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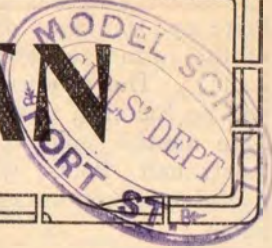
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THIS issue sees "The Fortian" in its new form. We hope the change will please our readers. Since our last issue the school has seen great changes. The Junior, with its worries and anxieties is over, and most of our candidates are holiday-making. The school has lost the services of its oldest teacher, Mr. Lasker having been appointed Inspector of Schools at Braidwood. We all appreciate the honour done to the school by the appointment, but we deeply regret that Mr. Lasker is compelled to separate himself from the school of which during the past eleven years he has formed so integral a part. In another place, however, we shall speak of Mr. Lasker and his work in the school. Let us only here from the Editorial Chair wish him all the success he deserves and as happy a time in his new district as we know he has had at Fort Street.

Other points to which we would like to call attention in this issue are the Watts-Whitney

Prize and the Hyam-Hains Prize. Particulars of the former appeared in the past month's issue. The conditions governing the latter will be found in this issue.

In another column will be found a list of Australian Poets, whose works may prove useful to competitors for the Watts-Whitney Prize.

We hope that as many of the 1910 Juniors as possible will send their annual subscriptions along to the Editor, and thus help to keep up their interest in the school and its doings.

Owing to the large number of publications which are issued on the first of each month, and the resultant congestion of work at the printers, the date of publication of "The Fortian" has been changed to the Second Tuesday in each month.

In another column will be found the first of the articles by Mr. E. F. McLeod, which we are sure will interest our readers. Many more Old Boys' contributions would be very welcome, for the printer's devil is always calling out for more copy.

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### THE SCHOOL TONE.

From a leading article on "Secondary Education," published in the "Sydney Morning Herald" a week or two ago, we clip the following paragraphs relating to School Tone:—

The general public has often shown itself inclined to only half-believe in the value or even the existence of what schoolmasters know to be an immensely precious factor in the training of boys into men of strong character—the tone or morale or spirit of a school. The public as a rule asks nothing more of a school than a "bread-and-butter education"—that is to say, that it should fit a boy's brain to understand the trade or profession which he is to follow in after years. The very qualities which make, not only the best citizen, but the best clerk or workman, or apprentice, or whatever the schoolboy may intend to become—industry, honesty, and self-discipline—are those which the public does not worry its head about; and yet those are the qualities which in the great schools, hour by hour, both in work and in games, both in and out of school-time, the master is consciously trying to produce in the boys.

It often takes long years of conscious toil

to bring the result about, but in the end it usually happens that a public opinion is produced amongst the boys themselves in that school which can more powerfully affect their character than probably any other known influence. That is a fact which can be demonstrably shown. Where, for example, certain numbers of boys in England go under the system there prevailing, from the State schools to the secondary schools, the authorities have found that a batch which goes to one secondary school comes away with far more valuable qualities and characteristics to fit its members for after life than those acquired by a batch going to another school. That is a matter of the atmosphere which good masters have been able to create in that particular school. It is no mere chance that more than half the names of a certain sixth form which sat under Dr. Arnold at Rugby would to-day be recognised by any ordinarily well-read Briton as those of men who became famous. Such a public spirit has unquestionably existed at Fort-street school, though it is generally the great public schools which possess it. It is the best and strongest factor that we have for the producing of public-spirited men, and there is not too much of it, but too little of it, in Australia. There is much in the efficiency of the State schools by which the great public schools might possibly benefit. But the more widely a public school spirit can be spread throughout posterity, the better for the future of Australia.

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### The Junior Dinner

On the evening of the 4th ultimo the Junior Boys entertained their masters at dinner at the A.B.C. Rooms. Messrs. J. Dawson (Chief Inspector), H. D. McLelland (Assistant Chief Inspector), and S. H. Smith (Inspector). Apologies were received from the Under Secretary, Mr. P. Board, and Mr. A. Lobban.

The chair was taken by Simpson, of M.I., who deserves congratulations for the able and efficient manner in which he carried out his important and onerous duties.

After due justice had been done to the array of tempting dishes, and the toast of the King had been proposed and drunk, a programme of music was rendered, the initial item being

the chorus, "Juniors, 1910," while the other chorus, "The Recipe," formed a kind of half-way house. The following gentlemen contributed to the evening's amusement by songs, recitations, etc.:—Messrs. Selle, Scott, Parker, Murphy, J. Taylor, and Colman.

The Chairman (Simpson), in a happy and witty speech, proposed the toast of the school and staff, thanking the masters as a body and individually for the care and attention bestowed on the preparation of the juniors for their examination. Mr. Kilgour responded, and said that it appeared to be a peculiarity with Fort-street school that a boy was never long there before he felt that a change had come over his life. He found himself at once one of a community that was in deadly earnest. Fort-street was one of the few schools in New South Wales with a tradition, and that tradition was felt by every boy in the school: it imperceptibly permeated his spirit. He knew of others whose names were inscribed upon the rolls of fame. The earnestness and ambition everywhere to be seen stimulated him; shortly his whole life was changed, and he was a better boy for being there. Fort-street stood unique as a school. Not only did it stand very high in the estimation of the general public, because of the success of its pupils in public examinations, and by their careers as citizens, but it was unique also that, in their opinion, it was an ideal school. The boy of poor parents had the same opportunity as the son of the rich man, and the best education the State could afford was there for him. He (Mr. Kilgour) was proud to say that year after year boys left that school and occupied positions in the commercial and professional world which they would otherwise never have had opportunities of gaining. The school had very high ideals; very high standards of attainment and conduct; and yet there was no coercion or repression. Their conception of the boy of to-day was different from that which prevailed years ago, when the boy was regarded as an animal to be kept in constant restraint. The result was that they were turning out manly, self-reliant, true-living boys—boys with the power and the inclination to discipline themselves, with a high sense of duty, and who would become valuable citizens of their country. He wished every boy success in the examination for which all would sit within a few days.

The toast of the Junior Boys was proposed by Mr. Lasker in a humorous speech, and replied to by the following boys representing their individual classes:—C III., Parkinson; C II., Temple; C I., Stackelberg; M II., Downey; M I., Campbell.

Perhaps the best speech was that of Felton, though Campbell and Downey's were excellent, while the others acquitted themselves admirably. None of them had ever spoken publicly before, so all the more credit is due to them for their fine efforts. We hope to see several of them occupying prominent positions in the Senior Debating Society next year.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Moore, and the reply given by Mr. J. Dawson, while "The Press" was proposed by Felton.

Personally we regard the annual Junior Dinner was one of the most important of the school functions. The enthusiasm and love for the school shown by word, by action, and by the universal wearing of the school colours convinced all present of the force for good that the school is in the community, and the nobility of the ideals it inculcates. Another point—and one emphasised strongly by Mr. Kilgour in his speech—is the absence of all restraint in our present day school life. The very fact that on the last day before the exam. one class should write on its blackboard, "Mr. X. is a sport," speaks volumes for the relations existing between masters and boys. For the results of the junior we have no fears at all—in fact, we are confident that when the numbers do go up "The Fortian" will be edged with GOLD for "months and months and months," at least that is the impression we gained as being a necessary corollary to the remarks expressed by the various speakers at the 1910 Junior Banquet.

Eric Hurt, for his bravery in rescuing a man at Bondi early in the year, has been awarded a bronze medal by the Royal Shipwreck Relief Society.

The examination of the Preparatory Junior Classes has been completed, and the classes formed up. Certain changes in the classes and subjects have been made, caused by the removal of Messrs. Lasker and Murphy.

## Mr. S. Lasker, M.A.

### Inspector of Schools.

**S**OME eleven years ago, Mr. S. Lasker, M.A., was elected to fill the position of First Assistant at Fort-street. We had become so accustomed to his presence about the school that the news of his promotion to an inspectorship came with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret—pleasure in that the promotion is such a high one, regret at losing from the school one whose influence has been so strong.

After passing through his pupil-teachership, Mr. Lasker spent two years in the Training College for Teachers, then located at Fort-street, and having attended the University course, next year obtained his B.A. degree. It was, however, as First Assistant at the District School, Grafton, to which he was later appointed that Mr. Lasker showed his capabilities as a scholar and a teacher, the results in the public examinations obtained being of the very highest order. Mr. Lasker's next appointment was to Newtown S.P.S., but he was soon promote to Fort-street.

In 1902 Mr. Lasker was successful in gaining his M.A. degree, with first-class honors, in education, part of his thesis on Herbartian Apperception being afterwards published in the "Educational Gazette."

In 1905 Mr. Lasker obtained a year's leave of absence, and visited the old country, the Continent, and the United States, studying educational aims and methods in the various countries visited.

Mr. Lasker's work in the school is too well known to need any long account. Few men in N.S.W. we would say have a richer knowledge of French and German literature. Fewer have his profound knowledge of educational theory and practice. His French and German teaching has opened the eyes of many visitors, teachers, and students of education.

Particularly will Mr. Lasker be missed in the senior classes, where his active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the school and the seniors in particular, was a force for good inestimable.

Mr. Lasker is a true sportsman, an athlete in many games, and no tribute to him could be

higher than to echo the remark of one of the boys, "He always played the game—whether handball, tennis, swimming, or pedestrianism."

The fact that Mr. Lasker has been made an Inspector is particularly noteworthy, for, as far as our recollection goes, never before has such an honor fallen to the lot of a First Assistant. We envy him the district to which he has been appointed, for Koscuisko is within its radius, and he has already been dropping hints about trout fishing in the Thredbo River.

Handball enthusiasts particularly will miss him, since he won the Club Championship every year, while in the Debating Society his loss will be very hard to replace.

But "the old order changeth, yielding place to new." We congratulate Mr. Lasker on his appointment; we hope he will visit the school whenever he is in town, for Cooma is only six hours away, and that he will be as successful in his inspectorial duties as he has been as a teacher, a friend and a man, at Fort-street.

### Old Boys' Union.

**T**HERE was a good muster at Baumann's Cafe on June 11th, the occasion being an Old Boys' Smoke Concert. Mr. Kilgour presided. Amongst the senior men present were Mr. J. W. Turner, Superintendent of Technical Education, Mr. A. J. Hare, Principal Senior Inspector, Department of Lands, Dr. O. Bohrsmann, and Messrs. Ed. Downey, Aubrey Mowle, Hyam Hains, G. H. Hughes, and C. J. Alderdyce. There seemed to be a fine atmosphere of good fellowship prevailing, and the speeches aroused no little enthusiasm. The toast of the School was proposed by Mr. Turner, supported by Messrs. Aubrey Mowle and Hyam Hains. Mr. Kilgour responded. The proceedings were enlivened by a musical programme, which proved to be highly enjoyable, the participants being Messrs. K. Hughes, H. S. O'Connor, H. Turner, P. Portus, P. Hurt, H. J. Hall, A. Fitzmaurice, Lindsay Cunningham, D. Linsley, H. de Lissa, and Livingstone Mote (accompanist). Mr. P. Hurt was in particularly good voice, and was twice encored.

Mr. Ed. Downey, in conversation with the

secretary of the Old Boys' Union, said that he joined the school in 1849, a fortnight after it was first opened. The pupils at that time consisted of a mere handful of boys and girls—three dozen at most—who occupied four rooms, the girls upstairs, the boys downstairs, in the front of the building lately occupied by the Training College, but which 60 years ago was a military hospital attached to the old Barracks, after which Barrack-street was named.

The Old Boys' Union has made a decided acquisition in the person of Mr. Hyam Hains, an old boy who attended the school in the fifties. Mr. Hains' first appearance was at the smoke concert, but he speedily made himself at home, and his inimitable speech was quite the feature of the evening. Those present will long remember his quaint utterances, his sonorous "I remember also," his unexpectedly emphatic "Brethren!" and the frenzied climax, "I'm a geebung, and don't you forget it!" His love of Australian fruits assumed practical shape when he announced his intention of giving a prize of one guinea for the best essay by a school pupil on the subject.

An amusing episode occurred in the course of Mr. Hains' speech. Mr. Percy Portus, a particularly bright and hilarious young man, was "tickled to death" at the personality of the speaker, and keenly on the lookout for an opportunity to heckle. "Fort-street boys are not what they used to be," exclaimed Mr. Hains. "Yes, they are," interjected Portus. "Pardon me," said the speaker, with dignity, "we were not rude." Portus laughed heartily at his own expense, not without a dawning suspicion that he had fallen into a trap deliberately set for him.

## Old Boys' News

A correspondent writes:—Another old boy who has seen a good deal of the globe during the past half-dozen years is A. C. Milne, of Balmain, who chose marine engineering as his profession. After serving his apprenticeship at Mort's Dock, he had a couple of trips in the Island trade; was then in the engine-room of the E. and A. Company, running to China and

Japan as "third," afterwards running to the Philippines in a tramp as "second." On a boat in Manila Bay he was cut down by a launch from one of the warships of the United States fleet which visited Australia, and his companion, the "chief," was drowned. The launch was in the wrong, and the accident practically amounted to manslaughter, but the affair was hushed up to save the reputation of those in charge. Milne recently went to England, and, in a letter dated about the beginning of April, said he was studying hard for his "chief's ticket," at the latest exam., for which 22 sat, and only 2 passed! Records like that are rather discouraging. A later letter brought the news that he had been successful, which makes him a fairly young chief at 25.

Mr. W. Apperly, who has recently been appointed from the London office to the important position of secretary to the A.M.P. Society, is an old Fort-street boy.

Mr. Geo. S. Travis, another old boy, has been successful in the final accountancy examination.

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## Annual Dance

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## Senior Literary & Debating Society.

THE half-yearly meeting of the Society was held on the 1st inst., when the following office-bearers were elected:—

President—Mr. Kilgour.  
 Vice-Presidents—Mr. Lasker and Teachers of Junior and Senior Classes.  
 School-boy V.P.—Holmes.  
 Secretary—Hudson Smith.  
 Treasurer—Crockett.  
 Editor, MS. Journal—Wiburd.  
 Sub-Editor—Gruen.  
 Committee—Roberts, Bradshaw, Green, Brown, Alexander.

## School v. Old Boys

ON Friday, June 24th, the Old Boys tried conclusions with our Society in a debate on the subject "That Capital Punishment should be Abolished." The Society, represented by Messrs. Godfrey, Noble, Booth, and Leask, affirmed the motion; while Messrs. P. R. Watts, R. Reid, H. L. Brown, and A. V. Maxwell opposed it on behalf of the Old Boys.

Although, as someone remarked, the subject has probably been debated before during the course of the last thousand years, nevertheless a very lively and interesting debate was held. Mr. Mackaness occupied the chair, and Mr. Parker acted as judge. The decision was given in favour of the Old Boys, who undoubtedly deserved it.

Godfred opened the debate, and delivered his arguments in a very convincing manner, but he was not as fluent as usual. Noble,

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As for our opponents—well, we hardly dare to say anything about their speaking, we, who are still children to these men of the world that go by the name of Old Boys.

Mr. Watts' arguments were very solidly and carefully brought out, and Mr. Maxwell attacked his opponents very strongly. Mr. Reid was in "lighter vein," and proposed to hang all murderers and marry their widows. May he be happy! Mr. Brown was helped greatly in his speech by the remarks of the audience, and the more remarks there were the better he liked it.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the chairman and to Mr. Parker by Mr. Watts.

We look forward with pleasure to a few more debates with the Old Boys.

## Correspondence.

Newcastle, 25/6/10.

The Editor,  
 "The Fortian."

Dear Sir,—

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Over the doorway might be carved deeply and simply in oak "Alma Mater."

Yours very faithfully,

JOSEPH FINNEY.

## Senior Cadets.

ON Saturday, June 4th, the 1st Battalion was inspected by Major G. A. Wynne, the Officer Commanding Senior Cadets, and Capt. Edmonds, O.C., 1st Battalion.

The Metropolitan Rifle Meeting of the Commonwealth Military Cadet Corps was held at Randwick on June 6th. The majority of J Company on this occasion faced the targets for the first time and under very unfavourable weather conditions. The large number of entries received from the Fort Street detachment was very gratifying, and speaks volumes for the sportsman-like spirit fostered by the school training. Two of our detachment were successful in winning prizes—Cadet S. Upton (who was top-scorer in the recruits' match), and Cadet Digby (who won 5s. in the same event).

THE Fort Street Detachment has received a visit of instruction from Major Dove, D.S.O., and Lieutenant Jess, of the Cadet Instructional Staff. Owing to the absence of the late Juniors, the attendance was rather small. Nevertheless an interesting afternoon's work was gone through, and those present received some profitable instruction in Company Drill.

Uniforms are coming to hand very gradually, and it is hoped that some day in the not too distant future the whole of our detachment will be able to parade completely equipped.

## The Watts-Whitney Prizes

THE following lists may prove useful to candidates. The first comprises some of the more important names, and the works therein mentioned should be carefully read. The second, which is supplementary, may seem rather formidable, but none of the volumes are of more than moderate size, and some are very brief, so that the amount of reading involved will not be burdensome.

A.

HENRY KENDALL : Poems.

ADAM LINDSAY GORDON : Poems.

JAMES BRUNTON STEPHENS : Poems.

VICTOR DALEY : At Dawn and Dusk.

WILL OGILVIE : Fair Girls and Gray Horses. Hearts of Gold.

A. B. PATERSON : The Man from Snowy River. Rio Grande's Last Race.

HENRY LAWSON : In the Days when the World was Wide.

GEORGE ESSEX EVANS : The Secret Key.

RODERICK QUINN : The Hidden Tide. The Circling Hearths.

ARTHUR ADAMS : Maoriland, and Other Verses.

JOHN FARRELL : Poems.

B.

Bracken, Thomas (Musings in Maoriland); Holdsworth, P. J. (Station Hunting on the Warrego); Foot, Mary Hannay; Richardson Robert (Willow and Wattle); Cuthbertson, J. L.; Reeves, W. P. (New Zealand, and Other Poems); Werner, Alice; Adams, Francis; Heney, Thomas; O'Hara, J. B. (Lyrics of Nature); Mackay, Jessie; Peacocke, Maude; Carmichael, Jennings; Gilmore, Mary; Baylton, A. A. D. (Poems. The Western Track); Gay, William (Sonnets); Dyson (Rhymes from the Mines); Ross, David M.; Boake, B. H. (Where the Dead Men Lie); O'Dowd, Bernard (Downwards. The Silent Land); Brereton, J. Le Gay (The Song of Brotherhood. Sea and Sky); Baughan, Blanche E.; Turner, Ethel; Mack, Marie Louise (Dreams in Flower); Wilcox, Dora; Lawson, Will (The Red West Road. Between the Lights.)



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## Girls' Page.

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### Presentation of Swimming Prizes

ON Monday, May 28th, the prizes gained by the girls at the Annual Carnival were presented by the president of the club, Miss Partridge. A great gathering of present and past members was in the library punctually at 3 p.m., and the proceedings throughout were joyful and enthusiastic. Evidently swimming is very popular.

The business of the meeting opened with an address by the president. Miss Partridge, in welcoming all, spoke of the advantages, physical and moral, of swimming, and recommended all girls, especially seniors, to go in for the exercise next season. In complimenting the present executive of the club upon the excellent season and carnival, Miss Partridge mentioned such splendid pioneers as Misses Kilminster and Hetherington. In thanking Messrs. Selle and Parker, she referred to our old friend and helper, Mr. Pike. In calling for the hon. secretary's report, our president further mentioned that it was the fourteenth report of successful seasons.

Miss Partridge was accorded hearty applause for her kindly and stirring speech.

The hon. secretary then read the following report:—In presenting the 14th annual report of the Swimming Club, your secretaries have great pleasure in reporting a most successful season, carried through under great difficulties.

Owing to the strike at Newcastle the special boat to the baths had to be discontinued, and a great amount of time was taken up each week in travelling to and from the baths by boat, and Balmain tram, and even then a long hot walk was part of each swimming day's programme.

The season was much shorter than usual—October 6th to March 24th only, Easter being so early this year.

The club membership was 234—a much smaller enrollment than that of the past four or five seasons (280 last year, 300 in 1907).

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This was doubtless owing to the fact that many former ardent supporters of swimming are now in examination classes, and therefore not able to devote much time to sport. However, we wish to point out that it is our president's desire that all girls should take reasonable exercise.

Every swimming season it has been the endeavour of the teachers in charge to be able to say at its conclusion that each member of the club can swim; and this year the number of non-swimmers has decreased beyond even the best hopes of the secretaries. The quality of the swimming needs no further mention than to compare the times of the long-distance races of 1909 carnival with those of 1910:—  
 220 yards Championship, 1909, 4min 20sec;  
 220 yards Championship, 1910, 3min 50sec;  
 100 yards Championship, 1909, 1min 40sec;  
 100 yards Championship, 1910, 1min 28sec;  
 100 yards B. and B. Championship, 1909, 2min 10sec; 100 yards B. and B. Championship, 1910, 1min 55sec. Congratulations are therefore offered to Aimee Hinder and May Keen for lowering so successfully the club's records. The 50 and 70 yards handicaps show a like satisfactory result.

**THE CARNIVAL.**—Having already published a report of the carnival, it is only necessary to repeat that it was highly successful from the point of view of the visitors, swimmers, and executive committee.

**P.S. GIRLS' CARNIVAL.**—At the P.S.G.C. held at the Municipal Baths on March 23rd, our club distinguished itself by carrying off 6 championships (firsts), 5 championships (seconds), diving championships, first and second, junior and senior relay, the rescue race, 3 novelty races, and several handicap events. This should place Fort-street easily first among public school girl swimmers.

**THANKS.**—Throughout the season the club has had the earnest, thoughtful, and considerate support of our president, Miss Partridge, and we again tender her our most grateful thanks, realizing that no amount of work by the executive, or support by the members, would have any appreciable result without her kind and loving sympathy for the girls' sport and exercise. Our president is undoubtedly our tower of strength.

Thanks are again due to Misses Levy, Craig, and Bishop, the school staff, Messrs

Selle and Parker, Captain Mason, and Mr. Fraser; and to Messrs. Dempster and Grubb for trophies, and to those firms who granted advertisements for the carnival programme.

**THE OLD GIRLS.**—We desire to express our pleasure in welcoming all old swimmers to the club during the season and at the carnival, and congratulate those of them who showed us this year that although we can break their records they can still swim keenly-contested races.

**LIFE SAVING.**—At the two examinations held this year in Life Saving, the following awards were gained:—

2 Hon. Inst. Certificates.

5 Medallions.

3 Proficiency Certificates.

6 Intermediate Certificates.

4 Elementary Certificates.

The balance-sheet was then read.

Mr. Selle moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, and spoke of the excellence of the girls' swimming and discipline. Being

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an old "member" of the Club, he left it to Mr. Parker, as quite a new helper, to give his opinions. He had much pleasure in moving the adoption of the report.

Mr. Parker, in seconding the adoption of the report, told the club many stories of boys' ideas of girls' swimming, but he disclaimed all such foolish ones for himself. However, he acknowledged the huge surprise he received at Elkington Park Baths, when he acted as time-keeper and Press steward at our carnival. He then stated his great pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report, which was carried.

Prior to the prize distribution, Miss Dennis gave a humorous recitation—"Treacle"—much appreciated by the girls.

Miss Partridge then performed the great duty of the afternoon, the girls receiving their prizes from her with great pleasure, as this is the first occasion upon which our president has personally made the presentation. The proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of "God Save the King" by all present.

### 5B Class News.

**HONORS.**—Arithmetic: Vida Steed, Kathleen Kirkwood, Alice Dakin, Elsie Hancott, Nellie McCredie, Doris McLenehan.

**100 PER CENT.**—Madge Giddens, Amy Mitchell, Elsie Docksey, Eva Jones.

**ENGLISH:**—Vida Steed, 99 per cent; Dorothy Norris, 98; Kathleen Kirkwood, 95; Doris McLenehan, 90; Eileen Ward, 90.

Miss Bourke's prize for the highest marks gained during the examination was won by Sybil Crouch, who gained 1202 marks out of a possible 1320. The class voted Hilda Deakin the most popular girl.

On Friday, June 17th, 5B Class entertained 5A and 5C, at the eighth of a series of General Information Talks on Life in Foreign Countries.

An introductory paper was read by Marjorie Ward describing life in Australia, and the girls had to guess what country she was describing. The paper was much appreciated by all present. 90 points was the maximum. Marks received were as follow:—

Sybil Crouch, 89, Arabia.

Gladys Lloyd, 83½, Pacific Islands.

Vida Steed, 78½, Burmah.

Adele Goldsmide, 77½, Gypsies.

Kathleen Kirkwood, 77, Egypt.

Sylvia Cochrane, 74½, Persia.

Doris McLenehan, 71, West Indies.

Marjorie Ward, 71, Introductory paper.

Misses Drummond, Munro, and Bourke acted as judges.

### ♦ Juniors. ♦

After the farewell to the juniors last month the Junior Girls entertained their teachers at an enjoyable afternoon tea in the junior room. Marjory Moore was also present. She, though not a junior, had retired for the class, as she said, to give the other girls a chance. A feature of the afternoon's proceedings was the mock presentation of medals to those girls who were going to win them. Miss Partridge addressed the girls, giving them much excellent advice, and the afternoon was much enjoyed by all present.

On Friday, 24th ult., Miss Mandelson, who has been connected with the Girls' Department for the last 5½ years, received a presentation from the ladies of the staff and the girls of the Junior Class, on the occasion of her leaving Fort Street in order to commence duty at Young. During her career here Miss Mandelson has endeared herself to all of us, and it was with great regret that we said good-bye to her.

Dorohty Perry, one of the Probationary Students, has received honorable mention in connection with the Empire Essay Competition.

### ♦ Literary and Debating Society. ♦

**A** MEETING of the above Society was held on Friday, 17th June, to debate the possibilities of Canada versus the possibilities of Australia. Miss Mouldsdales and Miss Gardiner presided, and acted as judges. The cause of Canada was advocated with credit by Ella Paton (leader), supported by Dove McAdam and Jessie Key; while Dorothy Struthers, supported by Mabel Cruickshank and Annie Jones, put forward good arguments in favour of Australia. Each side was judged for matter, delivery, and its combination as a whole, the result arrived at giving the combination for Canada a majority of 1. The members' vote was 50 against 30 in favour of the Possibilities of Canada.

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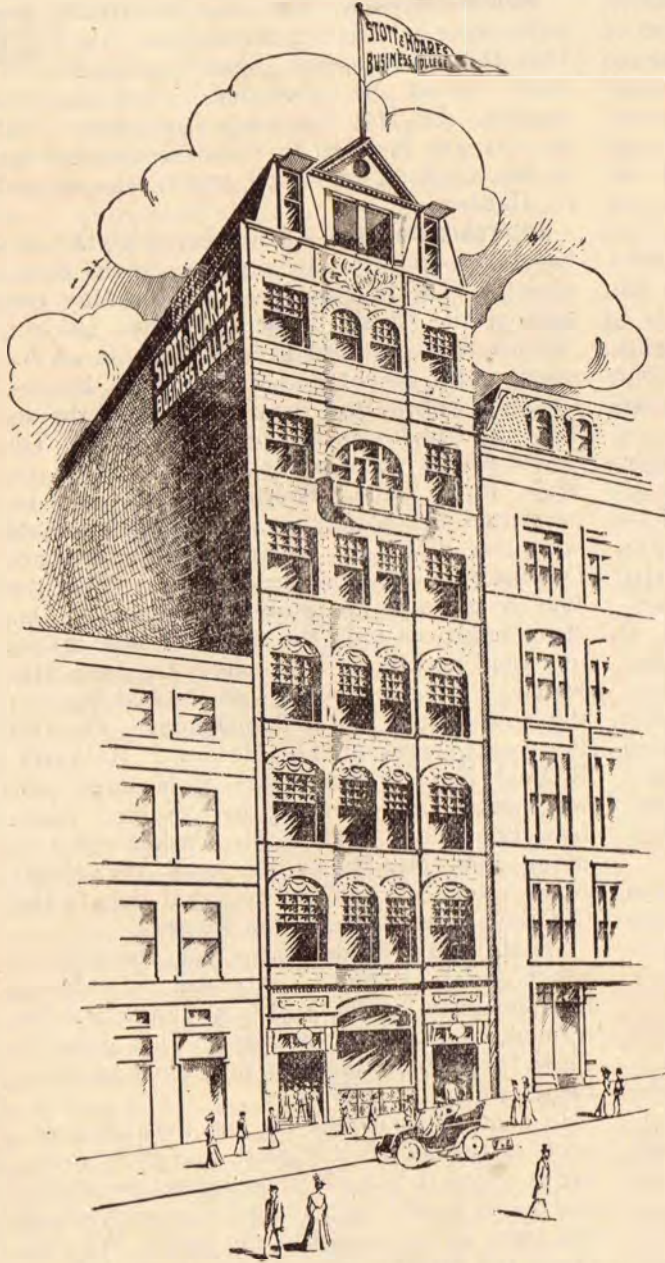
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## L. & D. Society's Half-Yearly Report

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—

During the past six months the work of the society has been carried on with some measure of success, in spite of the interruptions which have lately disturbed the programme of meetings. On the whole, members have an interest in the society, but our numbers are small and we need the help of every member in order to make the meetings interesting and advantageous to all. The good work that the society is doing is shown by the proficiency of the members in debating and other work.

Fourteen meetings of the society were held during the session, and were occupied as follows:—Ministerial Debates 3, MS. Journals 1, Lecturettes 2, Impromptu Speeches 3, Literary Days 2, Non-Ministerial Debates 2, while one afternoon was occupied with an interclub debate against the Old Boys.

**Ministerial.**—On Feb. 18th the Premier, Noble, moved that "Women should not be allowed to occupy positions generally held by men." The motion was carried by a majority of only one. On April 15th the Noble Ministry was defeated by the Opposition on the question that "Prohibition is a better method of dealing with the drink traffic than Government monopoly." Leask then became Premier, and is still in power. On June 17th the new Ministry carried a motion that "A Graduated Land Tax should be adopted in Australia." These debates have been keen and well contested, and it is a pity that there were so few of them.

**MS. Journal.**—Only one Manuscript Journal Day was held during the session. This branch of the work of the society is not in that flourishing condition that it ought to be, and there is room for a big improvement.

**Lecturettes.**—Two meetings of the society were devoted to Lecturettes, three lectures being given at each meeting. In this part of the society's work, members excel. The lecturettes have been instructive, interesting, and much appreciated, while the range of subjects dealt with was wide.

**Impromptu Speeches.**—Three Impromptu Speech Days were held during the half-year, and the speeches of members on each occasion showed great fluency and readiness. These Impromptu Speeches are of great use in accustoming members to speaking.

**Literary Days.**—Two Literary Days were

held, an "Australian Day," and a "Day with the English Humorists." On each day selections were read from members' favorite authors, and very enjoyable afternoons were spent.

**Non-Ministerial.**—Two Non-Ministerial Debates were held during the session. On March 11th the subject was "That Capital Punishment should be abolished," and Godfrey opened. On May 6th the subject was "That nations are justified in dispossessing savage or less civilised nations," and it was opened by Harden.

**Interclub Debates.**—Three Interclub Debates have been contested by representatives of the society. The first one was held on May 13th against the Girls' Society on the subject, "Which has conferred greater benefits on humanity—the Inventor or Reformer?" Messrs. Godfrey, Smith, and Bray represented the society, and took the part of the Inventor. The result was a win for the Girls' Society. On May 18th Noble, Booth, and Leask represented the society in an interclub debate with the Y.M.C.A. Junior and Intermediate Debating Society on the subject, "That the time is now ripe for total disarmament." Our representatives took the negative side of the question, and won the debate. On June 24th we had a friendly debate with the Old Boys on the subject of Capital Punishment. The Old Boys were represented by Messrs. P. R. Watts, R. Reid, H. L. Brown, and A. V. Maxwell; and we were represented by Noble, Godfrey, Booth, and Leask. Mr. Parker acted as judge, and Mr. Mackaness took the chair. After a very spirited and pleasant debate the Old Boys were declared the winners.

On May 14th two delegates from the society, Evatt and Smith, attended a Mock Banquet given by the Y.M.C.A. Junior and Intermediate Debating Society. This goes to show the friendly feelings that exist between these two rival societies.

In conclusion, it may be said that the prospects of the society are good, and every member is urged to put his shoulder to the wheel, and do his best to help along the society, which has been so successful in the past. We also thank the retiring officials, who have done so much good in the society, and whose aim has been to leave the society in a better state than when they entered it.

In the name of the Committee,

A. H. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

## Rugby Football

### Seniors v. Rest of the School

**B**EFORE a large crowd of football enthusiasts the above match was played on the Domain, Friday, June 17th. The result was a draw, the scores being 14 all. The "Rest" team won the toss. Play commenced at 3 o'clock.

R. Noble kicked off for the Seniors, the ball being returned by Cunningham to the Seniors' 25. From a mix-up near the line O'Grady scored a very uncertain try. O. Harden failed to convert. 3-0. From the kick-off Thorne secured, and kicked down the line. As the ball was a few inches off the line a spectator kicked the ball into the field, and Puckeridge, following on smartly, ran well, passed to Dive, who scored. The luck of the "Rest" had not failed them, for both referee and linesman missed the action which rendered the ball dead. O. Harden easily converted. 8-0.

Soon after the kick off, from a handy cross kick, Stafford, running well, secured, beat the opposing wing and back, and scored in the corner. Bray failed to convert. 8-3. The Seniors soon pressed the Rest hard, and O. Harden forced. Hook cross-kicked, and put the Seniors' backs in a good position, but the chance was lost. From the ensuing ruck in front of the goal, Bray neatly picked up and scored. Flook converted. 8-8. From the kick out, Flook secured and returned with a splendid line kick. For a while the scene of action was changed, and the Seniors were hard pressed by the opposing forwards with Stackelberg and Cunningham in the van. Bray, who at this time seemed inclined to play off-side, was penalised in front of goal, and O. Harden added the points. 11-8. The Seniors now pressed hard, and Morgan forced. Wallace now took a good mark, and Bray kicked a good goal. 11-11. Soon after the kick out, Stafford intercepted in his own half, ran strongly, and passed to Bray, who passed back to Stafford, who scored. Flook failed to convert. 14-11. Just before half-time Brett, who was playing well, solidly tackled Morgan. Half-time.

In the second half it was noticed O'Grady had changed his position to the wing. (Echo answers, why?) In the ruck Brett, Sims, and

G. Murray were shining. From a penalty O. Harden kicked a splendid goal. 14-14. A fine passing rush from their own 25 to the opposing line in which Harden, Bray, Wallace, Noble, Flook, and Brett participated, almost ended in a score. Morgan saved by a neat punt. From a scrum near half-way Flook passed to Bray, to Stafford, who lost the ball. Cunningham, Stackelbury, and Moore now headed a fine dribbling rush, but Miller, kicking too hard, the ball was forced. Just before the final whistle O'Grady bumped the ground very hard owing to a splendid tackle of G. Harden's. Full time. 14 all.

There was not much to choose between the two teams, the Seniors being superior in the backs, but inferior in the forwards. The best of the backs for the Seniors was Flook, who line-kicked well, and used the cross-kick to advantage. Bray, Wallace, and Harden were splendid in their respective positions, while Stafford, on the wing, scored two good tries. Leask, at full back, had little to do, but did it well.

Among the forwards G. Murray, Sims, Brett, and Davidson were the best. Brett tackled excellently. Hellstrom was very conspicuous in the line-outs, and played solidly. The second row were weak, the ball ever hardly coming clean from the scrum. C. Murray and Roberts should look for opportunities instead of waiting for them to come. The failure of the day was the baby elephant, who did nothing but sing out to the umpire, "Free kick," "Off-side," "That man's holding me."

THE B team defeated Mosman in the Senior B Competition at Mosman Oval on Friday, May 27th, by 3 points to nil. Flook scored the try which won the match. This was the second close call of the season, Glebe having been beaten 3 to nil in the first round, Hosking scoring the try. We defeated Mosman in the first round 24 to nil. The team for the second match was much weakened by Kirke and Judd (playing for the Firsts against Cleveland Street), and Alldritt being absentees. The Mosman forwards were very good. One player, named Sheare, would get a place in our Firsts easily. The backs did well, but failing in the tackling badly, repeatedly going too high for their man. This nearly lost us the match. Among the backs, Mathers,



Flook, Croft, Enderby, and Hosking played well, and Ryan, Brown, Goodsir were noticeable in the forwards.

The B team defeated Knox College on Friday, June 3rd, at North Sydney Oval No. 2, by 47 points to nil.

They had the bye in their Senior B Schools' Competition, so that this was a friendly match. The team gave a good exposition of football, their combination defeating the individual play of their opponents. Kirke (captain), Enderby, Flook, and Hosking were the best of the backs, while Evatt, Sherring, Alldritt and Brown were very prominent in the forwards.

The B team defeated Parramatta District School on Friday, June 10th, by 50 points to nil. Flook (3), Hosking (3), Alldritt (2), Croft, Kirke, Enderly Judd, Evatt scored tries, while Flook converted 4 tries and kicked a penalty goal. All the finer points of the Rugby game were used by the players in this game—foot passing, cross kicking, centring, dummy passing, passing with the ball at top speed—most of the players playing splendidly. In the line out work among the forwards, Judd and Frecker were prominent in the loose. In the scrum work Chapman, Evatt, Judd did all that was asked of them, likewise Delaney, Brown, and Sherring in the following on. Among the backs, Flook played perhaps the best game on the field, with Kirke (the captain) very little, if any, behind him. The tackling in this match was a decided improvement on the last game. The backs doing specially good work were Hosking, with his swerving run; Enderby, with his cross-kicking and undoubted pace; Mathers' solidness as full back, sure kicking, and running splendidly; Croft, with his straight running and breaking through; Kirke and Flook, with their dummy passing and passing at top speed; and Skinner's feeding of the backs for the scrum.

The following remarks were passed about the Cleveland Street—Fort Street match, that it was "as good as a first grade match," and "the finest school football seen for a good time." "I think we can beat them next match," is the remark that has been passed several times since by a Cleveland Street supporter. Now, Fort Street, keep up your condition, and your name will be placed once more on that Metropolitan Rugby Shield at present in the main room.

In the Class Competitions Mr. Dyce's class has been transferred to the B Grade.

F. O'Grady and G. Morgan are valuable helps to the Rugby football in the school, the former with his refereeing and general organising, and the latter with his refereeing. They deserve the thanks of every member of the Sports Union playing in the Class Competitions.

Arrangements for playing the annual home and home matches with the Newcastle and Maitland High Schools are progressing.

We have the offer of a good trip to Lithgow to play the combined juniors there. We will want the strongest school team. They will provide a dinner. The trip will also have an educational side, as a trip to the blast furnaces is included.

The B Team, by defeating Glebe in the second round 9 to 3 after winning by 3 to nil against them in the first round, have practically won their competition, as they cannot be displaced. Hosking scored 3 tries out of the 4 in these two matches, so had a big hand in their defeat. C. Flook scored the other try, and it was a beauty, running as he did more than three-quarters of the field on his own. Combination won the Glebe matches.

The following have been selected to represent their combined B Grade in matches:—J. Mathers, C. Flook, J. Hosking, H. Kirke, R. Evatt, R. Alldritt, E. Judd.

Fort Street B defeated Glebe on Friday, 17 June, at the Sports Ground, by 9 points to 3. The outstanding features of the match were J. Hosking's two good tries, C. Flook's beautiful try after running three-quarters of the field, L. Alldritt's good work in the loose, E. Judd's specially good work in the line-out, J. Mathers' good work at full back, with his line-kicking, tackling, etc.; H. Kirke's good all-round work, tackling, line-kicking, centring, etc.; Evatt's blocking of the other breakaway and good work in the loose; Frecker's good work in the line-out and loose. Mr. C. Tonking, of Hurlstone, refereed. This is the first match in which the B Team has been scored against, Smith, of Glebe, registering a try.

Fort Street A have twice defeated Technical Day School since our last issue. The first result was 53 to nil, and the second 51 to nil. There was a wide margin of difference between the play, although the results numerically do not bear this out. In the first the backs gave

a fine exposition of passing and strong running, the forwards doing their work well. In the second there seemed to be too much desire on the part of some individual players to score, the combination of the team, therefore, going to pieces. Some of our players have not yet learnt their lesson that it does not matter who actually touches the ball down. The player who started the rush generally deserves the more credit. Moore, Cunningham, Harden, Flook, and Dive are players who shone prominently. Their play was high-class.

R. Adamson, an old boy of this institution, represented the State against the Maoris. There are one or two players at present at the school whose football prospects are nearly as bright.

### Australian Rules

**T**HE 26th June will be long remembered by the members of the First Team, as on that particular date they succeeded in defeating Petersham by a substantial majority.

Petersham have already beaten us three times, and on this occasion no doubt was entertained as to who were to be the victors.

The final scores were:—Fort Street, 6 goals, 8 behinds—44 points; Petersham, 0 goals, 3 behinds—3 points.

The match was won by superior play, dash, and combined effort.

Goals were kicked by O'Keefe 2, Smith 2, Campbell 1 (a beauty), and Kinminmont 1. All the members of the team played exceedingly well, the most prominent being O'Grady, Campbell, Hudson, Harrison, Evatt, and Kinminmont.

On the 1st inst. I noticed a lack of combined play in the match against St. Leonards.

The scores were:—Fort Street, 8 goals, 15 behinds—63 points; to 3 goals, 3 behinds—21 points; but St. Leonards should have scored more owing to the lack of dashing play of the back men.

Why, I should ask, does not a particular member get a hasty move on when the ball is in the area of his domain? Lack of dash is fatal in the case of back players.

The A Team will have to win both the following matches against Petersham to contest in the final.

Training and attention to commands will go a long way towards the desired end.

### Handball

**A**FTER the recent hard work of the Seniors in the quarterly exam., we have returned once more with renewed vigour to the battleground of our predecessors. Up to this, handball has not been so popular as in former years, but the championship and doubles tournament have revived interest, particularly now that Mr. Lasker has departed to Braidwood, where we hear he is learning golf. All the courts have been crowded with players eager to obtain practice for the forthcoming contests. There is a record number of entries in the championship, and some fine games are anticipated. The ability of the better players has reached the same high standard as in former years, and should provide some exciting finishes. The first contest took place on Tuesday, 29th June, between Symonds and Flook. The game was a magnificent one from start to finish. Flook's left-hand strokes were beyond criticism, and he served with deadly accuracy. His returns were of the highest order, and in fact he excelled in every department of the game, although now and again he showed weakness in placing. Symonds' play was also excellent, and although Flook was favor-

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ite at the start, Symonds seemed to be playing the better of the two, until the game had reached about 20. His back-hand strokes were fine, and he returned to the wall with deadly precision. The game ended in a win for Flook by 31 to 28, after a very excellent game. The next contest was between Wallace and Godfrey. Although not of such a high class as the first game, it was still productive of good handball. The contest was very even during the first stage of the game, but Wallace suddenly darted off with a flash, and reached home, winning by 31 to 25. Godfrey is playing better than in former seasons, but Wallace played too safely, and made few mistakes. The remainder of the games should be just as good as these two, and the winner of the championship will indeed be congratulated. Perhaps it may be possible to arrange a match later in the season with the veteran Mr. Lasker, who for years past has been the undisputed champion of the club.

### Notes and News

**M**R. PETER MURPHY, B.A., the Departmental Travelling Scholar, left for Europe by the White Star line Suevic on the 5th inst. Before his departure, the staff of the school met to bid him farewell. On their behalf, Mr. Kilgour presided, and having conveyed to Mr. Murphy congratulations from the staff, presented him with a handsome travelling-bag as a token of the esteem in which he is held by all, while congratulatory and farewell speeches were made by others.

On the day of departure the wharf was lined by a numerous assembly of masters and boys, and of friends of Mr. Murphy, and the air was rent by cheer after cheer as the huge liner pulled out from the wharf.

On Saturday evening, the 8th inst., the staff of the Boy's Department entertained Mr. S. Lasker, M.A., at a complimentary dinner at the A.B.C. Rooms, to celebrate his appointment as Inspector of Schools. A full account of the function will appear in next issue.

Mr. P. L. Murphy, B.A., left for Europe on the 6th inst., by the White Star liner Suevic.

It is reported that the Results of the Junior

will be published during the first week in August.

When our columns closed, the name of Mr. Lasker's successor had not been published.

The re-organisation of the school is now complete, and the new classes at work. As usual, there are five Junior Classes. A Senior Class has been formed in the Girls' Department.

Mr. Bauer has entered on duty in place of Mr. Murphy. Mr. Bauer has just returned from two years' study on the Continent. We bid him welcome.

Miss M. Mandelson has been removed to Young S.P.S. Her place has been taken by Miss Edith Croft, B.A.

Mr. Alfred Wines has been removed to South Bathurst, where he will occupy the position of First Assistant. We offer him our congratulations on his promotion, which takes effect on the 1st of August.

Mr. Lappin, being absent on duties in connection with the P.S.A.O.A., his place has been by Mr. Lusby.

### Subscriptions

The following have forwarded their subscriptions since last issue:—G. C. Whitney, W. H. Shaw, A. R. Edwards, W. H. Bradshaw, R. Reid, A. O. Morcambe, J. Ranson, G. McShane, C. Gostelow.

Subscriptions (2s. 6d.) to the Old Boys' Union for 1910-11 are now payable.

### Mr. Hyam Hains' Essay Prize

Mr. Hyam Hains, an old boy, has kindly offered a prize of one guinea for the best essay on the subject, "Australian Native Fruits." The conditions are as follow:—

1. Any pupil (girl or boy) on the roll the 1st of June may compete.
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## : Editorial :

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**A** GAIN we desire to call our readers' attention to the Watts-Whitney and the Hyam-Hains' Prize Competitions, for which entries close on the 31st of this month

A copy of last month's issue, and of this month's issue containing the Junior Results has been sent to the majority of the 1910 Juniors. The Editor would like them all to become subscribers. As many subscribers are overdue with their subscriptions, Old Boys are requested to send their renewals as soon as possible.

We have received a note from Jack Schwartz, who is now residing in Brooklyn, U.S.A., where he is attending Erasmus High School.

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By Stanley Beattie, 6G.

I AM going to spend a while with a friend of mine who is managing a large rubber cacao, and banana estate in the tropics of Central America.

The ride from the foot of the Cock's Comb Mountains to Surpon Estate is both interesting and beautiful; passing through extensive plantations of bananas and cacao growers, interspersed with large rubber and cocoanut trees. It is here that the vanilla bean grows luxuriantly. Delicious Malay and Rose apples abound on every side. At last I arrive on Surpon Estate, and am met by my friend, Allan Halliday, who accompanies me to his house.

Having made some necessary preparations, we set off on horseback to hunt peccarie. This is a well-known species of wild pig peculiar, I think, to British Honduras. We have not ridden for more than half an hour, and now we are at the edge of a dense wood. We dismount, and tying our horses to a pine tree, we crawl in cautiously through the thick undergrowth, cutting our way through the vegetable, cable, and mangrove shrubs with our machetes. The vegetable, sometimes called tyty, is the hunter's refreshment, for when it is cut water oozes out. Emerging on an open swamp, our attention is drawn by our coolies to some waving bulrushes. "Peccarie dey lie dar," says Elario, pointing to the visible movement in the rushes, and sure enough there is peering at us through the long grass an old sow. Away she goes followed by a young herd. Two of the latter roll over by a shot from Allan's gun. The dogs giving chase to those beyond our reach are evidently very eager in pursuit, for they take no heed of our calling and whistling. We are aware by their vigorous barking that they have some animal at bay, but are a long way off. We are determined to see what's ado, and send Elario and Sambo on ahead, while we follow up in the rear.

Now our struggle begins; wading through swamp, tearing through mangrove shrub and bulrush, stepping on and over snakes, in our eagerness to keep our guides in sight, and urged on by the furious and still continuous bark-

ing of the dogs. In our haste my hat is snatched from my head by some merciless thorny branch of a tree under which we pass. But on we pelt, heedless of all but the barking dogs. We suddenly emerge on to the bank of a broad river. A few yards to our left we describe the dogs under a large tree. On a bended branch displayed to our view is a very large jaguar, in fact the largest which had ever been seen in British Honduras. Sambo, kneeling on the grass, is awaiting the order to fire. Allan, however, preferring to bag the game himself aims, and catches him under the shoulder, which, however, has the effect of maddening rather than maiming him. With an aggravated roar, he springs to the ground. Scarcely is he able to recover himself before the dogs are on him. Ellario, taking good aim at the animal's head, despatches him, but not before the enraged beast has ripped the side of Allan's favourite, and most valuable, dog Chico. It is with sorrow and regret that we decide upon putting an end to his misery by a shot, as being the most humane action. Sambo is told off to do this painful task, while we turn our hand to skinning the jaguar. Its beautiful skin is well preserved, and it may be interesting for the reader to know that this skin is to be handsomely mounted and presented to the owner of the estate, where it is to be honoured by a place in his beautiful drawing-room in London.

(This is the record of an actual pig hunt. The writer was born in British Honduras, and lived there for ten years.)

## New Books in the Library.

August.

G. Manville Fenn.—Fixed Bayonets, The Silver Salvors, The Vast Abyss, Frank and Saxon, Marcus (the Young Centurion), Real Gold, Gil the Gunner, A Dash from Diamond City.

W. H. G. Kingston.—Roger Willoughby.

Mrs. A. G. Latham.—Christabel.

E. L. Haberfield.—Audrey's Awakening.

May Baldwin.—Golden Square High School.

Margaret Kilroy.—The Little Torment.

Ethel Turner.—The Camp at Wandinong,

The Family at Misrule, The Little Larrikin.  
 Kate Wood.—Winnie's Secret.  
 Anonymous.—Baby Bob.  
 Colonel Ferryman.—Lads of the Light Division.  
 Christina G. Whyte.—The Story-book Girls.  
 Anna C. Ray.—Nathalie's Secret.  
 M. A. Paul.—Led by Love.  
 L. T. Meade.—A Little Silver Trumpet.  
 Dorothea Moore.—Pamela's Hero.  
 Harry Collingwood.—Under the Chilian Flag.  
 Charles Furley.—The Minorca Brothers.  
 E. M. Trimlow.—The April Fool Twins.  
 O. V. Caine.—Sons of Victory, Wanderer and King, In the Year of Waterloo.  
 Anonymous.—Gay.  
 Harold Avery.—The Wizard's Wand.  
 Fred Wishaw.—Called Back to Tsarland.  
 E. W. Grierson.—Vivian's Lesson (2).  
 H. Elrington.—Ralph Wynward.  
 C. B. Grinnell.—Jack in the Rockies.  
 Elsie J. Oxenham.—The Girl Who Wouldn't Make Friends.  
 Mrs. G. Reaney.—Just in Time.  
 Louisa Thompson.—Gladys Anstruther.  
 Mrs. Molesworth.—Olivia, Blanche, Miss Bouverie.  
 B. S. Woolf.—Little Miss Prue.  
 L. M. Parker.—Young Mrs. Harris.  
 Herb. Strang.—Swift and Sure.  
 Desmond Coke.—The Bending of a Twig.  
 Ray Jacoberns.—A Boy and a Secret, The Attic Boarders.  
 Herb. Hayens.—The Red Caps of Lyons.  
 Ernest Protheroe.—Boys of the Brigade.  
 W. M. Graydon.—The Fighting Lads of Devon.  
 Isabel S. Robson.—The Fortunes of Eight, The Girl Without Ambition, Mrs. Pederson's Niece.  
 Miss Quiller-Couch.—Kitty Trenvie.  
 Flora E. Berry.—Monica's Choice.  
 Fenton Ash.—A Trip to Mars.

The following Juniors have returned to school to study for the Higher Examinations:—  
 Asher, Bennett, Biggs, Briggs, Esserman, Fraser, Holmes (II.), Hudson, Hunter, Jamieson, Kennedy, Lewis, Mason, McKee, Mitchell, New, Packham, Rowe, Simpson, Stevens, Tunks, and Welch.

Kindly keep in mind that entries for the Prize Competitions close on the 31st inst.

