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## Editorial

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## Library Notice.

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## Notice to Subscribers.

This is to inform subscribers that many subscriptions, both for this and last year, are long overdue. As the cost of the magazine is only one shilling per annum, post free, we would be glad if those who desire the paper still to be sent to them, would send along a shilling to the Editor, who will also be glad to enrol as subscribers, all—he hopes—of the 1909 Juniors who will be leaving school this half-year.

## Senior Cadets.

"You have the Pyrrhic dance as yet,  
Where is the Pyrrhic phalanx gone?  
Of two such lessons, why forget  
The nobler and the manlier one?"  
—Byron.

We understand that Fort Street is to be the proud possessor of a Senior Cadet Corps after all—in fact, two companies are to be formed very shortly.

It is impossible to over-emphasize the importance of this branch of the Commonwealth Military Forces, a branch which is destined to be the feeder of adult regiments.

Unfortunately the military forces in general, and the cadets in particular, have suffered at the hands of party politicians. Ministry after Ministry has ventured upon a few superficial reforms and finally retired from office with nothing definite accomplished.

Can it be that democracy as a system is at fault, or must we impute a lack of integrity to our rulers?

In addition, there are many well-meaning persons of undoubted nobility of purpose who tell us that war is an evil, and therefore military training is nothing more than the impious means to an unlawful end. We are sick of these platitudes. No sane Briton is blind to the fact that war is a clumsy way of settling international disputes, nor is he unaware of the

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suffering it entails. But how is the evil to be checked? Certainly not by disarmament, but by being so prepared that no foe will dare to attack us.

This brings us to the optimist, the most dangerous of our citizens, who tells us that Australia has nothing to fear; while Britain has command of the seas, no power can attack Australia, and why should Australia assist in the wars of an Empire, wars in which she can have no interest. It will be time enough, the optimist argues, to take up arms when our own territory is violated.

Let us examine the optimist's argument in detail. Australian exports and imports average £125,000,000 a year. It is on our trade that our existence practically depends. It is conveyed to and from the other continents in ships, and once it leaves our shores it can no longer be protected by us. Protection of our commerce is almost as important as the protection of our territory, and adequate protection can only be afforded by the British Navy.

Most of our trade is with the United Kingdom, and other portions of the Empire, so that wars must arise which threaten the commercial interests of the Empire as a whole. Certainly, we are never likely to suffer a serious invasion while Britain maintains the two-power standard.

Even if it were likely, no country which grasps the essential principles of strategy will wait to be attacked. The side that can take and maintain the initiative in war is the winning side. Were the Empire at war, Australia could assist by despatching troops to seize the enemy's coaling stations, naval bases, or even colonies which happen to lie within striking distance of the Commonwealth. To render this assistance efficiently, a well-trained mobile force is necessary. Such training and preparation should be made in peace time. It is curious to note that those who would be the first to scout the idea of a man representing his State at cricket or football: without previous years of practice, fancy that untrained men can enter the firing line and cope with the well-trained soldiers of other countries.

Even if we set aside all notions of sentiment and appeal to the lower motive of self-interest, Australia must uphold the Empire, and she can only be of assistance in wartime by adding her quota of well-trained militia to the regular troops of Britain.

Here is the function of the Cadet Corps. We cannot maintain a large standing army, but when a large number of our young citizens pass through the ranks of the cadets and senior cadets into the militia and volunteers, we shall have what is as good as a standing army, and at a lower cost.

From the ethical standpoint, military training is a fine thing. It fosters discipline, self-reliance and initiative to a high degree. The man who has acquired these qualities by serving in the defence force becomes a better business man, a better professional man, and a better citizen generally—that is, in short, he becomes more useful to his country.

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## As in the Days of Old.

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It was my pleasure a little time ago to have a short chat with Mr. J. D. Bradley, the Deputy Chief-Inspector. I have just jotted down a few of his interesting stories of the old days of Fort Street.

"I went to Fort Street," said Mr. Bradley "in August 1849, a few months after the school was opened, and I remember my first day with honor. You know in those good old days there was no such thing as holding out your hand for the cane. Corporal punishment was delivered on a much more interesting part of one's anatomy. When I first entered the school with my mother I saw in the room one of those blackboards on a stand like a cheval glass, and as it was Monday morning the board was quite fresh and clean. How my heart quaked for I thought it was the instrument upon which offenders were suspended, while the tickling process was in progress! I tell you I breathed a sigh of relief when I found out its real use.

In those days, nearly sixty

years ago, the weekly fee was twopence halfpenny; but you could pay more if you liked. Some of the older pupils in better circumstances, as a salve to their conscience paying a shilling a week; for we hated to be called "Twopenny half-penny" scholars. The present Cookery School was then much as it is now, and was the office and home of Mr. Wells, the Secretary to the National Board of Education. His name plate was still affixed to the building some ten or so years ago.

The only building then in existence was the present main building, excluding the main room, and it had a verandah both upstairs and down. There was an old ramshackle fence somewhere about the place, the present stone wall occupies. It was much knocked about, and cows and horses strayed about the playground at their own sweet will, particularly when the scholars were not in the way."

Mr. Bradley was afterwards appointed an assistant teacher at Fort Street, and records how the playground at the lower end near the Carpentry School was one mass of stones, and that he succeeded in clearing it away by placing a couple of stones on a stick, and then lining up all his boys on the rise, and giving threepence to each one who knocked the stone off the stick. In this way all the stones were collected from the playground and thrown into the corner where the drain now is.

Once Mr. Bradley mentioned he had to pay five shillings for breaking the window of the cottage down below in Kent Street.

The large fig tree in front of the main entrance is one of the most historic spots of all. In those days it was the centre of an oval about 20 yards long. Within this oval the ground was sacrosanct, no one was allowed even to put a foot upon it, the belief being that many soldiers had been buried in this hallowed spot. And as we all know that Fort Street was originally a soldiers' hospital, the supposition was very likely a correct one.

Mr. Bradley some years later became Master of the Training School at Fort Street, his office

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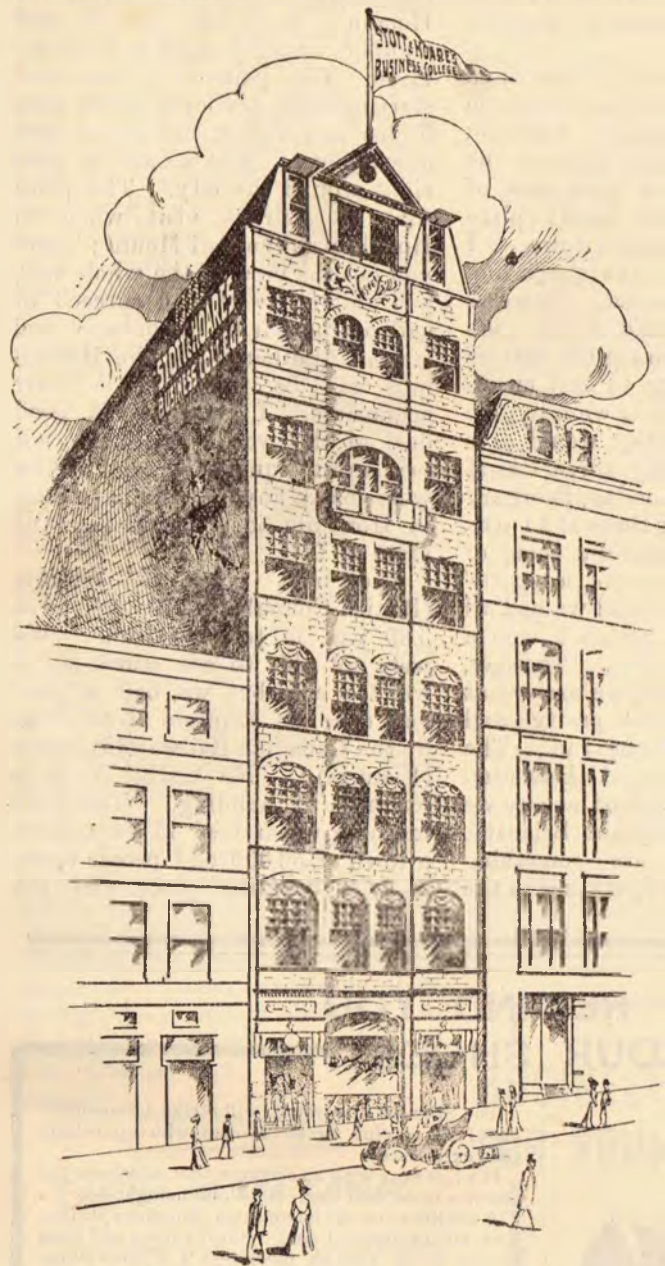
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occupying part of what is now the Art Room. So if any one deserves the name of a real Old Boy of Fort Street I think Mr. Bradley does. His interest in the old place is as keen as ever.

## A Boy's Travels.

From Australia to America.

By A. Herman, aged 12, Darlinghurst. Class 4B, Model School, Fort Street.

Reprinted from the "Town & Country Journal" of June 16th, 1909, by kind permission of the Editor.

In 1896 I was born at Upper William Street, South, now known as Woolcot Street, and went to Wellington (N.Z.) when I was about 18 months old, and occasionally came across to Sydney, and as far as I can remember I could not have had a better time than what I had when in New Zealand. When I was 7½ I went to the Terrace School in Wellington, where I had a good education for the short time I was going to school. My headmaster was Mr. McMorran. After living in New Zealand for 10 years I never thought we would go away to any distant place, but near the end of the year 1907, owing to my father's health, his medical adviser suggested that he should go for a long sea voyage, so we made up our minds to leave for America, and on December 6, 1907, we left Wellington by the steamer Warrimoo, which arrived in Sydney, Tuesday, the 10th of the same month. After a stay of three months in Sydney with my grandmother, we then started preparing for the journey across the Pacific by the R.M.S. Moana. February 17, 1908, was a sad parting, leaving a dear old grannie and many aunts and uncles behind, thinking we would not see them for many years to come. The hour soon came for our farewell. It was 1.30 p.m. when the boat began to leave. By 2.15 p.m. we had cleared the magnificent Sydney Harbor. On February 19th, 1908, we reached Brisbane, where I was welcomed by my uncle. On that same night we left a place called Pinkenba at 11.30 p.m. This place is near the

mouth of the Brisbane River. From Pinkenba you catch the train and in half an hour you reach the City of Brisbane. About 12 p.m. we had already passed Moreton Bay.

The next port touched was Suva (Fiji), and it was our misfortune to arrive in unfavorable weather; however, we battled against the rain, and we saw a good deal of Suva. It is a very pretty place and seems a prosperous town. I went to some of the shops and purchased a few curios. There is one thing that would strike one's mind, and that is to see the natives hard at work trying to sell curios on the wharf. If you were to give them an old coat they would give you your pick of any three lots of curios you like. Monday, February 22nd, 1908, we left Suva at 11 p.m. On our way to Honolulu some of the men on board got a sports' committee together, and we had all kinds of games, in which I won a very pretty watch fob. Tuesday, February 30th, 1908, we arrived at Honolulu, and went pretty well everywhere the trams ran. The Moana and the Royal Hawaiian Hotels are twice as good as any we have here in Sydney and Brisbane. The coral reefs are something magnificent to see sparkling in the

sunlight as you enter the harbor of Honolulu. At 8.30 p.m. we left the pretty town of Honolulu. One of the most impressive sights of Honolulu is Wikipiki Beach, and another beautiful sight is Diamond Head. This place is a mountain starting from sea level, which goes higher and higher, and then comes down lower. The mountain goes right around the city. The place that all tourists visit when in Honolulu is the Pali Mount; there you get the view of the whole city, and the only way you succeed in getting there is by motor cars and traps. Another thing the Hawaiians can be proud of is their aquarium. I have seen a good deal of the world, and have not seen any to equal them, and if you were to ask anyone who have been to Honolulu they would say the same as I.

The next place is Victoria (British Columbia). We arrived at 5.30 p.m. in teeming rain. We were not able to see much, as it was too wet, but we had a good look over the Empress Hotel, run by the Canadian Railway Company (Victoria). No doubt it is a magnificent building. The next morning we arrived in Vancouver, a town of 50,000 odd people there. It is a beautiful place, and the

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## The '09 Junior Farewell

surroundings are so pretty, and the Narrows are something lovely. They are just large enough for a mail steamer and a small boat, about the size of a ferry steamer. I stayed in Vancouver for four days, and I was very much taken with the place. Whilst there I was out the whole time sightseeing. Friday afternoon, March 14th, we caught the train at 4:15 o'clock, and then on our way to the great city of New York. The next place was Kamloops, which has a population of 2000 odd people, and it is the principal town in Thompson River Valley district. It is a wonderful place, and from the way the train winds in and out like loops, it gets its name. Now we come to Revelstoke, a town on the Columbia River, which is very striking, with the mountains surrounding it, and on your way there you are about 1000ft. above sea level. The next place we come to is called the Glacier, and it is 4000 odd feet above sea level, and is a charming place in the winter, but loses a lot of its beauty in summer. After leaving the Glacier, we went through snowsheds. These things are to protect the lines, as snow and were continually falling on the sleepers, and gradually rotted them away, and, therefore, it caused a terrible accident many years ago. There is not much more to say about the Glacier, excepting that, if any of my readers should go to America, they should not fail to see the Glacier and its wonderful scenery.

(To be Continued.)

### English at the Senior.

Some few days ago Mr. Kilgour wrote to Professor MacCallum pointing out to him that at the Matriculation Honors Examination in November each year, though Honors were awarded in Latin, Greek, French, German and Mathematics, yet none were awarded in English. Professor MacCallum laid the matter before the Committee of the Faculty of Arts, who decided to recommend the Senate to award Matriculation Honors in English. If the recommendation is adopted by the Senate it will come into effect in November 1910.

As is customary in Fort Street, the conclusion of the course of special training has been made the occasion for a series of pleasant functions, and the '09 junior farewell probably excelled that of its predecessors.

The main room on Friday afternoon, June 4th, was crowded to overflowing by junior boys and girls, preparatory juniors, and also by the numerous old boys who were present to add lustre to the occasion.

Mr. Kilgour presided over this most enthusiastic meeting, and close handy to him were Miss Partridge (Headmistress), Messrs. J. W. Turner (Supt. of Technical Education), A. Lobban, and Dist. Inspector Smith.

A neatly arranged programme was first proceeded with, each item bringing forth plenty applause. Perhaps the most interesting item rendered was what was termed by the juniors a "dirge," although nothing mournful prevailed, the vim and volume of the song producing rather merry and mirthful astonishment. In this item several

junior teachers were attacked, the style following closely that adopted by University Students at their Annual Commemoration. The writer of the "dirge" is to be complimented on his really fine effort, as the piece met with the entire approval of everyone present.

Mr. Kilgour then presented to the lady and gentleman assistants a small token from the juniors as a mark of appreciation for their arduous and painstaking labors towards the general advancement of their friends. Here, too, mirth and humor were prevalent, for as each assistant from the boy's school stepped up to the front he was confronted with a "booby" present donated by the energetic secretary, Eric Cullen-Ward. All of these were exceedingly humorous and equal to the occasion.

Mr. Joe Taylor's balloons are still "going up" and Mr. Selle's bone is still being preserved to remind the present juniors that at all examinations a Fort Street boy makes use of full time.

The presents to the lady assistants were dainty and excellently chosen, but unfortunately the "booby" presents were conspicuous by their complete absence.

During the whole proceeding the

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good feeling betwixt masters and students was strikingly expressed. Miss Partridge received a handsome bouquet of beautiful flowers.

Mr. Kilgour then rose and addressed the boys and girls prior to their departure. The speech was not long but it was full of valuable advice and careful considerations. The Headmaster laid down the all important wish that the students should not only think of his advice at the examination, but by careful thought and constant adherence each one should benefit by their training in the great battle of life, and that what had been taught at Fort Street School should never be forgotten by them in their everyday walks of life.

Mr. J. W. Turner also addressed those assembled, referring to the introduction of University Examinations by Dr. Badham, to the success achieved by the school in learning and in sport in past seasons, and to the neverdying constancy of the old boys and girls of the great school. Mr. Turner's remarks were greeted with loud applause exhibiting clearly his popularity with "Fortians."

The afternoon's ceremony closed at 4.20 when the juniors were drummed out to the tune of "For they are jolly good fellows"—an innovation in farewells established in 1908.

The proceedings were then terminated by all standing and singing in unison one stanza of the National Anthem.

### Answers to Correspondents

H.G.H.—We are glad to receive a story from you. The plot of it is good, but it is spoilt by errors in grammar and spelling. We prefer, however, stories which deal with Australian life. Why not try one?

O.C., Hunter's Hill.—We welcome your criticism, and also your subscription, particularly as you are an old boy. In reference to our criticism of the printing of Mr. Maiden's book, our contention is that it should be possible to turn out work in Australia almost, if not quite, as good as that of the mother country. Why the books printed in Australia are got up so poorly we cannot explain.

## 1909 Junior Banquet

The Annual Junior Banquet eventuated on Saturday, June 5th, at the A.B.C. Rooms, Pitt Street, when over 100 sat down to an excellent repast. Ronald Osborne was in the chair, and associated with him as guests were Mr. Kilgour (Headmaster), Messrs J.W. Turner, A. Lobban, H. D. McLelland, S. H. Smith, S. Lasker, and all the junior teachers.

Healthy appetites were very prevalent, no one failing in this particular—the menu being a particularly attractive one, and full justice was done to it. One teacher casually remarked that there were not enough "olives" on his table. However, be that as it may, the dinner portion of the programme was a huge success.

After this pleasant function the remainder of the evening was occupied in speeches and toasts, interspersed with musical items. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Collins, Meldrum, Murphy, Selle, and Cullen-Ward, and O'Neill played a well-finished piano solo, while Pierce gave a recitation.

The first toast was that of the "King," proposed by the chairman, his assembly drinking the toast with musical honors. Osborne then, in a magnificent speech brimful of oratory, delivered a really fine effort in proposing the toast of the "School and Staff." In the course of his remarks, he referred in proud terms to the high places which scholars of Fort Street had filled, not only in the State, but throughout the world. He dwelt upon the crisis which had arrived in the lives of those who were now leaving its sheltering care, and hoped that in their future careers they would add to the lustre which forerunners had shed upon the reputation of Fort Street School. In admirable taste, the young chairman voiced the affection and veneration which he and his colleagues felt for their masters, and hoped they would fulfil all the expectations that were centred in the coming examination.

Mr. Kilgour, in acknowledging the toast, was no less enthusiastic in his pride of the school. His speech was full of sound advice to

the boys for their future walks of life. He told them that when a boy entered Fort Street, a new era began in his life. He came into touch with moral and intellectual stimulus, which never failed to make him a better and a brighter boy. In concluding with some warm words of encouragement the "Head" referred to his efficient staff of teachers, and finally read some verses by Henry Newbolt, in which the main ideal set forth was to "play the game."

Cullen-Ward proposed the toast

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of the "Visitors," to which Messrs. J. W. Turner, A. Lobban, H. D. McLelland and S. H. Smith replied. Each of these gentlemen, in the course of their remarks, offered warm words of encouragement to the juniors.

It fell again to the lot of Mr. Lasker to propose the toast of the "'09 Juniors." In the writer's opinion, Mr. Lasker's popularity is ever increasing at Fort Street, as he is in every Junior boy's mind an "idol" of a man. His reception at the '09 banquet was even more enthusiastic than at previous functions, his well delivered remarks being carefully listened to, appreciated, and applauded. The various speakers who responded to the toast were O'Neill M1, Evans C1, Rowbotham C2, and Pierce C3. These speeches were particularly well rendered, and soon after the enjoyable evening closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," all joining hands round the big room.

One junior just heard Mr. Turner's last remark, "The larger the circle the bigger the success," and it is the writer's sincere wish that this prediction may be fully realised.

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## Old Boys' Union

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To the Members of the '09 Junior, Gentlemen,

To such of you as are about to leave the School, I have a word to say.

Fort Street has done much for you in the past. It has afforded you the best school education obtainable in the Commonwealth. It has developed your powers so that in after-life, when you are placed in competition with others less fortunate in their education than yourselves, your success will be almost assured. You have reason to be grateful to the School. Are you then, on leaving school going to cut yourselves entirely adrift from your Alma Mater, and show yourselves absolutely indifferent as to her welfare? Are you going to detach yourselves altogether from your former comrades?

The Old Boys' Union has a

purpose to fulfil. It provides a means whereby Fort Street Boys, after leaving the School may maintain their interest in their Alma Mater, may renew former friendships, and may, by a perpetuation of the school-spirit, help one another in the various walks of life.

The subscription to the Union is 2s. 6d. per annum. The Union holds an Annual Dinner, an Annual Dance (in conjunction with the Old Girls' Union), Smoke Concerts and similar social functions, and sporting contests of various kinds against the School. It also takes up other matters, e.g. First Aid, Debating, which are in harmony with its objects.

Kindly send me your names and addresses (before it becomes impossible to trace you) in order that you may be entered as members of the Old Boys' Union.

Yours sincerely,

PERCY R. WATTS,

Hon. Sec.

12 Castlereagh Street.

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## School Notes.

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The Librarian begs to acknowledge and thanks the very generous donations of magazines by H. Bowler, E. Berry, G. Hawthorne and Mr. Roberts.

C. R. Furlonger (Junior 1905), who is articled to a solicitor in Grafton, succeeded last month in passing the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Final Examination for admission as a solicitor. It is very seldom that a candidate passes in two sections at the same examination. We offer our congratulations.

In all the Sixth Classes of the school a new book has been introduced, called "A Primer of English Literature," by Richard Wilson, B.A. The use of this little book, will, we believe, help to dispel that sometimes appalling ignorance which the garden variety of school boy often possesses concerning the great makers of our language. We remember an occasion when asking a boy of fair age for the name of one of Shakespeare's plays, he stood aghast, and at last answered in triumph: "How Do I Like It?"

The Honor Boards have now arrived, and when one or two slight alterations have been made, will be placed in their proper positions.

The new Junior Classes have now been formed up and work has now commenced in earnest. Boys should make a start early and leave nothing for to-morrow which can be done to-day.

Mr. F. T. Allen, B.A., after spending some years at Fort Street, has been promoted First Assistant at the District School, Hay. We offer him our congratulations on his promotion.

Arthur B. Walkom (Senior 1906), who is having a most distinguished career in the Science Schools of the University, was, at the last meeting of the Linnean Society, elected a member of that distinguished body.

At the last term Engineering Examinations at the Technical Colleges, first year, Jack Wright (Junior 1908 and winner of a Commercial Certificate) gained first place with 397 marks out of a total of 440. He has been awarded a Technical Scholarship.

Last month no less than 87 new books were placed in the library. At the end of this month the librarian hopes to add another 100. Henceforth under a new system of raising funds he hopes to be able to add regularly every month thirty or more new volumes. Suggestions will be welcomed.

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## A Sydney Scholar.

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Mr. E. M. Wellisch, M.A., formerly a lecturer in mathematics at the University of Sydney, and a "traveling scholar," has been awarded the degree of B.A. at Cambridge for researches respecting the passage of electricity through gases.

Mr. Wellisch won the Barker Mathematical Graduate Scholarship at the Sydney University in 1907. For two years he has been engaged in the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge. The new degree is B.A. (Research), awarded for original research. Wellisch is a Fort Street boy.

## Girls' Page

### Girls' Sale of Work.

On Wednesday, 16th June, a sale of work was held by the pupils of 7A and 6B Classes. The girls worked very hard, and the great success was due to their efforts, ably supplemented by Misses Stoney and Woodlands.

The sewing room and stalls (4) were prettily decorated by the girls the day before, and at a little after 9 o'clock the stall-holders began serving, and were kept busy all day till 4 o'clock, when everything was sold.

The stall were (1) Fancy, (2) Postcards, (3) Japanese and (4) Sweets.

The stall-holders were:—

Fancy: Chryse Holmes, Marjory Breeding, Gwen Browne and Violet Heckenberg.

Postcard: Marjory and Mabelle Holcombe, Linda Kelly and Jessie Gazard.

Japanese: Nurah Bercli and Elsie Shorter.

Sweets: Ella Parton and Etta Fox.

Drinks and cake were sold on the playground by Bertha Ezold and Rita Pritchard.

The total amount received was £16, and is to be devoted to the purchase of various school requisites.

The Fort Street Old Girls' and Old Boys' Unions are holding their Second Annual Dance in the A.B.C. Rooms on Friday, 16th July. A record attendance is anticipated.

Miss E. Davies, B.A., has arranged an exchange with Miss Speck, first assistant at Cootamundra. We wish her every success and a speedy return to robust health.

## Kookaburra Literary and Debating Society.

On Friday, June 18th. an inter-club debate was held between the boys and girls of M1. Mr. Kilgour was in the chair, and the judges were Miss Mouldale and Mr. Collins. The subject discussed was "That war can be abolished." The girls took the affirmative, but were defeated after a keen contest. The speakers were, Girls:—Esther Mitchell (Leader), Bessie Blumer, Eileen Murray, Aimee Ingamells. Boys:—F. Mason (Leader), W. Edwards, R. Langker, W. Simpson.

The girls' arguments were very forcible, but forcible on the wrong point, as they argued more on the subject "That war should be abolished." F. Mason and W. Edwards made some very rash statements, which they were totally at a loss to uphold. This was where the girls scored, especially Esther Mitchell whose sharp retorts utterly demoralised her opponents.

Considering that the girls had had such little experience in comparison with the boys they put up a very good fight. The girls were very interested and amused at the new version of the Alabama incident, as given by the boys.

The return debate will take place in two weeks' time.

## Chess and Draughts Club

On Thursday, 27th ult., Mr. Kilgour presented Thackeray's History of Pendennis to Jack Ridley for winning the Draughts Championship of the School.

The tournament itself was a spirited one right through. There were two rounds. In the first, Alexander went right through with the loss of one game, thus gaining 8 points, while Weston and Ridley followed closely with 7 points each. The second round however was different, for Ridley went through without being defeated, while Weston defeated Alexander. The final scores were,

from a possible of 20:—Ridley 17, Weston 15 and Alexander 14. The other entrants did not make a good showing.

The club now purposes holding a Domino Tournament, and as it will be the first in the history of our club, we expect a good number of entries. The results of this tournament will probably be in the next issue.

## 6B Debating Society.

On Friday, 4th. June, the members of 6B Debating Society, held their first Australian Day.

The Debate was opened by E. Weber, who gave "A Country Adventure," L. Friend followed with "The Good and Bad Points of Australia."

Stephens then gave "An Adventure in the Blue Mountains." Rigney following with "The Boy Scouts." Other speeches delivered were; "An Incident at Maitland," Sullivan; "An Island Adventure," J. Morris; "At a Campbelltown Boarding School," Phillips.

The Debate then closed after E. Weber R. Nowland and R. Eve, had spoken on "A Haberfield Tram Adventure."

Some very exciting and humorous speeches were delivered, especially the last three."

## Cadets.

On July 6 a brigade parade is to be held on the Domain in connection with the visit of the Californian Boys, to whom an Australian Flag is to be presented.

In future the colors are to be kept for certain periods, three months or so, by the various corps in the battalion. As Fort Street has A Company it will have the honor of being the first school to take charge of them.

Next Wednesday afternoon the Company is to parade on the Domain when Major Dove intends to go through some extending and skirmishing movements, the playground being too small for carrying them out effectively.

There is a great probability of the establishment at this school being increased by another half company. At present there are 115 cadets enrolled and as many boys are anxious to join, so no difficulty is expected in keeping the extra half company up to its strength.

Classes for N.C.O.'s are now being held out at Victoria Barracks on alternate Friday afternoons preparatory to a projected sham fight.

# Sporting



## Football Notes.

Four matches have been played and won by our A team. We have scored in these matches 75 points to 22. If the team will train together there should be no reason why the competition should not be won by Fort Street.

In the combined schools' team, eight boys have been selected from Fort Street. These boys are Caruthers, Bray, Harrison, Flook, Dinsey, Cotter, L. Rowbotham and O'Grady. Last year three boys obtained this coveted distinction, so it is easily seen that our footballers have improved greatly.

Fort Street defeated Cleveland Street on June 18th by 11 points to 6.

The class competitions are proceeding rather slowly. Up-to-date the positions of the classes are as follows:—

Class	Matches Played.	Won.	Lost.	Points
6E	4	4	0	8
M2	6	4	2	8
M3	5	3	5	6
6D	4	2	2	4
6C	3	1	2	2
6A	4	1	3	2
6F	3	1	2	2
6B	3	0	3	0
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6E	3	3	0	6
5D	3	3	0	6
5E	3	2	1	4
5B	3	2	1	4
5C	3	1	2	2
4B	3	1	2	2
5A	3	0	3	0
4A	3	0	3	0

On 4th June our school team, under the leadership of Langan, played the Waverley Christian Bros.' High School on the Waverley Oval. The match resulted in a win for Fort Street by 23 to 13. This team is very hard to defeat, and our players are to be congratulated on their win.

We have received an invitation from the Northern Central Rugby Union to play a match in Tamworth against a team of juniors. If it be decided to accept the invitation, the trip will without doubt prove very enjoyable, and judging by the number of anxious inquiries made continually concerning the trip, a great many will be disappointed if the match be abandoned.

Our seconds are playing splendidly, and so far are undefeated. They have won the first round in their competition, beating Cleveland Street, Glebe, Neutral Bay and Mosman. They have scored 64 points to nil.

On June 12th a very enjoyable afternoon was spent at Riverview College, by the 6D Class Football team.

The match against their Fifts commenced about 3 p.m. 6D were easily victorious, by 26 to nil. Tries were scored by Ayres (2) Thorn (1), Hoskins (1), Firth (1) and Knight (1). Hoskins converted three tries and Knight 0 10.

Fort Street B met and defeated Neutral Bay at Mosman on Friday, 18th June. The following represented Fort Street:—Sullivan, Williams, Dive, Wallace, Hosking, Thom, Kirk, Duff, Coogan, Wulf, Evatt, Alldritt, Thorne, McMullen, and Hellstrom.

Fort Street were on the defensive during most of the first half, but when once near the opposing line Evatt picked up in the loose and scored in the corner. Fort Street attacked in the second half, but faulty passing by the backs prevented their scoring. In a forward rush the ball was kicked over the line and Alldritt following on fast scored the second try. There was no further score, the game ending in favor of Fort Street, by 6 points to nil.



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## Australian Football.

By ROVER.

The Australian Rules Competition launched out on May 28th, when Fort Street A were pitted against No. 1 District. The District teams have been introduced into the Senior Grade and will have all the advantages of that competition. Also both Fort Street and Petersham will materially benefit from the extra watches.

No. 1 District comprised representatives from Burwood, Ryde, Ashfield, Petersham and Canterbury. They presented a solid front on the Y.M.C.A. Ground, and indeed gave our boys a real good game.

Fort Street were captained by W. Stafford and the Combined by Swan (Ryde), while Mr. Geo. Perry (Burwood) managed the details capably.

A very good half saw the Combined Schools leading by 5 points when the bell rang. Fortians thereupon decided to put a little more vim into their play, and by careful handling, good kicking and marking, and excellent passing, our representatives returned to their dressing sheds victors. The complete scores were: Fort Street, 5 goals 14 behinds; Combined, 3 goals 5 behinds, or 44 points to 23 points. Goals for Fort Street were kicked by H. Kinninmont (2), W. Stafford, B. O'Grady and R. Kinninmont. The best players on the ground were Stafford, Kinninmont, Swan and Walker. Every good feeling prevailed, nothing occurring to mar the day's play.

Fort Street should have played District No. 2 on Friday, June 11, but owing to the removal of the teacher in charge, Mr. Buxton, the game had to be postponed.

The following boys been selected to represent N.S.W. in the match against the American lads on the Sydney Cricket Ground, on Wednesday, July 7th, prior to the Queensland—N.S.W. Rugby match.

Messrs. W. A. Selle (Fort St.), G. Perry (Burwood) and Wilson (Illawarra) were the selectors.

W. Stafford, F. Crozier, E. Cullen-Ward, R. Smith, B. O'Grady, S. Russell (Fort Street); A. Stenhouse, L. Dunbar, G. Kelly (Petersham); Swan (Ryde); Emanuel Bede (Erskineville); Adams (Double Bay); Walker, Iler, Thompson, Shew, Gordon (Burwood.)

### NOTES.

Fort Street will meet Petersham for the first time on Leichhaadt Oval on July 9th. As the calibre of the teams are about equal, it behoves our representatives to practise hard and to assist in maintaining the high position the school at present holds.

In a former issue it was stated that the American lads would play in Sydney. They have now landed in N.S.W. and will tour the whole of the States of the Commonwealth, returning to 'Frisco in 3 months time. On their departure they will be accompanied by a N.S.W. schoolboy, whose duty in America will be to lecture on the Australian game of football to American lads.

Each school playing under the Australian code shall this month nominate a lad for the above position, and a committee of gentlemen will then decide the absolute winner.

Mr. R. A. Munro King (solicitor) has generously donated a sum of from £50 to £100 towards the expenses of the tour of the N.S.W. lad.

The "Fortian" would like to see a Fort Street boy winning his laurels in this competition and representing us in the great country of the United States.

Albert Barry (our old friend) is a member of the firm R. A. Munro King & Currie of Hunter Street.

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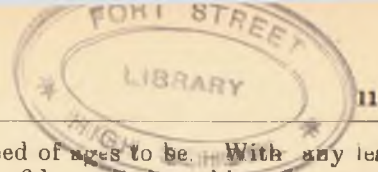
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## More about our Golden Age.

By a "Golden Ager."

### II.

"P.R.W." is right as to the origin of the "Bean" however. Apparently he has the unique distinction of possessing the only copies extant. Mine have mysteriously disappeared or are among my papers — which after all are synonymous fates. But I had some difference of opinion with the coffee club and left it before long for the shades of the Big Figtree and cold lunch, the change making no difference to the paper. Perhaps my dispute with the Coffee Club was over the dividends. P.R.W. does not mention these; was he ever treasurer I wonder? Anyway I cannot agree to keep them out of sight. The dividends were (to many) a bright feature about the Coffee Club. To run the C.C. a small levy (3d weekly I think) was made on members, and at the end of the quarter a settling up took place. Usually the treasurer had a small surplus; if not, he was cast into outer darkness and a new treasurer elected I suppose. Suppose he had 1s 2d, that would be a 2d dividend among seven members. In equity, of course this money should have gone to the Training College students "per contra on account of stores advanced," or something of the sort. But it did not, which was characteristic of the Coffee Club. The declaration of this dividend was awaited with as much interest as might be that of Mount Lyell or Mount Morgan by stock exchange investors. My departure led me, however, to turn my batteries more directly on club members, and this was the origin of a short satire, which I shall give in a subsequent article. It was shortly after I left the Club that the name of the paper was changed to the "Adelphian."

The eternal tempter suggested to some of us the spending of some of our idyllic hours in a novel way. The influences I have mentioned, example and opportunity were at

our elbow. We would found a newspaper. It was a great and glorious time that autumn of 1900 — autumn in nature's season, springtide in our souls. Only I am afraid some of us were as soulless as Kipling's Stalky & Co., a book which we read with great zest about this time. Clearly the thing had been germinating all the close of 1899, as the sap of spring rose so the passion for expression rose within us. When I look back I am mildly surprised at the change in our attitude. It was as if that very great fighter herself, mother of heedless youth, which towered and brooded above our petty play, had turned from a dark upas shade, an extension of the "shades of the prison house" but a few yards away, a malign place of textbook preparation into a benign presence, a sort of holy Mother Ida or Helicon on which we could rest our tired limbs and close our eyes, opening them perchance to gaze on the girls and make, with the tremendous cynicism of youth, comments on the sex as a constituent of life. Such discussions always wandered of course—we would relieve our pent energies by promiscuous and barely polite discussion on all sorts of subjects. We bandied personalities about personalities. The great men of history were marshalled and passed in review. Nor did the great, or supposedly great, of the day escape attention. I remember a particularly bitter conflict over the relative merits of Sulla and Marius, which might, I say *might*, have flattered those Roman worthies. Such differences always bring out character; they range on the respective sides boys with opposing ideals, even if their dispositions are not fully formed. Thus does ancient history repeat itself.

I like to think that the main reason for the being of our paper was the natural need of it. I liked to think so then. When young one is on the strong inevitable, 'the logical outcome of an evolutionary process, and so forth. Older, one sees chance, chance, and is less sure. But we were confident then that the whole past history of the planet had simply gone to crystallise into our "Coffee Bean," the

seed of ages to be. With any less confidence in launching an enterprise one simply counts failure. We courted notoriety. Quite half of our paper was made up of personalities. This was the spice over which our readers smacked their lips, aye even the injured. There is no libel remedy so handy to the schoolboy as a hearty laugh. The artless brutality of some of our remarks. I pick up a back number and read "A has evidently started patronising the tram again." It does not say much, yet it speaks volumes. To those who knew that A— dwelt at the Glebe, it conveyed, if I rightly remember, the reminder that his "homework" had been missing lately; "Left it in the tram," "It blew off the tram," being two of his classic excuses, pearls in their way. Yet I do not remember that the conductors (of the paper) were more than threatened. Later on the same boy is referred to as "the great abolitionist (abolition of homework), or there was one comment, followed by a return to the charge cleverer than usual. In the "We Say" column in which these stings appeared had occurred the remark, "That 21st out of 45 is no fit place for the Captain of the School the Junior," that being the position he occupied in order of merit among the successful school representatives. The individual in question became very wroth at this and demanded an apology. We did it—artistically; next week we "regretted" the incorrectness of our previous comment, and said "21st out of 45 is the right place for the captain of the school, etc." He was madder than before. The person in question was a very good sort of chap, but some feeling had been created a while before, by his election to the school captaincy, while yet a Junior 5th, over the heads of several senior eligibles. By the way, I believe you have "Sixth Classes" now in the old school. We had "Fifths" lower and upper, the latter being the Junior for the current year, and the former for the following one, while above these came a "Matric" class, and a "Senior." At the time of which I write,

"Senior" and "Matric" were really merged, there being only one candidate for the higher examination. A good one he was too. To return. The original motive of that paragraph was to "get even." And when we wanted to "get even," we generally waited, and we generally succeeded. I hope I do not weary readers (cries of "Go on"), but I think that personalities are the secret of success in a class paper, fair, above the belt personalities of course, but then who ever heard of a Fort Street boy deliberately hitting below.

The original "Coffee Bean" was manuscript, copies one, circulation, several and constant—also in class. It "ran the blockade" many a time. But generally the masters, as P.R.W. remarked, were friendly to it. They would like to have done as well themselves. So we let them read it. And we libelled them too in a mild way. We often got at people, not by direct attack, but by decrying something they liked, the suburb they lived in, and so forth. For this reason, unstinted hostility was poured forth against Stanmore and the Glebe. The writing of this single copy was quite enough labour. It contained advertisements also. Every school paper does that in a mild way. Ours even touched on marriages. Those of the class who were devoid of distinctive characteristics had eccentricities fixed upon them. Fables were spun about their habits and actions, until at last a tradition was created. Literature has parallels of this sort of thing. In one famous instance a number of writers and wits combined to regard a certain unfortunate as dead. They talked and wrote of him, they acted toward him in the past tense. The thing went beyond a joke, until the poor fellow was driven nearly crazy. He was made a laughing stock, his business was ruined by the misrepresentation, and so forth. At last, I suppose he really wished he was dead. It shows that one really lives in a social way. To be sent to coventry by mankind is worse than death, consignment to a living grave. We never grew as bad as this but sometimes perhaps we nearly overdid it. Only the part that all were treated alike absolves us.

Later on the "Coffee Bean" changed its name to the "Adelphian" (a sarcastic reference to "brotherhood," which was not altogether ironical), and blossomed forth as a printed paper. Printed that is to say, by multigraph. The machine was a shallow tin dish of footscap size, filled with gelatine, and we called it a "Jellygraph." It needed special paper, special ink, and tremendous patience. We had most of the latter, but none too much. The plant, I fear, was never wholly paid for, the loss falling on the generous youth who invested in it. It was not all smooth sailing, but marred by blots and smudges. It took a couple of solid hours on Saturday morning to make our impressions, apart from the labour of writing, and that was considerable, for we chose, for the sake of clearness to use print lettering. Our circulation reached about a score, that being the number of reasonably legible copies the "graph" would make, and we charged the impecunious class a half-penny per copy. This the I.C. paid fairly readily. In our palmy days we could not meet the demand, for outsiders became interested and importunate. That, by the way, was the early price of the "Fortian," and I say proudly, but not with overwhelming pride, that we gave better value than the "Fortian." I recommend any boy, who wants something to play with to purchase a "Graph," and the other accessories. A second-hand one will do, and perhaps a friend in business can be persuaded to "scrap" (as the American says) his old one for a new. Failing that, a square cake tin or coffee tray can be commandeered, and the jelly manufactured by a simple recipe, which, inquiry in half a dozen places, a weekly paper for instance, will furnish. He will get his time and money's worth out of them. "Graphs" I am aware, now mean to the schoolboy something more technical, they suggest weird bent lines like a railway after an earthquake, but then, to put it mildly, I was never much good at mathematics. I believe I should have got on better with the earthquake.

(To be Continued.)

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The Principal of Stott and Hoare's Business College has received a communication from Mr. Clarence Pitman, the American representative of Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons, with regard to the recent fourth international shorthand speed contest, which was held at Providence, R.I., on 10th. April.

Miss Nellie M. Wood, for the third time and permanently, won the Eagan International Cup, with a gross speed of 280 words per minute, and a net speed of 264 words per minute. Writers of all the principal systems were represented in this contest.

Miss Nellie M. Wood is a writer of the Isaac Pitman system. Writers of this system, Mr. Sidney H. Godfrey and Miss Nellie M. Wood, have won the principal prizes in the contests held in 1906, 1907, and 1908.

A diagram annexed to the intimation shows the highest speeds attained by different systems of shorthand in these contests as follows:—

	Words per minute
Gregg Shorthand	64
Benn Pitman	116
Graham	246
Isaac Pitman	264

Charles Robinson, late of C3 Class, having passed the examination of the Institute of Bankers, has received an appointment to the Bank of Australasia.

We have just heard that Archie Collins (Senior 1907), who is now doing Second Year Medicine, succeeded in gaining Professor Anderson's Prize for Applied Logic.

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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.

## Junior Results

WE were hoping that the Junior Results would have been published in time for insertion in this issue, but as they came too late last week, we were reluctantly compelled to hold them over till next issue.

## The Sports Meeting

IT has been decided to hold our Sports Meeting in September, for which see programme in another column. All entries must be in the hands of the Secretary by the end of the first week in that month. It will be noticed that several races have been set down for the Old Boys.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Fortian.

Dear Sir,—

"Golden Ager" spoke, in your last issue, of his departure from the Coffee Club owing to some dispute over the "dividends." He encourages conjecture as to whether he left the Club because the dividends were too small, or whether it was because his conscience would not permit him to receive amounts which, as he says, in equity should have gone to the Training College. From my knowledge of the consciences of the Coffee Club, the latter reason can hardly apply. Accordingly, therefore, I must assume that he wishes to make dark insinuations as to the allotment of the dividends.

Now it seems to me, looking back on those financial problems, to partake of genius on the part of the Treasurer in question that he ever had any dividends to declare at all. Fancy supplying tea, coffee and cocoa (even with slight assistance from the Students' stores) at the rate of 3d per week, and being able, nevertheless, from time to time to declare dividends! The tastes of the Coffee Club, I regret to say, tended towards extravagance. Members frequently filled their cups for the third, nay sometimes for the fourth, time.

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One member, I recall, habitually made seven excavations into the sugar-bag for each cup of tea, and would have made more if we had let him. He had also a pretty taste for spreading condensed milk on his sandwiches. It only remains to be added that the same member, being of a sensitive disposition, was highly incensed when intimated that he was expected to pay an accumulation of 3d's per week with which he was debited. I well remember the spurious righteousness of his indignation when his share in the next dividend was merely set off against his indebtedness, instead of being handed over to him, as he claimed, in hard cash.

Evicted, at length, by the angry votes of his fellow-members, he thereafter had his lunch under the Fig Tree, whence, jointly with another member, who was, and still is, his boon companion, he sent the following epistle:—

To the Coffee Club,

After one month's silent thought and meditation we have arrived at the conclusion that the Coffee Club's den is the abode of blackguards and thieves (ourselves excepted) and therefore we think it expedient to proffer our resignations to that Club. We sincerely hope for its speedy downfall, and that the stigma with

which it has branded this Institution may ere long be obliterated. We are convinced that the fictitious libels contained in its "Periodical Rag" (The Coffee Bean) make it impossible for us to allow our names to be coupled with such.

We are,

Ye Rogues and Vagabonds,

— and —

The Coffee Bean of the time, I notice, contains a cartoon depicting a miserable canine with drooping tail, hurriedly leaving a doorway from which projects a huge hob-nailed boot; and, below, is the inscription, "He's left us."

Yours, etc.,

P.R.W.



## A Boy's Travels



In North America.

By A. Herman, aged 12, Darlington, Class 4B, Model School, Fort Street. Part II.

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**T**HE next place we called at was Field. Its altitude is 4100. At Field there is a nice hotel, owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. This hotel is called the Mount Stephen House. The reason it gets this name is because, lying in the background, is Mount Stephen. The people that go to Field never leave without seeing the Natural Bridge, which is really marvellous. No doubt you will think this strange: At this hotel they have a pet bear, and very nearly everybody goes up and strokes it. Just as we were nearly at Field some diggers let off a charge of dynamite which shook the whole train. At Field they put on an observation car, and you can have real good sport in them. Laggan is the next place, but if you want to see the beauty of it, you must go to Lake Louise, and several other spots of beauty. Banff is the next place, which is 4500ft above sea level, and it is the station for the Canadian Hot Spring and the famous National Park, and the buffalo grounds; and they are ferocious-

looking animals, too. The Bow River is something wonderful. Medicine Hat is where the Red Indians reside, and, as each train approaches, they are down on the station like the shot out of a gun, selling their curios of buffalo horns, used as hat racks, and beaded Indian slippers, etc. The next place is Moose Jaw, a town of 7000 people, arriving there on Tuesday morning about 10 a.m., having to wait 2½ hours, owing to the Montreal train being late, so we were able to see a little of the town. The railway station is very pretty, having a flower garden at one end, covered with all colored flowers. In winter they are covered from sight, through the snow. I have seen this garden in both winter and summer. Now, we come to the cold city of Winnipeg, a population of 100,000. It is the capital of the province of Manitoba. It seemed a very pretty place. We did not see much, as it was too chilly, and we were driven back by the snow, which seemed to bite our ears.

Well, about 11.30 a.m. we left Winnipeg, arriving at Lake

Superior, which is a beautiful piece of scenery; the train winds in and out the shores, and they are not allowed to go fast, as it is rather dangerous, and try to make the train as small as possible. After leaving Lake Superior, we came to Ottawa, which has a population of 70,000 people, and is the capital of Canada and a beautiful city. As the train goes away, you come to a canal, and we saw two or three boats stuck in the ice there. Now we come to Montreal, which is situated on the St. Lawrence River. We stayed at Montreal for two and a-half days. We went for a sleigh ride, and it is something glorious. I saw a man run over by one and he got up and walked away as if nothing had happened.

Next we came to Niagara, arriving there at 7.30 a.m.; as we were nearing this pretty place, we saw a wrecked train on fire. We went to breakfast at some hotel, which name I do not remember; after that we engaged a carriage, and went for a 14-mile drive, and saw the American and

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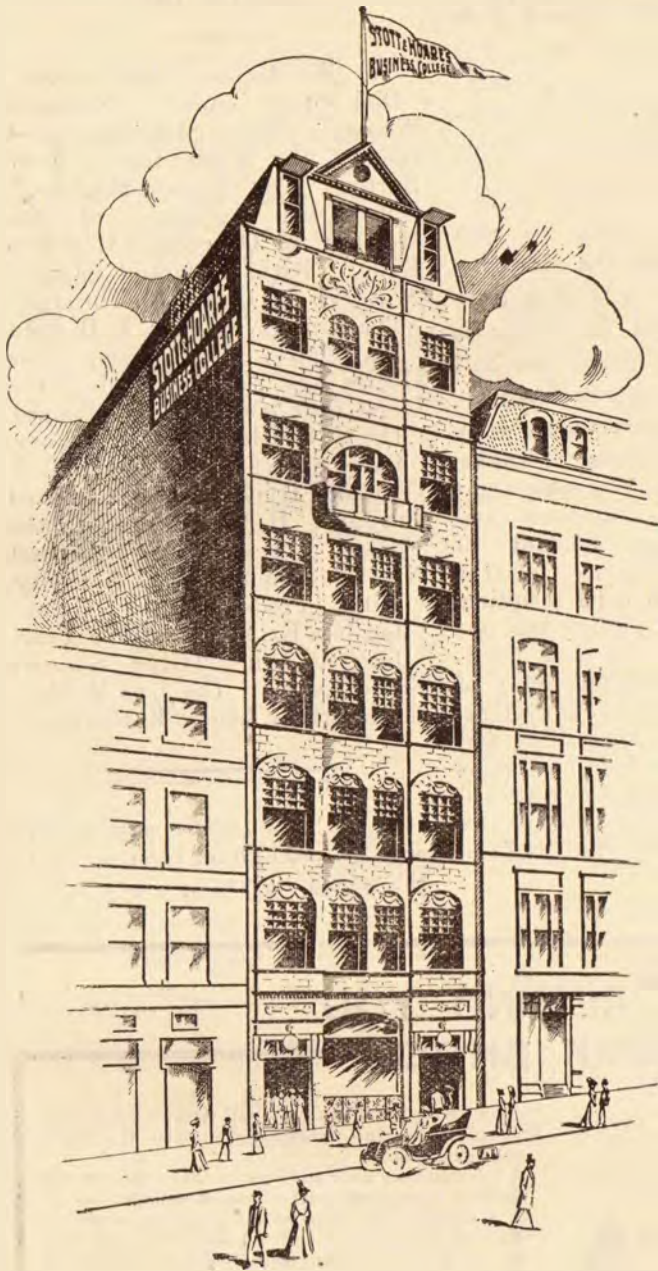
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Canadian Falls; then went round to the Goat and Three Sister Islands, where my mother and self washed our hands, just to say we had touched the water of the Falls. I also went under the Horseshoe Falls, which is a sight never to be forgotten. Mrs. Taylor who went over the Horseshoe Falls in a cask sits at the corner of one of the streets selling curios, with her name on them, and she is the only person that is able to say that she survived after going over the falls, although she was badly bruised, but not a bone had she broken. For miles away you can hear the roaring of the water, and you get quite frightened when seeing the little boat called "The Maid of the Mist," going right to the foot of the falls.

