nights as "Portia," Stanley McKay (Shylock), and Cam Marina (Bassanio).

Since school parties will be admitted at half the ordinary rates, and as the last performance of "As You Like It" was so good, it is hoped that as many boys and girls as possible will try and be present. Mr. Mackness and Mr. Cusbert are arranging to take a party on Friday night, the 13th instant, so they would be glad if those wishing to attend would hand in their names by to-morrow morning at latest. Every Shakspearean play that is produced should be seen if possible, and within the next year or so we are to be favoured with presentations of the "Taming of the Shrew," "Macbeth," and "Twelfth Night" by various companies.

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After tea relaxation was allowed,

**USING YOUR EYES.**  
Let nothing be too small for your notice; a button, a match, a cigar ash, a feather, or a leaf might be of great importance. A scout must not only look to the front, but also to either side behind him. He must have eyes "at the back of his head" as the saying is.

Often by suddenly looking back you will see an enemy's scout or a thief showing himself in a way that he would not have done had he thought you would look round.

There is an interesting story by Fenimore Cooper called "The Pathfinder," in which the action of a Red Indian scout is well described. He had eyes at the "back of his head," and after passing some bushes caught sight of a withered leaf or two among the fresh ones, which made him suspect that somebody might have put the leaves there to make a better hiding place, and so he discovered some hidden fugitives.

**NIGHT SCOUTING.**

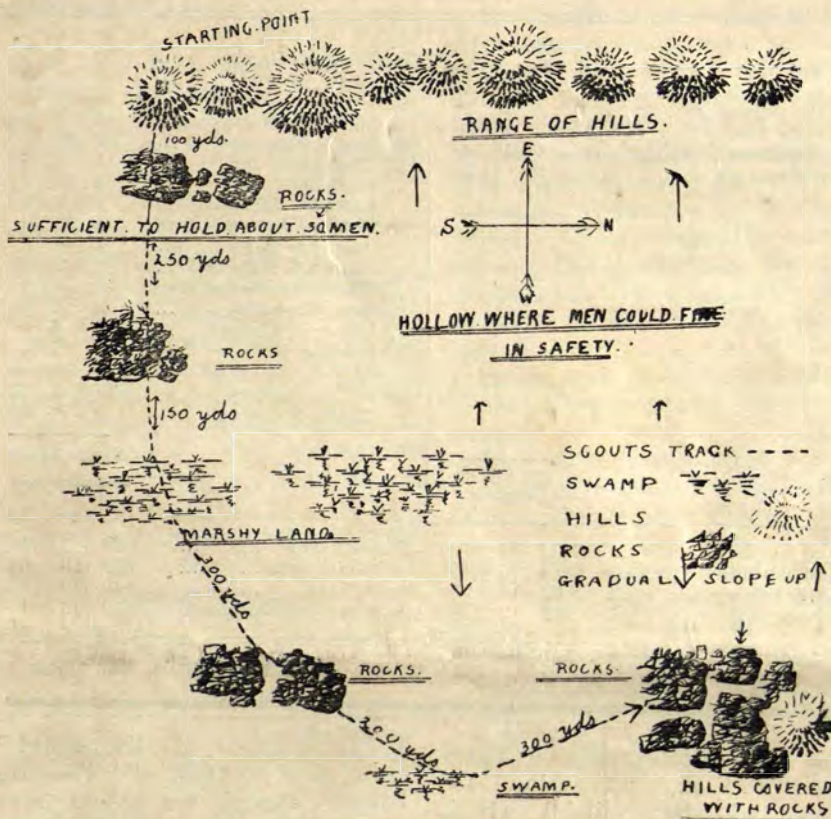
A Scout has to be able to notice small details just as much by night as by day, and this he has to do chiefly by listening, occasionally by feeling or smelling.

In the stillness of the night, sounds carry further than by day. If you put your ear to the ground, or place it against a stick, or especially against a drum, which is touching the ground, you will hear the tramp of horse's hoofs or the thud of a man's footfall a long way off. Another way is to open a knife with a blade at each end, stick one blade into the ground, and hold the other between your teeth, and you will hear all the better. The human voice even though talking low carries to a great distance, and is not likely to be mistaken by any other sound.