## Dinner to Mr. S. Lasker, M.A.

IT was a thoroughly representative gathering of the staff which met at the ABC Rooms on the 8th ultimo to bid farewell to Mr. S. Lasker, M.A., the newly-appointed Inspector of Schools and Examiner in French and German. Among the visitors present were Mr. J. Dawson, M.A., the Chief Inspector; Mr. H. D. McLelland, B.A., the Assistant Chief Inspector; Mr. J. W. Turner, Superintendent of Technical Education; Mr. S. H. Smith, Inspector of Schools; Dr. P. R. Cole, M.A., Ph.D.; Dr. H. T. Lovell, M.A., Ph.D.; and Mr. T. T. Roberts, M.A., former members of the staff.

Mr. Kilgour presided, and after an excellent menu had been disposed of, proposed the health of the guest, referring to the excellent work Mr. Lasker had done in the school, and the power for good he had been in developing the character of the boys.

The other speakers were Mr. Dawson, Mr. Turner, Mr. McLelland, Dr. Cole, and Mr. Mackaness.

Mr. Lasker then returned thanks in a speech full of emotion, and said that the parting from Fort Street was almost more than he could bear; yet he would visit us at the end of every quarter when he was in Sydney.

A good programme of music was interspersed between the speeches, to which Messrs. Bauer, Hurt, Collins, and Davies contributed. "Auld Lang Syne" brought the evening to an end.

Before Mr. Lasker's departure, the members of the Senior Class invited him to meet them, when they presented him with a case of pipes, a gold-mounted tobacco pouch, and a silver matchbox, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the Senior Boys at Fort Street.

Perhaps the most pleasing feature of this presentation was the presence of so many old boys, among whom we noticed the following:—Langan, Morgan, Blanchard, Frecker, McLelland, Zions, Silberthau, Wall, Malcolm, Caruthers, M. and R. Alexander, Samson, Dee, Potts, Ingamells, and H. Brown.

Mr. Lasker then, in returning thanks, gave his farewell speech to Fort Street Seniors, and

his words will no doubt be long remembered by them, for the ideals he laid before them are among the noblest.

Among other presentations made to Mr. Lasker were a set of pipes by the staff of the Girls' and Kindergarten Departments, and a Gillette safety razor and pipe by the boys of his German and French Classes.

## Weird Australia.

By R. Wiburd.

Let other poets sing of England's Isle—

Her mossy vales, her ruined castles proud;  
Australian landscapes are another style,  
With different beauty she has been endowed.

Here everything is melancholy, weird,  
The forests are funereal, secret, grim,  
And all suggests some vague thing to be  
feared,  
In lonely regions, trackless, eerie, dim.

In other lands the dying year is mourned;  
The falling leaves drop softly on its bier;  
Of Autumn's near approach we are not  
warned,  
The leaves fall not in our lone forests drear.

To melancholy gums the white bark clings,  
And rustles in the dry Australian breeze,  
And to the mind a sort of sadness brings,  
Unlike the thoughts inspired by other trees.

And flights of cockatoos stream out at times,  
Shrieking like evil souls on earth let loose,  
Wheeling and shrieking skywards each flock  
climbs,  
Filling both earth and sky with loud abuse.

A land of paradoxes, which deceives—  
With birds that cannot fly, with scentless  
flowers,  
With trees that shed their bark and keep their  
leaves,  
And two-legged beasts, in this strange land  
of ours.

## Senior Cadets.

A company parade was held in the Domain on Wednesday, July 20th.

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Fort Street detachment participated in a field day in the neighbourhood of Kensington. The afternoon was spent in skirmishing practice.

A camp of continuous training for Senior Cadets is to be held at Clarendon during the Michaelmas vacation.

The following are the parade fixtures for the current quarter:—

Wednesday, August 24th.—Company Drill.  
Saturday, August 20th.—Battalion Parade.  
Wednesday, September 21st.—Company Parade, Firing Exercises.  
Saturday, September 24th.—Battalion Parade.

Measurements are now being taken for green tunics. We hope to be able to issue these tunics before the camp in September.

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	Candidates, 18.	
	Presented.	Passed.
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All Others	13	2


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# Junior Results--Boys :

Name	History or Commercial History	Geog.	Eng.	French	Latin	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Chem.	Com. Eng.	Class of Pass.
Anderson, William ...	C	C	B	—	—	B	C	—	—	C	C
Asher, Victor	—	—	A	B	B	A	A	B	B	—	M
Astbury, Alwyn L. ...	—	B	C	—	—	—	—	C	C	—	—
Ayres, John	—	—	A	B	—	B	A	C	C	—	M
Bembrick, Emil J. ...	C	C	C	—	—	B	—	C	C	C	M
Bennett, Charles E. ...	—	—	A	C	B	C	A	C	A	—	M
Biggs, Eric F.	—	—	A	B	—	C	A	A	A	—	M
Blackadder, Edwin R.	—	C	—	—	—	B	—	B	A	C	—
Briggs, George H. ...	—	—	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	—	M
Campbell, Frank E. ...	—	—	A	B	B	A	A	A	C	—	M
Challinor, Edward W.	A	B	C	—	—	A	A	—	C	B	C
Cheal, Edwin H.	—	C	C	—	—	B	A	—	C	—	—
Colless, Clifton B. ...	C	C	A	—	—	C	C	—	C	C	C
Colman William J. ...	—	—	B	—	C	B	B	B	C	—	—
Cocks, Verner W. ...	—	—	A	C	B	B	A	B	C	—	M
Crowe, Henry H.	—	—	C	C	—	B	B	B	C	—	—
Cuthbert, Niven	—	—	B	C	C	C	A	B	C	—	M
Chapman, Henry W.	C	B	C	—	—	C	B	—	—	C	C
Coogan, Frank C. ...	B	A	B	—	—	B	B	—	C	C	—
Corrigan, Leo	—	—	C	A	C	B	A	B	C	—	M
Darcy, Anthony	—	C	C	—	—	C	C	—	—	—	—
Dawson, Leslie B.	B	A	B	—	—	C	—	C	C	C	C
Day, George E.	C	C	B	—	—	A	—	—	C	B	C
Downey, George	—	—	B	—	B	C	B	B	C	—	—
Druce, Kenneth A. ...	B	C	C	—	C	B	—	B	C	C	C
Darch, Percy W.	—	C	B	—	—	B	—	B	C	—	—
Dexter, Robert J.	—	—	B	B	C	B	B	B	C	—	M
Edwards, William J.	—	—	A	C	C	B	C	A	B	—	—
Emanuel, Louis C. ...	—	—	A	C	—	A	B	B	A	C	—
Esserman, Norman B.	—	—	—	A	C	A	A	B	C	—	—
Felton, Eric	C	A	A	—	—	A	A	C	C	A	C
Frazer, Jack C.	—	—	B	C	C	B	A	A	B	—	M
Fry, Allan	—	C	—	—	—	C	—	C	C	—	—
Hepburn, Ross	—	—	C	C	C	B	C	C	—	—	M
Holmes, Gordon C. ...	—	—	A	C	B	A	A	A	C	—	M
Hopkins, Frederick E.	B	C	C	C	—	B	—	—	C	C	C
Hudson, Herbert G. ...	—	—	B	B	C	B	A	C	C	—	M
Hunter, Hugh	—	—	B	A	B	A	A	A	C	—	M
Jamieson, Russell	—	—	B	C	C	B	A	B	C	—	M
Johnson, Frank M. ...	B	C	B	—	—	B	B	—	A	C	—
Kennedy, Gordon L.	—	—	B	—	C	B	B	B	A	—	—
Kyle, Arthur B.	—	—	C	C	C	B	B	C	—	—	M
Langker, Rudolph C. P	—	—	A	A	C	C	A	C	P	—	—
La Forest, William R.	C	C	B	—	—	B	A	—	B	—	C
Lee, Albert	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lewis, Angelo	A	C	B	B	C	A	A	A	A	—	M
Liggins, Frederick W.	—	—	B	C	C	R	A	A	A	—	M
Leveridge, Alfred R.	A	C	B	—	—	B	B	—	C	—	—
Magnussen, Roy	—	—	B	C	C	A	A	A	B	—	M
Mason, Frank M.	—	—	B	C	C	B	B	B	B	—	M
McKay, Eric B.	—	—	B	C	B	A	A	A	A	—	M
McKee, John	—	—	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	—	M
McLauchlan, John K.	A	C	C	—	—	A	A	A	B	C	C
McLeod, Donald F. ...	—	C	C	—	—	B	A	—	C	—	—
Mitchell, Roy S.	—	—	B	C	B	A	A	A	A	—	M
Moore, George F.	B	C	C	—	—	B	—	—	C	—	C
McCook, Cecil C.	B	A	C	—	—	B	—	—	C	—	—
Molouey, Frank H. P	—	C	—	—	—	B	—	—	P	—	—
Morphew, Frank E. ...	B	C	B	—	—	R	—	—	C	—	—
Morton, Percy H.	C	C	C	—	—	A	A	—	R	—	C
Nancarrow, Reginald	C	C	B	—	—	B	—	—	B	—	C
New, Ernest C. ...	—	—	C	C	—	C	C	B	—	—	—



Name	History of Commercial History	Geog.	Eng.	French.	Latin.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Chem.	Com. Eng.	Class of Pass.
Nutter, Lawrence H.	...	...	C	...	...	C	A	A	C	...	...
O'Grady, Bruce E.	...	...	A	...	C	A	A	A	C	...	M
Packham, Geoffrey B.	...	...	B	C	C	B	A	B	B	...	M
Parkinson, Jack E.	...	B	B	...	...	C	B	...	B	...	...
Perkins, William R.	...	C	...	...	...	C	...	C	...	...	...
Ponsford, Arthur F.	...	B	C	B	...	C	...	...	C	...	...
Ranson, Frederick E.	...	...	B	C	...	C	...	...	...	...	...
Reed, Eric B.	...	...	A	C	C	B	A	B	B	...	M
Richardson, Harley E.	...	C	A	B	...	A	B	...	B	...	M
Robertson, Norman B.	...	B	C	C	...	B	B	...	...	...	...
Rowe Septimus G.	...	...	C	C	B	C	B	C	C	...	M
Rivett, Edward W.	...	...	C	C	C	B	A	B	C	...	M
Ruth, Gerald C	...	...	C	C	C	B	A	C	C	...	M
Rutledge, Ralph G.	...	A	B	B	...	B	A	...	B	C	M
Sedgwick, Erl G.	...	...	...	...	C	C	B	C	C	...	C
Shoosmith, John N.	...	A	B	B	...	A	A	...	B	C	C
Sidaway, William E.	...	...	B	B	B	A	A	A	A	...	M
Simpson, William B.	...	...	B	C	C	B	A	A	...	C	M
Smith, Gordon B.	...	B	B	A	C	...	...	...	B	C	C
Stackleberg, Frederick W.	...	B	C	C	...	C	C	...	C	C	C
Stanger, James H.	...	C	C	B	...	B	A	...	C	...	...
Stevens, Leslie E.	...	...	C	C	C	B	B	C	...	...	M
Taylor, Vivian	...	...	C	C	C	C	B	A	C	...	M
Teape, Wilkie	...	...	A	B	C	A	*A	A	B	...	M
Temple, Horace	...	C	B	C	...	...	...	C	C	...	M
Tunks, Ormond G.	...	...	...	C	B	B	A	C	A	...	...
Turner, Douglas H.	...	B	C	B	C	B	...	...	C	B	C
Wang, George M.	...	...	A	C	B	B	A	B	A	...	M
Wardrobe, George W.	...	...	C	...	C	C	B	B	A	...	...
Welch, Marcus B.	...	...	A	B	B	A	A	A	A	...	M
Weston, Herbert H.	...	...	A	B	B	A	B	B	A	...	M
Williams, Stanley G.	...	...	C	C	...	B	C	...	C	...	...
Wright, William B.	...	B	C	A	...	A	...	...	B	C	C
Wynne, Arthur L.	...	...	C	C	C	C	C	C	B	B	M

NOTES—

\* Denotes Medallist.

† Denotes Prox. Acc.

‡ Denotes Candidate also gained an A in Drawing.

† Denotes Candidate also gained an A in German.

**M** in last column denotes Candidate has qualified in Lower Division of the Matriculation Examination

**C** in last column denotes Candidate has gained a Junior Commercial Certificate.

Alg.	Geom.	Arith.	Eng.	Latin.	French.	History.	Geog.	German.	Com. Eng.	Chem.
42 A's	22 A's	26 A's	22 A's	1 A	4 A's	6 A's	5 A's	1 A	1 A	12 A's
21 B's	24 B's	47 B's	37 B's	17 B's	14 B's	15 B's	8 B's		3 B's	24 B's
11 C's	20 C's	20 C's	30 C's	32 C's	33 C's	12 C's	30 C's		20 C's	48 C's

Matriculants 42.

Commercial Certificates 24

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

103 Candidates sat ; 96 passed.

53 boys sat for Matriculation, A Division, 42 were successful.

24 boys gained Commercial Certificates.

Medals were gained Wilkie Teape (Algebra), and Edward W. Challoner (Commercial History), while Norman Esserman gained the first Prox. Acc. in Arithmetic.

R Langker gained an A in German. No Candidate from M1 or M2 failed.

George Briggs scored 6 A's and 1 B and divides with Teape the Headmaster's prize for the best Junior pass.

Thirteen boys gained the 3 A's in Mathematics.

There were 42 a's in Algebra, 26 in Arithmetic and 22 in English and Geometry.

The Singles Championship Handball Tournament was won by Bray. We understand he will play Mr. Lasker in a Challenge Competition in September next. Let him look to his laurels.

We note with pleasure that Dr. Clive Smith is now Resident Medical Officer at Balmain Cottage Hospital. Dr. Smith was captain of the school in 1904, and one of the finest swimmers and athletes we have known.

Girls' Results

Name	Subjects.	Hist.	Geog.	Eng.	French.	Ar.	Alg.	Geom.	Geol.	Botany	Phy.	Draw.	Music.	Latin.	Ger.
Doris Beeby ...	...7...	B...	C...	B...	B...	B...	—	C...	—	B...	—	—	—	—	—
Ilma Black ...	...7...	A...	B...	C...	—	C...	—	C...	—	B...	—	C...	—	—	—
Winifred Buckler...	...6...	—	—	B...	B...	C...	B...	A...	—	—	—	—	—	—	B
Reta Carrád ...	...7...	B ..	B...	B...	C...	—	—	C...	—	†A...	—	—	—	—	—
Marjorie Collins ...	...6...	—	—	A...	B...	—	B...	C ..	—	—	—	—	—	B...	—
Una Cook ...	...7...	—	B...	—	—	—	—	—	—	A...	A...	B...	—	—	—
Dorothy Crackenthorp	...6...	A...	B...	B...	—	B ..	—	—	A...	B...	—	—	—	—	—
Kitty Glasson(M)...	...6...	—	—	B ..	C...	C...	B...	B...	—	—	—	—	—	B...	—
Clara Goodwin ...	...6...	—	C...	C...	—	C...	C...	—	—	—	C...	—	—	—	—
Bessie Goodwin (M)	...6...	—	—	C...	C...	C...	C...	C...	—	—	—	—	—	C...	—
Ellice Hamilton (M)	...6...	—	—	B ..	B...	A ..	A...	A...	—	—	—	—	—	A...	—
Olive Houghton ...	...7...	C...	B...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	B...	B...	A...	—	—
Aimee Ingamells(M)	...6...	—	—	B...	C...	C...	B...	C ..	—	—	—	—	—	C...	—
Heather Kilgour ...	...6...	—	—	C...	C...	—	C...	—	—	—	—	—	—	C...	—
Betty King ...	...7...	C...	C...	—	—	—	—	—	—	G...	C...	C...	—	—	—
Isadel Knight ...	...7...	A...	†A...	A...	C...	A...	A...	A...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marjorie McDonald	...6...	—	C...	—	—	C...	C...	—	—	—	C...	—	—	—	—
Annie Mclean ...	...7...	B...	B...	A...	—	—	—	—	—	B...	A...	C...	—	—	—
Mona McMinn ...	...6...	—	—	—	B...	—	C...	B...	—	—	—	—	—	C...	—
Blanche McVane ...	...6...	B...	A...	C...	—	B...	—	—	—	B...	A...	—	—	—	—
Dorothy Martin ...	...7...	A...	B...	A...	—	C...	C...	B...	—	—	—	C...	—	—	—
Beatrice Matheson	...7...	C...	B...	—	—	—	—	—	B...	C...	C...	—	—	—	—
Coral Middleton ...	...7...	B...	C...	B...	B...	—	—	—	—	—	C...	—	A...	—	—
Gwendolyne Morgan	...6...	C...	C...	—	—	—	—	—	B...	—	—	—	B...	—	—
Bessie Myler ...	...6...	B...	B...	C...	—	C...	—	—	—	—	C...	—	B...	—	—
Estelle Pendered ...	...7...	B...	B...	—	—	—	—	—	*A...	B...	—	C...	—	—	—
Doris Purvis ...	...7...	C...	C...	C...	—	—	—	—	B...	B...	—	B...	—	—	—
Olga Reeves ...	...7...	C...	B...	C...	C...	—	—	—	—	—	B...	—	B...	—	—
Lucia Rost ...	...7...	C...	B...	C...	—	—	—	—	—	—	B...	—	—	—	C
Elsie Spendelove ...	...7...	—	C...	—	—	—	—	—	—	C...	C...	B...	—	—	—
Ida Warner ...	...7...	C...	C...	C...	B...	C...	—	—	—	B...	C...	—	—	—	—
Kathleen Willis ...	...7...	C...	C...	C...	C...	—	—	—	C...	B...	—	—	—	—	—

Individual Subjects— Totals	A	4	2	4	—	2	2	3	2	2	3	—	2	1	—
	B	7	12	8	7	3	4	3	3	9	3	4	3	2	1
	C	9	10	11	8	10	6	6	1	3	7	6	—	4	1

\* Denotes Medallist. † Denotes Prox. Acc.

Best Pass—Isabel Knight, 20 points, 6 A's and 1 C.

HONOURS—

Medal for Geology—Estelle Pendered. Prox. Acc. for Geography—Isabel Knight.  
Prox. Acc. for Botany—Reta Carrád.

A	Passes—26.	5	Passed in 7 Subjects.
B	" 68.	14	" 6 "
C	" 82	8	" 5 "
		4	" 4 "

4 Girls Matriculated in A Division.

## Girls' Page.

Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

### Old Girls' Tennis Dance

**T**HE second annual tennis dance was held by the Old Girls' Club at Baumann's Cafe on June 30th. The arrangements were carried out on the same lines as the last tennis dance, and although the attendance was smaller this year, through the committee restricting the sale of tickets, so that the floor would not be over-crowded, the evening was a great success, the attendance numbering 130.

The committee regretted the absence of Mr. Kilgour, through a previous engagement, also that of Mr. Turner, through sickness. Miss Partridge was welcomed as ever amongst the Old Girls.

The badges worn by members of the committee were very much admired during the evening, miniature tennis racquets painted red with a bunch of white ribbon on the handles, while club members wore red and white ribbons.

A flashlight photograph was taken during the evening. The supper-room looked very gay, tables being decked with flowers and palms, while the committee table was decorated with red and white ribbons and flowers.

The committee wish to thank the Old Boys who assisted in making the dance a success; also Messrs. Evans, Davies, and Lyons, who acted as Ms.C. for the evening. The extras were played by Miss Florence Nelson and Miss Trench.

The Dance Committee were:—The Misses Alice Evans, Maud Wardrop, Alice Hume, Florrie Nelson, Laura Wood, Islay McPhie; while the Misses Emily Davies and Hilda Cox acted as hon. secs.

Club members present with their friends were:—Misses Partridge, Ella Gormley, Mary Little, Bessie Spencer, Lily Hume, Isa Miller,

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## Hockey

THE Fortians played against Winora Hockey Club at Burwood on Saturday, 23rd July, winning by eleven (11) goals to nil (0), goal shooters being:—Elsie Rea (4), Muriel Sledge (2), Eliza Craig (2), Belle Murray (2), Elsie Shorter (1). Mr. B. I. Swannell refereed, and Mr. and Master Muckridge acted as linesmen. Although Winora have only been playing this season, they made a very plucky defence, but no attack at all, leaving the game entirely in the hands (or sticks) of the Fortians.

A FULL meeting of the Hockey Club was held at school on Thursday, 30th June, when arrangements were made for this year's Badge Competition. Misses Edie Rea, Elsie Rea, and Eliza Craig were voted the three best players in the Fortians, and they thereby had the right of choosing the teams. Of the 48 members of the club, 36 are able to play right through the competition, which leaves each team with one emergency player.

### TEAMS.

1. "Kareela."—Edie Rea (captain), Muriel Sledge, Elsie Shorter, Mona Hughes, Violet Wellings, M. Maloney, Ina Briggs, Marjorie Ward, Heather McKenzie, Dorie Ide, Myra Lambert, and Ruby Cohen.

Costume.—Navy skirt and blouse and club tie.

2. "Myee."—Elsie Rea (captain), Aimee Ingamills, Myra Cocks, Leah Braham, Olga Reeves, Bessie Blumer, A. Rourke, A. L. Bourke, Myrtle McIntyre, Doris Glovey, Doris Williams, and Minna Winter.

Costume.—Navy skirt, white blouse, emerald green belt and tie.

3. "Invictae."—Eliza Craig (captain), Dot

Cooper, Jessie Gazzard, Belle Murray, Marjorie Moore, Madge Levy, Estelle Mendelsohn, Gladys Bartley, O. Bartlett, Eileen Ward, Doris Miller, and Gladys Lloyd.

Costume.—Navy skirt, cream blouse, and club tie.

Prior to the meeting of 30th June, Mr. Swannell attended at school, and gave the girls a much-longed-for lecture on the game. There was some trepidation among this year's players at entering a competition amongst players of three years' standing. However, after the lecture all were willing to do their best. All points of the game were pointed out and discussed, and individual questions were given every attention. The committee thanks Mr. Swannell for his lecture and attendance.

The first Badge Match was played on Thursday, 7th July, when "Invictae" defeated "Myee" by 2 goals to 1. Belle Murray and Marjorie Moore scoring for the winning team, and Elsie Rea for the losers. Mr. B. I. Swannell refereed.

The game was very hard and very fast. The teams appearing perfectly even, no score was made at half time. In the second half "Invictae" scored twice before "Myee" managed to get through their opponents' goal. Consi-



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dering the number of times that the ball was taken up to the "Invictae's" goal, the losers should have scored several times. "Myee's" goalkeeper blames herself entirely for not stopping the first goal, which was a fairly easy one. The members of the "Kareela" team were looking on, and getting all the weak points of the other teams.

The second match of the Competition was played on Thursday, 14th July, when "Invictal" met "Kareela," and as both sides were so evenly matched the fact that neither side scored was not a great surprise. Once more "Invictae" showed strong in defence, "Kareela's" forwards coming up to their opponents' goal only to see the ball sent up field over and over again.

Mr. Swannell, who refereed, pointed out after the game where each side might have scored several times, so probably when these teams meet again there will be a different result.

## Public Service Examination

THE following past and present boys succeeded in gaining places in the recent Public Service Examination:—

Cadet Draftsmen.—Roy M. Alexander, A. C. Landon, Leslie S. Andrews, Roy A. Kimmimont.

Junior Clerks.—R. H. Henwood, H. E. Williams, F. R. O'Grady, R. Cohen, R. J. Stanger, G. J. Greathead, G. W. White.

In addition, Mr. R. J. McNiven succeeded in gaining second position in the Cadet Draftsmen's Division.

On the eve of his departure for Braidwood, Mr. Lasker was made the recipient of a case of pipes from the ladies of the Girls' and Infants' Staffs. In the absence of Miss Partidge, Miss Banks made the presentation. After suitably responding, Mr. Lasker said good-bye, receiving all good wishes for future success from everyone present.



## Rugby Football

IN the final of the school's competition, Cleveland Street A defeated Fort Street A on the Sports Ground on Friday, 15th July, by 9 points to nil. In this match the team which represented the school was the weakest that has been put into the field this year, the team having to be recruited largely from the B team, Judd Kirke, Alldritt, and Brown filling the gaps caused by the loss of such players as Druce, Moore, Robertson, and Norman. On the day, Cleveland Street deserved the win as their forwards played much better than our front brigade, although Cunningham and Miller did their best to retain the Metropolitan R.U. Shield, which now goes to Cleveland Street for the ensuing year. There was only one bit of sparkling play by the backs, Fort Street doing one splendid rush, to which Puckeridge, with a bad leg, lacked the pace to put the finishing touch to. Patterson early in the game fielded the ball in midfield, and raced through to the line, and touched down, but was recalled for a knock-on, which most of those looking on quite failed to notice. Flook, our captain, as usual, worked splendidly, but was specially well watched by the opposition. We did not make enough use of the wind in the first half. The game was mainly a forward one, with the school forwards a little behind those of Cleveland Street. Mr. W. J. Dunn was referee. The finals in this competition have apparently risen to some eminence, as a fee was charged for admittance to the ground.

The results of the class competitions appear elsewhere. They appear to show that in the B Grade the final will be played between Mr. Wine's class led by C. Kirks and P. Ryan and Mr. Hilliard's, with C. Flook (brother of the school football captain) at the helm.

The A Grade is still in the undecided stage.

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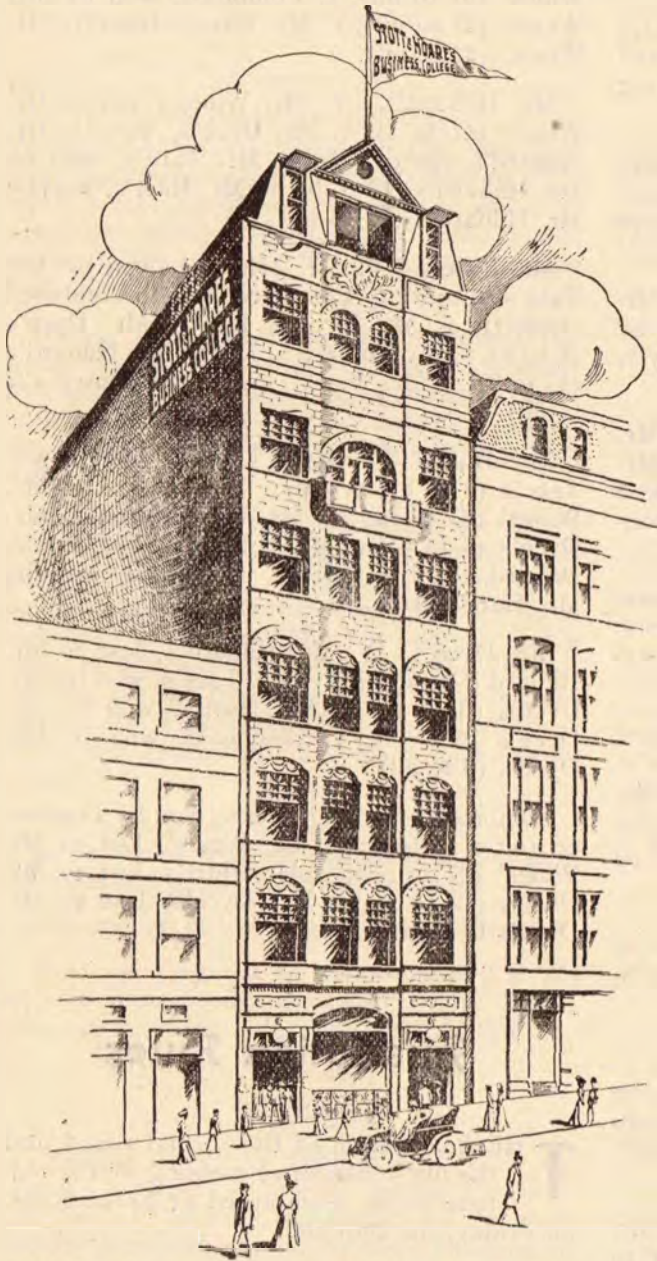
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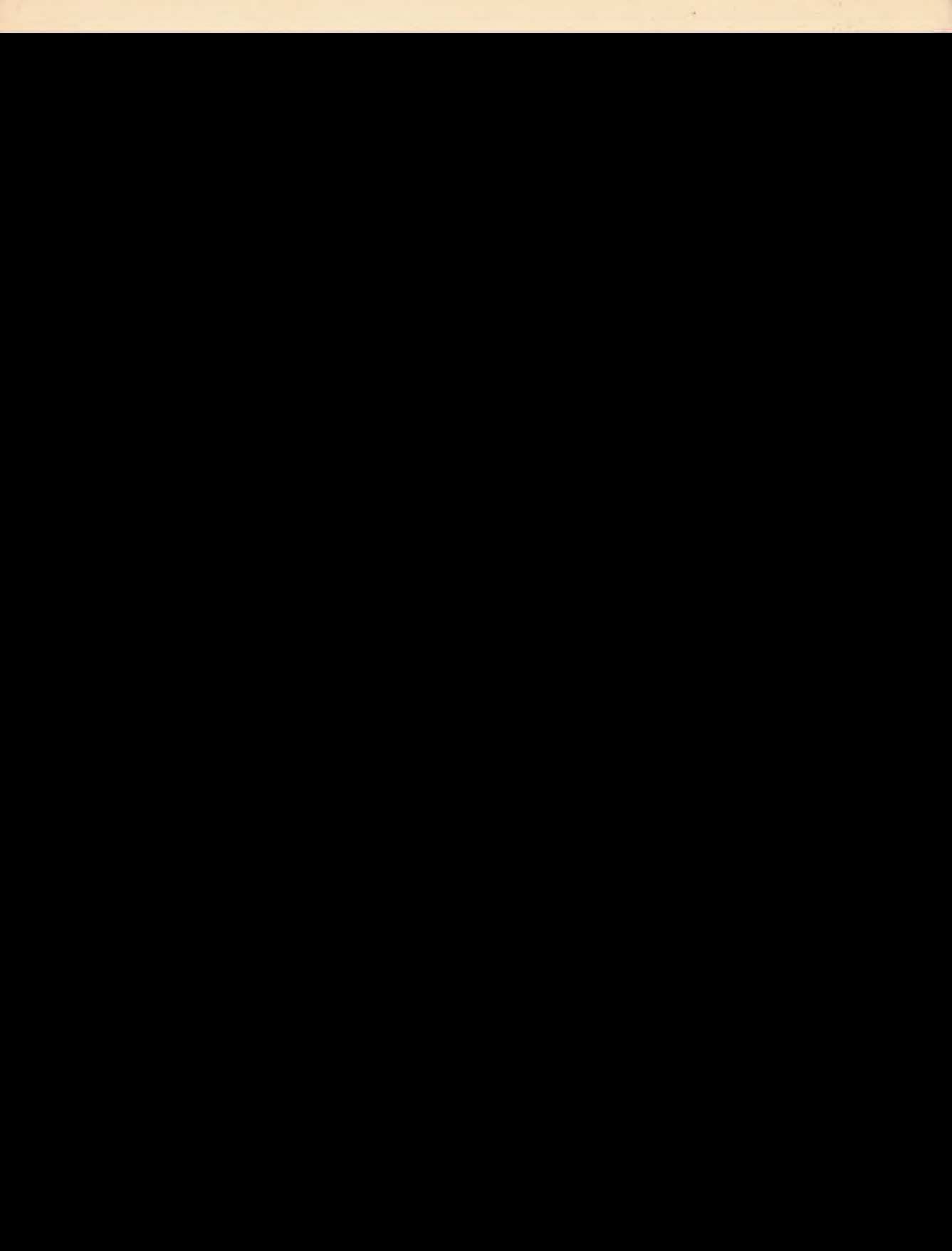
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his splendid effort, as he was undoubtedly appreciated by all contestants.

Fort Street were again without Campbell, who is "resting" in the country. "Rover" sincerely hopes that the final will prove an attractive bait for his home-leaving.

On losing the toss, our chaps had to contend against a stiff breeze, which was responsible for Petersham's score of 8 points to nil at the end of the first quarter. The change of ends was responsible for better combined play, and our representatives put on 14 points to 1, when the bell rang for lemons. Kinninmont, in this quarter, scored two goals, both snaps from his nimble "left."

During the third term, again without the wind, we were able to score 2 goals 2 behinds to 1 goal 1 behind from our opponents. Dunbar (Petersham), who plays a fine, clean game, was a tower of strength to his side, but was tiring.

On changing for the final spasm, the scores stood: Fort Street, 4 goals 4 behinds—28 points; Petersham, 2 goals 4 behinds—16 points. As has been the case in the last three matches, the "Blues" did not score a single point in the last quarter, whilst the "Reds" piled on 10, and the game ended with the complete score: Fort Street, 5 goals 8 behinds—38 points; Petersham, 2 goals 4 behinds—16 points.

Just on time Kinninmont kicked a goal (a beauty), but it was not included, as the time bell beat the player's boot by seconds.

Kinninmont kicked 3 goals and O'Grady 2.

Those who figured to advantage and showed out prominently were:—O'Grady, Flook, Kinninmont, Evatt, Harrison, and Hankin.

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#### NOTES.

Members of the A Team are urgently requested to train arduously during the next few days, so as to be in full trim for the final. Several members require constant handling of the ball in order to perfect their movements on the field.

The Secretary has written to the N.S.W. Football League, asking for the final to be

played at Erskineville Oval on August 24th, prior to the match Combined Riverina and N.S. Wales.

The Schoolboys' Representative Team for the annual tour will be selected during the last week of the present month.

Several of our old boys are participating in big football circles round the metropolis: Harry Brown (Doc) is now secretary of the East Sydney Club, while Milne and Barry play for the club in the League Competition. Lane (Redfern), Wilson (North Shore), Keen (North Shore), and many in the young Australian Association, add a numerous complement of youthful Australians to the game.

Interesting items of school football appear in letters received from Mr. F. Allen (Hay) and Mr. W. L. Frew (Deniliquin).

Eric Cullen Ward in his last letter was on the way to Seattle, lecturing to the various schools and colleges en route. In America the game is called "fieldball," as football, both Rugby and American, are forbidden in the schools' games.

A photo. of Eric Ward, the winner of the £100 Monro-King prize, will shortly be presented to the school, and grace one of our walls.

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## Old Boys' Union.

THE following Old Boys have joined the Union since last issue. Fortians will be posted to them in accordance with the arrangement entered into by the Editor and the Secretary:—

R. B. Hill, F. Terry, A. W. Barry, P. Wynne, D. Croudace, D'Arcy Willis, E. R. Glover, W. Hawkins, O. Hughes, Geo. H. Adam, R. S. Stevens, H. L. Tyler, A. E. Roper, C. Gostelow, A. McShane.



## The Junior Results

We offer our congratulations to the whole 128 pupils (96 boys and 32 girls) who have brought honour to the school by passing so creditably the recent Junior Examination. Particularly do we wish to congratulate Miss Estelle Pendered (Medallist in Geology), Wilkie Teape (Medallist, Algebra), Edward Challoner (Medallist, Commercial History), Miss Rita Carrad (Prox. Acc., Botany), Miss Isabel Knight (Prox. Acc., Geography), and Norman Esserman (Prox. Acc., Arithmetic).

The results have been a record in several respects. First, in the total number of passes which is greater than on any previous occasion; secondly, in the very great advance in the number of matriculants, Section A (42 boys and 4 girls), and of Commercial Certificates (24).

It is worth noting that, in so far as the boys are concerned, the increase in the numbers of matriculants is nearly 100 per cent. increase on than of last year.

That we have been able to effect such a fine result is a conclusive proof of the thoroughness of the instruction imparted, and of the development of secondary education in the school.

## The Commercial Junior

According to the amended regulations for the Junior Commercial Certificate, as adopted by the Senate on 6th September, 1909, the following conditions were laid down, which we quote verbatim:—

1. That the Candidate had to pass in the following five sections:—

Sec. I.—English History including Commercial History.

Sec. II.—Geography, including Commercial Geography.

Sec. III.—English.

Sec. IIIa.—Precis Writing and Commercial Correspondence.

Sec. IX.—Arithmetic, including Commercial Arithmetic.

In addition, they may offer any two subjects from the following list:—

Sec. IV.—French.

Sec. V.—German.

Sec. X.—Algebra.

Sec. XI.—Geometry.

Sec. XII.—Chemistry.

Sec. XIII.—Physics.

Sec. XIV.—Geology.

Sec. XVII.—Drawing.

This is to enable candidates to make the maximum of seven subjects.

From the above it will be seen that III. (English) and IIIa. (Precis Writing and Commercial Correspondence) are set down as two distinct subjects, and those boys who were successful in gaining the Commercial Certificate are credited with passes in them as two subjects, and in the latter are classified as A, B, or C, as in all other subjects.

The boys, however, who took up Commercial English as a special subject, as well as English, but who did not gain a Commercial Certificate, have been awarded a pass in English only, even though they may have passed in this Commercial English paper. What we have to complain of more than anything else is that two boys who passed in three subjects, as well as in the Commercial English paper, are denied a Junior pass, for what reason no satisfactory answer has been forthcoming.

Another grievance that we have in connection with this Commercial Junior Examination is the type of questions set under the heading "Geography," and "Commercial Geography." As a matter of fact, no questions were set that could be considered as general geography, but the paper was headed "Commercial Geography," and all the questions were on that branch of the subject only.

We have no hesitation in saying that these were quite beyond the range of what should be required for a Junior Certificate of any kind, and are on a level, and almost practically identical with those set in the First Year Examination of the Department of Economics.

Had our candidates taken the ordinary geography paper, there would have been very few B's or C's. As a proof of this statement, we quote the following:—Two of our boys, when they saw this paper, were so appalled by its difficulty that they took the ordinary geography paper, and each obtained an A. The probability is that if they had taken the other, they would have obtained no higher pass than a C.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of one of our girls, Dorothy Nash, who was so well known and beloved by all of us. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Nash and family in their bereavement.

## Two Years in a Tramp.

By C. J. [Old Boy] McLeod,  
now of R M S. Mooltan

(To the Past and Present Members of my Old School.)

**A**S the reading of this narrative which I am about to relate may imbue the younger readers with a desire to go to sea, let me tell them to consider the matter very deeply before taking such a rash step, for this is a profession which, once entered, is very hard to re'inquish.

From the humblest tramp to the largest liner it is a life of hard work; not always of manual labor, but of long anxious hours of mental strain, and sleepless nights.

As this narrative is about the first vessel in which I sailed after obtaining my second mate's certificate, I am sure the reader will pardon a digression from the subject if I endeavour to relate how the examinations for certificates are conducted.

Most candidates after finishing their "time," as the term of four years' apprenticeship is called, go to "school," that is, to a nautical academy, where one has all the subjects required by the Board of Trade brushed up, and where the idiosyncracies of the examiners are learnt.

The period varies according to whether the candidate has made the most of his spare time at sea or not.

After a week's study, I went up to the Mercantile Marine Office to put my papers in, or, in other words, to fill in the application form, pay my fee, present my references, indentures, and other certificates of service to the examiner, and have my sight tested. This is always done on a Friday.

These preliminaries over and my papers found correct, I was at liberty to sit for examination the following Monday.

At 9.30 sharp on Monday morning, the bell rang in the waiting room—the signal that all candidates were to repair to the examination hall—there to remain for five long hours wrestling with problems of all kinds relating to latitude, longitude, etc.

A piece of fifteen minutes' dictation always precedes the examination proper, and, that being done with, the problems in navigation are next to be overcome.

The examination for second mate occupies three days, so the next day seamanship was to be negotiated. At the end of the third day the author was presented with a piece of blue paper (a piece coveted by all candidates who sit for examination). This was the examiner's authority for the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine to deliver up to the successful candidate his certificate. The papers are sent up for approval to the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen, who fills in and signs the coveted piece of parchment, so hard to obtain, and so easy to lose.

Well, at last I emerged from the grim portals of the examination hall a full-fledged secondmate (in the eyes of the Board of Trade).

The next thing to do was to make use of my certificate, or, in other words, seek a berth. At last a favorable one arrived, and in due time I was appointed second mate of a tramp loading in Barry for Manila (as we thought).

Having been appointed in London, I had a journey by rail to Barry to accomplish. The journey through the country in the summer time was simply glorious. What prettier scenery is there than English in the summer? Our first stop was Reading, and just before reaching that town a scene of beauty met the eye. Acres and acres of choice flowers were to be seen. This was the testing ground of some world-famous seedsmen.

After leaving Reading we passed through that famous piece of engineering, the Severn Tunnel, and in due time arrived at Cardiff, where a change is made for the local line to Barry.

Boarding the train, which was full of holiday-makers bent on enjoying themselves (this being the Wednesday holiday), we wended our way to Barry. At Penarth, one of the stopping places, a large number of the holiday-makers disembarked.

This is a very pretty watering place, with a fine beach, and where a pleasant afternoon may be spent.

In due time Barry Dock was reached, where I bade adieu to the holiday-makers, and, after making arrangements for my baggage to follow, proceeded to find my ship. I made inquiries as to its whereabouts, wondering which

of the fine ships that I could see was the one I was about to make my home for a time. My ship proved to be at the other end of the dock, and I was directed to a dirty little launch which plied about. As no doubt many of the readers do not know what is meant by a dock (naturally thinking of a dry dock, as there are no wet docks in Australia), I again crave pardon to break from my narrative and give a few words of explanation.

(To be continued.)

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## Notes and News.

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**T**HE Rev. A. R. Noake, M.A., Th.L., has been appointed examining chaplain to the Bishop of Wangaratta, having previously been resident tutor at St. Columb's Hall. Arthur Noake passed the Junior in 1899 and is one of a well-known family of Old Boys, sons of the Rev. R. Noake, all of whom proceeded to Sydney University, and thence into the Church. Teachers and boys who were at the school in 1899 will still cherish amusing recollections of that extremely artistic combination, Wally Ross and Arthur Noake, as First and Second Murderers in "Richard III." Ross, a burly cut-throat, of the truculent type; Noake, on the other hand, short of stature, spectacled, pacific of mein, a studious villain, with a deliberate, unrelenting bass voice, calculated to strike terror into the heart of poor Clarence.

Clifford Malna Collins, B.A., LL.B. (Senior, 1902), who has been in the Lands Department at Sydney, and afterwards at Hay, has been admitted a barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, on the motion of Mr. J. A. Browne (formerly a teacher at the school).

Frank Horton, another old boy, has been appointed manager of the Accident Department at Adelaide of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co.

Mr. J. F. McCauley, B.A., has been promoted to First Assistant at the District School, Glen Innes. His place has been taken by Mr. David Marshall, from Islington.

**M**R. KILGOUR some time ago asked the Department to supply him with a large bookcase. A very large and handsome one has just been sent, and will be the repository of the Senior Reference Library, which will play a very large part in the work of the Senior Class. In some schools, past and present boys have a very generous habit of presenting volumes to the Library. Could not some of our boys follow suit?

Mr. Reginald Barber, lately at the Superior Public School Dapto, has been appointed to succeed Mr. A. Wines at Fort Street. He commenced duty on the 1st inst. Mr. Percy Johnson is relieving Mr. T. A. Lappin.

We have received a very chatty letter from an old boy, Alick McPherson, who, by the way, has a younger brother at the school. He tells how he was a school companion and fellow apprentice of A. C. Milne, referred to in our last issue. After serving his time at Mort's Dock, at the age of twenty-three he was successful in gaining his chief engineer's "ticket." He is now chief on the British Imperial Government s.s. Tokelan, stationed at the Gilbert and Ellice Group of Islands. He wishes the school all luck and prosperity.

Miss Josephson, assistant in the Cookery School, has been appointed teacher of cookery at the new Cookery School, at Surry Hills South.

Miss S. Webb has been removed to Newtown Practising School. Her place has been taken by Miss Spies, from Petersham.

Edwards, of the 1910 Junior Class, has become a student at Moore College. He intends entering the Church.

The Headmaster has succeeded in obtaining positions for the following ex-Junior Boys:—

- L. Corrigan, Prudential Assurance Co.
- A. Loveridge, Australian Gas Co.
- E. W. Challoner, Australian Gas Co.
- F. Johnson, North Shore Gas Co.
- Geo. Day, F. T. Wimble & Co.
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## : Editorial :

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In our last month's issue there were two errors in the Junior results, both Wilkie Teape and Robert Dexter being credited with I.c. in Latin instead of a.b.

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I shall now deal with the method of clearing a ship, that is, complying with the law as regards crew' agreement, light bill, destination, etc.

There are many little formalities to be observed before the ship is ready for sea (legally). The documents which must be produced are as follows:—The Register, Outward Light Bill, and A.A. Certificate, the Captain also being prepared to answer any questions relating to the ship, cargo, or voyage that may be put to him by the Collector of Customs. The Register is a document which gives all the information required with regard to the tonnage, number, and nationality of the ship. The Outward Light Bill, which must be receipted, shows that the dues levied for the upkeep of buoys, beacons, and lights have been paid, and the A.A. Certificate shows that the master has complied with the law as regards the engagement of the crew.

Meanwhile the ship has been warped down the dock to the entrance of the locks to await the tide and the arrival of the captain, who has gone up to the Customs-house to clear the ship.

When all is ready, the pilot comes aboard, the massive gates swing open, we enter the lock, and in due time leave the dock. After clearing the dock and some few obstructions, the pilot leaves, and with him our last ties with England are severed.

Next everyone set to to clear up the ship and to snug down, as there was every indication of a blow once we got into the open. Hatches had to be put on and battened down, the coal which lay on deck put in the hatches, ropes to be coiled up, and everything made shipshape.

This being accomplished, the watches were chosen and sea routine commenced. My watch as third mate was the 8 to 12 morning and evening; the second mate's was the 12 to 4, and the chief 4 to 8. These times are observed all through the mercantile marine.

As we steamed down the Bristol Channel, great numbers of tiny sailing craft were passed, some being pilot boats looking out for some inward bound vessel to put a pilot on board, and others fishing boats either engaged in fishing or re-

turning home laden with their harvest from the sea.

After passing the grim island of Lundy, whose warning lights tell the mariner that the rock is to be avoided, the historic town of St. Ives comes into sight.

At last we sight the Wolf Rock, and now begin to feel the Atlantic swell. Passing close to the rock what a grand and awful sight is to be seen. The great waves boiling and foaming all round as if in anger and telling the mariner that he can expect little mercy if he once got into their angry clutches.

Giving the Wolf Rock, therefore, a safe berth, we shaped our course for the Canary Isles, Teneriffe being our first port of call.

Just after clearing Land's End, we fell in with a sailing ship which had the signals "What is your longitude?" flying. She was homeward bound, and looked beautiful with her great white wings set. Having answered her query, we proceeded on our way, after exchanging farewells in the shape of dipping our ensigns.

We are now fairly on our long journey, and by this time shook down to the usual sea routine.

What a lot of spare time one has on hand during those lonely night watches of four hours. Pacing to and fro, what castles one builds in the air, what thoughts of the past and future flit through one's mind, and often one's thoughts wander back to the happiest period in one's life—although at the time it is not realised—our schooldays. How many of us who have said good-bye to our dear old school would give anything to be back again? A large majority, I can safely say.

As a rule in a "tramp" the leisure time, that is when not on the bridge, is employed reading, studying, and sleeping, but I must say, this "tramp" was an exception to the rule.

The chief engineer had the forethought to purchase a ping-pong set (it being all the rage) and we had a set of gloves, so in the dog watch after tea a game of ping-pong or a friendly bout with the gloves was the usual means of passing away the time till it grew too dark to see. Then the mandolin was brought out, and the time was whiled away with songs.

In due time, after a fine run, Santa Cruz was reached, which is the port of the Island of Tenerife. Nearing the port, a small boat was observed flying a large flag with the letter P on it, which was the pilot boat. The pilot boarded and directed us to our berth.

No sooner was the anchor down than a great number of boats shot out from the shore, and in these were—tobacco in all its forms, delicious fruit, canaries, etc. We took this opportunity of replenishing our stock of tobacco, as this commodity, so dear to the hearts of most men, especially sailors, is very cheap here.

Meanwhile, work commenced again in the form of coaling ship, and once more chaos reigned supreme.

As I had, on a later occasion, a sojourn of eight days on this historic and pretty island, a brief description will not be out of place. One of the first and foremost places to visit is the Cathedral, which externally cannot be said to be an imposing edifice, being in a very bad state of disrepair. On entering, at the time of my visit, the interior was most beautifully decorated with artificial lilies (Arum and Easter), and it presented a very pretty sight. The occasion was the Feast of Corpus Christi.

One thing which brings back memories of years ago is a small glass case in which are two flags which were captured from our great and famous Admiral Nelson (he was a lieutenant then) at the time of that disastrous boat attack when he had the sad misfortune to lose his arm.

On the other side is a magnificent piece of carving, the lifelong work of the man who carved it, and who lies buried at the foot of his unfinished work of devotion.

This was all the sight-seeing I did for that day, and after having dinner at the hotel, we (as I had already made the acquaintance of a gentleman who was staying at the hotel under practically the same conditions as myself; he had had a bout of fever on the West Coast of Africa, while I had been landed at Capetown with enteric, and as "a fellow feeling makes one wondrous kind," we soon became fast friends) went to the Plaza de la Constitution, as the square there is called, to listen to the band, which plays there every evening. Great numbers of people

gather here in the cool of the evening and parade up and down. The next day a visit was paid to the Bull Ring, where those gruesome sights enacted at a bull-fight may be seen. The place is like a Roman amphitheatre, with seats all round, and an arena in the centre where the unhappy horses, and ultimately the bull, are done to death to the great delight of the audience.

An excursion was arranged to the other side of the Island, to a place called Tacaronte. Embarking on an electric tram, we slowly climbed the hills, and passed many old signs of the ancient race who once inhabited this island before the advent of the Spaniard. After a most interesting run, Tacaronte was reached, and we put up for the day, or I should say night, and made our plans for the next day. As this way the tram terminus, and we had decided to go to Orotava, we arranged for mules to do so. Although the pace was slow, the scenery was glorious. Descending the hills by a path among vineyards and groves of poplars, we reached the seaside, and also the town of Orotava. This is a pic-

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turesque little place on the seaside, but rarely, if ever, do vessels call there, except, perhaps, a yacht or two. After enjoying two days' visit in and around Tacaronte, we returned to Santa Cruz.

Coals and water being on board, we weighed anchor and proceeded on our long run from Teneriffe to Durban.

Crossing the line was not observed in the same manner as it used to be in earlier times, i.e., by a visit from Father Neptune. Sometimes in the large passing steamers this custom is still observed, although in these times of hurry and bustle these quaint old customs, so dear to the heart of the old-time sailor, are fast dying out.

As I once had the pleasure of witnessing a visit from Father Neptune I will give a brief description of his visit here.

The night before his intended visit a fanfare of trumpets heard on the forecastle head announces the arrival of his envoys. These notify the captain that His Majesty King Neptune will arrive on the following day and hold an initiation ceremony for all people who have not "crossed the line" before. On the following day a fanfare of trumpets announces the arrival of King Neptune, and shortly after he may be seen with all his retinue, the chariot, on which his wife and child, "Bobby Neptune," and himself are seated being drawn along the deck to the old sailor shanties, such as "Roll the Cotton Down" and "Blow the Man Down." After having been received by the captain and obtained the list of persons to be initiated he proceeds to the platform provided for him. His retinue comprises besides those already mentioned, the Lord High Chancellor, Doctor, Barber, Barber's assistant, Police (to round up the subjects), and Bears.

The Lord High Chancellor calls out the name of the first person on the list, and the police at once proceed to bring him on the platform and place him in the hands of the barber. Having been well lathered with a paste made of flour and water he is then shaved with a razor about 18 inches long. After being shaved he is handed over to the waiting bears who proceed to duck him in a large bath, the number of times being regulated by the amount of trouble he has given in being caught by the police.

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## Old Boys' Page

In the "Sydney Morning Herald" of the 29th ult., occurs the following paragraph in the weekly letter from London under the heading "Australians Abroad."—Mr. Llewellyn E. Williams, formerly of Sydney, has just gained the first-class certificate in architecture at King's College, London, and also the medal for sanitation and advanced construction. He will spend a year on the Continent, and a further year in England, before returning to Sydney.

Llewellyn Williams is an old Fort Street boy. We wish him continued success in his profession.

In the recent Law Examination Ronald Osborne gained first place in the Legal History section, and Albert W. Barry third place in the Intermediate Law Examination. Our congratulations.