Now we come to Chicago; only being there a short time, we did not see much, excepting Lake Michigan, which is very pretty. Chicago itself struck me as being a very dirty city. The next place is St. Paul, a fair-sized place, and also very pretty. We just arrived there in time for breakfast, looking like lost sheep, not knowing much about the city. Most of our time looking for a cafe, for the ones we saw did not seem to be clean; at last we came to one called the Tokio Cafe, a nice place at 216 Jackson Street, where we had a good meal at a very reasonable price. Well, when we had finished of course, we had a good look round, and then we went back to the railway depot we caught the train for New York. At a place named Utica we caught one of the fastest trains in the world, namely, The Empire State Express, arriving at New York 10.15 p.m.

The first place I went to in New York was the underground railway called the subway; in the morning I was truly astonished, seeing the skyscrapers and the overhead railway. This same morning I went through Central Park, which is four miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide. America has without a doubt the finest bodies of policemen I have ever seen. I was able to see one of their police parades, which is a beautiful sight. I dare say you

can imagine how grand it is when there are 5000 odd policemen turn out and the rest are on duty. There is one thing I dislike in New York, and that is the flats. The tram rides are something astonishing, for you can go miles and miles for the small sum of 5 cents, which is equal to 2½d.

The Zoo is beautiful, as each small animal about the size of a dog has about 16 yards of space to run about in, and each cage is divided into two parts, one half sheltered and the other half is open. The snakes are marvellous; they even have every species of snake, from the little ribbon snake right up to the huge pythons and cobras, and any amount of alligators. The houses of the millionaires are beyond description, on 5th and 6th Avenues, the one that struck me being very handsome, which is entirely built of marble, is owned by Senator Clark. I am told it is not finished, and will cost £1,000,000 before it is completed. I have just returned and am now in Sydney, hoping we will return to Wellington, N.Z., in times to come.

## New Books in Library.

July 1st., 1909.

W. W. Jacobs, "Odd Craft," "Dial Stone Lane," "Skipper's Wooing"; W. O. Stoddard, "Lost Gold of the Montezumas"; J. B. Burton, "The Desert Ship"; P. Oppenheim, "Jeanne of the Marshes"; J. Oxenham, "Hearts in Exile," "Barbe of Grand Bayou"; A. J. Daniels, "Chums All Through," "The Kipling Reader"; A. H. Rice, "Mr. Opp"; K. Graham, "The Golden Age"; Canon Doyle, "The Great Boer War"; E. F. Pollard, "The Silver Hand"; Mrs. Reaney, "Daisy Snowflake's Secret"; C. J. Cutcliffe Hyne, "The Captured Cruiser"; H. C. Adams, "In the Fifteen"; F. Hansen, "Farthest North" (2 volumes); G. A. Henty, "With Frederick the Great," "Jacobite Exile"; Manville Fenn, "Jack at Sea," "Glyn Severn's School Days," "The Lost Middy"; E. Macartney Lane, "Katherine,"

Three new scout stories (two copies of each) have been added to the school library.

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## : : Notes and News : :

### Public Service Examination.

**A**T the examination for cadet draughtsmen in the various Departments of the Public Service, the following boys from Fort Street were successful in obtaining places:—B. F. S. Telfer, J. B. Degotardi, S. H. Knight, H. C. De Low, N. C. Lagget, E. G. Lindsay and C. W. Kirke.

It will be of interest to know that in the examination for sub-lieutenant in R.A.A. as noted last month, George Firman gained a total of 1050 marks out of a possible 1250, a percentage of 84. In the mathematical section of the examination his percentage was the very high one of 93.5

We have received a copy of the first issue of "The Kurrajong," the manuscript, or rather typewritten journal of 6A Class. From it we cull the following:—

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Under the Kurrajong Tree

A great compliment has been paid to Mr. Joe Taylor's work as a teacher of geography. The Under Secretary for Education, Mr. Board, has asked him to confer with four other gentlemen and arrange for the compilation of a map of N.S.W., to be drawn by the Public Works Department, and, when printed, used as the standard map of N.S.W. in our schools.

Our old friend Mr. J. McMiles has been appointed to the staff in place of Mr. Hutchinson Smith.

Mr. H. W. Smith, B.A., who has been on the staff of this school for the last year or more has been promoted to the position of teacher in charge of the Public School at Henty. We offer him our congratulations.

At the meeting of the Debating Society held on the 23rd instant three lectures were delivered, one by Mr. Lasker on the meaning of Australian Federation, one by Edgar Booth on Life in Other Worlds, and a third by Gordon Godfrey on Peace and War. They were all greatly appreciated.

The Librarian desires to thank the following boys for gifts of magazines to the library during the last month:—H. Ecklestein, Albert Allum, Allan Edwards, D. Christie, L. Cobcroft, J. Morgan, and K. Grieve.

During the past two weeks Herr Macke, who is on his way to take up the position of German Superintendent of Education in Samoa, spent a great deal of his time in the school. His interest in our system of education was intense. He was kind enough to deliver in German two lectures to the boys of Messrs. Lasker and Cusbert's special German classes; one on the chief features of his voyage out, and the other on life and customs in Germany. Herr Macke is writing a long article on the School, which will be published in one or more German newspapers.

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## : : Girls' Page : :



### Tennis.

#### Old Girls' Union v Fortian Tennis Club.

##### Ladies' Doubles.

Misses Cox and Evans v Kathie Martin and Nellie Cook, 0—6.

Misses Nelson and Davis v Emily Stuart and Hilda Kirkpatrick, 1—6.

Misses Cox and Evans v Emily Stuart and Hilda Kirkpatrick, 5—6.

Misses Nelson and Davis v Kathie Martin and Nellie Cook, 0—6.

The result was an easy win for the Fortians.

During the afternoon the players and visitors partook of afternoon tea, kindly provided by the Old Girls.

The Return Match will be played on Saturday, 21st. August.

#### Girls' Literary & Debating Society.

THE above Society held a meeting on Friday, 2nd July.

Miss Evans read an interesting paper on the "American Civil War," in which it was shown how much the writings of James Russell Lowell, Whittier and Harriet Beecher Stowe helped on Abolition of Slave Trade, and how the conflict between Northern and Southern States after "Missouri Congress" became a terrible Civil War.

After the reading, a vote of thanks was proposed to Miss Evans by the girls. The subject for next debate was decided to be "Is Civilisation a blessing to Mankind."

### L and D Society.

#### Syllabus.

THE syllabus for the six months, ending December, 1909, is as follows:—

July 23rd.—Lecturettes. July, 30th.—Manuscript Journal. Aug. 6th.—Debate. Aug. 13th.—Lecturettes. Aug. 20th.—Debate. Aug. 27th.—Manuscript Journal. Sep. 3rd.—Debate. Sep. 10th.—Australian Day. Sep. 17th.—Debate. Sep. 23rd.—Manuscript Journal. Oct. 1st.—Vacation. Oct. 8th.—Impromptu Speeches. Oct. 15th.—Lecturettes. Oct. 22nd.—Debate. Oct. 29th.—Impromptu Speeches. Nov. 5th.—Senior Farewell. Nov. 12th.—Mock Election. Nov. 19th.—Debate. Nov. 26th.—Manuscript Journal. Dec. 3rd.—Debate. Dec. 10th.—Lecturettes.

Half-Yearly Meeting, July, 2nd. Report and Balance Sheet read and adopted. Both were very satisfactory, showing that the society had passed through a half-year of progress.

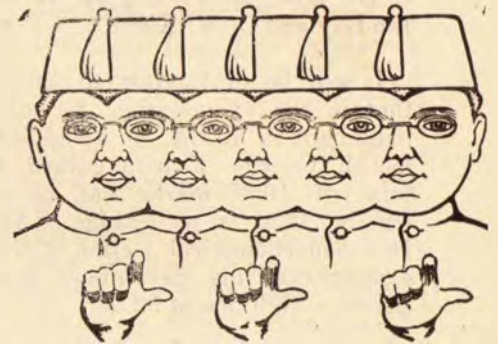
Officials for ensuing half-year:—  
President—Mr. Kilgour. Vice-Presidents—Teachers of Senior and Junior Classes. Schoolboy Vice-President—R. Noble. Secretary—E. Leask. Treasurer—G. Godfrey. Editor of M.S. Journal—C. Bray. Sub-Editor—C. Collier. Committee—J. Ferguson, G. Harden, A. Sims, P. Burns, G. Baldick. Auditors—C. Murray and H. Brett.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers.

July 9th.—Impromptu Speeches. Some of the subjects were: "Which is the best game—Golf, Bowls, or Ping-pong?" "Should the Handball courts be monopolised by the Senior Cadets after four o'clock on Drill days?" "How many days

holiday should be allowed to the Senior Class after each Quarterly examination?" "Should this state grant a greater endowment to Scientific Research?"

The speakers of the afternoon were Messrs. Godfrey, Ferguson, Leask, Parker, (V.P.), Burns, Brett, Baldick, Booth and Murray.



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July 16th.—The Premier (Noble) moved that "The Demands of the English Suffragettes should not be complied with" He was supported by Booth, Bray, Ferguson and Flook. The notion was opposed by Leask, Godfrey, Collier, Brett, Burns and Murray. After a very keen debate, lasting nearly two hours, the motion was carried by six votes to five.

### Chess and Draughts Club

**M**R. P. HURT has been elected Hon. Sec. of above club.

During past three weeks 45 new members have joined the club

For the Draughts Tournament there are 36 entries.

The terms of membership are 1s during members whole time at school.

The Hon. Sec. would like to see more boys of the Fifth Classes belonging to the Club.

### Notes on the new Senior Debating Society

**J**UDGING from the character of the First Debate of this Half Year, the prospects are excellent, indeed, it might be said they have never been better.

Leask, Bray, Noble, Godfrey, Collier, Booth and Ferguson all show promise of rivalling the worthiest of their predecessors.

Noble is to be congratulated on being elected to the distinction of Schoolboy Vice-President.

Booth is showing great improvement as a speaker, and with a little more deliberation will do well in the society.

## Fort Street Model School.

### 2nd Annual Sports Meeting in September.

#### PROGRAMME.

Event			Entry Fee
1.—2nd and 3rd Class Handicap,	100yds	...	3d
" 2—4th	" "	...	3
" 3.—5th	" "	...	3
" 4—6th	" "	...	3
" 5.—Junior	" "	...	3
" 6—Senior	" "	...	3
" 7.—10 and 11 years championship	" "	...	3
" 8.—12	" "	...	3
" 9.—13	" "	...	3
" 10—14	" "	...	3
" 11.—15	" "	...	3
" 12.—16	" "	...	3
" 13.—School	" "	...	6
" 14.—Senior Relay H'cap (4 members)	400yds	...	6
" 15.—Junior "	" "	...	6
" 16.—Senior Walk Handicap	1 mile	...	3
" 17.—Junior "	½ mile	...	3
" 18.—Bicycle Race	½ mile	...	3
" 19.—Hurdle Race, Senior	440yds	...	3
" 20.—" " Junior	440yds	...	3
" 21.—Distance Handicap	440yds	...	3
" 22.—" "	880yds	...	3
" 23.—High Jump	...	...	3
" 24.—Broad Jump	...	...	3
" 25.—Kicking Football	...	...	3
" 26.—Throwing at Wicket	...	...	3
" 27.—Sack Race, Junior	100yds	...	3
" 28.—" " Senior	" "	...	3
" 29.—Obstacle Race, Junior	440yds	...	3
" 30.—" " Senior	" "	...	3
" 31.—3 Legged Race	100yds	...	3
" 32.—Tug o' war (6 members)	..	...	1s
" 33.—Potato Race	...	...	3d
" 34.—Old Boys' Handicap	100yds	...	1s
" 35.—" " "	880yds	...	1s
" 36.—Sobraon Boys' Handicap	100yds	...	—

Tug o' war teams must not exceed 54 stone in weight.

Boys over 14 years are classified seniors.

Boys under 14 years are classified juniors.

It is left to the discretion of the committee to cancel any races that have not sufficient entries.

The Wandah 2nds challenged Fortians for Monday, 3rd August, but as Wandah were unable to fulfil the engagements, they declared the match forfeited to the Fortians.

The Mulwaree Ladies' Hockey Club have challenged Fortians to a match at Goulburn. We shall, if it can be suitably arranged, send a team at the end of August.



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# Sporting

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## Rugby Notes

**S**INCE our last issue our school team has made its annual trip to play the test matches with the High Schools at Maitland and Newcastle. This year we extended our tour as far as Tamworth, and met a team of juniors from that place. The results of the trip were very satisfactory both on the social as well as on the athletic side.

We arrived in Tamworth at twenty minutes to 6 on the morning of 7th July. The outlook was very disconcerting, as a light rain was falling steadily and surely, damping the spirits of the tourists, who had hoped for a fine day in order to see the farms of the Peel River Valley.

Although the Tamworth oval was all mud and water the juniors very kindly consented to don their footballing clothes to save us from disappointment. This act of courtesy was greatly appreciated by us, for without a doubt the ground was unfit to play upon. As a result the game degenerated into a "swimming, skating, water-chuting, splashing match" as the Tamworth "Observer" describes it. Nevertheless the Fort Street boys displayed better tactics than their opponents, both forward and back division being particularly skilful in "speculating." Flook, as full back, received applause repeatedly for the way in which he used the boundary line without picking up the ball. Watson in the forwards caused much trouble by his clever dribbling and footwork. At times the greater weight of our opponents was much in their favour. McLean was very prominent and saved his side repeatedly.

The game ended in a draw 3 all. Moffatt scored for Tamworth and Rowbotham for Fort Street. The Tamworth "Observer" states that "in the opinion of the onlookers the Fort Street team won by 6 to

3, as the decision of the umpire with regard to a try by Harrison and two others was incorrect."

After the match we were entertained by the Tamworth Juniors. Mr. McCoy, the chairman, in his speech of welcome mentioned the fact that he himself was an "Old Boy, and that without a doubt the boys attending Fort Street now are as fine a type of boy as ever went to the school."

After the dinner we hastened to make up for the loss of sleep sustained while travelling the previous night, and very unwillingly we turned out of our warm beds at 6.30 next morning to catch the early train to Maitland. Several only had time to pick up a piece of toast for breakfast and rush for the train, but they had more time while sitting in the cold train to analyse a curious sinking sensation that disappears only after a good meal.

The Maitland boys met us and looked after us in splendid style. That afternoon we played our first test match, winning by 8 to 6. The match can be described in one word, "splendid."

Both sides played like representatives. Geddes, who represented his district during country week, was opposite Guy Harden, and the latter never once allowed him to pass. Kirke played well till he retired towards the end of the game, but it would be difficult to pick out any who were more brilliant than the others, as every member of the team did his very best. Bray scored a try and Kirke kicked a goal.

On Friday we played our second test match with Newcastle High School. In this match we began to show the effects of the other two matches. We had our opponents defending most of the second half, but were unable to cross the line as often as we should. The game ended in favour of Fort Street by 11 to 8.

We lost the fourth match by 19

to 5. The team was too heavy for us and we were outclassed practically right through the game. As an example to illustrate the weariness of most of us, Carruthers dashed away twice and reached the opposing full back, but had no one near to support him, and we lost the benefit of his good work.

We appreciate greatly the manner in which we were entertained. Thursday night we spent with our hosts at a musical evening, the song entitled "Mr. Dooley" taking the fancy of most.

A drive through the lucerne farms occupied Friday morning, and that evening was spent at a Newcastle theatre. Saturday morning saw us engaged in a tennis tournament at Morpeth (that is those who played tennis), the rest found other means of whiling away the hours. Friendships have been formed during this trip that I am sure will last for many years. We hope to have the pleasure of entertaining our opponents early in August while they are in Sydney in a way that will show how much we appreciated their endeavours to make our journey an enjoyable one.

**F**ORT St. B team played a draw on 23rd July, with Neutral Bay. Wallace secured a neat try for the seconds, and their opponents kicked a goal from a mark.

In the Senior A grade, the premiership, which has been held for the last two years by Cleveland Street, has been obtained by our A team. We defeated Hurlstone and Cleveland Street twice, and the honors are easy with Hurlstone and Cleveland Street, each having claimed a victory.

It is very pleasing for us to have gained this honor, since, for the last two years, we have been second on the list. The standard of foot-

ball in the school has been gradually improving from the low ebb it was at, in 1907.

## Hockey Notes.

ON Saturday, 24th July, the Fortians went to Chatswood in response to the challenge of the Wahoonga Boys' College, and although beaten by 6 goals to nil they had a splendid game, as the boys found the girls no mean opponents. The return match on the Club's own ground will probably be played on Tuesday 4th August.

As we can already see the end of the season approaching a few notes seem appropriate this month.

The competition between the classes will have to be played in August. There being 47 playing members, this will mean (8) eight matches.

Fort Street Old Boys and Girls wish to play against the new members—we want some boys from the present school.

On Tuesday, July, 6th, the Fortians met Cooyanna, and after a splendid game won by (5) five goals to (1) one. The goal shooters were, Elsie Rea (3) and Muriel Sledge (2). Captain Edie Rea managed the team splendidly. The full-backs were excellent.

On Thursday, 24th July, Fortians 1st. played Manly 1st. at Manly Oval. The match was hard and even, but Fortians won by three (3) goals to one (1) goal. Shooters for Fortians Marjorie Moore (1); Aimee Ingameels (1); and 1 penalty goal. Miss Bourke and Mr. Wood took the lines. The afternoon was most enjoyable, and Manly ladies are anxious to meet Fortians again, as soon as possible.

## The Handball Club.

### The Championship Tournament

Superfluous Lags the Veteran on the Stage

THE tournament to determine the holder of the Championship of the Handball Club for the 1909 Season was brought

to a conclusion during the last month. Additional interest was imparted into the series of contests by the fact that a well-known authority on handball, golf and kindred games had given it forth as his opinion that the 1908 champion—the so-called veteran—had developed the early symptoms of senile decay, and was wandering superfluously round the courts to the discomfort of members.

Already the future holder of the coveted honor had been marked out in the scribes mind, and it but remained for the prospective champion to lounge nonchalantly through a series of would-be contests to receive formally the distinction.

How dangerous it is to draw grave conclusions from an insufficiency of data was strikingly demonstrated by the result for the indisputed and indisputable champion of the club for the year is again—Mr. Lasker. Fenwick, McLelland, Bray, Silberthau, Flook, Railton, Frecker and Mr. Lasker felt they had good claims to the championship, but the general opinion in view of the champion's defeat by Frecker, in a match in the earlier part of the season was that the contest lay between McLelland and Fenwick.

The result of the first round was to have Lasker, Silberthau, McLelland and Railton to carry on the fight. Railton was incapacitated from further participation in the contest, by reason of a knock received at football, and the draw for the second round brought McLelland and the champion into the contest. The result was to have the possession of the championship undisturbed. There was not much interest in the final, for the veteran had rehabilitated himself in the eyes of all, and good player though he be, Silberthau was not considered a match for the champion. That the latter had no easy road to his goal, on this occasion, will be seen from the fact that he had to meet the most favoured aspirants successively. In his first round he was drawn against Fenwick, the only man who was regarded as a match for McLelland.

Fenwick's performances of late had been little short of brilliant, but the veteran lagged so badly

that Fenwick still required 14 at the conclusion of the contest.

The match with McLelland followed, for Silberthau had drawn the bye. All interest was centred on this contest as it was agreed the winner would have little difficulty in the final. McLelland was undoubtedly the favourite. His consistently brilliant play, the variety of his long and short serves, his admirable placing, his use of the side wall, and his general trickiness all combined to place him uppermost in members' estimation. Unfortunately Mac. suffered from a bad headache, but we understand the result would not have been different under the very best conditions.

It is no exaggeration to say the result astounded the critics, for the veteran again lagged so badly that Mac. was passed out to the tune of 34 to 19. The champion never left the contest in doubt.

His accurate and sound placing, his alertness, his terrific smashes, his effective returning seemed to demoralize his opponent. Everyone now admits that the conclusion formed early in the season was unwisely premature. The champion's right to the honor is not questioned. He won by overwhelming supremacy in the points of the game, as a perusal of the result shows:—

Against Fenwick, 31—17  
 " McLelland, 31—19  
 " Silberthau, 31—14



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The scribe referred to above was undoubtedly right—The Veteran lags Superfluous on the Stage—He lags superfluous for aspirants to the coveted honor. With the veteran out of the way no doubt some others would have undoubted claims. As we said last year it is sad to think that a veteran can so easily dispose of the youth of the school. Undoubtedly there is not the same high standard of excellence as obtained a few years back, when Barnes was the champion, and the present champion was passed out in the first round.

However championship honours are not yet beyond the attainment of these aspirants, and some balm may be obtained for their wounded feelings.

We understand that the girls have formed a handball club and are now contemplating an inter-club contest, to determine the champion of the two clubs. The veteran could not of course participate in such contests, but it might furnish these aspirants with the opportunity to gain distinction in the handball world.

However it would be well not to form precipitate judgment on this occasion, for that would again count disaster. We should advise members of the club to practice assiduously, to leave no stone unturned, so as to meet the girls, champion, in the pink of condition.

Mr. Lasker the champion of the Handball Club was presented by the President of the club, Mr. Kilgour with a handsome knife as a recognition by members of his play and service to the club. The action of the members was much appreciated by the recipient.

The sensation of this month has been the defeat of McLelland and Frecker by Flook and Bray—the representatives of the Junior Seniors. Needless to say the J.S. are jubilant over the result. Should Flook and Bray win the Double Championship it will constitute a record for the club.

Flook is undoubtedly a player of great promise. He will have to be watched in all future contests.

The results of the Doubles Championship so far are:—

McLelland and Frecker beat Railton and Morgan.

Railton and Morgan beat Flook and Bray.

Railton and Morgan beat Silverthau and Symonds.

Flook and Bray beat Silverthau and Symonds.

Samson and Lasker beat McLelland and Frecker.

Samson and Lasker beat Railton and Morgan.

The contest Flook and Barry v. Samson and Mr. Lasker is arousing much interest.

## Australian Football.

By ROVER.

**S**INCE the last issue of the "Fortian" the school team has participated in three matches, whilst several of the members played in the Combined New South Wales Team against the Californian Boys.

The first match was that played against No. 3 District (Illawarra) on Metters' Paddock, Erskineville. As the boys of this district are somewhat diminutive, good football was out of the question, and our representatives contented themselves with playing handball and combination tactics. Mr. Selle umpired the match and gave every assistance to the opposing side by "speeding" them whenever an opportunity arose.

Just before full time it was discovered that our team were in arrears as far as the scores were concerned. This was soon remedied, the final scores being 35 points to 25.

### Fort St. v. Petersham.

Friday July 5th was the date when these old-time rivals first met during the present season. The venue was Leichhardt Oval, at which a goodly concourse of youthful and adult spectators witnessed an interesting and instructive football match.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Geo Perry (Burwood) the boys of that school were present, but as to which team they supported I could not learn. "Rover" in the course

of a chat with Mr. Henderson (Petersham) learned that the "Blues" were present to win, and though it proved otherwise, the fault did not lie with the individual players.

Stafford having won the toss, decided to kick with a light breeze, and the game commenced under the admirable guidance of Mr. Shannon (Sydney Training College) who umpired the game efficiently and well.

The first quarter resulted in a lot of give and take play, the interval ending with the scores—Fort St., 4 goals 1 behind (25 points) to Petersham's 2 goals (12 points).

The game in the second quarter was much in our favour, mainly through the fine play of Stafford, Crozier, Phelps and O'Grady. In the second half our team easily demonstrated their superiority by kicking 4 goals 4 behinds to 3 behinds. The final scores were—Fort Street, 11 goals 7 behinds (73 points); Petersham, 3 goals 4 behinds (22 points).

The scores are by no means an indication of the calibre of the teams. Petersham played soundly, fairly and well, and are to be congratulated on their sportsmanlike effort.

Goals were kicked for Fort St. by Cullen-Ward 4, H. Kinninmont 2, W. Stafford, Crozier, Ferrin, Pooley and Leggett; Petersham's were kicked by Moffatt (2), and Kelly (1).

On Friday, 12th July, in order to give the youthful members of the club a participation in the matches the team journeyed to Double Bay, and there, after a clever, interesting and delightful struggle, defeated the Bays by 37 points to 27.

O'Grady captained the team, and although a little "sore" in dignity only led his team well. Cullen-Ward proved himself to be a capable and efficient umpire. The little outing was appreciated by the members of both sides, good feeling being demonstrated right throughout the game. The youngsters all played admirably, and Mr. Stafford is to be complimented on the sterling play shown by his youthful supporters.

N.S.W. team met and defeated easily the American Boys on the Sydney Cricket Ground. The Californians showed apt attention and picked up many points of the game quite readily. They should prove formidable opponents on their return from Westralia in August.

Mr. Selle (secretary) has a beautiful gold medal, kindly donated by Mr. Balding, of W. J. Proud's, for the best individual player of the '09 season. The result will be obtained from the team's personal voting, and will be definitely decided at the conclusion of the competition. "Rover"

thinks a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. Balding for his generous donation.

I notice Kelly, Petersham's late captain, is now located at Fort Street. He has my good wishes for success in all his undertakings, scholastic and athletic.

## Old Boys' and Girls' Union

### Second Annual Dance.

**T**HE long room at the A.B.C reflected to endless distances in the mirrors, the school colors hanging in clusters from every wall, the intervening space illuminated by dainty pink lights subdued to a roseate glow, and, beneath, a glory of maidens and resplendent youths. It was like some mystic garden, such as Chaucer loved, superbly dight "with roses red and white."

Mr. Turner was there, no longer the awful Presence that was wont to inhabit the steps, but a kindly, amiable gentleman, full of geniality—and pride too—in this festival of Fort Street youth. Miss Partridge, also, smiled on the twirling throng with a sympathy belying that austerity with which our feeble imaginations had once clothed her. In the ante-room, in sight of the scene of gaiety, sat Mr. Kilgour, enjoying at the same time, with keen relish, the conversation of Mr. Inspector Smith, who, in his turn, enjoyed, with keen relish, the conversation of Mr. Kilgour.

Imagine yourselves, ye old boys, perched once more upon the seats under the fig trees, meditatively munching your mid-day meal and unconscious of the dreadful alliteration involved in an otherwise excusable act, casting anon glances, shy or sly, across the Neutral Zone to the Asphalt, where winsome maidens, walking in twos and threes, return glances, sly or shy, or don't return them at all. Mr. Turner proceeds (the correct word) from the Cookery School. How suddenly your attention becomes riveted upon your Second French

Course? Or, again, Miss Partridge assumes a post near the Kindergarten. How demurely and decorously, with what an air of detachment, those winsome maidens walk to fro, linked arm in arm? But the music strikes up, and your dreams resolve into a reality momentarily perplexing; for are you not leading into the throng one of those winsome little maidens, no longer little, yet, on the other hand, more winsome than ever, under the very eyes and smile of Miss Partridge and Mr. Turner?

Just look at Captain H. S. B. Clark. He is an M.C. Red and white ribbons flutter on his coat like decorations. He counts 165 people as they enter the supper-room, and comes in himself as the 166th—which is certainly unselfish of him. At the tables there is a buzz of lively mirth. Suddenly Mr. Kilgour arises, adjusts his spectacles, and says that he is not going to make a speech. He apologises, however, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Board for their inability to be present, and, incidentally, says how delightful it is to have a function of this kind. Mr. Turner, in response to clamorous calls, speaks some manly sentiments with that enthusiasm of his which has always been so contagious. Every word, every glance of his strong face, avows and enkindles a robust loyalty to the Alma Mater and a pride in her grand traditions. He concludes by proposing the toast of the school, coupled with the names of the energetic secretaries of the Old Girls' and Old Boys' Unions. "Energetic" seems

to be a permanent epithet where secretaries are concerned. It is a good thing to know the right way to describe people. Lecture audiences, according to Oliver Wendell Holmes, should always be termed "intelligent"? and other men's wives, according to an experienced gentleman, formerly a teacher at the school, should always be referred to as "charming"—an adjective that imports the maximum of compliment that may be attributed without presumption. But I wander.

Summing up, the dance this year must be accounted an unqualified success. Next year a larger hall will probably have to be obtained. It would not have been a difficult matter to get twice as many Old Boys as were present; but the number of tickets issued was necessarily limited. There is no doubt as to the attractiveness to members of both unions of the Annual Dance.

Sufficient thanks cannot be given to the hon. secs., Miss Florrie Nelson and Mr. Percy Watts for their great and untiring efforts. Mr. Harold Clark proved an excellent M.C. and was ably assisted by Messrs. Davies, Moses and Wall.

The members of the Unions were delighted to welcome the Misses Partridge. Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Smith and Miss Kilgour, Messrs. J. W. Turner, A. J. Kilgour, S. H. Smith, B. Stewart and many other friends. Miss Adelaide Hampton and Miss Kitty Morris added to the enjoyment with songs and music.



## More About Our Golden Age



By a Golden Ager. Part III.

**I** HAVE no numbers of the "Coffee Bean," at least under that title. I had some once, but alas!— I cannot at the moment say how many numbers were issued under that name; probably "P.R.W." can, as he appears to have a copy or two by him. And the first "Adelphian" (the "Bean's" continuation as I have explained) I have by me is No. 3, dated July 23rd, 1900; I should, therefore, infer that the first number under the new name was issued at the beginning of July. All the "Adelphians" were printed on the jellygraph described, and the inauguration of this new mode of production probably quite as much as the departure of one of the proprietors from the Club, accounted for the change. The "We Say" column was a feature of the "Adelphian." It was personal above all things. One of the first "We Say's" I meet in No. 3 is "W.A.R. is surprisingly ignorant on the subject of great mathematicians." This bald saying conveys but little to the *enfant du siècle* of to-day, who knows Sir Joseph or rather Wallace. But W.A.R. was one of the giants of a time when giants trod the earth beneath the Big Fig Tree. Giant he was in stature and length, if not in mental power. Wallace was always a better footballer than French scholar, handier with the ball in his arms than with a mathematical proposition in his hands. When he secured the leather and made up his mind that his side deserved another try Wallace impressed that feat and his personality on the anatomy of his opponents. He was what mild technicality calls a "fending" runner, that is to say opponents who sought to impede his onward course received an unceremonious bump which sent them prone on mother earth, where they lay till the storm was o'er. More often than not, Wallace simply went straight on, not particularly fast

but forcible, making the tackling look ridiculous. The defenders were brushed aside like flies, or clung like ants to the legs and arms of the giant who thought nothing of crossing the line with a couple of pigmies hanging to him in this futile fashion. He would come down to score, perhaps, on top of these unfortunates; but it was their own fault. Wallace was undoubtedly the mainstay of the forwards. If he still plays he is probably in the same position.

The Harbour Trust where, at later advices, he was one of the army that administer the affairs of our port, have, I believe a pretty fair football team. The papers comment referred to a specific incident. One day in class a young and earnest teacher was initiating us into the mysteries of trigonometry (I think) the afternoon was a beautiful one, much too good to waste on study. Seriously a lot might be said for a curriculum elastic enough to let its pupils turn the leaves of Nature's book occasionally on a fine afternoon. Wallace I know was thinking of football; perhaps at that very moment he was forcing his way over the line. Anyhow, the teacher was injudicious enough to interrupt by some paltry query about the sine of 45 or something equally trivial. Wallace's ignorance was Pacific in its extent. "Come," said the instructor to the student whom the sine eluded. "It's in Lock, you know." This might in ordinary circumstances have served the matter. But in a moment the deep bass of Wallace was heard growling "Who is this man, Lock?" It was the first occasion on which this new note scepticism had been introduced, and for many of us I am sure it sapped the foundations of many of the great mathematicians of the past. We looked at the feet of these gods of old and found they were clay.

The domain of one of the greatest

of them had been threatened, nay his very right to existence questioned by a modern of the moderns,—for I think I am right in claiming Wallace for the neo-pagans, unconscious though he might have been. The challenge thus thrown down to the trigonometrical world was never taken up as far as I am aware. Hall and Knight, Penlebury, Hough and the rest remained cowed within their dens with Euclid and Colenso—but does not Old Omar say it well:

They say the lion and the lizard keep  
The courts where Jamshyd gloried and  
drank deep;  
And Bahram, that great hunter—the wild  
ass  
Stamps o'er his head, and he lies fast asleep.

I should not care for the comparison to be pushed too closely in the above. The occasion was one worthy to rank beside Luther's nailing of his thesis to the cathedral door of Wittenberg. But while I have my Rubaiyat open let me record how perfectly it has always seemed to define the attitude of the emancipated mind toward mathematics:

Myself when young did eagerly frequent  
Doctor and saint, and heard great argument  
About it and about; but evermore  
Came out by the same door as in I went.

In this same issue occurred the famous 21st out of 45 gibe. On the same page is a hit at one of the class whose moustache was beginning rather precociously to appear. The next three pages of the paper (owing to the exigencies of the graph was printed in peculiar fashion, requiring the reader to jump about from place to place in reading) are taken up by my *jeu d'esprit* "Goliath and Some Pigmies," of which I was very proud at the time, and which I shall reproduce in next issue. It was modelled I remember on Victor Daley's "Narcissus and Some Tadpoles," published in that brilliant but brief magazinelet "The Book-fellow" some time in 1899.

To be Continued.

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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.

## Editorial Notice.

THE FORTIAN has several advertising spaces to let. The Editor would be glad if boys and girls whose parents are in business would bring this fact under their notice. List of advertising rates may be had on application to the Editor.

We have long been desirous of devoting more space in this magazine to the girls and their interests. Miss M. H. Leslie has now undertaken the Editorship of the Girls' Pages, and will be responsible for all girls' news. Contributors, therefore, should send their articles to Miss Leslie, and not to the Editor, as formerly. Old Girls should also get into communication with Miss Leslie if they have any news they desire to have inserted.

ALL manuscripts intended for insertion must be written on one side of the paper only, and must bear the name and address of the sender (not necessarily for insertion).

The Editor reserves to himself the right to accept or reject any articles submitted to him.

The Editor's decision in all matters relating to the magazine is final, and must be unquestioned.

## The Junior Examination.

NOW-A-DAYS, we hear all sorts of complaints against the evils of examinations; but until a substitute, equally as equitable, and bringing fewer evils in its train, is found, we must be satisfied to stand by the time-honoured examination system.

One of the great objections raised against the Public Examination system is that it leads to cramming. In our own case, we dispute the statement. To pass 93 out of 96 in the one case and 26 out of 30 in the other, and of a total of 119 to have only four pass in less than five subjects, is to us evidence that cramming has in most cases given way to consistent work and rational methods. Again, to obtain an average all round of 6.15 per cent. in the case of the boys and 5.9 in

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the case of the girls, out of a total of seven subjects taken, is more evidence to the same effect.

What we ask is the opinion of the scholars themselves concerning the value of Public Examinations? We ourselves have heard many of them express their absolute faith and confidence in the Public Examination system, for what method of Leaving Certificate can have the weight of the half mark of the University, a body recognising no sect or creed, but judging impartially all alike? Even the most biased of the present-day critics of the University will admit that, though it is not infallible, yet



ERIC CULLEN-WARD.  
Winner of the American Lecturing Tour Competition.

its Public Examination system is as nearly infallible as the weakness of human nature permits.

Until, then, we find some better substitute for the Junior and Senior, let us continue to perpetuate the so-called examination evil. As far as we are personally concerned, in the Junior, we have reason to be glad, and rightly so. A glance at the statistics in another column will show that the average percentage of our passes in each subject is far above that of the whole of the candidates, a proof of thoroughness of preparation, together with great diligence and attention on the side of the pupils. We editorially congratulate all concerned.

# The Junior Results:

## Junior Passes—Boys.

Name	Eng.	Latin	French	Geog.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Hist.	Chem.	Class of Pass
Alexander, Clive	...	...	C	...	...	B	...	A	...	...
Allen, Clifford	...	B	...	...	...	A	...	B	...	...
Alvarez, Jack	...	C	...	C	...	A	...	B	...	...
Bennett, Hermann	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	—	...	...
Bennett, George	...	C	...	—	...	B	...	C	...	...
Biddle, Frank	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	A	...	...
Bradley, Roger	...	B	C	...	...	B	...	B	...	...
Bradshaw, Thos.	...	A	B	...	B	...	A	...	B	...
Brady, John	...	B	...	—	...	C	...	B	...	...
Brown, David	...	C	...	C	...	B	...	A	...	...
Butler, William	...	B	...	—	...	B	...	B	...	...
Campbell, Edward	...	A	B	...	B	...	A	...	A	...
Cocks, Verner	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	C	...	...
Cohen, Harney	...	C	...	C	...	—	...	B	...	...
Cox, Charles	...	—	...	—	...	C	...	C	...	...
Crockett, Vivian	...	B	...	A	...	A	...	A	...	...
Crozier, Foster	...	B	...	—	...	A	...	A	...	...
Cullen-Ward, Eric	...	A	...	C	...	B	...	C	...	...
Curtis, Donald	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	A	...	...
Davidson, Eric	...	B	...	—	...	B	...	B	...	...
Deane, Sidney	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	A	...	...
Dickinson, Cecil	...	—	...	—	...	C	...	C	...	...
Dinsey, George	...	—	...	—	...	B	...	C	...	...
Doyle, Raphael	...	—	...	C	...	A*	...	C	...	...
Elder, Ray	...	C	...	—	...	B	...	A	...	...
Emmerson, Harold	...	C	...	—	...	B	...	A	...	...
Evans, John	...	A	...	C	...	B	...	A	...	...
Evatt, Herbert	...	A	...	B	...	B	...	A	...	...
Flannery, John	...	A	...	—	...	C	...	A	...	...
Forsyth, Edgar	...	B	...	—	...	A	...	A	...	...
Fox, Roy A.	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	B	...	...
Gates, Earl	...	—	...	—	...	B	...	C	...	...
Glover, Ernest	...	C	...	—	...	B	...	A	...	...
Gorman, Ernest	...	B	...	—	...	B	...	B	...	...
Gruen, J. Adolph	...	C	...	B	...	C	...	A	...	...
Hampton, John	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	C	...	...
Harvie, William	...	—	...	—	...	B	...	B	...	...
Hill, William	...	B	...	—	...	C	...	B	...	...
Holgate, James	...	—	...	—	...	C	...	B	...	...
Hollis, Norman	...	C	...	—	...	B	...	—	...	...
Hughe, Arthur	...	B	...	—	...	C	...	B	...	...
Keane, Harold	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	C	...	...
Kelsey, Herbert	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	A	...	...
Laug, Arthur	...	B	...	—	...	C	...	A	...	...
Loten, Chas.	...	B	...	—	...	B	...	B	...	...
Mailler, Fred	...	B	C	...	B	...	...	C	...	...
Marks, Douglas	...	C	...	—	...	B	...	C	...	...
McKeown, Bert.	...	—	...	—	...	A	...	B	...	...
McLeod, Hugh	...	B	C	...	C	...	...	B	...	...
Meredith, Roy	...	—	...	—	...	C	...	C	...	...
Nichel, Frank	...	—	...	—	...	C	...	A	...	...
Miller, Robert	...	C	...	—	...	A	...	C	...	...
Moore, John	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	B	...	...
Murray, Gerald	...	B	B	...	B	...	...	A*	...	...
Mutton, Raymond	...	B	...	—	...	C	...	A	...	...
Noble, John	...	B	...	—	...	C	...	C	...	...
O'Grady, Frank	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	A	...	...
O'Neill, Vennard	...	A	C	...	...	—	...	B	...	...
Osborne, Ronald	...	A	B	...	B	...	...	A	...	...
Peirce, Harry	...	—	...	—	...	C	...	C	...	...
Perry, Walter	...	A	B	...	A	...	...	A	...	...
Phelps, Leslie	...	C	...	—	...	A	...	C	...	...
Phillips, Elias	...	—	...	—	...	B	...	B	...	...
Pines, Cleveland	...	C	...	—	...	B	...	A	...	...
Polyblank, Herbert	...	C	...	—	...	B	...	B	...	...
Pursley, Roy	...	B	...	—	...	B	...	A	...	...
Pye, Chas.	...	—	...	—	...	C	...	C	...	...
Renshaw, Harold	...	B	C	...	B	...	...	C	...	...

## The 1908 Juniors.

Name	Eng.	Latin	French	Geog.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Hist.	Chem.	Class of Pass
Richardson, Clifford	...	...	...	B	A	B	C	C	...	...
Roberts, Wm.	B	C	B	...	C	C	C	...	C	M
Robertson, Leonard	C	...	...	C	C	A	...	C	C	...
Robertson, Robert	A	...	C	A	A	B	...	A	B	C
Ronald, Basil	B	C	B	...	C	C	C	...	C	M
Rowbotham, T. Eben	C	...	...	A	C	B	...	C	C	...
Sands, Sidney	C	...	...	C	B	B	...	B	C	...
Segaert, Edward	B	...	B	B	C	A	...	A	A	...
Simfield, Horace	B	C	C	...	B	A	C	...	B	M
Smith, David	A	A	A	...	B	A	B	...	A	M
Smith, Hudson	A	C	...	...	B	C	C	...	B	...
Smith, Roy	C	...	...	C	A	B	...	B	B	...
Smith, William	B	...	C	B	B	B	...	A	C	...
Stephenson, Fred	B	...	...	A	A	A	...	B	C	...
Swadling, Neville	...	...	...	B	C	C	C	C	B	...
Taylor, Frank	C	...	...	B	C	C	C	B	B	...
Thompson, Garnet	C	...	...	A	B	B	C	C	...	...
Trickett, Oliver	B	...	...	A	B	C	...	B	C	...
Tapling, Henry	C	...	C	B	C	B	...	A	C	...
Valkenburk, Guy	B	...	C	B	B	B	...	B	C	C
Weatherley, Harold	B	...	...	A	B	B	...	B	C	...
Wilburd, Roy	B	B	A	...	A	A	A	...	B	M
Williams, Eric	C	...	...	B	C	B	...	B	C	...
Williams, Herbert	B	C	C	...	A	A	A	...	C	M
Youngreen, Oscar	...	...	...	B	A	C	C	C	C	...

\* Medal.

† Prox. Acc.

96 boys sat for English.  
34 " " " Latin.  
59 " " " French.  
59 " " " Geography.

96 boys sat for Algebra.  
69 " " " Geometry.  
59 " " " History.  
96 " " " Chemistry.

96 boys sat for Arithmetic.

93 boys passed the examination from 96 candidates.

Medals were gained by R. Doyle (Commercial Geography) C. Allen (Commercial History), and Gerald Murray (Algebra).

John Evans gained a prox. acc. in Commercial History.

41 boys passed in 7 subjects.  
30 " " " 6 "  
18 " " " 5 "  
4 " " " 4 "

86 boys passed in Chemistry.

20 boys matriculated, and 8 boys gained Commercial Certificates. No other Commercial Certificates were awarded outside Fort Street.

There were 35 A's in Algebra, and 29 A's in Arithmetic.

Walter Perry scored the best Junior Pass with 6 A's and 1 B.

No boy from the school failed in Algebra.

English.	Latin.	French.	Geog.	Hist.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Chem.
18 A's	2 A's	4 A's	11 A's	12 A's	29 A's	35 A's	7 A's	7 A's
31 B's	10 B's	13 B's	27 B's	19 B's	32 B's	40 B's	12 B's	13 B's
32 C's	12 C's	24 C's	18 C's	24 C's	30 C's	18 C's	34 C's	66 C's

**M**R. KILGOUR has obtained the following positions, among others, for the boys mentioned below, who passed the 1909 Junior:—

Harrison and Bradley: To David Storey & Co.

J. Noble, Kelsey, and Luig: To Harrison, Jones & Devlin.

Harvie: To the Queensland Insurance Co.

Polyblank: To the Sydney Harbour Trust.

R. Robertson: To W. Adams and Co., engineers.

Brady & Perkins: To the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance.

Mailler, Glover & Sid Deane: To the Australian Gaslight Co.

Mutton: To R. L. Scrutton & Co.

L. Robertson: To Burroughs Wellcome & Co.

O. Youngreen: To Rowan's Bond.

Herman Bennet: To Parbury, Henty & Co.

We note also that Ronald and Osborne have been articulated to Solicitors. Pines has gone, and Dinsey and Rowbotham are going on the land. Hill has gone to the Bank of Australasia, and Segaert to Chemical Department of Colonial Sugar Co.

## Junior Authors, 1911.

History.—Expansion of the Empire. Text Books: Woodward's Outlines, 1s 6d, or Woodward's Expansion, 4s, or Jose's Growth of the Empire.

Junior Commercial History.—Text Book: Warren's Landmarks.

English.—Laureata (Arnold), Dickens, "The Old Curiosity Shop."

Latin.—De Bello Gallico, Book VII.

## Senior Authors, 1911

English.—Shakespeare's King Lear, English Odes (Bell).

French.—Feuillet, "Roman d'un Jeune Homme Pauvre; Du Pontet Poemes Choisis."

Latin.—Sallust, Cataline, Cicero. In Catalinam, I & II. Æneid, Book II.

## Junior Results--Girls :

	No. of Subjects	Hist.	Geog.	Eng.	French	Ar.	Alg.	Geom.	Geol.	Botany	Phy.	Draw.	Music	Latin
Mildred Ayling	7	—	B	C	C	—	A	—	—	—	C	—	—	—
Lily Barnett	6	B	—	C	A	B	B	—	—	—	B	—	—	—
Florence Begbie	7	A	A	A	A	B	—	—	—	—	A	—	A	—
Olive Booth	7	C	B	—	C	—	—	—	—	—	B	—	—	—
Olive Dwight	7	A	A	B	A	C	—	—	B	B	—	—	—	—
Joan Glassford	7	B	B	B	C	C	C	—	C	—	—	—	—	—
Gladys Griffiths	7	B	A	B	—	—	—	—	—	C	C	A	—	—
Violet Hill	6	—	A	C	C	C	—	—	B	—	—	—	C	—
Ellen Hindmarsh	6	C	A	C	—	B	—	—	B	—	—	—	—	—
Netta Lawson	7	B	B	B	—	—	—	—	B	—	—	C	B	—
Doris Lee	7	B	A	B	—	—	—	—	—	A	B	B	—	—
Gladys Lee	7	C	A	B	—	—	—	—	—	B	C	C	—	—
Alice Ling	6	—	—	B	C	B	B	C	—	—	—	—	—	C
Pearl Mansley	7	A	B	A	A	—	—	—	—	—	C	—	B	—
Dorothy Martin	6	C	C	B	—	—	—	C	—	—	—	—	—	—
Agnes Moran	6	B	B	C	—	A	B	—	—	—	C	—	—	—
Norma Page	6	C	C	B	—	C	C	C	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marjorie Roberts	7	C	A	B	B	C	—	—	B	—	—	—	A	—
Clara Simmons	6	—	A	B	B	—	—	—	B	—	—	—	B	—
Bertha Skinner	6	B	A	C	—	—	—	—	—	C	C	—	—	—
Mabel Smith	7	C	C	C	C	C	—	—	—	C	—	—	—	—
Renee Streatfield	7	B	A	B	B	—	—	—	A	C	—	—	—	—
Emily Stuart	7	B	B	B	B	—	—	—	—	C	C	—	—	—
Eleanor White	6	B	A	B	—	—	—	—	—	—	C	—	B	—
Nellie White	6	—	—	B	C	C	B	C	—	—	—	—	—	—
Claire Wallace	6	—	—	C	B	B	C	C	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best Pass—Florence Begbie, 24 points.

26 girls out of 30 sent up were successful. One girl matriculated. The average pass per girl was 5.9 subjects. The best pass was gained by Florence Begbie with 6 A's and 1 B (the best pass from Fort Street for some years). Miss Begbie gained also the following honors:—Medal for Physiology, Prox. Acc. for History and Geography. 21 girls passed in at least one or more science subjects.

4 passed in 7 subjects.

13	"	6	"
7	"	5	"
2	"	4	"

Counting all Applicants:—5 subjects scored 100 per cent passes; 5 subjects from 80 to 100 per cent passes; 3 subjects below 80 per cent passes.

Eng.	Latin	French	Geog.	Hist.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Geol.	Botany	Physiol.	Draw.	Music
2 A's		4 A's	12 A's	3 A's	1 A	1 A		1 A	1 A	1 A	1 A	2 A's
15 B's		5 B's	7 B's	10 B's	5 B's	4 B's		6 B's	3 B's	3 B's	1 B	4 B's
8 C's	1 C	7 C's	3 C's	7 C's	7 C's	3 C's	5 C's	1 C	4 C's	9 C's	2 C's	1 C

Girls have the choice of 13 subjects.

# Girl's Page

Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

## Kookaburra Literary and Debating Society.

INSTEAD of having the regulation debate, the meeting of the above Society was of a literary nature, the subject being "The Life and Works of Shakespeare," with Miss Small presiding over the meeting.

A letter was received from Aimée Ingamells, tendering her resignation from her position of Honorary Secretary to the Society. It was accepted with great regret, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to her for the enthusiastic efforts on her part to better the Club.

Rosalie Collins opened the afternoon with an interesting biography of Shakespeare, which was followed by the reading of "The Taming of the Shrew," by Winnie Main.

Ether Mitchell contributed two Shakespearian extracts, the first from "The Taming of the Shrew" and the second from "Romeo and Juliet," which were followed by loud applause. Ethel Taylor read "A Mad Wedding," also from "The Taming of the Shrew," and the afternoon closed with the second recitation by Ether Mitchell.

The subject for the next debate has not yet been chosen, but topics offered by the girls are now under discussion.

On Friday, 7th instant, the girls of 5C entertained the 5B and 5A Classes with readings on "Girl Life in China and Japan." Interesting papers were read by Vera Austin, Mary Collins (China), Winnie Dibden, and Beryl Foster (Japan). At the conclusion a vote was taken, resulting in Winnie Dibden taking first place and Vera Austin second. This is, we hope, the first of a long series of entertaining discussions.

## Girls' Literary & Debating Society.

WE were much amused on Friday, 6th, though we could not help admiring the pluck of three of M1 debating against three of Ex-7A girls. The subject debated was: "Is the civilisation of to day a blessing to mankind?" The M1 affirmed the statement, the Ex-7A's forming the Opposition. Though the Ex-7A's won, we think that in time the M1 will, with practice, be able to compete more favourably with the Ex-7ths.

Esta Mitchell shows great promise of becoming skilled in the art of oratory; her sister, Joyce, also deserves a word of praise for the heroic though unsuccessful attempt she made to bring victory to her side, after Aimée Ingamell's somewhat wandering - off - the - track epistle.