**THE NOSE.**

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About 70 scouts went to La Perouse on Friday, 23rd, to camp for two days. They formed a unique picture with their uniforms, swags, bowie knives and tomahawks, and attracted much attention as they marched down George street, with the Union Jack leading the way.

Arrived at the camping place huts were constructed and tents pitched.

Then the boys set to work to

and at 9.30 "lights out" was blown and all went to bed except pickets and sentries.

At 11.30 an attack was made on the Camp and the alarm was given. The camp turned out to defend, Mr. Burgess in command. Some of the enemy were captured, but Mr. Hutchin and about six scouts succeeded in breaking through the defence.

At daybreak on Saturday 'reveille' was blown, and all went bathing. Then breakfast and an hour's exploring took place. The remainder of the morning was taken up with the construction of a rope bridge, which was a decided success. Then the Cinematograph man appeared on the scene, and pictures were taken of the boys at work and at play.

At 4.30 Camp broke up, and all returned home tired, but happy,







## Girls' Page

### Girls' Swimming 1908-9.

The Club promises to be larger than ever this year. The girls had their first swim of the season on Wednesday, 7th October.

Miss Maloney has already fixed Senior and Junior Life-Saving Classes. It is intended to hold the examinations early. The Carnival is already fixed for March.

The Life-Saving Society offers a new award this year—a silver medallion known as the "Award of Merit." It is hoped that a class of Hon. Instructors and Bronze Medallion holders will be formed to compete for it. Fort street girls were among the very first to gain the Society's awards in Australia, and, of course, they must gain the new award, in this its first season.

#### 5 B1 Class Examination.

(September.)

English.—Madge Crackenthorpe 89 per cent., Winnie Main 82 per cent., Rosalie Collins 79 per cent. Arithmetic.—Isabel Brown 95 per cent., Coralyn Nix 90 per cent., Muriel Ross 80 per cent., Edna Cheek 80 per cent.

Prior to their examination the second year students were given an afternoon tea by the first year students. This proved an opportune time for the presentation of tokens of esteem to the second year students' teachers.

Miss Partridge was presented with a bouquet of daffodils; Miss Simpson with a bouquet of Azalias; Miss Evans received a bag purse; Miss Harders a book of art studies; Miss Woodlands a picture, "The return of Persephone;" Miss Small, Miss Free, Miss Leslie, a book of Poems each.

A very enjoyable time was passed. Best wishes were expressed, and many thanks rendered.

The Royal Life-Saving Society has presented to Miss Bourke the badge for honorary instructor in recognition of her earnest work

in connection with instruction in Life-saving.

Miss Munro is away on sick leave. We all wish her a happy recovery.

On the eve of their examination, 14th instant, the girls of 7B Class had an afternoon tea in the Sewing Room. Miss Partridge and several other teachers were present. Several presentations were made. Miss Partridge was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Margaret Mansley, Miss Hanratty with a silver-plated jewel case by Lily Boland, and with a bouquet of roses by Lily Short; Miss Mandelson, with a silver-plated vase by Daisy Candlish, and Miss Small with a silver-plated inkstand by Violet Ivers.

The final presentation of a bouquet of roses was made to Miss Simpson by Dorothy Collins.

After tea had been handed round, the teachers joined in singing, "For they are jolly good fellows," a very appropriate close to such an enjoyable afternoon.

## Life Saving.

Classes are now in full swing for the various awards given by the Society.

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(d) Dive from the surface of the water to a depth of 5 feet, and raise and land a weighted object.

(e) Dive neatly from two heights. (1) 5 feet. (2) 8 to 10 feet.

(f) Perform three of the following movements: (1) Motionless floating. (2) Plunging 35 feet. (3) Sculling 30 feet. (4) Propeller, 20 feet. (5) Torpedo 25 feet. (6) two backward and forward somersaults. (7) Any other movement selected by the candidate.

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The members of the Fort Street Dramatic Society, at the request of Miss Audet, Mistress of the Free Kindergarten, Miller's Point, played one of their farces "My Turn Next," on the 14th ultimo, and gave a very creditable performance.

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## Old Boys' Column.

### Literary and Debating Society.

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Nov. 6.—Debate : That sport is one of the serious interests of life.

Nov. 13.—Open Evening : Papers. Prepared Speeches, etc.

Nov. 20.—Debate : That America is a better ideal for Australia to follow than England.

Nov. 27.—Address by Right Hon. G. H. Reid.