In the University Examination Lists published last month we note the following successes of old boys—

Faculty of Medicine:—Second Degree Examination: Archie J. Collins (distinction); A. M. Stanton.

Third Degree Examination: C. H. Shearman (credit); G. R. Halloran, B.Sc.; R. A. MacQueen.

Department of Dentistry, Second Year: G. Douglas (credit); Third Year: A. F. Sutton.

Department of Engineering: 1st Year, mathematics:—A. R. Edwards; 2nd Year: R. G. Smith, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, and Mathematics.

Third Year: A. C. Lloyd, R. W. Adamson, G. H. Best.

W. Maxwell, B.A., who for the last couple of years has been sojourning in England, is back in Sydney again. A very pleasant little party of schoolfellows, composed of R. Bathgate, R. Willis, H. Foxall, W. H. Mason, G. C. Whitney and P. R. Watts, met him at dinner at the Cafe Francais, whence they bore him away in triumph to "The Arcadians." From 1896 to 1899 Will Maxwell was captain of the school, an honour since gained by his younger brother, Vic. He proceeded to the 'Varsity where he achieved distinction in literary studies, winning the Beau-

champ Essay Prize, a competition open to all students, graduate or undergraduate. After leaving the 'Varsity, he joined the literary staff of the "Daily Telegraph," which he left only to seek wider fields of experience in the Old World. He has come back with a mine of knowledge and a moustache, both of which we hope will be of assistance to him in his future career.

We congratulate George Travis, Frank Horton and A. E. Roper on their recent marriages. (That sounds like Mormonism, but the fault is with the English language). Earlier in the year another trio of old boys, Melville McNaught, Rupert Cullen-Ward, and George Whitney met with a similar fate. The invitations are out for the wedding of still another old boy, the prospective bride being, as is only fit and proper, an old girl. (That again, does not sound quite complimentary, but the lady is really very young and charming). Altogether the year has been very successful from a matrimonial point of view.

Nevertheless the Union still contains a good many of the unclaimed, which is a good thing for the Union. The men who have warm slippers (not to speak of a warm reception) awaiting them at the domestic fireside are not, generally speaking, to be trusted to carry high the torch of comradeship, whether in the football field or amidst the smoke and clamor of the cafe. Statistics show that it is 85.73 per cent. more difficult

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to sell a dinner ticket to a benedict than to a bachelor. It is deplorable that these things should be thus; but the bachelor element of the Union is magnanimous enough to say, in the words of Peter Doody, "Perhaps you are right, after all."

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#### NEW MEMBERS.

M. Downie, Percy Portus, Herbert Huddy, D. Linsley, J. W. Tindal, W. W. Hill, G. Gartrell.

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### New Books in Senior Library.

"Poynting and Thomson's Sound"; Everett's "C.G.S. System of Units"; Spanton's "Geometrical Drawing"; Godfrey and Siddon's "Modern Geometry"; Carslaw's "Trigonometry" (2); Casey's "Euclid"; "Shakespeare" Dowden; "Shakespeare, His Mind and Art" Dowden; "Modern English Literature," Gosse; "Introduction to the Study of Literature," Hudson; "Selected Essays," Birrell; "Dickens," Ward; "Essays in English," and "Comic Writers," Hazlitt; "Macaulay's Essays, Reviews and Poems"; "English Literature, Vols. I. and II." Lee; "The Merchant of Venice," Rolfe; "The Merchant of Venice," Verity; "The Age of Tennyson," Walker; "Bell's Miniature Series of Great Writers," Chaucer (Tuckwell), "Spenser," (Tuckwell); "Shakespeare," (Ewen); "Milton," (Williamson); "Johnson," (Dennis); "De Foe," (Wherry); "Coleridge," (Garnett); "De Quincey," (Salt); "Lamb," (Jerrold); "Goldsmith," (Lang Backland); "Horace," (Tuckwell); "Moliere," (Marziels); "Elizabethan Literature," Saintsbury; "Henry Esmond, English Humorists, etc," Thackeray; "French Literature," Lanson; "French Literature," Keene; "Spier's French Grammar and Lexicon"; "French Pronunciation," Sailen and Holme; "The Student's Roman Empire," Bury; "Latin Grammar," Gildersleeve and Lodge; "Odes of Horace," Garnsey; "Epilegomena on Horace," Garnsey; "Ancient Law," Maine; "Vanity Fair," Thackeray; "Constitutional History of Rome," Tay-

lor (2); "History of Roman Literature," Cruttwell; "Makers of Modern Prose," Dawson; "Makers of Modern Poetry," Dawson; "Makers of English Fiction," Dawson.

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### Library News.

During this month a large number of the best and most expensive new books, both for girls and boys, have been placed in the school library. The lists will be found in another place. Though the number of book borrowers has doubled itself in the last few years, yet there are dozens of faces that are never seen in the library. What is the good of having books if they are not read by all? More good magazines and periodicals are needed.

The librarian has managed to purchase over a hundred of the finest new stories for boys and girls, most of them volumes published at five and six shillings each. These are now in the library and available for readers.

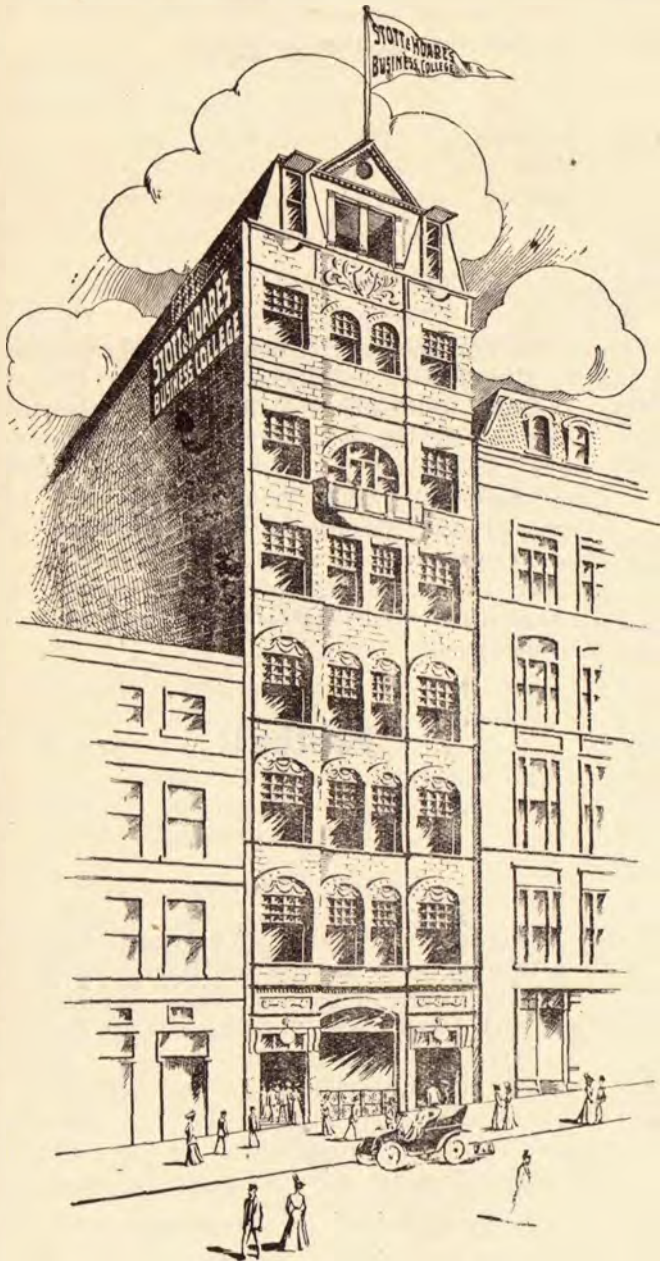
The librarian desires to thank heartily Mr. A. J. Hanson for a very generous donation of one guinea towards purchasing reference books for the new Senior Library. He also desires to thank Mr. George W. Card, of the Mining Museum, and N. Esserman and E. O. Green for gifts of magazines and books both to the Senior and to the School Library. Other gifts of a similar nature will be highly appreciated.

We beg to congratulate Isabel Knight on winning the Parkes Bursary for 1910.

A very interesting afternoon was spent by the Debating Society on the 19th ult., when Mr. B. J. Stevens addressed the members on the subject of Local Government. Mr. Kilgour presided.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Shipweck Relief Society held on the 23rd ult., Eric Hurt received the Society's bronze medal and certificate for bravery in saving life at Bondi early in the year.

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# Girls' Page.

Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

## Hockey

### OLD GIRLS v. PRESENT SCHOOL.

The first match was played on Tuesday, 30th August, between two teams of the Fortians, the Old Girls being captained by Miss Eliza Cray and the Present School by Miss Maloney. The result was a win for Present School by two goals to nil.

The return match was played on Thursday, 1st September, when Miss Edie Rea captained the Old Girls. The result was again a win for Present School by two goals to nil.

### BADGE COMPETITION.

The 3rd match completing the first round of the above was played on 9th August between Myee and Kareela and resulted in a draw of two goals each—Doris Ide and Elsie Shorter scoring for Kareela and Elsie Rea and Aimee Ingamells for Myee. The end of the 1st round left the teams with the following points:—

Teams	Won	Lost	Dwn.	Points
Kareela	0	0	2	2
Myee	0	1	1	1
Invictae	1	0	1	3

### 2nd ROUND.

#### 1st Match—

Kareela met Invictae on 11th August and defeated them by three goals to nil, Muriel Sledge, Edie Rea, and Mona Hughes scoring one goal each.

#### 2nd Match—

Invictae v. Myee—played on 16th August, and won by Myee by three goals to one. Goalshooters for Myee, Aimee Ingamells, Doris Williams, and Olga Reeves, and Jessie Gazzard for Invictae. In this match Invictae suffered from the unavoidable absence of their centre-forward, Dot Cooper.

#### 3rd Match—

In this match, 20th August, Myee and Kareela played another draw of one goal each, Aimee Ingamells scoring for Myee and Elsie Shorter for Kareela. This finished the 2nd round of the competition, leaving the teams in the following positions:—

Teams	Won	Lost	Dwn	Points
Kareela	1	0	3	5
Myee	1	1	2	4
Invictae	1	2	0	3

### FORTIANS v. COMBINED XI.

The Fortians met a combined Eleven captained by Miss Heydon, at Rushcutters Bay Oval on Thursday, 18th August. The clubs represented were: Valkyrie, Coeeyanna, Wandali, Amazons, and University. The game was very hard and very well played, resulting in a draw of one goal each. Elsie Rea succeeded in scoring for the Fortians, who were captained by Edie Rea.

Mr. B. I. Swannell refereed the match. A return match could not be given owing to club arrangements.

## Football.

### THE FINAL.

(By "Rover.")

Played on Thursday, 25th August, between the two top teams, Kareela and Myee, who made their third draw of the competition, scoring one goal each, Doris Ide for Kareela and Olga Reeves for Myee. It seems that these teams are unable to beat each other, but as the onlooker says:—"There were many chances lost." Kareela therefore, is the proud winner of this season's medals by beating Myee six points to five.

### FORTIANS II. v. WINORA.

In the return match against Winora the Selection Committee decided to send a second XI, the Firsts having proved altogether too much for their opponents. The match was played at Burwood, 13th August, and resulted in a

win for Fortians II. by five goals to nil, the scorers being Jessie Gazzard (2), Olga Reeves (1), Doris Ide (1), Dot Cooper (1). Mr. Muggridge acted as umpire.

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## Thanks.

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Miss Partridge, president, and the committee of the Hockey Club wish to thank Mr. Swannell for the presentation of the silver medals won in connection with the Badge Competition of the club.

The Boys' Department desires to thank Misses Partridge, Dennis, and Drummond, and the girls who gave their services at the two concerts by which the school funds benefited to the extent of £7 9s 6d. The two short plays were thoroughly enjoyed by the audiences, and the amateur actresses one and all deserve every commendation for the way they rendered their parts.

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## Concert

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On Friday the 26th August, a very interesting concert was given in the main room. The concert was opened by a pianoforte solo given by Miss C. E. Booth. Miss Lynch gave the song "Invitation," which was highly appreciated. For her second song she gave "If Nobody Ever Marries Me."

"Our Aunt from California" was played very successfully by the girls. Nora Hay took the leading part of Sally, the Madcap Sister; Bella Murray, fashionable sister Rosalie; Winnie Wright, lugubrious sister Felicia; Coralie Leefson, dressmaker; Miss Wilcox-Gibbs, Heather McKenzie, mother of the girls; Hilda Ferguson, the Aunt from California; Ella Dennis, the housemaid. Miss Nora Hay greatly amused the audience with her ready wit. The concert was concluded by another pianoforte solo by Miss Booth, a recitation by Rea Barnier, and a recitation "The Irish Schoolmaster," by Miss H. Dennis. Miss Dennis received an encore owing to the splendid manner in which she delivered the peculiarities of an Irish school. The room was packed and on account of the many who could not receive admittance the concert was repeated.

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## Swimming

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The girls' swimming season will open at Elkington Park Baths, on the first Wednesday after Michaelmas. Swimming day will be Wednesday afternoon, when the whole club will attend. The baths have been practically rebuilt and enlarged, so there will be more than sufficient accommodation.

Miss Partridge wishes all girls who can do so to join the club, and indulge in this, the best of all exercises for girls. All classes may attend swimming, with the exception of the small children of 2A and 3A. Subscriptions may be paid in to the hon. secs. on and after Monday, 19th September.

Life-saving classes will be formed immediately, and girls are desired to practice speed and fancy swimming for a display early in November, when Mr. Hendry, hon. sec. of the Royal Life-Saving Society, London, will be in Sydney on a visit.

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## The Parkes' Bursary

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We desire to offer our sincerest congratulations to Isabel Knight, who has crowned her splendid pass in the recent Junior Examination by winning the Parkes Bursary. This prize, which is valued at £3, was awarded this year to the boy or girl, belonging to a Public School, who secured the highest aggregate marks in English, Arithmetic, History, Geography.

Isabel is a universal favorite, both as a girl and as a student, so that we but express the general feeling of pleasure at her success, and we feel we are more than justified in predicting for her greater successes in the future.

We may not be considered out of place if we here ask the pertinent question—"Who will secure this coveted honor for our School next year?"

## Girls' L. & D. Society

The above society held a debate on July 14th, 1910, on the respective merits of town and country life.

The views of those believing in the superiority of town over country life were espoused by Olive Dwight, supported by Edith Mackaness and Ethel Stanton, while the partisans of country life were represented by Ivy Stevens, supported by Dorothy Pinkerton and Ivy Barlow.

The speech given by Dorothy Pinkerton contained a very pretty little word picture of the country. After a closely contested field, the upholders of town life gained a slight victory.

The subject for next debate is as yet undecided.

## Notes and News.

The Second Year Probationary Students (girls) sit for their entrance examination into the Teachers' College at the end of this month. We wish them all success.

The school is sending a number of squads of boys and girls to take part in the displays at the P.S.A.A.A. sports meeting on the 15th instant.

The Old Boys' next season will probably start in the Young Australian Competition, and with good management, should carry off the premier-ship with honours. All desirous of participating as requested to communicate with the secretary at the school.

We desire, on behalf of the School, to thank Mr. A. C. Coghlan, of the Chief Secretary's Department, for presenting us with a large framed photo. of the ceremony of proclaiming His Majesty King George V. in Sydney. It has been hung in the Main Room.

Jack L. Wright, of CI 1901-1908, received top marks, viz., 527-600 marks, 87 5-6 per cent. at 2nd term examination, 2nd year engineers. Sydney Technical College; highest percentage obtained by any student at this examination.

What a difference music makes when soldiers are marching. The whole school watches with interest Mannix's clever playing of the kettle-drum.

## Cadet News.

The regular morning drills still continue, and the value can easily be seen. We are at present training both for the sports and for a series of cinematograph pictures of "The Life of a Cadet," which are to be taken by West's for production. The smartest cadets only are to be chosen to take part in both these displays.

The annual inspection by Colonel Paul took place on Wednesday, August 10, at Centennial Park, 97 of all ranks being present. The O.C. was complimented on the fine turnout (best corps in the battalion). Sgt.-major Draper, Col.-sgt. Furness, Corp. Duff, L.-Corpl. Thompson, Signallers Cullen-Ward, Atkins, and Rees, Cadets Hansel and Musgrove were selected as representative types of cadets, and had their photos. taken by the "Daily Telegraph" authorities. Their photos. duly appeared in the August 13 issue of that paper.

Signaller Jones of our detachment was selected by Colonel Paul as being the best turned out cadet from the whole of the First Battalion at this inspection, August 10, 550 cadets being present.

Annual musketry has commenced. The first shoot was held at Randwick on Saturday, August 20, 60 of our cadets being present. Sergt. Gibbon, Cadet Webber, Col.-Sgt. Furness, Corp. Davidson, Corp. Duff, Cadet Hansel, Cadet Blaygrave, and Bugler Rees being top scores at 100 and 200 yards.

The following is the list of the remainder of the parades for this year:—  
October 4th.—Whole Day, Domain.  
November 15th.—Whole Day, Maroubra.  
December 5th.—Half Day, Domain.

Besides these we are to have our morning's drill, Wednesday's for Company drill, and one day for a non. coms., bugler, and signallers' sham fight, similar to the one held at La Perouse.

Two references have lately appeared in the "Sunday Times" about the Fort Street Cadets. One on August 14 about the signalling which still continues on Wednesday afternoons, and the other about the neatness and cleanliness and general turnout of the corps on inspection day.

We are putting a team in the Challenge Bugle Competition at the N.R.A. Meeting in October next. We are busy practising. The competition consists of 10 shots at 200 yards. Cleveland Street won this competition last year. It may be remembered also that they beat us by 1 point in our last Battalion Shoot.

It has been suggested that the School put a team into one of the Saturday competitions, City and Suburban for preference. Old Boys and Presents are to be eligible. Any Old Boys desirous of playing are requested to communicate with Mr. Parsonage at the School as soon as convenient.

Fort Street Company of Junior Cadets (A Company 1st Battalion, is credited with being the finest company in the battalion. The use of the kettle-drum in the weekly drills is a great advantage, especially in the marching.



## Rugby Football

It was pleasing to note the number of teachers present at the dinner at the Sydney Cricket Ground after the Old Boys' matches. Messrs. Selle, Cantwell, Hunt, Collins, Lusby, Scott, McNiven, Murray, and Parsonage sat down to dinner. This evinces a lively interest in the sports by the teachers; a good thing for boys and school.

In clearing out the storeroom a school football souvenir of 1904 was discovered. In looking through it the following outstanding features were noted:—The school badge has changed since those days, being then a white metal one, with a representation of the school and 1849 on it. Mr. J. W. Turner was the headmaster, Mr. W. A. Ferguson hon. sec., and C. Smith (now Dr. Smith) captain. The names of "Billy" Murdoch, "Fred" Spoffoth, Mr. F. W. Mannall, Charlie Winn, Bangor, Row, Mr. F. McManamey, "Dick" Combes, Bob, Maidment, Trevor Turner, Victor Maxwell, W. Hill, Arthur Homersham, Mr. T. Roberts, P. Cane, A. Scott, F. Underwood appeared in the pages. In those days the N.S.W. Rugby Union gave 70 guineas towards trophies in the class competitions, as well as footballs. The school practised on Birchgrove Reserve. Four hundred and three boys played Rugby in the school. The school played Te Aute College on the Cricket Ground, Combined Schools at Orange and Bathurst, the Old Boys, and the Training College. No Sports Union in those days. Sixpence was the entry fee for football. One class (M5) had a membership of 41 financial members. R. Adamson, J. H. Bosward, F. Hardwick, C. Bosward, H. Gilbert and Dennis are some who played in the 1904 team, and are still playing Rugby football.

Among the results we note—Old Boys beat the School 15 to 3, Training College beat the School 11 to 8, Te Aute also won 31 points to 4. The School beat Orange Combined 12 to 3, also defeating Bathurst 30 to nil.

In the semi-finals of the B Grade Class Competitions, Mr. Wines' defeated Combined Sheds by 26 to nil, and Mr. Hilliard's defeated Mr. Dyce's by 28 to nil. In the final Mr. Wines' defeated Mr. Williams' 16 to 3. The match was played on the Sports Ground, kindly arranged for by Mr. T. Lappin, and was a well-contested game, evoking great interest in the school.

The Present School defeated the Old Boys Team on the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 1 on Wednesday, August 7th, by 34 to 19. The School, on beating such a fine team, eight first graders and City and Suburban players, and



The trophies will be photos of the team, to one Interstate player (W. W. Hill) is to be congratulated. The combination of the School team was splendid, C. Bray (Capt.), K. Flook, C. Harden, G. Morgan, and F. O'Grady playing finely indeed. The combination among the Old Boys was a trifle faulty, except for one quarter of an hour, when three brilliant tries were added by the left wing (Collins, Bosward) in rapid succession. The Old Boys lead after this, the score at this stage being 19 to 11, but the School, working well together and putting every ounce into it, made the score 19 to 17. Then for ten minutes the School simply stormed the line, C. Bray, G. Harden, K. Flook, and Pat. O'Grady being very prominent. F. O'Grady at this part of the game made two very fine runs, once only being bumped out right on the corner flag. At length the School wore them down, and scored a try. Bray adding the extras, making the score 22 to 19 in favour of the Presents. After this it was only a procession, try after try being added by good combination, aided by good condition. The kicking of the Presents was their only weak point. Among the prominent forwards were:—Cunningham, Brett, Moore, Miller and Langan. Mr. M. McNiven, Morgan and Bray converting, F. O'Grady (3), K. Flook (2), Miller, Morgan, G. Harden, C. Bray, and G. Murray scored tries. Mr. B. I. Swannell refereed. After the game members of the teams, including the Australian rules, who played on the No. 2 Ground, assembled in the Pavilion for dinner. Expressions of goodwill were passed by C. Bray, G. T. Hill,—Brown, Mr. Scott, Mr. Hunt, W. W. Hill. The utterances included "Wishes for this to be made an annual function," "Welfare of Both Games," "Appeal to all Old Boys to Join the Union," "The Grand Old Institution," "The Victors," "The Losers."

The early match was between a School team and Christian Bros' High School, Waverley. The School won by 9 to 3. The game was a very even one for the first half, but as soon as the School livened up a little they had matters all their own way. Those noticed putting in specially good work were Wallace, C. Flook, Kirke, Thom, Thorne, Hellstrom, and Frecker. Mr. T. Lappin refereed. Wallace (2), C. Flook, Thom, and Mathers scored tries; Flook and Thom converted one each.

## Australian Rules

FORT STREET v. PETERSHAM.

The long looked-for meeting in the final of the premiership matches culminated at Eskineville Oval on Saturday, August 27th prior to the match Metropolis v. Riverina. The form of our representatives was excellent and although confident of the result such an easy victory was never anticipated.

After a preparatory photo, which has since appeared in the "Sydney Mail," the teams lined out on the field ready for the fray. A tricky "fish-tail" wind was blowing, but was not strong enough to mar any display of good football. Punctually to time the ball was bounced and after a few minutes it was very evident that we were to prevail. The ball was quickly forwarded to our end when "Kinno" snapped the first behind. Soon after, by the agency of Smith and the nimble centre forward, the two flags were raised. Petersham in this quarter scored 2 behinds to our 2 goals, 3 behinds. On changing sides, the "Reds" had the assistance of the wind, and taking full advantage of it, piled on 3 goals 2 behinds to their opponents' nil, the goals coming from the boots of Kinnimont, Rees and Flook, and the scores totalling 35 points to 2. The third quarter was productive of more even play and though the Blues rallied a little they could not breach the big margin and scored only 2 additional points to our one. Then in the final term after the teams had been refreshed by the oranges brought by our lady patron, Mrs. Pooley, and delivered by our mentor, another good quarter resulted, Fort's, however, having a little extra luck: two goals were kicked by our side by Kinnimont and Harrison, and again, as in the last three matches, Petersham were not allowed to score a single in this term.

The final scores were: Fort Street 7 goals 6 behinds—48 points; Petersham, 4 behinds—4 points.

Mr. W. Prince (Redfern Club) umpired capably and made the game as interesting as any one could wish. Kinnimont kicked 3 goals, Flook 2, Harrison and A. Rees 1. The match was won by superior play, dash and excellent combination, and the result is due to the attention paid by members to their daily practice.

The trophies will be photos of the team, to be presented in October. The boys who will sit before the camera will be:—

B. O'Grady (capt.), F. Campbell, J. Hankin, C. Harrison, K. Flook, H. Evatt, S. Holmes, W. Holmes, H. Hudson, D. Parkes, R. Smith, H. Kinnimont, A. Rees, J. Pooley, H. Flint, H. Yates, H. Reeves, R. Dexter, and G. Holmes.

The players who pleased the spectators mostly were J. Hankin (full-back) and Hal. Kinnimont, while Smith came in for a good deal of praise. O'Grady and Campbell were not up to their usual form, Harrison played ably as indeed did the remainder of the team.

## Notes

No one was more sorry than Bert Evatt himself to have been a spectator of the final owing to illness. This should not, however, mar his selection for the rep. team.

The selectors of the N.S.W. team, Messrs. Perry, Rogers, Reid, McDarra, and Selle, have selected 24 players, nine from Fort Street.

The team will probably leave for Melbourne in the Michaelmas vacation so that no time for study will be lost.

'Tis whispered that Mr. G. McDarra (St. Leonards), is likely to be the manager of the team, and if so, success is assured.

The match on 17th August against the Old Boys at the Sydney C Ground was a huge success and should be the progenitor of many more interesting fixtures of a like nature.

The Old Boys' team comprised: K. Walker (capt.), H. Brown, Milne, Wilson, Farrell, Gartrell, Neill, Billington, Priestley, Taylor, Keen, Gibbons, Lane, Bradley, Vader, Phelps, Russell, Crozier, Weatherley, and Jessop.

The team was indeed a formidable one and the school was fortunate to score so well, the margin of 5 points being little compared to the calibre of the opposing sides.

Albert Barry umpired the game in a thoroughly impartial manner, and deserves a good "pat on the back" for his effort.

Sorry to learn that K. Walker was incapacitated during the match and hope that he is again moving about as nimbly as ever.

## Our Sports Meeting

On an ideal Spring day on Wednesday, the 7th instant, the 3rd Annual Sports Meeting of the School was held at the Sydney Sports' Ground. The attendance of parents and friends was very large and included Mr. Senior Inspector Parkinson and Mr. Inspector S. H. Smith. In every way the sports were a success. One great pity, however, was that the afternoon was not twice as long. The cadets, Senior and Junior, are to be complimented on their excellent performances in the displays, as also the dumb-bell and gymnastic squads. The sham fight was one of the features of the afternoon.

The hundred yards' champion of the School is again Bray, the School captain. We congratulate him on his success.

It would take a large amount of space to thank all those who gave all their energies to the work of the sports meeting. We thank heartily all concerned. The officials were as follows:—

### Officials for Sports Meeting.

Judges (100 yds. events)—Messrs. Kilgour, Cusbert and Hurt. Judges (long distance events)—Messrs. Fraser, G. Mackaness and Macnee. Judges (novelty events)—Messrs. McNiven, Murray, Scott, Lappin (football). Starter—Mr. W. A. Selle. Timekeepers—Messrs. E. W. Parker, S. Cantrell, J. Lusby. Result Stewards—Mr. Hannay and pupils. Check Starters—Messrs. Davies, McKenzie, Barber, Montgomery, Hilliard. Clerks of Course—Messrs. McKenzie, Dyce, McMiles. Displays—Lieut. C. R. Collins, A.A.S.C., Capt. A. W. Parsonage, Lieut. Meldrum, Lieut. S. Davies, Lieut. E. Parker, Mr J. Tate.

3rd and 4th CLASS HANDICAP.—Heat 1: Boyd, 1; Lyons, 2. Heat 2: Provan, 1; Hurt, 2. Heat 3: G. Lyons, 1; Sedgwick, 2. Heat 4: Bowyer, 1; Johnson, 2. Final: G. Lyons, 1; Provan, 2.

5th CLASS HANDICAP.—Heat 1: Clifford, 1; Coxon, 2. Heat 2: G. Lequesne, 1; R. Strange, 2. Heat 3: S. Graham, 1; A. Pethebridge, 2. Heat 4 and 5: T. Ross, 1; L. Durno, 2. Heat 6 and 7: A. Welch, 1; C. Huthnance, 2. Semi-final 1: H. Clifford, 1; C. Lequesne, 2. Semi-final 2: S. Graham, 1; N. Coxon, 2.

Final: G. Lequesne, 1; H. Clifford, 2; N. Coxon, 3.

6th CLASS HANDICAP.—Heat 1: Ruwald, 1; Bondiotti, 2. Heat 2: Reboul, 1; Leslie, 2. Heat 3: Foote, 1; Prior, 2; Heat 4: Etherden, 1; Cummins, 2. Heat 5: Upton, 1; McShane, 2. Heat 6 and 7: Brown, 1; Muller, 2. Heat 8: Hunt, 1; Puckeridge, 2. Heat 9: Sindel, 1; Moore, 2. Heat 10: Cox, 1; Burnett, 2. Heat 11: Wise, 1; Wheeler, 2. Heat 12: Ward, 1; Ross, 2. Heat 13: Young, 1; Boatwright, 2. Semi-final 1: Upton, 1; Reboul, 2. Semi-final 2: Etherden, 1; Hunt, 2. Semi-final 3: Cox, 1; Ross, 2. Final: Upton, 1; Reboul, 2; Cox, 3.

JUNIOR HANDICAP.—Heat 1: Cleland, 1; Paterson, 2. Heat 2: Yates, 1; Parkes, 2. Heat 3: Thorne, 1; Enderby, 2. Final: Cleland, 1; Thorne, 2; Enderby, 3.

SENIOR HANDICAP.—Heat 1: Flook, 1; Kennedy, 2; Harden, 3. Heat 2: Ferguson, 1; Bray, 2; Leask, 3. Final: Kennedy, 1; Bray, 2; Flook, 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP (Under 10).—Heat 1: Peterson, 1; Annam, 2; Russell, 3. Heat 2: Lyons, 1; Parsons, 2; Drummond, 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP (10 and 11 years).—Heat 1: Pethebridge, 1; S. Lyons, 2; Mannix, 3. Heat 2: Langford, 1; Boyd, 2; Sedgwick, 3. Heat 3: Hurt, 1; Sorenson, 2; Holley, 3. Final: Langford, 1; Pethebridge, 2; Lyons, 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP (13 years).—Heat 1: Hunt, 1; Hansel, 2; Hudson, 3. Heat 2: Clifford, 1; Cass, 2; Hopcraft, 3. Heat 3: Welsh, 1; Hoffman, 2; Marshall, 3. Final: Hansel, 1; Hunt, 2; Clifford, 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP (14 years).—Heat 1: Cox, 1; Hill, 2; Burnett, 3. Heat 2: Upton, 1; Gerdes, 2; Foote, 3. Heat 3: Wedlock, 1; Green, 2; Evans, 3. Final: Upton, 1; Cox, 2; Hill, 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP (15 years).—Heat 1: Spark, 1; Boatwright, 2; Donaldson, 3. Heat 2: Enderby, 1; Etherden, 2; Ruwald, 3. Final: Enderby, 1; Spark, 2; Donaldson, 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP (16 years).—C. Paterson and D. Parkes, dead heat.

HIGH JUMP.—J. Ferguson, 1.

JUNIOR RELAY.—No. 1 and No. 2 teams, dead heat, 1; No. 3 team, 3.

THROWING AT WICKET.—N. Croft, 1; W. Stafford, 2; F. Rinaldi, 3.

KICKING FOOTBALL.—T. Connelly, 1; W. Stafford, 2; K. Flook, 3.

SENIOR RELAY.—No. 1 team, 1; No. 2 team, 2; No. 4 team, 3.

JUNIOR VICTORIA CROSS RACE.—C. Draper, 1; C. Furness, 2.

SENIOR VICTORIA CROSS RACE.—E. Sedgwick, 1; H. Butz, 2.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF SCHOOL.—C. Bray, 1 (time, 10 4/5 secs.); E. F. Campbell, 2; F. O'Grady, 3.

FANCY COSTUME RACE.—Best Dress: Latimer, 1 (Cook); Asher 2 (Man of Straw). Race: Asher, 1; Rees, 2.

SACK RACE.—C. Brown, 1; P. Spender, 2.

440YDS. HANDICAP.—C. Bray, 1 (time, 57 1-5 secs.); F. O'Grady, 2; H. Brett, 3.

WHEELBARROW RACE.—Flook and Morgan, 1; Firth and Stewart, 2.

JUNIOR WALK.—S. Stephens, 1; R. Evatt, 2; G. Ferris, 3.

SENIOR WALK.—E. Leask, 1; C. Wallace, 2.

BICYCLE HANDICAP.—C. Thompson, 1; C. Ruwald, 2.

SENIOR OBSTACLE RACE.—H. Brett, 1; B. O'Grady, 2; L. Firth, 3.

OLD BOYS' HANDICAP.—McLean, 1; Downey, 2; Weston, 3.

SENIOR HURDLE.—Heat 1: F. Campbell, 1; F. O'Grady, 2; Bray, 3. Heat 2: B. O'Grady, 1; Enderby, 2. Final: F. O'Grady, 1; C. Bray, 2.

JUNIOR HURDLE.—Heat 1: Cantrell, 1; Hansel, 2. Heat 2: Cox, 1; Gerdes, 2; Watkins, 3. Heat 3: H. Clifford, 1, E. Watkins, 2. Final: Cox, 1, Gerdes, 2, Cantrell, 3.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP.—F. O'Grady, 1; Campbell, 2; Kennedy, 3.

THREE-LEGGED RACE.—Ross and Coxon, 1; Flint and Croft, 2.

JUNIOR OBSTACLE RACE.—Heat 1: Kinnimont, 1; Morgan, 2; Rigney, 3. Heat 2: Colgate, 1; Hammond, 2; Russell, 3. Heat 3: Green, 1; Watkins, 2; Provan, 3. Heat 4: Foote, 1; Cantrell, 2; Everett, 3. Final: Morgan, 1; Watkins, 2; Everett, 3.

880 YARDS HANDICAP.—No decision.

TUG OF WAR.—Bray's team.

The Recorder, Mr. Hannay, desires particularly to thank the following boys for their help in compiling the results:—Kench, Parrett, York, Bruce, and Getting.

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## : Editorial :

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### Running the Blockade.

By C. J. McLeod [Old Boy],

At some distance off St. Helena is passed. Of course with this lonely island the name of the great Napoleon will always be associated. After his capture he was exiled and spent the rest of his days there. Leaving this lonely island behind, we shaped our course for the Cape, and on this run we experienced our first spell of bad weather. The ship rolled frightfully, and great green seas came on board. This made things very uncomfortable and put a stop to our evening amusement. We sighted the Cape of Good Hope, and rounding the same, headed for Durban, as the port is erroneously called. Port Natal

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is really the name of the port, the town of Durban being a mile inland. The steep headland known as the Bluff at last hove in sight, and as we approached it we observed a trim little steamer coming out to meet us. This was the pilot boat and tug; but she looked more like a yacht than a vessel used to such heavy work as towing. Having put the pilot on board, she stood by us till we were safely berthed at the wharf. Hundreds of natives at once besieged the ship, and made preparations to coal us. The dress of these natives is very quaint. Some have the old cast-off uniforms of the soldiers who fought in the late war, while others have sacks and such like quaint dress. A great prize is an old frock coat and an old straw hat. To see a Zulu or Kaffir strolling about dressed in these is a sight worth seeing. The coal is carried on board in small baskets and the rapidity with which a ship is coaled by this method is marvellous. The natives seem to be a happy lot and are always laughing, singing, or making jokes with each other; and seem to have no cares or worries.

I paid a visit to the town in the evening. The methods of conveyance here are either by tram or rickshaw. The speed which the ricksha men attain and maintain is marvellous; and they seem to be as fresh after a long run of about a mile as when they started. There are some fine buildings in the town, notably the Town Hall, and the railway station. In the Town Hall there is a fine organ, and at a later visit I had the pleasure of hearing it. The harbour will, in the course of a few more years be a very fine one. Next day coaling finished, we bade adieu to this interesting town and started on another lap of our journey, viz., from Durban to Labuan. At this juncture we began to have some suspicions as to our final destination. A Russian port was hinted at, but we were not sure.

After leaving Durban, we ran due East; or in nautical parlance "ran our Easting down."

Reaching Long. 85 E. a course was set for the Strait of Sunda. Fine weather was experienced all the way and the passage to the entrance of the strait was without incident.

The weather now began to get hot as we were nearing the equator. In due time we entered the strait and passed the volcanic island of Kraakatoa. This to outward appearances is only a large rock in the middle of the strait; but

what a tremendous eruption there must have been to build up such a large rock. Great quantities of drift wood were passed, and in the distance, with many birds perched on it, looked like small canoes with natives in them. Logs of trees, stumps, and banana trees floated past in large numbers. A most peculiar mirage happened during our passage through. A sailing vessel was observed apparently inverted and up in the sky instead of in the sea. This was the first mirage that I witnessed and it filled me full of wonderment at first as to what it could be.

On passing the islands, cocoanut trees could be seen growing in great profusion. The scenery was all new to us. We had not up to the present been used to tropical scenes.

We threaded our way through a maze of islands, and at last the particular island that we required was seen. What a wild desolate scene presented itself to us. No sign of habitation could be seen, and the only guiding mark was a beacon up on one of the hills. Rounding a point a tiny village was visible. This was Labuan; and it was here that our ultimate destination was to be decided.

Several other steamers were in port, at the one and only wharf, and the others at anchor. We also came to an anchor.

The harbour master boarded us, and informed us that all these vessels were bound to Vladivostock. Of course we naturally jumped to the conclusion that we were going to do likewise. Our surmise later on proved to be correct, as after events will prove. The next day we went up to the wharf and started to coal. The coaling is done here by Chinese. Either the Malay is too lazy or they are not to be obtained in sufficient numbers.

While we were still at the wharf, the captain mustered all hands and asked them if they were willing to go to Vladivostock. He told them that he had power from the owners to offer them two months' extra pay each. The men were not agreeable to go on these terms; so the captain told them to go forward and discuss the matter amongst themselves. Mustering them again, they told him that they would not go for less than four months' extra. This was cabled home to the owners, and in the course of a few days the reply came, and told the captain to accept the men's terms. All that was left to

do was to take in the necessary stores for our journey.

The village of Labuan is only a collection of huts, where the Chinese live, and a few stores. There is a cable station here. This is where the Eastern cable comes ashore on its long journey to China. There is also a coal mine in the interior of the island. The quality of the coal is very good; and when its peculiarities are overcome, good steaming results are obtained.

I went for several rambles in the island, and beheld many wonderful and curious things.

The first visit ashore was in the evening; we wandered around the village first, but as there was not much of interest, we wended our way towards the interior of the island. The first thing to strike the eye of the observer is the great numbers of fire-flies. They look just like tiny balls of fire darting to and fro amongst the trees.

The next ramble was in the daytime, and we immediately on landing struck out for the interior. Tropical vegetation is beautiful, and grows luxuriantly. The climbing ferns were simply magnificent. All the pools had water-lilies growing in them and looked lovely, as they were in bloom. I still have some specimens of these beautiful ferns as a memento of my visit to this interesting island.

While we were at Labuan a man-of-war, the H.M.S. "Rambler," came in, so we arranged a football match with that ship. Just imagine a football match in Sydney on a hot summer's day! You can then have a slight idea what the conditions were like. The result was a draw, one goal each. Of course, it relieved the monotony, which was the main thing.

Meanwhile preparations were being made for our departure. All being ready, we hove up anchor, and proceeded on our eventful trip. We were the last of the ships to leave Labuan. Altogether five ships left at that particular time for Vladivostock, and only two of us got safely through the Japanese lines.

A school boys' essay on Bobbie Burns recently contained the following:—

"Buns was the greatest of Scotch poets.  
I am very fond of Buns."

## Autobiography of a Handball.

By F. Styles.

It is only about a month ago since I came into prominence with the school children. Before this I was lying dormant in a shop in Wallace Street. Imagine my delightful feelings when I was escorted up to school by a young boy, but oh! the first hit against the wall made me almost wish I was back in my little quiet corner in the shop. Now that the children have got used to me I would not leave them for the world. Their merry laugh and lively chatter make me feel so very young, and with one joyous whoop I leap with joy. Although I am only a handball, little disputes arise to see who will play with me. The teacher sometimes actually takes me in hand as a scientific example and he squeezes and probes me until I become very shy and uncomfortable.

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(This essay was sent by Mr. Lasker, who has already introduced the "Sport of the Gods" to the Braidwood District. Perhaps Bray will find a vanquisher in a country lad.—Ed.)

## The Old Boys' Union.

The central event of the current month, as far as Old Boys are concerned, will undoubtedly be the Annual Dinner of the Fort Street Old Boys' Union. It will be held at the A.B.C. Cafe on Friday, October 21, at 7.30 p.m. A smart appreciation in the shares of the A.B.C. Company may be looked for by the end of October.

The Annual Dinner is pre-eminently the occasion of the year, on which former pupils of the School, young and old, meet together. It gives those whose entry into commercial employment or into the possession of a locker at the 'Varsity is still a fresh source of pride, an opportunity of mixing with the giants of elder days, even with such classic monuments of the misty past as Mr. Hyam Hains. Perhaps we should rather have said "gazing on," one does not "mix with" a monument, at least under normal conditions. Still, after a good dinner (in the writer's young days, when geometry was the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and algebra the destruction that walketh at noonday) he was often adjured to rise above the limitations of his own petty personality, and emulate the example of seniors like Sharpe, Wellisch, Norman, and Maxwell. Now he supposes, unless the fashion of the principal's exhortation has altered, the boys of to-day are encouraged to walk down the corridors of the School's Pantheon and gaze on later images, the names just mentioned have become like the elder gods of Greek mythology—Chronos and the rest—eclipsed by Zeus and his race. The one warm drop of consolation in this cup of cold oblivion is the reflection that the Old School is still an Alma Mater of heroes, both on and off the playing-field. Fill your glasses, *Floreat via Castellana!*

To return to present-day facts, tickets for the dinner, for which application should be made to the secretary, Percy R. Watts, 12 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, are 4s, and those who intend to be present may study the convenience of the committee and of themselves to a slight extent by taking the trouble to apply before the 17th instant, enclosing a postal note for the amount. When an Old Boy joins the Union and gets into the habit of actively supporting it by attending its various functions, it is not much trouble for him to go a step further and bethink himself of other boys whom he meets occasionally, and who, perhaps, are not aware of the existence or at least of the value of the Old Boys' Union, and induce them to join.

The worth of old boys' unions in connection with our leading schools is something to which the sincerest testimony can be borne by those who "have tried it." Not only on the social side, but from the point of view of success in life, the sort of freemasonry which a vigorous old boys' union represents is found to be a decided help and encouragement. When one enters the Circumlocution Office, and resigns one's self to the inevitable period of patient waiting, it is pleasant to find one's meditations on whether the quantity of red tape required in our Government offices during a twelvemonth would stretch from Circular Quay to the Railway Station once only, or there and back again, interrupted by a recognition from a friendly face on the other side of the counter, and a query as to "What brings you down here?" This is only an informal introduction of the object of one's journey, with the result that the wheels that grind so exceeding slow as to make the spectator indifferent as to whether they grind small or not, seem to be suddenly lubricated and put your business through in record time. That is only one, but not an unfair instance, of the way in which old boys are able at times legitimately to assist one another.

The marriage of Mr. E. C. Cizzio and Miss Annie Coyle, both ex-pupils of the School, was celebrated at Pitt Street Congregational Church on 24th ult. Miss Partridge and a number of old boys and girls were among the guests.

Mr. W. Williams (1899 junior) is now occupying an important position on the managerial

staff of the Royal Insurance Co. Previously to his appointment, he was for some years in Queensland. His elder brother, "J.B.," is with Burns, Philp and Co.

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### Report of Annual Sports.

Our Annual Sports were conducted this year on the Sports Ground on Wednesday, 7th September. The entries were good indeed for the various events, over 1200 entries being received. The total receipts were in excess of any of the previous years, and the winners of the various events will be glad to hear that we are in a position to give good prizes without touching next year's money. The school captain, Charles Bray, won the championship of the school, doing 100 yards in the fast time of 10 4-5 seconds. Another result worth recording was the dead heat of C. Paterson and D. Parkes in the 100 yards 16 years championship in 11 seconds. A very pleasing feature was the introduction of displays by the cadets and pupils. The sham fight was a very realistic affair, the only fault from a spectator's point of view being its shortness. The casualties were a specialty. The novelty events were well contested and provoked much merriment as usual, especially the Victoria Cross and Sack Races. The programme was rather a long one, and although a start was made one hour and a half before last year's time, we finished in the dark.

We wished to specially thank those teachers and pupils who worked so hard this Third Annual Sports to make it the success it was, those who prepared squads and those who acted as officials at the meeting, and those who journeyed out the second time to act as officers for the re-run races.

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## Senior Cadets.

The Fort Street detachment of Senior Cadets furnished the guard of honour for His Excellency Admiral Sir Richard Poore on the occasion of his visit to the P.S.A.A.A. Sports on the 14th inst. There was a good muster. This was the Fort Street cadet's first appearance in the green tunics. His Excellency passed several complimentary remarks on the physique of the boys, and on their general smartness on parade.

Captain A. Thomson, Adjutant of the 1st Battalion, inspected J and K Coys' at Fort Street on the 21st in order to take them on to the strength of the Battalion.

The camp for Senior Cadets has been postponed until after the New Year.

Arrangements are being made to hold the competitive examination for appointment of N.C.O's. as soon after the vacation as possible. Intending competitors should master the sections of Infantry Training, 1905, dealing with squad drill, company drill, and rifle exercises.

The following will be the programme of parades for the quarter ending December 31st, 1910:

Wednesday, October 26th, School Parade Ground, at 1.30 p.m.

Thursday, October 27th, Battalion Parade, Victoria Barracks, 7.45 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16th, School Parade Ground, at 1.30 p.m.

Saturday, November 12th, Victoria Barracks, at 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 10th, Victoria Barracks, at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14th, School Parade Ground, at 1.30 p.m.

The following cadets have been taken on the strength and posted to J Company:—

651 R. Wise, 652 J. Digby, 653 J. Thompson, 654 A. Green, 656 E. Bembrick, 657 E. New, 658 O. Tunks, 659 E. Sedgwick, 660 S. Ellitt, 661 A. McGilchrist, 662 S. Bean, 663 A. Crocker, 664 S. Huxtable, 665 O. White, 666 V. Cleland, 667 D. Davidson, 668 R. Gray, 669 C.

Branston, 670 H. Crowe, 671 J. Morgan, 672 C. Blumer, 673 K. Donaldson, 674 M. Ormsby, 675 E. Moran, 676 A. Eldershaw, 677 H. Hudson, 678 A. Hudson-Smith, 679 F. Mason, 680 R. Wiburd, 681 C. Pochee, 682 R. Napier, 683 T. Connelley, 684 E. H. Judd, 685 R. Jamieson, 686 E. Booth, 687 E. Leask, 688 W. Simpson, 689 W. Fullerton, 690 J. McKee, 691 V. Crockett, 692 S. Barker, 693 B. Berman, 694 A. Lewis, 695 T. Bradshaw, 696 B. Clouston.

Posted to K Company:—

697 R. W. Rattray, 698 R. Robertson, 699 H. Thornton, 700 J. Craven, 701 J. H. Feather, 702 L. Holmes, 703 W. D. Hodgen, 704 S. Upton, 705 N. S. Griffen, 706 R. J. Stewart, 707 R. Wilson, 708 O. Wolff, 709 C. E. Beilby, 710 S. J. Greer, 711 K. Foldi, 712 T. Kemmins, 713 C. Johnson, 714 B. Venn Brown, 715 G. Rodgers, 716 A. McKenzie, 717 F. Davidson, 718 N. Cuthbert, 719 K. Tommas, 720 C. Wilson, 721 G. Wynne, 722 R. Swinbourne, 723 A. Wilson, 724 O. Ferns, 725 G. Foote, 726 J. Henry, 727 W. Woolston, 728 J. King, 729 A. Stobs, 730 H. F. Yates.

## Cadet News.

At the examination for non. coms.' certificates, held at Sandringham on Saturday, 24th Sept., our cadets did well. Some of these lads are looking forward to some place under the new scheme.

Morning drills still continue for a series of picture on "A Cadet's Life," by West's Co. The regular drills are making a big difference in the corps.

The new arms rack for the armoury is to be commenced in a few days. It is badly wanted.

The Challenge Bugle team is still in existence and shooting well. We should have a good chance of winning it this year. Those showing specially good form are: Corp. Davidson, Serg. Gibson, Serg. Hurt, Serg. McNiven and Cadet Blgrave. Others are close behind.

Discharges have been more in evidence lately than before, some cadets who left years ago apparently only now realising their full value. Cadet N. Watts, our leader in the physical drill, etc., has been promoted to the rank of lance corporal.

Cadet Musgrove has passed his signalling test with no mistakes, and is now entitled to wear his signalling badge.

## Some People I Detest

BY V. CROCKETT

As I am afraid I'm somewhat of a grumbler, this class may appear to the reader to be unreasonably large, nevertheless, all that I enumerate are really objects of my abhorrence.

Have you ever met, reader, the person who, no matter what you say to him, says "Eh?" Such people do exist; and I can assure you that I know one at least who will listen for five minutes, and instead of some weighty reply say "Eh?" with irritating irregularity.

No one who has experienced the throes of tooth-ache can doubt the existence of the people who have infallible cures. For my part, I do not believe there's any cure for it, so that it is all the more annoying to me to hear their complaints, as they assure me, on a refusal, that if it does not cure it cannot hurt. To such an extent does this mania go that only lately a lady tried to persuade me to have a poultice on the opposite side, with one on the elbow, as that completed a circuit, so to speak, between certain nerves.

Worse than these are two pests often, unfortunately, to be found at concerts or theatres. The first, who, by the way, is by far the worse of the two, is the man who, to show his appreciation (?) of the music, or that he is quite familiar with it, beats time with his foot. Nothing could be more enraging than this. The other, generally a woman, takes the opportunity, while the item is on, to start an interesting conversation with a friend, generally another woman. Remonstrance is useless, as the culprit

only talks the more, probably to display her contempt.

However, the list is endless, so I must content myself, in conclusion, with merely mentioning such nuisance as the Sandow enthusiast, the bore who believes he has a voice, and the drawing-room reciter of tragic and pathetic pieces.

## Professor Wellisch

Professor E. M. Wellisch, who is on his way to the United States, where he is to take up his appointment as Professor of Physics at Yale University, paid the school a visit on the 11th instant, in company with Mr. J. W. Turner. Mr. Kilgour introduced Professor Wellisch to the senior boys, as the most famous scholar Fort Street had turned out. Professor Wellisch gave the boys a short address, and at parting announced that he had decided to give the following prizes:—

- (1) To the Upper Seniors, for best pass in Mathematics at the coming Senior Examinations.
- (2) To the Middle Seniors, for the best year's work in Science.
- (3) To the boy who does the best year's work in Science in the five Junior Classes.

"The Fortian" desires to congratulate Professor Wellisch on his appointment, and to wish him continued success in America.

## Thanks

The librarian desires to thank Mr. George Card, of the Mining Museum, for gifts of books and magazines to the library, and also Alfred Langan (Captain of the School, 1909) for presenting the Senior Library with a complete set of Harmsworth's Self Educator.

The Swimming Carnival has been fixed for Saturday, the 25th February, at the Domain Baths.

## Girls' Page.

Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

### Girl Life in Holland

By Annie Murphy.

Holland is one of the queerest countries under the sun. It should be called Odd-land or Contrary-land, for in nearly everything it is different from other parts of the world. In the first place, a large portion of the country is lower than the level of the sea. Great dykes or bulwarks have been erected at a heavy cost of money and labour, to keep the ocean where it belongs. On certain parts of the coast it sometimes leans with all its weight against the land, and it is as much as the poor people can do to stand the pressure. Sometimes the dykes give way, or spring a leak, and the most disastrous results ensue. They are high and wide, and the tops of some of them are covered with buildings and trees. They have even fine public roads upon them, from which horses may look down upon wayside cottages. Often the keels of floating ships are higher than the roofs of dwellings. The stork, clattering to her young on the house peak, may feel that her nest is out of danger, but the croaking frog in neighbouring bulrushes is nearer the stars than she.