We cannot give more praise to Margaret Marley and Dorothy

Perry than to say they quite came up to their usual brilliance, and we heartily congratulate and welcome Daisy Cavendish, who, judging by her first appearance on Friday, will shortly become a prominent speaker in our Society.

It was decided that a "Lightning Journal" afternoon should be held on 3rd September.

## Tennis Match.

THE Return Match between the "Fortian" and "Old Girls" Tennis Clubs was played on Saturday afternoon, 21st August.

Misses Nelson and Davies v Nellie Cook and Emily Stuart, 2-6.

Misses Cox and Evans v. Kathie Martin and Alice Nash, 3-6.

Misses Nelson and Davies v Kathie Martin and Alice Nash, 2-6.

Misses Cox and Evans v Nellie Cook and Emily Stuart, 1-6

Result:—Win for Fortians, 8-24.

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## Hockey News.

THE Fortians again met Wahroonga College on Tuesday, 3rd August. The boys played very hard, but only succeeded in beating the girls by 2 goals. The match was played in the Domain, and refereed by Mr. G. C. Johnstone. He considers that the girls show much better combination than the boys. The Fortians expect to meet the College again in September with a mixed team.

## Past Fortians v Present Fortians.

This match was played in Sydney Domain on Thursday 19th August, by mixed teams of four men and seven girl players a-side. The Present Fortians were captained by Mr. B. I. Swannell, and the Past Fortians by Mr. Reg. Moses. Misses Bourke and Matheson refereed the match, which resulted in a draw. Both sides struggled hard to win, but appeared to be too equal. The return match is being arranged.

The return match Present v Past Fortians was played on Thursday, 27th August, on Sydney Domain, and won by Present Fortians by 2 goals, Morgan and Silberthau scoring one each. Mr. Reg. Moses' team played well, but suffered from the fact that only three men played. Mr. B. I. Swannell's team played splendidly throughout the game. Miss Bourke refereed.

## Badge Competition.

The Selection Committee of the Fortians—Misses E. Craig, Elsie Rea, Edie Rea, M. Moore and A. L. Bourke, and Mr. B. I. Swannell—arranged the teams for the Competition on 22nd July, and the first match was played on 29th. The teams are:—Our Girls, Captain, Edie Rea; Invictæ, Captain, Dot Cooper; Cygnets, Captain, Aimée Ingamel's; Quid Nuncs, Captain, Hylda Kirkpatrick.

The first round has been played with the following results:—

Team.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Comp. Points.	Goals For.	Goals Agst.
Old Girls...	2	0	1	5	15	1
Invictæ ...	1	0	2	4	10	4
Cygnets ...	2	1	1	3	6	4
Quid Nuncs	0	3	0	0	0	25

The Quid Nuncs have been most unfortunate, as they have not had a full team playing in any match.

## The "Old Girls" Tennis Dance.

VERY enjoyable Tennis Dance was arranged by the "Old Girls" Club at Baumann's Café, Pitt Street, on the 5th August. The Club members acted as hostesses for the evening, and wore the Club colours—red and white. The Committee was Misses Maud Wardrop, Florrie Nelson, Alice Evans, Laura Wood, Alice Hume, Eme Davies, Gerty Hodge, and Hilda Cox, all wearing miniature tennis racquets as badges.

The dance was a great success both socially and financially. The attendance numbered 150, including Miss Partridge and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Turner. The ball and reception rooms looked very gay during the evening, dancing being enjoyed and kept going from 8 till 12 p.m. by the energetic Ms.C.

The supper room was thrown open at 10.15, the tables being decorated with elegant palms and very tempting dishes. Before returning to the ballroom, Mr. Turner proposed a vote of thanks to the executive and Misses Cox, Davies and Evans. Mrs. Stewart and Miss Nelson played the extras.

## Medical Examination at the University

Fort Street Boys.

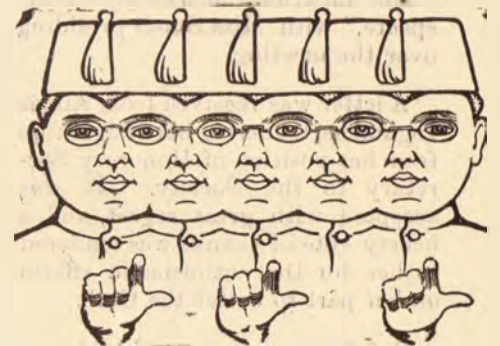
Fourth year: Passed with distinction, B. J. M. Harrison, I. M. Barrow, B.A.

Passed with credit, A. L. McLean, B.A.

Pass, H. G. Humphries,

## 7A C & D Society

On Friday, 20th August, the subject was "Manuscript Journal." Some of the contributions were:—"Airships or Aeroplanes," "One of Those," by Dreadnought, "Our last Debate," by a Relation of the Chief Scalper, "The Lame Boy of 7A," by Fishy, "A Dream," by We & Co., "The Ass," by 'Layamon,' and "Simple Simon," by Rudolf Augustof.



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### Rugby Notes

**T**HE football season has practically finished, and for us it has been a most successful year.

Our Seconds won the Senior B Grade Competition, losing one match out of eight. This is the first time that we have entered a team in any grade lower than A. The Seconds average 8 st., and are to be congratulated on their win. There are many promising players among them who will be fit to step into the places left vacant in the First Team next season.

The Firsts were also successful, being the "premiers" for 1909. They won every match by a wide margin. The last match of their competition was played against Cleveland Street, and was won by us by 18 to 0.

The School played a return match with the Waverley High School, and again defeated them by about 30 to 0.

Newcastle High School played us on 19th August on the Sports Ground. At first it seemed that they would win. They scored 5 points in a few minutes, but Fort Street livened up, and pressed their opponents to such an extent that they were utterly worn out. The game ended in a win for us by 18 to 5. Next day Newcastle defeated the Combined Schools by 17 to 14. So our team should be able to defeat the Combined team easily. Fort Street defeated Maitland High School by 9 to 0.

The annual match with the Old Boys was won easily by the Present School. It was played on Rushcutters' Oval. When the final whistle sounded the score was about 28 to nil. Guy Haraden, as five-eighth, played splendidly, scoring 3 tries.

The Class Competitions have been finished. Mr. Allen's team won the A Grade, Mr. McNiven's team the B Grade.

The winners of the Senior A and Senior B Grades will be presented by the P.S.A.A. Association with framed photographs of each team shortly.

### Australian Football.

By ROVER.

#### Fort Street v Burwood.

**T**HE above match, played at Erskineville Oval on Friday, 13th August, resulted in a win for Fort Street by 8 goals 8 behinds (56 points) to 3 goals 5 behinds (23 points). The game was contested in the best spirit with the Junior Grade premiers, and much good will result from the instructive and well-fought-out battle. Messrs. Selle and Perry umpired capably each half of the game.

## NEW ADDRESS

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## Fort Street v Petersham.

The second meeting of these two Clubs took place also at the Erskineville Oval on Wednesday, 18th August, prior to the New South Wales v Collingwood match. An excellent crowd watched the proceedings with keen interest, the partisans both of the "blues" and the "reds" being many in numbers. At the outset neither side prevailed, good strenuous play being evident. The combination, however, of Fort Street was at fault, the players resorting to individual play rather than to their proper system. At the end of the first quarter the scores were: Fort Street, 2 goals 3 behind (15 points) to 2 behinds (2 points).

On resuming, Petersham took full advantage of the fair wind blowing and scored 1 goal 3 behinds (9 points) to 1 goal. Good play was shown by Stafford, Kinninmont and Hankin, and for Petersham Dunbar and Kelly were noticeable.

It was during the third quarter that the superiority of Fort Street was displayed openly to the now interested crowd of spectators. Fort Street scored 3 goals 3 behinds to their opponents' nil during this term, and in the final quarter 2 behinds to 1. The full-time scores were thus: Fort Street, 6 goals 8 behinds (44 points); Petersham, 1 goal 6 behinds (12 points).

This match practically decides the Competition for 1909, as throughout the season the School has not suffered a single defeat.

The goals in the above match were kicked by Stafford (3), Kinninmont (2), and Cullen-Ward.

of the Fort Street team were directly concerned in this particular,

The Riverina trip has been "held up" indefinitely until word arrives from Melbourne as to whether the New South Wales lads would be required there in September.

"Rover" anticipates fully eight Fort Street boys to be among the representatives of this State.

The American lads are at present in Fremantle, W.A., and will probably return to Sydney before the end of the month. The winner of the American Tour Competition for N.S.W. schoolboys, Eric Cullen-Ward, will accompany the American lads on their return home.

## Notes.

"Rover" wishes to thank, through the columns of the "Fortian," the Secretary and the Trustees of the Erskineville Park Trust for their generous treatment in allowing the various lads in the Australiar. Rules Competition the full use of the Oval for practice matches. Several

The medal donated by Mr. Balding, of Messrs. W. J. Proud & Co., will be distributed to the winner at the end of the current month. The selection will be from among the team by personal voting.

## : : About an Exile : :

**W**LD Boys and others will be glad to learn that one of our exiles is coming home to take a good position in professional life here. This is an old chum of mine, a son of Captain W. H. Mason, of the training ship "Sobraon," and elder brother of Harold Mason, William Henry of that ilk (Junior 1899, Senior 1901, both distinguished passes), who after a successful course at the University, winning the Deas-Thomson Scholarship in Physics, left these shores in August, 1905, with his Bachelor of Science degree, to complete a course of electrical engineering and gain wider experience in America. The trouble here (though fortunately it

seems to be diminishing) is that so few opportunities of all-round experience are offered the young men in this, the youngest of professions. So our most brilliant graduates often exile themselves, though only for a time, since all sensible people agree that Australia is the best country in the world to live and die in, and that Sydney is the most charming city in Australia. So there you are. They all come back to us, and we are not a bit surprised some afternoon to see a bronzed and bearded (?) warrior, with travel stains upon him, "just off the boat," so that you can almost see the weird hotel labels sticking all over his anatomy, stroll in at the



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happy moment when we are feeling at our dullest of the day, and scarcely need to invite us to come out and let the spicy sea-breeze blow the cobwebs off our brains. It is always happening and the better since unexpected.

Those who know Will Mason are in no danger of fainting when they hear that, in the American phrase, he "got busy" as soon as he

arrived. He has been busy ever since. His first objective was the M.E. (Master of Engineering) degree at Cornell. Cornell is about the biggest and best engineering school in the world. I'll corral him when he arrives in Australia and make him write the "Fortian" something about it. He graduated in June, 1907, after a course in which he averaged something like 90 per cent. Since then he has been in

the apprenticeship course of the Westinghouse Company at Pittsburg, and twelve months with the Mahoning and Shenango Railway and Light Company, Youngstown, Ohio. All this has given him extensive experience. In securing him as assistant lecturer in electrical engineering, the Technical College has gained a good man.

G.O.W.

## More About Our Golden Age.

By a Golden Ager.

**B**Y way of preface, I may explain that the names, following seemingly the usage made classical by Shakespeare in the "Midsummer Night's Dream," reflect features of personality or attire. I resist firmly the temptation to disclose the actual names of characters, though I am not commercial enough to circulate them and ask what the abstention is worth. Suffice it to say that they have all become famous since. The significance of the title is not clear. It was not meant to be. The diabolical editorial afterthought was that this doubt as to who was Goliath and who the pigmies, might act like an apple of discord thrown into their midst. I do not remember whether it did. Probably, after the manner of boys, they combined against the common enemy who lampooned them and passed resolutions whose indignation and verbosity were only less remarkable than their rocky grammar.

The "thrilling tragedy" begins with a "Proem to the Seigneur of the street," as follows:—

Bard of the street whose broken tune  
Arises to this top back room,  
Whose hair has in such plenty grown,  
'Tis almost as young Cupid's own,—  
Lend me the magic of thy strings,

Thy scranell-sweet stupidity,  
And while it on the pavement rings  
Ponr note on note enchantingly;  
Thy lyric streaming soars so high,  
It might with Nani's collar vie,  
The pleasaunce of thine organ's moans  
Does put to shame young Bludger's  
tones,  
Thy music's imbecility  
May work Watts' infantility.

All the references in the above 14 lines were to well-known members of the coffee club, nicknamed, schoolboy fashion, from some peculiarity, though I doubt whether even the Secretary of the Old Boys' Union, "man of law" though he be, could discover grounds for a libel action in the age of innocence allotted him, and which gives a large door key to his character throughout. To begin:

### Act 1—Scene 1.

Scene: A coffee den. Several members discovered sprawling or standing in various attitudes. Three are trying to sit on one chair which results in Baby being victorious. Member with a Tie solemnly abstracts his cup from hiding place and drums on it cheerfully. Other members follow his example. Member with collar asks desperately where the key is. "Baby and he dispute on the

point. A general scruffle ensues with the collar underneath.

Collar: (faintly). Go easy! I say Percy where's the Key?

Baby: Don't know, I'm sure; comfortable?

Collar: (loudly). Oh, I say, let us up.

Baby: Do you know where the Key is Willy dear?

Collar: NO!

Tie: He says he doesn't know. Will you go fix it, Willy?

Collar: Go on, that's Percy's job; I —— (He is sat on by the Tie)

Tie: Will you go, Willy dear?

Collar: (desperately). Oh yes; if you like I'll go to——

Tie: (interrupting soothingly). Now Willy, be careful, you may go for the Key,

(Releases Collar who gets up and moves out grumbling).

Member with curls: (suddenly). Oh, I say, Ivo, tell us how to do that deduction—

Tie: (wickedly). What deduction?

Curls: Why, a circle is bisected—

(All the members start suddenly, then Baby takes him by the seat of the pants firmly. Other members help.

Curls: Let me alone, Percy, I only——

(A cup of cold water is poured down his neck by Tie.

Curls: O-o-o-oh (shivers) make it pax, Percy do, I won't talk shop again.

Baby: Can't, it's against the rules. Bring the next cup, Ivo.

Curls: Yow, 'sh, ooh! ooh! (slinks into a corner dejected).

(Re-enter Collar staggering under the weight of several cups).

Baby: Ah, here's Ganymede. (Simultaneously the members make a rush and snatch their cups).

Baby: Gentlemen first, please.

A member: Pooh, you're out of it at that rate.

Baby (wheeling round: Who said that (apologetically)? Oh, was it you, Brewster? Beg pardon.

Member with mo: Oh, but it was Curls.

Baby: Oh, was it you, Curls? Then I'll scrag you. (Rushes at Curls, who escapes round the table).

Tie (trying to keep up the conversation): What about the Chinese Question?

Collar (excitedly): Oh, yes; I was down Wexford Street—

Tie (with a shriek): Down Wexford Street, he says he was down Wexford Street.

Baby: What were you doing down Wexford Street, Willy dear? (Collar subsides).

A Pause.

Collar: She's ready.

Baby (carrying away a brimming cup is pushed), Oh give it a rest, Ivo.

Tie: Oh, who was that girl you were with the other night, Percy?

Baby: You flat, that was my sister, wasn't it, Curls.

Curls: No, it was'nt. You told me your sister was away.

(Baby rushes at Curls who is shielded by members).

Tie: No you don't Percy, I can prove who it was if you're not afraid to turn out your pockets.

Baby (mystified), What for?

Tie: Never mind.

(Baby does so. With a shout of triumph Tie snatches a piece of ribbon. What's this (reads), From your loving Esmeralder.

Ha! ha! I heard your instructions to keep it for a week. Baby picks up his bag and walks out.

Other members: Got him that time, Ivo.

(Exunt Omnes).

Continued.

## Old Boys' Union

*Arrangements have been made with the Old Boys' Union for the supply of the "Fortian" month by month to financial members of the Union, without further charge. The "Fortian" will thus, it is hoped, become a potent factor in carrying out one of the principal objects of the Union viz: "To keep Old Boys in touch with the School." Old Boys are invited to send contributions to the Editor; particularly personal paragraphs concerning the doings of themselves and other Old Boys.*

**T**HE Annual Dinner will be held at Sargents' Rooms in Market Street, on Saturday, 18th instant. Tickets (6s.) may be obtained from the Hon.

Sec., Mr. P. R. Watts, 12 Castle-reagh Street, City. Readers are requested to bring this function, which to the Union is the event of the year, under the notice of all Old Boys with whom they are acquainted.

Following on the success of the Annual Dance, the Old Girls' and Old Boys' Unions have decided to join forces once again by holding a Reunion at the School on Saturday afternoon, 18th instant. A concert programme will be rendered, and the tennis courts will be open for play. This Reunion will have all the charm of novelty, and should prove very attractive. Tickets (1s.) may be obtained from the respective Secretaries.

Old Boys will regret to hear that owing to the large demands upon his time, Mr. A. C. W. Hill has been compelled to relinquish his office as Hon. Treasurer of the Union. Mr. Hill will not, however, cease to take an active interest in the Union's affairs. He now fills the vacant position on the Committee caused by the election of his successor, Mr. S. A. McIntosh.

Mr. McIntosh is one of those typical Fort Street boys who, in the early days, used to come "all the way from Pymble," when Pymble might have been called, with all due respect, an out-of-the-way place. He left the School in '97, and has since made rapid strides in commercial life.

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## : : Notes and News : :

**T**HE Second Annual Sports Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 15th instant, at the Sydney Cricket Ground, commencing at 1.30 p.m. A good roll-up is necessary in order to make the annual function a success.

During the coming Michaelmas vacation, the whole of the School buildings are to be repaired and painted. We were of opinion that the Practising School was almost beyond repair, but with a coat of paint it will serve perhaps another decade.

It is several years since the Girls' Department has seen such a fine scholar as Florrie Begbie. Six A's and a B, a Medal, and two Prox. Accs. fall to the lot of very few girls now-a-days. We are sorry that Florrie Begbie has not decided to continue her studies with a view to entering the University.

The friends of Mr. H. T. Lovell, M.A., one-time assistant at Fort Street, and lately Woolley Travelling School of the University of Sydney, studying at the University of Jena, Germany, has obtained the degree of Ph.D. of the latter University. We offer Dr. Lovell our congratulations. He will be in Sydney again in November next.

A number of this year's Junior boys have returned to School to study for the Senior Examination. We are glad to welcome to the Senior Room Dave Smith and Hudson Smith, W. Perry, Bert Evatt, Dave Brown, A. Gruen, Holmes, Clive Alexander, Roy Wiburd, W. Roberts, Gerald Murray, Bradshaw, Crockett and Davidson.

The Librarian desires to thank Phillips, of 6C, for presenting the Library two books by Frank Bullen.

The Honour Cap Committee will probably meet this month in order to consider the claims of this year's sporting men to that coveted honour.

R. Morgan, A. L. Smith, C. C. Allen all passed the examination for temporary clerkships in the Public Service.

The Librarian desires to thank A. Johnston, B. Green and Gorman for gifts of magazines to the Library.

Fort Street has proved its undeniable superiority to all the other Public Schools, in so far as football is concerned, by winning easily both the First and Second Competitions.

It will be observed from the Notice Boards that the Annual Sports Meeting of the P.S.A.A.A. will be held on the 22nd instant. As last year, we should carry off the cream of the events.

A copy of "The Animals of Australia," by H. S. Lucas and Le Souef, has been added to the Teachers' Library, and can be obtained for a limited period on personal application. A number of volumes, about 25, have also been added to the School Library. It will also be observed that the Librarian has adopted a new dark-green leather binding. About 30 volumes a month are now being bound in this style.

The "Fortian" desires to offer its sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Todd in their sad bereavement.

We regret exceedingly to have to announce the death of Mr. E. A. McIntosh, one of the oldest Fort Street schoolboys.

Walter Perry is to be congratulated on obtaining the Headmaster's Prize for the best Junior pass. Who is going to obtain the best pass in the Senior?

Reginald Arnott succeeded in passing the Bankers' Institute Examination, and has received an appointment to the Bank of New South Wales.

The arrival of the new Seniors has given a well-deserved impetus to the Debating Society. Things look as lively as ever in that assembly. At the debate on "Arbitration," we were much struck with the careful preparation and forcible delivery of Eric Leask. If not the first speaker in the present Society, he shows promise of soon becoming so.

On Friday, 13th ultimo, the return flag from Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Canada, was unfurled in the presence of the whole of the scholars of the School, together with some hundred or so visitors. The High Commissioner for Canada, the Hon. J. S. Larke, was present, and delivered an address, while the flag was unfurled by Mr. Smithurst, the Hon. Secretary of the Flag Exchange League. The scholars, under the able baton of Mr. Percy Hurt, sang "The Maple Leaf" "Advance Australia," and "Rule Britannia."



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In wreaths of wattle gold,  
Where rivers wander, mile on mile,  
Through valleys green and old;  
Where fragrant orchards clothe the slope  
And burst in petalled flame;  
Dear school we come, on wings of hope,  
And with thine ancient fame  
Be thou the beacon light, we pray,  
To guide us on our thorn-set way.

This world of school is but a place  
Set on the utmost verge  
Of that grim world, throughout  
out whose space  
Incessant turmoils surge.  
Herein we drain the magic brews,  
The strong charmed cups of life,  
That quicken pulse and strengthen  
thews  
And steel us for the strife.

Be thou the beacon light, we pray,  
To guide us on our thorn-set way.



As pilgrims in a cloistered shrine  
 Devoutly kneel and pray  
 A while, then nerved by faith  
 divine  
 Speed stronger on their way,  
 So we, beloved school may stay,  
 A little, in thy shade,  
 Then plunging in the midmost  
 fray  
 Fight on, all undismayed.  
 Be thou the beacon light, we  
 pray,  
 To guide us on our thorn-  
 set way.

The drovers hail the homestead  
 lights  
 That greet them as they roam ;  
 The sailor sees, on stormy nights,  
 The harbour lights of home ;  
 And, 'mid the battle's swirl and  
 stress,  
 The soldier may behold  
 His country's flag float o'er the  
 press,  
 Displaying fold on fold.  
 Be thou the beacon light, we  
 pray,  
 To guide us on our thorn-  
 set way.

Where'er we play our strife-bound  
 part,  
 By sea, in desert air,  
 By upland farm, or busy mart,  
 We'll dare as freemen dare.  
 May every obstacle displaced  
 Add lustre to thy name ;  
 May every danger bravely faced  
 Augment thine ancient fame.  
 Be thou the beacon-light, we  
 pray,  
 To guide us on our thorn-  
 set way.  
 --C. R. Collins, 2/10/09.

### A Lament on being Beaten in the Doubles.

"O H, handball's a game  
 So awfully tame,"  
 Said McLelland to Frecker  
 one day,  
 And the air all around  
 With expletives profound  
 Resounded far and away.

"Our luck, I declare,  
 So exceedingly rare  
 Has been rarer by far to-day.  
 Just think," said he,  
 "Irretrievably  
 Is my sixpence thrown away."  
 "And our honour too,"  
 Rejoined Freck. anew.  
 And he poured forth a copious  
 torrent  
 Not of tears, alas !  
 But of voluble gas  
 Which—in mildest terms—was  
 abhorrent.  
 "Thirty-one to five  
 What person alive  
 Ever made so disgraceful a score.'  
 With no heed to disgrace.  
 Wailed that Scotchman base,  
 'Its my cash more than that I  
 deplore."  
 "To be beaten is sad,"  
 Said the other lad,  
 "But e'en that is decidedly  
 better'n  
 Being taken down  
 By a truculent clown  
 And superfluously lagging veteran."

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# Girl's Page



Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

## The Fortians' At Home.

**T**HE Fortians were "at home" at Baumann's on Thursday 9th September, for their annual "break-up" of the hockey season, and entertained a number of guests, including Miss Partridge and Miss Helen Craig, Messrs. Selle, Cantrell, Hardwick, Ingamells, Morgan, Sampson and Silberthau. Songs and games soon passed the time away till tea was served. After tea Mr. B. I. Swannell was presented by Olga Reeves, on behalf of the Fortians, with a travelling suit case and address, for which he thanked the club heartily, but was too surprised to make a "good" speech.

Miss Bourke was then presented with a delightful hand-bag by Aimee Ingameels, but being quite unable to thank the club Mr. Swannell replied for her. Miss Partridge had the pleasing duty of giving the silver badges and club colours to "The Old Girls" Team, the premiers for 1909, and also presenting the Quid Nuncs with miniature editions of the poets.

Captain Edie Rea responded on the club's behalf in answer to the speeches of Miss Partridge and Mr. Swannell.

Mr. Selle made a charming speech in calling for a vote of thanks to kind Miss Partridge, to which she responded in her happiest style.

The afternoon was a successful ending to a most successful season.

Miss Speck, who exchanged with Miss Davies for three months, returned to Cootamundra after the vacation.

## Re Union

**T**HE members of the Old Girls' Union, Old Boys' Union and many ex-students of Fort Street met at the school on Saturday 18th September.

Miss Partridge, assisted by the committees of the two Unions, saw that everybody was entertained and happy.

An orchestra discoursed sweet music all the afternoon. Miss Florrie Nelson, Messrs Murphy, Davies and others added songs. After tea, when the weather cleared up, Tennis, Quoits, and hand-ball were indulged in.

A musical romance caused great fun; those who copied being paid out. Now came the time to say good-bye, cheers were given for the school, past and present, and a vote of thanks to the Austral Orchestra for their valued assistance and entertainment. Amid many hand-shakings and good wishes Miss Partridge speeded the guests, all feeling happier for an afternoon spent in our old school.

## Kookaburra Literary and Debating Society.

**O**N Friday 17th September, the above Society had a debate with Miss Small presiding. The subject under discussion was "That Books have exercised a greater influence over Mankind than People."

Papers were read by Marjorie Haviland, Doris Ward, Reta Dunbar, and Dorothy Banfield, for the Ministry, and by Rosalie Collins, Gladys Blanksby, Ruby Dorsett, and Edna Williams for the Opposition.

After the papers were read the subject was put to the vote, the

Ministry being completely beaten by a very large majority.

## Geology Excursion to Bronte.

(D. Purvis.)

**O**N Friday afternoon, Sept. 10th, the girls of 7th C and D Geology Class, made a successful trip to Bronte Bay, under the supervision of Miss Frec.

The first thing we observed was the "free-stone" quarry, where the Hawkesbury Sandstone was being quarried for building purposes.

Near by was a miniature canyon, where the action of water and the other weathering agents was clearly marked. At Bronte, river action, on a very small scale can be seen. As the stream meanders it wears out its outer bank first, while it deposits on the inner bank.

The Bay itself is protected by two headlands which are constantly being attacked by the waves. At either end of the bay, there are numerous pot-holes, which again prove the constant work which is being done by the waves.

At Bronte, we have fine examples of lake and cross bedding. From between the two strata, there flowed a small spring, which, after it had flowed along the bedding plane, as far as the strata ran, dripped on to the sand. Where the water met the sand, it hollowed out a bed for itself, and wherever there was a tiny pebble or shell, lying in this area, it so protected it, that there were quite little earth pillars, standing upright, amid the hollowed out portion.

## Students' Farewell.

**A** VERY pleasing function was held on Friday afternoon, 24th Sept., when the 1st year students gave a farewell to the 2nd years, to wish them success in their forthcoming examination.

The first part of the programme was devoted to a very enjoyable musical programme, in which the following girls proffered their services:—

Ettie Taylor, Pearl Mansly, E. Walson, B. Meitzke, M. Bulleace V. Leefson, M. Wagner, R. Collins, E. Black, B. Eastman and the students.

The students item was a dialogue which was especially amusing.

The girls taking part looked their part to perfection. Following this was afternoon tea, a part of the programme very much appreciated. The table was beautifully arranged and altogether showed great credit. Then the 2nd year girls showed their appreciation of the teachers' efforts on their behalf with some beautiful presents.

The afternoon closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the National Anthem.

## Lecture on Wireless Telegraphy.

(A. Maclean).

**O**N Friday, the 17th Sept., Mr. Howe (father of one of our girls), gave a practical demonstration on wireless telegraphy, which he illustrated by means of actual models. The lecture was given in the Junior Room, 130 girls being present. It was highly interesting as well as instructive. Mr. Howe kindly explained the system with patience and questions asked him, by the girls shewed both intelligence and interest on their part. During the lecture Mr. Howe actually sent a message which greatly interested those present. At the conclusion the girls shewed their appreciation by hearty acclamation.

Mr. Howe also delivered the same lecture to the boys.

## Concert.

**O**N Thursday afternoon, 23rd Sept., a concert was held in aid of the school funds.

It consisted of songs, recitations and pianoforte solos, assisted by the pupils of the German class. The latter played one of Grimm's Fairy Tales "The Frog King." The principal characters were:—The King (Kennie Buckler), Princess (Rita Hilliger) and the Frog (Rosalie Collins). The girls were dressed to suit the character, and performed their respective parts with great credit. The younger members of the class also showed what they could do, by performing a short play and in assisting with the songs.

## Class News 5B.

**L**AST month, September, it was the turn of 5B to entertain the other 5th classes. The subject chosen was Indian Life, especially as it affects girl life. Of a possible 60 points May Dexter got 59, Gladys Bramley 58½, Trixie Durie 58, Ella Gardner 57, Violet Rowlings 57 and Ruth Hindmarsh 48. The amount of information gathered by the girls was wonderful, and the audience was interested throughout. A most enjoyable afternoon was thus spent in the library, one also from which the girls gained much benefit.

## 5B Examination Marks, September.

English—

May Dexter, 99½%  
Trixie Durie, 96½%  
Lasca Quist, 92%  
Edith Newcombe and Gladys Bramley, 90½%.

Mathematics—

Ruby Dwight and Dulcie Pierce, 81½%  
Edith Newcombe and Lily Smith, 80%  
Gladys Brooks, 78½%  
Trixie Durie, 75%.

## Girls' Literary & Debating Society.

The above Society held a meeting on Friday afternoon, 3rd September. The subject was "Lightning Journals."

Many enjoyable papers on various subjects were read, the best one being "What I think of myself," which was written by Elsie Currie.

The judges were Miss Evans and Miss Watts.

## Hockey News.

**T**HE Badge Competition terminated on Thursday, 2nd September when the "Old Girls" beat the "Invictal" by 3 goals to one, and are now the Premiers for 1909, and the proud possessors of the Silver Premier-ship badges.

Following are the Competition results:—

Team	W	L	D	Goals for	Goals against	Comp. Points
Old Girls	4	0	1	25	2	9
Invictal	2	1	2	18	4	6
Cygnets	2	2	1	6	11	3
Quid N'cs	0	4	0	0	32	0

The Silver Badges were presented to the Fortian's Hockey Club by B. I. Swannell, Esq., and we take this opportunity of trying to thank him for them and for all his great interest in our club this season.

The competition was keenly contested right through, and the captains of the teams are to be complimented for their good work and their help to the executive committee.

## Sports Match.

Fortians first met the next best eleven at the School Sports and beat them, 4 goals to 1. The game was very interesting, but not so fast as usual. Mr. B. I. Swannell refereed, and Messrs. Reg. Moses and Harry Reid took the lines. Goal shooters for Fortian's first, Elsie Rea 2, Aimee Ingamells 1, Dot Cooper 1; for the seconds, Beatrice Mattheson 1.

## Fortians v Wahroonga College.

The Fortians, a mixed team of 9 girls and 2 men, met the 1st team of Wahroonga College boys, on Sydney Cricket Ground (No. 2) on Saturday, 11th September, and beat them after a splendid game, by 4 goals to 1. The captain of the Wahroonga, Leslie Healy, shot their only goal, and Elsie Rea, Dot Cooper, Aimee Ingamells and B. I. Swannell (Captain), each shot a goal for the Fortians. Mr. P. C. Johnstone refereed.

Owing to the difficulties in going such a distance from home the Fortians were obliged to refuse the kind invitations of the Goulburn and Yass clubs to play Hockey against them this season.

## Basket Ball.

MISS Evans invited 2 teams of Basket Ball players to give an exhibition of the game to the members of "The Club for Working Girls of the University Settlement," which is under the auspices of the University Womens' Society. The game was played at St. Stephen's Hall, Missenden Road, on Thursday evening, September 2nd, and greatly enjoyed. The "Reds" were captained by Marjorie Moore, and the "Blues" by Aimee Ingamells. The game resulted in a draw.

SEVERAL country schools including Bega district have written for rules of the above game.

The Girls' School has lately added to its already valuable equipment the following costly assets:—

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2. Additional framed pictures of suitable subjects.

3. A cyclo-style.

4. A Phonograph for language teaching, viz:— German and French.

5. An Orrery.

## Archery.

IT is proposed to form an Archery club this Summer in connection with the Fortian's Girls' Sports Union. Will those who would wish to join give in their names to the Hon. Secs. during October?

## Honor Caps

### Conditions of Award.

1. Honor Caps shall be awarded only by the General Committee of the Sport's Union acting on the recommendation of the Honor Cap Committee.

2. Candidates for Honor Caps must have been attending Fort Street School for a minimum of two (2) years.

3. Candidates for Honor Caps must have passed the Junior or Senior Examination from Fort Street School.

4. In awarding an Honor Cap regard shall be had to candidate's

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to lead and take a keen interest in his school mates.

5. In awarding Honor Caps the committee shall take into consideration the number of sports the candidates have taken up.

6. Honor Caps shall be awarded annually, at some time prior to the Annual Meeting of the Sports' Union.

7. The maximum number of caps that may be awarded annually shall be four (4).

S. W. CANTRELL, } Hon.  
 E. H. W. PARKER, } Cap  
 W. A. SELLE, } Committee.

Honor Caps have been awarded to:—R. Kinnimont, E. Cullenward and G. Dinsey.

## - Notes and News -

**T**HE Second Annual Sports Meeting shows a profit of about £20. A sum of about £40 roughly, will be devoted to the purchase of trophies.

We desire to call attention to the Advertisement Writing Competition of Laver's Manufacturing Company on another page. The cheque has been already handed to us, and will be paid over promptly to the winner.

The hon. secretary of the Redfern Harriers was present at our Sports Meeting and was so pleased with the form shown by several of our champions that he has invited them to become members of his club. The Walkers pleased him particularly.

The "Fortian" desires to congratulate W. Maclean on winning both the 100 Yards Championship of the School and the Senior Handicap.

Reg. Down has received an appointment to Gibbs, Bright & Co.

Roy Smith has been appointed to Harrison, Jones & Devlin.

George Bennet to an Insurance Co.

Forsyth is to be articled to a leading dentist.

Jack Evans to the Bank of Australasia.

Harry Pierce has passed the examination of the Institute of Bankers.

The Librarian desires to thank Ormsby (4 parcels), Christie and A. Langan for donations in magazines to the library.

### NEW ADDRESS

On and after October 1st., the Metropolitan Business College will be conducted at

**HOLT HOUSE, 54-56-58 YORK STREET,**  
(Near King Street).

Recently, two floors were added to the present premises; but no more space being available, and the business still rapidly increasing, spacious new premises have been taken at the above address. The new premises are in a new building, and are fitted with every modern convenience, including a roof garden for students

**METROPOLITAN BUSINESS COLLEGE:** Present Address: **122 Pitt Street.**

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**J. A. Turnor, A.C.P.A.**

In the first issue of 6D's "Kookaburra" we note the fact that personal notes on the members of the class occupy a prominent position, some of the criticisms being straight to the point. We note two budding orators in Meany and Knight. We cannot say however that the Latin phrases on page 3 show very great original ability, being taken verbatim from Bell's Course. We however quote the last poem:—

THE WIZARD OF THE WOODS.

Adapted from Australian Ballads by J. MacCauley.

When far from the busy haunts of men  
Into the bush I stroll,  
Why must you, Giant Kingfisher, then  
Greet me with laughter droll?

You cease, and through the gloomy trees  
I pace with sense of awe,  
When once again upon the breeze  
Is borne your loud guffaw.

I look aloft on yonder gum  
Where placidly you sit,  
And tell you plainly I've not come  
To listen to your wit.

I'm in no mood for Jackass jest.  
Avaunt! then, silly bird,  
My weary soul demands the rest  
Alas! too long deferred.

But as I roam the bush afar,  
Still louder on my ear  
Oo-ah, Oo-ah, Ko-ko-bur-rah!  
Breaks in your noisy jeer.

Yes, Goturra, it may be  
My words are all unjust,  
You laughed at what you hear and see,  
And laugh because you must.

You've seen man, civilized and rude,  
Of varying race and creed;  
The black-skinned savage almost nude,  
The Jackaroo in tweed.

And here the lubra oft has stayed  
To rest beneath the boughs  
Where now, perchance, some fair-haired  
maid  
May hear her lover's vows.

While you from yonder lofty height  
Have studied human ways,  
And with a satirist's delight  
Dissected hidden traits.

Laugh on, laugh on, and criticise,  
Don't be a cynic, half,  
Use cunning look and peering eyes  
And maniacal laugh.

But let me own, were I endowed  
With your fine humorous sense,  
I too should laugh—aye, quite as loud,  
At all man's vain pretence.

In the second issue the reading matter is relieved by several sketches, while the paper generally is pleasing, chatty and entertaining.

We were pleased to see that Bray succeeded in gaining first place in a hundred yards race with the North Sydney Harriers a Saturday or two ago.

The hon. treasurer desires to thank F. Alldritt, Esq., and C. N. Backhouse, Esq., for their generous donations of one guinea each towards the Annual Sports Meeting.

Life Saving.

ANNUAL Meeting of the Royal Life Saving Society New South Wales Head Centre, will be held on October 19th in St. James' School Hall, Phillip Street. The State Governor Lord Chelmsford will present the Roth Shield to the winning champion team, Fort Street. This team also will give an exhibition of land drill, to be explained in course by Colonel Roth.

Mr. A. T. Hendry, the hon. treasurer of the Society, retires this year from his arduous position. In leaving, Mr. Hendry has the good wishes of every Fort Street boy and girl concerned in the natatorial art, as he has undoubtedly displayed superhuman efforts and philanthropic moves in his everp connection with the sphere of this branch of education.

Swimming

IT is the intention of the Executive Committee of the Swimming Club to see that every boy in the secondary department of the school participates in this humitarian pastime this year.

The annual meeting of the Swimming Club was held in the Main Room on Friday, October 7th when a huge concourse of enthusiasts were present. The proceedings were most cordial and everything points towards a most successful season.

The "Fortian" expresses grateful thanks to Mr. H. Hellings and his capable staff for their assistance during the past season, and sincerely hopes that matters will run along smoothly during the present season.

Albert Barry, the school's one-time champion, is one of the N.S.W champions to take part in the Australasian Championships in Melbourne next February.



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# Old Boys' Union

**T**HE Re-Union of the Old Girls and Boys' Unions on September 18th shows how futile it is after all for a mere rain-god to attempt to mar the enjoyment of young people who have made up their minds to enjoy themselves. The heavy downpour certainly dislocated the elaborate arrangements of the joint committees, but other modes of entertainment were devised, and the afternoon passed very pleasantly. That this was so is due largely to the heroic efforts of the Austral Orchestral Society under the baton of Mr. Moss Chaseling.

The Annual Dinner was held at Sargents' Rooms on the evening of the Re-union. The small attendance was discouraging to the organisers, but the Dinner as a social success, left nothing to be desired. The catering was excellent, which perhaps accounts for the speeches being of the same quality. The toast of the school was proposed by Mr. Q. L. Deloitte, supported by Dr. Storie Dixson and Mr. J. W. Turner. Mr. Kilgour responded. The toast of the Union was proposed by Mr. W. F. McManamey, and responded to by Dr. Bohrsmann and Mr. P. R. Watts.

Present at the Dinner were several Old Boys of distinction who had not previously identified themselves with the Union. Mr. McManamey was, indeed, a very active member of the former Union; but, like many others, he had drifted away. His presence in Sydney on a visit from Dubbo,—where he is practising as a solicitor,—at the time of the Dinner was a happy coincidence:—happy for Mr. McManamey, who dearly loves to meet fellow-Epicures at the festive

board, and happy also for those who heard him at his happiest. Mr. A. J. Hare is a prominent officer of the Lands Department—Senior Inspector, to be explicit—who attended the school in the sixties. He was very pleased to meet old schoolfellows, notwithstanding that their faces were for the most part strange to him. Mr. Henriques, of Messrs Henriques & Co., also made his first appearance.

An interesting question was raised by Mr. Deloitte, when proposing the toast of the School. As far as we can tell, the oldest Old Boy alive is Mr. Downey, who was one of the very first pupils of the School. In the absence of Mr. Downey, who is not, we regret to say, enjoying the good health his school-fellows, young and old, wish him, Mr. Deloitte claimed to be the oldest Old Boy available. Mr. Deloitte was recently honoured on the completion of his fiftieth year of service with the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, so that it is quite a long time since he attended Fort Street.

Mr. Deloitte is not, however, without rivals. Within a few days after the published announcement of the Dinner, he received a letter from Mr. James Fraser of Newcastle. "I joined Fort Street School," wrote Mr. Fraser, "in 1854 and left school about the middle of the year 1857—just before the wreck of the ship "Dunbar." I quite well remember you and your brother Charles who sat next to me in the class. Mr. Wilkins was head teacher. Mr. Bridges was the teacher in the old school at the south end of the building. After a time another addition was built at the west side. Mr. Gardiner was teacher. Mr. Chislett was music teacher, Mr. Fowls

was drawing teacher. Mr. Bradley was teacher of a lower class. I have a prize presented to me by Governor Denison."

Mr. Kilgour, referring to the age of the school, said that he could now definitely state that Fort Street was the oldest school in the Commonwealth. He had been under the impression that The King's School was the oldest; but he found that there was a break of some years in the history of the other institution. Fort Street was the oldest school in the sense of having continuous history.

Mr. E. C. Cizzio has been appointed to the position of Secretary to Hill Clark & Coy., Ltd., on the transformation of the old firm into a limited liability company: Mr. Cizzio is quite young for the position, but those who know him have full confidence in his ability to acquit himself creditably in his new sphere.



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# Sporting

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## Rugby.

**W**E finished the season this year by a trip to Wollongong, where we played a team who styled themselves the "All Blacks." They were not as formidable as their name suggested, and the match was of very poor quality, ending in a win for us by 16 to nil.

The trip itself was a very enjoyable one and the day was perfect. We were entertained by our opponents in the afternoon, and had the pleasure of meeting again Mr. Ferguson, who was formerly of this school.

The day before the Wollongong match we played the last match of the season in the competition and defeated Hurlstone by 37 to 0. The ground was very wet and slippery, so that the advantages was greatly in favor of the Fort Street players, who play well in the mud, especially after the practice they had during their country trip. Carruthers scored 4 tries, Flook 3, Stackleberg 1, O'Grady 1, Druce 1, Bray 1. Morgan and Flook each kicked 1 goal.

About a week after this match was played we received a cutting

from the "Ashfield Advertiser" which contained a report of the match, stating that in the first half Holden scored a try for Hurlstone and Segal did the same in the second half, thus the game at full time was in favour of Hurlstone by 6 to nil.

We do not know who contributed the news, or rather fiction, but can only admire the—*modesty* of Hurlstone in laying claim to two tries. Perhaps the report was sent in before the match was played and through a lapse of memory the author forgot to contradict it. Perhaps the author aspires to be a great novelist and is thus practising early in life. Without a doubt he possesses great imaginative genius and will soon be placed in the first rank of famous fiction writers.

The two teams who won the Senior A and Senior B grades in the Schools' Competition had their photos taken at the Crown Studios, and copies will be presented shortly to each member of the team by the P.S.A.A. Association.

Now that the season has closed we can metaphorically collect our wounded and count the slain.

The school team played 17 matches and scored the grand total of 312 points to 88, winning 15 matches, losing 1 and 1 was drawn. The total points scored were 85 to 12. These perfor-

mances are splendid and it will take a great deal to surpass them.

One of the main reasons for the success of the players lies in the fact that they attended practice on the Domain regularly. Both teams were coached by Mr. Cantrell, who was ably assisted by several senior boys.

## Australian Football.

**N**IGHT boys from the school proceeded to Melbourne last month with the representative N.S.W. team to play against the Victorian State School team. Mr. W. A. Selle accompanied the team as secretary and mentor.

A full report of the trip will be given in the next issue. The boys selected from Fort Street were: W. Stafford (capt.), F. Crozier, F. Campbell, B. O'Grady, L. Phelps, J. Hankin, H. Russell and E. Cullen-Ward. The lads played their match before an attendance of over 50,000 spectators.

Eric Cullen-Ward will probably leave for California with the Columbia boys in November next.

## P.S.A.A. Sports Meeting

**F**ORT Street pupils were successful in obtaining places in the following events:—

Age Championships.—

13 years:—J. Hosking, 2.

14 years:—H. Weston, 1.

15 years:—F. Campbell, 1; D. Parkes, 2.

Running Broad Jump—(Juniors)  
R. Thom, 1 (13ft. 11½in.)

Bicycle Race—15 years and over—R. Rassmussen, 1.

100 yards P.S. Championship of

N.S.W.—F. Campbell, 2.

120 yards All Schools' Handicap  
(17 years and over) R. Silberthau,  
1; C. Bray, 2.

Hurdle Race—(14yrs. and over),  
K. Enderby, 3.



Champion Senior Relay Race—Fort Street, 1.

Relay Race—(under 14 years), Fort Street, 1.

Obstacle Race—(14 years), R. Thom, 1.

All Schools' and Colleges' 100 yards Handicap—D. Parkes, 1; R. Silberthau, 2.

Senior Walk—H. Hudson, 1; C. Worboys, 2.

Throwing at Wicket—G. Dinsey, 1.

Field Catching—W. Stafford, 1.

Rugby Place Kick—G. Dinsey 1.

Rugby Drop Kick—J. Hosking 2

Australian Rules Drop Kick—W. Stafford, 2.

Plain Skipping—M. White, 1; O. Smith, 2.

Tug of War—(15 years) Fort Street, 2.

The City Baths at the Domain have been improved by the introduction of several tons of fine sand to the swimming basin. The sewerage has also received attention, not however before it was absolutely necessary.

## : Fort Street School Sports :

**O**UR Second Annual Sports Meeting, held on 15th September at the Sydney Cricket Ground, was a great success. The teachers on the staff worked splendidly at their several posts and were assisted by Mr. W. H. Wiseman, the secretary of the Redfern Harriers. The racing was of a very high order, and Mr. Wiseman was very busy recruiting for his club.

W. McLean won the School Championship in 10 4-5ths secs. This time is equal to the record held for schoolboys which was established by Nigel Barker when he was at school.

The timekeepers for the races were Messrs. Wiseman, Flegeltaub and Meldrum. These three gentlemen all timed the championship at 10 4 5th sec.

Following were the results:—

Fourth Class Handicap, 100yds—  
First heat: H. Clifford, scr., 1; W. Cass, 1yd, 2; A. Johnston, 4yds, 3. Time, 13s. Second heat: T. Davis, 5yds, 1; T. Brown, 2yds, 2; A. Greathead, 7yds, 3. Time, 14s. Final: H. Clifford, scr., 1; T. Davis 5yds, 2; T. Brown, 2yds, 3. Time, 13 2-5s.

Fifth Class Handicap, 100yds.—  
First heat: C. Paterson, scr., 1; S. Carlyle, 3yds, 2; J. Bondiotti, 7yds, 3. Time, 12 1-5s. Second heat: V. Moore, 5yds, 1; J. Plunkett, 2yds, 2; A. Croll, 3yds, and

W. Nicholson, 4yds, tied for third place. Time 13s. Third heat: C. Marks, 8yds, 1; C. Etherdon, 1yd, 2; J. Schwartz, 4yds, 3. Time 12 3-5s. Fourth heat: S. Upton, 5yds, 1; L. Williams, 5yds, 2; R. Wise, 4yds, and L. Turner, 5yds, dead heat, 3. Time, 12 1-5s. Final: C. Paterson, scr, 1; J. Bondiotti, 7yds, 2; S. Upton, 5yds, 3. Time, 11 1-5s.

Sixth Class Handicap, 100yds.—  
First heat: D. Parkes, scr, 1; G. McDonald, 4yds, 2; R. Knight, 3yds, 3. Time, 12s. Second heat: J. Hosking, 3yds, 1; N. Backhouse 4yds, 2; H. Enderby, 4yds, 3. Time, 12s. Third heat: G. Davey, 4ds, 1; C. Robbins, 6yds, 2; A. Thorne, 5yds, 3. Time, 13 2-5. Fourth heat: O. Hann, 5yds, 1; J. Powell, 3yds, 2; J. Powell, 3yds, 3. Time, 12s. Final: D. Parkes, scr, 1; G. Davey, 4yds, 2; J. Hosking, 3yds, 3. Time, 11 2-5s.

Junior Classes' Handicap, 100yds:  
First heat: F. Campbell, scr, 1; A. Astbury, 3yds, 2; J. Crawford, 10yds, 3. Time, 11s. Second heat: R. Norman, 8yds, 1; L. Rowbotham, 4yds, 2; H. Hudson, 3yds, 3. Time 11 2-5. Third heat: N. Robertson, 1yd, 1; J. McKee, 8yds, 2; E. McKay, 3yds, 3. Time, 11 1-5s. Final: L. Rowbotham, 4yds, 1; J. McKee, 3yds, 2; J. Crawford, 10yds and A. Astbury, 3yds, 3. Time, 11 2 5s.

Senior Handicap, 100 yards.—

First heat: E. Leask, 7yds, 1; E. Frecker, 9yds, 2; C. Bray, scr, 3. Time, 10 4-5s. Second heat: H. Pierce, 9yds, 1; R. Silberthau, 3yds 2; A. Langan, 7yds, 3. Time 10 4-5s. Third heat: G. Harden, 7yds, 1; W. McLean, 2yds, 2; K. Flook, 9yds, 3. Time, 10 4-5. Final: W. McLean, 2yds, 1; G. Harden, 7yds, 2, E. Leask, 7yds, 3 Time, 10 2 5.

10 and 11 years 100yds Championship.—D. Cooper, 1; S. Sims, 2 Time, 14 1-5s.

15 years 100yds Championship: D. Parkes, 1; C. Paterson, 2; L. Rowbotham, 3. Time, 11 3-5.

16 years 100yds Championship: R. Morgan, 1; H. Weston, W. Stafford, 3. Time 11 3-5s.