December 4.—Debate : That Australia is in need of a system of compulsory training.

December 11.—Debate : That woman should be allowed to propose.

December 18.—Debate : That our civilisation is a failure.

### THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS

The audience which assembled at the Girl's High School at the Inaugural Meeting, of the Old Boys' Debating Society was by no means as large as might have been expected on an occasion of such importance. Those, however, who attended, had the privilege of hearing a most interesting address from a cultured and practised speaker.

Mr. Bruce Smith spoke as one from whom the spell of many illusions had fallen. Parliament had once appealed to his imagination as a body of men whose direct aim was to discover by discussion what was best in the public interest. Actual political experience brought disillusionment; still, the House afforded a man an excellent training, for, as the speaker expressed it, it rubbed off the rectangular portions of his anatomy, and made him a good round pebble. (Is this to be taken literally?)

A debating society had a similar effect. Contact with other men, and older men, tended to cure a

young man of his 'cocksureness.' Through debating one came to realise the value of knowledge and to discount mere fluency and the magic of perorations. Yet, although matter was of primary importance, manner was not to be ignored. Creatures likely to divert attention from the idea intended to be conveyed should be eschewed. Again, the speaker should endeavor to avoid falling into a dull monotony of voice. Debating taught a man to think while he spoke, to speak exactly as he thought, and to think consecutively. It taught him to bear ridicule and turn the shafts of adversaries. It taught him to be logical.

Mr. Bruce Smith assured his hearers that the speaker was made, not born, describing his own first attempt as a most hopeless failure. Finally he emphasised the responsibility attaching to the faculty of speech by virtue of which its possessor, could change opinion in large audiences. He exhorted the young men of the Society, as an ideal in politics, to be of steadfast purpose; to have courage of their convictions; never to take advantage of a quibble; to scorn rhetoric; and to say only what they believed to be true.

Fortians will be sorry to learn that Mr. A. C. Landon is still far from well. In a letter to Mr. Watts, Mr. Landon writes: "I have been suffering for a considerable time from a breakdown of heart and nerves, and am at present in the country endeavoring to make up lost energy, which is, I must confess, a very slow process." We wish Mr. Landon a speedy return to health and strength.

The secretary of the Old Boys' Union has been endeavoring with the help of patience and a directory, to locate the members of the former Union. The old list was drawn up in 1896, and in the intervening years the Old Boys have become sadly scattered. Out of an aggregate of 400 members, about 100 have been traced and written to. Any help that present pupils can give the Secretary in this task will be greatly appreciated. The Editor will be pleased

to receive information concerning *old boys*, and forward the same to Mr. Watts.

"It is one of the institutions of our country that you shall count skulls irrespective of what they contain." (Mr. Bruce Smith.)

### University Examination Success.

Among the recent list of passes issued by the University we note with the greatest of pleasure the successes of the following Old Boys.

Medicine: Second Degree Examination.

Passed with Distinction: B. J. M. Harrison.

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Passed: A. L. McLean, B.A., T. A. Turner, E. B. M. Vance.

Military Science: T. Wilkins.

We also are pleased to notice that H. E. Noble, brother to Noble of the Senior Class, has passed in the High Distinction in Physiology, 3rd Year Dentistry.

### Sports.

The annual meeting of the Sports' Union was held on the 12th instant. Mr. Kilgour occupied the chair. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Patron:—Minister for Public Instruction; President, the Headmaster; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Cantrell; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Mackaness; Delegates, Swimming Club, Mr. Allen and Mr. Parker; Australian Football Club, Mr. Selle, E. Cullen Ward; Cricket Club, Mr. Harradine, W. Stafford; Rugby Football Club, Mr. Hutchin, A. Langan.

The prizes won at the School Sports and the Junior University certificates were presented on 15th instant by Mrs. Board. The prizes comprised many beautiful and useful articles, such as razors, watches, carvers. Four honor caps were also presented to Albert



Barry, Roy Farnsworth, Wal Stafford and Guy Harden.

These caps were presented to those boys who have enhanced the name of their School by distinguished prowess in sporting contests.

It is a very pleasing feature in connection with these honor caps that the four recipients excelled also in their studies; each obtained the matriculation pass in the Junior, and Farnsworth in addition has won the Parkes Bursary for the highest pass in mathematics at the Junior.