Ditches, canals, ponds, rivers and lakes are everywhere to be seen. The entire country is a kind of saturated sponge. Persons are born, live, and die, and even have their gardens on canal boats. Farm houses, with roofs like great slouched hats pulled over their eyes, stand on wooden legs with a tucked-up sort of air, as if to say "We intend to keep dry if we can." Even the horses wear a wide stool on each hoof to lift them out of the mire. In short, the landscape everywhere suggests a paradise for ducks. It is a glorious country in summer for bare-footed boys and girls. Such wadings! Such mimic ship sailing! Such rowing, fishing and swimming! Only think of a chain of puddles, where

one can launch chip bits all day long, and never make a return trip.

Dutch cities seem at first to be a bewildering jungle of houses, bridges, churches, and ships, sprouting into masts, steeples and trees.

Sometimes green hedges are seen, but wooden fences are rarely seen, and as for stone fences, a Dutchman would hold up his hands in astonishment at the very idea. Great flapping windmills all over the country look as if great flocks of huge sea-birds were just settling upon it. Men, women and children go clattering about in great wooden shoes with loose heels; peasant girls, who cannot get beaux for love, hire them for money to escort them to the Fair.

Many of the oddities of Holland serve only to prove the thrift and perseverance of the people. There is not a richer or more carefully tilled garden-spot in the whole world than this leaky, springy little country. There is not a braver, more heroic race than its quite, passive-looking inhabitants. Few nations have equalled it in important discoveries and inventions; none has excelled it in commerce, navigation, learning and science, or set as noble examples in the promotion of education and public charities; and none in proportion to its extent has expended more money and labour upon public works.

Holland has its shining annals of noble, illus-

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# SCHOLARSHIPS.

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## Fortians at Home

The Fortians held their Annual At-Home on Thursday, 15th September. The libraries were beautifully decorated with flowers and hockey sticks—red and white, the school colours, predominating. The members and guests began to arrive about 3.30, and the fun continued until 6 p.m.

Songs and music were contributed by Misses Ingamells, Middleton, Skittrell and A. Kaster, and Messrs. Selle, Collins, Scott and Davies.

During the afternoon the Fortians took occasion to present tokens of their regard to Mr. B. J. Swanell and to Miss A. L. Bourke and Miss Edie Rea, and, as Mr. Swannell aptly remarked, there was a danger of developing into a mutual admiration society. The great event, of course, was the presentation of the medals won by the Karella Team in the club competition. Miss Partridge (president) made the presentation, and complimented the winners. Mr. Swanell reviewed the season's hockey, and spoke in high terms of the club's efficiency. Miss Rea and Miss Bourke failed to shine when thanking the Fortians for their charming and much-prized presents, but later, when speaking for the club members, the Hon. Secretary managed to make a little speech thanking Miss Partridge for her kind interest and loving sympathy with everything which is done to make the girls' school life happy, and above all her great consideration for the work of her teaching staff. Here Mr. Selle shone by starting "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow," as Miss Partridge came forward to thank the club, carrying the hockey "blue and white" attached to the bouquet presented to her earlier in the afternoon.

The Executive Committee again thank all for

great kindness and support during the hockey season, and trust that "Fortians 1911" will have even a better time, but hardly believe that to be possible.

## Girls' L. & D. Society

On Friday, 16th September, the 6th classes held their debate, the subject chosen being "Are the mental capacities of both sexes equal?"

May Riley opened the debate, supported by Nora Hay, Tibbie Anderson and Ruby Dwight.

Sybil Crouch opened for the opposition, supported by Sylvia Cochrane, Hilda Deakin and Enid Boothe.

After much discussion from the members of the Society, the debate finally closed with a win for the opposition.

On Thursday, September 22nd, a farewell was given by the first years (Probationary Students) to the second years in the dining-room.

Miss Partridge presided over the meeting.

Presentations were made by the girls to the teachers who had instructed them during the year. After partaking of afternoon tea, speeches were made by Miss Partridge and Mr. Kilgour, who was also present. "Auld Lang Syne" brought the evening to a close.

The First Year Students have now become Second Year Students and the Senior Girls of the School. The new First Year Students will not commence till next January.

## Notes and News.

The event of the week in senior circles was the Mock Election held on Friday last, the candidates being Liggins (Socialist), Mason (Labor), and Sedgwick (Liberal). A full account of the debate will appear in next month's issue.

Mr. Kilgour has obtained a complete set of the photos of the school at work, taken by the Government Photographer some little time ago. These are being framed and will be hung in various rooms.

## The Good Old Days

### As Described by Paternoster.

Ah! yes my boys those good old days  
Will ne'er by me be seen again  
They've passed away by darkened ways  
That eyes of mortals pierce in vain.

Those days when lads ne'er disobeyed  
When life flowed on in blissful ease.  
When grief and sorrow had decayed  
And joy was mingled with the breeze.

A nasty rod was never used  
To hasten naughty boys to school  
To wash our hands we ne'er refused  
Nor did we walk in every pool.

When Sunday came to church we went  
Without a word, without a tear,  
And if on games our minds were bent  
The good would always domineer.

When sent a message by my dad  
I always ran with greatest speed.  
An angry word I never had  
And always helped a friend in need.

I wish I were a lad once more  
To show you what a child should be;  
The child that in the days of yore  
In every cottage one could see.

My wandering thoughts do often try  
To penetrate the glorious past;  
But thoughts are thoughts and hence must die  
And by a shroud be overcast.

David Brown.

It is proposed to form a Rowing Club, a Tennis Club, and a Cycling Club in connection with the Sports' Union this year. Any members of the Union desirous of joining these clubs should give their names in immediately to Mr. Macnee (rowing), Mr. Hurt (tennis), Mr. Cantrell (cycling). Of course, the clubs named will only be formed if the necessary arrangements as to boats, grounds, etc., can be made.

## A Plea for Idleness.

"Sleep on! Sleep on! and take your rest,  
By all your teachers' wishes blest.  
Oh, seniors, this is my advice,—  
Refrain from work when pleasure nice  
Can all your weary hours beguile,  
But idle, idle all the while.  
But why do I thus you advise  
To shun the paths of learning wise?  
Because we never earn a sou  
For what we always have to do,  
And masters think we are machines,  
To work whene'er their will inclines.  
Now some may think it rather wrong  
To sing this all too little song,  
But ah! if they could only know,  
What we poor students undergo,  
They'd soon, *ad unum*, think that we  
Can but on earth poor wretches be.  
So now be banished, work and pain,  
And ne'er come nigh us once again,  
For we, at least, will you deride,  
And all our books we'll straightway hide.  
Hurrah! we'll sing in pleasant strains,  
For idleness as king now reigns."

By J. A. Gruen.

## Swimming

Matters natatorial should boom this season, for are we not to have the whole of an afternoon devoted to sport?

The annual meeting of the club was held on Wednesday, October 5th, and the secretary read a report brimful of good things done in the past and of better things hoped for in the future. The healthy condition of the club last season was due not only to the efforts of the executive, but more so to the individual help and hearty co-operation of the members themselves.

The club will indeed have an Herculean task to beat the record established in 1909-10; but with increased zeal and steady determination, matters should again prove "hustling."

The season will be officially opened on Wednesday, October 12th, on which day the whole of the Secondary School will participate.

Weekly races will again be in vogue, perhaps with a little more diversity in character.

The certificates for the Half-mile Championship will soon be along ready for presentation. They are indeed worthy of any institution, and will no doubt be cherished and eagerly sought for. The work is being done by Messrs. John Sands and Co.

Steps will be taken to form water-polo teams this year, and later on a competition will be held. Mr. W. W. Hill has kindly consented to coach our swimmers in this important branch of natatorial sport.

Mr. Wm. Henry, the Secretary of the Royal Life Saving Society in London, visits Sydney this month and doubtless will have occasion to visit Fort Street, both at the school and at the baths. Mr. Henry has a world-wide reputation in swimming and life saving circles, and is the author of several important works on natation.

The School's Annual Gala and the twenty-first meeting will eventuate in March, 1911, at the Municipal Baths, Domain.

The school will this year drop out of the Brilliantshine Shield Competition, the reason being perhaps best known to the members themselves.

## Cricket

Arrangements are well in hand for the coming season.

Mr. Murray has been trying out a number of eligibles for the Seconds.

Two wickets, one a practice wicket, have been arranged for in the Domain, and regular practice have been already initiated.

Class matches will, of course, be in the programme, especially as the sports afternoon is to be commenced also then.

### WEDNESDAY HALF HOLIDAY

On the 14th instant the Wednesday Half-Holiday Sporting Afternoon was inaugurated. Already there are over 500 members of the new Sports' Union. The swimming season was successfully begun at the Municipal Baths, while a number of cricket matches were played. The

results of the more important matches are as follows:—

### POSSIBLES V PROBABLES FOR SCHOOL

#### FIRST INNINGS.

Briggs, b Hilliard . . . . .	3
Rogers, b Morgan . . . . .	1
Mr. Murray, b Morgan . . . . .	9
Sherwood, b Hilliard . . . . .	2
Enderby, b Hilliard . . . . .	4
Mackaness, retired . . . . .	40
Parkes, b Morgan . . . . .	3
Moran, c Delaney . . . . .	12
Smith, b Chapman . . . . .	0
Dyce, not out . . . . .	6
Mr. Mansley, b Chapman . . . . .	2
Holmes, b Delaney . . . . .	2
Sundries . . . . .	19
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Total . . . . .	99

#### BOWLING.

Morgan, 3 wkts. for 17 runs.
Hilliard, 4 wkts. for 26 runs.
Delaney, 2 wkts. for 12 runs.
Chapman, 2 wkts. for 23 runs.

#### SECOND INNINGS.

Moran, b Hilliard . . . . .	2
Mansley, c Hilliard . . . . .	10
Mr. Murray, c Hilliard . . . . .	6
Enderby, c Evatt . . . . .	20
Sherwood, b Chapman . . . . .	14
Parkes, b Delaney . . . . .	14
Mr. Mackaness, absent . . . . .	0
Rogers, b Chapman . . . . .	0
Briggs, b Delaney . . . . .	6
Smith, not out . . . . .	0
Dyce, b Delaney . . . . .	6
Sundries . . . . .	9
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Total . . . . .	94

#### BOWLING.

Morgan, 0 wkts. for 14 runs.
Mr. Hilliard, 3 wkts. for 24 runs.
R. Evatt, 1 wkt. for 16 runs.
A. Delaney, 3 wkts. for 18 runs.
R. Chapman, 3 wkts. for 9 runs.

POSSIBLES v. PROBABLES FOR THIRDS  
AND FOURTHS.

FIRST INNINGS.

Collins, b Welsh . . . . .	2
Brown, c Welsh . . . . .	2
Griffiths, c Welsh . . . . .	9
Watts, b Richards . . . . .	0
Spark, b Richards . . . . .	4
Illingworth, b Welsh . . . . .	0
Israel, c Richards . . . . .	0
Croft, b Butz . . . . .	7
Flook, c McLeod . . . . .	1
Whitehead, c McLeod . . . . .	3
Eve, not out . . . . .	0
Gray, b Butz . . . . .	0
Total . . . . .	28

BOWLING.

Richards, 3 wkts. for 6 runs.  
Welsh, 4 wkts. for 14 runs.  
McLeod, 2 wkts. for 5 runs.  
Butz, 2 wkts. for 2 runs.

FIRST INNINGS OF NO. 2 TEAM.

Hutchin, b Collins . . . . .	34
Whitehead, b Griffiths . . . . .	2
Donaldson, c Griffiths . . . . .	1
Evans, c Spark . . . . .	2
Prior, b Spark . . . . .	2
Christie, b Collins . . . . .	1
Butz, st. Spark . . . . .	1
Pritchard, st. Eve . . . . .	2
McLeod, c Collins . . . . .	0
Cantrell, c Griffiths . . . . .	4
Richards, not out . . . . .	0
Coxon, b Griffiths . . . . .	0
Sundries . . . . .	4
Total . . . . .	53

BOWLING.

Brown, 0 wkts. for 14 runs.  
Griffiths, 4 wkts. for 11 runs.  
Flook, 0 wkts. for 8 runs.  
Spark, 3 wkts. for 7 runs.  
Collins, 3 wkts. for 5 runs.  
Eve, 0 wkts. for 1 run.



Rugby Football

We can report a very good football season. The School team defeated the Old Boys' team handsomely by 34 to 19. This was a fine result, taking into consideration that the Old Boys' team included 4 Grade players, 7 City and Suburbanites, and 1 Interstate player. The game was a fine display of clean and fast Rugby. The A team in the Schools Competition was second in this competition, and the B team won their competition, undefeated, and only having 3 points scored against them, while scoring nearly 200 points. They have had their photos taken at the Crown Studios, ready for presentation.

Next season, with the institution of the Wednesday sports' afternoon, we hope to do much better, and with the help of the Old Boys, would like to see the Fortian team in a good competition, as the City and Suburban, for Saturday matches.

The class competitions were very interesting and well contested, Mr. Wines' team, headed by H. Kirke, winning the B Grade, and Mr. Macnees' class, headed by O. Harden, the A. Grade. Special thanks are due to Mr. Murray, Mr. Hurt, and F. O'Grady for the help they gave the hon. secretary in this competition. Outside matches were played against Richmond, Knox College, Cleveland Street B, Christian Bros, and High School, a win being registered against each.

Among others, the following are advised to get into condition as soon as possible next season, as they have shown most promise this year:—G. Reeves, O. Harder, H. Tuckeridge, K. Frecker, J. Mathers, M. Wyatt, H. Kirk, C. Flook, K. Fullerton, C. Paterson, C. Brown, N. Croft, R. Evatt, R. Chapman, J. Goodsir, A. Delaney, C. Skinner. Some of these must go into the Firsts next season.



In the final of the B Grade Mr. Wines' old team defeated Mr. Hilliard's by 16 to 3. Mr. F. O'Grady refereed very ably. For the winners Clifford (2), Macks (1) Kirke (1) scored tries and Turner converted two, and Flood kicked a penalty goal for the losers. Besides those named E. Young, F. Rinaldi, L. Everett, J. Everett, N. Coxon and Pratt played well. They will most likely be members of the B school team next season. In the final of the A Grade Mr. Macnee's old team defeated Mr. Leaves' by 11 to nil. Puckeridge (2), Patterson scored tries, and Harden converted one. Mr. A. W. Parsonage refereed. The game was a good one, the back division of the winners doing fine work indeed. The forwards battled well, Reeves, Hart, Evatt and Fullerton shining out. Reeves played the best forward game on the ground, and should find a place in the Firsts next season. Among the backs Morgan, Harden, Ross, Rogers, Puckeridge, Wheeler, Patterson and Watkins shone out, the four first named especially so.

We have to thank the Secretary of the Sports Ground for the use of that ground on two occasions for semi-finals and finals; the Domain wickets having been top-dressed necessitated a change of locality and Mr. Harvey was kind enough to oblige. The Sports Union tender their thanks.

We have no cricket teams in the P.A.A.A.A. competitions this year as the necessary arrangements could not be made for the playing of matches on Wednesdays. We should have no trouble in securing wickets for cricket on Wednesdays now that the Saturday half-holiday is practically in operation. All the wickets formerly used by the Wednesday Cricket Association will be available.

Class competitions are expected to be in full swing next week. Most of the classes have held their meeting and elected their captain, selection committee, etc. Those who have not already done so are advised to do so at once. The junior and senior classes will be now able to form clubs and compete. Handicaps of a certain number of runs are easy to arrange for at cricket. It will be the most complete class competition we will have had for years.

## Australian Football

A very enjoyable and successful season completed, during which we had some keen struggles with other old rivals (Petersham). We lost the first three matches against Petersham, but won next three and final. Last week a Combined School team visited Melbourne and defeated the Combined School team of that city. We secured nine representatives in this team. Our Junior team finished third in its competition, but lacked system, owing largely to its being formed at the last moment.

A pleasing feature of the season's play was a most enjoyable Old Boys' Match, in which some really fine play was shown, both by Old and Present Boys. Many of our juniors show promise of forming the nucleus of a very sound team for next year.

During the year, a pleasing memento of the brilliant success of Master Eric. Cullen Ward, was presented to the School. This took the form of a handsome enlarged photograph.

Master Ward won £100 prize and trip to America, which was offered for the best lecture on Australian football.

From reports received, he is enjoying a pleasurable and instructive holiday, and is doing much to further the national game across the Pacific.

Port Street sent along eight representatives with the combined team to play against the Victorian Colleges on Saturday, October 1st.

They were: B. O'Grady, F. Campbell, H. Kinnimont, H. Evatt, G. Holmes, W. Holmes, J. Hankin, and H. Hudson. C. Harrison was debarred from going owing to illness at home.

A new departure was instituted in the southern capital when the team selected against our boys was selected from the Secondary Schools instead of from the Victorian State Schools.

Thus the Southerners were heavier and taller than the Cornstalks, and it is indeed meritorious that 1910 marks the first defeat of Victorian Schools by New South Wales boys on the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The match was played before a crowd of 43,000 spectators, and was fought with grim determination right up to the finish.

Sydney scored 3 goals in the first quarter, O'Grady showing exceptional skill. He scored the first two goals for the Light Blues and helped materially to get the third goal.

Commencing the second term the Sydney boys again shaped well, their passing being good and their footwork exceptionally clever.

At half-time our lads were leading by 15 points.

The last quarter was the best, and in an exciting finish the Light Blues were able to keep the Dark Blues from scoring and so won a close and clever match by 4 points.

O'Grady, Campbell, Evatt, and Kinninmont all received praise from the Victorian Press for their excellent form, Kinninmont especially being spoken of as "plucky and persistent."

Scores :—

	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	Final.	Pts.
	time	time	time		
Sydney	... 3—5	... 5—6	... 5—7	... 7—8	... 50
Melbourne	... 1—2	... 2—9	... 4—15	... 5—16	... 46

The boys were again treated to a large number of entertainments and thoroughly enjoyed a right royal time.

The photo of the "A" Team will be taken at the Crown Studios this week, so that each member may be presented with one at the annual presentation to be held shortly.

Already many names have been received for the Young Australian Team for 1911. Albert Barry and Harry Brown are working in conjunction with the secretary.

Eric Cullen-Ward has definitely started business in America. In his last letter, received October 5th, he writes :—

"Croker School played the club (Columbia Park Boys') on September 1st, at which all schoolboys watched, I having obtained an hour's leave for them from the Board of Education. Hancock School played the club on the 3rd, and were defeated by 82 to 39. Admission Day (9th September) will find a big crowd out to watch the big club team play a team of Australian residents, at which match I shall umpire."

Mr. Wm. Cullen-Ward has presented to the school a framed enlargement of Eric, in connection with his having won the £100 prize presented by Mr. R. A. Munro King.

## School Scholarships

Mrs. Falkiner, of Monara, has recently donated a large sum of money to found a University Scholarship for boys attending the District School at Hay. The idea is a noble one, the only regret being that other moneyed men and women in this prosperous State of N.S.W. do not see their way clear to follow Mrs. Falkiner's example. True it is that our own department does award six University Scholarships to public school boys each year, each worth £25 a year for three years, and including also fees and books. Unfortunately, these scholarships, if taken in any of the professional schools, do not include fees and books, only the twenty-five pounds a year, and this only for three years.

The only schools that send candidates for the Senior Examination are the High Schools and Fort Street. Last year some thirty or forty of these public school boys passed, but there were only six scholarships to be divided among them.

If there are no generous souls inclined to follow in the footsteps of Mrs. Falkiner, and found one or two scholarships at Fort Street, then what we would like to see is an extension of the departmental scholarship system, by which everyone of our seventeen candidates who sit for this year's senior, and who shows himself worthy, could have the chance of free education in the professional schools of the University. As it is, we are afraid that several deserving boys may be debarred from a University career by lack of the necessary means.

The farewell to the Seniors will take place on the 4th November next. As our next issue will be issued after the Seniors leave, we take advantage of this opportunity to wish them all success, and as many honours as they can conveniently carry.

The income of the Sports' Union for last year reached the grand total of £184. The Sports' Union prizes will be presented very shortly.

Who will be the recipients of honor caps this year? is the burning question among the seniors. Not having a junior University pass will block one very likely candidate for the honor. But his time will come.

## De Oritoribus

"Fellow Electors of Wirefence, allow me to introduce to you Mr. Frank Mason, the tried and true Labour candidate for this electorate." Incipit Mason. In stentorian tones, his eyes on fire with enthusiasm, this candidate opened his campaign on Friday last. The speech, though overlong for the time allowed, was excellent in every way. Endowed with a voice that crushed even the alleged organized opposition of the Liberals, who composed a large part of his audience, Mr. Mason delivered his sentiments with an energy that carried conviction, at any rate to himself, and at the close answered several questions by the wise device of reading those parts of his speech from which he had been debarred by lack of time.

The second candidate, Mr. Sedgwick, then addressed the electors, in the Liberal interest, his speech showing evidence of careful preparation and delivered *con amore*.

But of the three candidates, we consider the speech of Mr. Liggins the best. Mr. Liggins is a pronounced Socialist of a most virulent type, though to look at him one would say he had a "Moses' face." His chairman, Mr. Evatt, another rabid demagogic anarchist, opened his campaign in masterly manner, while the candidate himself, speaking *ore rotundo*, outlined his scheme for turning N.S.W. into a compound of Utopia and the "blessed Lotus-land" with five days a week holiday, free universities, and members of Parliament with a thousand a year. But Mr. Liggins needs congratulating on his oratorical triumph. We predict that before the end of his career he will lead the House. His skill in answering questions was in every sense unique.

The afternoon was concluded with a License and No-License Demonstration. The license speaker, Mr. Holmes, delivered a fine mock-heroic speech in favour of license, a speech brimming over with originality, omniscience, and obfuscation. His final words "vote in the bottom square" carried conviction.

Mr. J. A. Judkins-Gruen then addressed the electors in favour of No License.

This speech was the speech of the day. We cannot speak in terms too encomiastical of Mr. Gruen's efforts. Mr. Harry Brown, a visitor

and life member of the Society, who several times tried to interject, was shrivelled up into a shapeless mass by the flood of molten eloquence that poured forth from the lips of Mr. Gruen. Burning with zeal for the cause he advocated, Mr. Gruen drew touching pictures of the evils of drink, he even "quoted a few statistics" to prove his arguments, and ended up with a peroration worthy of Burke himself. His question answering was apt and appropriate. Are you a "wowser," Mr. Gruen? asked one son of toil. "I am," said Mr. Gruen, "and I glory in it."

Speaking of the debating as a whole, we can confidently say that never has the society shown promise of such a successful year. The young speakers are coming forward and taking their place, as no other Junior Seniors ever did yet. Enthusiasm works wonders. We expect great things from many of the new members.

We regret, however, that Wiburd, our "poet laureate," has resigned the Editorship of the Manuscript Journal. Personally, we hope he will withdraw his resignation, for few members possess that *curiosa felicitas* in verse and prose of which he has already given abundant evidence.

### NOTES AND NEWS.

Professor Wellisch was present at the Old Boys' Dinner, held on Friday last.

Mr. Lasker was in Sydney for a couple of weeks recently, and spent some time at the School. Barring a cut hand, his change to the country has made his health even better than it was.

Mr. Wines was also down from Bathurst on Friday and paid us a visit.

In the Challenge Bugle Competition Fort Street succeeded in getting second place out of over a dozen candidates.

The annual inspection of the School will take place very shortly. Messrs. Inspectors Parkinson, Flashman, Beavis, Smith, Dennis and Grieve will visit the School, and spend some time in its inspection.

We are pleased to see that in the Girls' Department, a Senior Reference Library Fund has just been inaugurated. We wish them success in their endeavours to equip a good reference library.

The election for captain of the School will be held soon after the departure of this year's seniors.

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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.*

We desire to call attention to the scholarships awarded by the Metropolitan Business College, as announced in another page.

### LIBRARY NOTES.

Reg. G. Nicholls, captain of the school in 1905, and now studying divinity in Victoria, has presented, to the senior library John Morley's "Life of Gladstone," in two volumes. We beg to thank him for his thoughtfulness.

### NOTICE TO BOOK-BORROWERS.

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# The Principles of Oarsmanship.

By "Stroke."

Extract from "Telegraph, 9/3/1910.

We do not propose in this article to develop any new theory of oarsmanship. The principles on which the art of rowing is founded were laid down many years ago. Our object is to endeavour to explain the theory and the practice of the essential points of oar-rowing.

What is required is to propel a certain class of boat at the fastest pace through the water by the movement of the human body with the aid of oars. Three preliminary observations may assist us.

1. To obtain a maximum of speed, the weight and strength of the body must be applied with energy and power.

2. The movements of the men in a crew must be absolutely uniform and harmonious, in order that the lift, swing, and leg drive may create the greatest possible effect to increase the speed of the boat.

3. The recovery must be such that it in no way interferes with a free and even running of the boat between the strokes.

To achieve these results we will enumerate in detail.

The blade must leave the water square and clear. To effect this a slight downward pressure on the handle of the oar with the weight of both hands will be sufficient. Of course this movement must come from the elbows. Immediately after this movement the oar must be turned by the inside wrist to get the feather, the outside hand helping by maintaining a balance on the handle of the oar, and keeping it firmly pressed against the poppet-head. When both hands are over the knees, the wrists are slightly turned that the oar may be squared for the next stroke.

In dealing with the extension of arms, the hands must drop clean down to bring the blade of the oar quite neatly out of the water, in order to feather the oar, and must immediately be shot out clean from the chest to the full extent of the arms (vide picture No. 1). No time must be wasted here, for the object of the movement

is not merely to get the hands clear of the knees, but to enable the body to recover from its back-



No. 1—First part of recovery after hands are thrown away from body. Block kindly lent by "Daily Telegraph."

ward incline, and to start the swing forward in preparation for the next stroke. (Vide picture No. 2). To delay at this point would make an awkward recovery, and the result would be felt in the boat running dead between strokes. The



No. 2—Swing forward. Half way through recovery. Block kindly lent by "Daily Telegraph."



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his chest open, and the head in an erect line with the body. The whole position should be graceful and easy (vide picture No. 5).

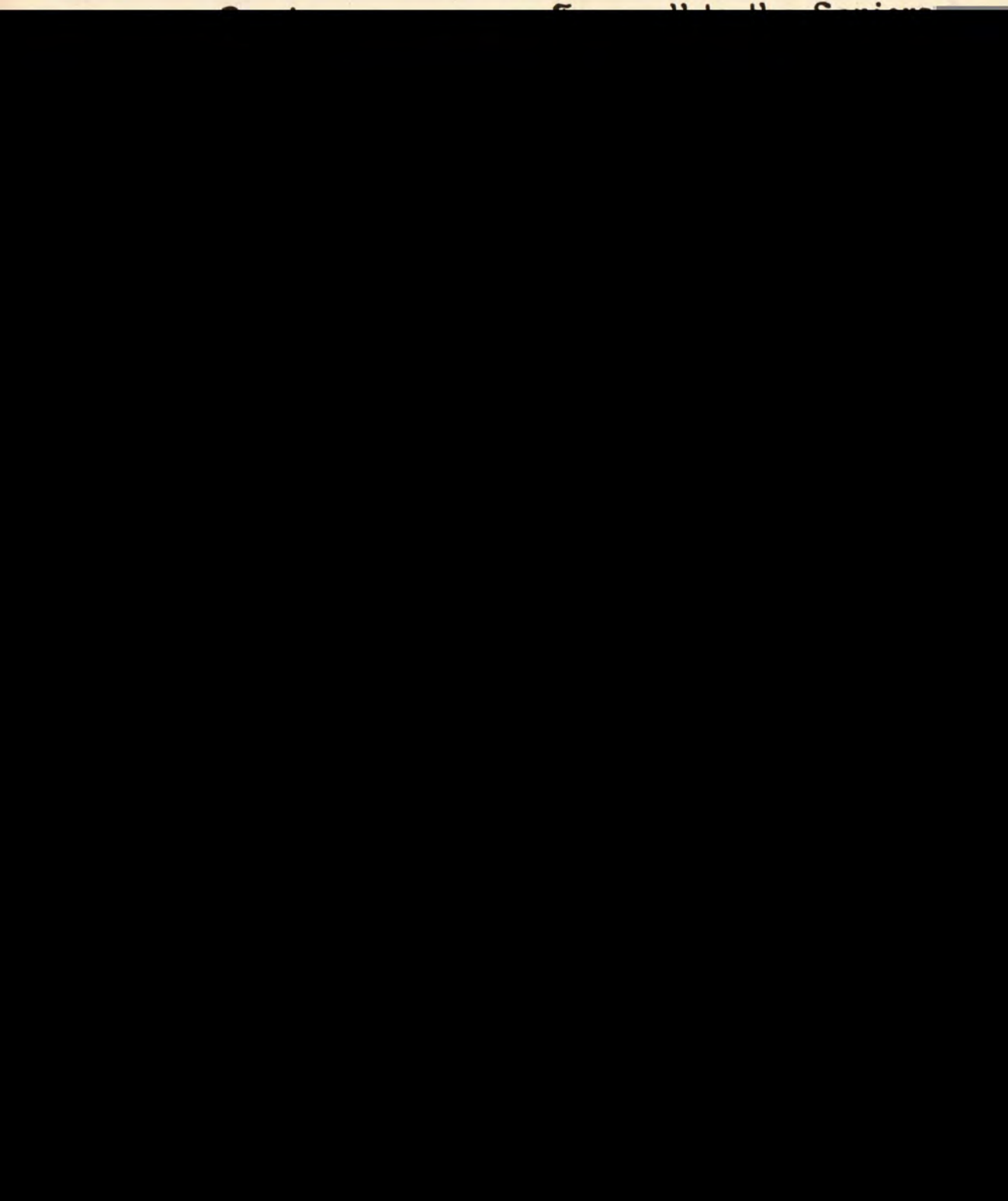


No. 5—Position of body, hands and legs at finish of the stroke. Block kindly lent by "Daily Telegraph."

There can be no short cut to perfect knowledge. Patience and constant practice must be an oarsman's motto if he is to reach the attainment of his desire.

The subject of our pictures is Mr. K. B. Gaden, S.U.B.C., one of the finest oarsmen the State has produced.

"Fairplay" writes protesting against incompetent coxswains, and refers to the recent senior eight-oar race at St. Ignatius regatta, when three crews carried boys and a bag of sand to make up the weight required. The Association rules read as follows:—(a) In eight-oar races the coxswain must be an amateur and a member of the same club as the crew he steers. If an eight-oar boat carries a coxswain of less weight than 8 stone, it shall carry between the coxswain's seat and stroke's stretcher, sufficient dead weight to make up the 8 stone. (b) Any crew may demand that a coxswain shall be weighed under the supervision of the umpire either before or after the race. "The practice of making boys honorary members of clubs with a view of steering in eights, is certainly not a good one, and it is time the Association took this matter up with serious thought."





Commonwealth inspector in New South Wales, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the department. In the beginning of the present year he was appointed a member of the Public Service Board of this State, which position he is now vacating to again join the Federal service. Mr. M'Kay identified himself largely with the aims of the Public Service Association, and was its chairman in 1902.

On behalf of the school of which he was formerly a pupil, the "Fortian" offers Mr. M'Kay its hearty congratulation. By the appointment of Mr. M'Kay to this position, the post of member of the Public Service Board becomes vacant. Among the names mentioned as possible successors to Mr. M'Kay is that of Mr. J. W. Turner, Superintendent of Technical Education, and at one time Headmaster at Fort-street.

## New Books in the Senior Library

"History of Rome" (Shuckburgh), "History of Romans" (Horton), "Life of Gladstone, Vol. I., II." (John Morley), "Readings in European History" (Robinson), "History of Greece" (Bury), "The Windsor Shakespeare," Vol. 1-20, "Works of Goldsmith," "Epochs of Modern Literature": Vol. 1 Chaucer, Vol. 2 Spenser, Vol. 3 Shakespeare, Vol. 4 Milton, Vol. 5 Dryden, Vol. 6 Pope, Vol. 7 Johnson, Vol. 8 Wordsworth, Vol. 9 Tennyson (J. C. Stobart). "English Literature" (Long), "English Literature" (Gosse), "Essays on English Comic Writers" (Hazlitt), "History of Literature of Victorian Era" (H. Walker), "Beginning of English Romantic Movement" (Phelps), "Alfred Tennyson" (Sir A. Lyall), "Masters of English Literature" (S. Gwynne), "Shakespearean Tragedy" (Bradley), "Poems" (Rossetti), "Merchant of Venice" (Goggin), "Sir Joseph Banks" (Maiden), "Essays" (Mazzini), "Harmsworth's Self Educator," Parts 1-48, "Selected Essays" (Birrell), "The Choice of Books" (Harrison), "Plutarch's Lives" (Snell), "The Works of Chaucer" (Colson), "The Works of Chaucer" (Skeat).

## Cadet News.

Sergeant B. Gibson is leading in the musketry this year. Capt. Parsonage intends to give a medal again to the highest scorer.

The badge and medal that Corp. J. Davidson won for last year's musketry will be presented at the distribution of prizes on Friday, Nov. 25.

The annual distribution of athletic prizes will take place in the Main Room on Friday, Nov. 25. Football trophies, both P.S.A.A.A. and Class Competitions, P.S.A.A.A. Sports trophies, Our Own School Sports trophies, will all be distributed.

The following are the scores of the team representing the School in the Challenge Bugle for junior cadets. The team finished second:—

Sergt. B. Gibson, 43, won 10s.; Sergt. A. McNiven, 42, won 5s.; Corpl. J. Davidson, 41, won 5s.; L.-corp. A. Cox, 41, won 5s.; Corp. W. Paradise, 40, won 5s.; Cadet D. Webber, 34; L. Corp. G. Hansel, 34; Cadet J. Blagrove, 34; Sergt.-major G. Draper, 33; Serg. E. Hunt, 28. Serg. H. Cutler and Col.-sergt. Furness were the emergencies for the team. Mr. R. McNiven coached the team.

We have been informed that the programme of parades for the First Battalion cadets has been drawn up for next year till June.

There is to be a rifle meeting also about Easter, with good prize money, so intending competitors should be regular at practice on Wednesdays.

Musketry still continues. The following have put up good scores:—Sgt. Gibson 39, Sgt.-major Draper 38, Cadet Ross 36, at 200 yards.

Cadets M. Watts and G. Hansell have been promoted to the rank of lance-corporal.

All the junior cadets have pledged themselves to see the movement out completely. Some of them are looking forward to non-commissioned officers' billets under the new scheme. They are at present being taught for the same.

Next parades—Tuesday, November 15, whole day at Maroubra, and Monday, December 5th, half day at the Domain.

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# Girls' Page.

Edited by Miss M. H. Leslie.

## New Pictures

A set of beautiful photographs of the manual training classes, in connection with the girls' school, are now hanging in classroom IV. All girls are invited to go and see the pictures during any luncheon time.

The cookery and sewing classes are particularly interesting. The art work classes make very pretty pictures. The science classes look deep in study, and above all the first-aid girls look most comforting.

This year's hockey groups were presented by Miss Edith Rea, the captain of the club last month. They are now hanging in Library III., Fifth B class having contributed to frame the pictures for their classroom.

## THE HYAM-HAINS PRIZE

The winner of the Hyam-Hains Prize of one guinea for the best essay on "Australian Native Fruits," was Maggie Fellowes, a probationary student.

## SENIORS' SWEETS DAY

Thursday, September 29th—and what a scene in the Upper Porch, sufficient to delight even the heart of Jean Paul. What bliss depicted on the faces of the seniors, as at intervals of 15 minutes girls were appointed to arrange the lollies in all kinds of pretty fantasia baskets. At 12 o'clock the lollies were arranged on tables in the playground, ready to sell to the poor unsuspecting ones. Anyhow, at 10 to 1 no traces of the home-made lollies were left except joy on the children's faces and the sight of the Seniors jubilant over having £3 10s.

With this money, useful books have been bought, which will commence the Senior Reference Library. Miss Woodlands superintended the arrangements for Sweets Day and many thanks are due to the teachers who helped the Seniors make the day a success.

## THE HOCKEY CLUB PICNIC

The Hockey Club held their annual picnic on Saturday, 29th October, at Rodd Island. The day was delightful, although the morning gave little promise of fine weather. A number of the seniors joined the club, and contributed to an enjoyable outing. Tennis, basket ball, and boating were indulged in.

A very happy party reached Sydney again at 6 p.m.

## GIRLS' L. AND D. SOCIETY.

The above Society held a meeting on 7th October, 1910, devoting the time to the reading of a "Lightning Sketch Journal."

Subjects were very varied and up-to-date, the treatment of them being in most cases witty and entertaining.

That adjudged of most merit was on the subject "How I would have my dress made"; the sketch was in accordance with the latest fashion.

It was decided that the next meeting would take the form of a debate on "Which has the greater influence on civilisation—the Platform or the Press?"

## THE WARATAH LITERARY AND DEB. SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above society was held on Friday, October 14th, Miss Croft occupying the chair. The afternoon was devoted to the reading of the lives of famous women. Papers were read by the representatives of the various classes, the subjects dealt with being, "Grace Darling," "Mrs. Browning," "Flora McDonald," "Sister Dora," and "Elizabeth Fry." At the close of the afternoon the matriculation class challenged the rest of the society to a debate, the subject chosen being, "Which Nation, excluding England, will be the Greater Nation, America or Japan?"

## NOTES AND NEWS

The annual inspection of the school took place at the beginning of the month. Messrs. Senior-Inspector Parkinson and Inspectors Dennis and Smith taking the boys' school, and Messrs. Senior-Inspectors Flashman and Beavis and Inspector Grieve the girls' department.

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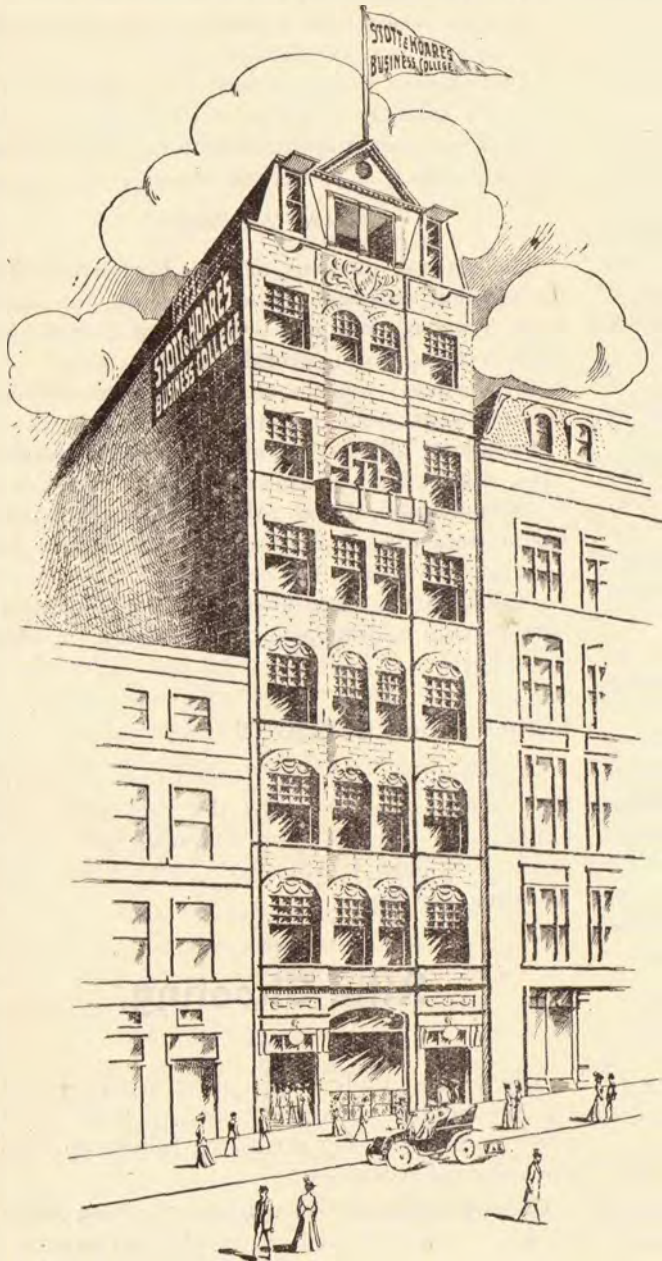
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## Old Girls' Union

The second annual meeting of Fort-street Old Girls' Tennis Club was held on October 15th, at 3.30, in the senior room. Miss Partridge was unable to be present.

Miss Alice Evans, captain of the club, took the chair, about 20 members being present.

The report showed a decrease in membership over our first year, but a better average attendance. The tournament between members held at beginning of the year for captain was keenly contested, and after a hard struggle Alice Evans came out top. Several members have given in their names to challenge her during the ensuing year.

The annual dance was held on June 30th, at Baumann's. After meeting all expenses, £2 7s. was added to the banking account.

The balance-sheet shows a balance of £7 11s. to our credit in the Government Savings Bank.

The new committee elected for ensuing year were:—Misses Alice Evans, Florrie Nelson, Laura Wood; Esme Davies, hon. treas.; Hilda Cox, hon. sec.

The suggestion to divide the club into grades was discussed, but no decision arrived at, the matter being left in hands of committee.

It was decided to arrange a Kitchen Tea, to be held on November 12th. This being the first wedding in the club, the members are putting forth every effort to make the afternoon a success.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Miss Evans for taking the chair, and three cheers for the secretary.

### *Annual Report.*

I have much pleasure in submitting the following report of the Fort-street Old Girls' Union for the year ending October, 1910:—

During the year the Union had the largest enrolment of financial members as compared with other years, and the year has been in every way the most successful. We have been brought into touch with numbers of ex-pupils of many years standing, and, also, through the Tennis Club, with the present pupils. Last March a most enjoyable launch picnic was held and was at-

tended by members and their friends, numbering 100.

The annual dance, which was held in August at the Paddington Town Hall, was the most successful yet held.

It is the wish of the Committee that the forthcoming year may outrival the last.

The financial report showed the Union to have a credit balance of £4/11/6. Of this amount £1 was balance from subscriptions of last year and £3/11/6 was paid from proceeds of dance.

### *Annual Meeting.*

The annual meeting of the Fort-street Old Girls' Union was held at the School on 5th Nov., there being 29 members present, while apologies were received from several absentees.

The business was the election of office-bearers for 1910-1911—the results being as follows:—

President, Miss Partridge; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Spencer, Miss Maloney; Hon. Sec., Miss F. Nelson; Hon. Treas., Miss E. Gormley; Gen. Committee, Misses Bourke, Searle, Munro, H. Cox, M. Wardrop and G. Butler.

Arrangements were also made for the members to hold a drag picnic to Wionora on 26th November.

## ESSAY COMPETITIONS.

In connection with the Essay Competitions of the Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the following girls won prizes:—Winnie Hutchinson, Jean Willes and Kathleen Wootton.

## Rifle Shooting.

The Senior Cadets held their weekly shoot on Wednesday, November 2nd. Each cadet fired ten shots at 200 yards, the following being the principal scores:—

Cadet Crowe, 36; Cpl. Digby, 27; Cadet Sedgwick, 25; Cadet Gruen, 25; Cadet Berman, 23; Cadet New, 23; Sergt. Upton, 23; Cadet Bean, 23; Cadet Dudley, 20.

Twenty-six of all ranks attended this practice, and a marked improvement in the shooting was noticeable.

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make the runs is also an ex-pupil of the Old School.

Griffiths, W. Donald, S. A. McIntosh (Hon. Treas.) and P. R. Watts (Hon. Sec.).

After the President had proposed the customary loyal toast, Professor Wellisch, supported by Mr. Turner, Dr. O. Bohrsmann, Mr. Hyam Hains and Mr. Ed. Downey, proposed the toast of "The School." Mr. Kilgour responded. Mr. Turner proposed the toast of "Our Guest, Professor Wellisch," who modestly responded. The toast of the Union was proposed by Mr. Inspector Smith, and responded to by Mr. Aubrey Mowle (Vice-president). Mr. Phillips and Dr. Bohrsmann made tuneful enquiries of the Watchman concerning the Night, antecedent to Mr. Phillips' impending departure to Philadelphia in the Morning. Glass and Tremain's orchestra made a lot of pleasant remarks during the evening, which no doubt inspired many an old boy to fill up his glass and remain. . . .

October subscribers:—

C. F. Dunn, "Bristol," Salisbury-street, Camperdown.

Ed. Downey, Wharf-road, Concord.

L. Voss, Pearl Villa, Neville-street, Marrickville.

J. R. Bardsley, 7 Arthur-street, Leichhardt.

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K. Willis, c/o Messrs. Staerker and Fischer, 40-42 Clarence-street.

S. Redshaw, c/o Law School, University, Selborne Chambers, Phillip-street.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

Jack Goodsir has received an appointment as Junior Clerk in the E. S. and A. Bank. Edward Crockford has been appointed to the Savings Bank of N.S.W., while F. E. Hopkins has gone to the Commercial Bank at Berry.

We desire, as Australians speaking to Australians, to commend to our readers two new books by Australian writers. The first is "Three New Chum Girls," by Lilian Turner, author of "The Perry Girls," and the others "A Little Bush Maid," by Mary Grant Bruce, a new Victorian writer. Both books are published by Ward, Lock and Co.

## The Camera Club

The initiatory meeting for the formation of a Camera Club in connection with the Sports Union of the School, was held on Friday, 28th October.

Mr. Kilgour presided, and after speaking of the many advantages, both physical and artistic, to be derived from such a source, expressed his pleasure at seeing the club started.

Quite a number of members were enrolled.

The only obligation is that members must belong to the Sports Union.

Outings of the club will take place every Wednesday afternoon, under the guidance of Mr. C. Bauer. Illustrated lectures, competitions and exhibitions will be arranged for the members.

Mr. Bauer was elected Hon. Secretary, and the delegates to the Sports Union are the Hon. Secretary and N. A. Essenman.

## The Sports' Union.

The Union is going ahead like a house on fire. The members now number over 720 (750 was the number last year, with the new boys likely to come at Xmas time). We are to consider applications for affiliation from the Rowing Club (Mr. Macnee), Cycling Club (Mr. Hanray), Camera Club (Mr. Bauer), Tennis (Mr. Hurt). The above three clubs have held enthusiastic meetings, and elected the following officers:—Tennis: Secretary, Mr. Hurt; Delegates to Sports Union, Mr. Hurt, W. Simpson. Camera Club: Secretary, Mr. Bauer; N. Essermann, Secretary, Mr. Bauer. Rowing: Secretary, Mr. Macnee; Delegates, F. Cobb and Mr. Macnee.

We have every prospect of getting four tennis courts on Centennial Park for Wednesday afternoons, tennis players will be glad to hear. In the cricket now the Hon. Secretary has had to arrange that fifth classes and under get the cricket material on Mondays and Fridays only, and sixths and upstairs classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Of course, on Wednesdays the material is all required for the six school teams. Class captains are asked to note.

## Cricket

The Selection Committee for the school teams this season are as follows:—

Firsts and Seconds: Mr. A. W. Parsonage, G. Morgan and H. Mackaness.

Thirds and Fourths: Mr. Murray, A. Evans and R. Evatt.

Fifths and Sixths: Mr. Hilliard, N. McLaren, G. Reeves.

The delegates to the Sports Union Committee are Mr. Fraser and G. Morgan.

The fixtures arranged so far in the cricket are: 16th Nov., Thirds v. Knox College, on Domain; 16th Nov., Seconds v. Holy Cross College, at Ryde; 23rd Nov., Seconds v. Stott and Hoare's, on Domain; 30th Nov., First v. Training College; 30th Nov., Seconds v. Holy Cross, Domain; 7th Dec., Thirds v. Knox College, N. Sydney; 14th Dec., Stott and Hoare's, on their ground.

We have some good all-round sports in the fifth classes, and we will be glad to hear of their promotion to the sixths in Jan. next. N. Coxon and T. Ross are both good embryo wicket-keepers. H. Kirke is as keen on cricket as football, and that means a lot to those who know his prowess on the football field. N. Israel, who is likely to develop into a good all-round cricketer; F. Rinaldi, who plays both cricket and football well; A. Graham, likely to develop into a good all rounder; and A. Turner, who, besides being a good forward, showed that he knows how to hit a cricket ball.

The cricket season is proceeding merrily. We have six school teams in existence, firsts, seconds, thirds, fourths, fifths, and sixths. Players have to work themselves up into a higher team by good results. Four wickets and 20 runs is the test, each to be in one innings. Cricketers showing the best form are G. Morgan, Moran, W. Mansley, and H. Mackaness, with others whose names will appear in these columns later.

Letters are out making arrangements for fixtures for the teams. We expect this time next month to publish a full list. Fixtures are being made for all teams.

Official scorers are wanted for each team. Boys who do not play but can score neatly and thoroughly and will stick to the position are wanted. One for each team to go away with the team each time. Give your names at once to Mr. Parsonage.

The class competitions are expected to be in full swing shortly. The competition is to be divided into two grades—B grade, all sixth classes; and A grade, juniors and seniors. Handicaps will be arranged for.

On Wednesday the School played the Grammar School firsts, and had a bad time. We got them out for 280, Mr. Lusby (3), K. Flook (2), Mackaness (2), Morgan (2), Mr. Murray (1) getting the wickets.

The School were all out for 21, there being no less than five blobs. In our follow on we did better, two wickets for 42 being the score, Flook (21 not out), Wallace (19) getting some runs.

In our next we will publish a list of the School teams in their order, with some notes on players showing most promise.

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## Wednesday Sporting Day

The inauguration of the Wednesday organised sport in the school seems to be meeting with universal approval. Some "sports" no doubt do not like the idea of being restricted to one afternoon a week, but the number of non-participants, the lookers-on, has been materially diminished by the introduction of organised sport.

We are pleased to see that several new clubs have been formed in the school, including a bicycle club, a rowing club, and a camera club. Reports of the doings of these clubs will be found in other columns. At this stage of progress we would like to urge the secretaries of the various clubs to send their reports in to the editor regularly. The publication of the doings of each club will tend to excite a legitimate interest in its doings.

On the 2nd instant a cricket match was to have been played, School versus Staff. Some libeller suggested that the staff intended to play 22 of the school, but we find that the proposal had no foundation in fact.

## Swimming

Undoubtedly this humanitarian pastime is booming in the School this season, for on one day no less than 421 boys attended the weekly practice. This speaks volumes for the popularity of the sport, and the manner in which the participants carry out their instructions and perform their several duties only serve to show that this present season will, indeed, be a record one.

The present custom of carrying out the practice in the afternoon (although sometimes the tide may be against us) is popular and, given a fair trial, should undoubtedly end in success. The Secretary has a vast undertaking to control, yet he is capably assisted by several genuine workers of the correct type.—The School will, before the season closes, be in a position to state that every boy who regularly takes part in the exercises is a swimmer, for increased attention is at present duly paid to the non-swimmers.

To the senior boys assisting in this important

branch great credit is due, and their laudable efforts will be carefully appreciated.

### NOTES.

The water-polo games instituted this season promise to be highly interesting. At the first practice excellent form was shown by several players, and beginners will have ample scope in which to remedy defects.

At the first games played under the coaching of Mr. W. W. Hill, the "A" team (Mason's) defeated "B" team (Green's) by 3 goals to 1, and "C" team defeated "D" team by 2 to 1.

Mr. Hill has gratuitously offered to coach our lads in the game, and his kind offer is duly appreciated, for many wish to participate under his careful tuition. The "Fortian" extends to that gentleman its sincerest thanks and hopes that his efforts will be crowned with success.

### SECRETARY'S NOTE!

Not enough entries in the Class handicaps. Good prizes for eager competitors.

The certificates for merit are not yet to hand, still there is hope, and as they are still distant, they will be all the more appreciated on their arrival.

Eric Cullen Ward has been delighting the natorial supporters in 'Frisco with displays in swimming and life-saving.

Fort-street Carnival eventuates on Feb. 25th, 1911, the venue being the Municipal Baths, Do-main. It promises to be bigger than ever.