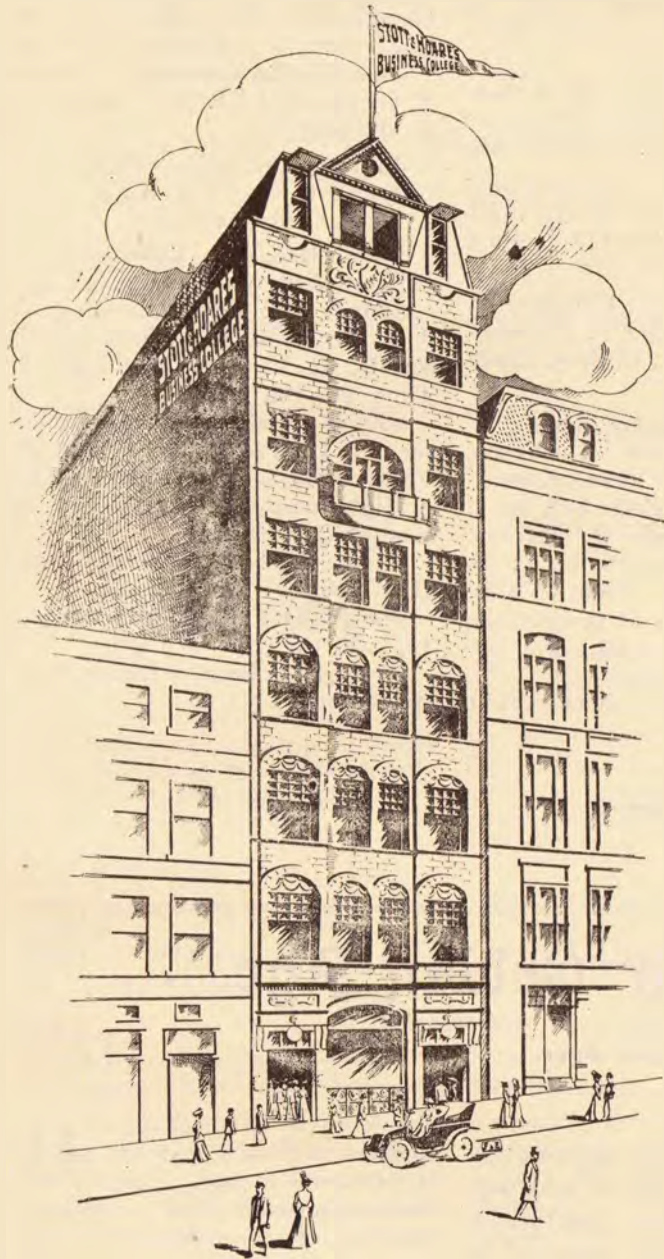
13 years 100 yards Championship.—First heat: J. Hosking, 1; S. Upton, 2; H. Russell, 3. Time, 12 1-5s. Second heat: J. Bondiotti 1; A. Pierce, 2; L. Gwynne, 3. Time, 13 1-5s. Final: J. Hosking, 1; H. Russell, 2; S. Upton, 3. Time, 12 2 5.

14 years 100yds Championship: H. Weston, 1; O. Ballhausen 2. Time, 12s

100yds School Championship.—W. McLean, 1; C. Bray, 2; R. Silberthau, 3. Time 10 4-5s. Won by half a yard.

12 years 100yds Championship, First heat: L. Williams, 1; D. Hanson, 2; A. Edwards, 3. Time, 13 4-5s. Second heat: G. Foote, 1;

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100yds Old Boys' Handicap.—H. Halliday, 3yds, 1; C. Magennis, 3yds, 2; O. Trundle, 2yds, 3. Time, 10 4-5s.

Throwing at Wicket.—G. Dinsey 1; J. Davison, 2.

Junior Obstacle Race.—First heat: J. Plunkett, 1; J. Schwartz, 2; A. Croll, 3. Second heat: H. Kinninmont, 1; A. McKenzie, 2; T. Lloyd, 3. Third heat: D. Davidson, 1; E. Watkins, 2; L. Gwynne, 3. Fourth heat: R. Dexter, 1; A. Cass, 2; A. Fenwick, 3. Final: E. Watkins, 1; R. Dexter, 2; H. Kinninmont, 3.

Half-mile Bicycle Handicap.—G. Murray, 15yds, 1; H. Fazakerley, 26yds, 2. Time, 1m 15s.

Senior Relay Race, 400yds.—"B" (Silberthau, O'Grady, Harden, Flook), 2s, 1; "A" team (Bray,

Stafford, Carruthers, McLean), scr, 2; "D" team (Campbell, O'Grady, McKay, Weston), 3s, 3.

120 yards Junior Hurdles.—A. Croll, scr, 1; F. Cantrell, 4yds behind, 2.

Senior Mile Walk.—E. Leask, 15yds, 1; L. Andrews, 20yds, 2; I. Goddard, 40yds, 3. Time, 8m 47s.

Broad Jump.—C. Bray (17ft 10in.), 1; H. McLelland (17ft 4in.), 2.

Senior Hurdles, 120yds.—W. McLean, 10yds behind, 1; F. Campbell, 5yds behind, 2; O. Bray, 12yds behind, 3.

400yds Junior Relay Race—"E" team (Hill, Gwynne Thompson, Wolf), 2s, 1; "D" team (Kinninmont, Eve, Peirce, Enderby), 2s, 2.

440yds Handicap.—G. Harden, 15yds, 1; H. Peirce, 20yds, 2; B. Carruthers, scr, 3. Time, 55 4-5s.

Kicking Football (3 place kicks from wing and centre).—B. Carruthers, 1; K. Flook, 2.

Senior Obstacle Race.—First

heat: L. Firth, 1; R. Stewart, 2; L. Nutter, 3. Second heat: B. Carruthers, 1; H. Brett, 2; J. Thompson, 3. Third heat: F. Campbell, 1; B. O'Grady, 2; R. Silberthau, 3. Fourth heat: L. Phelps, 1; L. Rowbotham, 2. Final: F. Campbell, 1; R. Silberthau, 2; B. O'Grady, 3.

Junior Half-mile Walk.—L. Gwynne, 15yds, 1; A. Wood, 20yds 2; J. Kennedy, 5yds, 3.

Potato Race.—R. Rasmussen, 1; G. Harden, 2; O. Wortley, 3.

880yds Old Boys' Handicap.—J. E. Devitt, 40yds, 1; J. L. Devitt, scr, 2; R. C. Alanson, 10yds, 3. Time 2m 18s.

880yds Handicap.—B. Carruthers scr, 1; H. Peirce, 30yds, 2; K. Flook, 5yds, 3. Time, 2m 10 2-5s.

High Jump.—R. Morgan, 1; R. Knight, 2; (4ft 9½in).

Junior Sack Race.—J. Hobbs, 1; H. Watson, 2; V. Brown, 3.

Senior Sack Race.—R. Morgan, 1; L. Firth, 2; H. Wulf, 3.

3 Legged Race.—Dinsey and Rowbotham 1

## More About Our Golden Age.

By a Golden Ager.

Concluded from last issue.

**T**HIS is of course a satire on the tone of the Coffee Clubs at lunch time. But there was enough truth in it to lend life to the picture. In the same issue of the "Adelphian" we find a serious attack on the Coffee Clubs headed, in Bulletinesque style, "Pigeon English, No. V; The Coffee Club and the Students." It runs: "The Coffee Club is an institution founded by a certain section of the class for the benefit of its members and the promotion of a spirit of friendship. Its privileges are a room and a cup of

tea or cocoa (hence the name), a welcome benefit on a cold day. But, like many other institutions, it has fallen on evil times and its own members have by their own folly pretty well scuttled it. The Club has degenerated into a dubious resort where fellows play practical jokes and ventilate their sarcasm and cheap wit. The great aims of such a club have been lost sight of. No one expects a stiff decorum in an unconventional boys' institution, but certainly no one expects the rowdy scrambles which frequently disgrace it.

"We have all along waited for

matters to reach a crisis and behold it hath come to pass. The students have protested against the alleged choking of the sink by luncheon-refuse. Whether this be a false charge or not, there are two alternatives confronting us. Either the Coffee Club has become such a nuisance that it should be deposited in outer darkness, or the students are making a deliberate and premeditated attempt to throw the aforesaid club into the aforesaid exterior blackness by unconstitutional means. We shall be happy to carry on any correspondence on this matter per medium of our columns."

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## Editorial

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# : Fort Street Sports Union :

## SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

**T**HE Annual Meeting of the Sports' Union was held on the 11th October, Mr. Kilgour presided. The officers for the season 1909-1910 were elected, the only change from those of 1908-1909 being that Mr. Parker takes the place of Mr. Mackaness as Hon. Treasurer. The report of the Secretary and the Treasurer's Balance Sheet are appended. Already about 500 members have joined this Year's Union. The Treasurer expects an enrolment of over 800 this year.

### Secretary's Report.

Gentlemen,—

Your Committee in presenting to you their Second Annual

Report has great pleasure in being able to announce to you that the year which has just ended has been one upon which there is much reason for congratulation and that the finances of the Union are in a fairly satisfactory condition.

The number of members in the Union was 662 which is a slight decrease on the previous year's enrolment.

The Committee regrets to state that the Union has lost the highly efficient services of Mr. Allen, who was promoted to Hay a few months ago, but it desires to avail itself of this opportunity to draw attention to the excellent work, during the past year, of the school staff and senior boys, all of whom

most unselfishly did their utmost to promote the interests of the Union. Also the Committee desires to thank the Head Master, Mr. Kilgour for all he has done for you in giving his unceasing support and sanction to every game promoted by the Union, thus enabling it to thrive so heartily.

It is to be regretted that Mr. Mackaness, who has so ably and conscientiously filled the position of Honorary Treasurer since the inception of the Union, is resigning his position on account of lack of time to devote all the energy required in carrying out such exacting duties.

In reviewing the work of the four clubs during the last 12 months it must be acknowledged

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that all of them maintained a very high standard.

The Swimming Club had a most successful year, winning the Roth Challenge Shield for Life Saving besides gaining many certificates and medallions in the same work. The members who competed in the various races were in almost every case successful, outclassing their opponents for all distances and ages.

The Australian Football Club had a very successful season and were unbeaten throughout. As a result the school will be presented shortly with a photograph of the winning team. Eight members, Stafford, Cullen-Ward, Campbell, O'Grady, Phelps, Crozier, Hankin and Russell were chosen to play in the combined team that went to Melbourne last month.

The Cricket Team was second in the competition, being one point behind the winners. In outside matches the school was very successful, winning from the Old Boys, Grammar School and several others. Five members were chosen for the combined team, Stafford, Flook, Symonds, Dinsey, Berry and Morgan.

The Rugby Football Club had an exceptionally brilliant season, losing one match only. The first fifteen won the silver shield presented by the Rugby Union, while the second won the Senior B Grade. As in the case of the other clubs a number of its members were chosen in the representative team. They were Carruthers, Flook, Dinsey, Bray, Harrison, Rowbotham, Cotter and O'Grady.

**Athletic Meeting.**—Last September the Union held its Annual Sports' Meeting on the Sydney Cricket Ground. It was a great success in every way. The championship was gained by W. K. McLean who ran the hundred yards in 10 4-5th secs. This time is equal to the record established by Barker when at school. The Union as a special honor have awarded honor caps to 3 members, viz:—Roy Kinnimont, George Dinsey and Eric Cullen-Ward.

Without doubt the Union has every reason to be proud of the

The Sports' Union		Treasurer's Balance Sheet, 1908-'09.	
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splendid results obtained by the school athletes this year, and there seems to be every prospect of a continuance of these achievements.

For and on behalf of the Committee.

S. W. CANTRELL,  
Hon. Secretary.

### Presentation of Prizes and Certificates.


ON Friday morning, the 22nd ultimo, Mr. P. Board, M.A., Director of Education, presented the trophies won at the recent Sports Meeting and also the Junior Certificates to the successful candidates. Advantage was also taken of the opportunity to present to Eric Cullen-Ward a cheque for £100, kindly donated by Mr. Munro King for winning the American Lecturing Tour Competition. Mr. Munro King was

present at the function. We take this opportunity of publicly thanking him for his very generous gift. On the same occasion also, on behalf of the Sports Union, Mr. Board presented Dinsey, Kinnimont and Cullen-Ward with Honor Caps, and the First and Second Football Teams with sets of medals and framed photographs of the winning teams.


Mr. Board in a very happy speech urged upon the boys and girls the necessity of devoting their energies to some special phase of work, and gave several illustrations drawn from his American trip, of boys, one of whom was endeavouring to improve the percentage of oranges per acre on his father's orchard, and another to devise a method of utilising the waste products of saw mills.

At the conclusion of the function a vote of thanks to Mr. Board was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Board afterwards allowed the pupils a half holiday.



# Girl's Page



Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

## Girls' Literary & Debating Society.

**A**T the meeting of the above society on Friday, Oct. 17, no fixed debate was held, but subjects were discussed for the next debate.

The subject decided upon was, "Does the Male or Female Kind exercise the greater influence on the Civilization and Happiness of the Human Race?"

Olive Waghorn, Frances Thomas, and Edie Ripp were chosen to uphold the latter cause; Lily Short Ellice Hamilton and Alice Nash the former.

Subjects were also suggested by the members of the club for an interclub debate, which we hope will take place early in November.

The 2nd year students have been appointed to different schools as teachers until the results of their Training Examination are published. We hope they will all be successful in gaining A scholarships.

## The Waratah Literary and Debating Society.

**T**HE above Society met on Friday, 15th October. The afternoon was occupied with a "Prisoner's Base" on General Information, Miss Gardiner acting as referee. The leaders Annie MacLean and Marjorie Collins were each supported by twelve girls. The honors were very even for some time, Marjorie Collins eventually winning.

Notwithstanding her defeat Annie MacLean deserves great credit for the careful manner in which she prepared her information.

It was proposed and carried unanimously that a "Mock Trial" should occupy the next meeting.

## Girls' Swimming Club.

**T**HE opening of the Girls' Swimming Club took place on Wednesday, 6th of October. There is already a splendid enrolment, and we hope by the end of the month that it will be doubled, and that the Senior as well as the Junior Classes will avail themselves of the opportunity to indulge in this health-giving exercise.

Misses Maloney, Mouldsdale and Rourke are in charge of the classes at the baths, and wish to give instruction to all those who have not yet learned to swim.

The Life Saving examination will take place early this year and the girls are already practising the drills.

The 220 yards championship of the school will be swum during the first week of December.

A number of girls are willing to try for the Silver Medallion of the Royol Life Saving Society this season.

J. N. Turner, Superintendent of Technical Education in N.S.W., and for so long Principal of this school has presented the Girls' Department with an excellent portrait of himself. It hangs in Library 3, with many pictures of other gentlemen at some time connected with Fort Street.

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### 7B Farewell.

ON Wednesday, 20th October, the girls of 7B arranged a very successful afternoon tea, in the sewing-room to show their appreciation of the great interest taken in preparing them for their examination. (Applicant Probationary Students). Most of the lady teachers were present. Miss Partridge presided. The opening speech was made by Maggie Mills, who also presented Miss Partridge with a pretty bouquet of red poppies. Miss Hanratty received a nicely written, framed address, and six books by George Meredith. Misses Mandleson, Small and Free also received tokens of esteem from the girls. After the presentations, light refreshments were handed round, which all present thoroughly enjoyed.

Miss Mitchell from Cleveland Street has been appointed to the Girls' School in place of Miss Speck

### Girls' Sports' Union.

ON Saturday, October 23rd, the Girls' Sports' Union held their second Annual Picnic at Rodd Island.

There was a large attendance of the girls, especially the elder ones, who took advantage of spending a pleasant day in the open-air. We were pleased to see the girls of Miss Hanratty's class, who had been sitting for their examination the two days previous, enjoying themselves so keenly.

During the morning the girls played various games, some choosing tennis, others basket-ball, while not a few found hockey more to their taste. The girls enjoyed these games immensely, having the island wholly to themselves.

After lunch the "Fortians" indulged in a few hockey events. The results were as follows:—

Goal shooting 6 out of 6, Edie Rea; Goal shooting 5 out of 6, A. Ingamells.

Goal stopping 5 out of 6, Eileen Turner.

100yds dribbling race—Bessie Blumer.



After the events Elsie Rea very kindly took a photo of the girls belonging to the Union. At tea

time a great deal of fun was caused by the cutting of the Sports' Union 1909 cake.

We all left the island by the 5.20 boat, our only regret being that the day ended much too soon.

## Girl Life in India.

By May Dexter, 11 years old. 5B.

**T**HE inhabitants of India are very interesting people, for they have many strange religions and customs. Girls are not liked very much, and there is a common saying that "It is better to be a clod than to be born a woman." When more than one girl is born in a family the father is heard to say, "What great sin have I committed that I should have another daughter?"

If a man is in trouble of any sort and is seen sitting about and looking dejected he is sure to be greeted by some neighbor with, "Why do you sit as if a girl had been born at home?"

Girls are not counted when the parents tell anyone how many children they have, and the Hindoos have a prayer which is: "May we have seven wise sons, but only two handsome daughters."

In some tribes girls are hated so much that as soon as they are born they are thrown into the River Ganges as an offering to the gods, and are eaten by crocodiles. As soon as a baby is born the mother or grandmother presents it to her god. When it begins to speak it is taught its name, and when it can understand the legends of India its mother tells it as many of them as she knows.

The rich Hindoos employ tutors to teach their children good manners and politeness. A boy is taught from his cradle to call his mother "My Lady," and his father "My Lord," and on returning from a journey to bow profoundly to them, and take any dust that may be on their feet and place it, or

pretend to place it on their head,

The schools open very early and close at sunset, but there is an intermission during the four or five hottest hours of the day.

The schoolroom consists of a small mud room with a thatched roof and open front, with rough steps leading up to it. Everyone sits on the floor, the master included, and a slate and a few books are the only requisites.

The master sits cross-legged on a tiger or antelope skin, and the scholars also sit with their legs crossed on the ground and their hands crossed on their laps.

Although a girl goes to school she receives no education, but is simply taught to paint figures with a white liquid made of powdered chalk on a wooden floor, or on the walls of a room, which to us would seem meaningless, but to her are highly important signs. She is also taught to do housework and to twine strings of hair, which are used as an headdress.

The girls marry very young, sometimes at the age of three or four, and there are many instances of babes still in arms being married. A girl cannot choose her own husband, but he is chosen for her by her father, and if the father of the young man chosen is pleased with the girl the marriage ceremony soon takes place.

The bride is not allowed to attend her own wedding, but is sprinkled with fowl's blood, and when the moment of departure arrives the mother-in-law takes one of his hands and joins it with her daughter's and blesses them.

If the bride's mother-in-law is kindhearted she will try to comfort the girl with sweets or new toys, but it is seldom she can be so comforted. The young married couple always have a big wedding feast, and many make it so expensive that they have to work hard for years to pay off the cost of it.

After the wedding the bride is not considered a fit companion for her husband, but becomes a mere household drudge. She must eat after him and only eat what he leaves her. She is not allowed to go out and see her friends, and whenever she sees her father-in-law she veils herself as if in the presence of strangers. But as the girls sometimes marry very old men they are often widows when they are still children.

A short time ago when the husband died his widow had to wear clothes of the coarsest kind for the rest of her life and never more put on the gay dresses of which she is so fond. She also had to part with all her jewels, never mix with any people, and it was thought a great disgrace to marry twice. But an Act has been passed by the British Government saying that second marriage is lawful, but even the women are prejudiced against it, and it is still considered a sin among them. The missionaries are doing a great deal of good there, but India has such an enormous population that it will take generations for Christianity to reach them all. I will therefore be a very long time before Indian girls are half as well off as Fort Street girls.

## - Notes and News -

**H**ENWOOD and White have received appointments to the Public Service.

A very large party of nearly 200 boys and girls from the school took advantage of the reduced prices to see Shakespeare's play of Julius Cæsar, as rendered by the Asche-Brayton Company. It is hoped that a similar party will be present at the performance of Coriolanus which is to be produced shortly.

We were very sorry that Mr. Macnee was unfortunate enough to break his collar bone through a bicycle accident.

Mr. Ferguson, late of this school, has commenced issuing a newspaper somewhat on the lines of the "Fortian" for the children of the Illawarra District.

Mr. Goldstein, manager for Mr. W. J. Proud, jeweller, Pitt Street, has promised to present a silver challenge cup to be competed for at our next swimming carnival.

The Librarian desires to thank Mrs. Holt for a number of bound volumes of magazines presented to the Library.

We note the following news of Old Boys:—

James Judd, at one time assistant to the "Fortian," and lately of the Cable Station, Southport, Queensland, has been promoted to Norfolk Island.

Reg. Reid, late of Lands Department, Hay, has gone to the field as surveyor's assistant at East Maitland.

Dr. Wilfred Vickers has gone to England and received an appointment as house surgeon in a large London hospital.

The whole of the School and the the outbuildings have now been thoroughly renovated and painted. It is a pity something could not be done to improve the ventilation of some of the rooms.

The Farewell to the 1909 Seniors will take place in the Main Room on Friday afternoon, 12th instant. A dinner will be held the same evening, probably at Sargent's Rooms.

The "Fortian" desires to extend its good wishes to all the 1909 Seniors, and hopes to see all their names figure in the pass and honors lists when they appear next March.

Immediately on the departure of the 1909 Seniors an election will be held for the 1910 Captain of the School. The franchise is restricted to members of the present Senior Class, and the election as usual will be by ballot. The Headmaster will also elect six new prefects in place of those who are finishing their course this year.

The Librarian desires to thank G. Rogers for donating a parcel of magazines to the Library.

The following boys have received appointments:—

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Emmerson to the E. S. & A. Bank.

Alvarez artieled to Mr. E. W. Aspinall, solicitor.

C. Collier to Mr. Crichton.  
G. Wynne to Wincombe, Carson & Co.

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We desire to call attention to advertisement of Messrs. Hall Brothers appearing on the inside

front cover of this issue. Bicyclists should send for a copy of Messrs. Hall's catalogue.

We note with pleasure that Mr. E. W. Wellisch, M.A. (Syd.), B.A. (Research), Cambridge, has won a scholarship of £150 a year at the latter University. Mr. Wellisch is one of the most distinguished of Fort Street old boys.

We note also that Mr. D. Mawson, B.Sc., B.E., is about to visit England in connection with his discovery of a new mineral, Davidite, and to pursue his investigations of radium.

The Librarian desires to thank D. Meggy for two parcels of magazines donated to the Library.



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## Sporting

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### Swimming.

**A** NNUAL Meeting of the Swimming Club was held in the Main Room last month, when fully 500 partisans were presided over by the Headmaster. The annual report having been read and adopted last April, the principal business of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing season.

Mr. J. Murray and Gerald Murray were elected as delegates of the Club to the Sports' Union in succession to Messrs. Parker and Cullen-Ward.

A Swimming Committee comprising the names of Messrs. Parker, Cantrell, Davies, Page and the Secretary was appointed and Mr. W. A. Selle was re-elected to the position of Hon. Secretary.

A motion by the Secretary, "That all members of the 6th and 7th Classes should become members of the Club," was seconded by Mr. Parker and carried unanimously.

The Chairman gave me a brief outline of last season's progress and stated that he hoped similar progress would be reported at the conclusion of the present season.

The opening of the season took place on Thursday, 21st October, when 30 entrants faced the starter in the Sixth and Seventh Class Handicaps. The entries in the former race were by no means promising, and unless the secretary has better support from the various classes with more numerous entries he must confine his attention to the provision of races for more loyal supporters.

Results:

Sixth Class Handicap.—C. Worboys 1.

Seventh Class Handicap.—H. Russell 1, F. Mason 2, W. La Forest 3. Time 42sec.

### Notes.

The Annual Gala will be held at the Municipal Baths, Domain, on Saturday, March 5th, 1910.

During the season weekly races will be decided, so that each member may participate in this excellent pastime.

A full programme of the season's races will be drawn up and published in the next issue.

A half-mile championship will be added to the already numerous bunch of blue ribbands.

There are at present fully 50 boys who are non-swimmers in the lower classes. This fact the "Fortian" hopes to be able to talk about before many weeks elapse, as the secretary and his assistants are particularly interested in teaching beginners.



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# Swimming = Cricket = Football

The non-swimmers are requested to hand in their names to any of the committee on swimming days.

Mr. R. L. (Snowy) Baker was a visitor to the school last month, and, in an interesting interview with the Headmaster, outlined a scheme for teaching natatorial subjects.

Mr. Baker wishes to take classes of first-class swimmers, divers and beginners.

The charge is merely a nominal one, 6d a lesson, and there must be a minimum number of entrants, viz., 30.

All the State Championships

will this year be controlled by the N.S.W.A.A.A. in pursuance of the plan outlined some time by Mr. Cecil Healy. The races will be held at Association Carnivals.

## Life Saving

THE Annual Meeting of the N.S.W. Head Centre of the Royal Life Saving Society took place at St. James' Hall, Phillip Street, on Tuesday, 19th October.

A very large audience, presided over by the State Governor Lord Cheilmsford, viewed with keen interest the display by the Roth Shield champion team. The

various movements were explained by Colonel Roth, D.S.O., the President of the Society, whose remarks were interesting and attentively appreciated. The team gave an excellent display of the several methods of rescue, release, and resuscitation (Schafer method), and at the conclusion their efforts were greeted with hearty applause. A. Langan, E. Cullen-Ward, Roy Kinninmont and W. Simpson constituted the team under the instructorship of Mr. Walter A. Selle.

The Life Saving Classes for the 1909-10 Season will be put into operation during the third week of November so that the majority of the candidates may be examined before the Christmas vacation.

## Cricket.

THE first match of the season was played on 15th October last. We have two teams in the competition—the Firsts in the Senior A Grade, and the Seconds in the Senior B Grade. The A team plays the following matches: Cleveland Street, Petersham, and Hurlstone. The B team meets Crown Street, Cleveland Street, Neutral Bay, Technical Day School, and Mosman in succession.

The A team defeated Cleveland Street by 142 runs on the first innings. Cleveland Street scored 15 runs in their first attempt. Ferrier made 3, Nicholls 6, and the remaining 6 were byes. Nine of the team failed to score. Dinsey obtained 5 wickets for 4 runs and Flook 4 for 5 runs. In their second

innings 9 wickets had fallen for 87 when stumps were drawn, Fligg was 24 not out and had been batting for more than 2 hours.

The following were the scores for our team:—

W. Stafford, b Ferrier ...	6
G. Morgan, b Alderton ...	15
L. Berry, c Smith b Ferrier	29
G. Dinsey, c Ferrier ...	3
R. Morgan, c Alderton ...	12
E. Moran, b Alderton ...	1
C. Wallace, b Alderton ...	2
L. Phelps, b Alderton ...	0
K. Flook, not out ...	53
R. Thom, c Lacey ...	27
R. Rutledge not out ...	4
Sundries ...	12

Innings closed for 164

The Seconds defeated Crown Street by 10 wickets. Crown Street obtained 63 and 76 runs.

The following are the scores for the seconds:—

H. Evatt, c Vindin ...	20
L. Gwynne, c Vindin ...	33
F. Taylor, b Robb ...	15
H. Tupling, h o w Robb	20
B. Dive, c Wilson ...	10
W. Stackelberg, b Robb	1
H. Mackaness, c Robb ...	0
D. Parkes, c Robb ...	3
D. Smith, c Wilson ...	3
H. Sherwood, b Robb ...	0
H. Enderby not out ...	2
Sundries ...	15

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2nd Innings.

Evatt not out ...	8
Parkes not out ...	14

Fort Street played the second match of the competition against Petersham. The wicket was one of the worst we have ever played on, not one ball in the first innings rose higher than an inch, as a result

the scoring was wretched. In addition to a bad wicket we had to travel to Cook's River to play, and many of our side arrived home rather late that night. Petersham scored 58 runs and our attempt produced 90, when stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock Petersham had lost 2 wickets for 23.

The cricket meeting was held last week when Mr. Mackaness and C. Bray were elected to act as delegates in the interests of the club on the Sports' Union General Committee. Messrs. Cantrell, Stafford, Flook, Dinsey and Berry were chosen as selection committee and Mr. Cantrell is the secretary for the ensuing year.

## Australian Football.

The Interstate Team in Melbourne.

**W**HIGHT representatives from Fort Street in the N.S.W. Team had indeed a right royal time in the southern capital

last month. W. Stafford captained the Welshmen in their never-to-be-forgotten contest against the formidable Victorian lads. The football exhibited was pretty, strenuous and full of exciting tit-bits, and was of a character superior to that shown by previous interstate schoolboy visitors. The result of the match was a victory for Victoria by 3 goals 7 behinds (equals 25 points) to 3 goals 6 behinds (equals 24 points). Fully 30,000 people witnessed the interesting struggle prior to the Club Premiership of Melbourne.

The entertaining portion of the trip proved to be highly enjoyable and was thoroughly appreciated by all participants. The friendships made during the sojourn will it is hoped long be cemented, one of the advantages of these visits being the formation of new friendships in other spheres.

## Notes.

The photos of the '09 Premier Team will be presented to the winners before the conclusion of the present month.

The West Adelaide team which our lads met in Melbourne evinced keen interest in our doings and requested that in future years the school team should pass on to Adelaide while on the usual trip. All expenses from Melbourne would be met by the South Australian authorities.

Frank Campbell was selected by his co-players for the medal for individual play during the past season.

The decision was arrived at after an exhaustive ballot in which Crozier and O'Grady both polled well.

## Random Reminiscences.

By P.R.W.

**W**HEN I wrote a short paper some months ago on the "Golden Age" at Fort Street, I assumed of course that my own time was of all ages the golden age. It is a natural assumption. One must be singularly bankrupt of memories, if one cannot hark back to some heyday of youth around the recollection of which still clings some glamour not of modernity. But to catch again the glamour and imprison it in words—that is another matter. The will of the wisp allures and evades us, and mocks us with distant calling.

I shall attempt no such thing. I wish merely to indulge in some random reminiscences of a time somewhat antecedent to that of which "Golden Ager" has written so entertainingly. The period extends roughly over the years 1896 to 1898.

My first teacher was Mr. Chipin. I speak of him as "Mr" Chipin quite unaffectedly, without any sense of his being within earshot. He was a man respected—I might almost say, loved—by all his boys; and it was with heavy sorrow that I felt his departure from the school on a fateful June when I was

promoted from the Chemistry to the Arts Room. From his gentle, amiable presence I was haled before that truculent pair—I speak with the intensified feelings of the schoolboy—"Kaiser" and "Robbo" These twain were as ferocious as a twin-headed Cerberus. The only element of enjoyment in their class-room was when, as occasionally happened, they were attacking somebody else. I picture the Junior-class boy of their day as a sort of human sacrifice wearing an habitual hard-set passive-resistance expression—something like that to be seen on the faces of "Sobraon"

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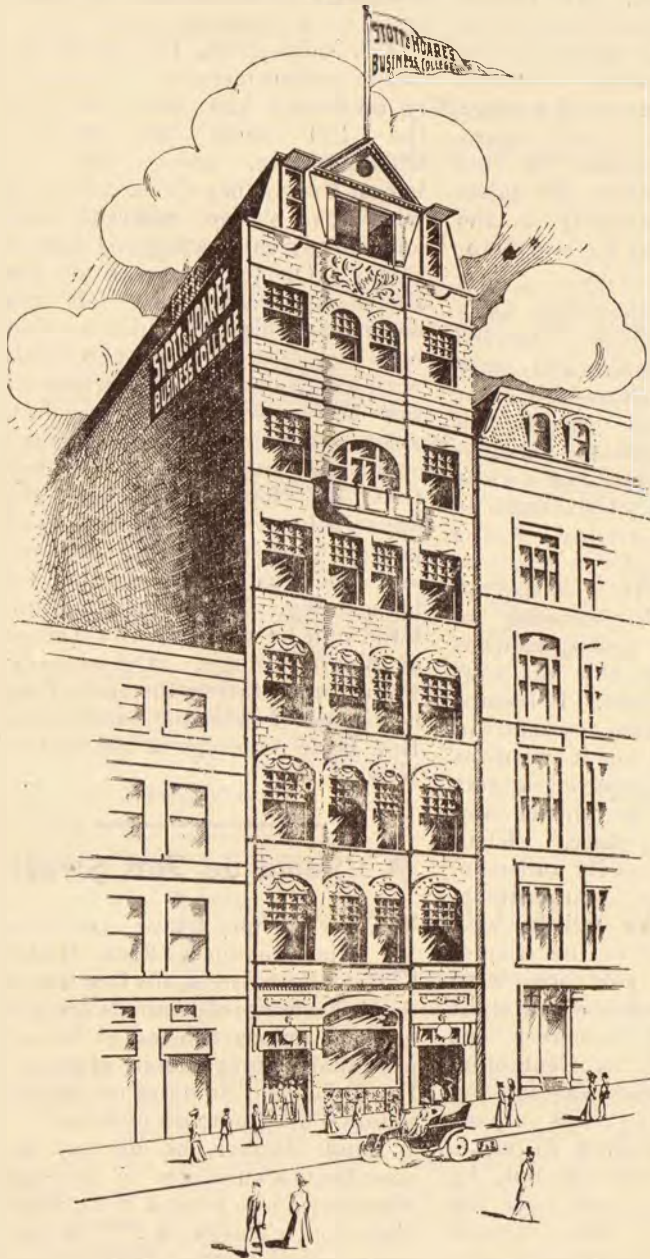
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boys. However, "Kaiser" and "Robbo" got "results"—that is to say, examination results. One of them is now dead, and the other is in another branch of the Public Service. Fortunately for me they both left the school shortly afterwards, thus anticipating what was my own firm intention.

Returning for a moment to the Chemistry Room. There was another teacher in that room whom we all liked immensely, and respected about as much as one boy respects a slightly elder brother. Indeed, "Tommy" Chandler was as boyish as we were. He did not take his duties very seriously at that time, and frequently bade us do private study, adding a threat (never carried out) that he would set us a paper when he returned. He was short in stature, and, when ensconced behind the barricade in the Chemistry Room—his favourite place for reading novels—was invisible save for a few rebellious, up-standing hairs. On one occasion thinking he was out of the room, I called out in a loud voice, "Where's Tommy?" "Here I am," said Tommy in an equally loud voice, raising his head over the barricade, "is there anything you particularly want?" I went unpunished. Unofficially, I was privileged to call him Tommy, seeing that he was a cousin of mine; but no more would have been said if any other boy had taken the same liberty. Tommy was once the means—I speak now of a much later date—of my gaining a totally unmerited prize in Geology. I was lounging in his study while he happened to be correcting the papers. He left mine till the last. The best paper was allotted 82 per cent. Then he corrected mine. I was given 84 per cent. It seemed—what shall I say?—a shame to take the money; but it would have betokened an ill-conditioned, suspicious trait in my character, had I disputed my teacher's impartiality. At any rate, I didn't ask him to do it. Tommy was a promising cricketer, and a real good "sport" generally. Sent out in charge of the Fort Street contingent on a memorable day when our defeat of Crown Street in a football final ended in a free fight on a large

scale, Tommy was almost smothered under the combatants' coats he was holding. He literally danced with excitement when Mick Stafford, a stalwart youth, "outed" no less than six of the Crown Street braves in succession. Mr. Turner took a different view of the whole affair. Tommy is married now and settled in Western Australia, where he is headmaster of a large and important school, and valued in the highest degree by his departmental superiors. He takes his school-work seriously in the West. Nevertheless, he is champion golfer of the district.

My spurious reputation as a star-boy in Geology cutlived Chandler's departure, and duly impressed his successor—the great Klein—until that gentleman discovered my lamentable deficiencies in his pet subject. For a while I lived on my reputation, much as some poor unnourished Arctic explorer might live for a space on his own fat. If I displayed ignorance, it was a "surprise" to the new teacher—"not up to what I expected of a boy of your standing," and so forth. It seemed almost sacrilege to put my name in the "diary." But in it went at last; and soon I acquired a sort of domicile there a "home and permanent abiding-place." Klein was an extraordinarily tall man, it takes a word like "extraordinarily" to indicate how tall he was, and a great hitter in the cricket field. To see him partnered with little "Puck" Bowden was a sight for the gods. I remember one match we played in Centennial Park, where the grass was so long that ground-scoring was almost impossible. Klein went in sixth, and knocked up 45 not out, by hitting almost every ball over the boun ry ropes. He became engaged to, and married a correspondingly short lady, and now, like Chandler, lives in Western Australia, where he has been very successful.

Klein had a habit of pronouncing "yellow" as if it were "yallow." It was rather an obstinate habit, and hard to understand, for he seemed to be perfectly aware of it. It was always disconcerting. One day Ike Armitage

echoed "yallow" somewhat boldly from the other end of the room. Klein wheeled round instantly, furiously demanding "Who said yallow?" Yes, it was always disconcerting, and came out very unexpectedly sometimes, as when he said "Yellowstone Park."

That bold spirit, Ike Armitage, deserves some mention. I distinctly remember him, when he won the 100 yards All Schools' Championship, going into the bar at the Sydney Cricket Ground with his chosen comrade, and audaciously celebrating his feat in sherry. On the outbreak of the Boxer insurrection, he left the architect's office in which he had been employed, and went to China with the Naval Brigade, where he saw active service. I recollect meeting him after his return, and condoling with him on the fact that his former position, and apparently every other, had been usurped by the stay-at-homes while he was abroad fighting for his country. When I next encountered him, he was a divinity student at Moore College. Occasionally, when I am nearing the end of my newspaper, I meet the name of the Rev. Isaac Armitage in the Church News.

(To be Continued.)

## A l'École de Fort Street.

**L**Y a quelque temps nous nous étions rendus à l'École Modèle de Fort Street, sur l'invitation de M. Lasker professeur de français et nous avons constaté et signalé avec plaisir, tout le soin apporté à l'enseignement de notre langue aux jeunes élèves, garçons et filles.

Lundi dernier, un de nos représentants a eu encore le privilège d'assister à une leçon à Fort Street. Cette fois, c'était à la 7<sup>ème</sup> A (professeur McCauley) Les élèves ont chanté plusieurs chansons françaises avec un ensemble remarquable et une netteté de prononciation surprenante.

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Mr. T. Lappin, from Birchgrove, has entered on duty in place of Mr. A. White, absent on sick leave.

An additional contract has been let for completing the renovation of the school premises.

## School Captain

**T**HE election of the Captain of the School for 1909 to fill the vacancy caused by Langan's completion of his course was held on the 17th ult. The nominations for the position were: Charles W. Bray, Guy B. Harden and Wallace Stafford. The voting was restricted to the members of the Senior Class, and after an exhaustive ballot, Bray and Harden received an equal number of votes. As several members of the class were absent, a fresh vote was taken following day when the choice of the boys fell upon

### Charles W. Bray

whom we congratulate heartily upon having obtained the highest honor his schoolfellows can confer upon him.

The annual contributions to the School Fund are now being received by the school treasurer.

## Prefects.

**O**N the same day the Headmaster elected the following Seniors as Prefects for 1909-1910:—

Gerald Murray  
Wallace Stafford  
John Ferguson  
Guy Harden  
Eric Leask  
Ralph Noble  
Walter Perry  
William Roberts

## Annual Distribution of Prizes.

**T**HE Annual Distribution of Prizes and reading of the Headmaster's Report will take place on the morning of the 17th instant at 11 o'clock. All parents, Old Boys and Old Girls, and friends of the school are cordially invited to be present.



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## Death of Mr. D. J. Cooper, M.A.

Principal Senior Inspector of Schools.



On the 12th of last month the school had assembled to do honor to the Seniors of 1909, and to show their interest in the school and its work, there were present Mr. D. J. Cooper, M.A., Principal Senior Inspector, ex-Senior Inspector A. Lobban, Senior Inspectors H. D. McLelland, B.A., and A. Parkinson and Inspector S. H. Smith.

Mr. Kilgour and Mr. Lasker having addressed the boys, Mr. Cooper expressed a desire to say a few words. He had been speaking for about two minutes when he suddenly faltered, stopped and collapsed. Mr. Kilgour, the Inspectors present, and several of the staff rushed to his assistance and carried him out, but he expired within a minute or two. Dr. Storie Dixon, who was on the premises instructing a first aid class, did all in his power, but to no effect.

The sad news was announced by Mr. Kilgour to the assembly, which then quietly broke up.

The Senior Dinner, which was to have been held the same night, and at which the late gentleman was to have proposed the toast of the school, was abandoned.

Mr. Cooper was only sixty-one years of age, being born in 1884, at East Maitland, his early years being spent in that district. Only a few weeks ago the Rev. Mr. Colyer, at whose school the late Mr. Cooper received his early education, died at a very advanced age.

In 1869 the late gentleman entered the clerical branch of the Department of Public Instruction, having previously completed his course at the University of Sydney, gaining the degree of B.A., the higher degree of M.A. being obtained in 1871.

Mr. Cooper's progress in the department was rapid. He soon became Chief Clerk, being thence promoted to an inspectorship, Goulburn being his first district. Here he stayed ten years. His next and more important position was Superintendent of Technical Education in 1901. Here his work was of such a nature that he thoroughly prepared the ground for the vast extension which the system of technical education has received in the last few years.

In 1905 Mr. Cooper was appointed to the office he occupied at his death. He was


a frequent visitor at the school, being particularly interested in Science, and sparing neither trouble nor energy in suggesting and authorising improvements in the School.

Thoroughly interested and versed in the cause of Education, he was the first President of the Western District Teachers' Association, setting that body on a firm basis, while on several occasions he has delivered inspiring addresses to the staff of this school.


It was whilst speaking on the subject of American Education that Mr. Cooper's tragic death occurred.

By Mr. Cooper's death the Department has lost one of its most scholarly and zealous officers, the teachers an able and efficient leader and the school one of its very best advocates and friends.

The funeral of the deceased gentleman took place at Waverley Cemetery on the following day, Mr. Kilgour, several of the staff and Laugan, representing the school. Wreaths were sent by the staffs of the Boys and Girls' Schools, and by the pupils of the School. The "Fortian" desires to express the deepest sympathy for Mrs. Cooper and family in their great and irrepairable loss.



# Girl's Page



Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

## Girls' Literary & Debating Society.

**T**HE above society held a meeting on Friday, November 13th. The subject for debate being "Which has the greater influence on the civilisation and happiness of the human race—the man or the woman."

The speakers were: Ministry, Misses F. Thompson, O. Waghorn, E. Ripp. Opposition, Misses L. Short, A. Nash, E. Hamilton. It may be stated that none of the speakers had previously appeared on the debating stage, and all, without exception, gave a most creditable account of themselves.

Miss F. Thompson took the difficult task of opening the debate. She upheld the side of "women," with a carefully prepared speech. Miss L. Short followed, opening the side of the opposition very favourably. Miss O. Waghorn showed herself undoubtedly, a budding orator. She surprised us all in this, her first speech. It was vigorous and stirring, and delivered with force and fluency. Miss A. Nash followed with a short speech, which was, nevertheless, crowded with interest and strong points. Miss E. Ripp followed with a quiet but very effective speech, and Miss E. Hamilton closed the debate with arguments very clearly and forcibly put forward. She was also very clever in picking up her opponents points.

The debate was followed by a general discussion on the same topic, in which several girls took part.

The verdict was given by the judges in favour of the Opposition who upheld the side of "men."

The Librarian desires to thank C. Johnstone and Jack Butz for gifts of magazines to the School Library.

## The Waratah Literary and Debating Society.

**O**N Friday, 12th November, in the presence of the Inspectors, the above society gave an interesting Mock Trial. Marjorie Moore was charged before Justice Rothschild with stealing aeroplane plans valued at £100,000 the property of His Majesty the King, from the War Department of N.S.W. Ilma Black was the Judge's Associate, Rita Carrad, instructed by Nessie Walden prosecuted for the Crown, Dorothy Nash, instructed by Coral Middleton appeared for the defence, Stella Nelligan acted as sheriff and Olive Mandelson took the position of doorkeeper. Florrie Rand caused some amusement in her character of Bridgett O'Shaunnessy, a witness for the prosecution. Winnie Buckler, also, was in her

element as Maxmillian von Gruno. Amongst other witnesses were: Isabelle Knight, Mabel Orton and Violet Ponder. Rita Carrad made a very eloquent address to the jury, and Dorothy Rothschild quite came up to her usual brilliance in her summing-up speech. After retiring for some time, Marjorie Collins the foreman of the jury returned a verdict of "guilty." The prisoner then made a very natural and unaffected speech which resulted in the mitigation of his sentence. At the close of the trial a vote of thanks was proposed to D. Rothschild, for the trouble she took in arranging the trial. This was responded to by her with a vote of thanks to Rita Carrad for the help she had afforded. It was then proposed and carried, that at the next meeting a debate should be held on "Is the character of Napoleon Buonaparte to be admired or not."

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### Fort Street Old Girls Tennis Club.

**T**HE Old Girls' Tennis Club held their annual meeting and election of officers on Saturday afternoon, 6th November, at the school. Miss A. Evans and Miss Esne Davies were re-elected treasurer and secretary for the ensuing year, and the Misses Cox, Nelson and Wardrop were placed on the committee.

The Secretary reported as follows the doings of the past year:—

In handing in the first annual report of Fort St. Old Girls' Tennis Club members have cause to congratulate themselves on the success of their first year.

The Club was formed on the 14th day of November, with a membership of seven, which has increased month after month until at the present time we have a membership of 42, a large number for so young a club.

Members spent very enjoyable Saturday afternoons on the grounds where there are two courts, the attendance averaging about 12 all through the year. The average is good considering the distance some members have to travel, and the number of wet Saturdays which interrupted the meetings, and the majority of members, who were beginners with the club, can now do the club great credit indeed owing to the energetic manner in which they have entered into the game.

Two matches were played against present day pupils, and though both matches were won by our opponents we hope to be able to alter the result when next we meet.

A tournament between members is being played off for the captaincy for the ensuing year, but it is not yet decided.

The Club held a dance at Baumann's on 5th August which proved a great success both socially and financially. After meeting all expenses a balance of £4 8s 6d was handed to the Club, and the members have to be congratulated for the very keen interest they took in it, and would particularly like to mention the name of Miss

Maud Wardrop, whose strenuous efforts considerably helped in the sale of tickets, also of Miss Hilda Cox as assistant secretary.

This being our first report, we of course have not a very long one to place before you, and hope to have more successes to record in our next year's report.

In conclusion would like to thank our worthy patron Miss Partridge for the deep interest she has taken in us, and also the other teachers and friends who have helped to make our Saturday afternoon so very enjoyable.

### Federal Examination Results.

We are pleased to note that several old Fort Street Girls have been successful at the recent examination for appointment as female typists in the service of the Federal Government, they are:—

Myrtle Killip, Gladys M. Robertson, Marjorie Telfer, Millie Dowling.

Roy Ford has received an appointment to Harrison, Jones and Devlin.

### Results of Training College Entrance examination.

**R**ESULTS of the Probationary Students' Examination held last September, have just been made known. The Students of Fort Street have once more distinguished themselves, this school having gained the leading Scholarship (winner being Dorothy Perry).

Others successful in gaining Scholarships are:—

Elsie Currie, Pearl Dwight, Ruby Benz, Pearl Atkinson, Rebecca Drake, Ella Washington and Muriel Boag.

15 Students sat for the examination, and all passed.

We notice also that other old Fort Street Girls, now serving as Pupil Teachers, have been successful in gaining Scholarships. They are:—

Gladys Levick, Edith M. Roulston, Kathleen O'Rourke.

The new Senior Classes have been formed up, the 1910 Class consisting of 19 candidates. We hope to see them all go to the poll.

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## Girl Life in Scotland.

By E. Fairley. 5C.

**S**CCHOOL life for a girl in Scotland begins when she is 5 years old, and, amongst the working classes, ends at 14. Her education is much the same as here until she reaches the 6th Class. After that she goes into the Supplementary Class, and takes, in addition to the usual lessons, dressmaking, cookery, laundry and housewifery. The girls go to a house for housewifery and are taught by a lady the duties of a housemaid—not that they may become one, only but that they may, if necessary, be able to direct others.

There are many holidays in Scotland throughout the year—the first being Easter. When my mother was a little girl many people did not know what Easter meant. Instead of Easter there was a fast day on the Thursday before Sacrament Sunday. The sacrament was only taken twice a year in the old Scotch Church, once in April and once in October, thus making two fasts in the year.

There is an old custom which is carried out mostly by girls. On the first morning of May, which is supposed to be the beginning of Summer, the girls go out to the public parks about 5 a.m. to get the "May Dew," which is supposed to make them beautiful.

The next holiday is Empire Day. We have great fun on that night with bonfires and fireworks. The boys and girls prepare for this day for some time beforehand, gathering all the old wood and burning materials they can. The fires are usually lighted at the ends of the streets. This of course is not allowed, but we just watch our opportunity to get them lighted when the policeman is out of the way.

The ordinary public schools have six weeks' holidays, from 1st July to 14th August.

Next comes Halloween, about

the end of October. Amongst the farmers it is a harvest festival. In the towns large parties are held. A large quantity of potatoes are boiled and beaten up, and we put in the pot a small china doll, a ring, a thimble, and a button. The potatoes are placed in the middle of the kitchen floor in the pot they have been boiled in. Each guest gets a spoon, the gas is then turned out and all make a rush for the pot. Then we get apples and nuts and put them in a tub of water. Each person goes down on his knees, dips his head in the tub, and tries to catch an apple or a nut—needless to say he is seldom successful. This is called "dooking." After that there is a tea, which usually consists of home made scones made with buttermilk, oat cakes, bannock haggis, and sometimes a dumping.

Many of the children go out dressed as Hamlet, Wm. Wallace, Robt. Bruce, etc. They go from door to door singing or reciting, the people giving them apples or sweets, and often money.

We celebrate Christmas and New Year, more especially New Year. The last night of the year is called "Hogmanay."

We have many winter amusements, such as skating, snowballing and sliding. Our ponds are frozen and we have skating carnivals in the open air.

There are many places of interest, such as Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh, where one may see Mary Queen of Scots' bedroom, her looking glass, the bed she slept in, and many things belonging to the Stuart Kings. The place where Rizzio was murdered is marked with some red spots supposed to be blood. There is also Edinburgh Castle, where there is the old Queen Margaret's chapel, and the dungeons where they used to put prisoners many years ago.

There is St. Giles' Cathedral

with the stool Jenny Geddes threw at the Dean's head.

Then there is Fiugal's Cave on the Isle of Staffa. The stone there is much the same as at the Giant's Causeway in the north of Ireland. Some old people say they were joined at one time. They consist of an assemblage of pillars arranged in three piers or causeways, the longest of which runs 1000ft. into the sea. The pillars have from 3 to 9 sides and range from 40ft. to 55ft. in height.

Amongst other sights are the Abbeys of Dunfermline, Arboth and Melrose, which are very beautiful and have been standing many years.

There is the old Castle of St. Andrew's in Fifeshire where there is the bottle dungeon that stretches out under the sea, where many of the Covenanters were imprisoned. There are many more ancient and interesting places which we will have to keep for another paper.

### Notice to Book Borrowers

**I**T is hereby announced that the School Library has been closed until after the Christmas Vacation. No books at all will be issued for reading during vacation, as it was brought home to us very forcibly last year that many of the books issued as a favour on the eve of last Vacation were never returned.