The honor board and photographs of the winners of the A Grade Cricket Competition were presented on 17th at the Girls' High School.

The honor board has been placed on the walls of the main room with many similar honor boards, and will tell in years to come of the great deeds wrought by the team for '07 and '08 season.

Our prospects for the present season are very bright. The team is in the charge of W. Stafford, but he was unfortunately unable to play in the opening match of the season. The team of ten players had a difficult game to play, but succeeded in obtaining a three point win against Cleveland street. Among the batsmen Berry and Symonds are a distinct acquisition to the team and the bowling is of a high order in spite of the desertion of Woolcott.

Our first match of the season was played on 17th instant against the Sydney High School. The game ended in a draw. Fort street batted first and scored 145 runs (Fox 27, Stafford 30, Berry 26, Rowbotham 17 and Renshaw 11). The High School obtained 96 runs for 5 wickets. (Roughley 56 and Busby 17.)

We defeated the Victorian Deaf College on 14th at Birchgrove. The visitors scored 34 runs while we obtained 205 for eight wickets. Berry was in great form, securing 7 wickets for 13 runs, and made top score with 75 to his credit.

Match v. Cleveland Street.

Fort Street, 1st Innings—K. Flook b Woolcott 13, H. Renshaw b Wenholz 7, H. Symonds caught Wenholz 30, L. Berry c Wenholz b Kose 56, G. Dinsey thrown out

1, E. Rowbotham c Rose 4, L. Phelps c Rose 18, C. Bray b Woolcott 0, L. Harrison c Rose 4, N. Main not out 1, W. Stafford absent 0, sundries 6. Total 140.

Fort Street, 2nd Innings.—L. Berry c Woolcott 8, K. Renshaw b Woolcott 0, H. Symonds c Blackmore 10, E. Rowbotham c Woolcott 26, L. Phelps c Woolcott 0, G. Dinsey stumped 2, H. Flook b Woolcott 0, N. Main c Rose 8, C. Bray b Rose 12, L. Harrison not out 5, W. Stafford absent 0, sundries 2. Total 73.

The swimming season was opened on Tuesday, 13th instant, at Lavender Bay Baths.

The following week the Domain Baths were opened, and once more Fort Street swimmers feel comfortable in what might be termed their old home. The facilities for bathing at the Corporation Baths should make every boy in the school feel that he should be a partaker in this finest of pastimes.

A series of handicap and championship races will be conducted throughout the season so that our standard of swimming should materially improve.

A definite scheme of the races to be held will be written on the notice board this week. It is hoped that many entries will be received from all the grades concerned.

Our Carnival will eventuate at the Domain Baths on March 13th, 1909.

The All Schools' Carnival will take place at the same place on February 29th, 1909.

Swimming for the 'Brilliant-shine' Shield Competition will commence this month. Age champions will please take note.

We should like to see every junior and senior boy enjoying the privileges of the swimming club on Thursdays, so that the lesson "swimming" may be substituted for some other on the various time-tables.

We are pleased to be able to announce that George Davison has passed the Public Service Examination Professional Division, and C. S. Kirkby and A. C. Pettit, the Public Service Examination (Clerical Division).

Alex. Wood has been appointed to a position in a Bank.



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### Chapter IV.

#### Of the Man with the Drooping Eye.

Like Goliath, Weatherby had been a man of war from his youth upwards. Young as he was, his short life had been crowded with incident; he had known hardship and danger. Nor was the acquaintance a merely casual one. A man of vigour, it was all one to him whether his energies were requisitioned to hack through a peril with his own good blade, or to strangle, with his well-grounded Puritan morality, some insidious temptation. His philosophy of life was based upon personal experiences, and included the generalisation that prompt aggression is the most efficient means of defence. He was, indeed, vacating a position at the very rumour of an advance of the enemy. But his flight was as the flight of Joshua from Ai. He drew off but to smite the harder. Delay and retreat would intensify the force of the blow when he did choose to strike.

Moreover, Weatherby's scouts had served him well. He had seen with his own eyes the irretrievable rout of the King's army at Naseby, and knew that this rumoured rally was but the final convulsion of a stricken and dying cause. But he knew also that his troop of horse could not hold Beckbridge Manor against five hundred of the King's men.