### RESULTS.

220 yds. Championship: 1, Ger. Murray; 2, F. Mason; 3, E. Green; Time, 2 min. 49 secs.

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6th Class Handicap, 50 yds.: 1, Wright; 2, C. Furness; 3, Burrett; time, 32 1-5th secs.

An effort will be made this season to pass many boys for the various awards in Life-saving, under the guidance of the Royal Life-saving Society.

The classes will be under the following instructors:—Seniors, Mr. Parker; Juniors, Mr.

Selle; 6th Classes, Messrs. Macnee and Leaver; Lower Classes, Messrs. Lusby and Tate.

Special attention will be directed towards the youthful members going for the elementary certificate. All boys who do not hold any certificate should make it a point of seeing that they are enrolled in some particular class. The only charge will be that of an examination fee, which is nominal.

## Running the Blockade.

By E. F. McLeod.  
(Old Boy.)

After leaving Labuan our course was set to pass to the south of the Philippine Group, and by doing this we could avoid any curious Japanese cruisers that might be in the vicinity.

I may add that in clearing from Labuan we did not clear for Vladivostock but for Astoria. This meant that we could get right up to the north of Japan before any vessel had a right to interfere with us.

The passage up as far as the Straits of La Perouse was without incident.

Owing to our being shorthanded, no lookout could be placed forward and the weather now being so cold, the wheel was relieved every hour instead of every two hours as is the general rule. An allowance of rum was served out to each man as he left the wheel. This was at first kept on the bridge at night time, but it soon began to get thick like soup, owing to the cold, and, probably, on account of the water in it.

Bye and bye as we got further north, as far as the Kurile Group, the weather began to get bad and the funnels, from the forecastles, could not be rigged as they would have been washed away by the seas coming over.

It soon became evident that the men could not live down there without some artificial heat, and as it was impossible to give them this, the captain told them to come aft and live in the saloon as there was a steam heater there. The firemen lived on the gratings in the engine room.

For the officers' use there was a mess-room, but it was not used as such before this passage, as we always dined in the saloon. This mess-

room was small and fitted with a nice stove in which we kept a roaring fire going night and day; thus we had a little comfort when we came down after our four hours' vigil on the bridge.

The captain decided not to go the nearest way to Vladivostock but round through the strait formed by the northernmost island of Japan and the southernmost one of the Kurile Group. Once we turned our ship's head round on a westerly course, our protection with regard to Astoria was finished, and we had to chance to luck to bring us through the remainder of our journey. Passing through the strait, which was not very wide, snow covered hills were to be seen everywhere and made one shiver to see them. We encountered a blizzard going through. I do not suppose that many of the readers of this article have ever encountered a blizzard, so I will endeavour to explain what it is.

Imagine a very heavy rain squall but instead of rain, driving snow; and you can form some idea of what a blizzard is. It can be hardly called snow, as snowflakes are soft. It is really a mixture of snow and hail.

From now onward, till our arrival at Vladivostock we steamed without the regulation lights (the red and green sidelights and white masthead lights which are so familiar to all residing in and around Sydney) and covered up all other lights in cabins, etc. We always carried the lights lit and on the bridge covered up ready to exhibit in case of another vessel coming down on us, so that a collision could be avoided.

After safely negotiating the strait, a short steam brought us up to the La Perouse Strait, the place which we had to pass through; although we knew it to be patrolled and guarded by Japanese men-of-war. As ill luck would have it, we had to pass through in the daytime, which made us fear that we would inevitably be captured.

During my watch, about 11 a.m., I noticed three columns of smoke ascending straight up far on the southern horizon. I informed the captain, who said, "This is the finish; they have seen us, and are after us." But such was not the case, and we passed through safely and headed for Olga Bay, a small inlet where we were to meet our escort and receive our orders.

It was in this strait that most of the captures were made; and also in Tōshūma Strait. We sighted Olga Bay, and also a steamer. Was it a Russian or a Japanese man-of-war? were the questions immediately asked.

Suddenly we saw her disappear into Olga Bay, so of course, we said it was a Russian; but our conjectures were wrong.

We steamed towards the bay, and as we entered it we saw the steamer. It proved to be another ship which had been at Labuan with us, and had left shortly before us.

Immediately we arrived a number of military and naval officers boarded us, and gave the captain his instructions, private recognition signals, etc.

We were now ready to proceed on the last lap of our journey, but to our dismay when we turned the steam on to heave up our anchor, we found it would not run through the pipes. They were all frozen, so we had to set about thawing them. We laid a train of oakum right along the deck (the deck being iron) under the pipes, and pouring kerosene on this, we set a light to it, and after about two hours work our efforts were rewarded by the welcome sound of steam hissing through the pipes to the windlass.

Two fine cruisers were to escort us to Vladivostok, so we felt fairly safe.

Proceeding down the coast, still with masked lights, we noticed that all the lighthouses on the shore were not lighted.

We encountered a strong southerly wind after leaving Olga Bay, and the spray as it came on board froze where it fell; and the rails round the vessel's side were several times larger than their natural size.

The decks were covered with ice, which made walking difficult and dangerous; and all iron became very brittle and snapped off with a very gentle tap. As our windlass had been frozen up, we naturally came to the conclusion that our winches were in a like state, and, as we needed them to discharge our cargo, we set to work to thaw them in the same manner that we had used for the windlass. After that we had to keep them going continuously to prevent them again freezing up.

On arriving off Askold Island, a gun was fired from the battery there, which no doubt was a signal to the men-of-war to proceed with us.

On closer approach we observed a small gun-boat coming to us with the signals "stop" flying. Of course, in these warlike times we immediately stopped and awaited further events.

As soon as she approached us close enough a boat was lowered and we observed a naval officer get in and then they rowed off to us. He, we found out, was to be our pilot through the channels and over the mines.

As we steamed on, our pilot pointed out to us the remains of an unfortunate vessel which had tried to enter the harbour without a pilot, and had struck a mine, gone sky high, to come down a twisted and buckled mass of iron and wood.

What would happen to us if by some mischance our pilot forgot the exact place of the mines, was the thought that flitted through my mind.

Happily such was not the case, and in due time we arrived off a great boom of logs. A small tug steamed out and unlocked a kind of gate in this boom and towed it on one side and allowed us to pass. As soon as we passed through, it was immediately closed.

Meanwhile the sun had set, and darkness was beginning to show signs of falling on us.

We observed another boom of buoys. I asked the pilot what it consisted of and he informed me that each buoy was a floating mine. He asked me if I could see a red one and a green one between which was the passage, as he was rather short-sighted at night. I need hardly say that on receiving this piece of information I kept a sharp lookout for the required buoys.

We sighted them, but not on the proper bow. I immediately told the pilot, who at once put the engines full speed astern, and brought the ship up just alongside one of these engines of death; thus narrowly averting a serious catastrophe.

After straightening the ship up we passed through this barrier safely, and at last arrived in the harbour. We were anchored in a place which was pointed out by our captain to be a foul berth, or in other words a berth, in which if the two ships swung in opposite directions they would bump each other.

The pilot said that everything would be alright for to-night, and the ship would lie snugly, and he would come and shift us in the morning.

(To be continued.)

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## The 1910 Seniors.

To speed the departing Seniors of 1910, as many of the Upper School (boys and girls) as the Main Room could conveniently hold, assembled on the 11th ultimo. Mr. Kilgour presided, and among the visitors were Mr. J. W. Turner and many old boys and girls, of whom we note the following: Messrs. Langan (Captain, 1910), Malcolm, Collins, Potts, Halloran, Alexander, Stephens, Zions, Samson, Wall, Silberthau, Railton, Morgan, Blanchard, Frecker, Douglas and Gostelow. The names of the ladies present, exclusive of Miss Partridge, Miss Watts, Miss Croft and Miss Emily Stewart, we were unable to obtain.

The proceedings opened with a musical programme, to which the following contributed:

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Mr. Kilgour then addressed the Seniors in his usual optimistic manner, and bade them farewell, telling them that they had the school behind them in their efforts at the Examination.

Mr. Turner also spoke on behalf of the old boys, and narrated several incidents which showed how widespread were the interest in and influence of Fort-street among the people of New South Wales.

Mr. A. Langan wished the 1910 Seniors good luck on behalf of the 1909 Seniors.

Charles Bray, the School Captain, responded on behalf of the Seniors in an able and ingenuous speech. The proceedings were brought to a close in the usual way by cheers and by the marching out of the Seniors to a united chorus of "They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

## The Senior Dinner

On the evening following the farewell, full nine and forty in a company assembled at Sargent's room, to do justice to the Annual Senior Dinner. Among the visitors present were Mr. James Dawson, M.A., Chief Inspector of Schools, Mr. J. W. Turner, Superintendent of Technical Education, Mr. H. D. McLelland, B.A., Assistant Chief Inspector, and Messrs. Inspectors J. Dennis, M.A. and S. H. Smith. Bray, the Captain of the School, presided. The tables were arranged with great taste, and decorated throughout with calliopes.

After ample justice had been done to the turkey and ham, the Princess pudding and other dainties, the toast of "The King" having been drunk, Bray proposed the toast of the "School," to which Mr. Kilgour responded. The other toasts were "The 1910 Seniors," proposed by Mr. Kilgour and seconded by Mr. Mackaness and responded to by Leask, Godfrey, Booth and Ferguson; the toast of the "Visitors" proposed by Gruen and replied to by Messrs. Dawson, Turner, McLelland, Dennis and Smith; and the toast of "The Captain of the School," proposed by Mr. Turner.

During the intervals between the toasts, a musical programme was rendered, to which the fol-

lowing gentlemen contributed: Messrs. Davies, Scott, Parker, Meldrum, Reed, Asher and Gruen.

The proceedings were brought to a conclusion close on eleven o'clock by "Auld Lang Syne."

## Some Notes on the 1910 Seniors.

The number of candidates presented for this year's Senior (17) constitutes a record for Fort Street.

To see four taxi cabs gliding up the avenue on the 11th ultimo caused one onlooker to remark that evidently there was a wedding at the school, particularly as all the guests were wearing red and white favours.

"Examinations are very unsocial things," quoth the Chief Inspector at the Senior Dinner. "You cannot speak a word to your neighbour, neither are books of reference permitted in the unsocial examination hall."

"At present my son," said Mr. Inspector Dennis, "who was captain of Fort Street School some years ago, is engaged in erecting a large water tower and tank, over 100 feet high, in another State. This, in a sense, is another monument to the work of Fort Street School."

Godfrey's remarks on the effect of our senior course as being a "continual process of self-discovery" were among the best made during the course of an evening full of good speeches.

## LIBRARY NOTES.

Both Libraries, the School Library and the Senior Class Reference Library, are now closed till after the Christmas vacation. *All books must be returned at once*; fines for overdue books must also be paid.

The Librarian has at present under consideration a new method of subscribing to the Library. The idea proposed is that borrowers be issued a quarterly ticket at a charge of one shilling or thereabouts, or perhaps a yearly ticket. This ticket would allow the borrower to take out two books once or twice a week. There are certain

difficulties in the way of this proposal, but the Librarian hopes to be able to work out a satisfactory basis of subscription and method of issuing books, so as to be ready for the New Year.

The Senior Library, thanks to the energetic and enthusiastic support of the Senior Class, is progressing splendidly. The new Co-Librarian Rowe, fills his position admirably.

It has occurred to us that the late Seniors of 1910 would be doing a good turn to their juniors in the class if they were to present to the Library any of the books, as, for example, literatures and historical works with which they have finished. Mr. Reg. Nicholls led the way last month by his gift of the "Life of Gladstone."

## Captain of the School.

There were two candidates this year for the Captaincy of the School during 1911, H. V. Evatt and E. O. K. Green. The election was held on the 14th ultimo, and resulted in the election of

EVATT,

who, therefore, succeeds Bray in the most coveted position open to the pupils of Fort Street.

Evatt has been in the School a number of years and at his Junior in 1909 gained one of the best passes in the School, 5 A's and 2 B's. Evatt is well known among his fellows as a good cricketer and an enthusiastic supporter of the Australian game of football. During last vacation he was one of the members of the team which visited Melbourne.

As a scholar, Evatt is one of the finest in the School. Several articles from his pen have already appeared in the pages of this magazine.

The "Fortian" offers him its sincerest congratulations on his election, knowing well that he will do the position as great honour as many of his predecessors.

## Annual Prize Distribution.

The annual distribution of prizes will take place at the School on Friday, the 21st December, at 11 o'clock a.m. The parents and friends of the pupils are cordially invited to be present.

The Honorable George S. Beeby, M.L.A., Minister for Education, has kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the pupils of Fort Street on Friday the 16th instant.

## Cadet News.

The musketry is nearly complete and the following have won musketry badges: Serg. A. McNiven, Corp. S. Cox, Corp. W. Paradise, Cadet W. Tebbitt, Serg. B. Gibson, Cadet D. Webber, L.-Corp. G. Hansel, Bugler A. Rees, Serg. E. Hurt, Cadet H. Ross, Corp. E. Furness, Cadet F. Saul, Cadet J. Blgrave, Cadet F. Digby, Cadet A. Witcombe, Cadet B. Walter, Cadet W. Pether, Serg.-Major G. Draper, with B. Walter, W. Rose, B. Johnson, D. Wilkinson, S. Ward, L. Duff, L.-Corp. Ward, N. Simpson, and H. Cutler close up.

Sgt. E. Hurt put up the only possible in the musketry, scoring 5 bulls out of 5 shots at 100 yards.

The First Battalion cadets are to have a bivouac early in December at Sandringham. Cadets will leave Friday afternoon, take tea, breakfast and dinner or contribute and have them provided, and come back home on Saturday afternoon. All the smartest cadets, buglers, signalers and non-coms are eligible. The final selection will be made later. Next parade: Monday, December 5th, on the Domain; half-day.

Some cadets, about a dozen all told, are very regular at their Wednesday practices at Randwick. They should gain a few of the best prizes at the coming rifle meeting. The whole day parade at Maroubra on Tuesday, Nov. 15, was a great success. Field work, skirmishing, and attacking was gone on with, and our cadets leading off, did well under Lieut. Tubman. The signalers did some splendid semaphore work on the surrounding hills.

## The Camera Club.

The Camera Club is progressing favourably, and each week finds some tyro added to the roll of membership.

The Wednesday afternoon outings are well patronised, and the resulting pictures most encouraging. Last Wednesday a visit was made to Hulk Bay and Kerosene Bay on the northern side of the Harbour, where a couple of interesting views were secured.

Yesterday afternoon the members received some useful instructions in the preliminaries of photography from Mr. Lean, of Harrington and Co.—the working of the various cameras used by the members, composition of a picture, focusing and exposures under different lights.

At the conclusion the lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Then a visit was paid to the Botanical Gardens, where the ideas gained were put into practice.

## Honour Caps.

### CONDITIONS OF AWARD.

We think it a suitable opportunity, just before the awards are announced, for publishing the conditions on which Honor Caps are awarded.

1. Honor Caps shall be awarded only by the General Committee of the Sports' 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 candidates'

(a) Fondness for, and success in manly outdoor sports, including athletic records which have brought signal success to the School.

(b) Qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for, and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness, and fellowship.

(c) Exhibition of moral force of character and of instincts 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.

Percy Penman, B.E., is now acting manager of the Great Cobar Copper Mine.

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## Watts-Whitney Prize Competition.

### THE WINNING CANDIDATES.

The aim of this competition was to stimulate the reading of Australian verse in the School. This was intended to be in accord with the encouragement which has always been given to literary studies at Fort Street. It was thought by the originators, that the competition, with the co-operation of the teachers, would prove attractive to many boys and girls, seeing that the subject was one in which every Australian should take an interest. Though the competition lay outside the routine work of the School, it was thought not to be without educational value.

The response, on the whole, however, proved disappointing. This remark does not apply to the girls' division. But that, out of the large number eligible to take part, only a single entry should be received from the boys' side, is rather surprising. Doubtless, the attention of those who might otherwise have been induced to take part in such a competition, has been concentrated on examination work to the exclusion of other aspirations. Still, if a word of advice to the boys may be given, they may be reminded that a disinterested study of something distinctively Australian will be of more benefit to them in their development into citizens than mere examination successes.

Eight entries were received from the girls. Most of these reached a creditable standard and showed a fair amount of reading had been done and that considerable thought had been bestowed on the competition. One, indeed, went so far as quote each poem selected in full, though the conditions laid down distinctly relieved competitors of that labor, as only a reference was required. On judging the attempts, such points as the merit of the selection, the reasons given for making it, the extent of reading shown, and also the individuality and taste of the competitors, were taken into account. It was, perhaps, rather unfortunate for the purposes of the competition that an excellent recent "Anthology of Australian Verse" was available, which it was inevitable that many of the candidates should use. The promoters would have preferred all

to have read through half a dozen, perhaps more, of the leading poets of Australia and New Zealand. This was certainly done by several. However, an acquaintance with the "Anthology" is calculated to be of value in forming literary taste. The attention of students may be directed to the fact that a second and greatly improved edition of this work, under the title "The Golden Treasury of Australian Verse" was issued in 1909, and may be recommended as the only representative selection from our poets so far accessible.

Two of the girls stood out above the others, those with the pen-names of "Elaine" and "Gatland." The selection of the latter was slightly better, but the former, in the reasons given, more than counterbalanced this difference. Both seemed to have covered almost an equal amount of reading. After careful consideration, the judges, Messrs. Watts and Whitney, decided to award first prize of £1/1/0 to "Elaine." Circumstances explained below, however, enabled them to award a second prize of 10/6 to "Gatland." The sealed envelopes containing the names were then opened by Mr. Kilgour. The winner proved to be Edith J. Fraser (Ex. 7A), and the second, Dorothy G. Perry (Ex. 7A).

The judges' notes were as follows:—

"Elaine":—Poems selected, Lawson's "Star of Australasia" and "The Last Review," Bracken's "Sturt's Last Letter," Kendall's "Outre Mer" and "To a Mountain," J. B. O'Hara's "Flinders," Gordon's "Song of the Surf," Wentworth's "Australasia," Paterson's "By the Grey Gulf Water" and "Over the Range," Essex Evans' "The Women of the West" and "Failure," selections generally of a high standard, though from some of the poets represented finer poems might have been chosen. The extent of reading was very satisfactory. The reasons given were particularly good; a tendency to paraphrase was noticeable, but in most cases the candidate showed that she had grasped the spirit of the poem. A point that particularly impressed us was that the writer has evidently genuine literary sympathies.

"Gatland" selected Paterson's "The Man from Snowy River" and "Clancy of the Overflow," Gordon's "The Sick Stockrider" and "How We Beat the Favourite," Brunton Stephen's "Convict Once," Kendall's "Araluen" and "Hy-Brasil," Lawson's "The Ballad of the Drover"



and "The Sliprails and the Spur," Essex Evans' "The Women of the West," Ogilvie's "How the Chestnut Horse Came Home" and "The Riding of the Rebel." Certainly a stronger twelve than "Elaine's" and a very good selection. However, the reasons given were of somewhat uneven merit. One or two showed insight and appreciation, for example, those for "Convict Once," others somewhat failed to grasp the significance of the poem selected. A preference for the typically Australian was shown.

Several of the other selections had interesting features and it is proposed to publish these in a future issue.

The boy entrant took the pen-name of "Marcus Lucius." His selection suffered from being confined to an anthology of 22 years ago—and not a good one at that (Mr. Sladen's). Within such limits, it would be impossible to make a selection worthy of Australian poetry as we now know it. Curiously enough, he alone selected Kendall's charming "Bellbirds." In giving his reasons the candidate showed a measure of critical analysis though his taste was often sadly at fault. He appeared to be impressed by laboured artifice and sometimes by the commonplace. The extent of reading was not at all satisfactory, being confined to one small book, hopelessly out-of-date. He might at least have looked at a few of the books recommended.

Having regard to these circumstances and to the fact that the attempt fell below those of several of the girls, the judges might have been within their rights, if, following the common practice in such cases they awarded no prize. But they had no wish to discourage even one student, and finally decided to award him a prize of 10/6 and to devote the remainder to a second girl's prize. Such a course seemed fair to both parties.

Angelo Lewis (Lower Senior) therefore will receive a prize of 10/6.

## Prefects 1911

The Headmaster has elected the following Seniors as Prefects for 1911:—

Evatt (Captain), Green, Lawrance, Gruen, Hudson-Smith, Crockett, Briggs, Rowe, M'Kee, Mason.

## DRAUGHTS MATCH.

On Friday afternoon, November 20th, the Orderly Room was the scene of an exciting and hotly-contested draughts match, played by the Old Boys v. The School. This desperate struggle ended in a victory for the School, the result of games being as follows:—

Old Boys	v.	The School.
Mr. A. J. Collins .. 4	„	Evatt (cpt.) 2
„ G. R. Halloran.. 0	Mr. J. Tate .... 0	
„ A. M. Stanton .. 0	„ P. Hurt .... 4	
„ T. Potts ..... 0	„ S. Cantrell . 4	
„ J. G. Hunter .. ½	„ J. Murray .. 4	
„ S. Railton ..... 2	„ C. R. Collins 1½	
„ J. Malcolm ... 1½	„ R. M'Niven. 2	
„ B. Degotardi ... 2	„ J. Leaver .. 2½	

## NOTES AND NEWS.

It is proposed to inaugurate the Wednesday afternoon organised sport system in the Girls' Department after the Christmas vacation.

The members of the Camera Club had their outing at the Zoo Wednesday afternoon. The party was small on account of the Tennis Competition. The varying light was trying and advantage had to be taken of the intervals of sunshine. Still some bird and animal studies were taken.

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# Girls' Page.

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## SEVENTH CLASS PICNIC.

On Saturday, 19th November, the girls of Seventh Class, with Misses Leslie, Tearle, McDougall and Gardiner, had a most enjoyable picnic at Fairyland, Upper Lane Cove River. Leaving the Quay at 10 a.m., they reached Fig Tree in time to catch the launch for the upper reaches. It was a most pleasant trip, through twelve miles of beautiful scenery. On their arrival, Miss Tearle was kind enough to take snapshots of the party, after which they explored the surroundings and had lunch. During the afternoon several games were played among trees laden with fruit, which they were unable to gather, much to their regret, the regulations of the pleasure grounds forbidding fruit, flowers and ferns to be touched. Tea came at 5.30 p.m., and at 6.30 p.m. the whole party re-embarked on the launch to return to town, after having spent a very pleasant day.

## SEVENTH CLASS SEND OFF.

Prior to their examination on the 20th and 21st of October, the girls of Seventh Class gave an afternoon tea to all the teachers who had prepared them for their examination, and also to the rest of the staff. During the afternoon several presentations were made, a bouquet of roses being given to Miss Partridge. Recitations were given by Miss Dennis and several of the girls. Mr. Kilgour and Miss Partridge addressed the girls, after which the party dispersed.

## KITCHEN TEA.

On 12th November a kitchen tea was tendered to Miss Alice Hume, prior to her marriage, by the Fort Street Old Girls' Tennis Club. During

the afternoon a guessing competition, which took the form of a "menu," was won by Miss F. Nelson. Tennis was indulged in by some of those present, and afternoon tea was served under the big trees in the playground. After tea the numerous gifts were presented, thus bringing to a close a very happy afternoon.

## GIRLS' L. AND D. SOCIETY.

The above Society held a debate on November 4th, 1910, on the subject, "Which has the greater influence on mankind—the Platform or Press?"

Mr. Senior Inspector Flashman and Miss Partridge were present.

The advocates for the ministry were May Meaney, Annie Ingamells and Rita Carrad, while those for the opposition were Marjorie Collins, Maggie Mills and Elsie Ferguson.

When, after spirited advocacy of the respective causes, results were furnished by the judging teachers, the ministry were found to have gained the day by one point.

At the close of the debate Mr. Inspector Flashman delivered an address, in which he commended the institution of debating societies and heartily wished for their continuance.

The subject for next debate is as yet undecided.

On Thursday, 17th November, the Sixth Classes held their debate, the subject being "Which exerts the greater influence on the population, a writer or a speaker?"

Elsie Segaert opened the debate for the ministry, supported by E. Booth, C. Lockley, G. Lloyd, S. Cochrane and S. Crouch.

Maud McLachlan led the opposition, supported by H. McLeod, G. Slatter, M. Levy, H. Donahay and M. Hughes.

After some discussions, the debate was closed, no decision being arrived at.

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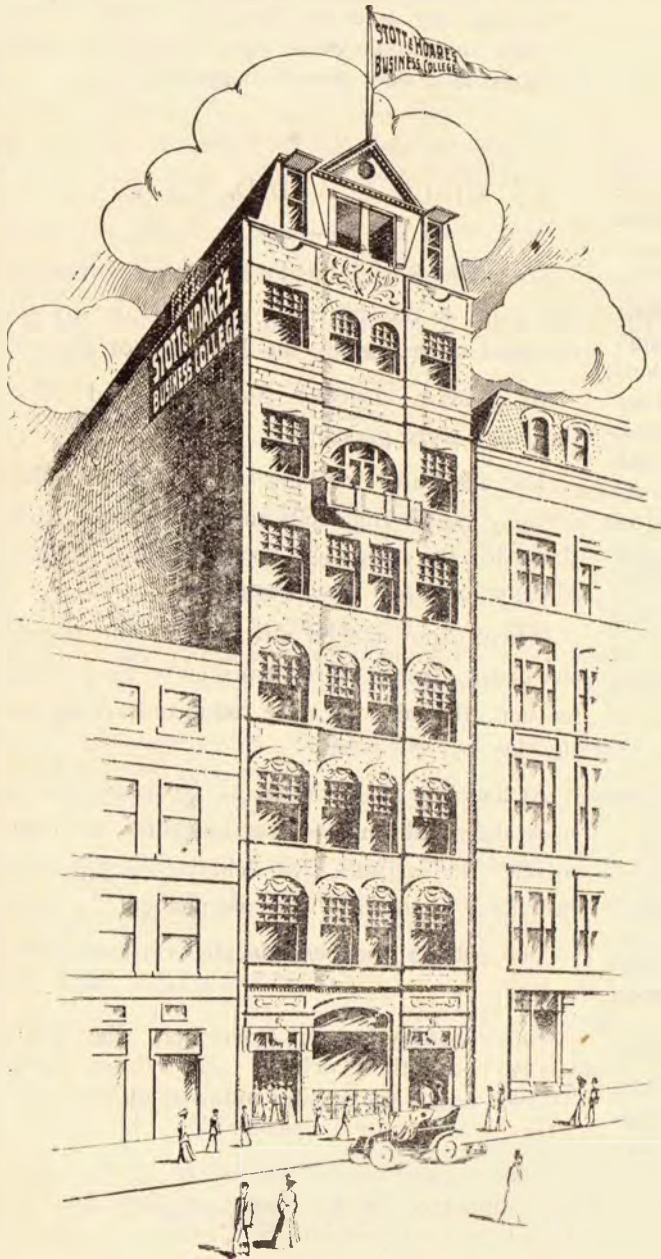
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THE WARATAH LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The above Society held its last meeting on Friday, November 18th. The subject under discussion was "Which will be the nation of the future—America or Japan?" The cause of Japan was admirably upheld by Erica Smith, while Dorothy Rothschild and Jessie Foxall proved themselves to be able supporters. The leader of the opposition was Dove McAdam, who was ably supported by Pearl Mansley and Enid Campbell. The opposition won by a very small majority. It was decided that the next meeting should take the form of "A Manuscript Journal."

CAPTAIN OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The election for the first Captain of the Girls' School took place on the 30th ultimo. Voting was confined to the Seventh Classes, and the choice of the girls fell to

BLANCHE McVANE,

whom we congratulate on the high honour which has fallen to her. The election of two prefects for 1911 has also been held, the honoured girls being:—

Isabel Knight and Margaret Mills.

PROBATIONARY STUDENTS.

The result of the recent examination for Entrance Scholarships to the Teachers' College are now to hand. The following Fort Street girls were successful in winning Scholarships. (Order of Merit.)

Ellice E. Hamilton (2nd place), Dorothy G. Perry, Lilian B. Short, Edith M. Ripp, Margaret Mansley, Olive Waghorn, Phyllis A. Burrell, Alice A. Nash, Nellie Perkins, Gladys M. McKenzie, Marguerite Candish.

"The "Fortian" congratulates heartily all these girls on their success.

There were fourteen girl candidates for the Training College this year. All passed, and of these eight won "A" scholarships. There were also several candidates prepared from without the service, but these results are not yet available.

DR. OTTO BOHRSMANN'S PRIZE FOR SEWING.

COMPETITION RULES.

- (a) Garment to be a White Dress to fit competitor.
- (b) Material.—Plain White Muslin, price up to 1/- per yd., single width, or 1/6 per yd., double width.  
(Miss Simpson will show girls suitable patterns of material.)
- (c) Girls to produce the bill for material immediately upon entering into the competition. (Miss Bourke will receive and file all bills.)
- (d) Dress to be judged unwashed.
- (e) Trimming to consist of tucks, gathers if desired, or hand embroidery if desired. No money to be spent on trimming except material for hand embroidery as transfer, cotton, thread.
- (f) If a girl uses her own design, under Miss Simpson's supervision, this will gain her extra points.
- (g) The garment is to be made partly by hand and partly by machine.
  1. Machine Work.—Seams, hems, tucks, bands.
  2. Hand Work.—All setting, gathers, finishing and embroidering.
  3. Cutting out must be done at school, under supervision, by competitor.
  4. Style of Dress.—At competitor's discretion.

JUDGING POINTS.—100 Maximum.

	Points.
(a) Cutting out .....	20
(b) Fit .....	20
(c) Neatness of Hand Work ....	20
(d) Precision of Machine Work..	20
(e) Style of Trimming, i.e., Design in Tucks or Hand Embroidery	20
	100

Honours for Own Designing.—Competition to be judged by three ladies, to be appointed by Miss Simpson.

Time for Making Dress.—Work to be finished by 12th December, 1910.

Judging on Monday, December 12th, at 2.30 p.m., by ladies not in any connection with the school.

## SCRIPTURE COMPETITIONS.

The results of the Annual Examinations in Scripture, held by the Church of England Diocesan Committee, among the schools of Sydney and suburbs are now to hand. Fort Street girls succeeded in winning all the top prizes. Pearl Mansley and May Dexter were bracketed equal for the gold medal, but as May Dexter gained this medal last year, and as it is not awarded to the same girl twice, the medal goes to Pearl Mansley, while May Dexter receives a first prize. The silver medal for 1910 was won by Maggie Christie, while the first prize for 1910 found its winner in Gladys Bramley.

## FIRST AID.

The course of lectures delivered to the girls by Dr. Luker was brought to a conclusion last week. The examination is being held to-day (Tuesday) by Dr. Storie Dixon. Miss Drummond has been in charge of the class, and has brought the work to a very high state of efficiency, Dr. Luker considering it the best-prepared class he has yet instructed. There are thirty candidates for first year, one for second year, and one for the medallion.

## TENNIS "AT HOME."

The tournament now being played by the Fortian's Tennis Club will be brought to a close on Wednesday, 7th December.

The Annual Tennis "At Home" will be held in the Girls' Library at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 8th December.

A committee of members under the control of the organising secretary, Miss Maloney, will be in charge of all arrangements.

The Decoration Committee, Aimee Ingamells and Olga Reeves will be pleased to receive flowers and pot-plants on Thursday morning.

It has been decided this year to elect a captain and two prefects, to be drawn from the senior girls of the School—second year probationary students and the seniors.

To this end, a meeting was held in the library on 22nd November, and regulations concerning the election were drawn up.

The necessary qualifications for the position are that the candidate must have brought honor to the School in scholastic attainments, that she

must have gone in for or be willing to go in for sport and that her conduct is at all times exemplary.

Nominations for the above closed on 29th November.

## Running the Blockade

By E. McLeod.

She lay there snugly enough that night, and we all turned in with glad hearts that we had safely accomplished our trip.

In the morning we awaited the return of our pilot, but nothing happened. Evidently not only was he short-sighted, but also absent-minded.

During that night, and all the day, the winches needed constant attention, so we set about to devise some plan whereby we could turn the steam off and leave them without fear of freezing up, as this wasted a great quantity of water. We tried the plan of turning all the winches on full speed, and then turning the steam off at the boliers. This met with success, and during the whole of our stay in this port we never had a winch freeze up.

This state of peacefulness did not continue.

The following night, about midnight, we were suddenly called out by the night watchman, who informed us that we were going to bump the other ship near us.

Hastily donning some clothes, we repaired on deck to see what was to be done.

We saw that in a few minutes we should bump if we did not take any steps to avert it.

We hailed the other ship, and asked him to slack away on his chain, while at the same time we hove away on our windlass.

In spite of this we ultimately bumped, but not hard, and as soon as we met we commenced to push the other ship away; a proceeding appearing to most people impossible, but nevertheless we safely managed to clear our ship from the tangle. We then returned to our bunks to finish our disturbed rest.

As an instance of the suspicions which the Russians held against everyone, and also their vigilance, I will quote a little incident which occurred while we were in a tangle. Right across each of the booms, I have already mentioned, at night time, a searchlight was played, and also in

several other parts of the harbour, such as across the bay, where the men-of-war were stationed, etc.

While we were endeavouring to extricate ourselves, the blinding rays of one of the search-lights shot upon us. No doubt they thought we might be getting under way and commencing to destroy the town.

We were very thankful, nevertheless, to have plenty of light, as it facilitated matters a great deal. It was not until we finally settled down again that the light was removed.

A tug or other vessel under way at night was followed by one of these lights till she finally arrived at her destination.

The following morning the captain decided, as the pilot did not return as promised, to remoor the ship himself; but just as we were weighing the anchor, a pilot boarded, and informed us we were going up to a discharging berth.

By this time a peculiar vapour was continually on the surface of the water, and there was every indication of the harbour beginning to freeze up.

If the reader will take a peep at this juncture at an atlas he will see that Vladivostock is a long way further south than London. Still, London is more seldom frozen up, in fact, it has not been so for many years, and Vladivostock is frozen up every year.

No doubt many will know the reason why, but for the benefit of those who do not I will give a brief explanation.

The Gulf Stream sweeping across the Atlantic strikes the English coast, and as you all know it being a warm current, keeps the temperature of England at a higher level than the surrounding land. On the other side these or other warming influences are not at work, therefore the water freezes.

We proceeded alongside the wharf in the usual manner, and at once we were overcrowded with the ubiquitous Chinese coolie. He is to be found in all parts of the East, Java, Philippine Islands, Singapore, etc. We at once commenced to discharge our cargo on to the shore and here could be seen immense heaps of coal, and I was informed that 200,000 tons of coal were stored there ready for the Baltic fleet. The captain went on shore, and on his return he brought back a brace of pheasant. We, at that time, regarded them as a luxury, but how heartily sick of them

we became before we left Vladivostock.

Pheasant, venison, salmon and sturgeon were the chief dishes which we had for meals here; as beef and mutton were at a premium.

Soon after our arrival alongside, the water commenced to freeze, so all the ships waiting to discharge coal were bunched up around the coal wharf so that when the ice was hard enough they could be discharged over it and thus facilitate matters considerably.

The next three weeks were employed in discharging our coal, and during this period we had a little time to spare to look around us and to go ashore if we had the inclination to do so.

On all sides there were warlike signs. Stores being transported from one place to another, guns, ammunition, etc.

The weather, if a little cold, was glorious. The crisp, sharp air was very bracing, and a brisk walk in this acted as a splendid tonic.

As soon as possible I went on shore to procure clothes more suited to the clime in which we were. The town was some distance from where the ship lay, so a cab, or drosky, as the conveyance is named here, had to be called into use, although the temptation to walk was very great, but the distance was still greater.

On all sides during our drive forts could be seen, with soldiers on the move, some as sentries, others drilling, etc.

The sentries occasionally challenged us. Not understanding the language, we left it for our drosky driver to explain matters, which he evidently did to their satisfaction, and we were allowed to proceed on our journey.

The town of Vladivostock is not very large and is very scattered. Some of the public buildings are very fine, as are also several of the stores. One thing which impressed me very greatly was the almost entire absence of chimneys in such a cold part. Most of the houses are heated by means of charcoal.

Wending my way to one of the stores I proceeded to purchase some warm clothing. I procured a fur-lined coat, which curiously enough, was 'possum lined.

Some lined great boots, lined goloshes (for the snow), a fur cap, and some heavy lined gloves. With these, I felt that I could defy the cold, and I did, as they were most comfortable and warm.

Putting on the coat, boots and gloves, I made a tour round the town. The market place pre-

sented a most peculiar sight. Nearly everything can be procured there to supply the wants of the lower classes.

The meat and fish were just thrown down in a heap and no doubt stayed there for weeks as the temperature was so low (it ranged from zero to 10 degrees above during our stay in Vladivostock) that anything like that immediately froze, and, therefore, kept good.

There were second-hand clothing stalls, furniture stalls, in fact, Paddy's Market was repeated there in that desolate spot.

On another visit I went to a fresh water lake to skate, but as I skated on my back oftener than on my feet, I did not repeat that visit.

Now that the ice all over the harbour was hard, the small launches, etc., could not get about so the ice-breaker was brought into use. What a wonderful machine this is.

Probably a large number of my readers have heard of the "Ermac," which is the ice-breaker stationed at St. Petersburg. The vessel in Vladivostock is a sister ship to her.

Her bows are not like the bows of an ordinary vessel, but rounded very much like one of those small boats called prams, which Norwegian and Swedish ships carry. I am told that she has two propellers to send her along and one underneath the bows to suck the water away from under the ice, and thus the bows mount up on the ice and her tremendous weight forward crushes it. She thunders along through six feet of ice at eight knots per hour. This vessel kept a channel clear from the wharves to the open sea.

We spent Christmas Day here, and what a Christmas Day it was. As the Russian calendar is thirteen days different to ours, Christmas Day was not observed on shore, but all the ships did so, but we discharged our coal just the same, and the only thing which told us that Christmas Day was amongst us was the dinner and the ship being dressed. The forts near by, out of compliment, also dressed with flags.

While discharging operations were going on one officer had to be continually on deck supervising the same, or the careless Chinese coolie would break up something, and, perhaps, kill some of his countrymen (a thing that happened on another vessel while we were in port).

As I stated before, iron and steel were very

brittle during the cold weather, and therefore, all working iron, winches especially, had to be continually watched (even with all the care which we exercised, the teeth of some of the cogs were broken).

(To be continued.)

A meeting of tennis enthusiasts took place in 6G room last week. There were about sixty members present. Mr. Hurt was elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. Hurt and Simpson delegates to the General Sports' Union. Turf courts have been obtained at Centennial Park.

Classes in Life-saving are now in full swing under the various instructors. Examination takes place the third week in February next.

We met Arthur Walkom, B. Sc., a few days ago. He is demonstrating in geology at Sydney University.

The prize presented by Mr. Hyam Hains for the Essay on Australian Fruits was presented to the winner, Maggie Fellowes, by Miss Partridge on the 1st instant.

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# Cricket

Some of the staff are very anxious to have the match, Staff v. School take place before Christmas. As there are no vacant dates for the Firsts before that time, the match has been arranged for the first Wednesday after the vacation. Look well to your practice! The fixtures for the remainder of the season are:—

Dec. 7—Firsts v. Christian Brothers' High School, at Waverley.

Seconds v. Wahroonga College, at Waitara,

Thirds v. Knox College, at North Sydney.

Dec. 14—Firsts v. Stott and Hoare's, on their ground.

Feb. 1—Firsts v. Christian Brothers High School, Domain.

Thirds v. High School, on Birchgrove,

Feb. 8—Firsts v. St. Joseph's A at  
Seconds v. St. Joseph's B Hunter's  
Thirds v. St. Joseph's C Hill.

Mar. 1—Firsts v. Gladesville Hospital, Gladesville.

Mar. 8—Firsts v. King's School, Parramatta.  
Seconds v. King's School, Parramatta.

Mar 22—Firsts v. St. Joseph's A at  
Seconds v. St. Joseph's B Hunter's  
Thirds v. St. Joseph's C Hill.

We will be glad to receive names and addresses of secretaries of teams with whom we could arrange further matches. The following lads represented the School in the several teams last Wednesday:—

<i>Firsts.</i>	<i>Seconds.</i>
G. Morgan (v.-cpt.)	A. Delaney
H. Mackaness	K. Enderly
E. Moran	G. Holmes
W. Mansley	E. Rowling
R. Chapman	A. Evans
K. Flook	D. Parkes (capt.)

C. Wallace  
W. Stafford (capt.)  
E. Sherwood  
C. Pochee  
M. Wyatt  
R. Gruen

*Thirds.*

C. Spark (capt.)  
O. Balhausen  
N. Israel  
B. Israel  
J. Butz  
C. Barry  
H. Pritchard  
L. Collins  
C. Brown  
W. Wimming  
— Griffiths

*Fifths.*

M. McLaren (capt.)  
G. Reeves  
— Connelly  
F. Pratten  
W. Burrows  
C. Wheeler  
A. Gentile  
E. Clarke  
W. Gray  
N. Coxon  
V. Moore

*Sevenths.*

R. Adamson (capt.)  
R. Mostyn  
E. Rabone  
L. Tindel  
I. Barry  
H. Latimer  
W. Young  
O. Warden  
L. Sherring  
L. Gray  
C. White

S. Wahlberg  
B. O'Grady  
H. Puckeridge  
J. Hankin  
G. Rogers

*Fourths.*

H. Kirke (capt.)  
C. Flook  
R. Neilson  
B. Lyon  
R. Eve  
K. Donaldson  
H. Holmes  
C. Prior  
E. M'Leod  
L. Wark  
W. Gerdes  
L. Friend

*Sixths.*

— Adams (capt.)  
E. Storm  
G. Bell  
F. Rinaldi  
L. Gallagher  
W. Chapman  
L. Kench  
A. Nichols  
H. Illingworth  
C. Thomas  
W. Knox

*Eighths.*

W. Pether  
K. Foldi  
E. Jones  
S. Nordstrom  
P. Spender  
H. Storey  
S. Shearman  
N. Bruce  
H. Johnston  
N. Walker  
L. Pym

Boys work from the lower into the higher teams, 20 runs an innings or 4 wickets being the standard. Boys showing specially good form may even go up two teams higher. E. M'Leod doing this quite lately.

On Wednesday, 16th Nov., the following were the results of matches. The Firsts were defeated by St. Joseph's Firsts by 65 runs. G. Morgan, 16, H. Moran, 16, L. Gruen, 12 not out, got double figures, while Mr. Hilliard, 6, Morgan, 2, Mr. Murray, 1, got the wickets.



The Seconds defeated Holy Cross College at Ryde by 68. Hankin, 34, Rogers, 13, Delaney, 12, got double figures, and Parkes, 5 wickets and Delaney, 5 wickets, did the work with the ball.

The Thirds were defeated by Knox College by 12 runs. N. Israel 15, L. Griffiths 30, got double figures, and N. Israel 5, O. Israel 3, C. Spark 2, L. Barry 5, C. Brown 1, got the wickets.

The Fourths were defeated by St. Joseph's at Hunter's Hill by 32 runs. H. Holmes 11, C. Prior 17, W. Gerdes 23; and W. Gerdes 4 wickets, C. Flook 2, H. Holmes 3, and McLeod 1, did good work.

#### LOWER SCHOOL CRICKET.

Ten teams participated in inter-class matches on Nov. 11th and 18th. On the former date good form with the bat was shown by Husband, Pym, Gallagher and Christie, among the Fifth classes, Husband's 49 being the top score of an afternoon on which bowlers seem to have had a day out, judging by their averages. The best bowlers were Gallagher, 6 for 18, Pym, 4 for 1, Chapman, 5 for 7, Huthnance, 4 for 7, and Husband, 6 for 16.

On Nov. 18th 5D First, 1st innings 39 (Kirke, 9, Coxon 9), defeated 5C and 5B combined by an innings. For the combined team T. Brown and Graham batted best. The 5D bowlers were Kirke, 6 for 4, Israel, 3 for 12, Rigney, 5 for 11. For 5C and 5B Pate, V. Brown and Husband bowled best. A feature of the match was Coxon's wicket-keeping. 5D Second team defeated 5C and 5B Seconds by 1 run, the latter batting one short. Greer, 25, and Huthnance, 16, being top scorers. 4A and 4B combined defeated 5A, the hero of the match being the diminutive Cohen, who, after keeping wickets ably for a time, went on to bowl and secured 7 wickets at a small cost. On the adjoining wicket, Gallagher, with the ball, carried all before him. On another portion of the ground 3rd and 2nd classes fought their battle. "The Shed" has its own peculiar code of cricket rules, and the batsmen that kept the opposing bowlers, and these rules, at bay most successfully, were Mattson, Hannemann, Walker and Bloom.

On Wednesday 23rd, the Firsts played Stott and Hoare's on the Domain and were defeated by 65 runs. For the School Pochee 12, Morgan 10, Murray 10, headed the batting, and Morgan (4 wickets) and Hilliard (5 wickets), the bowling.

The Seconds journeyed to Waverley to play High School Seconds, and were defeated by 122 runs. Holmes 11, and Mansley 11, scored for the School, and Delaney (5 wickets) and Wahlburg (2 wickets) reaped the bowling honors.

The Thirds were to meet Smith Premiers, but owing to the non-arrival of this team, no match resulted.

On Wednesday, 30th, the Firsts journeyed to Jubilee Oval, Glebe, to play Training College, but owing to a heavy thunderstorm no match took place. All were disappointed, for with our top-notch team we were looking forward to a win.

The Seconds played a combined team of Thirds, Fourth and Fifths, and managed to win by the narrow margin of 11 runs. Several of the cracks fell to the wiles of the younger ones while trying to hit too many sixers. But yet, even first-class teams are likely to go down on a wet wicket. Following are the scores:—

<i>Seconds.</i>		<i>Combined.</i>	
Hankin	.... 8	H. Holmes	.... 5
Parkes	..... 3	Sherwood	..... 3
Enderby	..... 0	Welch	..... 0
Rowling	..... 8	Connelly	..... 9
Mansley	..... 7	Gerdes	..... 9
Wyatt	..... 1	Macnamara	..... 0
Delaney	..... 4	Brown	..... 14
Evans	..... 0	Friend	..... 1
G. Holmes	.... 1	Hollgate	..... 5
Rogers	..... 25	Lyon	..... 0
Puckeridge	.... 8	Rinaldi	..... 4
Wheeler	..... 0	Gray	..... 0
		Sundries	.... 4
	65		54

### Life-Saving

The classes are now in full swing under the various instructors, and at the yearly examinations another record should be secured.

It is the intention of the authorities to enter a team in the Hendry Cup Competition, which eventuates at Coogee Baths on Thursday, December 8th at 7.30 p.m.

The judges will be Messrs. Wm. Henry (Chief Secretary), of London, D. A. Eklund, and L. C. I. Ormsby.

The competition points count as follows:—

Water, 50; Resuscitation, 25; Land, 15; Instructors, 10; total, 100.

## Swimming

Results:—

Result: 440 yds. Championship: 1, Frank Mason; 2, C. Furness; 3, L. Duff; time, 6 min. 38 3-5th secs.

Mason deserves to be complimented on his fine effort in the above championship. He swam exceedingly well, and was never headed throughout the distance.

Both Furness and Duff swam well, the youngster just beating Bert Green, who was out of form, by the touch.

For the remaining distance championships, certificates will be awarded.

Shall we not establish a record this season in the 880 yds. championship? Last season no less than 32 entered and all finished. This year, when the race is posted for the second week in February, it is the hope of the executive to see if possible, that this number is trebled. Undoubtedly 'twould be a fine record to have 100 boys at Fort Street capable of swimming the half mile in fair time.

Several teachers have announced their intention of competing for the certificate.

They recognise its worth and the lithographers, John Sands and Co., deserve high credit for their artistic and pleasing effort.

The certificates have been adopted as standard and will be issued annually to worthy recipients.

Races.—220 yards Back and Breast-stroke Championship: 1, L. Firth; 2, F. Mason; 3, S. Rowe. Time, 4 min 18 1-5th secs.

The winner swam finely, especially in the second lap whilst swimming on the back—he gradually overtook Mason and won a nicely judged race in capital style. Firth is to be complimented on his effort this season, for he has come to the fore to the surprise of all other natatorial performers. The race was witnessed by Mr. W. Henry (London) and Mr. Geo. Williams, of Life-saving circles.

Second and Third Class Handicap, 50 yards.—1, N. Hanneman, 2 secs.; 2, E. Johanson, 20 secs.; 3, W. Schmidt, scr. Time, 50 secs.

A really good entry from the lower classes, and one that augurs well for the future.

Mr. Lushy is doing good work with the juniors, and will not be satisfied till he has at least 30 entrants in each class handicap.

There are good prizes to be gained by eager contestants.

Hanneman in the above race swam well, and pluckily snatched the victory from Johanson on the delicate mark of 20 secs.

Sixth and Seventh Class Handicap, 100 yds.—First Heat: 1, R. Evatt, 12 secs.; 2, W. Cutler, 21 secs.; 3, E. Lucas, 15 secs. Time, 1 min. 22 secs.

Second Heat: 1, R. Gowing, 14secs.; 2, L. Duff, 8 secs.; 3, C. Furness, 3 secs. Time, 1 min. 22 secs.

Gowing was disqualified for "breaking time," and Green goes in the final.

The final eventuates on 7th December.

Very complimentary remarks were passed round last month when the swimming certificates were distributed. The 880 yards Championship was re-dated to February next, so that many will now be able to contest for a certificate. We should like to see over 60 boys this year gain this award.

## Rowing.

The Rowing Club is now thoroughly established. A letter from our secretary, stating the terms and conditions under which our boys desired to use the property and boats of the Balmain Rowing Club was sent to the secretary of that club, and the conditions were accepted unanimously by their committee. We cannot but appreciate this sportsmanlike action on the part of the B.R.C., which gives to the Senior boys of Fort Street equal opportunities to the pupils of the other Great Public Schools for participating in the "king of sports."

A few days ago our application for affiliation with the general committee of the Sports' Union was accepted. So our probation period has passed and we are a fully-fledged club.

The hardest part of our work is also over. We launch and house the boats as if we were certainly not new to the game. We have a "patented" exercise in floor-work which is guaranteed to prevent swinging out of the boat. The time—"fetching" together and "coming out" together—of course, requires constant attention. But

all have learned to assist in keeping the boat on an even keel.

At the end of our second month's practice we shall be able to admit six new members. Each new member will be placed in a separate boat along with three "older hands," who will be able to assist him in rapidly mastering the essential principles. During the first half-year we must limit our membership to twenty-five. This will enable us to get plenty of the practice which is to make us perfect and will keep us out in the freshest air as long as possible. Breathing exercises—costal, abdominal and full-chest breathing—are practised regularly during the floor-work. When in the boats the breath is taken at the "catch" and expiration goes on during the recovery. Some people wonder how rowing can square the shoulders and develop the chest: they should be told that these depend on the way one rows and the way one breathes. Our attire is strikingly attractive; any person with an eye for symmetry and order must feel pleasure on seeing the red neckbands swing with the lift of the shoulders as well as the simultaneous flash of red bands round the arms as the hands shoot out at the finish of each stroke.

We had such smooth water for our last practice row that we were able to do some solid training for the  $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile race, which is to be rowed before the Christmas vacation.

Although we are having these short-distance races at regular intervals, we, nevertheless, wish to remind all who are interested in the Rowing Club that we regard rowing as a pleasure and a recreation which will enable us to endure the strain caused by earnest and concentrated study, rather than as a toil or a means of gaining trophies or fame. Of course, we feel that these occasional races are almost essential. The thrill, the glow, the pugnacious feeling of "fitness" that possesses one, when one is getting into "condition" find their true expression in a race.

## Tennis Club.

Several months ago, the Senior Tennis Club which had been previously disbanded, was reformed. A committee of six was elected, and A. J. Gruen chosen as secretary.

One of the first matters attended to was the arranging of a singles tournament to decide the

captaincy and vice-captaincy of the Club.

The contestants for these honoured positions numbered fourteen, but of these, a few, though sickness, were unable to play. Each player met every other player, and, in the end, the final match to decide the above positions was played on Saturday morning, October 20th, on the School court, between F. W. Liggins and R. S. Mitchell. In this match, which had been looked forward to by many, F. W. Liggins proved himself somewhat superior in play to his opponent, Roy Mitchell, the latter being defeated by six games to nil (6-0) after a most strenuous and hard-fought battle, despite the scores.