**Borrowers must return all books at once.** Books may be returned any day by both boys and girls. We regret to be compelled to state that borrowers are becoming more and more careless in the care of books; for example, during the last few weeks about half a dozen books have been found in various parts of the school. Secondly, on several occasions new books have been returned in a very dirty state so dirty in one or two cases that

the borrowers concerned were refused the issue of more books.

It is notified for general information that after the vacation the fine of one penny per week on every book kept out over the fortnight will be rigidly enforced

on all borrowers, and no additional book will be issued to any borrower who has an overdue book in his possession.

A frequent source of annoyance to the Librarian is occasioned by the fact that borrowers do not

return the books to the Librarian and have their cards cancelled, but simply place the book on the shelves. This will not be considered an excuse if a borrower is notified that his book is overdue and must be returned.

- Notes and News -

**W**HAT the Old Boys appreciate their old school is testified by the fact that at the Senior Farewell they more than filled the space allotted to them. Among them we recognised Percy R. Watts (Hon. Sec. Old Boys' Union), Archie Collins, Reg. Moses, Norman Connell, Douglas Stafford (Captain 1908), Marcus and Roy Alexander, Arthur Barnes, Arthur Stantoa, Theo. Potts, John Malcolm, Harry Brown, Clarence Collier, Cecil Gostelow, Herman Dee, H. Thorne.

Some of the Seniors, who shall be nameless, occasioned some mild astonishment by arriving at the send-off in a taxi-cab. We thought it was at least the Governor honoring the school.

At the Senior Farewell Miss Esther Mitchell recited twice, Miss Coral Middleton played a selection, and the choir under Mr. McCauley rendered two items.

We heard a day or two ago that Harry Stephens and William Hindmarsh, Old Boys, at present in the Department of Agriculture, have been selected, together with five others, to hold the first Government Scholarships in the new Department of Agriculture at the University. Stephens is taking up Veterinary Science, and Hindmarsh Dairying. The finest thing about these scholarships is that though the holders are attending lectures at the University their salaries go on just the same.

**The 1909 Seniors**

The "Fortian" desires to express its best wishes for the success of all the 15 boys who sat for this year's Senior. We hope to see even the record Stafford gained last year eclipsed by one or more this 1909. The results should appear next week. We are confident no name will be missing from the lists.

Herman Dee, lately cadet draughtsman in the Works Department, has, like Reg. Reid, gone to the field as an assistant to the surveyor at Jindabyne.

The boys of the School will be glad to know that Edgar Booth, who met with a serious accident, is recovering as rapidly as possible though he will not return to School till after vacation.

The results of the Hall Bros. Bicycle Competition had not come to hand when we went to press.

Both the Girls and Boys' Department have now almost completed the adornment of their rooms. We understand that during the last few months a sum of about £30 has been spent in pictures and frames. We would venture to suggest through these columns that many of the Old Boys, Old Girls and friends of the school might occasionally send a picture along to adorn the walls of some class room.

On Thursday 18th ult a team from Fort Street visited All Souls' Church Institute, Leichhardt, to try forces in a debate. Fort Street was represented by R. Noble, G. Godfrey and E. Leask; while Leichhardt was represented by two old Fort Street boys, Messrs. J. C. Rickard, B.A., E. Clark and one other gentlemen. The subject discussed was "Military Training should not be compulsory throughout the Commonwealth." Messrs. Clark and Lasker were the judges, and gave the verdict in favor of Fort Street. Mr. Lasker expressed the opinion that he had never heard Fort Street boys speak better in his life.



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As this is the last issue of the "Fortian" this year the Editor desires to wish all the boys and girls of the school the most pleasant of holidays.

The Annual Inspection of the School by Senior Inspector H. D. McLelland, B.A., Senior Inspector A. Parkinson, and Inspector S. H. Smith, has now been completed, though their report has not yet been issued.

We notice that Oliver Fox was one of the students who succeeded in winning a scholarship to the Sydney Teachers' College.

The Senior Results should be published about the 16th of this month. Our Seniors' report, that, with few exceptions, they have satisfied themselves in their various papers.

Many of the staff of the school will be away next week sitting for the various University Annual Examinations. We wish them all success.

We desire to announce that the winner of the "Lavozone" competition is R. Clark, of 6B Class. He has purchased a tennis racket of the value of one guinea.

Mr. J. C. McMiles was absent for close on a fortnight with two sessions of boys at the Camp School held on the Hunter River. His report was too late for insertion.

The afternoon of Friday was occupied in the Senior Debating Society, by the reading of the Manuscript Journal. The editor Bray read a very interesting editorial entitled "An Adventure." A large number of papers were read and discussed, the best article to our mind being "The Senior Cadet Camp." We notice, however, that the poetical contributions which formed such a feature of previous journals have practically disappeared from the society. We would like to see this feature of the journal revived in the next issue.

## Senior Cadets in Camp

It was a very enthusiastic company that mustered at Cleveland Street Waiting Shed on Friday evening, prior to marching into camp. Unarmed and without uniforms as they were, the Fort Street boys proved in the most striking manner that it is the spirit and not the equipment that makes the soldier. The cheerfulness with which they dropped into the routine of camp life was very gratifying to those in charge of the company. The object of this Camp Training appeared to give the boys a grounding in their work, from squad drill up to brigade drill, nor were other duties, such as fatigues and picquets neglected.

On Saturday afternoon the school company was accommodated in one of the enclosures of the Review. On Sunday afternoon, under command of Mr. Parker, they attended Divine Service. This service, by the way, was conducted by Lieutenant Woodger, who enjoys the almost unique distinction of being at one and the same time, a clergyman and a combatant officer of the Commonwealth forces.

Monday was the gay day of the camp, being devoted to the First Annual Tournament of the Naval and Military Cadets of New South Wales.

Tuesday evening brought our experience of camp to a close. We marched out at 7 p.m. amidst the cheers of three battalions, after being complimented on our work by the staff.

During the camp we were attached to the 1st battalion. This is at present a temporary arrangement. The officers of that battalion expressed the hope that we should remain with their battalion permanently. This was a graceful compliment and one we can reciprocate, for taking it all through it is a fine battalion, and

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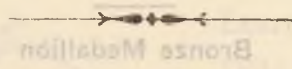
Seniors' Corps, and whom we are sorry to lose, is still over strength, and permission has been asked to form an extra half-company.

Captain Parsonage has been attached to the 1st Battalion as signalling officer.

The company is at present going

through its musketry course. The cadet who succeeds in gaining the highest number of points will have his name inscribed on the Venour Nathan Shield.

Capt. Parsonage has also promised a medal to the best shot in the company.



: : **Sporting** : :

**Cricket Notes.**

**SINCE** our last issue the seconds have added two more victories to their list, by winning from Cleveland Street and Neutral Bay. The scores in the first match were very low; we obtained 33 and 43 to our opponents 35 and 38. Green and Taylor were the only boys to reach double figures. Adams, who is a new bowler, secured 12 wickets for 27 runs, and will develop with practice into a very good bowler.

H. Mackaness was the only successful bowler against Neutral Bay, when he secured 9 wickets for 17 runs. The batting of both teams was better than that of the previous match. Neutral Bay scored 75 and 109, and the seconds obtained 107 and 114. Wyatt 36, Taylor 15 and 13, Adams 19, Evatt 38, Lane 18 and Tupling 14, were the principal bats in our team.

The fielding of the seconds is a long way below the form exhibited by the firsts, and they have a very bad habit of getting out of their places. In our opinion the captain wants to keep a tighter rein on his team, and should prevent them from sleeping on the field with their arms folded.

Last month three outside

matches have been played with the Grammar School Seconds, Woodford Academy and the Waverley High School. Berry Dinsey and Morgan reached double figures against the Grammar School who scored 112 to our 56.

On King's Birthday we availed ourselves of the invitation of the boys of Woodford Academy to play a game with them. We had some difficulty in getting seating accommodation on the morning excursion train, but arrived eager for the match about 11 a.m. at Woodford. Several of the senior pupils took charge of us, and the match began about 11.30. The Academy won the toss and decided to bat. Either they were suffering from a bad attack of nerves or the bowling was strange to them, for they scored 50 and the whole fell victims to Flook for 27 runs. For our side Dinsey 53, Flook 28, Symonds 27, Thom 26, Berry 24, Phelps 10 reached double figures. Our boys are high in their praises of the hospitable way they were entertained, and hope soon to have the pleasure of a return match with the Academy.

The match Fort Street v Petersham had to be re-played on 19th November. The Cricket Committee decided that as one of the umpires had made a technical

breach of the rules, the game should be annulled.

The match when re-played was unsatisfactory on both sides. Petersham batted for 3 hours for 173 runs, and left us half-an-hour to bat, in which time we scored 70 for the loss of 1 wicket. The match was drawn.

**Swimming.**

Results.—

Senior Class Handicap.—C. W. Bray, 1; C. Wallace, 2; G. Harden and E. Green, 3.

2nd., 3rd. and 4th. Class Handicap.—C. Thomas, 1; J. Langford, 2.

Wading Race for Beginners.—A. Allum, 1; C. Erwan, 2; W. Fredericksen, 3.

The 440yds. Championship will be decided on Thursday, December 2nd, and the 880yds. Championship on Thursday, December 9th.

The Swimming Committee urges all boys who are not yet members of the club to join the Union at once, so that they may obtain material benefit for themselves.



## : Life Saving Examination :

**A**N examination of candidates for the Bronze Medallion and Proficiency Certificate will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, 15th and 16th December. The candidates will be from the Upper Classes only, the balance to be taken after the Xmas. Vacation.

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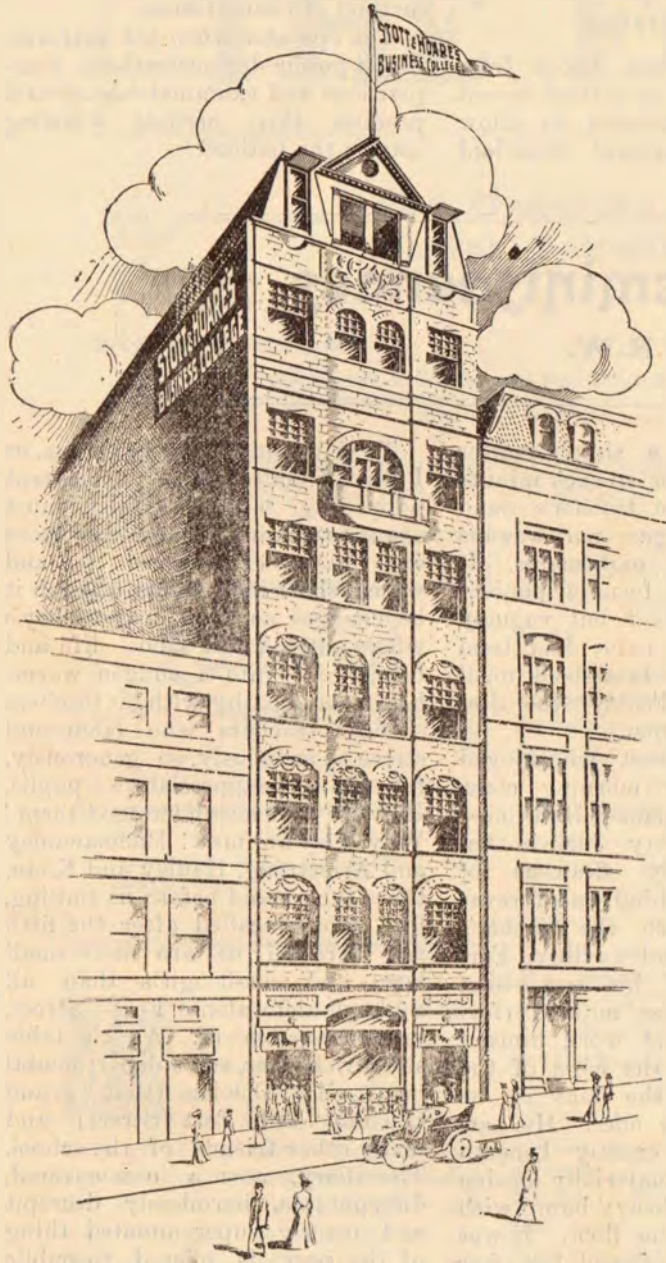
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## Random Reminiscences.

By P.R.W.

(Continued from last issue.)

THE most striking figure (at least we felt so) of the 1898 Junior Class was Mr. Macmanamey, the predecessor of Mr. Lasker. Mr. Macmanamey loathed caning; everytime he struck a boy he was visited with a horrid nightmare. He said so himself. We all sympathised with him deeply in this respect, for we imagined that his nocturnal life must have been one interminable series of nightmares. That being so, what could one expect but that every morning as we took our places, our fingers numbed perhaps with winter chill, he should fix his gaze upon us with that pale deadly look (the aftermath of nightmares) which invariably preceded the request to "take out a sheet of blank paper." Ten sentences to translate into Latin—the slaughtering of the innocents ten times over; a short speech, couched in admirable English, explaining how distressing it was for a man of sensitive feelings to have to resort to that degrading implement the cane (sotto voce murmurs to the effect that "his arm is tired now"); and for the rest of the day Mr. Macmanamey would be the good cheerful soul he is. I have never sat with more genuine pleasure in front of any teacher than I sat in front of Mr. Macmanamey, the witty, the sparkling, the poetic Mr. Macmanamey—when his arm was tired.

The other teachers were not permitted to use the cane. Hence the

"diary." It was a simple matter to write a name or so each minute in the diary. The teacher's hand endured no fatigue, nor was his soul harassed by nightmares. It was an insidious form of punishment. One realised but vaguely how often one's name had been inscribed in that fatal book until the advent of Friday—the *dies iræ*—and Mr. Turner.

One laugh at least we enjoyed in the Saturday morning class. There was a boy named Houison—one of those fidgety Jack-in-the-box boys, rashly desirous of answering everything, and forever straining to catch the teacher's eye by frantic hand-wavings. Forbidden to rise off his seat whilst indulging in these aerial performances, he would work himself forward right to the edge of the seat, and—well, the fact is, he went just too far once. His new straw hat was exactly beneath him, but did not materially deaden the sound of the heavy bump with which he met the floor. It was the sight of the flattened hat after its owner had arisen in confusion to his seat which caused us to laugh. The whole row, including the unlucky Houison, appeared on the steps on the following Monday on the serious charge of having been guilty of laughter. If anyone was innocent of the charge it was Houison, yet he alone, such is the perversion of justice, was punished. Houison, by the way, is one of those brave Fort Street boys who afterwards fought in the South African War.

To bring this paper to a close, as I must, I shall refer to a pleasant happening, a scene which must always remain memorable to those who have experienced it, and which, short in duration though it be, changes as if by magic a boy's whole outlook on school life and brings him into a sudden warm-hearted sympathy with his teachers—those teachers who labor and strive so arduously, so generously, for their unappreciative pupils. How we have misunderstood them! Why, they are men! Macmanamey and Armstrong, Hadley and Klein, there they stand before us smiling, like actors recalled after the fifth act. Around us are more small boys and small girls than all Sydney, let alone Fort Street, seemed capable of. At the table sits Mr. Turner, some departmental heads, Mr. Deloitte (that "grand Old Boy" of Fort Street) and many other friends of the school. The diary, now a loose-covered, disreputable, harmlessly decrepit and utterly superannuated thing of the past, is offered to public sacrifice amidst tumultuous jubilation. And as the torn fragments of its once terrible pages fall from the Headmaster's hand into the contemptuous embraces of the fire grate, our past failures, our sins of omission and commission, slip from us as the albatross slipped from the neck of the Ancient Mariner; and we go forth, amidst the cheers of our comrades, ready to face the Junior and whatever world may lie beyond with hearts braver and happier because they are free.

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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.*

**T**O produce regularly every month a school magazine of the size of the "Fortian" involves no little labour, and a very great expense. To make the paper a thorough success financially the earnest co-operation of every boy and girl in the school is desired, not spasmodically but regularly, month by month. It will be noticed that a certain amount of the paper (the cover particularly), is devoted to advertisements, but that there are some spaces to-let. We would be very glad to see those spaces filled at once, otherwise our finances will suffer. Let it be kept in mind also—that every penny profit from the paper is devoted to the purchase of Library Books, so that in reality many of the pennies paid for the paper are returned to the school, that is to

you yourselves, for we take it you are the school.

The Editor, too, is oftentimes disappointed at the small number of contributions received from budding journalists. If anything is worth publishing he will publish it. Of course there are some essentials necessary in writing for the press. First the language (and spelling, too, is included under that term) must be correct. Secondly the article must be bright, chatty and interesting. We become very tired of reading about "A Trip to the Country," for personally, we would prefer, both editorially and physically "A Trip in an Aeroplane," or a "Balloon." Remember then the school paper will welcome any articles you like to submit to the Editor. Many a great journalist has begun his career in a more humbler way.

### Thanks.

The Headmaster desires to thank the parents who so generously donated the large sum of £137 towards the general purposes and prize fund of the school.

Roy Fox (Junior 1909) has received an appointment to the National Bank of Australia.

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## Some Notes from the Headmaster's Annual Report for 1909

**A**MONG Old Boys, apart from Mr. Douglas Mawson, whose name is now a household word throughout the continent, the most brilliant is Mr. E. M. Wellisch, M.A., who has recently gained the highest distinction in science that has yet fallen to an Australian, viz., "the Clerk-Maxwell Scholarship. I quote from a cutting in the "Herald":—

### Mr. Wellisch's success.

A correspondent writes:—You announce that Mr. E. M. Wellisch has been awarded the Clerk-Maxwell Scholarship. As that is quite an exceptional honor for an Australian, in my opinion, a higher one than, say, being senior wrangler, you may be willing to publish the following about the scholarship: The scholarship is awarded for physical research to

students of the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, every three years and is of the value of £180 per annum for three years. The previous holders of the scholarship were the late Professor Cassie, W. C. D. Wetham, F.R.S. (tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge), C. T. R. Wilson, F.R.S., Professors J. Townsend, F.R.S. (Oxford) H. A. Wilson D.Sc., F.R.S. (McGill), O. W. Richardson (Princeton, U.S.A.), and F. Horton, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. It is the highest honour in the nature of a physical scholarship bestowed in England. All previous holders of the scholarship have been Englishmen, although Americans and colonials have been eligible for the scholarship. Wellisch's investigations were mentioned at length by Sir J. J. Thomson, in his presidential address to the British Association."

"I would like to say that the school not only aims at developing honesty of purpose, industry and other qualities that go to form

character, but it also claims to be in the very van of progress in regard to educational methods. The school has always been strong in mathematics, and for the past four years it has paid great attention to the teaching of science, and every boy in the upper school does practical work in this subject.

I would, however, particularly emphasise the teaching of English and modern languages, French and German. In these we are doing, and have done, for a number of years, without any ostentation or blazon of trumpets, a class of work that puts us on a level with the leading schools of America, Great Britain and the Continent."

The department has supplied the school with a complete set of Chamber's New Encyclopaedia, and also of the "Times" edition of the "Historian's History of the World." These are now available for reference on application to the Librarian



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2.	50 " " 11 years	3d.
3.	50 " " 12 "	3d.
4.	50 " " 13 "	6d.
5.	100 " " 14 "	6d.
6.	100 " " 15 "	6d.
7.	<b>100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP OF SCHOOL</b>	1s.
8.	50 yards Handicap, 2nd and 3rd Classes	3d.
9.	50 " " 4th and 5th "	3d.
10.	50 " " 6th Classes	6d.
11.	50 " " 7th "	6d.
12.	100 yards Sobraon Boys' Handicap	—
13.	<b>110 YARDS INTER-CLUB HANDICAP.</b> Trophies £2 2s, £1 1s, and 10s 6d. (Including Admission)	1s. 6d.
14.	Fancy Costume Parade	3d.
15.	Musical Life Buoys	3d.
16.	<b>440 YARDS FIRST-CLASS INTER-CLUB HANDICAP.</b> 3 Prizes, value £2 2s, £1 1s, and 10s 6d. (Including Admission)	1s. 6d.
17.	Clothes Race	3d.
18.	Life-Saving Display	3d.
19.	<b>100 YARDS OLD BOYS' HANDICAP.</b> £2 2s, £1 1s, and 10s 6d. (Including Admission)	1s. 6d.
20.	<b>HIGH DIVING COMPETITION (Inter-Club)</b> 3 Prizes, value £2 2s, £1 1s, and 10s 6d. (Including Admission)	1s. 6d.

Entries close on Saturday, 26th February, 1910, for all Inter-Club Events with

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# Examination Results :

## University Examination

**A**MONG the results of the Annual Examinations at the University we notice the following successes of Old Boys and Members of the Staff. We offer our congratulations to all concerned (with apologies for any omissions).

Second Year Arts Pass.—A. R. Chisholm, Mr. A. H. Dyce, Errol G. Knox, S. Redshaw.

Third Year Examination Bachelor of Arts Pass.—Norman Connal, Mr. E. G. S. Evans (High Distinction and University Prize for Geology), Mr. P. W. Hallett, Mr. J. Leaver, Mr. P. L. Murphy.

School of Engineering.—Second Year Examination Mathematics, Pass :—Cleon Dennis.

First Year Examination, Pass :—R. G. Smith (Distinction in Physics, Engineering Drawing).

Second Year Pass.—J. S. Foxall (Distinction in Chemistry).

Faculty of Science.—Third Year

Examination (B.Sc.); Geo. S. Burrows, 1st Class Honours Chemistry, Prox. Acc. to Metallist, and 1st Class Honours in Geology and Mineralogy. Arthur B. Walkom, 2nd Class Honours Chemistry, 1st Class Honours and University Medal for Geology and Mineralogy.

Faculty of Medicine.—Final Examination (M.B., Ch.M.); Clive N. Smith.

Fourth Year Examination.—T. A. Turner.

First Year Examination Pass.—M. N. Alexander, Credit Chemistry, Physics, Biology.

J. G. Hunter, BSc, John Malcolm, Theo. K. Potts, Distinction Physics, Credit Chemistry.

Department of Dentistry.—1st Year Pass : George Douglas.

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In the year 1909 about 1000 boys were refused admission to Fort Street on account of the lack of accommodation.

## Matriculation Honours.

**T**HE following is a list of the Honours won at Matriculation by the Seniors. It will be noticed that this is the First Year that Honours have been awarded in English.

E. W. Frecker:—First Class Honours in English, First in Mathematics, Second in French, Third in Latin.

S. A. Railton:—First Class Honours in Mathematics, Second in English.

H. V. Chedghey:—First Class Honours in French, Second in Latin, Third in English, Third in Mathematics.

J. R. Blanchard:—First Class Honours in English Third in Mathematics, Third in Latin.

R. J. Silberthau:—First Class Honours in English, Second in French.

C. M. Sameou:—First Class Honours in English, Third in Mathematics.

H. W. McLelland:—Second Class Honours in German, Second in French, Third in Latin.

I. Morgan:—First Class Honours in English, Second in French.

N. Zions:—First Class Honours in English, Second in French.

H. A. Wall:—Second Class Honours in English, Second in French.

W. K. McLean:—Second Class Honours in Mathematics.

S. L. Andrews:—Third Class Honours in English.

## Synopsis of Matriculation Honours.

Subject.	1st Class,	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
English	5	3	2
Math's.	2	1	3
French	1	6	—
Latin	—	1	3
German	—	1	—

In accordance with the Result of the Senior Examination the following prizes were awarded at

## REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

### FOR TWO YEARS IN SUCCESSION

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2. Old Boys' Prize for English :—  
E. W. Frecker.
3. Bohrsman Prize for Mathematics :—E. W. Frecker.
4. Turner Prize for Science :—  
C. M. Samson.

### Synopsis of Passes.

	A Passes.	B Passes.	C Passes.
English	8	6	—
French	4	3	8
Latin	—	4	9
German	—	1	1
A. History	—	1	5
Algebra	3	7	5
Geometry	1	8	6
Trig.	2	8	5
Conics	1	2	4
Mechanics	1	2	3
Physics	—	5	2

To appreciate thoroughly the general excellence of these results, it is necessary to compare them with the table of results of all the candidates in the Examination, and also to note that no boy failed in any of the language papers, English, French, Latin or German, that only one boy failed in a Mathematical paper, and that 3 failed in Science, that is to say that out of a total of 119 papers taken, 115 were safely negotiated by the candidates.

### The Senior Examination

**T**HE Results of the Senior Examination appeared too late for our last issue of last year. Never, we think, in the history of the school have we gained a better result. Fifteen candidates sat, all passed, and all matriculated.

The Medal for English was won by Eric W. Frecker. The Medal for French was won by Victor H. Chedghey, while Ralph Blanchard and Cedric M. Samson were equal for Proxime Accessit to the Medalist in English. The following is a detailed account of the results :—

### The Senior Pass List.

	Ancient History.	Eng.	Frch.	Ger.	Latin.	Alg.	Geom.	Trig.	Conics.	Mech.	Phy.	Pts														
Andrews, S. L.	..	—	B	...	C	...	—	C	...	C	...	C	...	B	...	...	...	...	...	...	8					
Blanchard, J. R.	...	B	...	A	†	...	C	...	—	C	...	B	...	B	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	...	...	15		
Carruthers, B. M.	...	—	B	...	—	...	C	...	—	—	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	C	...	—	...	...	...	9		
Chedghey, H. V.	...	C	...	B	...	A	*	...	—	B	...	C	...	B	...	B	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	B	20	
Frecker, E. W.	...	C	...	A	*	...	B	...	—	—	...	B	...	A	...	B	...	A	...	A	...	A	...	B	26	
Langan, A. M.	...	—	—	B	...	—	C	...	—	—	...	C	...	B	...	C	...	C	...	—	...	...	...	C	9	
McLean, W. K.	...	—	—	—	...	—	C	...	—	—	...	A	...	B	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	B	...	—	11	
McLelland, H. W.	...	C	...	B	...	B	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	C	...	C	...	B	...	—	...	...	...	—	13	
Morgan, I.	...	C	...	A	...	B	...	—	...	C	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	C	...	—	...	...	...	—	12	
Railton, S. A.	...	—	—	—	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	A	...	A	...	A	...	B	...	B	...	—	...	—	17	
Robb, A. C.	...	—	—	—	...	B	...	—	...	C	...	C	...	C	...	C	...	C	...	B	...	C	...	C	11	
Samson, C. M.	...	—	—	—	...	A	†	...	...	C	...	—	...	C	...	C	...	C	...	B	...	A	...	—	B	16
Silberthau, R. J.	...	—	—	—	...	A	...	...	...	A	...	—	...	C	...	B	...	B	...	B	...	—	...	—	B	15
Wall, H. A. C.	...	C	...	A	...	A	...	—	...	C	...	B	...	C	...	C	...	C	...	—	...	...	C	...	—	13
Zions, N.	...	—	—	—	...	A	...	A	...	C	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	C	...	—	...	...	—	...	—	13

\* Denotes Medallist.

† Denotes Proxime Accessit.

The following Second Year Probationary students were successful in winning Scholarships to the Teachers' College:—Dorothy Perry, Elsie Currie, Pearl Dwight, Ruby Benz, Pearl Atkinson, Rene Drake, Ella Washington and Muriel Brag.

Gother H. Mann was successful in winning a Senior Technical Scholarship at the Examination held in December last. We understand he intends taking up the Engineering Course.

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# Girl's Page



Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

## Fort Street Girls' St. John's Ambulance Class.

ON Monday, 13th instant, a class of 45 was examined by Dr. Donald Luker for certificates, and all were successful.

Of this number two qualified for Medallions, 7 for First Re-Examination Voucher, 23 over 16 years for Certificate, 13 under 16 years for Junior Certificate.

In addition to the work done by Misses Woodlands, Drummond and Harders, the necessary lectures were given by Dr. Storie Dixon, who, on the final day, was presented with a souvenir as a mark of appreciation of the excellent work done by him.

The examining doctor in his report stated that the class had gained an average examination mark of 85 per cent., and the practical work was of a very high standard of proficiency. To quote from the doctor's report: "Amid such all-round excellence when all are so worthy, I feel I cannot single out any candidate for special mention."

## Probationary Students' Examination.

LATE in December the results of the Probationary Students' Examination came to hand. Fort Street girls were successful in gaining no less than fourteen two years Scholarships, the winners in order of merit being:—

Olive M. Dwight, Patricia Graham, Gertrude A. Walton, Edith R. S. Mackaness, Alice M. Ling,

Victoria I. Hinds, Marie M. McKenzie, Rabie K. Montgomery, Ivy E. M. Stevens, Helen C. Patterson, Mary H. Meaney, Maude W. Fryer, Edith J. Fraser, Elsie G. Ferguson, Maggie H. Mills, Doris I. Vale.

Examined at Parramatta:—Ethel M. Stanton.

Examined at Wollongong:—Maggie D. Pinkerton.

## Tennis Club Tea.

THE Fortian's Tennis Tea this year was very late owing to the date on which the Tournament finished. However, as everyone enjoyed themselves, that did not matter. The girls' main room presented a very lively appearance on Thursday, 16th December, at four p.m., and instead of everyone bustling to get away all seemed anxious to stay as long as possible.

The committee welcomed as visitors the staffs of the girls and boys' schools and a few of the players' friends.

During the discussion of tea, the president of the club, Miss Partridge, presented the winners with their prizes, and a delightful programme of music was carried out by the Misses Coral Middleton, Connie Stewart, Emily Stuart and Winnie Stevens, and Messrs Meldrum and Selle.

The speeches were very short and most enjoyable, and we all look forward to another "Tea" early in 1910.

Miss Tresillian, formerly of the Girls' Department, has been appointed to the Kindergarten School.

## 5b Class General Information Afternoon.

FRIDAY afternoon, December 3rd, was the second occasion on which 5B entertained the Fifth Classes with what we call General Information Papers. During the six months ending December, 1909, the girls went through all the interesting facts relating to Girl Life in China, Japan, India, New Zealand, Scotland and Ireland, concluding with Southern and Eastern Europe.

The Judges wish to congratulate 5B on their last effort which was undeniably the best of the course.

The papers read were as follows:—Ruby Dwight, Italy, 59 out of 60 points; Hilda Danahay, Hungary and Austria, 58 out of 60; Dulcie Pierce, Turkey, 58 out of 60; (the classes voted these three equal). Mawdsley Donaldson, Germany, 58 out of 60; Hilda Johns, Greece, 57 out of 60; Esme Bayley, Switzerland, 57 out of 60; Vanda Leefson, France, 57 out of 60; Armabel Lewis, Spain, 56 out of 60.

## Obituary

THE Executive Committee of the Old Girls' Union report with deep regret the death of their one-time hon. sec., Miss Jean Given, who was so long connected with our school, having attended here all her life, and gone through the school from a kindergarten to a probationary student.

The committee and members of the Union tender their sincere and loving sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Given in their great bereavement.

## Fortian Tennis Tournament.

**T**HE Tournament played by the Girls' Team's Club finished only on Wednesday, 15th December, although it commenced in October, Strikes, etc., interfering with the playing of the matches. The contest was keen right through, and although the results proved some surprises, still the management committee of the tournament are satisfied that every player made the best of her opportunities.

The Teams are improving, and the club should be bigger than ever in the coming year. The results were as follows:—

School Championship.—Won by Emily Stuart; Mary Hardy playing in the final, and Nellie Cook in the semi-final.

Seventh Class Championship.—Won by Emily Stuart, who played off with Muriel Sledge.

Sixth Class Championship.—Won by Olga Hutchins. This, owing to few entries, was the smallest match of the Tournament.

Fifth Class Championship.—Won by Pauline Heary, who played off with Evelyn Saunders.

Handicap Doubles.—Emily Stuart and Pauline Heary, 1st; Alice Nash and Rabie Montgomery, 2nd.

## Swimming.

**T**HE 220 yards Championship of the school was swum at Elkington Park Baths, on Wednesday, 15th of December, and was won by Aimee Hinder in 3 minutes 57 seconds; Estelle Hayes 2nd, and May Keen 3rd.

It was a splendid race, 6 girls started and all swam it out. From the start the race was entirely in Aimee's hands. The Club compliments her on the win. She is one of our oldest members and a great upholder of the Club.

## Girls' Swimming Club Carnival

**I**T has been decided that the Carnival will be held this year on Friday, 19th March.

A programme of events will be submitted to members during next week.

The hundred yards Championship of the school will be swum prior to the date of the Carnival, and the hundred yards Breast and Back Stroke Championship at the Carnival.

Handicap times must be given to the Secretary before 7th of March, and they must be exact.

Three races will be held for Past Pupils of the school:—

- (1). 100 yards Breast and Back Stroke Handicap.
- (2). 50 yards Handicap.
- (3). Relay Race.—Entry fee 6d per race.

Tickets for the Carnival will be on sale by 1st March.

## The Debating Society.

### Annual Meeting.

**T**HE Annual Meeting of the Senior Debating Society was held on Friday, the 28th ultimo, Mr. Lasker being in the chair.

A number of alterations in the rules were made, and the officers for the next term were elected as follows:—

President, Mr. Kilgour; Vice-Presidents, Teachers of Senior Classes; Schoolboy Vice-President, Eric Leask; Secretary, A. Hudson-Smith; Treasurer, G. Godfrey; Editor M.S. Journal, E. Booth; Sub-Editor, C. Bray; Committee, J. Ferguson, V. Crockett, R. Noble, C. Murray, G. Harden.

The Treasurer's Report showed an income of £1 16s 6d, an expend-

iture of 3d, leaving a Credit Balance of £1 16s 3d a marvellous financial statement.

## Debating Society

Syllabus for half-year ending 30th June, 1910:—Feb. 4, Impromptu Speeches; 11th, M.S. Journal; 18th, Debate; 25th, Humorous Afternoon; March 4th, Lecturesses; 11th, Debate; 18th, M.S. Journal; 25th and April 1st, Easter Vacation; 8th, Australian Day; 15th, Debate; 22nd, Mock Election; 29th, Lecturesses; May 6th, Debate; 13th, M.S. Journal; 20th, Debate; 27th, Impromptu Speeches; June 3rd, Junior Farewell; 10th, Debate; 17th, M.S. Journal; 24th, Debate; July 1st, Half Yearly Meeting.

## Editorial Notice.

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## - Notes and News -

**E**ACH year the Department awards Six University Bursaries to the most successful Public School Boys who pass the Senior. These Bursaries are of the value of £25 each, together with fees and books, and are eagerly sought after. This year we were fortunate enough to secure four out of the six. The successful ones being, in order of merit Frecker, Chedghey, Blanchard and Railton.

Mr. H. D. McLelland, B.A., Senior Inspector, in whose district, Fort Street was last year, has been promoted to Assistant Chief Inspector. We offer him our hearty congratulations. Mr. Senior Inspector Parkinson will have charge of the district in which we are now situated.

A number of our old teachers paid visits to the school during the first week of the new term. Among them were Mr. W. A. Ferguson and Mr. F. T. Allen.

Miss Sare has been removed to Grafton District School, and Misses Campbell and Newling have been appointed to the Girls' School staff.

The general meeting of the 5E Debating Society was held on Friday last, 28th ult. Business: Election of officers for the ensuing quarter. Lush was elected Chairman, Thomas and Wise, Joint Secretaries.

It will be noted that that the Honours gained at the last Senior have now been added to the Senior Honour Board.

Mr. P. W. Hallett, B.A., has been removed to the Continuation School, Newcastle.

Victor Chedghey has been articled to a firm of solicitors, and will take his scholarship in the faculty of law, with a view of gaining the LL.B. degree.

Mr. E. G. Evans, B.A., has been removed to the district school, Orange, where he will be special assistant and lecturer in the Technical College.

The new members of the staff are Mr. R. G. Hilliard and Mr. R. Scott, B.A. both from the Blackfriars Teachers' College. We welcome them.

Cadet Davison wins Mr. Parsonage's medal for best shot in the company. His name will be inscribed on the Venour Nathan Shield.

The first public school to raise a company of Senior Cadets in New South Wales is Fort St.

In the Commonwealth "Government Gazette" of the 18th ultimo, the formation of a Senior Cadet Corps at Fort Street was noted. One and a half companies are to come from this School, giving a total strength here of 124 officers and men. The first company is to form J Company of the 1st Metropolitan Battalion, and the second half company, with a half company from Cleveland Street, is to form K Company. Lieutenant Collins, the commanding officer, is

busy getting the members measured for their uniforms.

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2. The Fee for borrowing each book is one penny, and the time allowed 14 days. All books not returned when due are charged a fine of one penny for each week overdue.
3. A Reading Room is open every day from 12.40 to 1.30 p.m. The Librarian is always glad to receive donations of magazines and illustrated periodicals.

### Cricket

**S**INCE our last issue our first team has had its first loss at the hands of Petersham. Petersham by very steady and careful batting compiled 194 runs. Kelly 41, Williams 25, Teale 52, and Hunt 34, doing most of the scoring. We responded with 64. Rowbotham 13, Lane 11, and Flook 10 reached double figures. As a result we had to follow on, a most exceptional thing for us.

In our second attempt the following were the scores:—

Stafford	stumped	5
Dinsey	caught	50
Berry	bowled	58
Moran	stumped	19
Flook	lb w	77
Lane	caught	10
Wallace	caught	3
Dive	caught	5
Rutledge	not out	1
Sundries		11
	for 8 wickets	239

Cricket is generally a game where chance enters largely, still, it is difficult to understand why the team should collapse so badly in the 1st innings.

We now stand second in the competition and will have to strive very hard in order to overhaul the leading team.

Our seconds at present are doing well, having lost no matches. They have to play Mosman to finish the round, and if they are successful they play the leading team in the second district for the Championship of the Senior B Grade.

It will soon be time to make arrangements for playing the annual match against the past members of the school. Last year we were successful in the match, and had much praise bestowed on the team for its good display of cricket. We hope to do as well this year.

### Swimming.

**T**HE 20th Annual Championship Swimming Gala will eventuate on Saturday, 5th March, 1910, the venue being the City Domain Baths. Everything promises a successful gathering, and it is hoped that last year's record will this year be easily broken.

The programme is one brimful of what promises to be exciting events, in the championship races, the several handicaps, a diving competition and novelty events.

The usual age championships from 10 years to 16 years are to take place, and these will be supplemented by 110 yards interclub handicaps and a high diving competition.

The 100 yards Old Boys' Handicap, in which Hardwick, Barry, Brett and others will compete, is a feature of this interesting programme.

Boys are reminded that the Gala is their annual display, and it is to their own personal efforts that the success of the day may be assured.

The wonderful response received in 1909 augurs well for a like achievement in 1910, provided fickle weather is not with us. Dodgers will be distributed this week to every pupil in the school, whose duty then should be most apparent.

The success of club carnivals

this season has so far not been phenomenal, and Fort Street as a club should show the natatorial world what can be done in aquatic sports and in providing spectators.

Tickets will be to hand this week, and the Secretary is leaving no stone unturned to have an abundant supply for distribution.

Harold Hardwick, erstwhile champion of Fort Street, is the holder of the Mile, Half Mile and Quarter Mile State Championships for 1910.

Albert Barry and Hardwick are at present in Melbourne competing in the Australian Championships.

### Life Saving.

**T**HE Annual Examination for Life Saving Certificates was held on Thursday, December 16th, 1909, when a proportion of the season's candidates were examined.

Mr. G. H. Williams, Hon. Sec.; R. L. S. Society was the examining officer, and Mr. W. A. Selle the Hon. Instructor.

All candidates sent up were successful in gaining the several awards, 7 qualifying for Medallions, 3 for Hon. Instructors, and 10 for Proficiency Certificates.

The following are the names of the successful candidates:—

Hon. Instructors.—Chas. W. Bray, Ralph A. Noble, Eric G. Leask.

Medallions.—Clive Alexander' David R. Brown, George Clare' John Crawford, Stanley Lavers, R. Rasmussen, Niven Cuthbert.

Proficiency Certificates.—L. Corrigan, A. Eldershaw, L. Emanuel, A. Kyle, J. Parkinson, W. Stackelberg, G. Stokes, H. Yates, A. Tierney, A. Wyne.

Classes of instruction have

been formed this year, and under the several Hon. Instructors a record number of intending candidates is anticipated. It is hoped

that fully 150 boys will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity for participation in this humane work.

Eric Cullen-Ward is representing the Life Saving Society in America during his sojourn in and around San Francisco.

## An Island Cruise

BY AN OLD BOY

**I** PROPOSE to take you for a trip through the South Sea Islands. Seven days after leaving Sydney we reach our first port of call, Gizo, the entering port for the Western Solomons.

This place has a fine little harbor in all weathers. It is a very pretty place, plantations surrounding you as you lie at anchor. Stationed here there is a deputy commissioner. His boat is manned by native policemen. After entering we leave for Rendova. This has rather a nasty entrance, but within there is a splendid landlocked harbor. It was here in 1908 a native tried to stab a white man, and would have succeeded but for the timely shot of another white man, killing the native.

Messrs Levers' Pacific Plantations, Ltd., have extensive plantations in the Solomon Islands, growing mostly cocoanuts to make Copra (Copra is the kernel of the cocoanut dried). After we leave Rendova our next port is Pepesala. This plantation will rank amongst the largest cocoanut plantations in the world. The soil in the Solomon Islands is of the rich loamy nature intermingled with coral (not the sort you see in Sydney, but like marble). If you get scratched by the coral whilst it is green (or alive) you are sure to get poisoned and it takes years before you can get the poison out of your system.

Having discharged our cargo here, we leave for Banika, which is only three hours from Pepesala. It was here a white man was killed last year by a native boy and woman. The boy was hanged and the woman taken to Fiji for imprisonment.

One noticeable fact about all of Messrs Levers' plantations is that

they grow their cocoanut trees in alignment. It is very pleasing to see as far as the eye can reach, the young trees in line. Leaving Banika we arrive at Lunga on the Island of Guadalcanar. This plantation, when fully bearing, will be the largest in the world.

On Lunga plantation they are experimenting with rubber, cocoa and cotton. Amongst our cargo to be discharged here there are fifty bullocks, and we had quite an exciting time swimming them ashore (the ship lies about a mile off the shore). The method we use on our ship for discharging cattle is as follows:—Each has the sling put round him in the hold. He is then hoisted over the side and tied to the ship's boat's side by the horns, his head being kept clear of the water. The boat is then towed near the beach and the cattle are let go. On this plantation they have a traction engine for ploughing, and various other purposes. It scared the wits out of the natives when they started the engine going for the first time.

Having finished discharging cargo here we proceed to Gavutu, the head station in the Solomon Islands for Messrs Levers' Pacific Plantations, Ltd. It is the only place in the Solomon Islands that can boast of a wharf. Here we landed an old Fort Street boy, R. Chandler. Wherever you go in the South Sea Islands you are sure to meet some of the old boys. The Solomon Islanders are of the Melanesian type.

Having discharged our cargo here our captain goes to Tulagi (5 miles away) for his customs clearance. After clearing we proceed to Santa Cruz. We anchor in Graciosa Bay. At the head of

this bay there are still the ruins of the old Spanish settlement of two centuries ago. The Spaniards taught the natives to make looms for making mats and bags. They are a wild lot here and have been fighting amongst themselves for the last 18 months. They have big rings in the lobes of their ears, and their nostrils are pierced and a large lump of tortoise shell put through. I have seen an ordinary alarm clock in a native's ear.

Around these islands water snakes abound. They look like long jelly fish with red spots about the size of a shilling along their back.

Leaving here we proceed to the Ellice Group. There are nine islands in this group, namely, Nanomea, Nanomanga, Nuitao, Nui, Vaitapu, Nukefetau, Funafuti, Nukulaelae, Nurakita. The race of men here are Polynesian. These islands are all atolls and there are no anchorages, as the water is too deep. The landing is though the surf and is sometimes very exciting, the boats often getting capsized or swamped.

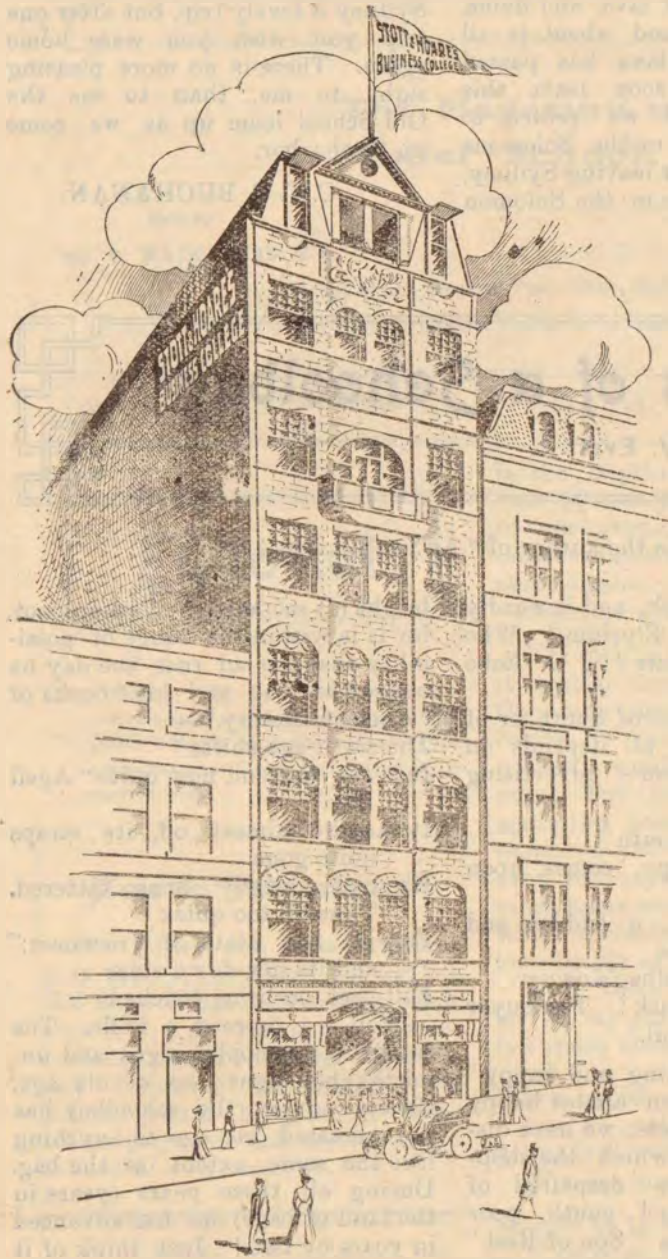
We barter with the natives for copra. They are all civilised and can count English money. They speak a corrupt Samoan language.

At Vaitapu the London Missionary Society has a fine school. In July, this year, they held a "Fono," or meeting here, when your "Papalangis" or white people, came and spoke to them.

Leaving this group, after three days steaming we arrive at the Tokelau Islands. "Tokelau" means S.E. wind. The natives are of the same type as the Ellice Islanders. There are only three islands in this group, namely, Atafu, Nukunono, and Fakaofu.

After finishing this group we

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proceed to Apia, the capital of German Samoa. You lie at anchor in an open roadstead. Just astern lies all that remains of the ill-fated "Adler," that was wrecked in the Calliope Hurricane. There are about 300 whites in Apia. We go there to get cocoanuts to take to the Solomons to plant. They are special seed nuts, and are of a large size. Having loaded our nuts we leave Apia.

About 30 miles from Apia we come abreast of the island of Savaii on which is an active volcano. It is a beautiful sight at night to see it belching forth lava and flame. The country round about is all bare where the lava has passed through. We soon leave this sight astern, and we return to the same ports in the Solomons as we went to after leaving Sydney. Having loaded up in the Solomon

Islands we leave for Sydney, where we arrive after a nine weeks' cruise.

It may seem to you folks in Sydney a lovely trip, but after one trip you wish you were home again. There is no more pleasing sight, to me, than to see the Old School loom up as we come up the harbor.

C. T. B. BUCHANAN.

## The Seven Ages of a Schoolbag

By H. V. Evatt.

(With apologies of the profusest to the author of "As You Like It.")

**A**LL the world's a stage," and a schoolbag being a necessary though, unfortunately, not permanent adjunct of the world, must have its stage and perform its parts too. It must have its entrances and its exits, its appearances totalling precisely the number to speak which the Parisian would sweetly murmur "Sept."

At first, the "Leather"  
Crude and unshapened, fast upon  
hog's back.

—This part is somewhat unpleasant, most people disliking that species of creation which grunts under the appellation of "pig." As this scene follows the overture one need not enter till it is finished, thus managing to avoid what may be a very disagreeable sight.—

And then, the "Tanning Shop"  
with its workers,  
And unclean pig skin, doing its  
work  
Right noisily.

—This part corresponds to the "Schoolboy" act of Jaques' story, at least in one point, and that is with regard to the tanning.—  
And then "Elysium,"  
The satchel finished, all quite neat  
and trim,  
High in a shopkeeper's window.

—Please read, mark, and inwardly digest the word "Elysium." Who said I couldn't quote? . . . Echo answers Who?

This part may be of short or of long duration. It all depends on on the shopkeeper's advertising methods.—

Then a "School Youth"  
Smiling and happy, comes upon  
the scene;  
A long long look, a sudden and  
quick entrance  
Seeking the Schoolbag's owner.  
The bargain's struck! The buyer  
returns to "toil."

—I like the "smiling and happy" so much that I am almost happy myself. At any rate we have disposed of the bag which the shopkeeper may have despaired of doing. The school youth, poor fellow, was not a "Son of Rest." Notice that I must have, like Shakespeare, a "schoolboy" act.—

And next the "Usage,"  
Long and constant, of the aforesaid  
bag,  
With handle strong and shape of  
formal cut,  
Full of large books of ancient  
history.

And so . . . it plays its parts.  
—Perhaps (and I use the word advisedly) the satchel is now earning the money paid for it by the

bright (?) schoolboy. Perhaps not, for it is within the range of possibility that the lad rues the day he bought his bag and his "books of "Ancient History."—

The sixth age shifts  
Into the ancient, now quite "Aged  
Bag."  
Its handle almost off, its straps  
quite gone.  
Its once bright linen tattered.  
Time all too quick  
For its fine state of "newness;"  
and its low-down sides  
Fall back on being touched.

—Well, we proceed a trifle. The satchel is developing signs, and unmistakable signs too of old age. Strange to say the schoolboy has not increased his age to anything like the same extent as the bag. During all these years (years in the land of bags) he has advanced in years by two! Just think of it a moment.—

Last scene of all,  
Ending this strange uneventful  
story,  
Is "The Condemnation of the  
Schoolbag to the Scrap Heap"  
—and mere oblivion.

Sans top, sans bottom, sans shape,  
sans everything!

Gentle reader, o'er this bier  
Shed a tear, a bitter tear,  
The spirit of our hero  
Has vanished into air.