The slip of paper abstracted from Sir John's wallet contained information to the effect that the bearer of the King's papers was to arrive at the Manor that very day. The bearer must be a wily man, for he had hitherto eluded the vigilances of the Roundhead patrols, which implied that he was aware of the occupation of the Manor. Weatherby had opened the game and had checkmated. He had left Alison at large, in the hope of being able

to track her to Sir John's hiding place. But his man had failed. The poor pawn had been disposed of by Alison's knight. However, the rebuff would be but temporary. So he mused as he rode jauntily at the head of his troop.

The village, the Manor, and even their attendant spirals of blue smoke were lost amidst the trees, long before the calvalcade halted. The Roundheads had left the winding road which lay like a red weal across the countryside, and where now in a forest glade where the golden ranks of sunlight forced their way through the massed tree-tops, The men dismounted, a few picquets were thrown out, and the remainder made preparations for the bivouac. Weatherby and another went to the top of a gentle rise that overlooked the road. In the still woodland sound travels far and rapidly. The Cornet had enjoined strict silence upon his men. Now from his position he could hear the clatter of an approaching charger. When horse and rider at length burst into view the Cornet stole to the roadside, and secreting himself in the fringe of bushes which lined the highway, was able to obtain a nearer view of the approaching rider.

The man rode leisurely and carelessly, as though time, distance and proximity to detachments of either army, were insignificant enough to be altogether ignored. He was clad in russet, slashed riding boots, and a broad-brimmed hat adorned with a large red feather. The quality of his steed, and apparel, combined with the sword he was wearing, proclaimed him a person of some social distinction. As he came nearer, the concealed watcher could note that he was a short thick-set man, marvellously ill-favoured, while a livid scar on the left cheek set his face in a perpetual grimace, and imparted a peculiar droop to his left eye, which heightened the malevolence of his general expression.

"So," thought Weatherby, "he has gained his information quickly and readily."

This man, who had hitherto skilfully avoided all contact with the Cornet's patrols, was now riding along the public highway as openly and daringly as if some

millennium had banished the curse of war from the world forever. From this the Cornet inferred that he had by some means been acquainted with the departure of the Roundheads from the Manor. Weatherby's trap was set, and the quarry was walking into it. But why was he doing it so incautiously? Was there some counter-trap?

"If so, I'll spring it," resolved the Cornet.

"Hola, sir!" he cried, planting himself immediately before the on-coming rider. "Whither go you? By what right or passport do you ride this road?"

"My passport!" exclaimed the Man with the Drooping Eye, and his sword came out like a lightning flash.

"My passport! Have it then."

He spurred his horse, and made a rapid pass at Weatherby. The latter having no time to draw in return sprang to one side, but as the other dashed past, the Cornet snatched at his foot, and with a smart heave jerked him out of the saddle. The horseman fell, a sprawling brown heap, snapping his rapier as he did so, while the horse half mad with fright continued its career in the direction of Beckbridge. Three or four puffs of smoke floated out from the greenery, followed by as many reports, and the steed tumbled convulsively on the roadway. By this time the rider had struggled to his feet, but only to find himself looking down the muzzle of Weatherby's horse-pistol. He glared about him like a wolf in the toils for now half-a-dozen men came running to support their leader. His weapon was broken, and his shoulder felt dead and numbed.

"Surrender!" said the Cornet.

"So that's it," answered the stranger with a savage laugh. "I fear I cannot do aught else," and he flung away the useless hilt. A couple of troopers led him back to the bivouac and attended to his hurt; another removed the harness from the prostrate charger, and the remainder dragged the gallant animal clear of the roadway and covered the blood-pool with loose earth.

On arrival at the bivouac the



prisoner was searched, but nothing in the way of papers was found, either on his person, or in his saddle, which was literally ripped to pieces in the quest.

"What have you found?" Weatherby asked.

"Nothing, sir."

"What did you expect to find?" the prisoner demanded angrily. "Think ye I carry the philosopher's stone in my wallet? Impertinent varlets! Be ye for King or for Parliament, that ye thus maltreat a peaceable traveller? Ye should be Parliament men, by your sour faces and crop-ears."

"Hold thy peace, man of Moab!" retorted Sergeant Grace.

Weatherby ignored both retort and its provocation, but sternly eyed the prisoner and said: "You are Denzil Ware, formerly Summoner to the Court of Star Chamber, now custodian of certain letters written to the King."