G. Briggs umpired the match in a very capable and sportsmanlike manner. The players lack experience, but with some assiduous practice should be able to give a good account of themselves. Great praise is due to Simpson, Hudson, Mitchell, Briggs, Packham and Liggins for the interest they took in supervising the above tournament.

The players have now provided themselves with red caps specially designed for the Club, and are now only waiting to arrange matches with any team available.

F. Liggins and R. Mitchell, spurred on by their success in the above tournament, determined to try conclusions with two non-members of the Club. But to their astonishment, they received a defeat to the tune of 3 sets to nil.

A doubles tournament is to be held before Christmas.

Below is appended a table showing position of various players:—

	F.	W.	L.	Total.
F. W. Liggins (capt) ..	5	8	0	.. 13
R. Mitchell (v.-c.) ....	5	7	1	.. 12
H. Hudson .....	4	6	3	.. 10
G. Briggs .....	4	6	3	.. 10
G. Packham .....	4	5	4	.. 9
W. B. Simpson.....	5	2	6	.. 7
D. Brown .....	5	1	7	.. 7
R. Wiburd .....	5	2	6	.. 7
E. Biggs .....	4	2	7	.. 6
F. Ranson .....	4	0	9	.. 4

The Club is anxious to arrange matches with any teams on Wednesday or Saturday afternoons, or all-day matches on Saturday.

As our own court is not one of the best, we would prefer to play on courts belonging to other clubs.

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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.*

### 1910 Senior Results.

The results of the 1910 Senior, which came to hand a few days previous to the Christmas Vacation, were in the highest degree satisfactory to all concerned. All our candidates, seventeen in number, succeeded in passing. The best pass, as noted in another column, was gained by Ferguson, 9 A's and 1 B, while Wallace, with 8 A's and 2 B's, was close up. The detailed results and honors won, will be found appended hereto. The "Fortian" desires to congratulate very heartily, all the candidates, and also to wish them equal success in their University careers, which commence next month.

We desire to call particular attention to the results in Mathematics, English and Physics. We can confidently assert that at no time

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in the history of the School, have results been obtained that can approach in general excellence those obtained in these subjects at the 1910 Senior. A comparison of the results obtained by Fort Street, with the published summary of the results of the whole Examination, will yield

some instructive information to the curious investigator.

The honors gained by 1910 Seniors have already been inscribed on the Honor Boards where, it is hoped, they will prove a great incentive to the 1911 detachment of Seniors.

Names	Ancient History	English	French	Latin	Algebra	Geometry	Trigonometry	Conics	Mechanics	Applied Mechs	Phys.	Geom. Drawing
Ferguson, John G.	...	A	A	...	A*	B	A	A	A	A	A*	A
Wallace, Cecil D.	...	A	A	...	A	A	A*	A	A	B	B	A
Baldick, George L.	B	A	B	B	A	A	A*	B	—	—	—	C
Brett, Herbert V.	...	B	C	...	A	A	A	B	A†	—	A	C
Symonds, Hyman	B	A	A	...	A	B	A	—	A	—	A	—
Sims, Arthur R.	...	A	C	...	A	A	A	—	A	—	A	—
Burns, Philip H.	...	A	C	...	A	A	A	—	C	—	A	—
Hellstrom, Carl O.	C	A	A	...	B	B	B	—	C	—	A	—
Godfrey, Gordon H.	...	B	C	C	B	A	B	A	C	—	B	—
Flook, Keith W.	...	A	C	...	A	B	A	C	B	—	—	—
Murray, Cedric W.	...	—	—	—	A	B	A	B	B	—	A	—
Stafford, Wallace C.	...	C	B	...	B	B	B	C	B	—	A	—
Harden, Guy B.	...	B	B	...	B	B	B	B	C	—	—	—
Murray, Cerald A.	...	B	—	...	B	B	B	—	B	—	—	—
Booth, Edgar H.	C	A	C	...	B	C	C	—	—	—	—	—
Bray, Charles W.	...	B	...	...	B	C	B	—	—	—	—	—
Leask, Eric C.	...	B	C	C	C	—	C	—	—	—	—	—

NOTE.—\* denotes Metallist. † denotes Proxime Accessit.

HONOURS AT SENIOR EXAMINATION.

Ferguson (33 points).—Medallist Algebra, Medallist Physics, 1st class Honors English, 1st class Honors French, 1st class Honors Mathematics.

Wallace (30 points).—Medallist Trigonometry, 1st class Honors English, 1st class Honors Mathematics, 2nd class Honors French.

Baldick (23 points).—Medallist Trigonometry, 1st class Honors Mathematics, 3rd class Honors English, 3rd class Honors French, 3rd class Honors Latin.

Brett (22 points).—Proxime Accessit Mechanics, 1st class Honors Mathematics.

Symonds (22 points).—2nd class Honors English, 2nd class Honors French, 2nd class Honors Mathematics, 3rd class Honors Latin.

Sims (20 points).—Proxime Accessit Physics, 1st class Honors English, 1st class Honors Mathematics.

Burns (18 points).—Proxime Accessit English, 1st class Honors English, 2nd class Honors Mathematics.

Hellstrom (18 points).—2nd class Honors English, 2nd class Honors French, 3rd class Honors Latin.

Godfrey (17 points).—Freemason's Scholarship for General Proficiency, 2nd class Honors Mathematics, 3rd class Honors English.

Flook (15 points).—2nd class Honors English, 2nd class Honors Mathematics.

Murray (15 points).—2nd class Honors Mathematics.

Stafford (14 points).—3rd class Honors Mathematics.

Harden (14 points).—3rd class Honors Mathematics.

Murray (11 points).—3rd class Honors Mathematics.

Booth (10 points).—2nd class Honors English

SUMMARY OF HONOURS.

	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.
English	4	4	2
French	1	3	1
Mathematics	5	5	3
Latin	...	...	3

SUMMARY OF PASSES.

	A's	B's	C's
English	9	6	1
French	4	2	9
Latin	...	2	5
Ancient History	...	2	2
Algebra	9	7	1
Geometry	6	8	2
Trigonometry	9	6	2
Conics	3	4	2

Mechanics	...	5	3	5
Applied Mechanics	...	1	1	
Physics	...	4	7	
Drawing	...	2		2
		—	—	—
Totals	...	52	48	31

### REMARKS ON SENIOR RESULTS.

Medals were won by Ferguson (2), Algebra and Physics; Wallace, Trigonometry; Baldick, Trigonometry.

There were twice as many A's gained at 1910 Senior as at 1909 Senior.

There were only nine A passes awarded in French at the whole Examination, four of these were gained by Fort Street boys.

A Prox. Acc. was gained by each of the following: Burns, English; Sims, Physics; Brett, Mechanics.

Godfrey succeeded in dividing the Freemasons' Scholarship with another candidate. This entitles him to £25 a year for three years.

As a result of the Senior Examination, Departmental Bursaries have been awarded to the following boys: Wallace, Baldick, Brett, Hellsstrom, Flook, and Godfrey. This entitles each of these boys to three years at the University, £25 a year, fees and books.

Jack Ferguson, who gained the best pass at this Senior, and who also won the Bridges' Prize for the boy who brought the greatest honour to the School during the year, has unfortunately been lost to the State of New South Wales. His father has been stationed for some years at San Francisco. Jack, with his mother and sisters, left Sydney on the 6th January last to join his father in America.

It is a matter of great regret to us that we have thus lost one of the most brilliant scholars we have ever produced, one who we feel sure will see his name emblazoned on the same shield as Mawson and Wellisch.

While regretting his departure, however, we take this opportunity of wishing him success in America and a grand career at Barclay College, University of California, where he intends taking the Engineering Course. Australia's loss is America's gain.

### Cadets and New Defence Scheme.

The coming year will see the inauguration of what is hoped will be an adequate scheme for the defence of White Australia. The Commonwealth has been divided into training areas, wherein all boys of the military age will be expected to register.

The position of the existing Cadet Corps, and their relation to the new Citizen Army, has been discussed at great length by ignorant civilians, who deem themselves eminently qualified to express opinions on military matters. The sole result of such discussion, and the hazy newspaper correspondence entailed thereby, has been the hopeless bewilderment of the cadet as to his ultimate destiny.

It is now laid down in military orders that the existing cadet battalions will be maintained until June 30, when they will be absorbed by new battalions, one of which is allotted to each training area. As far as can be ascertained, the Fort-street detachment of senior cadets will be maintained, provided that we can keep up a minimum strength of sixty, and that the supply of officers is sufficient. That is to say, boys of the military age will do their training in the Sydney area, wherein the school is situated—a very convenient arrangement for lads who travel long distances going to and from school.

The strength of the new companies will be 120, and it is estimated that Fort-street will be able to contribute at least half a battalion (five companies). If sufficient officers cannot be obtained from the teaching staff, the captain of the school and the senior non-coms. will be expected to qualify for commissions.

When a cadet leaves school for the University, or for work, he will be transferred to a more convenient area, where his training will continue.

The training of the junior cadets will consist mainly of physical culture, and uniforms will not be provided for this branch of the defence force. At this early stage, physical training is far more essential than battalion drill, for the work in the latter stages will be rather strenuous. For instance, prior to being drafted into the adult forces a senior cadet must be physically fit to carry 60lb. and march for a week at the rate of 20 miles a day.

The abolition of uniforms is a pity, but then

it must be remembered that the aim of the new scheme is to fit out and keep up to strength a fighting force sufficiently large to resist an invasion, and at present all available money must be spent on the more important task of adequately equipping this fighting force.

Cadet officers are rather irritated by the fact that they will no longer rank with militia officers. But when it is remembered that their qualifying examinations are considerably easier, and that they receive less training in military work, such irritation on their part appears, well, to say the least, just a wee bit unreasonable.

#### CADET NEWS.

First Battalion Rifle Meeting on Friday, February 17th. Prizes to the value of £48 will be distributed. The programme is as follows:—

No. 1.—7 shots at 100 yards.

No. 2.—7 shots at 200 yards.

These are only open to second and third class shots. Entry fee, 3d. for both events.

No. 3.—7 shots at 300 yards.

No. 4.—7 shots at 400 yards.

Open to marksmen and first-class shots. Entry fee, 3d., includes both events.

No. 5.—Head and shoulders target exposed for 1 minute at 100 yards. Entry fee, 3d.

Entries close February 10.

The following cadets from this School have passed their practical and theoretical exam. in December last:—Sergeant A. McNiven, 91 per cent.; Sergeant Hunt, 90 per cent.; Sergeant Signaller, 82 per cent.; Corporal Paradise, 90 per cent.; Corporal Duff, 90 per cent. The present movement continues till June 30th next.

Parades for the First Battalion are to be held on Friday, February 17th, all day at Randwick and Brigade parade at Centennial Park, Thursday, March 9th, all day.

Wednesday shootings will be continued regularly, commencing Wednesday next, for both senior and junior cadets.

The regular morning drills will also be continued, as those cinematograph pictures are to be taken as soon as we are ready.

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# Girls' Page

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## FIRST AID.

Of the thirty girls who presented themselves at Fort Street to undergo an examination in connection with the St. John's Ambulance Association, twenty-eight were successful in obtaining First Year Certificates, one Second Year Certificate, and one Medallion.

The examiner was Dr. Storie Dixon. The number of passes reflects great credit on the teacher, Miss K. Drummond, and the lecturer, Dr. Donald Luker.

The following were awarded Certificates:—

Essie Broughton, Second Year Certificate, Norah Hay, Pauline Henry, Ena Briggs, Amy Hinder, Isabel Gregory, Enid Booth, Isabel Fairley, Vivian Jackson, Nancy Lowick, Violet Heckenberg, Maggie Welby, Beryl Foster, Vera Suttor, Gladys Lloyd, Chrissie Holmes, Jessie Wright, Doreen Streatfield, Hettie Fletcher, Amy Jowett, Nellie Reeves, Hilda Deakin, Polly Snowden, Doris Glover, Doris Millar, Vida Steed, Doris McLenchan and Lorna Bowrie gained First Year Certificates, and Miss Drummond Medallion.

## Dr. OTTO BOHRSMAN'S PRIZE FOR SEWING.

Judging in connection with the competition for the above prize took place on Monday, 12th December. The ladies who so kindly officiated as judges were Mesdames Kirkland and Drummond and Miss Schofield. Marks were awarded by these three ladies for cutting out, fit, neatness of handwork, precision of machine work, style of trimming, i.e., design in tucks or hand embroidery. The competitors' work was judged thus under the following pseudonyms:—

- "Dahlia": Mary Cowie, 249/300.
- "Carnation": Edith Mackaness, 240/300.
- "Rose": Amy Walton, 287/300.
- "Bouvardia": Olga Reeves, 286/300.
- "Mignonette": Nina Donaldson, 248/300.
- "Violet": Jean Anderson, 228/300.
- "Verbena": Jessie Harvey, 225/300.

Amy Walton was declared the winner by one point, and Dr. Bohrsmann having agreed to a division of the prize money, Olga Reeves will take second prize.

After the judging the girls showed their great appreciation of Miss Simpson's interest in their work by presenting her and Mrs. Muir with shower bouquets, and also giving Miss Simpson a silver trinket box as a token of regard. Miss Partridge complimented the girls on the success of their work and called for a hearty vote of thanks to the three ladies who so bravely came to our School through the great rain of Monday. The girls heartily responded and then all adjourned for afternoon tea.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Under Miss Maloney's direction, this was begun early in October, and finished in time to hold the annual Tennis Tea on December 8th.

There were between 40 and 50 entries, and all events were contested keenly, especially the School Championship, the score at the last being 6-5.

The results were:—

Championship of School.—Aimee Ingamells, 1; Eileen Youll, 2.

Handicap Doubles.—Alice Nash and May Meaney, 1; Ivy Barlow and Blanche McVane, 2.

Senior Class Championship.—Aimee Ingamells, 1; Mona McMinn, 2.

Probationary Students' Championship.—Eileen Youll, 1; Ivy Barlow, 2.

Sevenths' Classes Championship.—Dot Rothschild, 1; Margory Moore, 2.

Sixth Class Championship.—Belle Murray, 1; Hilda Ferguson, 2.

Fifth Class Championship.—Doris Williams, 1; Alice Kent, 2.

## THE WARATAH LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The above society held its last meeting for this year on 9th November. The afternoon was devoted to the reading of a manuscript journal. Joyce Mitchell being the editress. Before the opening of the meeting Miss Partridge presented the Junior Certificates, so that the afternoon was enjoyed not only by present, but also by ex-Juniors.



### PROBATIONARY STUDENTS.

The following Fort Street Girls were successful in winning two-year scholarships as Probationary Students at the last competitive examination:—Vera B. Thurston, Annie C. Hill, Dorothy C. Struthers, Mabel Cruikshank, Mary O. Waraker, Isabel E. Grassick, Margaret A. Mansley, Mary M. Brown, Winifred D. Wright, Gwendoline R. Browne, Amy A. Cousins, Florence R. Gibbs, Flora M. Bregenzer. We offer them all our congratulations.

### TENNIS "AT HOME."

The Fortians Tennis Club held their annual "At Home" on Thursday, 8th December. The Library was beautifully decorated with Tennis Racquets and red and white flowers and ribbons. The guests assembled about 3.30 p.m., and tea was served about 4.15. Misses Nellie Skittrell and Evelyn Leashart and Messrs. Bauer, Collins and Davies gave much pleasure by contributing music, songs, and recitations. Miss Blanche McVane, Captain of the School, presented Miss Partridge with a bouquet of red and white roses tied with the School colors as a memento of the occasion.

The prizes were presented to the winners of the various events of the Tournament by the President, Miss Partridge, who complimented the girls on the good standard of their tennis playing and in her own genial way comforted the defeated ones. Miss Partridge also expressed the hope that even more of the girls would go in for playing games which assist so materially in their physical welfare. To the general hon. sec., Miss Bourke, fell the honor of presenting to Miss Maloney, the organising secretary of the Tennis Club, a small token of the love and esteem which the girls entertain for her. Miss Bourke mentioned Miss Maloney's unflinching enthusiasm and self-denial in giving so much of her own time to the running of the Tournament and the teaching of beginners.

Miss Maloney thanked the girls for their gift, and said that the enjoyment she derived from their success fully compensated her for all her work. When the clock was getting round to half-past five. Mr. Collins played "Auld Lang Syne," which all joined in singing. Mr. Taylor

made his usual delightful little speech, and with the singing of "God Save the King" one more happy afternoon became a thing of the past.

### Senior Cadets

The following having duly qualified for the rank of sergeant, by passing the practical examination, are appointed non-commissioned officers. The list is given in order of seniority:—

R. Jamieson, to be colour-sergeant.

J. McKee, A. Digby, A. McGilchrist, to be sergeants.

A. Hudson-Smith to be lance-corporal.

O. Tunks, E. Sedgwick, C. Bennett, to be corporals.

V. Crocket, A. Lewis, A. Gruen, C. Prior, to be lance-corporals.

In addition to the above, the following have passed the qualifying tests, as hereunder:—

W. Simpson, for the rank of sergeant.

V. Cleland, B. Merman, R. Wise T. Bradshaw, H. Hudson, M. Welch, F. Mason, for the rank of Corporal.

W. Fulerton, having attended a N.C.O.'s school of instruction, May, 1910, and having been satisfactorily reported upon, has thereby qualified for the rank of sergeant.

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## Old Boys' Union

December examinations at the University and the Christmas holidays supervening have stood in the way of recent functions of the Old Boys' Union. But now that the New Year has fairly begun, no time will be lost before another meeting of the old boys will be arranged. The nature and date of the next function have not yet been determined; but probably it will be a Smoke Concert, to take place about the middle of February. One suggestion, to hold an evening devoted to reminiscences, with musical items interspersed, will doubtless be considered by the committee.

Why have we not a school-song of our own? Such a song, set to stirring music, would do more to keep alive the school sentiment than cartloads of hatbands and coloured neckties. Every famous school in England has its equally famous songs. We recall those splendid little Harrovian songs quoted in "The Hill." If we cannot have a song entirely our own, may we not adopt for the time being a musical setting of, say, Henry Newbolt's "Vitai Lampada," or his less popular "The Best School of All." But why are our own bards so silent?

No one denies the desirability of a Union of old boys, whose main object of association is "to keep in touch with the School." Such a Union exists, and does its best under difficult circumstances. But has anyone thought of forming a Union of teachers and present pupils to keep in touch with the old boys of the School? The School holds athletic meetings, swimming carnivals, cricket and football matches, prize-givings, farewell functions to juniors and seniors—at all or some of which many an old boy would like to be present. But these things are only read of at a later date in the daily papers; the secretary of the Old Boys' Union is never informed of them. The interest of old boys in the School is perhaps not as great as it should be, but it might be increased if a little more encouragement were given by the School. There should be a certain amount of reciprocity. The percentage of present-day pupils who join the Old Boys' Union immediately on leaving the School is practically negligible. The result is that the Union takes its character from, and owes its allegiance to, an earlier decade in the School's

history. If the present School has any belief in an Old Boys' Union, the least it can do is to enjoin those who are leaving its precincts to enlist in the ranks of united past pupils.

## Fort Street C. & D. Society

On Feb. 3rd, the Society held its half-yearly meeting. The President, Mr. Kilgour, occupied the chair.

The Secretary read the half-yearly report, which showed that the Society has good cause to congratulate itself on the work of the half-year.

The chief reason for this is the fact that every member has the interest of the Society at heart, and has taken an active part in its doings.

Should this state of affairs continue, we may entertain great hopes for the future.

The Treasurer read his balance-sheet, showing a credit balance of £2 11. 7d.

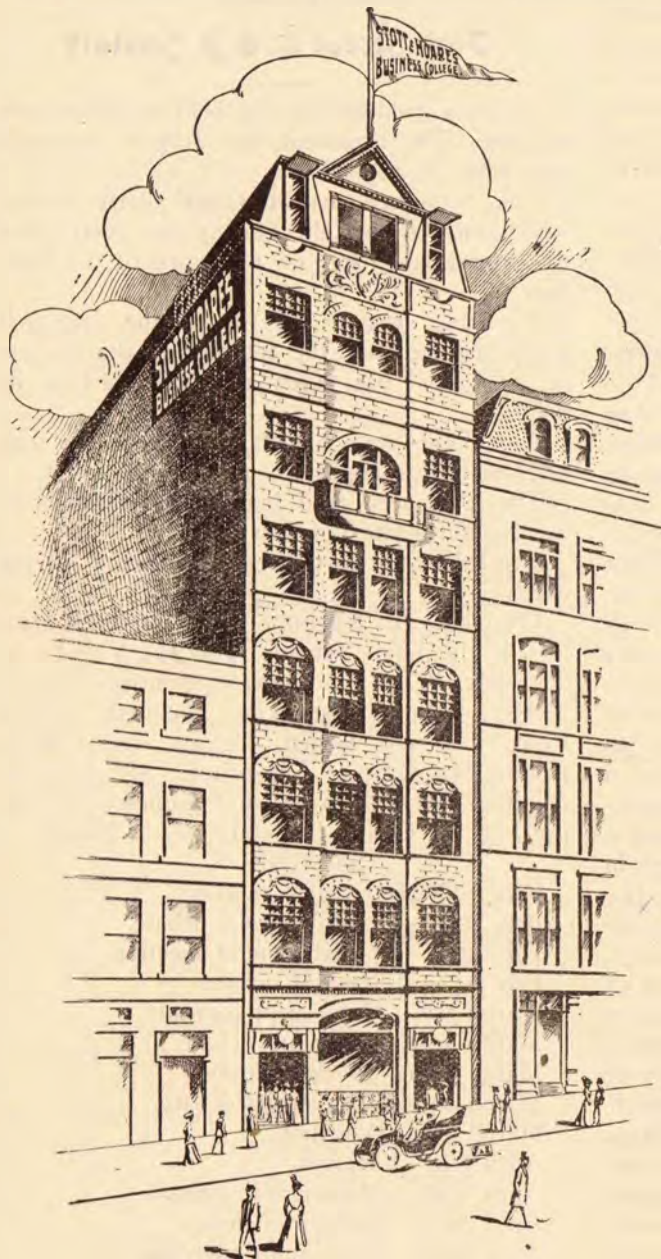
The following were elected as officers for the half-year:—

President, Mr. Kilgour; Vice-Presidents, Masters of the High School; Student Vice-President, Mr. W. B. Simpson; Committee, Messrs. McKee, Wiburd, Sedgwick, Bennett, Green, Rowe, Simpson, Gruen, Liggins, and Mason; Editor, Mr. Green; Sub-editor, Mr. Liggins; Auditors, Messrs. Briggs and Jamieson; Treasurer, Mr. E. Green; Secretary, M. F. Mason.

### SYLLABUS.

- Feb. 3d.—Half-yearly meeting.
- Feb. 10th.—Non-ministerial debate.
- Feb. 17th.—Special general meeting.
- Feb. 24.—Ministerial debate.
- March 3rd.—Manuscript journal.
- March 10th.—Interclub debate.
- March 17th.—Mock election.
- March 24th.—Ministerial debate.
- March 31st.—Vacation.
- April 7th.—Vacation.
- April 14th.—Manuscript journal.
- April 21st.—Ministerial debate.
- April 28th.—Impromptu speeches.
- May 5th.—Mock trial.
- May 12th.—Manuscript journal.
- May 19th.—Ministerial debate.
- May 16th.—Manuscript journal.
- June 2nd.—Junior farewell.

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June 9th.—Ministerial debate.  
 June 16th.—Prize speeches.  
 June 23rd.—Manuscript journal.  
 June 30th.—Mock banquet.

### FORT STREET STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

#### *Annual Examinations, 1910.*

1st Year Arts.—Passed: J. R. Blanchard, E. W. Frecker (Distinction, Physics), C. M. Samson, Mr. W. A. Selle, Mr. J. Murray.

3rd Year Arts.—Passed: A. R. Chisholm, Mr. A. H. Dyce, T. Redshaw.

1st Year Medicine.—Passed: B. M. Carruthers, A. M. Langan, I. Morgan (Distinction, Chemistry, Credit, Biology, Distinction, Physics), S. A. Railton (Credit, Chemistry, Credit, Biology, Credit, Physics), R. J. Silberthan (Credit, Chemistry, Credit, Physics), H. A. C. Wall (Credit, Chemistry, Credit, Biology), N. Zions.

Pharmacy.—L. Ingamells (Distinction, Chemistry, Credit, Materia Medica).

Agricultural Science, 1st Year.—Passed: H. Stephens (Distinction, Biology, Credit, Geology, Distinction, Chemistry).

Veterinary Science.—Pass: W. L. Hindmarsh.

First Year Engineering.—Engineering Design (Distinction), A. R. Edwards.

Third Year Engineering (Mining).—Pass: R. W. Adamson (Credit, Geology), G. H. Best, J. S. Foxall (High Distinction, Geology, Distinction, Mineralogy).

Fifth Year Medicine. M.B. et Ch.M.—First Class Honours, Bede J. M. Harrison. Passed: H. G. Humphries, Archie L. McLean, Trevor A. Turner, Isaac M. Barrow.

#### CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR 1910.

Christmas gifts of toys, dolls and sweets were made as follows:—

6C and 6D Classes to the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children; 5B to the Woolloomooloo Creche; 5A to the University Settlement; 4B to the children of the Ragged School; 3A and 3B to the Christmas Tree for our own Kindergarten children.

The children of the above classes, accompanied by their various teachers, made their gifts in person and derived much pleasure from beholding the joy with which their gifts were received.

## Swimming

The 21st Annual Championship Gala will be held this year on Saturday, February 25th, at the Municipal Baths, Domain. Everything promises to a successful gathering, in fact it is predicted that the large building will be filled to overflowing somewhat similar to the attendances at the Australasian Carnivals last month.

The programme is one brimful of interest from start to finish, and is a list that will be eagerly watched by spectators. The 1910 carnival was the biggest gala in the history of the school club, and it is the wish of the executive that the 21st gathering will eclipse that record. Last year fully 2500 people watched the natatorial proceedings, this year we should like to see 4000 people present. The duty of every Fortstreet boy is apparent—he should see almost immediately that he is doing his share towards the success of the school's annual function. If this plan is followed, then success is assured, for the carnival is, after all, the boy's own festival. The usual class handicaps will be held, the age championships from 10 years to 16 years, and the 100 yards championship of the school. Numerous novelty events will be in vogue throughout a well diversified programme. The 100 yards Old Boys' Handicap will bring out such champions as Hardwick, Barry, Brett, Murray, and Kinninmont. The distance champions of the State and Australasia will compete in a special 440 yards Handicap. Possible starters

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in this attractive race will be Cecil Healy, W. Longworth, and H. Hardwick. The smaller distance champions are catered for with a 110 Yards Handicap. In this race all the sprint champions of the State will be competing. Diving displays are always popular at natatorial displays, and Fort-street Club is well to the fore in providing an attractive Diving Competition (low and high). In this event will be seen competing that wonderful group of divers who have been showing to advantage in recent displays. Three valuable trophies of value, respectively 3 guineas, 2 guineas, and 1 guinea, will be awarded to the successful contestants. These prizes are higher than any offered by the suburban and city clubs of Sydney. The probable competitors in this event are Macarthy, Gooding, Wickham, Bell, Sweetman, Peel, Dibley, Punch, Fraser, and Jones.

The famous Newtown Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Thos. Mellor, will be in attendance.

The management of the carnival will be in good hands. Nothing will be found wanting in connection with the bathing facilities, so that nothing remains but for each boy in the school to do his utmost toward making the 21st Annual championship Carnival a record function.

The tickets have already been distributed, and the committee would like the money for same brought in as soon as possible, so that the barometer may rise quickly and due provision may be made for more tickets if necessary. This must be done quickly. Competitors are reminded that all entries close with the hon. sec. at the school on Wednesday, February 15, positively, and all interclub events, the Old Boys' Handicap, and the Diving Competition, with the hon. sec. N.S.W. A.S.A., Sport's Club, on Saturday, February 18th, at 8 p.m.

Donations have so far been received from the following:—

Mark Foy's, Ltd., £2 2s.; Walker and Hall, gold medal, £1 1s.; W. T. Kerr, Esq., gold medal; Cadbury Bros., trophy, 10s. 6d.; L. I. Flegeltaub, Esq., gold medal.

The following officials have been appointed by the N.S.W. A.S.A. to control the Interclub events at our carnival:—

Starter: Mr. A. W. Griffiths; judges (swimming), Messrs. H. Smith, G. T. Hill, and W. H. Buncombe; judges (diving), Messrs. W. W.

Hill, F. C. Williams, H. T. Mulhall; referee, Mr. C. D. Jones; costume steward, Mr. R. Tuck; time-keepers, Messrs. W. T. Kerr, T. C. Roberts and H. A. Westhoff.

Swimmers generally, and intending life-saving competitors are particularly requested to note carefully the alterations of the rules pertaining to the awards of the Royal Life Saving Society. They are as under:—

- (1) Candidates may now be examined for more than one award in one season.
- (2) Candidates under 14 years may be examined for the proficiency certificate.
- (3) No questions will be required to be answered by proficiency candidates.
- (4) No further intermediate certificates will be issued.
- (5) Clothes will not have to be worn in medallion tests.

Note.—All fees for examination of candidates will be collected by the Hon. Secretary this week.

## Rowing

Ideal weather conditions favoured the crews which competed for the four-oared premiership of our club. Heats and final were started by mutual consent, were rowed without hitch, and were well contested.

The performances amply justified the holding of a race at so early a period of the club's existence.

The winning crew—E. Jerdan, W. Milne, G. Cunningham, and F. Cobb (stroke) achieved a brilliant victory, attributed to the powerful "leg-drive" which characterises this particular crew.

A new arrangement will be followed in the selection of crews for the races in future.

The late plan was to permanently place men in crews as soon as their proficiency merited it. It is but natural to conclude that the winning crew were boated first.

This arrangement has resulted in an unexpected degree of proficiency in the art, and experience says that the quality of the "form" will improve; for nothing incites to keen interest more than the feeling of being in a good crew, with a good boat, with a bird-like motion.

At our next race, "strokes" will select their own crew.

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**NEWTOWN BAND IN ATTENDANCE**

No.		Entrance Fee
1.	50 yards Championship, 10 years and under	3d.
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 Class	6d.
11.	50 " " 7th "	6d.
12.	100 yards Sobraon Boys' Handicap	—
13.	<b>220 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 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	
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 £3, £1 10s, and 10s 6d. (Including Admission)	1s. 6d.

Entries positively close on Saturday, 18th February, 1911, for all Inter-Club Events and Old Boys' Handicap with the Hon. Sec., N.S.W. A.S. Association, Club Rooms, Hunter Street.

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## CRICKET.

The following is a list of the remaining fixtures for the season:—

Feb. 8th.—First v. Christian Brothers' High School, Waverley, Domain; Thirds v. High School, High School Ground.

Feb. 15.—Firsts, Seconds, and Thirds v. St. Joseph's Firsts, Seconds, and Thirds, at Hunter's Hill.

Mar. 1.—Firsts v. Gladesville Hospital, at Gladesville.

Mar. 8.—Firsts and Seconds v. King's School, at Parramatta.

Mar. 15.—Firsts v. Staff, at Domain.

Mar. 22.—Firsts, Seconds, and Thirds v. St. Joseph's, at Hunter's Hill.

The match with the Old Boys will take place very shortly. The School expects to have a strong team in the field.

The Staff played a match against the School on Wednesday, 1st Feb., on the Domain. The match was a real good, enjoyable one, and the Staff are looking forward to reversing the result on Wednesday, 15th March.

For the Staff, Mr. Murray (29), J. Mathers (36) and Mr. Parsonage (15) got most of the runs in the first innings, which totalled 91, and J. Mathers (21), Mr. Murray (18), Mr. Lusby (19), Mr. Parsonage (13), H. Puckeridge (10) and Sundries (21), helped to swell the total to 111 in the second innings. In the bowling line, Mr. Hilliard got 7 wickets, Mr. Lusby 4, Mr. Montgomery 1, and Mr. McNiven 1. For the School, G. Morgan (25), Rowling (12), H. Evatt (19), M. Wyatt (25 not out), Green (13), Pochee (9), got the runs in the first innings (total 121), and Symonds (40 not out), Mansley (8) helped to swell the second result to 4 wickets for 66. In the bowling for the School, G. Morgan secured 10 wickets, H. Mackaness 6, Symonds 2. The School won on the first innings by 30 runs. A notable feature of the match was the number of sixes hit, those responsible being Morgan 3 in succession, Mathers 2, H. Puckeridge 1, Mr. Murray 1, Mr. Parsonage 1, Wyatt 1, Gruen 1, and Symonds 1.

## THANKS.

The Headmaster desires to thank all those parents who so generously donated the sum of £143 9s. 1d. to the School Fund.

## Fort Street Tennis Club

On Thursday, Feb. 2nd, 1911, a general meeting of the members of the above club was held for the purpose of electing office-bearers for the year, 1911.

In the absence of the vice-president, Mr. Davies, Mr. Bert Evatt, captain of the school, occupied the chair, officiating in a very capable manner.

The following is the result of the election:—

President, Mr. Kilgour; Vice-president and Treasurer, Mr. Davies; Secretary, F. Liggins; Committee, Briggs, Simpson, Wiburd, Biggs, and Packham; Selection Committee, G. Briggs, R. Mitchell (Vice-capt.), F. Liggins (capt.), During the Xmas vacation, four members of the club, Liggins (capt.), Hudson, Packham, and Simpson, visited Moore College, there to uphold the honor of the club against the College. We spent a very enjoyable afternoon, our opponents proving to be good fellows and fine "sports."

We hope to meet them again, as soon as opportunity presents itself.

One member of the College four was Will Edwards, a member of last year's M.L., whom we hope to often see displaying his agility upon our court.

The fact of the court being turf rather hindered our play at times, although it was very true, as a rule.

The following are the scores:—Moore College, 3 sets 30 games; Fort Street, 3 sets 29 games.

The College thus were victorious by the narrow margin of one game.

## PICNICS.

Just previous to the vacation, picnics were held by the following classes: 6D, 6C, 6A, 5B and Junior Classes, National Park and Balmoral being the favoured spots. Sports, games and swimming were indulged in and happy times were spent. We regret that want of space prevents us publishing the full reports of each class.

The attention of all the Old Boys is specially directed to the Old Boys' Race at the Carnival.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

Congratulations to Harold Hardwick (an old Fort-street champion) for annexing the 440 yards Australasian Championship at the recent gathering. Hardwick has always proved himself a thorough sport and is genuinely esteemed by all lovers of natation.

Gilbert Murray swam pluckily in the N.S.W. Country Championship, and was beaten by inches in a well-fought race, he being placed third.

The hon. sec. expects to pan out fully 80 certificates this season for contestants in the Half-mile School Championship.

Two new Championships, the 1320 yards and the Mile, will be added this season, and will be concluded before the end of March.

The Life Saving Examinations for all certificates and medallions will be conducted during the first week in March.

An instance of the overdoing of participation in sport was evidenced in the form displayed by Frank Beaurepaire at the recent Australian Championship Carnivals. He had only returned from Europe, where he annexed every championship, had been swimming almost without resting for three consecutive seasons, and in consequence, naturally, now has failed. He deserves the keenest sympathy of all natatorial followers, and Fort-street boys feel for him, particularly as he is so well known to many of our lads, having competed against some of our representatives on the football field, and in the swimming arena. May he soon return to form, is the earnest wish of all his old sporting opponents from Fort-street.

A pleasing feature at the Australian Carnivals was the presence of swimming caps. This custom has been in vogue at our carnivals for many years past, and is one which has always appeared favorably to the onlookers.

The new appointments to the staff are Mr. Alan Chisholm, B.A., and Mr. Oliver Fox to the Boys' School, and Miss Annie Duncan, B.A. and Miss Bocking to the Girls' School. Both Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Fox are old Fort Street boys. We bid them all welcome to the staff.

The number of applicants for admission to the School this year was greater than ever. Lack of accommodation prevented the admission of very many candidates.

In consequence of the numerous prosecutions lately the Headmaster desires to warn boys and girls of the School against eating ice-cream obtained from unknown sources. There have been many cases of typhoid fever traced to impure ice-cream during the last few months.

Miss Hilda Dennis has been appointed Mistress (Infants') at the Public School.

Official notification has now been received of the recognition of Fort Street as a High School. The title of the School will be no longer the Model School, but the Boys' (or Girls') Public High School, Fort Street.

The membership of the Sports Union has now reached the grand total of 820. The Camera Club has 35 active members.

We are very pleased to notice the appointment of Mr. J. O. A. Bourke B.A. as the Assistant Inspector of Schools. Mr. Bourke was for many years an assistant at Fort Street, and prior to his present appointment, was lecturer in Mathematics at the Teacher's College. His place at the latter institution has been taken by another one-time assistant at Fort Street, Mr. C. A. Christmas, B.A.

The School First Aid Box has been re-furnished and will prove a very welcome addition to the School's material.

The entries for the Carnival total to-date 340, being a slight increase on that of last year.

What should prove a highly interesting event at the Aquatic gala is the 50 yards Staff Handicap. "Natator" asks whether swimming caps will be necessary for this event, as the participants are so well known.

There will be no departure from the rules. All competitors must wear caps.

Several further donations have been received towards the Carnival Fund from Collins Brothers Limited, Angus and Robertson, Angus and Coote.

Entrants must be amateurs, and should forward their entries with fees to the Secretary N.S.W. Association, Hunter Street, not later than Saturday, 18th. February.

No entry will be accepted on Monday the 20th. February—the custom of receiving entries on the Monday has been in vogue for some time but does not apply to the School's Gala, as our programmes should be ready for distribution on Friday, 24th. February.



## Running the Blockade

By F. McLeod.

(1/10/10 to 2/12/10.)

It was unsafe to go ashore at night, and so if anyone wished to go to a theatre it was necessary to go up in the daylight and stay up in town all night.

Several murders had been committed during our stay, one officer and some of the crew of ships here being done to death.

Very little news of the war was heard here, and even our letters were examined by the censor, and woe betide the unlucky man who was caught with a camera.

In due time our cargo was discharged, and preparations made for our departure.

When all was ready the ice-breaker came alongside us and smashed all the ice in the immediate vicinity of the ship and then put a towing-wire on board us and towed our head round. The ship then being in position, the ice-breaker let us go and steamed on ahead to clear the channel. Following her was one of the cruisers which escorted us in, and then came ourselves.

After a run of about six miles we reached open water and the ice-breaker turned round and left us. The cruiser put on a spurt and then branched off into one of the numerous bays in the entrance to Vladivostock, ran up the signals that she was about to commence gun practice, and before we could get out of the way, live shot commenced to fly around us too close to be pleasant. We dare not go too far as we were not out of the mined area.

Looking around, we saw a gunboat the other side of the harbour with the signal "follow me" flying, but the captain decided to wait till she came over to us, which she did, and led the way out of that dangerous spot.

After leading us for some distance, she ran up the signal "all clear," to which we answered with "X.O.R." (thank you), and then turned her head round for Vladivostock and we towards Shanghai, which was our next port.

How thankful we were to get away from this port I need not say, as every mile further south we made the weather became warmer and there was less danger from floating mines, which abounded round about the Korean Strait.

Apropos of floating mines, I might mention that these were a great source of danger to not only the warships in the vicinity, but to the peaceful merchant ships plying around from port to port.

Ships going up the Gulf to Chefoo, Chin-wan-too, etc., were equipped with rifles and a stock of ammunition to destroy these awful engines of war.

Everything went well till we got off the Island of Tsu-Shima, a term which is incorrect, as the word "Shima" is the Japanese for Island, so really Tsu-Shima means the Island of Tsu.

About midnight the rays of a search-light shot upon us and followed us all night.

We, by this time, were used to all kinds of alarms and uncanny sights, so took no notice of this.

When daylight came in we made out the vessel who had been playing the light upon us. She was a Japanese cruiser—one of the scouts who were patrolling the Tsu-Shima Straits (now so famous in history as the place where one of the greatest battles of modern history was fought).

When it was sufficiently light, she came close to and ran up the signals "Where are you from?" and on receiving our reply "Vladivostock," she signalled "Stop, we wish to board you!" and at the same time ran out her guns (quite an unnecessary proceeding on her part).

We at once hove to, and presently we observed an armed boat's crew coming off to us.

We lowered the gangway and were boarded by a lieutenant, a midshipman and a signaller.

He was met on the gangway by the captain, and, after exchanging the usual courtesies, remarked, "I am too late, Captain," as he could see that we had already got rid of our cargo.

He searched the ship from stern to stern, no doubt in search of Russian refugees. Finding nothing, he asked for the log book, and made an entry in Japanese, which was, I suppose, to the effect that he had searched the ship.

After a great amount of signalling between the two ships, we were informed that we were at liberty to proceed.

I heard of a very amusing anecdote with regard to boarding a ship during the war.

A naval officer boarded a tramp and the captain, no doubt impressed with a great idea of his own importance, did not meet the boarding officer.

He was shown up to the Captain's cabin, and, on knocking at the door, was asked to "come in." He replied, "No, Captain, I am ze Japanese Navy, you come to me!"

Of course, some of the readers will say that that was, to use a common expression "putting on side," on the part of the naval officer, but such is not the case, for a naval officer, no matter of what rank, when for the time being assumes the rank of boarding officer should be received with due respect, as he is representing the Admiral and is always received with great respect on any of his own ships.

In due time we entered some very yellowish water, which told us we were nearing the mouth of that great river, the Yang-tse-Kiang.

The discolored water extends for many miles out to sea.

We observed a buoy which is called the fair-way buoy, and at the same time the pilot boat steaming out to meet us.

After receiving a pilot, we steamed on, and it was not for some time after that we observed the land, as the Yang-Tse is a very broad river at its mouth.

Arriving at a village called Wusung, a stop is made for the doctor to board, and after practice was granted, we left the Yang-Tse and branched off up the Wusung River. Safely crossing over the bar we passed the village of Wusung on our starboard side and moored off the town, where many hundreds of Chinese junks (as the native craft are called), quaint-looking craft of all sizes. Their high sterns are most fantastically decorated. Some were painted red. These were war-junks, maintained by some of the wealthy viceroys to maintain discipline. The muzzle-loading guns and their wooden walls were very sharp contrasts to the modern ironclad.

Of course, the Chinese Government have a number of modern men-of-war, most of which were built in England, and some in Japan.

What contrasts there were on proceeding up this river. On one side large modern mills were to be seen, and on the other mud huts and forts, no doubt built many years ago, and serve to remind one of the primitive state in which the Chinese still live.

After a run of about an hour up this river, during which time we passed paddy fields, Chinese huts, etc., Shanghai hove into sight. I think that Shanghai is the most important town

in the East, from a commercial point of view at any rate.

The town is divided into three parts (what is known as the foreign quarters, as we are all foreigners there, the British Concession, the French Concession, and of course, there is the Chinese city also).

We steamed past hundreds of ships at anchor and also alongside the many wharves which line the river for miles on both sides.

Arriving at the berth allotted to us, we proceeded to moor ship, that is dropping both anchors in such a manner that when the ship swings to a change of tide she swings as if on a pivot and thus does not take up much space in swinging.

We had not the faintest idea as to what our next port would be, but we had a kind of idea that we should be bound to Vladivostock again.

The day after arrival, the Captain mustered the crew and asked them if they would again go to Vladivostock.

Whether this was just sounding the men to find out what their feelings were or whether

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there was another trip in view I do not know, for if the latter were the case the trip fell through.

Altogether our stay in Shanghai lasted three weeks, so we had ample time to go ashore and see the town.

As we lay out in the river it was necessary to board one of the hundreds of sampans (as the boats plying for hire are known), and to be sculled ashore with a most unpleasant motion. These boats are most quaint, and look like a great animal crawling along, as all the Chinese junks and native craft have eyes placed on each side of the bows. ("What fashion? No have eyes, how can see?"—Chinese reason.)

Arriving at a landing some distance up or down the river according to the way the tide was running, we got into a rickshaw, which is the cab of the East, although horse vehicles are to be obtained, we went for a tour round the towns.

The first Concession which we reached was the American, and such places as "The Broadway," Astor House Hotel, and such like American names, reminded us that we were in the American part. Passing over the Garden Bridge we were in the English Concession, where a beautiful Bund (as the river front is known) presents itself to our view.

We paid off our rickshaw and decided to walk for awhile. There is a very nice public garden here, from which the Garden Bridge derives its name, and on certain afternoons a very good band dispenses soothing music in the gardens and where the elite of Shanghai stroll around.

One may walk for some distance along the river front or can branch off down one of the streets and have a look at the shops (there are many fine shops, both European and Chinese). There is also a very fine observatory here, in charge of the Jesuits, and many timely warnings of those dreaded typhoons have been given from here. Shanghai people are great sporting people and boast of a very fine racecourse and recreation ground, where cricket, tennis and all other games are played. The tiny China ponies, which are very much like the ones which were taken down on the last South Pole expedition, are to be seen here in great numbers.

What a cosmopolitan place Shanghai is! People of all nations are to be found here.

The different Concessions have a very select Volunteer Corps, even the Chinese have a company.

A visit to the old Chinese City is one that should be made, but not without a guide, as one would be lost almost immediately in the narrow, dirty, winding streets.

The tea-house, which it is said is the original of the willow pattern china, may be seen here; but some dispute it.

Many visits were paid on shore during our stay here, and there was always something new to be seen in this interesting place.

In the harbour ships were coming and going and every evening a procession of mammoth river boats were to be seen leaving for their long trip up the Yang-Tse-Kiang.

Men-of-war of all nations were anchored in the river—British, German, American, French, etc.

In due time we received our orders to proceed to Moji (Japan) to coal, so we hove up and proceeded down the river again, and after an uneventful trip of about 30 hours we found ourselves hemmed in apparently by land on all sides. We were now in Moji (Japan), and arriving at our berth we moored ship in the same manner as we did in Shanghai.

(To be continued.)

#### THANKS.

We desire to thank Mr. Card for his kindness in sending valuable specimens of minerals and rocks which have proved of great assistance in the teaching of geology, and also Mr. Pratt for the fine case of classified minerals, which has proved of the greatest assistance in the teaching of geology.

All competitors for School Races are reminded that the minimum fee is 6d., so that where a lad has entered for a Novelty Race only, he must be prepared to pay an extra 3d. for admission or choose the alternative of entering for another race.

The annual "Junior" Picnic will probably be held at National Park on Saturday, 18th. February. Let us hope that the weather will, by that time, have cleared up sufficiently to further the advantages of an ideal day.

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## Jumping on Trams

In spite of repeated warnings and examples in the shape of accidents, Sydney youths still continue in the dangerous habit of boarding and leaving trams in motion. We take this opportunity of warning our pupils who travel by tram that not only is this practice extremely dangerous to life and limb, but even when the act is committed without risk it is a serious offence against the Tramway Bylaws. In fact, it renders the individual liable to a fine, in addition to the medical expenses he may incur.

We notice that two old boys, Messrs. A. V. Maxwell, B.A., and P. S. Eldershaw, B.A., have plunged into the arena of business. They have opened a new college at the Equitable Buildings, to be known as the "University Coaching College." The title is self-explanatory. We wish their venture success.

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## Old Boys' Page

A smoke concert will be held at the A.B.C. Cafe, Pitt Street, on Saturday, 1st April, at 8 p.m. An attractive musical programme is being arranged and light refreshments will be provided. It is hoped that there will be a large muster of old boys, and readers of the "Fortian" are asked to bring the smoke concert under the notice of their friends. Tickets, 1s., may be obtained from the hon. secretary of the Union, Percy R. Watts, 12 Castlereagh Street.

The annual cricket match, Past v. Present, has been arranged to take place at Petersham Oval, on Wednesday, 22nd March. Last year the old boys, who were represented by a strong team, including several prominent first grade cricketers, won by a margin of 10 runs only.

Fort Street boys will be pleased to note that two of their brethren have just achieved high distinction in the legal world. Mr. D. G. Ferguson has been appointed Acting Judge of the Supreme Court during the absence of Mr. Justice Cohen, and Mr. Frank Leverrier has "taken silk," that is, been made a King's Counsel.

After leaving the School, Mr. Ferguson proceeded to Sydney University, where he won the Levy Scholarship for Science. Graduating in 1886, he devoted himself for some years to press work. In 1890 he was called to the bar, and before long made his mark in the common law jurisdiction.

Mr. Ferguson's forensic style is pleasant and restrained. He neither rants nor roars. His voice, with its light agreeable quality, never grows monotonous to his hearers. He knows the art of concealing art. Always winning the sympathy of the jury, he gives the impression of persuading rather by the inherent merits of his case than by his own personal cleverness. If he has any vanity in his composition, it is well in the background. A genial untroubled humour and a gift of clear exposition have been potent factors in his success.

Mr. Ferguson has for some time been lecturer in Evidence and Procedure at the Law School.

It may be said that no lecturer at the University has had a greater popularity with his immediate students. Evidence and Procedure, as subjects, do not scintillate with bright points of interest; yet the lecturer has always made them interesting.

One anecdote may be related as illustrating the regard which the students have ever had for Mr. Ferguson. His lecture-hour was from 4 till 5. Now the Courts do not rise till 4; and the lecturer, busy advocate as he was, often had difficulty in getting to Selborne Chambers punctually on the stroke of 4. In fact, he was generally about ten minutes late. Professor Pitt Cobbett, in spite of his high esteem for Mr. Ferguson, would have been displeased if he had been aware of this, but no one was likely to inform him of the lecturer's late-comings, unless it were Hanks, the librarian. One day a belated student discovered Hanks in the act of listening outside the door to hear whether the lecture was proceeding. Simulating the lecturer's voice, the student began to deliver a fictitious lecture, until, just as Hank's heavy footsteps had retreated, Mr. Ferguson arrived. This ruse was resorted to not once, but many times, until one day Professor Pitt Cobbett, unexpectedly entering the room, was amazed to find a student expatiating on *res inter alios actae*; but he was not more amazed than was Mr. Ferguson himself, who had come in right on the Professor's heels. Explanations followed, but, fortunately, everybody, including the professor himself, duly appreciated the humor of the situation.

Mr. Leverrier, is perhaps, better known to the lay public than Mr. Ferguson. He is a Senator of the University, and, besides being an eminent lawyer, is a scientist of high attainments. At the University, in Arts, Science, Law, Mr. Leverrier won almost every honour it was possible to win. At the bar, he devoted himself to the Equity side, where for some time he has enjoyed the reputation of being probably the soundest "lawyer" in the profession. His opinions always carry great weight. The writer recollects Mr. Leverrier once winning no less than thirteen cases in succession. He is the acknowledged authority on all questions relating to patents, trade marks, etc., and plays a powerful part in all cases involving a knowledge of scientific processes. And yet he is by no means an "advocate," in the ordinary sense. He relies on matter rather than on man-

ner, and persuades judges rather than juries.

Mr. Leverrier, prior to his election to the University Senate, was, like Mr. Ferguson, a lecturer at the Law School.

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## Senior Cadets

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### THE CORONATION CONTINGENT.

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Approval has been granted by the Minister for Defence for the organisation and despatch to England of a Senior Cadet detachment to represent Australia at the Coronation of King George V. The contingent will consist of a company, the members of which must have served at least six months in the Senior Cadet force existing in New South Wales. The contingent will take part in the Coronation Procession, Bisley Rifle Meeting, the Festival of Empire, the Coronation exhibition and other celebrations, so that the British public will have an opportunity of seeing the first compulsory force in the British Empire.

Selection of candidates will be made subject to the following conditions:—

All candidates must be between 15 and 18 years of age.

All candidates to be passed as medically fit, and to be recommended by the officer commanding the company, and approved by the officer commanding the battalion. The final selection to be made by the Commanding Officer, Senior Cadets, or Staff Officer, Senior Cadets. Candidates and their parents or guardians to sign an agreement to abide by the decision of the Commanding Officer, Senior Cadets, and to submit to military discipline.

The Officer Commanding to undertake that complete supervision will be exercised. Leave to visit friends or relatives in the old country must be applied for in writing, and endorsed by the parent or guardian before departure from Sydney; no leave will be granted which will in any way interfere with the objects of the trip.