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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.

### Note to Subscribers

The Editor has been informed that some subscribers among the Old Boys do not receive their paper regularly. As the papers are invariably posted the same day or day following publication, the Editor would be glad if those whose papers do not arrive would inform him at once.

### Some Senior Verse

#### On Getting a "Pair."

**R**OS—Was going to put the word "poem" before "on," but on reconsideration am not in a safe enough position (being seated next to G.M.) to do so.

It is rather extraordinary that,

in the depths of despair, in the vale of woe and under the shades of misfortune, we should betake ourselves to that never failing constant musine, or, to speak in the vernacular, poetry.

Yet such is the case. Though be it strange, and though the inspiration may not work ("work" of course is not in this sense a poetical word, O ye long-haired ones; but let it pass), though again the poetry be not Miltonesque nor yet Shakespearian, however the saying "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," which is Shakespearian might not here be out of place.

Well there goes the starting bell so, my lad, press the lever and full speed ahead.

It is a boyish cricketer

And he goeth forth—full sure  
A hundred will he get to-day  
(If not a hundred more).

So goes he to the wickets then  
With ne'er an inward qualm,  
For rather than get bowled himself  
He'll do the bowlers harm.

He takes his guard, he makes his crease,

He takes his stand so neat;  
He stands upright and turns his eyes

The bowler's eyes to meet.

But these (ye gods!) are merciless  
As any tyrant's eyes,  
For (speaking now in metaphors)  
A victim 'fore him lies.

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So quickly comes the demon ball—  
The batsman stands stock still,  
His hands glued to his little bat—  
The ball speeds on to kill.

It kills full soon—the deathly click  
Of falling wood is heard.  
The ball (they say) sped on in  
space  
Until it killed a bird.

The batsman tries to place the ball  
After it passed the wicket,  
Which happens often, you must  
know,  
In that fine sport of cricket.

That was once.

The second innings some time after  
Was opened by our same old  
"grafter,"  
And was the cause of fiendish  
laughter. (To a few.)

That "few" did not contain our  
boy;  
His pleasure was a base alloy.  
Bad batsmen ne'er have any joy.  
(As he knew).

He got another (which makes two)  
And "Two" makes a pair, as your  
mathematical master will in-  
form you.  
Hence the title.

—H.V.E.

### Literary and Debating Society.

THE first M.S. Journal day for  
the year was held on  
February. There were few  
articles and these were not  
up to the usual standard. This  
was disappointing, and a good  
journal is expected next time. On  
February 18th a debate was  
held. The Premier, Noble, moved  
that "Women should not be  
allowed to occupy positions com-  
monly held by men." He was

supported by Bray, Booth, Fergu-  
son and Brown.

The motion was opposed by  
Leask (V.P.), Godfrey, Smith,  
Hellstrom, Holmes and C.  
Murray. The ministry gained the  
day by one vote. On February  
25th "A day with the English  
Humorists" was held. Readings  
were given from various authors  
by several members of the Society.

An act of great valour was per-  
formed early last month at Bondi  
when Eric Hurt, a pupil of this  
school, aided by his father and  
sister, courageously swam out and  
rescued a man who had been  
carried out. On recovering the  
man, Hunt, who had gone through  
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## An Old Fortian

### Presentation to Mr. Bradley

**M**R. J. D. BRADLEY, late Deputy Chief Inspector Department of Public Instruction, is one of the oldest of Fortians, and one of the best respected. Quite recently a number of his old pupils gathered together to pay him honour. Mr. Board, Director of Education, took the chair. Amongst those present were Messrs Q. L. Deloitte, Aubrey Mowle and Hyam Hains.

There is something particularly appealing in the graceful and spontaneous tribute paid on this unique occasion by the "Old Boys"—in truth, none of them are longer young—to their esteemed former master. The simple morocco bound letter, which accompanied a record of Mr. Bradley's career, was as follows:—

"Dear Sir,

"Your pupils of many years ago feel that the close of your long and honourable official career is an occasion appropriate for the expression of their warm regards for Mrs. Bradley and yourself, and hearty wishes for a happy and peaceful enjoyment of a well-earned rest, long we hope to be continued.

"Carried by our memories to bygone days, we are impressed by the influence and help we then derived from your training. We appreciate more than we can express the privileges we enjoyed under your kindly guidance and instruction, and it is our sincere hope that these expressions of goodwill and happy remembrances—imperfect though they be—may help to cheer you through the years God may still grant you.

"As time has rolled by many of our school mates have 'crossed the bar,' many others have been lost sight of in the maze of human activities; but, though inaccessible, we know that they would have joined us in our sentiments of affection for our highly appreciated

master and friend of days long passed."

The character of the gathering may be judged from the fact that the presentation was made by Mr. Aubrey Mowle a gentleman whose career as a pupil of Mr. Bradley's began at Fort Street in 1855. Mr. Bradley himself thus expressed it: "As 57 years have passed since I commenced my teaching career at the old National Schools of Fort Street and William Street, and 43 have elapsed since I closed it with my leave-taking at Balmain to fill the position of Training Master at Fort Street under the Council of Education, a very simple arithmetical calculation must prove that those now present, even the youngest, must either be grandfathers themselves, or may very reasonably be called upon to show cause why they are not."

Mr. Bradley in his reply related a little incident which occurred a short time ago. He happened to be passing a lady and a girl of 10 or 12 years, when he heard the latter say somewhat excitedly—"Mother, that's Mr. Bradley: he taught grandfather." Mr. Bradley confesses that for a while the revelation came somewhat as a shock, and placed matters educational, and otherwise, in a light that had never so come home to him before.


A master, such as Mr. Bradley, is not unmoved when he meets the face of an old pupil after the lapse of more than thirty years. Nor is he ashamed of his emotion. "There are some, of course, that make light of, or even regard with contempt, as weak and unmanly, any such demonstration of tender feeling; but for such I can have only profound pity. Cold-blooded colorless and unsympathetic, they pass through this world, befriending none, and friendless themselves; and certain only of anything approaching a really warm

reception when they reach the next"


Mr. Bradley paid a warm tribute to those who were seated around him, some leaders in the commercial life of the city, others high in the service of the State. Amongst others he referred to one gentleman whose name is never unmentioned when Fort Street boys speak with pride of their school-fellows. "As to my old friend (I ought to say really my old chum) Quarton Deloitte, anything I say must sound but feeble. His sterling worth, both as a business man and as a citizen, has been but recently recognised in a most handsome manner on the completion of 50 years' service; and I think I may very safely say that not only in the city, but wherever he is known, no man is better or more worthily respected, or better loved. The only thing I have against him is, that in his record of life service he threatens to eclipse my own."

At the close of his speech Mr. Bradley again struck a note of sentiment: "The sun of our lives is far past the meridian; with some of us it is getting well down in the west, and for myself, the twilight. But for one and all of us I trust that the years that may be spared, be they few or many, may be years of all possible health, happiness and prosperity—and with the end, peace." As the speaker's voice died away, a hush, we may imagine, fell upon the grave and reverend seniors, who rubbed their spectacles and looked to the chairman expectantly. Mr. Board, however, was equal to the occasion, and invited the gathering to adjourn to the Hotel Metropole, where Mr. Bradley was wished in an appropriate manner long life and happiness.

Gilbert Murray is now the 100 yards champion of the school.



# Girl's Page



Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

## Waratah Literary and Debating Society

THE usual monthly meeting of the Waratah Literary and Debating Society was held on Friday 11th inst. The afternoon was occupied with "Impromptu Speeches," which were found to be very interesting. Some of the subjects were:—"Who was the better soldier, Napoleon or Wellington," "The use of books in the world," "Which is the more useful invention, the steam engine or the printing press, etc."

Those girls who gave in particularly difficult subjects, as "What do you know of Hale's comet, etc.," were asked to speak on them themselves.

It was decided that a debate on "Who has the most influence on a nation, Warrior, Statesman or Writer?" should occupy the next meeting.

## Kookaburra Literary and Debating Society.

ON Friday afternoon 18th February, classes 6A, 6B, 7A and Matrics met, to have a "General Information" afternoon.

There were two sides with twelve girls on each, and a captain at the head. The contest was splendidly carried out by both parties, and the two captains, Eileen Leiper and Rosalie Collins, displayed a high degree of excellence. The contest resulted in a draw.

We desire to tender our sincere sympathy to Miss Tresilian of the Infants' department, in her recent sad bereavement.

## Farewells.

ON Monday, the 14th inst. the staff of the Girls' Department met at afternoon tea to wish "bon voyage" to Miss Harders, who left for a trip to the Continent on Saturday last.

In a very happy speech Miss Partridge presented Miss Harders with a set of brushes. After Miss Harders had thanked the givers Miss Partridge surprised Miss Harders, somewhat, by presenting in addition a "charmed" tea kettle. Miss Harders also received presentations from some of the girls.

Miss Sare who was connected with the Girls' Department for 6 years was removed to Grafton during the holidays. No formal

leave-taking was possible so the lady teachers forwarded to Miss Sare a memento of her stay amongst them in the form of a necklet and pendant.

It was with great regret that the teachers and pupils of the Girls' Department said "Good-bye" to Miss Free on 28th inst. Miss Free has been with us for 8 years, and during that time has endeared herself to all.

In her departure, not only this school but the Department of Public Instruction loses a truly efficient teacher. Her career during her connection with the Department can only be described as "brilliant"—she having been one of the few lady teachers holding the degree of B.Sc. While we regret losing Miss Free, we, never-

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theless, one and all wish her every happiness in her new sphere of life.

To mark their appreciation of Miss Free's work amongst them the science girls assembled on Friday afternoon, 25th, to wish her farewell and to present her with a silver cake dish and jam jar. The lady teachers made her the recipient of a silver hot water kettle suitably engraved, a silver hatpin and ring stand.

Miss Storey, who has been connected with the Girls' Department for the last six years, has been removed to Manly (Girls') Public School, and her place has been taken by Miss H. Dennis.

Miss Marie Harders, on the staff of this school for the last two years, left on the 19th ultimo for Europe, where she intends spending a year or two studying modern languages. It is highly probable that a member of the Boys' School staff will soon be wending his way in the like direction, and with a similar object in view.

### Geology Excursion to Clifton.

ON Saturday, the 19th inst. the 'Geology' girls of the 7th classes enjoyed a most successful excursion to Clifton, under the supervision of Miss Free.

We combined business and pleasure, for, besides being a geological expedition the excursion was partly a "send-off" picnic to Miss Free who severed her connection with the Girls' Department on the 28th ult.

We left the Central Railway Station by the 8.30 train and returned by the 4.30 p.m.

Our idea was to take the train to Clifton and then back to Stanwell Park.

Lunch was looked for about 12.30 p.m., so a shady tree was chosen, under whose spreading limbs we heartily enjoyed the contents of our baskets.

Previous to sitting down to lunch, one of the girls who had very generously brought a camera

took a snapshot photo of the group, which was a very good production, considering how tired we all felt.

The return journey in the train proved as pleasant as the preceding part of the day--much fun being indulged in by the party.

As the title says it was a "geology" excursion, I must be careful to say that "pleasure" was not the least part of the day's performance.

The mountains afford splendid examples of coal seams, weathering, etc. Among some of the features observed were pot holes, a few fossils, lamination and false bedding.

Miss Wilson has been removed from the Cookery School to Newcastle, and Miss Feakes of Newcastle has been appointed in her stead.

Miss B. Blume, B.Sc., has been appointed Science teacher in place of Miss C. Free, B.Sc.

"The Fortian" extends its sincerest sympathy to Mr. J. T. S. Tate in the great trouble he has recently suffered by the death of his wife.

## Obituary.

It is with the greatest regret that we announce the death of one of our junior boys, Lyall Spedding, who died of rheumatic fever on the 16th of last month. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Spedding our very deepest sympathy in the loss of one whom we all loved. The whole of the boys and teachers of the junior classes, as a mark of respect to their late schoolfellow, marched in procession to Gore Hill Cemetery, where the interment took place.

The stock of magazines in the School Library is becoming very old and dilapidated. The Librarian would be very glad to receive any magazines and periodicals for which the owners have no further use.

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By V. Crockett.

**A**S I have no knowledge of the people who will dwell on this speck of the universe after its vacation by the present generation, my choice must be limited to the latter and those gone before; and as there have been countless millions on the earth before us the task is clearly a gigantic one. I will greatly lessen the difficulty by considering the departed only; for there is no person living whom I would choose before many of the dead.

The first thought that strikes me is that I might have been one of the blessed martyrs. Their future happiness is assured. But then they all died horrible deaths—Stephen was stoned to death. Besides, I would do anything rather than pray my life away until sent to heaven by a stoning or some other torture. I will not be a martyr.

Naturally, having perfect liberty in my selection, I will not pick out any but an easy existence. For instance, I will not be Euclid, or Archimedes, or any of those ancients who bothered themselves and all succeeding generations with mathematics. So a vision of a Persian throne with millions of subjects paying heavy taxes and worshipping the great king as a god rises before me. However, when I think of the conspiracies, poisonings and jealousies inseparable from such a pinnacle of glory the desire gives place to thoughts of "dreamful ease" in some valley of the "hollow lotos land," in which "with half shut eyes ever to seem, falling asleep in a half-dream." Twentieth century city life makes this appear an absurd impossibility, and I must turn elsewhere.

Although to look at me I know one would never suspect me of harbouring such an ideal, nevertheless the short but glorious life of Achilles has considerable attractions for me. It would be magni-

ficent I think "Through falling squadrons to bear my slaughtering sword"—much more so than going to war in a felt hat, in place of the plumed helm of the Grecian hero, and a rifle with which one picks off men at a mile's distance, to replace the terrible spear. But Achilles, though king of the shades, finds his woes so great that he would gladly exchange his position for the meanest on earth. This fact discourages me, and again I am compelled to seek elsewhere.

Cicero is a man whom I admire, and Julius Cæsar raised himself to an enviable greatness. These both came to a violent end, however, and I do not like sudden stabbings. Hence I will have none of them.

Shakespeare next suggests himself to me. He must have been a great man, but the latest revelation concerning him shows that he hated his wife, and altogether his life does not appear to have been any different from that of the ordinary mortal. Besides, I might find myself in a strange position, as it is denied, by some, that Shakespeare, like Homer, ever existed.

I would rather be a musician, like Gounod, for example, than any poet. Yet neither Gounod nor Shakespeare, Achilles nor Xerxes, could displace Alexander the Great in my favour.

I would be Alexander, because in his equally short life he conquered the world, while Achilles conquered only Hector.

There have been many men to be envied, but I think he is most to be envied who weeps because he has no more worlds to conquer.

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Mr. Mongomerie has obtained a month's leave of absence on account of illness. His place has been taken by Mr. Harrold.

By the last mail news came that Eric Cullen-Ward was quarantined at Suva Honolulu.

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## The Route March

**A**LINE of our Cadets, including an acting N.C.O. and a signaller, formed a squad of the composite company of the 1st Battalion that executed the route march from Pymble to Pittwater and thence to the Spit.

Detraining at Pymble the small force formed up and commenced their long march. On the welcome order "March at ease," rifles were shifted from the slope to easier positions, mouth organs were produced and songs more popular than melodious made many a weary soul forget that he was plodding along an ill-kept country road in full marching order beneath a broiling sun.

The operations of the afternoon comprised advance guard work. The company was just strong enough to form the screen of scouts and the supports. The main force had not yet advanced from the realms of imagination. A rash foeman had landed at Pittwater and was already marching to his doom. His doom, to quote Major Dove, was "our job."

The compact little company burst into long lines of ant-like skirmishers, now scrambling over rocks, now lost to view in thickly wooded hollows, and now lying at full stretch under cover, waiting for the order to advance or cease more. Far away somewhere in front rifle answered rifle, and made us aware that our scouts were in touch with the enemy. This sort of business lasted the greater part of the afternoon. The column then re-assembled on the road and the advance was resumed. But here a surprise had been prepared for us. A scattering volley caused us to double into extended order on either side of the road, and a furious rifle duel at close range ensued. It was magnificent, but luckily for us it was not war. The impertinent enemy consisted of C.S.M. Peck and a few cadets acting under his orders.

Then came the work of pitching tents and drawing rations. After tea Major Dove gave the lads a very interesting lecture on finding direction by means of the stars, and then we co-operated

with the St. George's Rifles, who had now bivouacked on our right, in holding an excellent camp fire concert. This closed the work of the 19th.

After the bugles had blared out the reveille, camp was struck, breakfast eaten and the march resumed. The rain came down and outposts were formed in the dripping brush, for we were to fight a rearguard action with our friends the St. George's Rifles. The action occupied the whole morning. Then after dinner our good friends the enemy cheered us, and we returned the compliment ere both forces resumed the march to the Spit, our point of dismissal.

During the operations we covered over 20 miles of the roughest country round Sydney, and it speaks well for the pluck and stamina of the boys participating when we mention that all arrived at the Spit a little tired, very thirsty, dusty and sunburned, but all were in good spirits and all could at a pinch have gone another mile or two.

## Cadet News

**A**RIFLE meeting in connection with the 1st Battalion Cadets, with prizes to the value of £27, will be held shortly. Some Fort St. Cadets whose names are below should do well.

The names of Sgt.-Major Draper, Sgt. Gibson and Lance-Corp. Davidson have been submitted as probable competitors for the Meath Trophy, shot for annually. This trophy is competed for all over the British Empire, and the conditions are 10 shots at 250 yards with the Francotte rifle. Each State of the Commonwealth will be represented by a team.

The following Cadets qualified as marksmen in the musketry course completed just before Xmas:—Sgt.-Major Draper, Col. Sgt. Furness, Sgt. Gibson, Sgt. Hurt, L. Corpl. Davidson, Bugler A. Rees and Cadets Upton, Webber, Cox, Ward, Dalzell, Welsh and Parradice.

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A. Furlonger, an old boy, was in Sydney recently, sitting for the 3rd Section of the Final Law Exam.

## - Our Annual Carnival -

**T**HE—th Annual Carnival of the School was held at the Domain Baths on the 5th instant, and Jupiter Pluvius being in a genial mood we had a fine afternoon. An attendance of about 2000 interested spectators watched the proceedings, a large proportion being ladies. The Chief Inspector Mr. J. Dawson, the Principal Senior Inspector Mr. L. Lawford and Mr. Inspector S. H. Smith, honoured the gathering with their presence, evincing a keen interest in the various events. We think it is only due to Mr. Selle, the hon. sec., to express our appreciation publicly for the excellent manner in which the whole Carnival was carried out. There was not a hitch of any kind. He deserves every congratulation for a fine show, which we believe the public thoroughly appreciated.

A noticeable feature of this year's Carnival was the way in which the fancy events were distributed throughout the programme; a vast improvement on the old method of bunching them all together at the end, when they did not receive their due meed of attention. The high diving was one of the features of the afternoon, particularly that of Rees and Beck.

Financially the affair will show an excellent profit. We understand the total proceeds amount to over £70, a result largely due to the patriotic manner in which the friends and parents of the school supported the Carnival.

Officials for Carnival.—Referee: Mr. C. D. Jones; Starter: Mr. A.

W. Griffiths; Check-Starter: Mr. E. S. Davies; Judges: Messrs. A. J. Kilgour, S. Lasker, A. W. Cusbert, and R. Culey; Judges (Inter club): Messrs. H. Smith, G. T. Hill, and H. J. M. Wilson; Judges (Diving): Messrs. W. W. Hill, F. C. Williams, and C. D. Jones; Timekeepers: Messrs. W. T. Kerr, H. A. Westhoff, and T. C. Roberts; Costume Steward: Mr. R. Tuck; Result Stewards: Messrs. T. Lappin, and J. Leaver; Cap Stewards: Mr. E. H. W. Parker, and Mr. J. McNee; Marshalls: Mr. A. W. Parsonage, and C. R. Collins; Telephone Steward: Mr. F. C. Williams; Press Stewards: Messrs. R. C. Taylor, and R. Scott; Clerks of Course: Messrs. Cantrell, M. C. Miles, and W. A. Selle; Hon. Secretary: Mr. Walter A. Selle.

### Donations to Swimming Club.

**T**HE Committee desires to thank the following firms for their very generous donations towards the Swimming Carnival prizes:—Peapes & Co., 1 guinea; Wm. Brooks & Co., 1 guinea; Walker & Hall, medal value 30s; W. J. Proud, Esq., trophy value 1 guinea; Angus & Coot, medal value 1 guinea; L. I. Flegeltaub, Esq., medal value 1 guinea; W. H. Paling & Co., silver medal; Cadbury Bros., trophy; Angus & Robertson, book prizes; Mark Foy, Esq., 2 guineas and two A.S.A. Costumes, F. J. Alldritt Esq., 1 guinea; W. T. Kerr, Esq., trophy value half-a-guinea.

### Results:

Third Class 50yds. Handicap.—N. Henneman, 2sec, 1; R. Canty, 4sec, 2. Time, 50 3 5sec.

Fourth and Fifth Class 50yds. Handicap — Heat Winners: W. Ferguson, 13sec; F. Rinaldi, 10sec; R. Green, 8sec; J. Plunkett, 3sec; A. Rees, 9s c; G. Hansel, 4sec. Final: Hansel, 1; Plunkett, 2. Won by a yard. Time, 34 1 5sec.

Sixth Class 50yds. Handicap.—Heat Winners: S. Lupton, 14sec; A. Dickenson, 8sec; S. Hilliger, 14sec; G. Reeves, 14sec; F. Overall, 6sec; L. Firth, 7sec; C. Burnett, 12sec; F. Roberts, 8sec. Final: Firth, 1; Reeves, 2; Roberts, 3. Time, 33 2-5sec.

Seventh Class 50yds. Handicap—Heat Winners: D. Turner, 5sec; C. Colless, 7sec; R. Magnussen,



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7sec; F. Campbell, 7sec; V. Cocks, 7sec; A. H. Smith, 8sec; A. Brett, 9sec. Final: Colless, 1; Campbell, 2; Brett, 3. Won by a yard and a half. Time, 29sec.

50yds. (12 years) Championship of School.—First heat: G. Hansel, 1; M. Israel, 2; J. Maude, 3. Time 35 3-5sec. Second heat: L. Mulhall, 1; H. Bramley, 2; C. Thompson, 3. Time, 39 1-5sec. Final: Hansel, 1; Mulhall, 2; Thompson, 3. Time, 35 2-5sec.

50yds (13 years) Championship of School.—H. Kinninmont, 1; J. Plunkett, 2; D. Henry, 3. Time, 32 4-5sec.

Old Boys' 100yds, Handicap.—First heat: R. Kinninmont, 8sec, 1; A. Barry, 3sec, 2. Time, 1min 21 4 5sec. A Barry, 3sec, covered the distance in 61sec. Second heat: C. McNamara, 25sec, 1; A. McGee, 28sec, 2. Time, 1min 19 1-5sec. McNamara and McGee were disqualified, and O'Donnell (18sec) and Douglas (17sec) were placed as named. Third heat: C. Magennis, 21sec, 1; J. Murray, 17sec, 2. Time 1min 17sec. H. Harwick, scr., covered the distance in 60 1 5sec. Final: O'Donnell, 1; Barry, 2; Kinninmont, 3. Time, 1min 13 1 5sec. Barry's time was 59 3 5sec.

All Schools (13 years) 50yds. Championship. — Brilliantshine

Shield Competition.—H. Kinninmont (Fort Street), 1; A Napper (Crown Street), 2; M. Byrne (Cleveland Street), 3. Won by 4yds. Time 33sec.

Fancy Costume Parade.—Costume Prizes: J. Pooley ("Catch of the Season"), 1; A Ponsford (a cannibal), 2.

100yds (14 years) Championship of School.—First heat: C. Furness, 1; F. Ryan, 2; L. Everett, 3. Time, 1min 16 1 5sec. Second heat: A. Harley, 1; L Dickenson, 2; R. Evatt, 3. Time, 1min 34 1-5sec. Final: Ryan, 1; Furness, 2; Everett, 3. Time, 1min 18sec.

100yds (15 years) Championship of School.—F. Mason, 1; J. Goolisr, 2; C. Furness, 3. Time, 1min 11sec.

50yds (11 years) Championship of School.—C. Thomas, 1; J. Langford, 2; C. Jackson, 3. Time, 36sec.

50yds (10 years) Championship of School.—W. York, 1; M. Schmidt, 2. Time, 50 1-5sec.

100yds Championship of School.—Gilbert Murray, 1; Gerald Murray 2; G Harden, 3. Won easily by a touch. Time, 1min 8 4-5sec.

100yds Sobraon Boys' Handicap.—G. Kent, 7sec, 1; L Young, scr., 2. Time, 1min 19 1-5sec.

Musical Buoys. — Final: H. Puckeridge.

110yds Inter-Club Handicap.—First heat: T. Gourlay (Pymont), 12sec, 1; E. C. Fox (North Sydney) 10sec, 2. Time, 1min 21 1-5sec. Second heat: S. Wright (Manly), 2sec, 1; C. J. Hunt (Palace Emporium), 2sec, 2. Time, 1min 11 2-5sec. L. Grieve (Mosman), 6sec, 1; T. Sinclair (Drummoyne), scr, 2. Time, 1min 19 3 5sec. Final: Gourlay, 1; Grieve, 2; Hunt, 3. Won by a touch. Time, 1min 20 1-5sec.

Novelty Race.—The preliminary heats were decided last week. Final: R. Noble, 1; A. H. Smith, 2.

Clothes Race.—Competitors to swim 50 yards to pontoon, dress, and swim back 50 yards, with open umbrella, and playing a musical instrument.—Gilbert Murray, 1; R. Rassmussen, 2.

Inter-Club Diving Competition—L. McCarthy (Sydney) 1; E. Gooring (Randwick and Coogeo), 2; J. Dibley (Sydney), 3.

440yds Inter-Club Handicap.—The preliminary heats were run off on the 2nd inst. Final: S. Findlay (St. John's S.C.), 50sec, 1; R. Boyd (St. John's S.C.), 70sec, 2; A. Townsend (Pymont), 70sec, 3. Won by three yards. Time, 8min 26sec.

## Notes and News

**W**E notice by the papers the marriage of a distinguished old Fort St. boy, Mr. George C. Whitney, M.A., who, on the 14th ultimo, was married to Miss Bessie Selfe, the daughter of J. Selfe, Esq., of Drummoyne, and niece of the well-known engineer, Norman Selfe, Esq. Mr. Whitney, after a highly successful course at Fort Street, passed the Senior with several medals, and in his B.A. course won

the famous Fraser Scholarship for Modern History. We offer Mr. and Mrs. Whitney our hearty congratulations.

We note with great pleasure that Albert Langker (Senior 1908) has received an appointment to a Melbourne firm at an excellent salary as foreign corresponding clerk. Langker's training in French and German here secured him this appointment.

Leonard Holland of 5E Class won a gold-centred medal last week, given by the Victoria Hall Picturescope Co., making 427 different words from the word Australian.

Since the notification of the annual contest for the Hendry Cup only came on the 3rd instant, and the competition takes place on the 10th, the school was not able to enter a team this year.



Clarence Loten and Roy E. Farnsworth having passed the Examination for Junior Clerks in the City Council have commenced work there, at a salary of £50 per annum.

Bert. Green succeeded in obtaining third place in the Three Miles Handicap, held on the 22nd ultimo, at Domain Baths. Gilbert Murray and Green were also awarded certificates for completing the distance.

L. Mulhall obtained second place (3 points) in the 12 years championship, Brilliantshine Shield Competition.

6A Class now rejoices in being a matriculation class. Their motto now is "Vestigia nulla retrorsum."

In August and September next a grand Commonwealth Eisteddfod will be held in Sydney. Among the items proposed we notice the following:—Juvenile Choral Contest. Not less than 25 voices; for children attending any school in the Commonwealth. Prizes: 1st, £10, and challenge cup presented by W. H. Paling & Co., Ltd., gold medal to conductor; 2nd, £5; 3rd, £3. Entrance fee, 6d per member. Selected Pieces.—(a) "Oh, hush thee, my baby" (Sullivan), three part setting; (b) "To Victory"

(Barwell), two part choral march.

Harry McLelland (Senior 1909) has been article to Mr. Thompson, Solicitor. He will also attend the Lectures in Law, with a view of qualifying for L.L.B.

### Editorial Notice.

THE FORTIAN has several advertising spaces to let. The Editor would be glad if boys and girls whose parents are in business would bring this fact under their notice. List of advertising rates may be had on application to the Editor.

# Cricket

ON 25th February the first team was defeated on the first innings by 58 runs, by Cleveland Street. The latter scored 225 runs, and in the second innings had lost 6 wickets for 29 runs. Our score was 167 runs. The chief scores were: Morgan 51, Flook 42, Berry 25, Stafford 12.

Our seconds played a return match with Wahroonga College on 25th.

The seconds batted first and closed their innings for 86 with 7 wickets down. Rogers 15, Evatt 26 not out, and Chapman 11 were the chief scores. Wahroonga scored 27. Chapman got 4 wickets for 11 runs, and Mackaness 4 wickets for 10 runs.

Since our last issue our chances in the competition have improved. At present we are equal with the Petersham team, each being 8 points, as Petersham was defeated by Cleveland Street.

Our first eleven defeated Hurlstone Agricultural School by an innings. They scored 51 and 79 to our 131. The scores on our side were as follows:—

Fort Street A versus Hurlstone played at Imperial Oval, 3rd February, 1910.

Hurlstone, 1st innings, 51

Fort St. 1st innings		
Morgan, bowled	...	0
Flook, caught	...	35
Dive, bowled	...	14
Wallace, caught	...	28
Berry, caught	...	0
Stafford, bowled	...	26
Moran, h.o.w.	...	13
Rutledge, bowled	...	0
Davey, bowled	...	3
Flook, caught	...	4
Rowling, not out	...	0
Sundries	...	18
Total	...	131

The seconds won the last match

of their round by the small margin of 7 runs. Mosman scored 29 and 62, while we obtained 65 in the first innings, but collapsed utterly for 33 in the second attempt.

It is hard to understand why the weak bowlers were put on in the second innings, while the better ones were neglected. The only solution that occurs to me is, the team took matters too easily.

The following are the scores:—

Fort Street B—1st innings,

F. Taylor, run out	...	6
C. Pochee, caught	...	7
R. Chapman, run out	...	4
J. Green, caught	...	3
W. Stackelberg, bowled	...	0
H. Evatt, bowled	...	4
D. Smith, caught	...	1
L. Adams, not out	...	20
Delaney, bowled	...	2
H. Mackaness, run out	...	15
Brown, bowled	...	0
Sundries	...	3
Total	...	65

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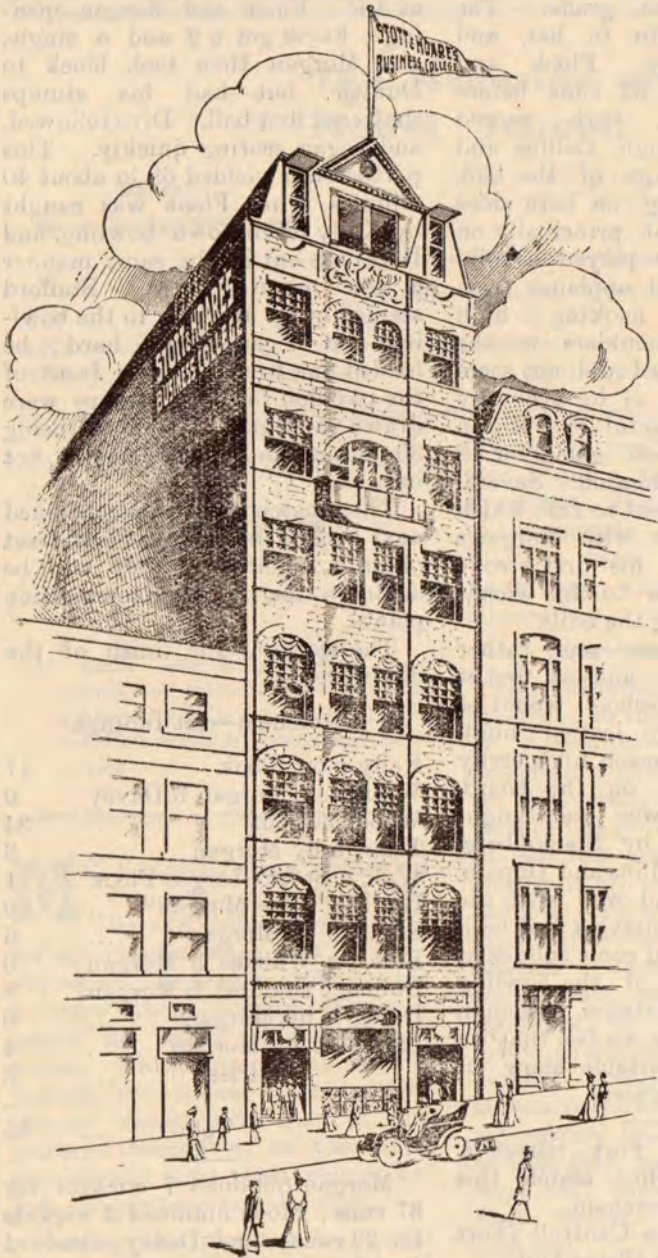
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## Fort Street B—2nd innings.

R. Chapman, bowled	..	1
C. Pochee, caught	...	7
L. Adams, bowled	...	0
H. Evatt, bowled	...	0
H. Mackaness, bowled	...	2
F. Taylor, caught	...	3
J. Green, caught	...	6
W. Stackelberg, bowled	...	2
D. Smith, caught	...	2
Delaney, bowled	...	6
Brown, not out	...	0
Sundries	...	0
Total	...	33

Our seconds have now won the District Championship, being unbeaten. They have to play the winning team of the second district for the final. We hope to see their efforts crowned with success.

The annual cricket match between the Past and Present School was played on the Sydney Cricket Ground on 23rd inst. The match was won by the Past by 12 runs. The following were the scores:—

## Present.

G. Morgan b Thomas	...	26
K. Flook, b Thomas	...	43
H. Symonds, c & b Dupain	...	22
W. Stafford, c Thomas, b Dupain	...	16
R. Morgan, c Adamson, b Collins	...	7
C. Wallace, b Dupain	...	1
C. Bray, b Dupain	...	0
E. Moran, c Adamson, b Thomas	...	13
R. Rutledge, not out	...	0
W. Stackelberg, b Thomas	...	0
H. Sherwood, c & b Thomas	...	0
Sundries	...	10

## Past

H. Webster, retired	...	64
R. Adamson, c Stackelberg b Morgan	...	36
H. Collins, c & b Morgan	...	20
P. Newton, b Morgan	...	0
H. Dupain, b Morgan	...	9
L. Thomas, c Moran, b Flook	...	13
W. Cosgrove, c Morgan b Flook	...	4
A. Barnes, not out	...	0
H. Rawlinson, b Morgan	...	0
P. Watts, b Morgan	...	0
Sundries	...	4

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We were pleased to see the Old Boys turn out with a good representative team; 7 or 8 out of the team play in the grade teams, five coming from first grade. The boys were sent in to bat, and opened splendidly. Flook and Morgan put on 52 runs before being separated, both scored frequently, although Collins and Newton had charge of the ball. Flook was scoring on both sides of the wicket, but principally on the off. Symonds played a solid game and gained applause from the onlookers by hooking a high one over his shoulders to the boundary. Stafford did not seem as much at home as he generally is, but scored a useful 16. Moran played a very good game for 13 till caught by Adamson. Several catches were allowed to fall, which were in harmony with Morgan's good luck, for on his first stroke he hit the ball on to his wicket without dislodging the balls.

The school team was rather weak in bowlers, and at first it seemed that the school would be given a thorough leather hunt. Webster and Adamson hit merrily till 90 appeared on the board, when the latter was well caught out in the field by Stackelberg. Several others, Collins and Dupain, among the past did well with the bat, but after the first six had been disposed of the end came suddenly. Morgan did most of the bowling and also held two catches. Although we lost the match we feel that we made a very creditable show of our cricketing abilities.

On Friday a Fort Street A commenced the 3rd match this season against Petersham.

Umpires: Messrs Cantrell (Fort Street) and Ewing (Petersham).

## The Play.

Petersham won the toss and elected to bat. Kelly opened to the bowling of Morgan, and obtained 4 from the over; from Davey's second ball Williams was well caught by Morgan. Wood followed and began steadily. With 39 up Kelly was bowled by Flook, and from this on Petersham batsmen were completely demoralised by Morgan's bowling. The

innings ended at 4.40 for 85 runs.

Morgan finished up with 7 for 37.

Fort Street began their innings at 4.45. Flook and Morgan opening. Flook got a 2 and a single, and Morgan then took block to Dunbar, but had his stumps shattered first ball. Dive followed, and began scoring quickly. This partnership yielded 69 in about 40 minutes, when Flook was caught by Kelly off his own bowling, and Dive was out in the same manner a few minutes later. Stafford seemed quite at-home to the bowling and began to hit hard; he landed one from Kelly in front of the pavilion for 6. Stumps were drawn at 6 p.m. Stafford being 30 not out, and Stackelberg 1 not out.

The match will be continued next Friday, and should Fort Street obtain a 3 point win they will be again in the lead in competition points.

The scores at the finish of the day were:—

## Petersham—1st Innings.

Kelly b by Flook	...	17
Williams c Morgan b Davey	...	0
Wood, not out	...	34
Teale, b by Morgan	...	3
Wall, c Stackelberg b Flook	...	1
Dunbar, b by Morgan	...	0
Stone, b by Morgan	...	6
Elder, c Wallace b Morgan	...	6
Bullen, c Stafford b Morgan	...	8
Davis, b by Morgan	...	0
Parnell, b by Morgan	...	4
Sundries	...	6
Total	...	85

Morgan obtained 7 wickets for 37 runs; Flook obtained 2 wickets for 22 runs; and Davey obtained 1 wicket for 12 runs.

## Fort Street A—1st Innings.

Flook, c and b Kelly	...	44
Morgan, b by Dunbar	...	0
Dive, c and b Kelly	...	26
Wallace, run out	...	9
Rutledge, b by Wall	...	0
Stafford, not out	...	30
Stackelberg, not out	...	1
Sundries	...	7

Total for 5 wickets ... 117

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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.*

**M**R. KILGOUR has succeeded in purchasing one of the finest collections of pictures for school adornment that we have ever seen. As soon as it is possible to have them framed they will adorn the walls of the various rooms. Unfortunately the cost of framing the whole collection will greatly exceed the cost of the pictures themselves, so that some considerable time must elapse before the pictures are all hung.

Among the pictures we noted reproductions of the portraits of such famous men as Napoleon, Von Moltke, Bismarck, Richelieu, Luther, Voltaire, Sophocles, Goethe, Schiller, Euripides, Julius Cæsar, Marcus Aurelius, of the Pantheon, the Forum, the Parthenon, the Erectheum, the Temple at Paestum, and of many other famous historic places and buildings. Smaller pictures included those of Tennyson, Browning, Rousseau, Lord Kelvin, Wm. Ewart Gladstone and

Mrs. Gladstone, Disraeli, Palmerston, and the chief British Premiers. The list is too long to enumerate them all. When they are seen on the walls we know they will inspire universal admiration.

Our attention was called the other day to the fact that Lectures in Agriculture and Veterinary Science are now in full swing at the University. The faculty of Science has grown so large within the last few years that it has now been split up into four Boards of Studies:—Pure Science, Engineering, Agriculture and Veterinary Science. Personally we cannot contemplate such a step as the formation of these new departments with anything but the very highest pleasure and approval. Of course the number of students in agriculture and veterinary science in this first opening year is not large, still, there are at least two Fort Street Boys among the number.

Two of the finest men in the world have been selected as Professors in these new Scientific Departments:—Professor Stewart and Professor Watt, and there is no doubt their success will be great.

Our object, however, in this note is to bring before the notice of the boys of this school the opportunities they now have to obtain a Scientific Agricultural or Veterinary education before going

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## Our Boy Lecturer on Tour

**T**HE following letter has been received from Eric Cullen-Ward, which we hope will interest our readers:—

"My first tale will be of my stay at Suva, Fiji. On Monday, 24th January, a beautiful sight of Suva presented itself to our gaze. Steaming slowly through the coral high peaks and low valleys covered in verdant green, which sparkled with dew in the early morning sun, it made us feel glad to be near land again. Rain however—it rains nearly every day at Suva—

prevented us leaving the ship in the morning, but at 2 o'clock we went ashore in the launches, and were met by a guard of honor of cadets. We marched to the Town Hall where we were welcomed by the Mayor. In the evening the boys' concert was crowded, and I met a Prince, Pope by name, whom I had seen in Sydney with the Fijian cricketers.

"On Tuesday we saw what might be described as one of the most wonderful sights in the world. 250 warriors gave a Meki Meki

Dance in our honor. These powerful Fijians, dressed and decorated with all the beautiful colored flowers which are part and parcel of a tropical climate, presented a truly wonderful sight as they danced with marvellous grace and precision while chanting their weird songs. We also saw them prepare their feast, and the way they killed and dressed their pigs would shame any Glebe Island butcher. I tasted kara the native grog, which affects the legs but not the head (I don't mean my legs or

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"Our minstrel show that evening was responsible for a £25 house. I acted as general manager of tickets and seating. On Wednesday we were taken by a fellow-passenger in two oil launches up the big fresh water river, where we saw bananas, coconuts and sugar in profession. On this trip we saw an R.C. church, built by the natives, which is a piece of very fine work. We left Suva at 10 p.m., Wednesday, after a very enjoyable stay. We now crossed the 180th meridian, and therefore had another Wednesday. During the trip across I was captain in two cricket matches against the first saloon, and was beaten both times. We had some squally weather a couple of days before reaching Honolulu and the steerage passengers had a very wet time.

"Arriving at Honolulu on February 2nd we were subjected to several consultations, and were all quarantined for 14 days because a youngster was supposed to have small-pox. Here I struck the rummiest law I think 'tis possible to imagine. All we second-class passengers desirous of getting off at Honolulu had to go to quarantine, whilst the first class, who were nearer the case than ourselves, were allowed to go ashore. At anyrate, the Alameda that had delayed sailing for us for 12 hours had to leave without us, and we were taken to the island. Here we were very happy, being very well treated by the doctor and being allowed many privileges. Swimming, baseball, football and tennis, together with a piano and the band, kept us very busy, and we were all very tanned at the expiration of our sentence, despite the fact that our Japanese cuisine did not feed us very well. I started a squad of life savers, and found that the boys were very anxious to learn.

"February 17th saw us once more free and on parade. As at Suva I carried the Commonwealth Flag, which is an immense silk one with an image of a kangaroo at the top of the pole. We marched to the Opera House, and

were afterwards received in the Throne Room of the old Palace, by Governor Frear. Here we were presented with the Hawaiiin Flag, and were the first band that had ever played in that room. We were next quartered at the National Guards Armoury, and were made very comfortable with nice clean stretchers and plenty of blankets.

"Our first show at night in the best theatre in town, the Opera House, was crowded, and people paid 4s., 3s., 2s., and 1s. for admission. During our stay here we played four baseball games (too hot for football), and gave three shows to packed audiences.

"Honolulu is a very rich place, sugar being the staple. Over 600 motor cars make the town busy, and fine electric cars whiz through the streets. The Aquarium here contains the best of fish the world possesses, and is very, very interesting. Surf board shooting and canoe work at Waikiki Beach was of great interest, and car rides out of town were very enjoyable.

"On 21st we were taken to the Home for Aged and Infirm Natives, and spent an interesting couple of hours there. At night our band played at the Elk's Carnival which is held by that Lodge each year, and consists of side shows and other money-making concerns, and is like a huge fair. The proceeds are devoted to charity.

"On Tuesday, 22nd, being Washington's Birthday, a Floral Parade was held, and our band had the place of honour at the head of the procession. Honolu'u turns out to this parade, and the streets are crowded. Militia, including splendid cavalry squadrons, motor cars, drags and trolleys make up the procession, and with six bands interspersed, a lively and fine show is presented. My flag again drew a lot of attention, and many saluted it. I got a write up in the papers next day, and also one the day before, about football.

A dinner by a Mr. Rosenberg in the evening, and the Oak's Carnival at night put us to bed thoroughly tired out after a hot day's work.

"On Wednesday we left Honolulu at 10 a.m., going by the

"Alameda," and were played off by the Royal Hawaiian Band. They played the native hymn "Aloha," which means Love, Good Luck, Welcome, etc. This is a really beautiful song, and I guess brings many tears to the eyes of departing friends. We travelled first-class on the "Alameda" and our meals were beautiful and varied. Here I began to experience the American way of doing things. There are no seats on deck, and one has to pay 4s 2d to get any seating accommodation or comfort.

"From Honolulu our trip across was a record one for calm, and my appetite was enormous.

"On Tuesday, 1st March, we arrived at San Francisco amidst a thick fog, which prevented us from seeing the harbour which I had heard so much about. Close on two hours were now wasted waiting the decision of the doctors, who imagined that one of our lady passengers had some infectious disease. Our belated arrival at about 1.45 p.m. was the signal for wild enthusiasm.

"Over 3,000 people were packed on the wharf above, including the Mayor, not Lord Mayor in America, and the other boys' band and military contingent from the club.

"All the schools had a holiday. When we landed we marched up Market Street, the main street, and were the cynosure of many admiring eyes. Had a meeting at the club in the evening and retired to bed tired out.

"Wednesday, 2nd March, I took a walk round the town, the size of which is remarkable, considering the great misfortune it experienced in 1906. Immense buildings have sprung up, and a good car-service traverses the streets.

"On Wednesday afternoon the Mayor and the public gave the boys a hearty welcome home, and really showed a wonderful spirit. In the evening I saw some more of the town, and entered a couple of Nickelodeons (these places run a continuous picture show, charging 5 cents (2½d.) and having an audience throughout the whole day). I was also taken to a very high-class vaudeville show at a theatre bigger than any in Sydney.

"On 3rd March the Pacific Amateur Association banqueted Major Peixotto, and I was another honoured guest, being very warmly welcomed. Have since been taken to a Baseball game, and had a Jewish dinner. My first San Francisco Sunday was a surprise. On this day people go to the theatres, and every theatre presents its new weekly programme on this day. Hotels are open, and all the important Baseball games are played.

"That, dear sir, is an account of my trip since leaving Brisbane, and I trust that its length will not bore you. I am very well, and expect to start hard work within the next week or two.

"How are all my old friends at school? I trust you will remember me to them, and remind them that I am constantly thinking about them, and the old school.

"You would do me a great favour if you could have a

"Fortian" sent me each month, starting from January last. Thus could I hear more news about what is going on.

I have had my photo in the paper twice here, and have been well received. Major Peixotto is a very well-known man here, and is admired and respected by all."

Trusting you are well, and with best wishes to all,

E CULLEN-WARD.

## A Criticism of Lancelot and Elaine

From Stopford Brooke's "Tennyson."

THE Idyll of "Lancelot and Elaine" follows that of "Merlin and Vivian." Woven in and out of it is the story of the development to which the love of Lancelot and Guinevere had now attained, and this is one of the best and most human pieces of work in the Idylls. I will, however, keep it for a more fitting place. The character of Elaine herself and her story can be put with brevity, and it is not difficult to see why Elaine follows Vivien.

Elaine is set over against Vivien in the fullest contrast. As the root of Vivien is conscious guilt, so the root of Elaine is unconscious innocence. As Vivien has the boldness of hate derived from lust, so Elaine has the boldness of love derived from purity. Vivien lives in the dry clear world of cynicism. Not one wavering mist of fancy clouds her cruel eyes—not one imagination of love touches her. Elaine lives in a world of dim fantasy and all the fantasy is born of love. She was happy, not knowing she was happy, till she saw Sir Lancelot. Then she loved and loved for her death. She is the Lady of Shalott (Shalott is Astolat) over again, but with a tender difference:

Out flew the web and floated wide,  
The mirror cracked from side to side,  
"The curse has come upon me," cried  
The Lady of Shalott.

Vivien lives, Elaine dies—it is the way of this world. But Elaine begins in joy. Lancelot, riding in secrecy to the jousts for the diamond, comes to Astolat, the castle of Elaine's father, and leaves his shield, since its emblazonings would reveal who he was, behind him. And Elaine, who, having seen him once, has loved him at first sight and for ever, keeps the shield in her chamber, and with the creative fancy of a maiden weaves histories over every dint and scratch made in it, conjecturing when and where:

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Nor do I know anything in his work more tender than her character, her love and her fate. The tenderness of Tennyson is one of his remarkable qualities—not so much in itself, for other poets have been more tender—but in combination with his rough power. We are not surprised that his rugged strength is capable of the mighty and tragic tenderness of Rizpah, but we do not think at first that he could feel and realise the exquisite tenderness of Elaine. But no, both are in his capacity. It is a wonderful thing to have so wide a tenderness, and only a great poet can possess and use it well.

Moreover, with the power of delicate tenderness goes subtlety of treatment ; and Elaine was exceedingly difficult to do with sufficient fineness of touch. Her innocent boldness might well have become unmaidenly. She does not conceal her love ; she lets Lancelot see it, she strives to make him hers ; finally, she confesses her

love to him, she will be anything to him—if not his wife, to follow him as a servant.

Then suddenly and passionately she spoke :  
" I have gone mad. I love you ; let me die."

" Ah, sister," answer'd Lancelot, " what is this ?"

And innocently extending her white arms,  
" Your love," she said, " your love—to be your wife."

And Lancelot answer'd : " Had I chosen to wed

I had been wedded earlier, sweet Elaine ;  
But now there will be never wife of mine."

" No, no," she cried, " I care not to be wife,

But to be with you still, to see your face,  
To serve you, and to follow you thro' the world.

She rises to the very verge of innocent maidenliness in passionate love, but she does not go over the verge. And to be on the verge, and not pass beyond it, is the very peak of innocent girlhood when seized by over-mastering love. It was as difficult to represent Elaine as to represent Juliet ; and Tennyson has succeeded well where Shakespeare has succeeded beautifully. It is great praise, but it is well deserved.

To be continued

We desire to extend our sincere sympathy to Miss Drummond in her recent sad bereavement.

## Notice to Old Boys.

Members of the Old Boys' Union are notified that their subscriptions for the ensuing year are now due. As the " Fortian " will only be supplied by the Old Boys' Union to financial members, it will be necessary, to ensure receipt of future copies, to forward the subscription without delay to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. A. McIntosh, c/o Messrs. William Cooper & Nephews. O'Connell Street, City.

The Annual Meeting will take place at the School on Wednesday evening, 27th April, at 8 o'clock.