"Well, what if I am?" returned the other, throwing off all attempt at disguise, for he saw that this keen-eyed young Puritan was no man to be brow-beaten or misled by assumptions of injured innocence.

"Then I'll trouble you to hand over to me the letters you have been commissioned to deliver to Sir John Barrington."

"Ho, my innocent! Is that it? Think you I'd be rash enough to ride with them on my person? But an intemperate youth of your kind would expect all others to be equally heady. Why did you come at me single-handed, without even drawing?"

"Have you ever heard of knight errantry?"

"Ay, that have I."

"Well, knight errantry is not dead yet."

"No, it still lives, but under the form of cox-combry. Your method was a mad one."

"Not too mad to succeed. Now produce those papers."

"No, sweet youth, you have given me a sore shoulder, made me prisoner, slain my charger, and destroyed my saddle. Ay, you have succeeded, boy, but in succeeding you have failed. You have trapped the peacock, but have failed to secure its tail. Had you waited you might have got

me and the letters also. Now you will never see them, for I alone am aware of their place of concealment."

"Then you refuse to deliver me them."

"Ay, and scorn you in refusing."

"Sergeant Grace tell off six files. Take this man to the end of the glade and shoot him."

"Adieu, sweet cornet, you'll never set eyes on those papers now. I die, and my secret dies with me. Beshrew me, but you are a poor tempter."

"Tempter!"

"Ay! Can you tempt as well as bully?"

"If tempting will procure me those letters—Sergeant, stand the men at ease."

"So, then, my cockerel. Tempt."

"The Parliament is prepared to pay five hundred crowns for those letters."

"Ho, no," laughed the captive, "Come Sergeant, call your men to attention. I fear you must shoot me after all."

"Why?" asked Weatherby, "are you then so incorruptible? Is not that a fair price for a bundle of papers?"

"Ay, for the papers, but how about mine honour? You forget I am selling that as well."

"Your honour, knave! You ask me to buy of you what you never possessed. For all your brave talk you are a sorry rascal at best."

"Then the sooner I leave the world the better. You wish to purchase these papers, you must purchase mine honour with them. Come, Sergeant, march me off."

"Sergeant, let the men lay aside their carbines. Bind me this knave to yonder tree. Choose two lusty fellows and have at him with your stirrup leathers."

Denzil Ware was speedily stripped to the waist and trussed to the tree. Two troopers divested themselves of cuirass and jerkin, bared the right arm and stood running the thongs through their fingers awaiting the signal to commence.

"Hold, sweet cornet! I have no desire to feel the weight of your rascals' arms."

"Wilt accept my terms then?"

"Not exactly, though I have no wish to be scourged. I can suggest a better solution. I am a man of courage, and you are a man of determination. You said awhile ago that knight-errantry was not dead. Prithee, then, lend me a sword, and try a pass with me. If I win, you—or your Sergeant—shall give me a draft upon Parliament for one thousand crowns, and I shall yield the papers. Should you overcome me I shall give them up for the five hundred crowns and the novel experience of having met my master with the broad-sword. Art afraid, sweet Cornet?"

"Unfasten him, Sergeant, and give him your sword." The two were fairly evenly matched. The Roundhead had all the advantage of height and reach, but this was counteracted by the other's superiority in weight. The injury Ware had sustained in falling was but slight, and as he was a left-handed man, it did not interfere with his sword play. Ware's frame was the more compact and therefore the easier to guard. He thrust so rapidly and with such vehemence that Weatherby was forced to yield ground and to adopt a crouching attitude which threw away all his advantage of height and reach. Indeed, owing to the skill of his opponent, these now became a decided disadvantage. The men stood in a breathless ring watching the sparks fly from the darting clashing blades. Twice the Cavalier ran in under his adversary's guard, but on either occasion the latter barely escaped being run through by dexterously stepping to one side. For several minutes they thrust and parried, neither touching the other, but it was evident to all that Ware was the more at home at this kind of work. The Cornet's actions were becoming more laboured, his parries slower, his thrusts lacking in force, and he gave way before his opponent's vigorous lunges. He was already assuming the jaded heartless appearance of a beaten man. As Ware thrust at him the Cornet stumbled, but the next instant he was making a cat-like spring at his foe. It was the strategy of Ai over again.

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