Cadets will be granted short leave in parties under the supervision of officers and non-commissioned officers.

Fort Street will be entitled to despatch three candidates, but more may be nominated. In order

to secure selection, each district (and in this instance the School constitutes a District) must contribute the sum of £40 for each cadet nominated.

The officer commanding each battalion must be notified forthwith of the nominations made, and a duplicate notification sent to the Commanding Officer, Senior Cadets, at Victoria Barracks.

Upon receipt of the sum of £40 for each cadet to be despatched, the Commanding Officer or Staff Officer, Senior Cadets, will arrange for the examination of the candidates. Those selected will be required to attend a preliminary camp of training in Sydney early in April.

The contingent will sail from Sydney late in April and will travel to England via Durban and the Cape, probably returning via Suez, so that as much of the world as possible can be seen.

The idea of sending Australian representatives to the Coronation is excellent, and the trip should have a high educative value, both from a military and a civil standpoint. Unfortunately the country is put to the expense of exporting a number of members of Parliament to be exhibited at these particular celebrations, therefore the cost of sending home a contingent must be defrayed by public subscription. At present Major Geo. W. Wynne is making strenuous efforts to raise public generosity to a pitch sufficient to produce the required £40 per cadet.

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### THE LAST FLUTTER.

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The First Battalion Senior Cadets held a final Battalion parade on Saturday last. The cadets left Sydney, marched to Yarra Bay, bivouacked for the night. Here, amid the salt sea calm and the pleasing vivacity of the bull-ant, the lads settled down and slept for a few seconds, being then awakened by the song of the mosquito, and the chatter of more wakeful neighbours.

Reveillee's silvery strains floated over bay and bushland, and drowsy youths staggered from their ant-beds to fall in for early morning bathing parade. A race for the championship of the Battalion was held in which Cadet J. Thomson, of MI gained second place.

The Battalion left Yarra Bay at 1.30 p.m., marched to Long Bay whence a tram carried the weary warriors home.

## RIFLE SHOOTING.

The First Battalion Prize Meeting was held on Friday, February 17th. The Fort Street Company was well to the fore, carrying off £13 out of the £40 allotted as prize money. There were twenty other schools competing, and according to the regulations of the meeting, no cadet could win more than one prize. Our successes were as follows:—

Prizes of £1.—Sergt. Paradise, Sergt. McNiven, Cadet Blagrave, Capt. Parsonage.

15s.—L. Corpl. Cox, Sergt. Duff.

12s. 6d.—Cadet Tebbut, Bugler Johnson.

10s.—Cadets Webber and N. Anderson.

7s. 6d.—R.S.M. Draper, Cadets Mackay, Jenkin, Ross, Mitchelhill, Walter, L. Corpl. Hansel.

6s.—Cadet Hunt.

5s.—Sig.-Sergt. L. Cullen Ward, Signaller Musgrove, Bugler Mackenzie, Cadets Wilkinson, Saul, Digby, Lessing.

4s. 6d.—Signaller Jones.

3s. 6d.—L. Corpl. Witcombe, Cadet Jennings.

2s. 6d.—Cadet Steel.

2s.—Cadet Rainsford.

1s.—Col. Sergt. Furness, Signaller Hales, Cadets W. Anderson, Pether, Davis, Rayment, Maude, Rose, Barton.

The first batch of candidates for the Rifle Championship of the School fired off on Wednesday the 14th instant, at 500 yards. Two sighters and seven shots were allowed each competitor.

The following were the best scores:—

Cadet Bean (Seniors) : 4, 5, 2, 2, 5, 3, 5—26.

Sergt. Parradice (Juniors) : 5, 3, 4, 2, 5, 5, 2—26

E. Young (Civilian) : 3, 4, 5, 2, 5, 4, 3—26

Cadet Brindley (Seniors) : 3, 4, 0, 3, 4, 2, 2—18

R.S.M. S. Draper (Jun.) : 4, 2, 2, 3, 2, 2, 3—18

Sergt. Cox (Juniors) : 0, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 2—18

Cadet Godwin (Seniors) : 3, 3, 3, 4, 2, 0, 2—17

Cadet Crowe (Seniors) : 3, 4, 3, 0, 3, 0, 4—17

Those competing for the School Championship must fire over all ranges from 200 to 500. The winner will have his name inscribed on the Vennour-Nathan Shield. Other rounds of the com-

petition will be fired on succeeding Wednesdays till further orders.

A successful afternoon's shooting was carried out on Wednesday, 8th March, in spite of the inclemency of the weather.

The following were the principal scores:—

10 shots at 400yds.—Cadet Bean, 38; Lieut. Collins, 33; Cadets Berman, 29; Brindley, 25; Sergt.-bugler Lenehan, 20.

7 shots at 400yds.—Cadet Brindley, 23.

## The Battered Bard

The man was weary and shabby, and looked as if he had spent the greater portion of his existence in endeavouring to quench a thirst of Tantalus. Timidly he shuffled up to the front door and offered for sale a small paper-covered volume boldly branded "The Story He Told to Me, and other verses, by Henry Walter Kitz, Author of Wayside Muses, etc., etc." The volume bore the author's portrait on its cover, and came hot from the author's hand. The sum of three-pence was handed over—three-pence is a very convenient sum—and the valueless, if not priceless, outpourings of a poetic soul passed into editorial possession. Alas, how many editors already have scored them with blue pencil, or lashed to frenzy, tossed them into the ever-yawning mouths of insatiable waste-paper baskets.

Indeed, internal evidence for this is not wanting. In a very ecstasy of resolution the poet declares:—

"My mission below has been gaily done,

I have been refused by the 'Daily Sun.'"

and so on for four verses.

The book contains forty-one "poems" on almost every conceivable subject—from the late King down to Bill the Ox Conductor. Many deal with such topical events as the Nemesis disaster, the Waratah, and East Sydney's victory (the particular victory is not stated).

A whole host of others deal with Devotion, Damsels and Death. There is nothing original in such themes. They are the stock-in-trade of all

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immature verse-writers, and are usually discarded somewhere about the time when a young man plucks up courage to smoke a pipe in front of his father. What is strikingly, even weirdly original, is the author's method of treatment. cracked rhymes abound, and in many places the metre is rocky, like an Irish jaunting car on a rutty road. Homely platitudes are twisted into verse which, despite its many and aggressively apparent faults, are not more inane than Wordsworth's "Idiot Boy," "Peter Bell," or "Lucy Gray." Happily for Wordsworth's memory the parallel ends here.

The whole thing is pathetic. Here is a man despised and rejected by editors, hammering out his heart heavings into stodgy rhymes, and publishing at his own expense for purposes of house to house commerce. Nor is he alone in his glory. Sydney reeks with such literary oddities, and we must pity as we condemn, for a whole aeon of tragedy is compressed within the moment when an ambitious man realises that he is but a mediocrity after all.

Our man under a happier environment might have done better. One at least of his effusions is worthy of notice. It staggered from his weary brain after beholding the obsequies of a certain deceased Johnny McGee. This Johnny was a "broth of a bhoj," according to the "poet." He drank, gambled, worked a certain dexterous swindle known as the three card trick, and finally departed this life. The "poet" relates all this and concludes:—

"Now poor McGee has gone to rest,  
I wonder if he's joined the blest."

This is a fine sample of breezy optimism. Yet we cannot wonder at the writer receiving the punishment so frequently inflicted by the editor of "The Bulletin," namely that of having his Poet's License cancelled.

Such men, and such writings (drivel though they be) have their place in the world-scheme. They provide young writers with samples of the stuff that editors reject, with awful examples of faults to be avoided; and they furnish older writers the opportunity of a quiet laugh, and a chance of offering up the thanksgiving made by the Pharisee on a certain occasion. From this point of view we commend it. The book is printed by J. H. Roberts and Co., Kent Street, City. Our copy is from Mr. Henry Walter Kitz.



# Girls' Page

Edited by Miss M. H. LESLIE

## CHANGES ON THE STAFF.

Miss Rourke, who has been a member of the Girls' staff for the past five years, was removed to Wickham Superior Public School on 13th February. To show their appreciation of Miss Rourke's services here, the lady teachers presented her with a gold bangle, and the members of her class with silver belt and shoe buckles.

Miss Harders has resumed duty on the Girls' staff, after an absence of a year, during which she visited England, Germany and France.

We extend a welcome to Miss M. E. Young, who has been appointed to the Girls' High School.

## ORGANISED SPORT.

Organised sport on Wednesday afternoons has now become an established part of the routine of the Girls' High School.

Clubs have been formed in connection with the various branches of sport—tennis, swimming, cricket and photography. As the winter approaches hockey and basket ball will take the place of swimming. The Birchgrove Reserve has been secured for purposes of sport, and there is every indication that very great pleasure and profit will be derived from this institution.

## THE CAMERA CLUB.

Upon the institution of organised sports on Wednesday afternoons, it was proposed to form a Camera Club. For this purpose a meeting was held in the Library, Miss Searle supervising. The membership was fourteen.

Mr. Lean, a representative of Harrington's, gave a very interesting lecture on the preliminaries of photography.

A dark room is to be fitted up with this gentleman's help, and every encouragement will be given to beginners.

Since the last publication of the "Fortian" the Camera Club have had several outings, more or less pleasant. A visit to Manly was marred by bad weather.

The next week a visit was made to the Suspension Bridge, North Sydney. Some very fair pictures of the bridge and surroundings were taken.

On Wednesday, February 22nd, Mr. Lean, of Harrington's, Limited, gave an interesting and instructive lecture. Unlike the last lecture, this was a practical one, and the dark room was put into use. Almost all the members of the club were present, and benefitted very much therefrom.

Within a week or so we hope to have our dark room fitted by one of the photographic companies.

## THE GIRLS' CARNIVAL, 1911.

The 14th Annual Carnival of the Girls' Club will take place on Friday, 24th March. A great many new championships will be introduced to accommodate all the classes in the High School. Handicaps will be run off prior to the day of the Carnival.

Tickets to admit friends of the members may be obtained from the hon. secretaries. Admission 6d. Members of the club and pupils of the School, 3d.

Special boats will be run to the Baths at El-kington Park. Every effort will be made to ensure the comfort of visitors.

## GIRLS' LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above society was held on Friday, 3rd February, 1911, in the sewing room. The subject under discussion was "Should the Commonwealth Army be Based on Conscription or Voluntary Service?" Misses May Meany, Isabel Knight and Eileen Youll, took up the side of "Voluntary Service?" while Misses Edie Fraser, Olga Reeves and Dorothy Crackenthorpe stood for "Conscription." The debate was a very good one, and eventually the "Voluntary Service" side won.

It being the first debate for the new year, Miss Maggie Mills resigned her position as secretary to the society, amidst general regret. Dorothy Struthers was elected in her place.

An inter-club debate has been arranged to take place on March 10. The subject to be discussed is "Is Ambition a Vice or a Virtue?" The girls will take the side of ambition being a vice.

RETIREMENT OF MISS K. B. KILMINSTER.

A great number of the friends of Miss Kilminster assembled on the G.M.S. "Gneisenau" on Saturday, 28th January, to wish her "bon voyage."

She is on her way to London, where she will be married shortly after arriving. Miss Kilminster is accompanied by her mother and sisters.

The school girls' swimming world will greatly miss their instructor, and all her friends felt parting with her very much.

Fort Street High School wishes to offer Miss Kilminster sincere congratulations, and every good wish for her future happiness.

INTERCLUB DEBATE.

On Friday, March 10, an Interclub Debate will be held in the Senior room, Girls' Literary and Debating Society v. Boys' Literary and Debating Society.

The Girls' Society will be represented by Misses M. Meaney, I. Knight and M. Mills, and will affirm that "Ambition is a vice, and not a virtue." The Boys' Society will oppose the motion and will be supported by Gruen, Simpson and A. H. Smith. The leaders of each party will be allowed 15 minutes in which to speak, and the remainder 10 minutes, while the opener has the right to reply for a period not exceeding 10 minutes.

Mr. Ronald Hector McNiven having obtained a transfer to the Department of Lands, his place has been taken by Mr. Harry Moore, from the Teachers' College.

FORT STREET LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, February 17th, a special general meeting was held to add to and amend the rules and standing orders. Several new rules and standing orders were accepted.

On February 24th a Ministerial Debate was held.

Without doubt it was the most successful debate held by the society for some time.

Great interest was manifested by everyone present, and it was with great pleasure that we listened to a splendid speech by Mr. Harry Brown, one of our life members.

Gruen moved that "In the interests of the Commonwealth the State Parliaments should be abolished," and was supported by Simpson, Mason, Bennett and O'Grady.

Sedgwick, supported by Tunks, New, Holmes, and Brown opposed the motion.

The motion was lost by a fair majority.

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## The Juniors' Picnic

By "One of Them."

The Annual Junior Outing eventuated at National Park on the 18th of February under pleasant auspices. The gathering was attended by Mr. A. J. Kilgour (Headmaster), Mr. Parkinson (Senior Inspector of Schools), and by several members of the "Juniors" Staff. After a pleasant hour's train ride as far as Loftus, and an agreeable stroll through the Park grounds, the pavilion was duly reached.

Here, our bags, eatables, drinkables, etc., were handed over to the charge of Mr. Selle, who supervised the culinary arrangements to a nicety. During the morning all sorts of games were persevered with, cricket being particularly favored.

One could not help but feel gratified at the manner in which the boys, one and all, attacked the edible gods spread out in handsome style by the committeemen.

What surprised one most of all, however, was the display of tact and cleanliness on the part of all in keeping the pavilion clean and tidy.

A good hearty meal having been indulged in, the afternoon passed away all too quickly. During its course we had various amusements. The majority of those present favored boating and swimming, while a few loyalists stuck to their cricket.

Only one water-fight was in evidence, and this was soon quenched with the aid of a whistle.

Perhaps the aquatic sports at Port Hacking accounted for the non-appearance of the usual rangers in their authoritative uniforms.

One could not express clearly enough the pleasure derived from the outing, and the only regret I am able to state is that we can't have another.

Tea was ready for us at 5 o'clock, and here, too, we made no mistakes, with the exception that some of us had eaten perhaps too much.

Walking leisurely for about twenty minutes, saw us finally at the Park station, where our train awaited us, and at 6 p.m. we set off homewards thoroughly tired out, but happy in the thought that we had had an enjoyable day, and that our bodies would materially benefit from the exercises indulged in.

Too much praise cannot be given to the hon-

sec. (H. Yates) and his excellent committee.

The teachers all stated (and they should know for some have been to all the Junior picnics for past years) that the gathering was the best of its kind in their recollection. Anyhow the boys themselves were very gratified with the outing, and hope that its success will augur well for the 1911 Junior Banquet.

## Arms and the Youth

In another column we publish a list of prizes won by Fort Street cadets in the recent Battalion Rifle Meeting.

Rifle shooting is a sport of a highly scientific character, and one which entails a great amount of control over muscles and nerves. Accordingly, proficiency in this sport can only be attained by a long period of patient practice. Under our old school organisation, the time for practice was rather limited, and we have to thank the setting aside of Wednesday afternoon for organised sports for this year's brilliant results. The boy who goes out Wednesday after Wednesday, and practises faithfully must become a good shot in time.

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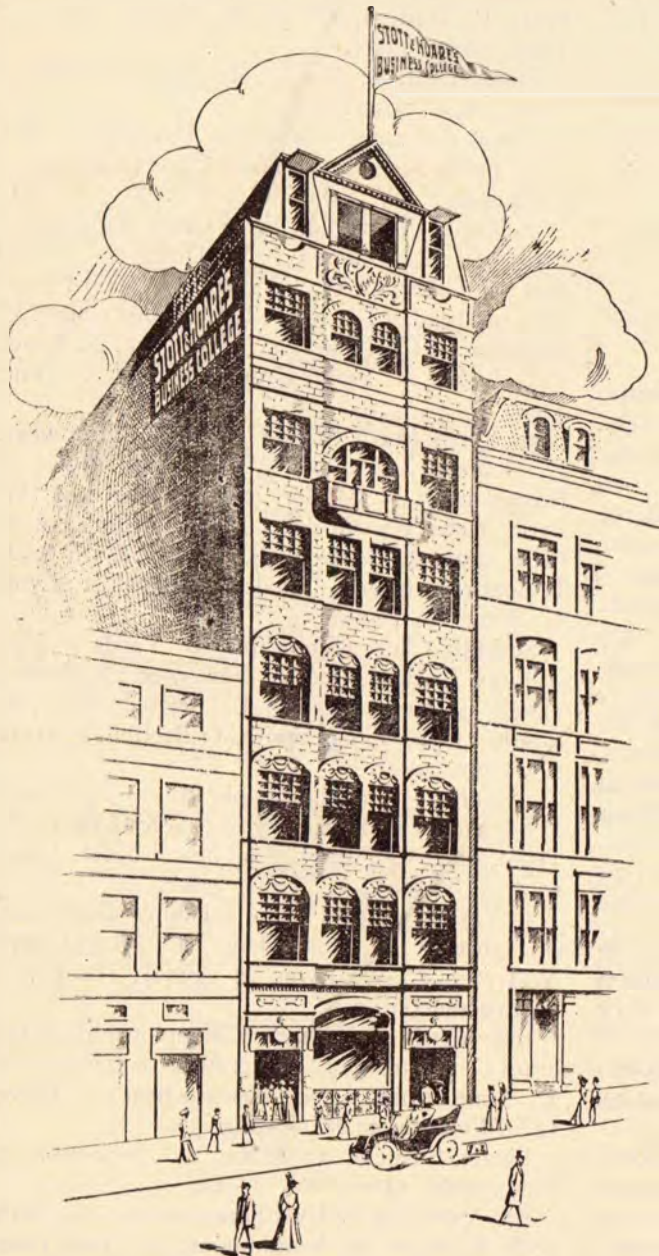
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Mr. R. McNiven, whose transfer we regret, while congratulating him thereon, was another important factor in our success. That gentleman was especially generous, going out as he frequently did, on Saturday mornings, giving the young shots advice that was always worth following.

We are pleased to notice that Mr. McNiven has joined the Lands Department Rifle Club and did well last Saturday in the Metropolitan Rifle Association events.

## Swimming.

The 21st Annual Championship Gala eventuated at the Domain Baths on Saturday, 25th February. The day was a glorious one, and the carnival was conducted with signal success.

Owing to the earnest and well-directed efforts of the members themselves, a huge concourse of people assembled to witness a fine exhibition.

Fully 3,000 persons were present. Hitches were conspicuous by their absence, everything working smoothly, each official doing exactly his little share towards the complete organisation.

The presence of Harold Hardwick and W. Longworth added interest to the proceedings, more especially as the latter successfully lowered the world's record for the 100 metres, completing the lap in 1min. 5sec. So far the gross receipts total nearly £70., so that a record for the event is once again established. The following are the results:—

The officials for the carnival were:—Referee, C. D. Jones; starter, A. W. Griffiths; check starter, R. McNiven; judges, A. J. Kilgour, W. T. Fraser, E. S. Davies, A. W. Cusbert, J. McMiles; judges (interclub), H. Smith, W. H. Buncombe, G. T. Hill; judges (diving), W. W. Hill, C. D. Jones, A. W. Griffiths; timekeepers, W. T. Kerr, T. C. Roberts, H. A. Westhoff, L. I. Flegeltaub; result stewards, J. Leaver and K. Hannay; cap stewards, E. H. W. Parker and J. E. Murray; marshals, H. J. Meldrum, A. W. Parsonage, J. Lusby; press stewards, R. C. Taylor and Boys; megaphone stewards, P. H. J. Hurt; clerks of course, Cantrell, Collins, Dyce, Abel; hon secretary, W. A. Selle.

Results:—

100 Yards Old Boys' Handicap.—First heat: H. Hardwick, scr., 1; R. Douglas, 16sec., 2. Time, 59 sec. Second heat: F. E. Brett, 23sec., 1; B. Mendelsohn, 12sec., 2. Time, 1min. 20sec. Third heat: P. Duff, 13sec., 1; L. Eglese, 8sec., 2. Time, 1min. 13sec.

Final: Duff, 1; Mendelsohn, 2; Hardwick, 3. Time, 1min., 20sec.

Fancy Costume Parade.—L. Holmes, R. Bell.

50 Yards Second and Third Class Handicap.—C. Brown, 1; W. Schmidt, 2.

50 Yards Fourth and Fifth Class Handicap.—First heat: R. Hellings, 1; W. Duffy, 2. Second heat: S. Greer, 1; W. Ferguson, 2. Third heat: A. Greathead, 1; J. Russell, 2. Fourth heat: C. Holliday, 1; C. Hocker, 2. Fifth heat: N. Israel, 1; G. Lyons, 2. Final: Israel, 1; Creer, 2. Time, 42sec.

50 Yards Sixth Class Handicap.—First heat: E. Bennett, 10sec., 1; W. Lorking, 16sec., 2. Second heat: M. Muller, 12sec., 3. Third heat: W. Lyon, 7sec. Fourth heat: D. Mitchellhill, 18sec. Fifth heat: L. McDougall, 15sec. Sixth heat: T. Boatwright, 5sec. Final: McDougall, 1; Lyon, 2. Time, 34 2-5sec.

Seventh Class Handicap, 50 Yards.—Heat-winners, E. Hurt, 4sec; E. New, 9sec.; S. Barker, 13sec; G. Reeves, 9sec.; L. Brettell, 8sec.; R. Smith, 14sec. Final: Smith, 1; Brettell, 2; Hurt, 3. Time, 40sec.

50 Yards 12 Years Championship.—First heat: J. Langford, 1; B. Rigney, 2. Second heat: W. Tebbutt and C. Turner, dead heat. Final: Langford, 1; Tebbutt, 2. Time, 37sec.

50 Yards 13 Years Championship.—First heat: G. Hansel, 1; V. Rosenbloom, 2. Second heat: N. Israel, 1; W. Lyon, 2. Final: Hansel, 1; V. Rosenbloom, 2.

100 Yards 15 Years Championship.—First heat: C. Furness, 1; L. Everett, 2; L. Dickenson, 3. Time, 1min. 14sec. Second heat: S. Rowe, 1; D. Forsyth, 2; R. Gowing, 3.

Final: Furness, 1; Rowe, 2; Nicholson, 3. Time, 1min. 14sec.

100 Yards 14 Years Championship.—L. Duff, 1; R. Evatt, 2; H. Kinnimont, 3. Time, 1min. 15sec.

50 Yards 10 Years Championship.—P. Hurt, 1; J. Lyons, 2. Time, 54 2-5sec.

50 Yards 11 Years Championship.—York, 1; Turner, 2; Smith, 3. Time, 46sec.

110 Yards Interclub Handicap.—First heat: F. Sinclair (Balmain), 8sec., 1; J. Murray (Bondi), 9sec., 2; O. Hansel, 14sec., 3. Time, 1min. 13sec. Second heat: W. Longworth (Rose Bay), scr., 1; F. B. Hickson (South Sydney), 9sec., 2; F. Cummings (Sydney), 8sec., 3. In this race Longworth was announced to make an attempt to lower the Australasian record for the distance put up by Cecil Healy at the beginning of the season at the Domain Baths, when he covered the distance in 1min. 5 2-5sec. Longworth started from scratch, and using the crawl stroke threw the distance behind in 1min. 5sec., thus beating Healy's time by 2-5 sec. He was loudly applauded.

Final: Murray, 1; Longworth, 2; Sinclair, 3. Won by half a yard. Time, 1min. 14 2-5sec. Longworth's time was 1min. 5sec.

100 Yards Championship of School.—F. Mason, 1; C. Furness, 2; E. Green, 3. Won by two yards. Time, 1min. 10sec.

100 Yards Sobraon Boys' Handicap.—Jackson, 1; Clarke, 2; Serls, 3.

Musical Lifebuoys.—O'Grady, 1; Hellings, 2.

Interclub Diving Competition.—P. Punch, 1; L. McCarthy, 2; W. Fraser, 3.

Clothes Race.—Green, 1; Kinnimont, 2.

440 Yards Interclub Handicap.—Tas. Jones (East Sydney), 1; R. A. Reardon (Newtown), 2; G. Muir (Leichhardt), 3. A great race. Time 6min. 12sec.

Cork Scramble.—K. Enderby (102 corks), 1; H. Kinnimont (64 corks), 2.

The arrangements were well carried out, no hitch of any kind occurring. To enhance the pleasure of the visitors the State Military Band rendered a programme of music.

Finding South Pole.—L. Andrews, H. Yates.

Wrestling on the Springboard.—B. O'Grady and G. Meggy, a tie.

NOTES.

The Sports Union, to which the Swimming Club is affiliated, unanimously voted £5 5s. towards the expenses of sending Harold Hardwick to London to compete for Australasia in the Coronation athletic festivities.

Certificates will be issued this season to competitors in the 88oyds., 132oyds. and 1 mile championships of the School. We should like to see

nearly 100 boys gain these handsome awards this year.

The Diving Championship of the School will be decided next week. Entry fee, 3d. Judges, Messrs. Parker, Cantrell and Selle.

The Handball Season Prospects

In March that most strenuous and exclusive sport, handball, will commence in real earnest. A committee has been elected from the Seniors to draw up rules and regulations which shall govern the game. This is not the regular thing, for in the past the school captain and the head prefect have managed the sport. But it is more (blessed word!) constitutional.

The committee consists of Mr. Kilgour, Evatt, Green, Hudson-Smith, Gruen, from the Upper Seniors, while the representatives of the numerous Lower are Briggs, Roe and Mason.

The prospects for the 1911 season are exceedingly bright, and it is probable that even last year's brilliant exponents of the art will be eclipsed. If possible, matches should be arranged between the 1910 and 1911 relay of Seniors on the historic court beside the Practising School. Last season's Lower Senior tournament was unfinished and a singles championship was not held. In the doubles the three leading pairs were Brown and H. Smith, Evatt and S. Holmes, while Gruen and D. Smith were just behind.

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Since then, Brown and S. Holmes have sought pastures new, so there will have to be another pairing of the sheep. Alexander is the coming player on last year's form, and he should make a bold bid for the singles. Gruen and D. Smith were a peculiar pair. Both were good players on their own, but their combination was poor—each doing his very best to "poach" on his neighbour's land. H. Smith and Brown were just the opposite, they combined well and were ideal partners. Evatt and S. Holmes lost but one match throughout last year—they must have played nearly a hundred in all. But unfortunately for them, they lost in the tournament.

The Lower Seniors are coming along nicely in their trial sprints. O'Grady is showing fine form and Reed is a good second. Handball traditions will be well kept up by the new members.

With regard to this season's preliminary canters, Gruen is the only Upper Senior who has practised consistently. Visions of a coming quarterly, hardly tend to promote a wish for a good hard game. But after . . . . . !!! Asher is just taking up the game, but to him the game is a trifle easy, and he cannot grasp it as he will in time. Handball will do him good in a certain way. I need not mention it, as it is beyond the scope of this article. Handball is an excellent training for football, and, incidentally, hockey. This must prove an attraction for some Seniors. Anyhow, Handball will boom in 1911.

## Lower School Notes

Since Christmas the many budding athletes have had a particularly busy time. On the cricket field, class rivalry has been very keen, yet healthy. As is but fitting, 5D continues to hold its own against all comers, but Israel, Pate, Husband, Turner, Graham and Co. will probably find themselves "up against it" in the forthcoming match against 5A, 5B and 5C combined. The combined team will possess two fairly good fast bowlers in Gallagher and Parkes, and on the "Dom's" uncertain wickets, two good bowlers may do wonders. The combined team's batting side needs building up.

As the result of this match, it is hoped that a particularly solid side may be selected for the match against a team selected from our High School.

Cricket between the Fourth Classes has been little short of a triumphal procession for 4B, whose destroying angels, Canty and Parrett, on one memorable occasion, actually routed 4A for nil. The Third and Second Class games have been chiefly notable for small scores and charges against the umpire, but now that the ex-infants have become properly accustomed to their newly acquired dignity, there is every prospect of more cricket and less talk.

One more swimming carnival has come and gone, and once again the younger members of the School have helped nobly. A feature of the afternoon was the success of Chris. Brown, a 3A boy, who, undeterred by previous defeats, at last tasted the sweets of victory. Of the younger swimmers, Schmidt, Hurt, Hannemann, and others showed up well. The large fields for the 5th Class Handicap, must have presented a tough problem for the handicapper, especially in view of the wonderfully quick improvement made in the space of a fortnight by various competitors. However, it did one good to notice the splendid spirit that existed where all were so eager to win. Perhaps a special word of praise is due to Provan, whose splendid swallow dive will live on in Pathé Frères' cinematograph films.

The changes amongst the staff have brought amongst us Mr. Fox, an old Fortian, and Mr. Miller, to whom this paper extends a cordial welcome.

## Cricket

On Wednesday 15th, the Firsts, Seconds, and Thirds journeyed to St. Josephs to try conclusions with their three teams. The Firsts continued in their winning strain, but the Seconds and Thirds returned defeated.

Firsts.—1st Innings, 146: Morgan, 30; Symonds, 32; Mackaness, 30; Moran, 11; Wallace, 10 and Sundries 12 were the principal run-getters.

St. Josephs, 78. Thorpe, 12; O'Shea, 12; Nicholson, 11. Bowling, Morgan, 5 for 41; Murray, 3 for 24; Chapman, 2 for 9.

## The Trip to Portland from Moji

By F. McLeod.

Shortly after, junks full of coal came alongside and we commenced to bunker.

Not only do men coal ships here, but also the women.

The coal is not put on board in the same manner as it is done in Sydney, but platforms are rigged and it is passed up in very small baskets holding about ten pounds, and it is marvellous the speed with which a ship can be bunkered here.

A not uncommon sight here is a woman either filling baskets or passing them up, with a sleeping baby strapped on her back. There is not much to be seen on shore here, so I will not describe Japanese life till our next visit.

Moji is a great military centre, and visitors to that place are forbidden to use cameras. Here we received orders to proceed to Seattle (U.S.A.) and Portland (Oregon).

After leaving Moji, where we took in enough coal to bring us back and also to act as ballast, we entered the Inland Sea and headed for the Bisngo Strait, and passing through this, we were in the open ocean and would not see land for many days to come. We immediately headed northward to get into a high latitude to make our "eastings." The weather was already cold, so we knew we could not expect it colder when we got further north, but having our Vladivostock clothes we did not fear the cold so much.

The weather became very boisterous and as after events proved, remained the same for the best part of our long journey across. We experienced most remarkable weather. A series of revolving storms, the wind commencing on one bow and changing in direction, but very little in force till it finished up on the other bow, and then we would have a lull for an hour or two, only to be followed by the same performance again. This continued for the thirty days which we took to complete our journey across.

One evening, during a gale which seemed to blow with greater violence than the others, one

of the links in our steering chain carried away (which at any time is a serious matter, but at this was very serious).

The ship immediately broached to and great green seas toppled on board, making the work of repairing much more difficult and also endangering lives and property.

As the rudder was banging about there was a danger of the rudder post being broken, and had this happened we should have been absolutely crippled; so our first thoughts and efforts were turned towards securing the rudder.

I may mention that in most well found ships a patent brake is fitted in case such an accident as this should happen; and by screwing up this brake (a matter of a few seconds) the rudder is rendered immovable.

But this being a tramp, and run in the cheapest manner, these sorts of valuable and costly patents are lacking.

We had to get a tackle fast on to the tiller (an operation easy enough at times), but with the tiller flying about (a tiller weighing about 3 tons) a most difficult and dangerous operation. Many futile attempts were made, and at last one man was successful in fixing the tackle, but, alas, at the cost of the brave fellow's leg, for when the tiller came over, sped by an angry sea, he was not quick enough to avoid it, and he fell with a broken leg and a gashed ankle.

Having secured the rudder, it was a simple matter to repair the chain, and the ship was brought back to her course.

Meanwhile, the sailor was carried forward and his hurts attended to, but owing to the ship carrying no surgeon, I am afraid they were attended to in a very crude manner.

In due time after a severe buffeting, we entered Puget Sound, and it was not till then that the weather abated.

We anchored for the night off the Quarantine Station, and in the morning, after a strict medical inspection, we were at liberty to proceed up to Seattle to our loading berth.

It is hardly necessary to state how glad we were once more to be fast alongside a wharf, and to be free from our weary night vigils for a few days.

It was very amusing to read the next morning's papers. The headlines were as follows, in large print:—"Blockade Runner comes into port. R—escapes Japanese guns and enters Vladivostock."



This, followed by a still more amusing account of our trip to that place.

I suppose the reporters received their information from some of the crew, as none of the officers supplied them with any information.

There was also a large picture of the ship.

No doubt some of the readers of this narrative will have seen the photos. and papers as some of the younger members of my family are still at the old school and took them up to show to their classmates.

A great number of visitors came down to view the ship, and were, no doubt, very disappointed to see an old dirty storm-battered tramp, instead of (as no doubt they pictured) a trim vessel mounted with guns, and speed written all over her.

During our stay in Seattle amongst our visitors we saw two Japanese, and I casually remarked they were spies, and my remark afterwards proved true.

The same evening several of us went ashore to the theatre, and who should seat themselves alongside us but our Japanese visitors. Some of the others went to another theatre, and when we got on board we compared notes (which we generally do), and I found out that the same two Japanese were at the other theatre later in the evening. Rather a coincidence, was it not? Meanwhile, preparations were being made to receive our cargo, which at this port was composed of bags of oats.

The ship's holds were lined throughout with planks, and over this sacking was placed (called "burlap") before any cargo was allowed to be stowed.

There is a very fine system employed here to load the ships. Trunkways or shutles are rigged from the warehouse or elevator and the bags are transported from the stack to these shutles by means of an endless belt. Thus, after the bags are once placed on the belt they are not handled again till they are stowed in the ship's hold. One thousand bags per hour are deposited into each hold.

As soon as the ship commenced to load, the papers again had our name to the fore. "Cargo for the Russians." "Officers firm in their belief that the R———'s cargo is for the Russians." I may state that no one stated anything of the kind, as we knew we were bound to Tsingtau (Peninsular of Kia Chow).

The town of Seattle is laid out like most American towns and contained many fine buildings. Great lumber mills are to be found in the vicinity, and at that time a large fleet of sailing ships were in port taking in lumber and grain, which form the chief exports of this port.

The town of Tacoma is within an hour's run by electric Railway from Seattle.

In due time, the ship having completed her cargo from here, preparations were made for our departure from here to Portland, Oregon, after a very pleasant stay.

## The Rainfall of Australia.

### For 1911 Juniors.

As even a casual reference to climatological maps, indicating the distribution of rainfall and prevailing direction of wind, would clearly shew, the rainfall of any region is determined mainly by the direction and route of the prevailing winds, by the varying temperatures of the earth's surface over which they blow, and by the physiographical features generally.

Australia lies within the zone of the south-east and westerly trade winds. The southern limit of the south-east trade strikes the eastern shores at about 30° south latitude. Hence we find that, with very few exceptions, the heaviest rains of the Australian continent are precipitated along the Pacific slopes to the north of that latitude, the varying quantities being more or less regulated by the differences in elevation of the shores and of the chain of mountains, upon which the rain-laden winds blow, from the New South Wales northern border to Thursday Island. The converse effect is exemplified on the north-west coast of Western Australia from the summer south-east trade winds. Here the prevailing winds, blowing from the interior of the continent instead of from the ocean, result in the lightest coastal rain in Australia.

The westerly trade winds (roaring forties), which skirt the southern shores, are responsible for the very reliable, although generally light, rains enjoyed by the south-western portion of Western Australia, by the south-eastern agricultural areas of South Australia, by a great part of Victoria, and by the whole of Tasmania.

Factors determining Distribution and Intensity of Rainfall:—The distribution and intensity of rainfall in the interior of the continent, and also to some extent in the areas

already mentioned, are governed by the seasonal peculiarities of three distinct atmospheric control systems, the most important of which is, undoubtedly, the anti-cyclonic stream. This stream, which girdles the earth and embraces approximately the region between 15° and 40° south latitude, breaks up into vast elliptically-shaped bodies of circulating atmosphere, frequently 3000 miles in their major and 2000 miles in their minor axes. In passing over Australia from west to east, these great bodies of circulating air cause moist-laden winds to sweep across the continent from the surrounding oceans. The front-circulation brings in winds from the Southern Ocean, and the rear-circulation those from the equatorial seas.

The rain-invoking agent second in order of importance because of its reliability is the well-known "V-shaped depression." The sphere of operation of this latter disturbance is ordinarily the southern half of the continent, although occasionally it may extend its influence to tropical latitudes. The western half of this type of disturbance, with a southerly wind circulation, is the portion from which rain is most frequently to be expected, but occasionally good falls of rain, attended with electrical manifestations, are liberated from the warm eastern portion.

The third agent associated with the production of rain is the tropical depression more popularly known as the "monsoonal depression." This disturbance may be in active evidence for a succession of seasons, and then be conspicuously absent for a number of years, thus raising the question whether, after all, it can be regarded as in any way a distinctive feature of Australian meteorology.

*(To be continued)*

Mason has again distinguished himself in swimming circles by winning the 100 yards All-Schools' Championship.

The problem of winter sport for all the members of the Sports Union is a knotty one. The formation of a Lacrosse Club will be part of the solution. Green and Simpson have charge of the formation of this new club.

The great majority of our last year's seniors have now entered on their University careers. Bray, Hellstrom, G. Murray, C. W. Murray, Flook and Symonds are doing Medicine; Harden, Wallace, Pretti, Sims and Booth, Engineering; Burns, Godfrey, and Baldick, Law; and Leask, Arts.

## LACROSSE.

A meeting was held in the senior room on 21st inst, re the formation of a School and a Senior Lacrosse Club, and the following business was carried out:—

Election of Secretary, Mr. Parsonage, and Assistant Secretary, Green. Delegate to the N.S.W.A.L.A., Simpson.

It was decided that Lacrosse be played on Wednesday afternoon, when any member of the Fort Street B.H.S. Sports Union is eligible to play, and on Saturday in the 2nd Grade Competition of the N.S.W.A.L.A., when seniors only will be allowed to take part in the game.

In order to stop any trouble that may occur over distribution of crosses, it was decided that a levy of 3d per month should be made on every player before he is allowed to handle a crosse, that crosse then becoming the temporary property of that member who is held responsible for any damage done.

## HONORS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

First Year Arts.—E. W. Frecker, High Distinction English and Mathematics; R. Blanchard, Distinction English; C. M. Samson, Credit English. 2nd Year Arts.—Mr. A. J. Meldrum, B.Sc., High Distinction Mathematics, and divides Barker Scholarship and Norbet Tunk Prize. 3rd Year Arts.—Mr. A. R. Chisholm, High Distinction Latin, High Distinction, French, First Class Honors. 1st Year Engineering—A. R. Edwards.

## LIFE SAVING.

The first instalment of the Life Saving candidates were examined as to their proficiency on Wednesday, 8th March, when three classes were put through the various stages.

The Examining Officer, Mr Geo. H. Williams, expressed himself as being well pleased with the display shown by the candidates, especially in the case of the medallion squads.

Only two boys were deferred, and they failed only in the diving portion of their work.

The number who passed the medallion test under Mr. Selle's tuition was 22, and in the proficiency test 18. Mr. Parker's squads were equally successful.

The names of the successful candidates will be published in the Daily Press, this week or next. Examination of Mr. Leaver's squads have taken place, but results were not known on going to press.

## Notes and News

### P. N. RUSSELL SCHOLARS.

It is with the very greatest pleasure that we have to announce the success of Douglas Stafford and Harold Thorne, who have each been awarded a Peter Nicol Russell Scholarship of the value of £75 per annum for four years, in the school of Engineering.

Douglas Stafford was captain of the school in 1908, and gained a most brilliant pass as the Senior of that year, winning the Barker Scholarship and Homer Exhibition for Mathematics. He then served for two years in an Engineering workshop, which is a preliminary condition to be fulfilled by all candidates for these Scholarships.

Harold Thorne, brother to Thorne of M.I., gained a good pass at the Junior in 1907, and passed the Senior from private study with two medals last year. He has done three years' excellent work at the Engineering School at the Technical College.

We congratulate both these boys on the high distinction which has been awarded to them.

Two other Fort Street boys, Cleon Dennis and Reg. Smith, both P. N. Russell Scholars are now passing through the P. N. Russell School of Engineering at the University.

Cedric Murray is to be congratulated on passing the March Medical Matriculation Examination.

We have just received letters from England announcing the success of R. and H. Hollingworth in the Annual Examination conducted by the London College of Preceptors, R. Hollingworth heading the list of 5,000 successful candidates, drawn from all centres of the United Kingdom. The Hollingworths left Fort Street early last year, and they attribute their success to the excellent grounding they received in this State.

H. Webster, who played as wicket-keeper for South Australia against South Africa, will be remembered as a regular player in the Old Boys' matches against the School.

George Olding has gone by the S.S. Kent in the capacity of Assistant Fourth Engineer. He intends to study electrical and mechanical engineering with a big firm in England. Eric Bostock, another old boy, is making headway as an engineer in England.

Mr. T. S. Flynn, B.Sc., is another old boy who has achieved distinction. Mr. Flynn passed the Junior from Fort Street in 1898. Entering the teaching service soon afterwards, he eventually passed through the Teachers' College, and gained a University Scholarship. Throughout his Science Course at Sydney, Mr. Flynn gained honours each year in Biology. At graduation he won the University medal for Biology, and the John Coutts Scholarship for research in that branch of science. A little later he left the Education Department, going to the University of Hobart as Lecturer in Biology. He was to have returned within a few years to take up work in this State as a Macleay Fellow; but on the Tasmanian University receiving an extra Government subsidy, it was decided to establish a Chair of Biology and to offer the position to Mr. Flynn. Thus by sheer ability and sound scientific study Mr. Flynn has passed from a Junior class at Fort Street to the Professorship of Biology in the University of Hobart.

The results of the examination of candidates for Peter Nicol Russell Scholarships in Engineering are just published. Two out of the three successful candidates—and these two tied for first place—are Harold Thorne, who made a brilliant Senior pass last year, and Douglas Stafford, who gained marked distinction in the Senior of 1907. We are very glad of this opportunity to extend these old boys our heartiest congratulations upon their well-merited success.

Ernest R. Bubb, an old boy of about ten years' standing, whose bat has won him considerable reputation in Sydney in first grade cricket, is to be married on Saturday, March 25. Two or three seasons ago Bubb was one of the Glebe "busy B's," Bardsley and he being the opening pair for that team, and competent judges predicted interstate honors for him within a brief period. Since then Bubb has residentially qualified for North Sydney, but the growing pressure of his work as accountant and company secretary has prevented him getting the requisite amount of practice to keep at top form, and he has not been seen to advantage this season. Many Fortians will wish their old school-fellow all happiness and good fortune on the present occasion.

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### Note to Subscribers

The Editor desires to remind subscribers that a large number of them are many months in arrears, and begs to request that they will favor him with their subscriptions—a modest shilling—within the course of the next few weeks.

### New Books

About 80 new books will be placed in the School Library this week. Some fine stories for boys and girls will be found among them. There are some books specially selected for the older pupils.

Bennett has been elected secretary of the Debating Society, vice Mason, departed Londonwards.

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## Education and Examinations.

Recently the "Sydney Morning Herald" exhibited the defective logical training of its reporters in a half-column wail concerning the results of the examination for admission to the Military College.

It seems that out of the twelve candidates allotted to this State, only six were successful in passing a severe medical and written examination test. Victoria succeeded in passing a few more. Herein is to be found the keynote of the "Herald's" annoyance, and from this data, some person or persons unknown, proceeded to the startling generalisation that our educational system is unsatisfactory. Unfortunately the writer concerned did not proceed to point out exactly where the system is unsatisfactory. A charge has been made without the slightest shadow of foundation, circulated in cold print, and read by thousands, who are not in a position to know the real facts of the case, but who will doubtless be only too ready to carp and cavil at our much-harassed system.

In the first place, looking at the "Herald's" own report, it will be seen that the bulk of the candidates were educated at our great public schools. Two in fact are Fort Street boys, Brown, of the Seniors, and Wootten, brother of Capt. W. Wootten, formerly of the Australian Army Service Corps, now serving on the Administrative and Instructional Staff, and who was severely wounded in South Africa. Many others were rejected by the doctors, so that their failure cannot be laid at the door of our educational system. The remainder were for the most part, young fellows who had left school for some time, fallen into the hands of semi-qualified coaches, and failed through insufficient grounding and defective preparation.

Further, our schools do not set out to cater for any special examination, but aim rather at giving a good general culture. The fact that these candidates passed the examination is due not to any narrow specialised training, but to the general education received in the schools, and speaks volumes for the system condemned in such an absurdly cavalier fashion.

Finally, this is only one kind of examination. If the educational systems of all the States aimed at training pupils with the sole object of providing cadets for the Military College, or for

any other professional school, the "Herald" might find some definite basis upon which it could compare the system in one State, with that in another. In the present case, when the sole data at hand is the result of a special kind of examination wherein a host of factors other than educational fitness operate, the reflection cast upon our schools is not only unjust, but illogically absurd.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION.

A competition and an exhibition of photography by pupils of this school will be held in the Main Room, commencing Wednesday, 26th April, instant.

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2. The prints must be on any Australian manufactured paper procurable at Baker and Rouse, George Street. Mounted prints with title are preferred.

3. A competitor may enter more than one set.

4. The work must be the bona-fide work of the competitor.

5. The winners must agree to allow any of the prints to appear in the "Photo Review" if so desired.

6. The exhibitors must allow their prints to remain on the walls during the three days of exhibition.

As this competition is arranged to encourage youthful photographers, we ask members to join heartily in making this—the first exhibition—a success, by forwarding a large number of entries.

Judges.—The judges will be experts from Messrs. Baker and Rouse.

Closing Date.—Entries close and prints must be in by Monday, 24th instant.

## The Coronation Contingent.

Fort Street is represented at the Coronation by no less than 33 cadets, seniors and juniors, who left on Friday last by the Aberdeen White Star liner "Themistocles," a host of parents, friends and school comrades assembling at the wharf to wish them bon voyage.

Before departure the contingent went into camp for a week at Victoria Barracks. It was only called a camp out of courtesy, as the cadets had to make their own arrangements regarding meals, though sleeping accommodation was pro-

Just previous to departure, photos, both of the whole contingent, and of the Fort Street boys only, were taken by Hall & Co. An enlargement is to be presented to the School by our representatives.

As it is intended to give athletic displays on the voyage and in England, Frank Mason will be able to give great help, particularly as he has just gained his Life Saving Instructor's Certificate. Fort Street should show up well, too, in the swimming competitions, being represented by such boys as Frank Mason, Les. Duff, Eric Hunt, Cliff Furness, and George Hansen. Mr. A. C. W. Hill, hon. sec. of the N.S.W. Swimming Asso-



AUSTRALIA'S ARMY.

vided for the country members. All the cadets lost their rank on entering camp. An examination is to be held on board ship to fill the various positions. As about three-quarters of the cadets are non-coms. competition is sure to be very keen. On returning to Sydney, however, all cadets will be re-invested with their former rank.

ciation, has written to the home authorities, notifying the date of arrival, and he considers that the swimmers may be in time for some of the English School Championships

The names of the Fort Street members of the contingent are as follows:—

Juniors: Sergt.-Major G. Draper, Col.-Sgt. C. Furness, Sgt. E. Hunt, Sig.-Sgt. L. Cullen-Ward,

Sig.-Sgt. W. Rees, Sgt. Les. Duff, Sgt. W. Par-  
dice, Sgt. Tom Ross, Corp. G. Hansel, Corp. N.  
Simpson, Corp.-Sig. L. Atkins, Corp. D. Web-  
ber, Corp. S. Cox, L.-Corp. A. Jenkin, L.-Corp.  
W. Rose, L.-Corp. O. Mater, Cadet F. Mater,  
Cadet Rodgers, Bugler-Corp. M. Mackenzie, R.  
Jamieson, A. Wynne, W. Rees, O. Tunks, C.  
Prior, R. Wolff, F. Mason, R. Wise, L. Wynne,  
J. Henry, N. Griffen, A. Johnston.

Before departure, the whole School assembled  
and Mr. Kilgour, on behalf of the School, ex-  
pressed his hearty appreciation of the cadets,  
and the good wishes of both masters and scholars  
for the very best of times on the voyage and in  
England. Later in the day Capt. A. W. Parson-  
age, who goes in charge of the Junior Cadets,  
was presented by the staff with a travelling bag.

"The Fortian" takes this opportunity of ad-  
ding its good wishes for the success of the con-  
tingent.

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#### THE MILITARY COLLEGE.

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There were but six candidates from N.S.W.  
successful in the first examination for Cadetships  
at the Military College. Of these, Fort Street  
succeeded in obtaining two, the successful ones  
being David R. Brown and George Wootton. We  
congratulate them heartily; and hope that they  
may ultimately reach the rank of Generals in  
the Australian army whose foundations have  
been laid this year.

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#### NOTES AND NEWS.

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We have to note the resignation of Miss E. E.  
Small, M.A., who has been transferred from the  
Education Department to the Free Public Lib-  
rary.

A communication has been received by the  
Headmaster which we know will be very wel-  
come to all. It states that the High School will  
have two weeks' vacation at Midwinter. In im-  
agination we hear a chorus yelling, "Hooray!  
Hooray!"

Dr. Wilfred Vickars, M.B., Ch.M. (Old Boy),  
having returned from Europe, where he has  
been engaged in research work, has commenced  
to practice his profession in Drummoyne.

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## Athletics in the English Public Schools

(The following extracts are collated from Dr. Sheldon's "Student Life and Customs.")

"During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the public schools were the seats of a hardy, independent, student life. Each school had its customs and school-boy dialects, which were handed down from one generation to another, and possessed its own particular form of football, handball (fives), or tennis, which in many cases grew out of the peculiarities of the school buildings and grounds. When the rigour of Puritanism or the indifference of the eighteenth century threatened the existence of the old English games, they found a secure home in

of "old boys" cricket scores and close games of football seem to overtop all other sides of school life. One writer (J. G. C. Minchin, "Old Harrow Days"), expresses the attitude of nine-tenths of the public-school men when he says:—"No thinking man will blame us idolizing the athlete. The cricketer in his flannels was our hero, and not the student immersed in his books. The fortune of our ancient school will stand as long as we can produce not only scholars, but cricketers.

"Cricket, football, fives, and boating are the favorite forms of contest, although boating is now practically confined to Eton. Rugby and Shrewsbury are noted for their football, Harrow and Charterhouse for their cricket." . . . . .

"What has the universal participation in games done for the English boy of the upper classes? Primarily, it has equipped him with a strong



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the public schools. The games were not played by all the boys; a boy played or not, as he chose. The masters of the time deemed it beneath their dignity to devote any of their attention to such unimportant details as schoolboy sports."

At the present time "to the English schoolboy athletics forms the most important element of the public school organisation, for in England the games have a recognised status with the masters. Many of the assistant masters are chosen for their prowess in athletics. A large portion of the school expenditure goes to games, and participation in them is compulsory to all those

not physically disqualified. In the reminiscences physique and excellent health. Most foreigners visiting English schools are struck by the vigorous and manly appearance of the students. . . . The spread of athletics and the better organisation of games have enlisted the sympathies of the boys on the side of law. . . . Another valuable function of athletics . . . is to fill the mind of the boy to the exclusion of more dangerous subjects. . . Games promote good feeling between masters and boys by giving them a common topic of conversation of a neutral nature, unconnected with school studies or discipline. In case the masters are themselves old athletes, the two



parties easily meet and fraternise on the playing fields.

"To a certain extent athletics makes for character; to work for one's team rather than one's self is the first step in social education. The habitation of defeat and the hard discipline of training are alike conducive to the development of such qualities of character as good temper and self-repression. The sense of responsibility which comes from captaining a team or representing one's house or school is in itself an education; it gives a man a sense of his own real value in the community, and makes him capable of dealing with men without either timidity on the one hand or presumption on the other."

### UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

The following results of University Examinations interesting to the School, have been posted at the University:—

#### *Master of Arts.*

School of Modern Literature: Mr. George Mackaness, B.A. (first-class honours, English). Pass: Mr. Livingstone C. Mote, B.A. (French).

School of Classics: Pass—Miss Edith M. Davies, B.A. (Latin).