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# Girl's Page

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## Medallion Examination

**T**HE examination for the Life-Saving Society's Medallion was held at Lavender Bay on Thursday, 10th February. The five girls presented by Miss Maloney for examination passed with distinction. Mr. Geo. Williams was the examiner. Candidates: Aimee Hinder, Doris Purvis, Tibbie Anderson, May Keen and Estelle Hayes. Jessie Gazzard, who has held the medallion for two years, acted as partner for the odd girl, and showed that she had in every way kept up her drills. The club hopes that all holders of the Society's awards would be able at any time more than creditably to carry out all the Society's work at examinations.

## Waratah Literary and Debating Society

**T**HE Waratah Literary and Debating Society held their usual meeting on 4th ult. The afternoon was occupied in a debate on "Which has the greatest influence on a nation—the writer, the statesman or the warrior?"

The Juniors, led by Jessie Key and supported by Dorothy Bowes, upheld the cause of the "Statesman." 7B, led by Pearl Mansley and supported by Gwen Brown, that of the Warrior; and the Matrics., led by Dorothy Rothschild and supported by Violet Ponder, that of the Writer.

As time was limited the subject under discussion could not be finished, and it was decided that a "Manuscript Journal" should occupy the next meeting.

Miss Grace, B.Sc., late of the Girls' Department was married during the Easter vacation to Mr. Walter Hammond, B.Sc.

## Farewell Picnic

**O**N Saturday, 19th ultimo, the girls of 7A and 6B combined to give Miss Stoney a farewell picnic and make her a presentation as a token of esteem of the work done during her stay at Fort Street.

About 40 girls accompanied by Miss Dennis, who succeeded Miss Stoney, left by the 9.30 boat for Manly. The day was an ideal one, and the girls had a very pleasant trip across the water. At the Manly wharf they were joined by Miss Stoney, and proceeded to Shelly Beach.

During luncheon the girls presented Miss Stoney with a handsome silver mirror and hair brush. Miss Stoney suitably replied, saying she would never forget the pleasant days spent at Fort Street.

## 4A Easter Offering

**T**HIS Easter Miss Rourke's Class succeeded in making for 19 little boys and girls a quite happy day at school. The class had been reading "Little Nell," and found it almost impossible to believe that little children in Sydney could be hungry as Nell so often was.

They decided to try and give pleasure to some poor children at Easter, and on Thursday, 24th March, they appeared at school armed with boxes of lovely cakes and chocolates.

Mr. Parkinson, who was at school, was surprised and delighted at the kindness and forethought of these little children, and gladly gave his consent for the class in charge of Miss Rourke to go down to Miller's Point Ragged School and distribute all the good things. The boys and girls there had never seen such cakes before, beautifully iced and tied up with gay ribbons

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Will some other classes profit by the example of these dear kind little children, remembering that all such offerings must be the result of the girls' own kindness and cannot be asked for by the staff?

### Lantern Lecture

**A** VERY enjoyable lantern lecture was given in the Girls' Junior Room on "Scenery and Life in Japan." The pictures were very good, being both interesting and instructive. One picture quite astounded us—a bronze statue at Kamakura, the eye of which measures 4ft. and the thumb 3lin. in circumference. A picture of a magnificent bloom of iris and crysanthemums was also shown and excited much admiration. We were rather amused to see a family at a meal, all sitting on their haunches round a square mat. Another interesting picture was a series of ju jitsu positions, showing all the knacks of the game. As the pictures appeared Miss Mandelson explained and described each one. At the conclusion of the lecture we each felt as if we had recently been for a trip to the Land of the Rising Sun.

### Girls' L. and D. Society

**T**HE above society held a meeting on March 3rd, 1910. The afternoon was devoted to the reading of character sketches. The matter and delivery reached a very high standard, and provided the means for an instructive and pleasing afternoon.

Alice Nash discussed the character of Louis XI of France, May Meaney the life and character of the poet Alfred Tennyson, and Gladys McKenzie gave a vivid portraiture of Shylock. Violet Ivers, Ivy Stevens and Doris Vale furnished character sketches of Sydney Carton, Charles Dickens and Ralph Nickleby respectively.

Votes were taken for subject, matter and delivery. Gladys McKenzie gained the majority of one vote over May Meaney.

Alice Nash resigned her position as secretary to the society, amidst much regret, and Maggie Mills was elected in her stead.

### Fort Street Old Girls' Union.

**O**N Saturday, March 19th, about 90 of the members and their friends met at Fort Macquarie, where they embarked on board the "S.S. Jumbuck."

After having a trip about the harbor to see if they could stand it, the boat was headed to the Japanese warships and a careful inspection was made of the exterior of the boats, after which we steamed towards the Heads and then up Middle Harbor. After enjoying the sights and some music full speed was made for Clarke Island. All landed, the cuisine duties being attended to by willing hands, the balance, like good old Robinson Crusoe, roamed the island o'er, which had the effect of giving a finishing touch to keen appetites, evidence of which was visible by the manner in which the provisions disappeared.

Order was given to pack up about 7 p.m., but a dance on the grass had begun to the music of various whistlers, who admitted that they were not professionals (which no one doubted). However it was great fun, and they all enjoyed themselves. Next order "All on board," and finding all well, we picked our route on the chart and steered for Lane Cove. There was plenty of singing, and after a right good time we landed at Circular Quay about 9.40 well pleased with the outing. We were indeed pleased to welcome Miss Partridge in our midst. As every member knows Miss Partridge is just as enthusiastic over the Girls' Union as the girls themselves.

Next month we hope to publish an article by an Old Boy on the material relationship between Tennis and Handball, and why each of these games has such an attraction for veterans.

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## - Girls' Annual Carnival -

**T**HE Girls' Club held their 13th Annual Carnival at Elkington Park Baths on Friday, 18th March. The attendance was excellent, the weather delightful and every thing went off in a tip-top manner. No Carnival which the club has held was more successful, and we must congratulate Miss Maloney upon whom the bulk of the work fell, as Miss Bourke was absent from school owing to illness, and not able to render Miss Maloney much assistance until the day of the Carnival itself arrived.

**Carnival Officials — Judges:** Misses Partridge, Watts and Mouldsdale; **Referee:** Miss Edith Rea; **Timekeeper:** Mr. Selle; **Starter:** Miss Craig; **Check Starter:** Miss Bourke; **Marshalls:** Misses Drummond and Woodlands; **Result Stewards:** Miss Bourke and Girls of School; **Judges for Diving:** Misses Bishop and Craig; **Press Steward:** Mr. Parker; **Cap Stewards:** Miss Elsie Rea and Girls of School; **Clerk of Course:** Miss Maloney; **Hon. Secs.:** Misses Maloney and Bourke.

### Thanks

The committee desires to thank the following gentlemen for donations to the prizes:—W. A. Grubbe & Co, and J. M. Dempster, Ltd.

Thanks are also due to Captain Mason of the "Sobraon," Mr. Fraser of Birchgrove School, Miss H. Cray, Miss A. Bishop, Miss Edith Rea, Miss Elsie Rea, Miss Estelle Levy, Miss Partridge and the Girls' School staff—the Old Girls—who rendered their usual timely help, and the Senior girls of the school.

Special thanks is due to Mr. W. A. Selle and Mr. E. H. W. Parker. The former gentleman

has helped the club so often on carnival day that he is now looked upon as part of the institution.

We hope to hear Mr. Parker's opinion of the Girls' Carnival and swimming at the distribution of the prizes.

### Results

**220 Yards Championship of School.**—Aimee Hinder 1, Estelle Hayes 2, May Keen 3. Time 3min 50sec.

**100 Yards Championship of School** — May Keen 1, Estelle Hayes 2. Time 88secs. Won by 1½secs.

**100 Yards Back and Breast Stroke.**—M. Keen 1. E. Hayes 2, M. Sledge 3. Time 1min 55sec.

**10yds. Handicap.**—K. Blacker 1, M. Dudley 2, E. Fuller 3. Time 10sec.

**25yds. Handicap.**—K. Austin 1, L. Bowry 2, R. McDougal 3. Time 27sec.

**50yds. Handicap.**—L. Solomons 1, A. Hayes 2, M. Ross 3. Time 51sec.

**Championship Second Class, 25yds.**—I. Whitton, 1; B. McAllister, 2; B. Freeman, 3. Time, 29sec.

**70yds. Handicap**—A. Hinder, 1; J. Gazzard, 2; E. Hayes, 3. Time, 60sec.

**Championship Third Class**—A. Hayes, 1; S. Cambridge, 2; C. Ryan, 3. Time 21sec.

**Back Stroke Handicap, 50yds.**—E. Taylor, 1; E. Hayes, 2; M. Keen, 3. Time. 68sec.

**Fourth-class Championship, 50 Yards**—G. Pendered, 1; E. Hayes, 2; A. Brennan, 3. Time, 50sec.

**50 Yards Breast Stroke Handicap**—M. Watson, 1; M. Ross, 2; M. Sledge, 3. Time, 53sec.

**Fifth-class Championship, 50 Yards**—F. Langford, 1; M. Watson, 2; A. Kent and E. Head, 3. Time, 47sec.

**Sixth-class Championship, 50**

**Yards.**—T. Anderson, 1; L. Solomon 2; O. Smith, 3. Time, 50sec.

**Seventh-class Championship, 70 Yards**—J. Gazzard, 1; M. Sledge, 2; D. Purvis, 3. Time, 1min 20sec.

**Matric. Class Championship, 70 Yards.**—M. Ross, 1; E. Drake, 2; A. Congdon, 3. Time, 65sec.

**Old Girls' Handicap, 50 Yards**—O. Bardsley, 1; R. Bear, 2; E. Craig, 3. Time, 48sec

**50yds. 11 years' Championship**—A. Hayes, 1; G. Pendered, 2. Time 45sec.

**50yds 12 years' Championship**—D. York, 1; E. Hayes, 2; H. Johns, 3. Time 56sec.

**70yds 13 years' Championship**—F. Langford, 1; E. Drake, 2. Time 71sec

**70yds 14 years' Championship**—M. Ross, 1; W. Main, 2; G. Bramley, 3. Time, 67sec.

**70yds, 15 years' Championship**—Aimee Hinder, 1; Tibbie Anderson, 2. Time, 62sec

**70yds. 16 years and over Championship**—E. Hayes, 1; J. Gazzard, 2; M. Sledge, 3. Time, 62sec



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Old Girls' Relay Handicap, 160yds.—S. Reid, E. Rea, Edie Rea, L. Braham, 1; A. Payens, S. Cherry, E. Rahmann, R. Bear, 2. Time, 2min. 37sec.

Relay Handicap, 200yds—M. Sledge, T. Anderson, E. Hayes, A. Hayes, scr., 1; J. Gazzard, E. Ferguson, E. Drake, M. Keen, 4sec., 2. Time, 2min. 35sec.

5yds, for Beginners—M. Clewett, 1; V. McVane, 2; D. Fish, 3.

Old Girls' 100yds Back and Breast Stroke Handicap.—E. Rahmann, 1; Edie Rea, 2; Elsie Rea, 3. Time, 2min. 46sec.

Fancy Costume Parade—A. Kent (Bread Supply), E. Drake (A Tramp), equal.

Wading Race—M. Ainsley, 1; M. Brukarz, 2; H. Rosenthal 3.

Life-saving Race—E. Hayes 1; M. Sledge, 2; M. Keen, 3.

Finding South Pole—M. Sledge, 1.

Life Saving Competition—Roth Challenge Drill—May Keen, 1.

Diving Competition—M. Keen, 1; T. Anderson, 2.

Submarine Race—E. Daniel, 1

Follow My Leader—M. Keen, 1.

Musical Lifebuoys—K. Austin, 1

Diving for Objects—E. Hayes, 1

Neat Diving—M. Keen, T. Anderson.

## Public School Girls' Carnival.

AS usual our girls carried off many prizes at the Annual Carnival for all Public School Girls, held at the Municipal Baths, on 23rd March. Results:—

10 Years (33-yards) Championship—Section A, Sadie Cambridge, 1.

11 Years (33 yards) Championship—Section D, Alma Hayes, 1.

13 Years (50 yards) Championship—Section D, Francis Langford, 2.

14 Years (50 yards) Championship—Section A, Elsie Head, 2.

15 Years (66 yards) Championship—Section B, May Keen, 1; Aimee Hinder, 2.

16 Years (75 yards) Championship—Estelle Hayes, 1; Muriel Sledge, 2.

Public School Girls' Championship of N.S. Wales, 100 yards—Aimee Hinder, 2.

Race won by 3secs.

100 Yards Breast Stroke Championship—Section B, Estelle Hayes 1.

Novelty Race (Egg and Spoon)—Section B, Tibbie Anderson, 1; Estelle Hayes, 2.

Junior Relay Race, 100yds—Fort Street, 1.

Senior Relay Race, 200yds—Fort Street, A Team, 1; Fort Street, B Team, 3.

Diving Championship—May Keen, 1; Muriel Sledge, 2.

Musical Life Buoys—Section D, Estelle Hayes, 1; Elsie Ferguson, 2;

Duck Hunt—Estelle Hayes, 1. 50yds. on Back—Section D, E. Hayes, 2.

Rescue Race, 50yds—E. Hayes, 1. All Schools and Colleges, 50yds—Section B, A. Hinder, 2.

Among the Teachers' events a number of the winners were old members of Fort Street Club.

## Glee Club.

At the quarterly meeting of the Old Girls' Union in February a Glee Club was formed, and the first practice was held at school on Saturday, 26th February. Miss Ruby Waddell was elected Secretary and Miss Florrie Nelson conductor. The members intend giving their first performance at school, but this will not take place just at present.

## Senior Cadets

IT is the intention of the O.C. No. 1. Battalion to form a Cyclist section. Cadets who own bicycles and are desirous of becoming members of this section will notify their Company Commander at once.

Owing to the fact that a number of cadets have left school, and accordingly resigned from the corps, several vacancies exist in K. Company. Boys desirous of joining the corps should report to Lieutenant Collins without delay.

An Athletic Club has been formed in connection with the Battalion. The club has for its patron Major G. A. Wynne, and is under the presidency of Major F. A. Dove, D.S.O.

Cadet H. Thornton has been raised to rank of Lance-Corporal

L. R. Adams has been appointed to a position at Messrs Martin Franckel & Co., and Cobcroft to Gibbs Bright and Co.

The high diving competition of the school was won by A. Rees of 6A Class.

At a football meeting of 6A Class held 4th April, L. Williams was elected captain, and A. Grieves vice captain of the class club.

## Cadet News

THE following have been raised in rank consequent on the last company examination. Corporal Buitz to rank of Sergeant, Corporal Adams to be Lance-Sergeant, Lance-Corporal Davidson to be Corporal, Lance-Corporal Duff to be Corporal, Lance-Corporal Parradice to be Corporal, Cadet Puckeridge to be Lance-Corporal, Lance-Corporal C. Thompson to be Corporal, Lance-Corporal McKenzie to be Corporal, Cadet Cox to be Lance-Corporal, Cadet R. Thompson to be Lance-Corporal, Cadet Pooley to be Lance-Corporal, Cadet Leask to be Lance-Corporal, Cadet Upton to be Lance-Corporal.

The following parades are notified in Battalion Orders, Thursday, 5th May, half day parade at Moore Park, and Thursday, 2nd June, whole day parade also at Moore Park.

First Battalion buglers' parades have been cancelled for the present. The non-commissioned officers' class is still held at the Barracks the first Friday in each month. The newly-raised non-coms. are asked specially to note this. After the next class an exam. will be held and certificates issued.

Recruits are wanted for the cadets. You can now be admitted at a cost of 10s. for your uniform. The military authority pay the remaining cost which is 12s. 6d.

Cadets on leaving must return hat, haversack, puttees, chevrons,

stripes, badges, etc., before they can receive their discharge papers. Every cadet should see that he does receive a discharge paper on leaving, as it will be of considerable value in the new compulsory scheme.

There is every probability of a special school badge being adopted shortly for use of the cadets in this school, both as collar and hat badges. There is also a rumour of a school rifle meeting being held shortly.

## Notes and News

Fort Street boys are in strong force at the Medical School this year, the following having started their course:—Railton, Zions, Langan, Wall, Morgan, Carruthers, Silberthau. While Frecker, Samson and Blanchard have commenced their Arts Course, and Chedgery and McLelland Law.

There are only two Scholarships given in the whole of the Law Course at the University. These are the Wigram Allen given at the end of the First Year, and the George and Matilda Harris awarded at the Intermediate Examination. Fort Street boys succeeded in winning both of these this year, Harold Mason gaining the former and Philip S. Eldershaw the latter.

The Editor begs to call the attention of girl readers to the Lavozone Competition on another page.

In place of Mr. R. A. Page, B.A., removed to Cobar, Mr. McKenzie from Kogarah has been appointed to the school.

Again the Librarian begs to request more magazines and periodicals for the School Reading Room.

We notice that Green was successful this year in winning the 880 Yards Championship of the school.

Mr. G. C. Whitney, M.A. (Old Boy) has published two volumes of notes, one on Lanreata and one on An Old Curiosity Shop.

The school was closed on Wednesday last, the 12th instant, as the building was required for a polling booth in connection with the Federal elections.

Less than two months and we will have the Junior round again. It behoves all boys who wish to do well to throw their whole heart and soul into their work during the next few weeks.

A matter that is causing some discussion at present is whether the Handball Club should be carried on as a separate club, or should be affiliated with the Sports Union. Arguments in favor of affiliation seem to preponderate.

We note that Charlie Furlonger has succeeded in passing the third section of his Final for admission as a solicitor.

We wonder how many boys and girls if asked could enumerate the original seven wonders of the world. For the sake of the curious here they are:—

Of the original seven wonders of the world none now remains except the Great Pyramid of Egypt. The tomb of Mausolus king of Caria, built about 350 B.C., was destroyed before 1400 A.D. The third wonder, the temple of Diana at Ephesus, was built 552 B.C., and was destroyed 356 B.C. The fourth wonder, the walls and terraces of Babylon, were erected about 570 B.C.; they decayed gradually after Babylon ceased to be the capital of the Assyrian empire. The Colossus of Rhodes, erected in 224 B.C., stood sixty-four years, was destroyed by an earthquake and lay in ruins for nearly 900 years, until a Jew bought it and took it on 900 camels to Alexandria. The statue of Zeus at Olympus was made 437-433 B.C., was removed to Constantinople, and was destroyed by fire 475 A.D. The Pharos at Alexandria was

built about 283 B.C., and was destroyed by an earthquake about 1300-1400 A.D.

Reg. Reid was down on his annual holiday and visited the school. He is with a Government surveyor at East Maitland, and says he would never desert a country life for that of the city.

Dr. Wilfred Vickers, another old boy, recently wrote Mr. Lasker from Switzerland. He left for England a year ago.

We are pleased to see that Dr. H. Tasman Lovell has been appointed Lecturer in Philosophy at Sydney University.

George Best and Robert Adamson have succeeded in passing their second year examination in mining engineering; A. H. Mason, the First Year Law Examination; and P. S. Eldershaw, B.A., E. S. Little, B.A., A. V. Maxwell, B.A., E. C. Bender, B.A., the Intermediate Law Examination. H. R. Chisholm got high distinction in French and Latin in his second year.

The FORTIAN offers its congratulations to Mr. A. W. Cusbert on obtaining his M.A. degree in education.

Mr. R. A. Page, B.A., has been removed to the District School, Cobar. The staff of the Boys' Department met together on the last day of last term and presented Mr. Page with a double set of carvers and a silver teapot, to mark the occasion of his marriage, which took place during the Easter vacation.

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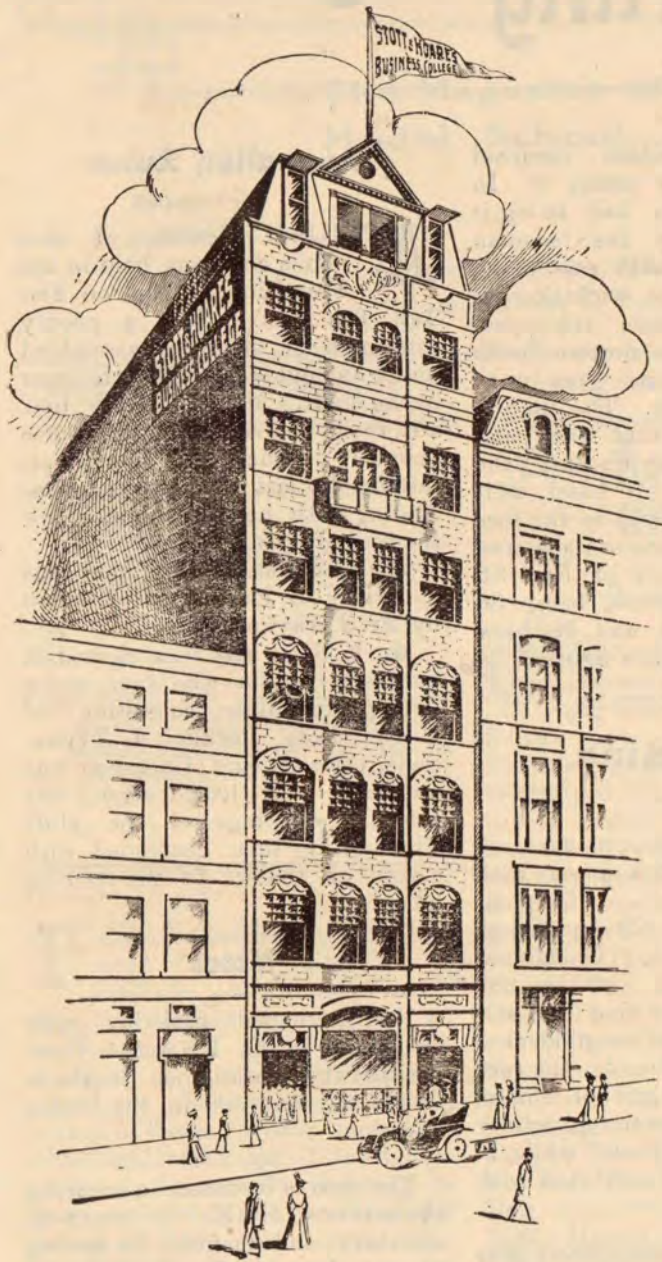
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# Sporting

## Cricket Notes

THE season has now ended, and our first and second teams both came second in the competitions. The firsts were one point behind the winners—Petersham—exactly the same as last year when they finished one point below Cleveland Street. The teams finished in the following order:—Petersham 12 points, Fort Street 11 points, Cleveland Street 3, Hurlstone 0. We played nine matches, won six, drew seven and lost 2. Petersham have the same record, but were fortunate enough to secure a 3 point win where we obtained 2 points, thus winning the competition.

In reviewing the season the most striking feature is the change in the personnel of the team. We lost most of our bowlers, yet when Morgan and Flook had to take on the bowling they were very successful. Morgan possesses the average in the bowling, Flook being second, but the latter has the batting average. Reg. Morgan, Dinsey, Rowbotham, Lane, Tupling and Thom left before Christmas vacation and Barry just after the holidays. In order to replace these boys the seconds were weakened continually, so that the team left to play in the final against Glebe had no less than three new players.

This match was very disappointing from our point of view. Glebe began to bat, and owing to very good bowling and fielding obtained 110. Mathers obtained 4 wickets for 35, Evatt 3 for 8, and Smith 2 for 17. In this innings Delaney fielded splendidly, and took a very difficult catch at square leg. The Seconds were quickly dismissed for 24, Sherwood, 8, being top score. Glebe, in their second attempt, made 114; Smith, 55, and Davies, 17, reached double figures.

A peculiar incident occurred when Smith was about 9. In trying to glance a ball to leg it shot up vertically, the batsman struck the ball with one hand, thus preventing the wicketkeeper from effecting a catch. On appeal being made to the umpire Smith was given "not out," greatly to our disappointment. The umpire stated afterwards that the batsman was justified in knocking the ball away with his hand, as it might have struck him in the face if allowed to continue in its course.

The second innings of Fort St. yielded 87; Sherwood being 36 not out, Evatt, 13, and Mathers, 10, also reached double figures.

## Swimming.

SWIMMING season closed on Saturday, 9th inst., with the Half-mile Championship, the Diving Championship, and the High Diving Championship. The contest for the 880 yards was indeed a fine one, and Bert Green is to be complimented on his fine form, winning the race in the splendid time of 13min. 34secs. F. Ryan swam splendidly in getting second place, while F. Mason had to be contented with third.

The Diving Championship was won by J. Everett, and the High Diving went to A. Rees.

The season just concluded has indeed been a successful one, and the school has every reason to be proud of its members, for it is to their own particular efforts that the success has been so marked. Perhaps in no other year has such signal success been attained. The trophies will be presented to the winning participants within the next fortnight.

## Australian Rules

ANNUAL Meeting of the above club was held in the Practising School on Friday, 9th inst., when a goodly concourse of members assembled under the guidance of Mr. Kilgour in the chair. Mr. Selle, the hon. sec., read the annual report, one brimful of successful notes pertaining to last season, and concluding with hopeful remarks for the incoming one.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Parker, and seconded by Mr. J. Taylor.

Mr. R. Scott was then elected as hon. secretary for the year, and a strong committee consisting of Messrs. Scott, Parker, J. Taylor, Selle, O'Grady and Campbell was appointed to look after the internal workings of the club. The meeting then concluded with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

## Notes

Fort Street will probably enter two teams in the P.S.A.A.A. Competition this season, one in the A Grade and the other in the Junior Division.

The club is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. R. Scott as secretary and mentor, he having played first grade football for some years.

Excellent prospects are predicted for the incoming season, as the N.S.W. Football League intend that the School's committee shall have every facility in carrying out the competition.

Season tickets for Erskineville Oval will be ready for distribution next week. Schoolboy tickets pan out at 2s 6d for the season.

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## Editorial

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IT is the intention of the Department of Public Instruction to institute an Annual Traveling Scholarship for teachers, to enable some of the finest of the younger men of the service to spend one or more years abroad, either in Great Britain or on the Continent of Europe. This scholarship is to be awarded annually in the month of April, and is of the value of £150 per annum. The first scholar selected is one of our own staff, Mr. Peter L. Murphy, B.A. We offer him our very heartiest congratulations on his good fortune, not by any means unmerited. We shall all be very sorry to lose him from among us, even though it is only for a year or two. Mr. Murphy will leave for Europe in June next, and intends pursuing the study of modern languages at Frankfurt and Rome.

## New Books in the Library

April 1910.

COUSIN MAUDE, Dora Deane, Marian Grey, Mildred, Maggie Miller, Etheyn's Mistake, Edith Lyle's Secret, Meadow Brook, Tempest and Sunshine, Homestead on the Hillside, Lena Rivers, Family Pride, The Leighton Homestead, Millbank, Darkness and Daylight, The English Orphans, Mary Holmes. The Rover Boys on the Great Lake, The Rover Boys out West, The Rover Boys on the Plains, The Rover Boys on the Ocean, The Rover Boys in Southern Waters, The Rover Boys on Treasure Isle, The Rover Boys on the River, The Rover Boys in the Mountains, The Rover Boys in the Jungle, The Rover Boys on Land and Sea, The Putnam Hall Rivals, Bob the Photographer, Winfield, Dick Hamilton's Fortune, From Office Boy to Reporter, Larry Dexter, Reporter, Larry Dexter's Search, Garis. When Santiago Fell, Off for Hawaii, Lost in the Land of Ice, With Boone on the Frontier, The Young Bandmaster, The Sailor Boy with Dewey, With Buster in the Black Hills, Pioneer Boys of the Goldfield, Pioneer Boys of the Great North West, Bonehill. Out for Business, The Young Book Agent, Nelson the Newsboy, Randy of the River,

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## A Criticism of Lancelot and Elaine

From Stopford Brooke's "Tennyson."

**M**OREOVER, had her love been commonplace, if true love is ever commonplace, she might have been somewhat injured in our eyes. But the greatness of Lancelot excuses her. She loves no young carpet-knight, but the noblest; gaunt with battles without, and his face marred with fierce battles within, he wins her heart as Othello won Desdemona by telling of glorious wars, and a few battle-passages are finer than Tennyson's rapid

and fierce sketch on Lancelot's lips of the twelve great battles, and finally of Arthur standing after the last fight on the top of Mount Badon:

High on a heap of slain, from spur to plume  
Red as the rising sun with heathen blood,

\* \* \* \* \*

I never saw his like, there lives  
No greater leader.

"Save your great self, fair lord,"  
said Elaine to her heart. And  
next morning he rode away, wear-

ing her favor, which her innocent daring asked him to carry, and leaving her his shield. When she hears of his dreadful wound—

Through her own side she felt the sharp  
lance go.

It is a line of which Shakespeare might be proud. When Gawain asks for her love, she is not ashamed to tell him she loves Lancelot. It is a lovely passage, and she woos her father to her will as sweetly as a bird sings;

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and then, going, she hears in her heart:

Being so very wilful you must die.

And her conviction that she will die of her love excuses all her devotion to one who does not care for her. When to the world she would seem unwomanly, she is most womanly. Certainty of death dissolves conventions. When she sees Lancelot she utters

A little tender dolorous cry;

and when he kisses her as we kiss a child, it is more to her:

At once she slept like water to the floor:

And all her heart's sad secret blazed itself  
In the heart's colors on her simple face.

And, having tended him into health she tells her love, and he offers her all friendship and its offices. "Of all this will I nothing," she cries, and, swooning, is borne to her tower-room, and Lancelot rides away. All this is beautifully, intimately conceived. Nor is her death less graciously, less powerfully wrought. These are lovely lines which tell of her lonely watch at night:

Death, like a friend's voice from a distant  
field  
Approaching thro' the darkness, call'd: the  
owls  
Wailing had power upon her, and she mixt  
Her fancies with the sorrow-rifted glooms  
Of evening, and the moanings of the wind.

And the song that follows, how

simply wrought it is, and yet how subtly—with the subtlety of long passion's interwoven thought:

Sweet is true love tho' given in vain, in  
vain;  
And sweet is death who puts an end to  
pain;  
I know not which is sweeter, no, not I.

Love, art thou sweet? then bitter death  
must be:  
Love, thou art bitter; sweet is death to me:  
O love, if death be sweeter, let me die.

Sweet love, that seems not made to fade  
away,  
Sweet death, that seems to make us loveless  
clay,  
I know not which is sweeter, no, not I.

I fain would follow love, if that could be;  
I needs must follow death, who calls for  
me:  
Call and I follow, I follow, let me die.

This is almost like a piece out of the sonnets of Shakespeare, full of his to-and-fro play with words that are thoughts; with the same kind of all-pervading emotion in the lines; the same truth to the situation and character of the singer; and with Tennyson's deep-seated waters of love—which too rarely come to the surface—welling upwards in it. That which follows is almost at the same level:

High with the last line scaled her voice, and  
this  
All in a fiery dawning wild with wind  
That shook her tower, her brothers heard,  
and thought  
With shuddering, "Hark the Phantom of  
the house  
That ever shrieks before a death," and  
call'd

The father, and all three in a hurry and  
fear  
Ran to her, and lo! the blood-red light of  
dawn  
Flared on her face, she shrilling, "Let me  
die."

Then out of that great passion she entered into quietude, and set forth her funeral, becoming in her memory a little child again. For she remembers how often she wished to pass the poplar on the stream, and might not; but now she will, laid in her boat, pass beyond it, dead, and so sail with her dying message to Lancelot into the very palace of the King. Therefore, this being promised her, and saying many beautiful things of trust and honour, in innocence and cheerfulness she dies.

A fair life and a fair death. It is sorrowful, but she had her joy. She loved; she loved one worthy of her love, and her heart made him worthier still. Of him she believed no wrong, for in herself there was no wrong. Her innocence was more than earth could bear, and it was well it was borne away to heaven. None may dare to mourn her fate; it was as blest as the heart of love could make it. There are, like her, rare souls on earth so wonderfully fortunate in their fate that our troubled hearts cannot imagine their happiness; and she was one of these. Our pity is with Lancelot, with Guinevere, with Arthur, but not with her.

## Old Boys' Union

### The Annual Meeting.

**T**HE Annual Meeting was held at the school on 27th April. Mr. Kilgour presided.

The Secretary's report stated that, during the year, the Union had made steady progress. Many new members had joined, including some of the oldest living ex-pupils of the school. That a great many old boys were in sympathy with the Union was evident beyond doubt; the difficulty was that their various occupations and

pursuits placed obstacles in the way of their giving such practical proof of their sympathy as might be desired. From one point of view such pre-occupation with business spoke well for the Old Boys of the school; it was probably the key to the success which they had achieved, or were achieving, in every walk of life; but it tendered to make the work of an Old Boys' Union somewhat arduous, and not a little uncertain.

The remark was sometimes made by members that it was a pity the Union did not come into touch with a greater number of Old Boys. Certainly, the more Old Boys the Union included, the stronger it would be. But the Union was already in touch with over 500 Old Boys—a number sufficient, surely, for a vigorous social life, if each of the 500 were to give it a reasonable measure of support. Such support was forth-

coming readily enough, on certain occasions, e.g., the Annual Dance. Again, when a football or a cricket match was to be arranged, there was no dearth of applicants for selection. But on a really significant occasion such as a Diamond Jubilee Dinner, there was a difficulty in securing an attendance of 1 to 10.

The report placed on record the Council's appreciation of the spontaneous generosity of Messrs. Kilgour and Deliotte, and Drs. Storie Dixon and O. Bohrsmann in making donations to the Union.

In reviewing the work of the year, the report referred to the arrangement whereby every financial member of the Union received the "Fortian" gratis from month to month. The Council considered that the Editor of the school paper had treated the Union very generously in the matter.

Reference was made to the various functions held during the year, reports of which have appeared in these columns from time to time, all of which were highly enjoyable.

On its sporting side the Union had carried out its usual programme. Football and cricket matches had been played against the school. Members had, also, participated in the Athletic and Swimming Carnivals.

A prize had been donated to the school for English literature, the award being made to Eric W. Frecker, Medallist in that subject at the Senior Examination.

The Treasurer's report showed a cash balance of £2 2s 8d, together with further assets amounting to £3 13s 6d. The complete report is as follows:—

Working account for the year ended 31st March, 1910.

Dr. to General Expenses, etc.—Printing, Postages, Society's Expenses, etc., £2 13s 2d, less donation for printing letterheads, by Mr. A. J. Kilgour, 14s 11d; £1 18s 3d.

Dr. to Annual Dinner, 18th October, 1909.—Amount paid to Sargents, Ltd., £15 5s 4d; Cigars 10s 6d, Orchestra £1 1s, Printing £1 14s—£3 5s 6d; £18 10s 10d, less proceeds, tickets, &c., £12 10s; less £6 0s 10d.

Dr. to Re-union at the School, 18th October, 1909—Amount paid

to Baumann's £4 10s, less proceeds tickets £1 3s, less received from Old Girls' Union £2 17s—£4; less 10s.

Dr. to "Fortian", etc.—Amount paid for copies posted to members 9s 8d.

Old Boys' Prize, given to Fort Street School—£1 1s.

Balance, surplus for the year placed to credit of Old Boys', etc.—£3 6s 4d.

Total £13 6s 1d.

Cr. by Members' Subscriptions—£7 5s; 56 for 1909-10 season, 2 for 1908-9 season.

"Mawson" Welcome, 17th April, 1909—Proceeds, tickets £10 19s, Donation by Mr. Kilgour 10s—£11 9s, less amount paid Baumanns £8 2s 6d, Printing, Postage, etc. £2 7s 2d—£10 9s 8d; surplus 19s 4d.

Cr. by Annual Dance, 16th July, 1909—Paid Treasurer, Old Girls' Union £9, proceeds, tickets, etc. £9—nil.

Interest received from Savings Bank 1s 9d

Donation by Mr. Q. L. Deloitte £5.

Total £13 6s 1d.

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1910.

#### LIABILITIES.

Fort Street O'd Boys' Union, etc. Balance as at 1st April, 1909, £2 9s 10d; Surplus for the year ended 31st March, 1910, £3 6s 4d. Total £5 16s 2d.

#### ASSETS.

Cash at Government Savings Bank of N.S.W., as per pass-book, £2 2s 8d; Sundry Debtors, as per ledger, £3 13s 6d.

Total £5 16s 2d.

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Hon. } LES. V. HARRIS,  
Auditors, } F. LE ROY TRACY.

The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the year 1910 11:—

Patron: J. W. Turner, Esq; President: A. J. Kilgour, Esq; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. L. Deloitte, C. A. Macintosh, S. Lasker, A. Mowle, Dr. O. Bohrsmann, W. H. Mason; Hon. Sec.: Mr. P. R. Watts; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. A. McIntosh; Committee: Messrs. A. C. W. Hill, V. Maxwell, W. W. Hill, R. Moses and T. L. Devitt; Auditors: Messrs L. V. Harris and F. Le Roy Tracy.

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# Girl's Page

Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

## Girls' Junior Picnic

ON Saturday, April 23rd, the girls of the 7D Junior Class with a few matrics, spent a most enjoyable day at National Park. The party consisted of from 20 to 30 girls with about seven teachers, among the latter being Miss Partridge, who acted as president.

Fortunately our chosen day was one true to sunny New South Wales, with a turquoise sky above and an emerald grass beneath. Amid these natural beauties we could not help but enjoying ourselves and finding rest for our overburdened brains, which suffered so during the previous week owing to the strain of "the test." Well, we steamed out of No. 13 platform in the 9.35 train in a specially engaged carriage.

When finally we reached our destination (which meant an additional walk from the National Park station to a shady spot on the bank of the Freshwater River), we at once busied ourselves by playing, well—er—not basket ball, though with a basket ball, and then all in due course came rounders, twos and three, French and English, and every other game imaginable.

When at last our long longed for dinner time arrived it was not long before we had tasted the numerous dainties placed before us, and once more felt inclined for more games.

To help digest our hearty dinners, many toasts were made, wishing success to the Juniors and congratulating the many claimants to the various medals (including the Fairfax); whilst some of our noted elocutionists furnished us with recitations which were heartily appreciated. The afternoon simply flew, and after 4 o'clock had been enjoyed and a few games approved of we slowly

made tracks back to the station.

To put a finishing touch to this pleasant day we girls "yelled" songs from the time we left the Park till we reached the Central Railway Station. Here our happy party dispersed, each going to her respective home tired and overwhelmed with the joy of a well spent day.

—Doris Purvis.

## Girls' L. and D. Society

AN inter-club debate has been arranged between the Boys' Senior Debating Society and that above mentioned. The subject for debate is—"The Reformer has more influence on mankind than the Inventor." The Girls' L. & D. Society has decided to espouse the cause of the "Reformer."

The above debate will take place on Friday, 13th May.

## Waratah Literary and Debating Society

MANUSCRIPT Journal afternoon was held by the above society on Friday, April 8, Pearl Mansley was the editress. The leading article was Commemoration Day, 1900, and when? A very amusing description of that eventful day in the annals of the school when the old Fort Street pupils go up to receive their B.A. certificates on Commemoration Day, 1900, and—when?

We heartily congratulate Marjorie Douglass on her very creditable original story. Amongst other articles of interest were "The Typhoon," "The Jenolan Caves," and a poem on "A Calf." The advertisement, agony and good story columns proved to be very amusing. It was decided that a debate should occupy the next meeting.

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## Fortian Hockey Club

**T**HE Hockey Club opens its 1910 season with a roll of 33 members, and as about 10 others have signified a desire to join, we expect a record season.

Mr. B. I. Swannell, who has again consented to act as hon. coach and instructor for the Fortians, attended the preliminary meeting of the club, and gave some advanced instruction in the game, and then an outline of the various teams to be selected this year.

These teams are as follows:—

(1) Representative Old Girls' Team, (2) Representative Present School Team, (3) Representative Club Team, chosen from past and present players.

The competition should be especially good this year, and is timed to commence the first week in July.

Miss Partridge is again president of the club, Miss Mouldsdales hon. treas., Misses Bourke and Maloney hon. secs.

The Selection Committee, nominated for the opening of the season, is—Misses Edith and Elsie Rea, Estelle Hayes, the hon. secs. and hon. coach.

The first game of the season took place on Tuesday, 26th April, on an afternoon which must have got lost from summer. Despite the heat much enthusiasm prevailed, and the players expressed the opinion that it seemed as much like the end of the season as the beginning. A lot of attention was given to the new players, who are shaping splendidly. It would be well for intending players to join at once and get into training for the matches and the competition.

After the Junior Examination we shall be delighted to welcome many of our old players who are at present studying too hard to yield to the delights of hockey.

As no girls' team beat the Fortians last year we have a great reputation to keep up, and have also to meet our old opponents the boys of Wahroonga College. What we require above all things is the delightful weather of last winter.

## Fortian Tennis Club

**E**NROLMENT for the Tennis Season 1910-11 is already very large, being fifty members.

The best possible arrangements are made by Miss Maloney to give every member a chance for several games each week. At present all beginners are given lessons in tennis on Monday afternoons.

As the Tennis Tournament was so great a success last year the club proposes to hold it much earlier this year, starting during August, and thus finishing before the probationary students sit for examination.

Several matches will be played against the Old Girls' Union, and these will take place on Saturday afternoons. All girls intending to play are advised to join as soon as they can, so that good handicaps may be a feature in the tournament in addition to the championships.

## Class News

**5<sup>th</sup>** EXAMINATIONS this month have been held in history and geography, and some splendid results have obtained.

Geography—Sybil Crouch and Dorothy Morris 90 per cent; Bella Murray and Brenda Richardson, 85 per cent; Doris McLeneham, Elsie Hancott and Gladys Lloyd, 80 per cent.

History—Sybil Crouch, honours. Rose Gregory, Vida Steed, Dorothy Morris and Doris McLeneham, 100 per cent; Lue Valkenburg, Hazel McEachen, Bella Murray, Marjorie Ward, Eva Jones Brenda Richardson and Lorna Bowry, 90 per cent.

A new definition we heard the other day: "A vacuum is a large empty space at Rome where the Pope lives."

## Basket Ball

**A**S the afternoons are now getting cooler the girls will be expected to commence basket ball in May. All tennis and hockey players should indulge in this game for the exercise and training. Games will be superintended each Monday by Miss Bourke, and matches played early in June.

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## A Calf

**O**NE day through the primeval wood  
 A calf walked home, as good calves should,  
 But made a trail all bent askew,  
 A crooked trail, as all calves do.  
 Since then, three hundred years have fled,  
 And I infer the calf is dead;  
 But still he left behind his trail,  
 And thereby hangs my moral tale.  
 The trail was taken up next day  
 By a lone dog that passed that way;  
 And then a wise bell-wether sheep  
 Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep  
 And drew the flock behind him, too,  
 As good bell-wethers always do.  
 And from that day o'er hill and glade  
 Through those old woods a path was made,  
 And many men wound in and out,  
 And dodged and turned, and bent about,  
 And uttered words of righteous wrath,  
 Because 'twas such a crooked path;  
 But still they followed—do not laugh—  
 The first migrations of that calf,  
 And thro' the winding woodway stalked  
 Because he wobbled when he walked.  
 The forest path became a lane  
 That bent and turned, and bent again.  
 This crooked lane became a road  
 Where many a poor horse with his load  
 Toiled on beneath the burning sun,  
 And travelled some three miles in one.  
 And thus a century and a half  
 They trod the footsteps of that calf.  
 The years passed on in swift fleet,  
 The road became a village street.  
 And this, before men aware,  
 A city's crowded thoroughfare  
 And soon the central street was this  
 Of a renowned metropolis,  
 And men, two centuries and a half,  
 Trod in the footsteps of that calf.

Each day a hundred thousand rout  
 Followed the zig-zag calf about,  
 And o'er this crooked journey went  
 The traffic of a continent.  
 A hundred thousand men were led  
 By one calf near three centuries dead.  
 They followed still his crooked way  
 And lost one hundred years a day.  
 For this such reverence is lent  
 To well-established precedent.  
 A moral lesson this might teach  
 If I were thus ordained to preach;  
 For men are prone to go it blind  
 Among the calf-paths of the mind,  
 And work away from sun to sun  
 To do what other men have done.  
 They follow in the beaten track  
 And out and in, and forth and back;  
 And still their devious course pursue  
 To keep the path that others do.  
 But how the wise old wood-nymphs laugh  
 Who saw this same primeval calf.  
 Ah, many things this this talk might teach  
 If I was but allowed to preach.

(Selected)

### Lavozone Competition Result.

**T**HE Lavers Manufacturing Company have awarded their prizes to Dove McAdam 7C Class, and Maud Fryer 7A Class, each 10s 6d, both being of equal merit.

### Halley's Comet

R. WIBURD.

**O**H, a comet am I so high in the sky,  
 For I whirl and I fly thro' space,  
 Leaving the trail of my bright flaming tale  
 As down I towards the earth swift race.  
 I think it great fun as I sweep round the sun  
 To keep my tail out of his way.  
 If I don't, so I've learnt, I shall soon get it burnt—  
 At least that's what earth people say.

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I see black races flee when they  
catch sight of me.  
For they think that the world's  
end is nigh;  
And they pray and they moan, and  
I hear them all groan,  
And I laugh as I whirl through  
the sky.

For I know I've been feared when-  
e'er I've appeared  
To the folk on the earth down  
below;  
And catastrophes great though  
occasioned by fate  
Are attributed to me I know.

But then what care I as I sped  
through the sky  
Like the flash of a meteor  
bright,  
I cause them no grief and my time  
is but brief  
Till once more I pass out of  
their sight.

## Notes and News

IT is notified that the last day for sending in applications to sit for the Junior Examination is Friday, 13th May.

On the 4th instant two representatives of the Fort Street Debating Society, Evatt and Hudson Smith were present at a mock banquet given by the Y.M.C.A. Debating Society. Hudson Smith replied to the toast of the visitors.

On Friday, 13th, an inter-club debate will take place between the Boys' and Girls' Debating Societies on the topic "The Reformer has done more for humanity than the Inventor." The girls will assert the motion.

The ministry lost their portfolios on the 21st instant on the question that "Prohibition is a better method of dealing with the drink evil than government monopoly. Leask is the new premier.

Among the old boys who received their degrees this year we noted the following:—B.A., Norman Connell; LL.B., C. M. Collins, B.A., (second class honors); M.B., C. N. Smith; B.Sc., G. S. Burrows (First Class Honors and University Medal in Chemistry, First Class Honors in Geology and prox. acc. to University Medal; John Coutt's Scholarship. B.Sc., A. B. Walkom (First Class Honors, University Medal and equal for Professor David's Prize for Geology; Second Class Honors in Chemistry. B.Sc. G. R. Halloran.

Old Boys are again reminded that the "Fortian" will only be sent to financial members of the Old Boys' Union.

It is rumoured that Fort Street is to have a new science building erected shortly. A new school is just as necessary, but that costs money, we suppose.

The Librarian desires to thank Hilda Ferguson for two parcels of magazines, and South, McAdam, Hall and others for one parcel each.

The new pictures, through the exertions of the Manual Training Master, Mr. Abell, have now been framed and hung in various rooms of the school. Two rooms in particular have been decorated with French and German pictures, and are to be known as the French and German Rooms.

The farewell to the Juniors of 1910 will take place in the Main Room on Friday afternoon, 3rd of June next. The examination will begin on 7th June. Before the examination all candidates should make themselves acquainted with the "Directions to Candidates."

At the University Commemoration the following members of the staff received their degree of Bachelor of Arts:—Miss Maggie Campbell and Messrs. W. G. Hilliard, J. Leaver, J. F. McCauley, P. L. Murphy and R. K. Scott, while Messrs. E. G. Evans, P. W. Hallett and R. A. Page recently removed, also received the same degree.

On Thursday, 21st ultimo, Mr. F. T. Allen, B.A., lately of this school, and now first assistant at Hay District School, was married to Miss Edith Glover, late of the Kindergarten School, Fort Street.

We regret to have to record that on the morning of the University Commemoration Eric Frecker, who gained our best pass at last year's Senior, and who recently commenced his course at the University, was knocked down by a tram and severely injured. He had to be conveyed to Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance, where he was attended to. He is now recovering.



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We are pleased to note that Archie Collins, second year medicine, has been made a prosector, a privilege conferred upon the two most skilful students at dissecting in each year. Archie also won Professor Anderson's prize for Applied Logic.

In the late Mr. J. S. Larke the State has lost a fine fellow citizen, and the school an old friend. At such occasions as Empire Day, the late Canadian Commissioner's speech was always something to listen to. Many boys will recall his dignified and kindly presence.

A contribution to the Sydney "Daily Telegraph," a few weeks ago, looked as if it came from an old boy. It concerned the recent Changshi Riots in China, and was in the form of a letter from "Ivor Wyatt," probably Ivo Wyatt (1900 matriculation) is meant. He has developed the roaming habit since leaving the old school.

## Cadet News

**T**HE First Battalion signallers parade now on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. at Fort Street, to receive instruction from the first Battalion Signalling Officer Captain Parsonage. At present they are doing semaphore work but a "key and sounder" is at the school in readiness for the morse alphabet. Fort Street signallers should note that an examination will be held

shortly for the positions of signaller Sergeant, Signaller Corporal, and two or three Lance Corporals.

The work of re-organising the company is proceeding apace. Regular positions have now been allotted to all non-coms, cadets, etc, and if absent at any Wednesday drills, parades, etc., their positions will be at once filled from the recruit squad. All cadets are asked specially to note this.

It is extremely probable that the company will be transferred, complete, to the seniors at the end of the year.

There will be a special brigade parade of all metropolitan battalions at National Park the Thursday after Empire Day. Some of the Ministers of the Crown will be present. Every thing must be spick and span that day.

Buglers' parades are still cancelled.

The newly appointed non-coms. are reminded that they must qualify at the non-coms. examination at the Victoria Barracks. The stripes will not be issued till that examination has been passed. The non-coms.' class at the Barracks is held on the first Friday in each month. Sergeant and Corporal's certificates will be issued to the successful candidates,

There are still a few vacancies for cadets.

Messrs. Davies, Parker and Meldrum have been gazetted lieutenants on probation in the Commonwealth Senior Cadet Corps.

The O.C. J Company has been busy this week issuing uniforms. Rifles are expected shortly, and soon the equipment of the Fort Street detachment will be complete.

Several vacancies still exist in the third half company, and applications for enrolment are invited. Recruits should not be under 14 years of age, and should be about 5 feet 2 inches in height.

The following cadets won prizes at the First Battalion Rifle Meeting held at Randwick, Wednesday, 6th April:—Sgt. B. Gibson £1 18s 6d, Corpl. J. Davidson 13s 6d, L.-Corpl. S. Upton £1 1s, L.-Corpl. L. Atkins £1 1s, Bugler A. Rees £1 1s, L.-Corpl. H. Thornton £1 1s, L.-Corpl. S. Cox 11s, Sergt. H. Buitz 6s, Col.-Sergt. C. Furness 6s, Sergt.-Major Draper 6s, Cadet Webber 2s 6d, Corpl. A. Mackenzie, 2s 6d. In the Battalion Teams match we were beaten by 1 point by Cleveland Street, the scores being Cleveland Street 19, Fort Street 78. We hope to reverse the result in the next rifle meeting (N.R.A., in October next) after more practice on the Randwick range than we had this time.

# Sporting

## Australian Rules

**F**ORT Street played their first match on Friday last against the newly-formed St. Leonard's team. The match was played on Moore Park and

was capably umpired by Messrs. Scott and McDarra. The form displayed by several new players was good, and the season promises to be an interesting one. Owing to the superior knowledge of our players of last season Fort Street

won handsomely a clever and instructive game with a margin of 10 points.

The Competition matches begin on Friday, 13th instant., as the



entries have been extended for another week.

This year umpires from the Training College team will handle the various games. This innovation should give universal satisfaction to all concerned.

The Secretary of the Club has issued a number of season tickets for Erskineville Oval. He has still a few to distribute: those who wish to obtain this privilege may give their names to Mr. Scott as early as possible.

## Swimming.

**P**RIZES won by the successful participants at the recent swimming carnival will be presented to them this week; the girls' trophies will be presented at the same time. The certificates won by the competitors in the Half Mile Championship may be somewhat late as the Government Printer, through stress of other work, has been unable to proceed with the certificates. The secretary's report contains a budget of information of last season's doings, and should prove interesting reading to natatorial enthusiasts

## Cricket

### A Team—1909 10 Season

#### Batting Averages.

	In.	N.O.	H.S.	Rns.	Av.
Flook	10	3	77	311	54.5
Berry	1	0	58	195	24.3
Dinsey	5	0	50	89	17.8
Morgan	7	1	51	104	17.3
Dive	6	1	33*	78	15.6
Moran	7	1	27*	77	12.8
Wallace	1	0	36	102	12.7
Stafford	9	0	41	108	12.0
Stackelberg	2	0	15	16	8.0
Rutledge	7	2	11	20	4.0

#### Bowling Averages

	Wkts.	Runs	Av.
Dinsey	22	132	6.0
Morgan	26	168	6.4
Davey	6	56	9.3
Flook	36	412	11.4

### B Team—Batting Averages

	In.	N.O.	H.S.	Rns.	Av.
Evatt	14	4	38	183	18.3
Sherwood	5	1	36*	48	12.0
Stackelberg	6	0	39	49	8.1
L. Adams	8	2	20*	47	7.8
Gruen	12	1	16	76	6.9
Tupling	5	0	20	34	6.8
Taylor	10	0	15	66	6.6
Mackanness	11	1	15	46	4.6
Smith	13	1	13	38	3.1

#### Bowling Averages.

	Wkts.	Rns.	Av.
H. Adams	21	78	3.7
Mackanness	28	108	3.8
Evatt	20	89	4.4
Chapman	9	55	6.1
Delany	11	68	6.1
Mathers	8	73	9.1
Smith	9	114	12.6

## Life Saving.

**A**FURTHER examination for several life saving awards took place at Lavender Bay baths last Friday forenoon. Full results of the examination will be published in the next issue, along with the names of those who had previously qualified before the Xmas. and Easter vacations.

## Rugby Football

**O**N Friday last Fort Street A defeated Cleveland Street A at Sports' Ground by 15 to 8. Referee Mr. McMahon.

For Fort Street, Druce, Stackelberg, and O. Harden scored tries and Flook converted each.

The ground was wet after the recent rains, so the game was principally among the forwards; Stackelberg, Cunningham and Robertson were always prominent among the forwards; while Ross, Flook, Morgan and Harden were the best of the backs.

The team consists of a number of new players this year, as most of last year's fine combination are over age, or have left school.

Previous to the match Fort Street had had no field practice. So with a few practices the team will be hard to beat, and should

have no difficulty in winning the competition.

### 2nds.

Our second fifteen defeated Mosman by 24 to nil.

Hosking (3), Evatt (2), Flook (1), Rees (1), Alldritt (1), scored tries. Mr. Parsonage had charge of the team, and it should do well to follow his advice.

On 29th instant the first team played their second match against Cleveland Street B.

The scores indicated a cricket instead of a football match, being 55 to nil in favour of Fort Street. The 13 tries were obtained by Paterson (3), Flook (2), Dive (2), Hosking, Cunningham, Robertson, Hellstrom, Thorne, and Harden. Flook and Harden each kicked 4 goals.

There are 5 teams in the A grade, and 5 in the B grade, and at present we have a good chance of winning both grades.

Some of the players among the firsts, for instance, Harden, Flook and Robertson have made wonderful progress since last year.

The class matches will begin shortly and will be played on the Domain as in former years.

**F**ORT Street B defeated Mosman on Friday, 22nd April, by 24 to nil. Tries were

scored by Hosking (3), Evatt (2), Rees, Alldritt, and Flook (1), none of which were converted. Some of the tries scored were in very easy positions for kicking goals. This bears out the principle that a good kicker in a team is worth his place for kicking alone. Ryan, Thorne, and other aspirants for kicking honors are asked to specially note this, and practice place and drop kicks as well as punts, as it will greatly strengthen their regular position in the team. Ree's try was the result of fast following of a cross kick, a real good point in his play that others might copy. He had very bad

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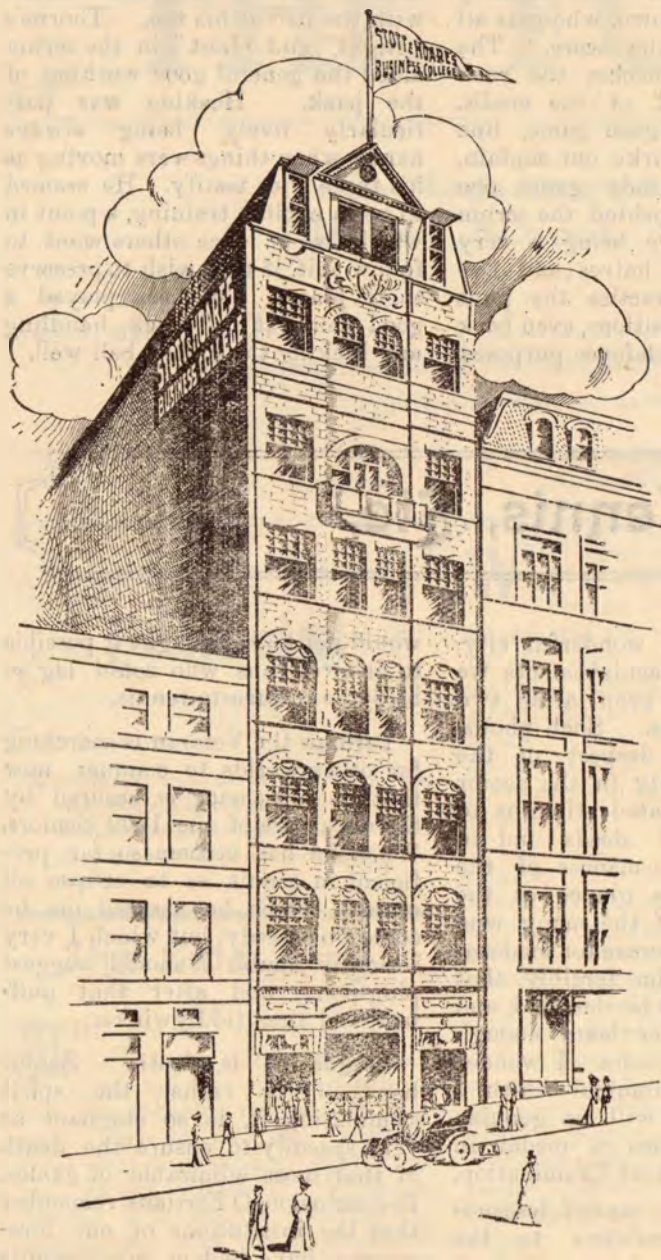
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luck in not scoring a second try, the ball just going into touch-in-goal. Alldritt's try was a heady piece of play on the blind side (players should use the blind side more when attacking); he is a good forward and seemed in good condition. Thorne was directly responsible for two tries, the first one being a particularly good piece of work. Evatt, although out of place, being a forward played a good game and bore out the maxim that 'A good footballer is a good footballer in whatever position he is put in.' Delaney played a particularly lively game

and was directly responsible for one try that H. S. King put the finishing touch to. Remember it is not the player who actually touches the ball down, who gets all the credit for the score. The player who commences the rush is due for a lot of the credit. Flook played a good game, line kicking well. Kirke, our captain, played a good heady game, one screw punt from behind the scrum in our twenty-five being a very nice one. Scrum halves and five eights want to practice the punt in all sorts of positions, even back over the head for defence purposes.

Kindly note Goodsir was good on the line out. Chapman was good in the scrum and the loose. Ryan headed several forward rushes with the ball at his toe. Thorne's "Right" and "Lost" in the scrum aided the general good working of the pack. Hosking was particularly lively, being always handy when things were moving as his three tries testify. He seemed to be in capital training, a point in which two or three others want to follow suit, if they wish to preserve their places. Mathers played a good game at full back, handling and kicking the greasy ball well.

## Handball, Tennis, Etc,

**T**HE other day I chanced to re-visit Fort Street, after an absence of nearly six months. The motive which prompted my visit was not curiosity, but it might well have been. We pass through the routine of school life without seeming to relieve its monotony one jot or tittle. But remarkable changes may come in six months, as I noticed, at a glance, on arriving within these precincts of learning and industry. The first change I observed was when I entered the main building of the school. I noticed that the walls looked clean as if new painted; though I do not doubt that, had I come six months later, I would not have been struck by any change at all. Then I was conducted into the senior room, I saw new names on the honour board, blushed, and tried to appear not to have noticed their existence. But my relentless guide insisted on drawing my attention to them. Turning hastily away, I cast my eyes on two magnificent photos, perfect in every detail, of the Acropolis and the Parthenon. I would advise those who do not go regularly into the senior room to step in as soon as the opportunity presents itself and observe the majestic grandeur of the temples and

buildings of that wonderful city, many of whose achievements we cannot emulate, even after two thousands of years. Such photos will be, to the deepest of the students who study in the senior room, an oft-repeated stimulus to try to do great deeds and to eclipse the performances of the ancients. A mere glance at the pictures by one of the many who have developed a craze for modernism would tell him forcibly that antiquity is not to be despised, and that we can never learn enough about our predecessors. I wonder whether this stimulus which I have referred to will be genuine enough to produce a medal in Ancient History next Examination.

And now I find myself descending from the sublime to the ridiculous—from the glories of ancient Greece to the iniquitous commonplaces of examination. I unconsciously ask myself whether topics of such depth and splendour will produce a better result in an examination.

I was speaking to a certain Fort Street veteran on this occasion, and I learnt from him that Handball, for years recognised as the game of games amongst senior pupils, had been practically abandoned in favour of Tennis. I

would not have thought it possible to find veterans who could lag so badly as to turn to tennis.

Perhaps the Veteran is searching for other worlds to conquer, now that his supremacy is assured by the departure of the 1909 Seniors. When he has become so far proficient in tennis as to eclipse all comers, which he assured me he could do already, but which I very seriously doubt, I should suggest ping-pong, and after that puffball, and then tiddlywinks.

Stagnation is death. Senior handball, or rather, the spirit stimulating it, is so stagnant as very speedily to ensure the death of that most admirable of games. In conclusion, O Fortians, remember that the institutions of our fore-runners have had as good results as are now obtained, and that this ever quickening desire for continual change is liable to produce degeneracy. Preserve the traditions of the School as they have been preserved by our predecessors. Remember that the glamour of new things is only transitory, and that your first delusions concerning them will soon be dispelled by time and experience—AND BEWARE OF VETERANS IN YOUR TENNIS CLUB.

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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.

### The Late King.

THE news of the death of our King was received at the school with the greatest regret. It is at such times of national bereavement that the bond of sympathy Sir Henry Parkes' "crimson thread of kinship" between us Australians and the motherland is drawn closer. The school buildings have been draped in black and purple, while the majority of the pupils have shown their sympathy and respect by wearing black ties and ribbons.

On the day of the funeral a choir of 100 boys and girls from the school, under Mr. Hurt, joined with the choirs of several other schools in the memorial services held at Centennial Park, where they sang the hymns, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "Abide With Me," and "Oh, God, our Help in Ages Past."

WITH next month's issue of "The Fortian" a further increase in the size of the paper will be made. The number of pages will henceforth be sixteen, though the journal itself will be slightly smaller in dimensions. The new form of the magazine will, it is hoped, be its permanent form for a number of years.

The Editor regrets that the number of contributions is so small. Of course, articles sent in must be of sufficient merit and interest, otherwise he cannot guarantee insertion, but remember that all contributions will be carefully considered.

The Editor is pleased to note a substantial increase in the circulation of "The Fortian" in the girls' department.

It is hereby notified that "Fortians" will only be sent to financial members of the Old Boys' Union. Subscriptions should therefore be sent to the Treasurer without delay.

As many boys will probably be leaving school as soon as the Junior Examination is over, those who desire positions in the city are requested to leave their names and addresses with the headmaster.

The junior boys who desire the "Fortian" posted to them after the completion of their junior course should advise the Editor personally or by post. "The Fortian" is their best means of keeping up a lively interest in the school, and its doings. The sub-

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## A Review of the Inter-Club Debate.

**I**N our opinion there can be no doubt that the verdict of the judges in the girls' debate was fairly given. Yet, however, there are many defects which I think may be rightly imputed to the winners. In the first place a listener could not help but think that the girls had rehearsed their speeches word for word. They delivered their orations with such fluency and without the slightest hesitation or

stammer, which could not have existed in such young orators except by a previous learning of the speech. On the other hand, however, they prepared every conceivable point in their favour with the greatest accuracy, and so acted in unison that they were never obliged to repeat themselves. Their natural oratorical ability seemed far to exceed that of the boys, and they spoke with an eloquence and animation which was well deserving of their well earned victory. As far as the losers are concerned, we are assured that they held their opponents too cheaply, and that their speeches showed a distinct lack of preparation and some amount of hesitation and slovenliness in delivery. Nevertheless, some of the facts brought out

by the boys were of a more convincing and tangible character, and we are of opinion that a disinterested listener would feel inclined to believe from very fact itself that the inventor had done more for humanity than the reformer.

On Wednesday, 18th inst., three delegates from our Senior Society visited the Y.M.C.A., and defeated their Junior and Intermediate Society. Those representing Fort Street were Noble, Booth, and Leask, while the subject discussed was "That the time is not yet ripe for disarmament." Mr. Daniel Levy, M.L.A., acted as judge, and gave the verdict in our favour, being very pleased with the speaking, especially with that of Leask.

## A Criticism of Portia

**I**T is probable that art critics are so dazzled and captured by the astonishing characteristics of Shylock that they fail to do justice to Portia.

Although Shylock is not richer artistically, nor more complete in his way than Portia is in her's; the two brilliant figures are both worthy of honour, and both worthy to be "placed in the rich realm of enchanting poetry."—Jameson.

Portia has her full share of the agreeable qualities which Shakespeare has given to many of his female characters, but with the dignity, the sweetness, and tenderness which especially characterise her sex, she possesses quite peculiar, yet special, endowments—great intellectual power, inspired mind, decided firmness, and a sprightliness which plays over all.

These characteristics are in-born, but she has still more remarkable gifts, which result from her positions and relations. Thus she is an heiress to a princely name and incalculable wealth. She is always surrounded by a host of gay pleasures, and from her infancy she has breathed an atmosphere spiced with the per-

fume of flattery. Hence she has a commanding, but charming, manner, "an aristocratic elevated tenderness," and a spirit of magnificence in all which she does and says, as one familiar from birth with splendour.

She is full of penetrating wisdom, truest tenderness, and lively wit; and never having known poverty, grief, fear, or adversity, her wisdom has no trace of gloom or sadness; all her actions are inspired with faith, hope, and joy, and her wit is not in the least malicious or biting.

The eminent writer Dowden says that "Portia is the first of Shakespeare's women, who unites in beautiful proportion intellectual power, high and refined, with that unrestrained ardour of the heart."

Should Shylock be taken, according to the usual conception, as the representative of the stern, earnest, art-detesting representative of Judea, Portia, on the contrary, would appear as setting forth that after-blooming of Greek spirit which spreads forth its delicious perfume in the sixteenth century from Italy all over the world, and which we love and

esteem to-day as the Renaissance (Heine). Portia is also the type of gay prosperity in antithesis to the gloomy adversity which Shylock presents.

How blooming, rose-like, pure-ringing in her every thought and saying! How glowing with joy her every word! How beautiful all the figures of her phrases, which are mostly from mythology! And how dismal, sharp, pinching, and ugly are, on the contrary, the thoughts and utterances of Shylock, who employs only similes from the Testament.

"As the people, so their homes." We see how Shylock will not allow even the image of God or man in "his honourable house," and then see, on the contrary, the costly and exquisitely tasteful palace in Belmont, where all is light and music, where among pictures, marble statues, and all this splendour, fair Portia gleams like a goddess, whose sunny locks "Hang on the temples like a golden fleece."

By such a contrast the two chief personages of the drama are so individualised that one might even swear they were in reality.

# - Football -

**M**ATCHES were postponed last week on account of the late King's funeral.

In the next round of the class competition the classes will be drawn against each other by lot, and the day of play also, so that we will not have all classes wanting to play on the one day, etc., as we had this round.

For the proposed trip to Orange, which will mean four or five days away in the country, the players will be selected for (1) condition shown in practice and other matches; (2) attention paid to coaching notes, hints, etc.; (3) attendances at practices, etc.; (4) "life" and "go," etc., on the football field; (5) general play. Some of the Seconds will go if they satisfy the conditions.

The class competitions have been commenced, and are now in full swing. The Domain ground has been fixed up, cemented holes being made to receive the goal posts, which are not to be left in the ground. This was the main condition under which we received permission to use the Domain ground this year. Teams playing the first match are to put the posts up, and the last teams playing are responsible that the posts are placed near the gymnasium at the close of the game. Class captains are asked to specially note this.

The competition has been divided into A and B Grades. The competing teams and their colours are:—

### A Grade.

Mr. Macnee's Class, red with light blue band.

Mr. Leaver's Class, black band.

Mr. McCauley's, circle back and front.

Mr. McKenzie's, bright green band.

Mr. Collins's, yellow band.

Mr. Murray's, white band.

Mr. McNiven's, purple band.

Mr. Dyce's, pink band.

Mr. Parsonage's, red only.  
B Grade.

Mr. Hilliard's, purple band.

Mr. Wines's, red only.

Mr. Tate's, white band.

Mr. Hurt's, yellow band.

Mr. McMiles's, black band.

Mr. Filshie's, light blue band.

Bands to be four inches and circles eight inches in diameter.

The results so far are:—

### B Grade.

Mr. Wines's class defeated Mr. Hilliard's by 11 to 5. For the winners, H. Kirke scored two tries, and H. Clifford scored a try and converted one. F. Rinaldi also played well. For the losers, Flook scored a try, and converted it. F. O'Grady refereed.

Mr. Tate's defeated Mr. Hurt's, 6 to 3. For the winners, A. Mackenzie scored two tries, and F. Brown and H. Wright played well; and for the losers, Cooper scored a try, and Collins, Foldi, and Nordstrom played well. Mr. A. W. Parsonage refereed.

Mr. McMiles's defeated Mr. Montgomery's and Mr. Thorsbury's combined by 11 to nil. Mr. McNiven refereed. Graham, for the winners, scored two tries and converted one; and Sims scored the other try. Greathead also played well.

### A Grade.

Mr. Leaver's class defeated Mr. Macnee's by 5 to 3. For the winners, G. Morgan score a try and converted it, and F. Roberts, L. Dickinson, H. Sherring, K. Enderby, H. Kinninmont, and E. Watkins played well. For the losers, Harden kicked a penalty goal, and Puckeridge, Adams, Harden, Patterson, and Ross shone out. F. O'Grady refereed.

Mr. McCauley's defeated Mr. Parsonage's, 8 to 5. For the winners, Hosking scored a try and converted it. Firth scored a try, and Thorne, Frecker, and Dwyer shone out. For the losers, A. Cox

scored a try and converted it, and N. Croft, E. Skinner, L. Hammond, and P. Bedford played well. Mr. A. W. Parsonage refereed.

Mr. McKenzie's defeated Mr. McNiven's, 11 to nil. For the winners, Hankin scored a try, converted it, and kicked a penalty goal, and Mackenzie scored a try, Harrison, Wolff played well. For the losers, Boatwright, Pooley, and Dixon were much in evidence. F. O'Grady refereed.

The competition is now in full swing once more, and all teams are practising hard. If Fort Street wants to do well all players must come out regularly to practice. Several enthusiasts practice every afternoon at the Lower Domain, including Pooley, Hughes, Hankin, Lloyd, and Morgan. Players are reminded that only those who practise regularly will be considered for selection. All should make a special effort to attend.

Fort Street was defeated by Petersham in its first match this year; nevertheless a good number of our boys showed splendid form and should develop with practice into fine footballers.

A pleasing feature of the match was the good play of several of the younger boys.

Prominent among those who displayed good form for Fort Street were Hankin, Harrison, Holmes, Pooley, Kinninmont, Evatt, Rogers, Smith, and Yates.

Players are reminded that they should always be on the alert in this game; should always be looking for a chance to kick or pass the ball to a mate. This makes combination, and without it the game is spoilt.

We hope for a great increase in the number of boys who attend practice from now on.

## The Match.

### Firsts v. Seniors

**I**T was on Tuesday, May 24th, that the great and famous football contest took place between the first fifteen and fifteen of the Seniors who were too old or too heavy to play in the first team.

All the Fortian world knows who are their representatives in the competition, but alas, they are not acquainted with the courageous fifteen Seniors who fought out that famous battle with their natural (or unnatural) enemies. They were as follows:—Leask, O'Grady, Stafford, Bray, Evatt, Harden, Wallace, Murray (2), Noble, Symonds, Brett, H. Smith, Sims, and Moore.

The scene of the memorable contest was the Sydney Domain. This may seem a species of bathos, but it was understood that the Sydney Cricket Ground was unavailable. A large and appreciative gathering witnessed the struggle. Its numbers perhaps did not quite reach the 50,000 mark, but what it lacked in this respect was amply counterbalanced by its enthusiasm.

The Seniors won the toss and defended the western end. The first team put the leather in motion. It was returned casually—too casually as a matter of fact. For suddenly a terrific roar rent the atmosphere, and the firsts were over the line—3 to nil. The game became strenuous. The Senior forwards—Noble and G. Murray in the vanguard—again and again burst down the field but their efforts were nullified by faulty handling or by off-side play.

The Seniors were obtaining the ball from nearly every scrum, but Guy Harden, their five-eighth (who throughout played finely) tried too many cuts-in, while the centre and wing three-quarters were waiting patiently for the ball—they kept on waiting. Lone hands do not always come off.

Bray made two fine sprints before half-time, each resulting in a try, the former being converted. Thus at half-time the Senior team—inspired, no doubt, by the deeds of their famous predecessors—led by 8 points to 3.

Some of the forwards, however, now suffered from lack of oxygen; still they ate their oranges and received much relief thereby. Whether oxygen exists in oranges or not is not the question. Scars and bruises were proudly exhibited by the contestants. Summary vengeance was mooted. In this wise the second half began.

Fast and furious play was the order of the hour; up and down the field the oval travelled. All at once the Seniors thought they saw the comet of Halley near the sun. They looked up and became temporarily blinded. In the meantime, however, their opponents had sneaked a try and a goal which equalised matters.

Noble then distinguished himself by a mighty attempt to kick off from half-way. He took a few paces, his brawny leg shot out, but unfortunately he endeavoured to perform some gymnastic feat, for the net result of his effort was to send the ball the prodigious distance of two feet.

The Seniors' condition was excellent. The benefits of handball were becoming evident. Not one laggard was there in the fifteen. Their combination was faulty,

however, and this in the end lost them the game. Individually the backs played well, but cohesion in attacking movements (with one or two exceptions) was conspicuous by its absence. Symonds brought Flook down brilliantly on one occasion. Bray and Harden were playing magnificently for the Senior team. Some of the latter were over-eager and persisted in off-side play. This was fatal. From one of these free kicks the competition team secured a three-points goal, which, as events proved, lost the Seniors the game.

Once Flook, for the firsts, secured a try after receiving a forward pass, which was evidently invisible. On another occasion he attempted a goal from a try. There was behind the goal one touch umpire (a lad of some nine summers), who held his flag up before the kick, in evident anticipation of a successful effort, and when the ball missed its billet his arm probably had contracted paralysis, for he kept the flag flying. If the side posts had been three feet lower and the cross-bar a mere two feet lower, a goal might have been obtained (with emphasis on the might). As

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Again they came like a whirlwind, sweeping all obstacles aside, and Bray scored, equalising the scores. The kick at goal was successful. Whether it was allowed or not, one can only conjecture. Undoubtedly it was a goal.

The ball was kicked into play again, and before the Seniors had time to turn round to encounter the foe, the latter had scored.

The final scores were—Senior team, 22 points; First team, 23 or 18 points. Some say that 23 was the correct number scored by the latter team; but others (honourable, upright youths) persist in the 18. What the umpire considers is of small import. On play the result was a draw.

The Senior team excelled themselves, which is saying a lot. Tyros some of them were called, but they played with the utmost confidence. When they secure combination in the back division, and more wind in the forwards, they will conquer the All Blacks. Without the slightest doubt, handball has imparted to them wonderful condition. Symonds likes to tackle solidly. Brett likes to roam. Noble and the two Murrays like vigorous ruck work. The remaining forwards like to be in the midst of everything which is doing. The three-quarters and halves like scoring tries when they can. Leask, at full back, likes tantalising the opposing forwards by waiting till the latter bear down on him and then finding the line thirty yards up. Some of the Seniors also like to talk, a few like themselves, and all like football. What stronger argument could be found for the teaching at Fort Street than the fact that those who have to think of sines and cosines, of the radius vector, of the experiment of Cavendish, and of other necessary evils, have sufficient energy

and time to conquer a team (on play, if not on points) which had theretofore boasted an unbeaten record?

**F**ORT STREET B team defeated Paramatta South at St. Luke's Park, Burwood, on Friday, 6th May, by 22 to nil. The ground was in a poor condition for football, the cricket wicket in the middle occasioning a deal of skating, etc., when players got on it. Hook (2), Enderby, Chapman, and Evatt scored tries, while Flook converted two and kicked a penalty goal. Flook thus scored 13 out of the 22 points scored. A couple of the kicks were very fine efforts, one in particular being made from very close to the touchline. Flook played a real good game in addition, tackling and running well. Kirke (captain) played a fine game, handling and kicking the greasy ball well. He made one particularly good tackle, as a result of which Chapman, following up well, scored an easy try. Enderby and Colman showed they possess a deal of pace, which should be very useful to a three-quarter. Skinner played a good game as scrum half, one piece of

work on the line out being particularly nice. Evatt played a great game in the forwards, being specially good in the line out and loose. Goodwin, Delaney (Goodwin in the line out, little but with tons of heart in him), Chapman, Sherwin, and Aldritt (fast in the loose with the ball at his toe), played well among the forwards.

Fort Street B defeated Glebe on Friday, 13th May, by 3 points to nil, on the Sports Ground. Hosking scored a good try, running over more than half the field. The game was a very solid one, Glebe having the better of the first part of the first half, but having to defend during the remainder of the game. Glebe defended well, as the scores indicate, their noticeable players being Smith, Ives, and Ayling. Our forwards as a whole played better than the backs, some fine following being done by Aldritt, Evatt, Delaney, and Sherwin. Some very good scrum work by Chapman, good work in the line out by Sherring, Evatt, and Aldritt, while Evatt, Chapman, Judd, and Brown were noted doing some real fine tackling. Our forwards were a real lively lot, especially in the second half, when they put in some solid work, scrumming, following, and tackling well. To choose among

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a good lot, Evatt was the best forward on the ground. The backs did not play together as well as the forwards, and their general work was not so high class, although Kirke, our captain (brother of C. Kirke, an old boy of the school, who played with Manly first grade last year; and of E. Kirke, now playing with Manly) played absolutely the best game for our side. He tackled splendidly, kicked and cross-kicked well, followed on well, and as five-eight got his three-quarters moving nicely. He does not wait for the ball to come to him, as some of the others did, but got in and made his own opportunities. Flook played a very good game in the second half. He used the boot well both in line kicking, cross-kicking, and goal kicking. Mathers played a fine game at full back line, kicking and tackling well. He repeatedly got his team out of difficulties, and is a real fine player. Hosking played a good game also, the try he scored being a very fine effort, winning us the match. It was a good victory.

## Swimming.

**T**HE Annual presentation of the swimming trophies took place outside the main room last Thursday afternoon.

Owing to various and unavoidable delays, the presentation occurred somewhat late in the year. However, the recipients were more than satisfied with their prizes, which were of exceptional value, a circumstance due to the wonderfully good season experienced by the club.

It is hoped that the 1909-10 record will be eclipsed in the new season, which commences in September next. The gold medals presented were an admiral lot and were respectively manufactured to the Club's order by Messrs. Walker and Hall, and Wm. Kerr of George Street—the workmanship being of a very high quality indeed.

The Life Saving Awards comprising Hon. Instructors' Certificates, Medallions, Proficiency and Elementary Certificates were awarded at the same gathering to the successful participants.

## Ode to the Student.

By R. WIBURD.

Lately their nightly work  
Do lazy scholars shirk  
On ev'ry ground with poor and  
lame excuse,  
For which they get abuse  
From disappointed teachers who  
expect

Their homework to collect;  
But failing which they learn  
Their pupils nightly turn  
To concerts, plays, and things of  
suchlike kind;  
Ye pupils, then, please bear these  
words in mind.

Study thy work at home;  
At night ye must not roam,  
And leave undone the work which  
ye should do;

But learn ye something new;  
For study is a great and wond-  
rous balm,

That brings the spirit calm,  
Doth cultivate the mind,  
And benefit mankind,  
And, like the wine which when  
'tis drunk doth breed

A thirst for more, small know-  
ledge more doth need.

At night do scholars toil,  
Burning the midnight oil,  
And poring over some old, well-  
worn book,

With fixed and intent look,  
Striving to learn fresh truths and  
lessons new—

And this they gladly do;  
For when they've slaked their  
thirst,

Although 'twas small at first,  
At the Pierian spring 'twas so in-  
creased

That they drank deep and still on  
learning feast.

The learning ye may get  
Be sure ye'll ne'er regret;  
In after life thy greatest grief  
will be

That ye turned not the key  
By which to open the door of  
knowledge wide

And grasp the gifts inside,  
To study and to find  
Enjoyment of the mind,  
Seize now the chance ye have to  
read and learn;

To paths of truth and wisdom do  
ye turn.

The librarian desires to thank Davis of 5D and Willhew of 5B for gifts of magazines to the library.

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# Girl's Page

Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

## Kokey.

ON Thursday, 19th May, two teams of picked girls played a preliminary trial match, which was won by Reds by 2 goals to 1. The Reds were old girls captained by Muriel Sledge, and the Blues principally beginners captained by Eliza Craig. The result shows the splendid work of the younger girls, as all old players expected a big score from the Reds. Mr. Swannell refereed, and he wishes to congratulate the forward line of the Blues on their play, which he says was extremely good, although not quite up to 1st team standard. This should make all beginners ambitious for a place in the 1st eleven, as there are several vacancies there owing to players being ill or unable to join this year.

## Waratah Literary and Debating Society

A MEETING of the above society was held on Friday, 13th May. The afternoon was occupied with a Prisoner's Base of General Information. The leaders were Doris Twohig and Madeline Short, each supported by ten of the girls. Some of the questions asked were:—"Who was called the Father of Australia?" "What was the Munro Doctrine?" "Who was the Fifth President of U.S.A.?" etc. The scores kept very even, Doris Twohig eventually winning. It was decided that a debate on "The Possibilities of Canada versus The Possibilities of Australia" should occupy the next meeting.

Mr. D. R. Culey has been removed to the District School at Dubbo. His place has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Filshie from Manly.

## Interclub Debate with the Boys.

ON inter-club debate was held between the above society on Friday, 13th May, 1910, and the Boys' Senior Debating Society.

The subject under discussion was "The Reformer has conferred greater benefits on mankind than the Inventor."

Misses O. Waghorn, N. Perkins, and D. Perry espoused the cause of the Reformer, while Messrs. Godfrey, Hudson-Smith, and Bray formed the opposition party.

Miss Partridge attended in the capacity of acting president, and the judges were Misses Mouldsdale, Small, and Mr. Collins.

The opening speeches consumed fifteen minutes, the others being limited to ten.

The arguments were for the most part well thought out, and the speeches of high literary merit. The girls far excelled the boys in the matter of delivery, while several remarks made by the opposition occasioned some mirth, as, for instance, when the company were solemnly told of their descent from monkeys, the first result of the inventive genius of these, our forbears, being when they utilised a stick for walking.

The victory was adjudged to the Ministry, the points gained being 21—18.

The next meeting of the Girls' L. and D. Society will take the form of a "Manuscript Journal" afternoon.

## Farewell to the Juniors.

THE Farewell to the 1910 Juniors took place in the Main Room on Friday afternoon last. A large number of old girls, old boys, and visitors assembled to wish all success. Mr. Kilgour took the chair at 2.30 p.m.

A Programme of vocal and instrumental music was then rendered, the two farewell songs "Juniors 1910" and "A Reafe to Win Seven" medals proving the strength of the lungs of the 1910 candidates.

The Juniors showed their appreciation of the teachers work by making a number of presents to those who had prepared them for the examination as follows:—

By the girls to:—Miss Mouldsdale, Silver Mounted Umbrella; Miss Woodlands, Manicure Set; Miss Watts, Silver Tray and Silver Backed Clothes-Brush; Miss Evans, Silver Mounted Scent-Bottle; Miss Gardiner, Satsuma Bangle; Miss Campbell, Ivory Brush and Mirror; Miss Mandelson, Silver Brush and Comb Tray; Miss Small, Silver Hatpin Stand—and by the boys to:—Mr Kilgour, Pipe; Mr. Selle, Pipe; Mr. Cusbert, Razor; Mr. J. Taylor, Fountain Pen; Mr. Meldrum, Umbrella; Mr. Parker, Fountain Pen; Mr. Cantrell, Umbrella; Mr. Lasker, Pipe; Mr. Murphy, Collar Case; Mr. Scott,



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Each present was accompanied by a humorous token in commemoration of some event of the year. Military incidents, swords, sea joy, Kindergarten games, grape nuts, etc., occupying a prominent place.

After addresses by Mr. Kilgour and other members of the staff, and the singing of "God Save the King," the Juniors marched out to the accompanying "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

### Life Saving Examination

ON April 26th an examination for Life Saving was held at Lavender Bay Baths. Mr. Pickering assisted by Mr. Eklund acted as examiner. Fifteen candidates were presented and all passed. The results were:—

Elementary:—Celia Ryan, Sadie Cambridge, Rose Esserinan, May Dexter.

Intermediate:—Hilda Johns, Hilda Danahay, Eileen Hayes, Grace Pendered, Leah Rundle, Doris York.

Proficiency:—Gladys Bramley, Miss Rourke, Emily Peterson.

Hon. Instructress:—Jessie Gizzard, Muriel Sledge.

A letter has been received from the committee of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, thanking the girls of this school for a cheque of £5 13s which had been forwarded for support of a cot in the Hospital.

### Empire Day.

EMPIRE DAY celebrations of this year differed from those of former years, the functions being purely private.

The recent loss the Empire has sustained in the death of His late Majesty King Edward VII. necessarily changed, to some extent, the contemplated programme.

The school assembled, as usual, at 9.20, and sang "God Save the King."

Miss Partridge then addressed

the girls on "The British Empire."

After singing "Rule Britannia," the whole school passed through the main room and saluted the flag.

After this the various sections departed to their own class-rooms.

### Schoolboy Errors.

SCHOOLBOY errors stand in quite a different category to the "really good story,"

It is not merely the mistakes themselves that please us, but also the discovery of the mental processes by which the strange answers have come into being. Sometimes, of course, these processes are unfathomable, at others they are obvious directly we hear the question and reply.

In the great field of history we gather many new ideas. For instance, as to the "Navigation Act," we are informed that it was "a Bill saying that no other foreign countries could trade with England because if they did she would become too strong"; "Cabal" was "taken by the English from the Spanish." "General Booth brought about the Restoration."

In the realms of General Knowledge we find some of the most agreeable specimens of the operations of the budding mind of boyhood. Q. "Who wrote the 'Messiah'?" A. "Elijah." Q. "What is sarcasm?" A. "A sore on your body." An "Antiquarian" is defined as

"A Place for Animals," "harlequinade" as "a kind of drink," "a dilemma" as "a medicine," "citadel" as "a sort of chief policeman," "neutral," as and "philologist," too, as "a chap who feels bumps on your head."

"Pedagogues were small images of gods or goddesses which the Romans kept in their own houses." The small boy who was asked "How many legs of mutton are there on two sheep?" and replied "None; because they grows on cows," probably thought the master was trying "to get at him." The "Black Watch," according to one authority, is "a uniform to show one army from another," while from a second source we learn that "in olden times they used to use them for watches for night robbers."

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Concerning "counterfeit," it is stated that "if a chap jumps 4ft. and another jumps 6ft. that is a counterfeit."

The description of Boxing Day as "the day after Christmas Day when nearly everyone is in bed with a pain," was no doubt partly based on personal experience. "The Milky Way" is "the thick creamy stuff on the top of the milk."

A nightmare is "when you get a fright in the night, and hear something like somebody brushing your teeth," evidently another bit of personal experience. "Laud was a man from whom Laud's Cricket Ground was named," and "Centopah," we are informed by three authorities respectively that (1) "Niggers use it," (2) "Elephants have it on their backs," and (3) "It is something in Euclid."

Various members of the staff, including Mr. Kilgour and Mr. Selle, have had letters and post-cards from Eric Cullen Ward. In one letter he states, "Someone wrote telling me about the success of the Fort Street Carnival. Hip! Hip! Hooray!"

## Old Boys Union.

THE Treasurer of the Old Boys' Union begs to acknowledge subscriptions from the following:—Messrs. H. Diederich, A. Barnes, A. C. W. Hill, V. Maxwell, L. V. Harris, J. L. Devitt, H. Brown, J. Doherty, C. A. McIntosh, W. H. Mason, S. A. McIntosh, P. R. Watts, S. Dennis, L. Cunningham, G. Dale, Q. L. Deloitte.

## Notes and News.

The Old Boys' Debating Society has challenged the Senior Society to a debate on a date and subject to be arranged.

"The Fortian" takes this opportunity of wishing the greatest success to all the candidates, girls and boys, who are sitting for this year's junior.

Jose Burns (junior, 1909) paid a visit to the school a few days ago. For some months he has been acting Town Clerk at Ka-toomba.

The Librarian desires to thank Miss Florrie Nelson, Hon. Sec., Old Girls' Union, for two large parcels of magazines presented to the Library.

Empire Day Celebrations were held at the school on the 24th ultimo. Addresses suitable to the occasion were delivered by the teachers of the various classes, and many patriotic songs sung. The death of the King, however, added a note of sadness to our national day of rejoicing.

We have been informed that the old boys are turning up in full force to bid farewell to the 1910 juniors. It has also been whispered to us on reliable authority that some of the long-haired ones have been wooing the Muse of Poetry, and having had the product of their lucubrations set to music, they all will lift up their hearts in chorus on the day of the Junior Farewell. What is the joke about "the new fountain pen my mother bought me?" Perhaps Friday will explain the mystery. We remember very vividly various incidents of last year—"Up she goes," "Ferrol's law," "A Green Pencil," and such like.

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A squad of Senior Cadets under Lieut. Davies took part in the Memorial Service on the day of the King's funeral.

Armstrong (junior, 1907) visited the school during his annual holiday from the bank at Narrandera.

The Juniors this year held a Banquet at the A.B.C. Rooms, Pitt Street, on Saturday the 4th instant, at 7 p.m.

The farewell to the Juniors took place on Friday, the 3rd inst., in the Main Room.

## Junior Dinner

SPACE does not permit an account of the Junior Dinner which took place at the A.B.C. on the evening of Saturday, the 4th instant, nor of the Junior Girls' afternoon tea, which was held after the Farewell on Friday last. A full report of both these functions will be given in next month's issue.

## Prizes for Selection.

From Australian Poets—

IN order to encourage the reading of Australian Verse, on the part of Fort Street pupils, two old boys, Percy R. Watts, and George C. Whitney, have decided to give two prizes, one for boys and one for girls. Each of these will consist of books to the value of £1 1s, and the prizes will be given for the best selection of poems by Australian writers, made by a girl and a boy respectively.

The following conditions should be observed:—

1. Competitors must be pupils of the School. All who have attended the School up to June 1st

are eligible. This will allow candidates for the 1910 Junior to take part, even if they do not remain at the School after the examination.

2. Twelve (12) poems by Australian authors to be selected.

3. No more than two poems to be selected from any one author.

4. For the purpose of this competition "Australia" will include New Zealand. The term "Australian Poem" is to be understood in a wide sense, not limited to poems written by persons of Australian birth, or, on the other hand, to poems on purely local subjects.

5. Competitors are not expected to write out the poems in full, but in every case should state, very briefly, their reason for selection.

6. For the convenience of the judges, the exact name of the poem and the name of the author, together with the volume and page from which the poem has been extracted, should be stated.

7. Each competitor must sign his selection with a pen name, and also hand in a sealed envelope containing his real name and class. The words "Boys' Division" or "Girls' Division" should be written on both selection and envelope. Example—Thomas Brown signs his selection "Lancelot, Boys' Division," then encloses separately in an envelope a sheet containing the words "Thomas Brown, Class VA" seals it, and writes on the outside "Lancelot, Boys' Division."

8. Selections should be handed in to the Headmaster or Headmistress, not later than 31st August.

A few hints to guide competitors may be given. They should endeavour to be as sincere as possible in making their selection, and to be governed solely by that which appeals most to them. They are not expected to show the same literary preferences as an adult. To take an English illustration, the judges would, in most cases, feel disposed to question the genuineness of such a preference as one for Tennyson's "In Memoriam" over the same poet's "The Revenge," though to a more mature mind the former might make a

stronger appeal. Of course a case might arise in which a boy expressed an unusual preference, and in his reasons gave the judges sufficient evidence of his sincerity.

Kendall, Gordon, Paterson, Brunton Stephens, Victor Daley, George Essex Evans—these are a few well-known names of Australian poets, chosen at random, but competitors will sometimes find an author remembered by a single poem of conspicuous merit which takes rank among the highest.

## Junior Cadet News.

COL. SGT. FURNESS, Sgt. Gibson, and Sgt. Butz were selected to represent the First Battalion in the Schumacher Cup. They shot at Randwick on Saturday, May 21st, and did well. Col. Sgt. Furness was only beaten for top score on the range by 1 point. Sgt. Gibson was also chosen to represent the State of New South Wales in the Earl of Meath Empire Competition. He fired at Randwick on Tuesday, Empire Day, and again did well.

Buglers Mackett and Johnson were selected for the Empire Concert on Empire Night, May 24th.

Signallers from Paddington, Waverley, Glenmore Road, and Fort Street parade at this school on Wednesday afternoons at 3 p.m., to receive instruction in signalling from Capt. Parsojage.

The Company of Juniors is doing good work, now that the organisation is complete. Squad and section commanders have been given plenty of practice lately, so that they may pass their non-com's examination of the Barracks with credit. They appear to have their squads now well under control. Those noticed putting on specially good work are Sgt. Butz, Corporals Parradice and L. Duff, and Lance-Corporals Mackenzie and H. Thornton. They should do well.

Sgt.-Major Draper is doing good work with the company and battalion, and is a great help to his O.C. and Colour Sergeant.

C. Holt has received an appointment to Parbury, Henty, and Co.

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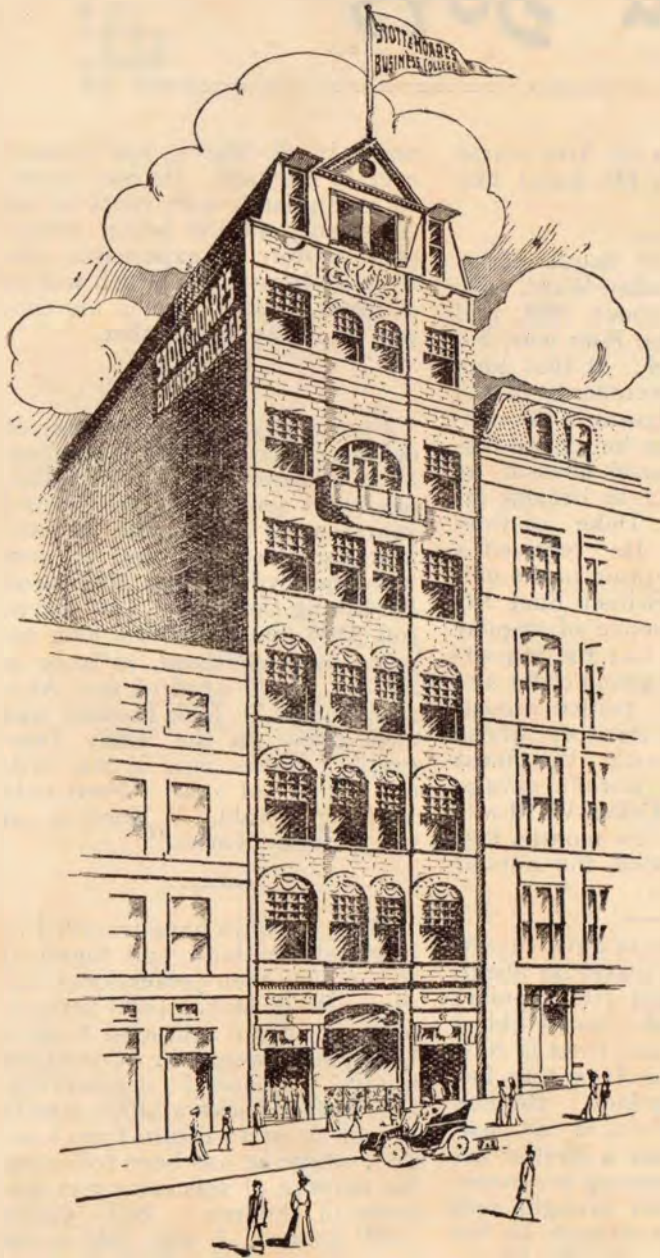
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# For Old Boys

P. R. W. writes:—

I noticed a paragraph in your last issue in which reference was made to an Ivor Wyatt, who had written to the papers concerning the Changsha Riots. Probably a strange similarity of names led to the inference that he was identical with Ivo Wyatt of 1900 matriculation. This, however, is not the case. Curiously enough, Ivor Wyatt (recently of China) was also an old schoolmate of mine, though not at Fort Street. I lost sight of Ivo Wyatt when he went to Forbes, but I have since heard that he has been to America.

A great many old boys have travelled to distant parts of the globe. Occasionally they re-appear, after a lapse of years, in Sydney streets, dressed in strange garb and with a new manner of speech. Recently there came to see me, E. F. McLeod, now an officer on the "Mooltan." Few, perhaps, among the younger generation have travelled as much as he. Prior to his joining the P. and O. service he had spent about 18 months on a tramp steamer, during which time he had many interesting, not to say exciting, experiences. At the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese War he was at Vladivostok, and amongst the incidents that befell him was the running of a blockade. He has promised to send me from London an account of his thrilling adventure (let us hope that it will be sufficiently thrilling), and readers of "The Fortian" will ere long have an opportunity of seeing it in print.

Another old boy I met the other day was Frank Lord (1898 matric. junior). He is stationed at Fiji in the Colonial Sugar Company's service. After leaving school, Lord proceeded to the Varsity, but in the middle of his Arts course he joined one of the contingents that went to South Africa. On his return from the

war he completed his Arts course but the planter's life lured him to the Islands.

The mention of South Africa recalls Stanley Cullen-Ward, who left the school about 1898, and served through the Boer war, being, I understand, at that time the youngest lieutenant in the British forces. Towards the conclusion of the war he gained distinction on a special mission, as the result of which he became attached to the Duke of Connaught's staff. He received a commission as captain in the military police of British East Africa. In the absence of regular troops this force has the important duty of maintaining order and enforcing British justice among the natives of the territory, whose warriors rank with the finest fighters of the world's savage races. Stanley Cullen-Ward was in Sydney for a few months last year, and attended the annual dinner.

Business interests have caused many old boys to travel far afield. Melville McNaught (1897 junior) has been round the world a couple of times, has lived in New Zealand and in the Argentine, but has settled in Sydney. He has been very successful in his business, which is now a limited liability company bearing his name. He has also been brought into some prominence recently by his appearance before the Woolclassers' Wages Board as secretary of the Woolclassers' Association.

Will Maxwell (1899 senior), an ex-captain of the school, and Beauchamp prizeman of Sydney University, whose special work on the Sydney "Daily Telegraph" won a good deal of favourable comment, has for some time been on his travels. He passed through America, where at Cornell University he looked up his school friend and Balmain Rowing Club

mate, W. H. Mason, and crossed over to England. He has lingered in England, with visits to the Continent, all the while amassing a store of experience, the fruit of observation, which will be of great value to him in his chosen career as a journalist.

By the way, quite a number of old boys have taken up journalism as a profession. George Whitney (1901 senior) was for several years on the staff of the "Sydney Morning Herald," and is now with the Sydney and Melbourne Publishing Company. Guy Baynton (1898 junior), after a long sojourn in Queensland, is back in Sydney on the staff of the "Australian Star." Jack Ramsay was until lately on the "Daily Telegraph," but is now in the Sydney office of the "Newcastle Morning Herald." Knox is on the "Sunday Times."

Many old boys have travelled to England, Scotland, and America, to complete their professional studies. W. H. Mason (1901 senior), after a brilliant course at Sydney University, went to Cornell to study mechanical engineering. Dr. Wilfred Vickers (1901 senior) is just about to return from London, where he has been following his purpose of specialising in diseases of children. Will Grant (1897 junior), I was told some years ago, had gained the very highest distinction at the medical school of Edinburgh. He is now resident surgeon at Leamington Hospital, Warwickshire. The record of E. M. Wellisch (1899 senior) at Cambridge is too well known to require specific mention. Cyril Elwell (1899 junior) went to America, graduated in electrical engineering, and is now Professor of Mathematics at Leland, Stanford University. To America went also Paul Clipsham (1897 junior) to study dentistry.