School of Logic and Mental Philosophy: Mr. Robert J. Middleton, B.A. (first-class honours, Education). Pass: Mr. C. P. Schrader, B.A. (Ethics).

Nicholson Medal for Latin Verse.—Mr. A. R. Chisholm, B.A.

Frederick Lloyd Memorial Prize for a Latin Essay.—Mr. A. R. Chisholm, B.A.

#### *Faculty of Law.*

#### Intermediate LL.B. Examination.

Section I Pass: C. T. Collier, H. W. McLeland, H. V. Chedghey.

Section II Pass: H. H. Mason.

George and Matilda Harris Scholarship for subjects of Section II.: Harold H. Mason.

#### Final LL.B. Examination.

Pass: H. H. Laird, B.A., J. C. Rickard, B.A. Contracts, Torts, Crimes, Property and Legal Interpretation—Section I. of Final Examination: Pass: E. C. Bender, B.A., S. V. Toose, B.A.

All these students are old boys of Fort Street.

#### *Other Honours.*

In addition to those published last month, we note the following:—

E. W. Frecker (First Year Arts): High Distinction in Logic and Philosophy, and divides the Struth Exhibition for a candidate entering medicine (£20 per year for five years).

C. M. Samson (First Year Arts): Distinction in Philosophy.

Charles B. Cockett (First Year Arts): High Distinction in Logic and Philosophy; Lithgow Scholarship for Philosophy.

Miss Annie B. Duncan, B.A.: Distinction in Philosophy; Distinction in Education.

#### *Faculty of Medicine.*

Dentistry, Second Year Pass: George Douglas.

#### *Department of Engineering.*

B.E. Examination, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering: Honours, Class I.: Thomas Wilkins.

ing: Honours, Class I.: Thomas Wilkins.

Third Year Examination.—Assistant-Professor Barraclough's Prize for Engineering Essay: Cleon Dennis, prox. acc.

Mechanical Engineering, Distinction. Cleon Dennis.

First Year Engineering: A. R. Edwards, Distinction in Descriptive Geometry.

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# The Rainfall of Australia.

## For 1911 Juniors

(From *Commonwealth Year Book*, No. 2.)

When these disturbances are actively operative in the production of rain, the effect on the country generally, and the economic results for the succeeding season, are very pronounced. The interior of the continent becomes transformed. The plains, which ordinarily have so profound an effect on the heat winds of the summer, are deluged with rain, and respond immediately with an astonishingly luxurious growth of grass and herbage. The air is both tempered in heat, and loses its dryness for considerable periods after their visitations.

The distribution of rain by monsoonal disturbances is, however, very capricious in comparison with that precipitated by the southern "depressions." During some seasons the whole of the northern half of the continent will benefit to a fairly uniform degree, at another time some special region will be favoured. A remarkable example of this peculiarity occurred in 1902, for when monsoonal rains were copiously falling over the major portion of Western Australia, the eastern half of the continent was suffering from severe drought conditions.

During other seasons, tongue-shaped regions extending southwards from the northern shores of the continent will be particularly favoured in regard to rain. These regions may extend to the interior of Western Australia, and simultaneously others may occur in the Central territory, in Western Queensland, and in the interior of New South Wales.

It is thus obvious that different parts of the continent are mainly dependent upon forms of atmospheric disturbances for what may be called their fundamental rains, and since there is a seasonal tendency for a particular class of storms to predominate, it rarely happens that any year passes without a good rain being universally enjoyed. Again, the condition of drought can hardly affect the whole of the continent at the same time. Nevertheless a more than ordinarily fortunate condition in one part of the continent ordinarily implies drought conditions in another,

or vice versa. Thus in New South Wales, monsoonal rains, so beneficial to its north-western districts, rarely extend during the same season to coastal areas, or to Southern Riverina. For this reason it may happen occasionally that sheep may with advantage be sent 500 or 600 miles from the coast for feed and water. Should the southern or antarctic low-pressures be the predominating influence, the country to the south of the Murrumbidgee River is benefiting at the expense of the remainder of the State.

Good coastal season ordinarily depends upon an anticyclonic control; when such exists, the country west of the tablelands usually wants water.

A good season for Australia as a whole is dependent upon many circumstances. Not only must the main rain-giving storms be well represented, but other favourable conditions must also coexist. The general rate of translation of the atmosphere across the continent is a factor of the utmost importance. Another is the latitude the cyclones and anti-cyclones are moving in, and, further, the daily or periodic surgings of high and low pressures to and from the equator are also factors of considerable moment.

(ii) Time of Rainfall.—Monsoonal rains affect the northern parts of the continent in December or January, and may continue with diminishing energy for nearly six months of the year. As they penetrate into higher latitudes the period of action is delayed, but is not shortened, though the quantities of the fall materially lessen. Antarctic rains are experienced during the winter months of the year, the resultant quantities being reliable and consistently regular. The heaviest totals from this source are precipitated on the west coast of Tasmania. Thus at Queenstown the total for one year exceeded 140 inches, and even the average is 127.81 inches.

Anti-cyclonic rains occur at all times of the year, but more markedly from March to September. They benefit particularly the southern area of the continent, and are responsible for many of the heaviest rainfalls and floods on the coastal districts of New South Wales.

(iii.) Wettest and Driest Regions.—The wettest place in Australia is Geraldton, on the north-east coast of Queensland, where the average rainfall is no less than 145 inches, the maximum yearly total being 211.24 inches and the minimum 69.87 inches. The difference of range between these extremes is 141.37 inches.

The driest known part of the continent is about the Lake Eyre district in South Australia (the only part of the continent below sea level), where the annual average is but 5 inches, and where it rarely exceeds 10 inches for the twelve months.

The inland districts of Western Australia have until recent years been regarded as the driest part of Australia, but authentic observations taken during the past decade at settled districts in the east of that State shew that the annual average is from 10 to 12 inches.

Referring first to the southern capitals, it may be noted that the average at Melbourne from authentic records is 25.57 inches; the maximum 44.25, and minimum 15.61; the range therefore is 28.64 inches. At Adelaide the average determined from sixty-eight years' totals is 20.88, the maximum 30.87, the minimum 13.43, and the range therefore 17.44 inches. At Hobart 23.52 inches is the average annual rainfall, 40.67 is the highest total for one year, 13.43 the lowest; thus 27.24 inches is the extreme range. The average for Perth is 33.18 inches, 46.73 being the maximum and 20.48 inches the minimum; the range is therefore 26.25 inches. These figures appear to constitute an exception to the general rule, but it should be mentioned as a possible explanation that records have there been taken only since 1876, whereas the records at the other cities date from 1840 or thereabouts.

Continuing the comparison of rainfall figures Sydney's average annual total is 48.54 inches its maximum 82.81 in 1860, and minimum 21.48 in 1849, thus the range is 61.33 inches. At Brisbane the disparities are greater still. There the average is 48.44 inches—a trifle lower than that of Sydney—the annual maximum was 88.26 inches in 1893, the minimum 16.17 inches in 1902, and the range therefore 62.09 inches.

On the coast of New South Wales, the first six months of the year are the wettest, with slight excesses in April and July; the averages during the last six months are fair and moderately uniform. In general it may be said that one-fourth of the area of the continent, principally in the eastern and northern parts, enjoys an annual average rainfall of from 20 to 50 inches, the remaining three-fourths receiving generally from 10 to 15 inches.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

We have had a note from John Hampton, who is now in the electrical branch of the Railway Department.

The question of winter sport for 600 boys is the great problem now exercising the minds of the Sports Union officials.

The "Fortian" wishes good luck and bon voyage to over 33 Cadets who left for the Coronation by the Themistocles on Friday last, under the care of Captain Parsonage.

In all probability a Rugby team will be entered in the G.P.S. competition this season. We hope so.

From reports received, it appears that the water is becoming too cold to catch crabs. Some of the rowing enthusiasts are throwing their lot in with the Lacrosse players.

Once upon a time, not so very long ago, the girls won a most decided victory over the boy orators. Now the tables have been turned, and the conclusion is that after all "Ambition is not a vice, but a virtue."

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## Cricket Items.

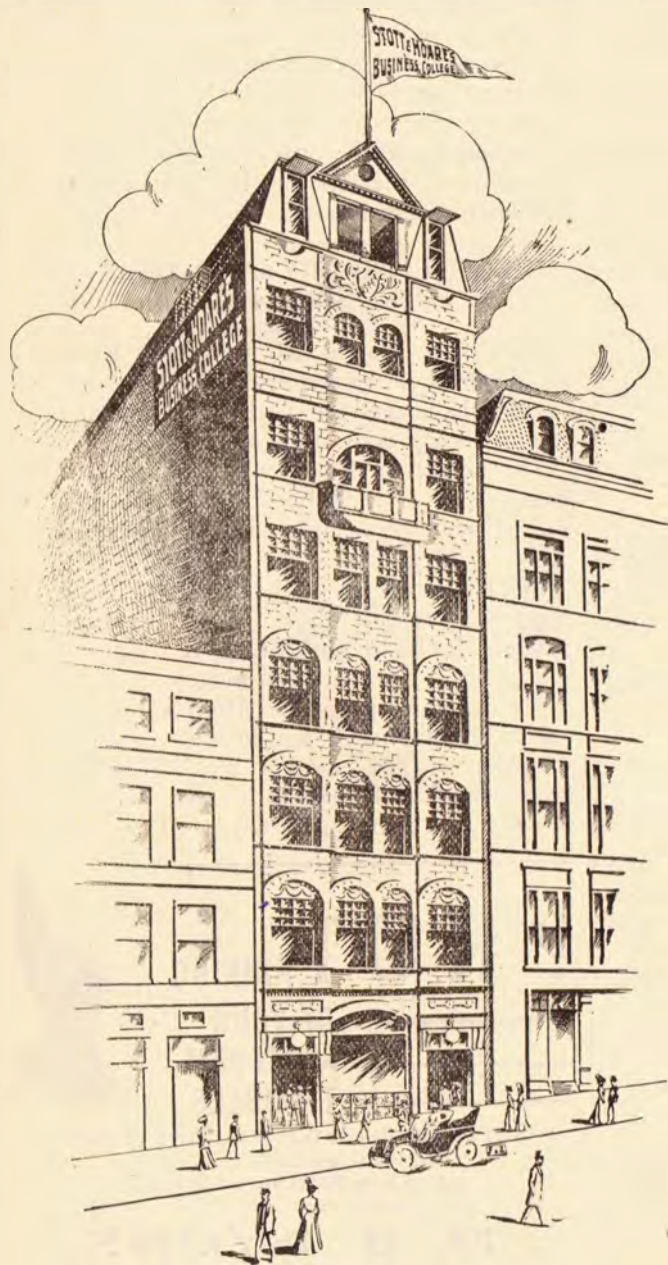
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# Girls' Page

Edited by Miss M. H. LESLIE

## CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOOL.

Towards the end of last year Blanche McVane was elected Captain of the Fort Street Girls' School amid general acclamation. But during the Christmas vacation her father was removed to the Deniliquin district. This necessitated a new election. Elsie Ferguson was elected Captain in her place. We sincerely hope that the latter will uphold the reputation of the School in every respect, and capably carry out the duties of such an honourable position.

Ruby Dwight has secured a position in the office of Yates', seed merchants.

## GENERAL SPORTS' MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Sports' Union was held on Thursday, 30th March, when the constitution of the Union of the past three years was adopted with a few necessary alterations to suit the new sports' curriculum of the High School, officers of the Fortian Sports' Union being:—

President: Miss Partridge.

Vice-President: Miss Evans.

Hon. Secs.: Miss Maloney and Miss Leslie.

Hon. Treas.: Miss Mouldsdale.

A Committee Meeting will be held each first Monday in the month—notice of motion for the consideration of the executive must be sent in writing 14 days before such meeting.

A Lacrosse Club will be formed provided sufficient members join.

## CHANGES IN THE STAFF.

Miss Small having decided to sever her connection with the Department of Public Instruction, the lady teachers of the staff assembled to bid her farewell, and presented her with a gold brooch as a token of the esteem in which she is held by them. We heartily wish that her new sphere of work may be congenial to her.

We also extend a welcome to Miss Green, who has recently been appointed to the Girls' Department.

## UNIVERSITY RESULTS.

In the recently published University results, we notice that Miss A. Duncan, B.A., passed with distinction in Education and Philosophy. We heartily congratulate her. Also among the Matric. passes appears Ellice Hamilton's name. Her success was very praiseworthy, considering the short period she had for preparation. We wish her every success in the future.

We all wish to convey to Miss Burke our sympathy in the loss she has sustained by the sad death of her brother.

## GIRLS' LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, March 10th, the Junior Room was the scene of an interclub debate, the boys' club having challenged the Girls' Literary and Debating Society some time ago.

The subject under discussion was "Is Ambition a Vice or a Virtue?" The girls took the side of ambition being a vice, with the right of reply.

Mr. Kilgour occupied the chair, and Miss Partridge was present.

Miss Mouldsdale and Mr. P. R. Watts, a former Fortian boy, acted as judges.

Mr. Kilgour opened the afternoon by reading out the conditions of the debate. One of these was that if any speaker finished before the time allotted to him or to her had expired, that counted as a mark against him. The girls were

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quite unaware of this condition until it was too late.

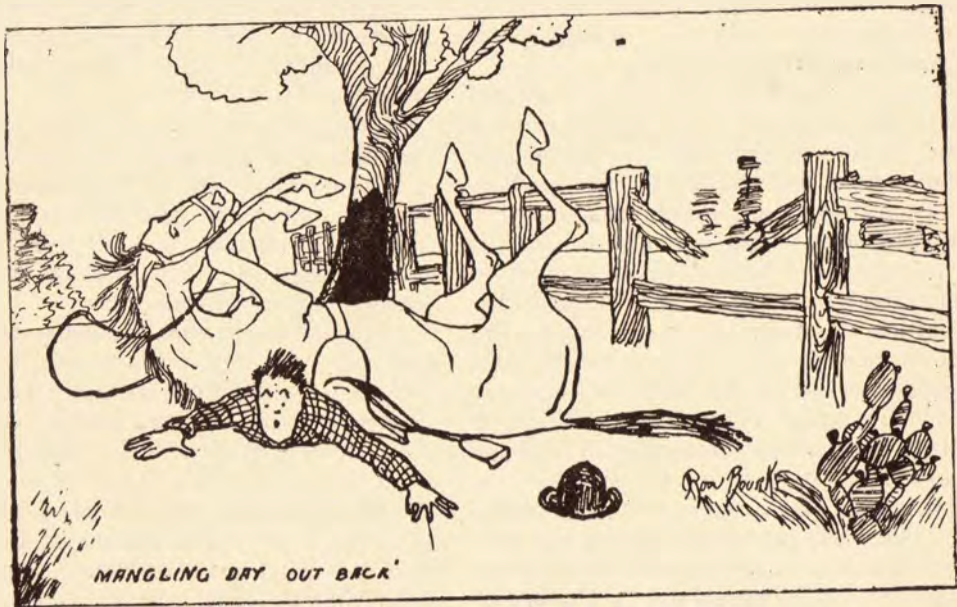
Mr. Kilgour then called on May Meaney to open the debate. She was followed by Gruen. Both of these had excellent matter and delivery. Then followed Isabel Knight and Simpson. He took up his argument on the principle of "reductio ad absurdum," by endeavouring to prove that ambition is not a vice, therefore it must be a virtue. Maggie Mills followed Simpson, and Hudson-Smith came after her.

May Meaney then, as leader of the ministry, replied. Her reply was really excellent, being to the point, and also shewed her sense of humor.

The judges unanimously decided that the victory lay with the boys.

hollow right in the middle of the mount. He had rock shelves round one side of the room, and upon them were the most lovely nuggets of Australian gold. The gold shone so brightly that it lit up the walls into magnificent grandeur, for here would reflect the dark emerald of the moss and there the dull glitter of some projecting piece of coal which was embedded in the earth walls.

His cooking utensils were the hollowed stones he found under the waterfalls. Some people would think it impossible for him to be able to find there, sufficient food—and dainty at that—but he did, for Squibocious would go out and catch fresh crayfish and his fruit was the native currants and such like. Now, somehow the awe



Mr. Kilgour very kindly pointed out the weak points in the girls' system of debating.

### GOVETT AND THE THREE SISTERS.

Away up among the Blue Mountains there lived a mannikin whose home was on Mount Solitary. He was very lonely, this mannikin, and his name was Squibocious. You must know that Squibocious lived right in the middle of Mount Solitary, and a wonderful place his home was, to be sure. The entrance to his abode was what is now called Devil's Hole. You passed through this for a long, long way, and at last you came to a big space. This space was a vast

and grandeur of the mountains was reflected in his face, and a very queer specimen he looked, sitting at the entrance of his home watching the setting sun. Now, as he sat there musing he chanced to look up, and there on the other side was the bushranger Govett, surrounded by troopers. At once Squibocious jumped up in intense excitement and ran until he came just below the scene, and then he saw Govett take that flying, and what everyone thought fatal leap away from his pursuers. But he was not killed, for Squibocious was there to help him, and somehow or other got Govett home. Then followed the tedious illness of a broken leg, during all which time the mannikin nursed him tenderly. At last

Govett was well again and Squibocious was never again lonely, for he and Govett would spend long evenings together telling about their adventures—one about his bushranging and the other about the narrow escapes he had had with the Three Sisters. These giant sisters were the constant terror of Squibocious's life, for they persecuted all whom they met. Their one ambition was to kill the fairy queen and her tribe, who lived on Mount Victoria, and of course were cousins of Squibocious. One day a message came to him carried by the vapor telling him the queen was in great danger of the Three Sisters.

At once brave Govett said he would go to their aid, and repay his little friend. Immediately he set out going down valleys and up mountains till he came upon the fairy tribe all huddled together with fright, for they could see the Three Sisters coming.

"Get ready your magic," said the deep tones of Govett, and at once the fairies turned to obey. Then, having shown them where to lie in wait, he rose and went to meet the Three Sisters. They were so astonished at seeing him, because, when his body had been sought for no trace of him had been found—that they never thought of defending themselves, and he just knocked their heads together and they fell down. As soon as they fell all their power was gone, and here the fairy magic came into play. The fairy queen at once said, "Rise up, ye wicked sisters; all wickedness brings its own punishment, you shall be turned to stone. And one of the sights of the mountains is the Three Sisters standing alone and sombre. The gratitude of the fairies was profuse, they made Govett head policeman, where he fulfilled his position dutifully. He is still living with Squibocious and cheering him; but they have moved further away from the haunts of men, for more people now frequent the mountains and have broken through the Devil's Hole, but still Squibocious and Govett live on happily together.

HILDA F. MACKANESS.

#### RETURN THANKS.

We desire to return thanks to Mr. Card for the illustrations of extinct animals so kindly donated by him.

Also to Mr. Turner, of the Technical College, for lantern slides.

## || All Schools' Carnival

The following pupils distinguished themselves at the All Schools' Carnival, which was held on March 29 at the Municipal Baths:—

Age Championship.—14 years: Francis Langford. 12 years: Alma Hayes. 11 years: Sadie Cambridge.

Rescue Race.—Muriel Ross, 1; Ena Drake, 2.

Senior Relay Championship.—Fort-street A Team 1. Aimee Hinder (captain), Muriel Ross, Tibbie Anderson, Ena Drake.

Junior Relay Championship.—Fort-street A Team, 1. Alma Hayes (captain), Rose Essermann, Sadie Cambridge, Doris York. Fort-street B Team second. Grace Pendered (captain), Eileen Hayes, May Dexter, Emily M'Laughlin.

Egg and Spoon Race.—Doris York 1; Lorna Bowry, 2.

Twenty-seven candidates were presented for examination in life-saving on Thursday, April 6, at Lavender Bay Baths. The examiners, Messrs. Williams, M'Intosh, and Parker, remarked on the highly satisfactory work done by the girls and their instructor, Miss Maloney. All the girls passed. The results were:—

Elementary.—Thelma Downing, Annie Brennan.

Proficiency.—Edith Overend, Grace Pendered, Francis Langford, Clare Lockley, Nellie Bastian, May Dexter, Doris York, Maud M'Lachlan, Rose Esserman, Alma Hayes, Sadie Cambridge, Emily M'Laughlin, Ruth Coates, Eileen Hayes, Dorothy Keen, Hilda Danahay, Lora Bridges, Vere Kirkpatrick, Lorna Bowry, Gladys Lloyd.

Medallions.—Ena Drake, Gladys Bramley, Muriel Ross.

Hon. Instructors: Aimee Hinder, Tibbie Anderson.

#### *Award of Merit.*

An examination for the Award of Merit in Life Saving was held at Lavender Bay Baths on March 1, the candidates being Aimee Hinder and Estelle Hayes. Both girls passed, Estelle Hayes with distinction. The examiners were Messrs. Eklund, M'Intosh, and Williams.

Aimee Hinder is the first school pupil to gain the award.

Our Swimming Club heartily congratulates both our pupil and ex-pupil on their success.

## Annual Carnival

The Fourteenth Annual Carnival of the Girls' School took place on Friday, March 24, at Elkington Park Baths, Balmain, and was, as usual, a huge success, both from the point of view of the number of visitors present and the swimming of the girls. The girls are to be congratulated upon their very successful adoption of the celebrated "crawl."

The committee desire to thank the Carnival officials, Misses Bishop and Cray, Misses Selle, Hellings, and Parker, J. M. Dempster, Ltd., Sargents, Ltd., J. Ryan, Esq., Angus and Robertson, Ltd., and the school staff. Prior to the date of the Carnival the 100 Yards Championship of the school was swum off, and resulted as follows:—Aimee Hinder, 1; Alma Hayes, 2; Muriel Ross, 3. Time, 1min 39sec.

This makes Aimee champion for both the 220 and 100 yard distances. The second and third girls also hold the same places for both races.

Carnival results were as follows:—

100 Yards Back and Breast Stroke Championship.—M. Ross, 1; G. Pendered, 2; D. York, 3. Time, 1min 51sec.

100 Yards Handicap.—Final: J. Jones, scr., 1; M. Wagner, 2sec, 2; I. Valkenburg, scr., 3.

25 Yards Handicap.—Final: G. Peachy, scr., 1; D. Oldman, 4sec, 2; T. Downing, scr., 3.

50 Yards Handicap.—Final: D. Sayer, 9sec, 1; N. Bastian, 10sec, 2; M. Ross, 1sec, 2.

Second and Third Class Championship, 25 yards.—E. Brennan, 1; L. Esserman, 2.

70 Yards Handicap.—A. Hayes, 8sec, 1; A. Hinder, scr., 2. Time, 64sec.

Old Girls' Handicap, 50 yards.—M. Sledge, 6sec, 1; J. Gazzard, 6sec, 2; E. Hayes, scr., 3. Time, 47sec.

50 Yards Back-stroke Handicap.—M. Crawford, 2sec, 1; D. York, scr., 2; G. Pendered, 5sec, 3. Time, 50sec.

Fourth-class Championship, 50 yards.—S. Cambridge, 1; A. Hayes, 2; E. Tunks, 3.

Nine Years' Championship of School, 25 yards.—E. Brennan, 1; E. Esserman, 2.

Breast-stroke Handicap, 50 yards.—M. Ross, 1sec, 1; G. Bramley, scr., 2; L. Bowry, 5sec, 3. Time, 47sec.

5A Class Championship, 50 yards.—D. Keen, 1; E. Hayes, 2; E. M'Lachlan, 3. Time, 45sec.

5B Class Championship.—K. Richardson, 1;

E. Napier 2. Time, 51sec.

5C Class Championship, 50 yards.—D. Sayer, 1; J. Mayes, 2; E. Shaklow, 3. Time, 48sec.

6A and 6B Championship.—F. Langford, 1. Time, 63sec.

6C and 6D Championship, 70 yards.—N. Bastian, 1; M. Crawford, 2; T. Anderson, 3. Time, 75sec.

Seventh Class Championship, 70 yards.—E. Drake, 1; M. Ross, 2; G. Bramley, 3. Time, 60sec.

Ex-Seventh Class Championship, 70 yards.—D. Vale, 1; E. Ferguson, 2; M. M'Kenzie, 3. Time, 68 1-5sec.

11 Years Championship of School, 25 yards.—S. Cambridge, 1; J. Valkenburg, 2; G. Adams, 3.

12 Years Championship of School, 50 yards.—A. Hayes, 1; C. Lockley, 2; E. Shaklow, 3. Time, 49sec.

14 Years Championship of School, 70 yards.—F. Langford, 1; E. Drake, 2; D. Keen, 3. Time, 50sec.

16 Years Championship of School, 70 yards.—A. Hinder, 1; T. Anderson, 2. Time, 63sec.

15 Years Championship of School, 70 yards.—M. Ross, 1; G. Bramley, 2; K. Richardson, 3. Time, 66sec.

17 Years Championship of School, 70 yards.—D. Vale, 1; E. Ferguson, 2; M. M'Kenzie, 3. Time, 71sec.

Relay Handicap, 200 yards.—A Team (M. Dexter, N. Bastian, D. York, G. Bramley), 1; D Team (E. Ferguson, R. Esserman, S. Cambridge, A. Hinder), 2. Time, 2min 58sec.

Beginners' Scratch Race, 55 yards.—G. Ramsland, 1; M. Miller, 2; V. Glover, 3.

Old Girls' Handicap, 100 yards.—E. Hayes, 1; M. Keen, 2. Time, 1min 43sec.

Fancy Costume Parade.—H. Dawson and E. Drake, equal.

Junior Wading Race.—M. Henry, 1.

Senior Wading Race.—Amy Proctor, 1; Nellie Wood, 2.

Life-saving Race.—M. Ross, 1; E. Drake, 2.

Finding South Pole.—A. Hayes.

Life-saving Competition.—A. Hinder, 1; T. Anderson, 2.

Musical Lifebuoys.—A. Hinder.

Apple Bobbing.—A. Hayes, 1; A. Hinder, 2.

Hobble Skirt Race.—F. Langford, 1; A. Hinder, 2.

Neat Diving.—T. Anderson.

Follow the Leader.—G. Pendered.



## AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL.

The prospects for the coming season are very bright, and good games are anticipated.

Probably this season will see the innovation of class competitions for prizes at the conclusion of the season.

Mr. Lusby will look after the interests of those in the primary department wishing to follow the code.

Fort Street A team will have matches against Young Australian teams, it being the aim of the committee to play past and present boys of the School under the age of 21 years. The competition in the "A" grade of the P.S.A.A.A. will this year lapse, as there are not sufficient entries to carry it through. The lower grades will, however, be stronger than ever, as over sixty schools have entered for the Senior "B" and Junior competition.

13yrs. Championship.—2nd, G. Hansel.  
 15yrs. Championship.—2nd, C. Furness.  
 Breast Stroke Championship.—1st, F. Mason; 2, L. Firth; 3, S. Rowe.  
 Junior Relay.—1st, G. Hansel, V. Rosenbloom, N. Israel, J. Langford.  
 Senior Relay.—1st, F. Mason, L. Duff, R. Hellings, E. Hurt.  
 220yds. Handicap.—1st, J. Hosking.  
 10yrs. Championship.—2nd, P. Hurt.

The Keiran Memorial Mile Race was swum at the Domain Baths on Wednesday, 22nd March. The account of the race will appear in the next issue.

The Diving Championship and all other races in connection with the School Club will be decided by the second week in April.

By "Greynurse."



SWIMMING.

The All Schools Carnival took place at the Drummoyne Baths on Saturday, 18th March, in the presence of a few spectators. 'Tis strange that this carnival should always be treated with scanty attendances, for the programme is always an attractive one, and the general management of the carnival successful. Fort Street boys were again to the fore in securing championship honours on the day.

Frank Mason easily gained the blue ribbon event, winning the 100yds. championship of All Schools by 6yds., in 66 seconds.

Mason also secured the Breast Stroke Championship, and was one of the members in the A team, which won the Senior Relay Race.

The other prize winners were:—

14yrs. Championship.—A. Kinninmont.

On Wednesday, March 29th six Seniors visited Wollongong to take part in the District School Carnival. They caught the 8.30 a.m. train from Sydney and passed their time singing popular songs, admiring nature, studying the formation of the arches of the tunnels, estimating the height of a mountain or a cliff or the distance of a ship from the shore by the parallelogram of forces, Newton's second law of motion and the exponential theorem. The acceleration of the train at different times was calculated by taking its time for a hundred, allowing three seconds' grace, and then dividing this in medial sections, by applying de Moivre's theorem for a positive integral index. The results obtained were checked with Dr. Smith's Latin dictionary, and all were very satisfactory, if you consider the fact that the stop watch was not to be relied upon, as was afterwards found out by using the ampere meter in the physics laboratory. You thus see that the down journey was a great success from an educational point of view.

We arrived at Wollongong, and were received by Mr. Melville, who took us outside and pointed out a box of large, rosy apples. Naturally our pace was accelerated, but by applying the formula, acceleration equals moving force, over mass moved, we could not get a satisfactory result, as the moving force—the quantity of apples—was not constant. Nevertheless, the acceleration was great enough to give us a velocity sufficient to carry the Senior reps. plus two apples

each into two drags against the action of gravity.

"The Alchemist" was the only member who was not satisfied, so we went for a drive to Corrimal and then through the neighbourhood. He tried to work out theories by using "valency" and the kinetic theory of gases, but failed. However, he came across a piece of black stuff that had fallen from a passing train, and after deep calculations told us that it was potassium chloraurate, whose formula is  $2(KClAuCl_3)H_2O$ , and immediately convinced us that gold was abundant in the neighbourhood. Needless to say, we believed him. We arrived in Wollongong at 1 p.m., and were left to our resources to find dinner. Here we showed the usefulness of our school training, for we were now out in the world to fight our own battles. In about 2 seconds we smelt out F——'s restaurant, and straightaway went inside, up a flight of stairs, and seated ourselves at a long table. A waitress came to us and received our order. There was some mistake, however, in this direction, for she understood us to order pies made on Dec. 16th, 1910, the day on which we broke up for our Christmas vacation, and consequently, she took fully 25 minutes serving us. There was no doubt about the genuineness of the pies, for fully one-half was left on each plate. The next course, pastry, was passable, and just so.

After dinner—what, did I say dinner?—we wended our way to the Baths, entered a few races, made arrangements for our life-saving display, and put on our costumes. In the first event—the diving—we gained first and second. Next came the 66yds. All Schools, which we won, and then the life-saving display. This was a pronounced success, our squad proving infinitely superior to that from the Wollongong School. The other two races were the 100yds. teams race, which we won, and the 100yds inter club handicap, in which we obtained second and third places. Deep sympathy should be shown towards one of our members who had the great misfortune to lose his singlet.

After dressing ourselves, we again moved towards F——'s restaurant to partake of a meal given by the school. To this we did our duty, and then strolled towards the station, took our seats in the train, and began learning our French idioms for Thursday. You may have noticed the educational side of the trip was dropped between 12.30 and 1.30, for the simple

reason that we do not work overtime, Wednesday afternoon being devoted to sport at Fort Street.

The only feature of the home journey was that "The Alchemist" started out of his sleep and began to mumble:—

O for a draught of vintage, that hath been

Cooled a long age in the deep delved earth.

He kept on mumbling, so we thought he was asking for wine. The nearest substitute was the water in the bottle, so we filled a glass and put it to his lips. He sprang up and spilt the water over his trousers. He then thought of the principle of the water-bag, so he pushed his legs through the window to dry his trousers. Nothing else happened to spoil an educational trip to the South Coast.

The Seniors obtained third place in the 880yds. school championship. Hellings first, and Funness second, filled the other places. The time was 14min. 15sec., very slow when compared with Green's time of 13.34 in last year's race over the same distance.

E.O.K.G.

#### LOWER SCHOOL NOTES.

With the coming of Easter the time has arrived for the putting aside of bat and ball, nor will the waters of the Municipal Baths for some time be stirred into foam by our many miniature mermen.

The chief event of the cricket field during the last month has been the match between our Lower School Combined Team and one selected from the Upper School. To the smaller lads the result was rather disappointing, yet only to be expected, owing to the absence at the Rural Camp of several who were originally selected. The team was still further weakened by one or two losses owing to illness.

Batting first, the small total of 35 witnessed the fall of the last wicket. Of this total Israel, who showed far the best batting on either side, compiled 25. The Upper School replied with 61, Pooley, assisted by poor fielding, top-scoring with 25. Gallagher 5 for 15, Israel 3 for 9, and Husband 3 for 20, bore the brunt of the bowling. Batting a second time, the younger boys totalled 33, Israel and Aldritt being the chief contributors.

As anticipated in our last issue, the 5th Class Swimming Handicap has been resumed. A

closely fought-out contest resulted in victory for Crealy, with Provan second, and Israel third.

#### *Quarter Examinations.*

The following did the best work in the recent Quarterly Examinations:—Class 5D: N. Wilson, D. Ellit. 5C: C. Smith, R. M'Intosh, 5B: F. Lessing, A. Hansen. 5A: F. Harvie, R. Provan. 4B: G. Dingle, G. Noble. 4A: N. Bennett, S. Rraser. 3A: W. Drane, A. M'Dermott 2A: H. Hotten, A. Cooper.

#### LACROSSE.

The Senior team, after one month's good practice, played a combined association grade team on Wednesday, April 5, for the purpose of obtaining a good idea of the game itself. On the following Saturday our boys played another grade team, and made great use of the experience gained on the previous Wednesday.

On Friday, April 7, a meeting was held in No. 2 Classroom for the purpose of introducing the game into the school. The head master, who presided, addressed the boys, as did also Mr. Singleton, an association official. About 50 boys intend to play the game, so that we should have four teams in the school competition.

The Senior team has entered the B Grade Saturday Competition, and promises to make a good stand.

Another case of the interest taken in the school by old boys is shown in the devotion of Mr. Singleton, who has spent a deal of time as well as patience in coaching the Senior team. All boys desirous of playing this game are advised to hand in their names to Mr. Murray or Green or Simpson, of the Senior class, as soon as possible.

Prior to the departure of Miss Croft for the Islands, the staff of the Girls' Department presented her with a silver afternoon tea service as a token of their esteem and goodwill. The Junior girls also held a farewell picnic on Saturday, April 8, and took the opportunity of presenting her with a leather-bound dressing-case and smelling salts bottle. The second year probationers gave her a silver egg cruet and pair of silver serviette rings; the first year probationers, a set of silver teaspoons and sugar tongs; the seniors and matrics., a pair of silver-mounted egg cups; and second year A, a silver-mounted

fish service. Whilst we all sincerely regret parting with her, we hope that she will be very happy in the new sphere of life which she is about to enter. We wish her godspeed in her new work.

## Old Boys' Union.

Members are reminded that their subscriptions (2/6) for the ensuing year, 1911-1912, are now due, and should be forwarded without delay to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. A. McIntosh, c/o Messrs. William Cooper & Nephews, O'Connell Street, or to the Hon Secretary, Mr. Percy R. Watts, 12 Castlereagh Street. The payment of this subscription entitles each member to receive the "Fortian" gratis up to 31st March, 1912.

Some three score Old Boys met at the A.B.C. rooms on 1st April, the occasion being a smoke concert. Several prominent members of the Union, such as Messrs. J. W. Turner, Q. L. Deloitte, Aubrey Mowle, C. A. Macintosh, Ed. Downey, and Dr. Bohrsman, were unavoidably absent. By way of compensation the gathering was graced by the accession of a number of new members. These were warmly welcomed by their comrades, and soon appeared to be in their element. Amongst the Old Boys present were Messrs. A. J. Kilgour (president), Hyam Hains, R. P. Breden, R. Willis, C. Willis, A. Barry, H. Mason, H. Brown, N. Zions, G. B. Barton, C. L. Davis, C. F. Dunn, L. V. Harris, G. R. Halloran, I. Jacobson, I. Morgan, A. Lloyd, W. Linegar, G. McShane, R. Reid, H. S. Tyler, L. Voss, R. J. Silberthau, R. Abrams, E. Bender, A. Barnes, Wismuller, Stafford, Thorne, S. A. McIntosh (hon. treas.) and P. R. Watts (hon. sec.). A very agreeable programme was contributed by Messrs. Walsh, Gibb, Zions, McDonald, Reid, Voss, Steel and Jeffries. The toast of the "School" was eloquently proposed by Mr. Hyam Hains, supported by Messrs. Harold Mason and Harry Brown. Mr. Kilgour, in responding, had no occasion to resort to hyperbole; the unrivalled and unprecedented position of the School was indicated by a few simple, but significant, facts which told their own story and were loudly applauded.

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## The Empire and Australia.

The year 1911 will make an epoch in the history of Australia and of the Empire as a whole. Our country has the honor of being the first portion of the British Empire to inaugurate a system of compulsory military training, and to build warships which will form the nucleus of an auxiliary fleet.

The measures taken are of course completely inadequate as regards the needs of the situation. Sixteen or twenty days' training a year will not make soldiers, and a few destroyers which will become obsolete a few years hence are not going to secure for us that *sine qua non* of national defence—command of the sea.

Notwithstanding this, the important fact remains that a beginning has been made, that Australia, in short, is about to shake off the lethargy

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Many critics of Australian naval and military aspirations condemn local patriotism as inimical to imperial sentiment. There is no reason why it should be so. British sea power, and British colonial expansion have ever gone hand in hand. The two lines of growth are so closely interdependent, that it is now extremely difficult to decide which is cause and which result. But this we know—the moment Britain loses command of the sea, Britain's commerce, and Britain's empire will be as dead as the dinosaur. Further, the maintenance of modern armaments is such a costly business that the time has now arrived when the self-governing colonies must, even from motives of self-interest, assist the home-land in bearing the financial strain.

Mere tinkering at defence is useless and false economy. If we intend to maintain an independent Australia, under the British flag, we must be prepared to make sacrifices. In this narrowly individualistic age, sacrifices for the sake of ideals are somewhat unfashionable. An unholy haste to accumulate riches, an absurd veneration for those who have accumulated wealth, and an undue devotion to sport, are the besetting sins of our people. Sport and the accumulation of wealth are not evils in themselves; but when they are made the be-all and end-all of existence, to the exclusion of really noble ideals—well, it is time for *Pro Bono Publico* to commence writing to the papers.

To come down to bed-rock, a man's commercial instincts, and his love of pleasure, must be governed by reason, and must not prevent him doing his duty to his State, and thereby to the Empire.

The good citizen is one who will curtail his desires, and forego his pleasures for the good of the community, for the welfare of his country. Certainly "the good sport," who spends Satur-

day after Saturday, sitting down amidst thousands of other "good sports" watching thirty men play football, will advance the argument that Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton and Harrow. But Wellington's alleged remark to this effect is in the same category as the "Up Guards, and at them" myth. And should an impatient foeman attack us before our juvenile defenders have grown to man's estate, it will be the painful duty of some future historian to record that the independence of Australia was lost on the Sydney Sports Ground and Birchgrove.

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## Some Literary Notes.

By The Editor.

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It is to us a matter of very sincere regret that so few of our modern school boys and school girls know anything about the good work which is being done year after year by various Australian workers, men and women. It is our desire, month by month, to devote some little space in this magazine to Australian books and Australian writers, hoping that thereby some of our young folk may be encouraged not only to read, but also to write.

How many of you, I wonder, have never heard Mr. Lawrence Campbell recite "How McDougall Topped the Score," an exceedingly humorous poem, and one very popular with the public. The author of this, Mr. Thomas E. Spencer, passed away on the 6th instant, and by his death New South Wales has lost a man of kindly nature, full of good humor and wit, and one of the most careful and painstaking industrial arbitrators in the State.

In addition to "McDougall," Mr. Spencer gained another success with his "Adventures of Mrs. McSweeney," a very humorous story, which was to be placed upon the stage had not the grim messenger intervened. Mr. Spencer, too, essayed verse, not only humorous, but serious, his best effort probably being his "Come Back to the Bush," though other verses approached a high standard of versification, if not of good poetry.

"If they have enjoyed Robinson Crusoe, they

cannot fail to enjoy Will. Dampier," says Mr. J. H. M. Abbott, in his preface to his little volume "William Dampier," just published by Messrs. Angus and Robertson. We must confess that though it is many years since we read Robinson Crusoe, too many to render a comparison just or reasonable, yet we have perused this account of Dampier with no slight interest. It is written with a boyish eagerness and a simplicity of easy style which will render it very popular with those for whose use it is destined. Chapter xv., entitled "Dampier's Journal," is a wisely chosen example, which reveals the fact that literary facility was not wanting in one whose life was so romantic, so adventurous, so tragic. We commend this book to our readers, by quoting the last paragraph:—

"To his memory—pirate, buccaneer, special correspondent, petulant martinet as he was—all Englishmen and Australians must do reverence. With all his faults he was a very great man, with the whole combination of courage, determination, vacillation, weakness—and sometimes meanness—that went to form his character, he was a great Englishman. He ranks amongst the Worthies of England, and our Empire of to-day—the world-wide realm of which we are citizens—could not have spared him. The whole collection of the English nations—Canada, Africa, New Zealand, and Australia—must rejoice in the Somersetshire lad who went so far afield and saw so much. The British people must do homage to the name, and give respect to the memory of William Dampier."

It was our lot only a few days ago to be compelled to consult a French Encyclopaedia. Curiosity led us to look up Australia, and this is what we found there, translated into the vernacular: "'Australia,' continent, situated in South Pacific; capital *Bombela*; chief towns, Melbourne, Bendigo, Sydney, Perth, and Brisbane," and this book was dated 1910.

Such inaccuracies lead us to say a word or two on the most reliable book on Australian geography yet published, and that is "The Commonwealth Year Book" for 1911. The new volume contains, among others, new chapters, which are intensely interesting, upon—

- (1) The Seismology of Australia.
- (2) The Lakes of the Commonwealth.

- (3) The Physiography of the capital site, with many splendid maps.

The population of Australia, December, 1910, we note, is given as 4,482,896.

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## Obituary

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It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of one of our old boys, Leslie Gordon Cleland, age 21 years, who was accidentally killed as the result of a gun accident on the 16th ultimo, while on a holiday at Mulgoa. The interment took place at Gore Hill on the 18th. We desire to offer his family our sincerest sympathy.

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## The Coronation Contingent

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Life on Board the "Themistocles."

Reports from Captain Parsonage are to hand, giving details of the contingent's passage from Sydney to Melbourne. The "Themistocles" is a splendid boat, and once the passengers were used to being continuously afloat, rolling and rocking were barely perceptible.

Special quarters were erected for the cadets after arriving at Hobart, the timber for the new arrangements being ordered by wireless prior to the vessel's arrival.

The boys are doing good work, and are kept at it constantly. Standing orders are as follows:—Reveille at 6.30 a.m., parade 7 a.m., dinner at mid-day, parade 2 p.m., tea 5 p.m., lecture 7.45 p.m., if ordered, lessons from 6.15 to about 7.30 p.m., "first post" 9.45 p.m., and "lights out" at 10.30.

On the first Sunday out, divine service was held, the captain reading the service, and Lieut. Steel officiating at the organ. "It was rather impressive," writes Captain Parsonage, "with the boat travelling at the rate of 14 knots, with the slight roll reminding you of the fact that you

were not on dry land. I have never heard the prayers for those at sea better read. It made quite an impression on those who heard it. Hobart was reached after a short trip up the Derwent Estuary at 4.30 p.m. on the 23rd.

Church parade was held on terra firma that evening.

An amusing mistake was made by the Bishop, who welcomed the contingenters as cadets from New Zealand.

The contingent was inspected by the District Commandant, and during their stay in Hobart the boys were well entertained by Mr. W. McCoy, Director of Education in Tasmania. Mr. McCoy, who was formerly an inspector in the New South Wales service, was glad to welcome visitors from his own State.

"On Tuesday morning," our correspondent continues, "we woke and saw a lovely sight, Mt. Wellington (4,100ft.) just at the back of Hobart, with its top covered with snow. There was a distinct mass of snow from its summit to about four or five hundred feet down. It is fairly cold here. The thermometer dropped to 30 degrees last night."

The departure from Hobart was delayed by bad weather. Crossing to Melbourne the "Themistocles" encountered a terrific storm, which caused a considerable amount of sea-sickness. Apart from this, the boys are all well, and the continuous training is making a marked difference in the efficiency of their work.

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## Seattle to Portland (Oregon)

By E. F. McLcod.

Our pilot for Portland boarded us here, so that there would be no delay at Astoria (if the weather happened to be bad the boarding of the pilot was a very difficult operation).

We let go from the wharf and bade adieu to Seattle after a very pleasant stay there.

The weather down was none too pleasant, as we had a moderate gale; but as we had gone through so much, we did not mind it, and in due time arrived off Astoria.

How little we dreamt of ever going to this place when we cleared from Labuan for Astoria.

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This place is the centre of the lumber trade, and all along the banks are great forests, and dotted here and there one may see chutes down the steep banks composed of logs down which the other logs run till they reach the water. Barriers composed of logs chained together prevent the lumber from drifting about the river and thus become a danger to navigation. On our way up, one of these barriers broke adrift—it was night time, and therefore it was unable to be seen—and we ran into it. It stretched for many yards astern both sides, and thus imperilled our propeller. We immediately stopped and dropped anchor, and sent a man over the bows with a cold chisel and hammer, to cut away the chain. After a great deal of labour, the chain was at last cut, and the logs drifted away from us, and after heaving up the anchor, we proceeded on our way.

We arrived off our wharf at Portland at about midnight, and berthed safely alongside. A great number of wharves in America are two-storied. The one we went alongside was so, and I am told they are built in this manner on account of the floods.

When the river is low, vessels tie up alongside the lower one, and when it is in flood the upper one is used.

We lay alongside a hay wharf, and all the machinery for compressing and baling the hay was kept in the upper shed, or warehouse, and the hay; after being baled, was sent down by a lift, or elevator, as it is known in the States.

Great preparations were being made for the Portland Exhibition, which was to take place towards the end of the year.

Many sailing ships lay in the river, some of them the famous Proud liners, which used to run between London and Sydney, carrying wool, etc., but as the steamship is fast supplementing the sailing vessel, there are very few runs left for them, and they are glad to take any freight offering. The chief one is from Newcastle to the West

Coast of South America, with coal, and from there to England with nitrate. Another is to San Francisco with coal, and then grain or lumber to England or the continent. Most of the ships in Portland were waiting for one of these cargoes.

As a sailing vessel will not stand up without cargo, owing to the heavy top hamper, it is necessary either to put ballast or cargo into her before she has discharged her inward cargo. In this place another method is used. Great logs are floated alongside, and these are chained to the ship to keep her upright. The town of Portland is like most American towns, and contains very fine wide streets. One thing which was unfamiliar to me and also very curious, was the type of steamer plying on the river. These are what are known as stern-wheel steamers—one great paddle wheel in the stern. These are used on account of the great numbers of snags floating about. The funnels were serrated, for what reason I cannot say, and great jets of steam mixed with smoke (they use wood in their furnace) came out of them.

The reason this is the case is because the water being perfectly fresh, it is not necessary to have condensers to condense the used steam, so after it is used by the engines it puffs up out of the funnels.

No doubt some of my readers have seen this type of vessel on some of the Australian rivers, as they are used there also.

I mentioned that the water was fresh. It is so fresh and good that vessels replenish their drinking water-tanks straight from the river. This is the only place I know of where this can be done, although in Shanghai the Chinese living in the thousands of junks and sampans use the muddy river water; but the Europeans have it filtered at the waterworks before using it.

After a stay of four days, we were ready for our long trip across to Tsingtau (China), and cast off from the wharf and proceeded down the river to Astoria again, where we anchored for the night.

In the morning we hove up our anchor, and had a last glimpse of land—the last for 30 days.



# Girls' Page

Edited by Miss B. TEARLE

Now the winter is at hand, some of the more vigorous games are being indulged in. A Hockey Club, with about 40 members, has been formed, and several of the old girls take the opportunity of joining their former friends in sport at the Birchgrove Oval on Wednesday afternoons. These grounds give every opportunity for the various branches of sport in which girls can indulge. There are eight tennis courts, facilities for playing basket ball, and ample room for the hockey team, and for the girls playing rounders. A Walking Club has been formed, and together with the Camera Club has had some very pleasant outings. On May 3rd, the girls walked from Little Coogee to Coogee Beach. The amateur photographers tried their hand at wave effects. On May 10th the route taken was from Rushcutter's Bay across country to Double Bay, and on to Rose Bay, and after a good rest they returned to Ocean Street. The sky was a little overclouded, so that only a few snapshots were taken.

The girls on the whole seem to thoroughly appreciate the sports on Wednesday afternoon, and enter into the spirit of them with great zest. Already matches are being arranged, and the Hockey Team will play the University Women's Hockey Club on Wed., 17th May, at Petersham Oval.

## OLD GIRLS' UNION.

The quarterly meeting of the Fort Street Old Girls' Union was held in the schoolroom on Saturday, 13th May, there being 30 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Final arrangements were made for the Old Girls' Tennis Dance, which is to be held at Baumann's on 8th June. A preliminary discussion was entered into concerning the Annual Union Dance, and it was decided that the final arrangements should be left in the hands of the committee. Altogether the afternoon passed off pleasantly.

## GIRLS' LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, April 7th, the above society held a debate on the subject, "Has Home Life or School Life the Greater Influence on Character?"

Coral Middleton, Maggie Fellowes, and Olive Dwight supported home life, while Mabel Cruikshank, Emma Gulliford and Olive Waraker upheld school life. The supporters of school life had an easy win; but Miss Woodlands in reviewing the discussion expressed the opinion that "although in the debate school life had scored over home life, we must all admit that our home has a far greater influence on our characters than school has."

## CHANGES IN THE STAFF.

Miss Spies has been removed to Ashfield. Although only a short time with us, she has made many friends, and the lady teachers of the staff took the opportunity of presenting her with a small token of their esteem. Mrs. Buchanan has taken her place. Miss L. Rourke, B.A., has been appointed to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Miss E. Croft, B.A. Unfortunately, Miss Rourke met with an accident, which necessitated her absence. We sincerely trust that she will be soon restored to her usual health, and we tender the newcomers a hearty welcome.

## VISIT TO THE GIRLS' REALM EXHIBITION.

On the 5th instant the 5A. class paid a visit to the Girls' Realm Exhibition. Much attention was paid to the art section, and the girls watched with interest specimens of the work being done by the ladies. Hospital nursing then engaged their attention, and the effect of the good work done by these ladies was very apparent. An interesting programme of kindergarten games gave an additional zest to the afternoon's entertainment. The exhibition of cooking by electricity in the basement awakened interest, but a closer investigation of the cookery, and sampling of the sweets proved to be the climax of the afternoon's enjoyment. All acknowledged they had spent a very happy and profitable afternoon.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

Some of the members of the Girls' Camera Club paid a visit to the Photographic Exhibition held at the Royal Art Society's rooms. The exhibits were beautiful, some of them being so highly finished that one could hardly realise that they were the work of the photographer.

### LIFE SAVING EXHIBITION.

One of the most interesting displays at the Girls' Realm Exhibition recently held in the Town Hall was given by the Fort Street Girls' Life Saving Class, under the leadership of Miss Maloney. On Thursday, 4th May, and Saturday, 6th May, these girls pleased the audience by the precision of their movements as they skilfully demonstrated the various methods of life-saving.

### THE JUNIORS.

At present 39 of our girls are working at full speed, hoping to win their laurels at the forthcoming Junior University Examination. We hope that their anticipations may be fulfilled. Some of our girls, if they do themselves credit, should come out with flying colors. We wish them every success, and hope to see their highest aspirations realised.

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### Fort Street Literary and Debating Society.

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Meeting held April 28th.

Mr. Davies (V.P.) occupied the chair. The business of the afternoon was impromptu speeches. O'Grady was called upon to speak on the subject "That lacrosse as a scientific game is far inferior to Australian football." He was an enthusiast for the Australian game, but it was his unbiassed opinion that Australian football was in no way superior to lacrosse.

On the subject, "That the Sugar Refining Co. in its present state is far from being a benefit to Australians," Gruen gave his usual Ciceronian oration and touched, on monopolies and the referendum " 'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all" was not the belief of Hudson-Smith; but Gruen gave us to understand, from his experience, that the saying is quite true.

Hudson discussed the subject, "That the youths of the present day are lacking in courtesy more so than youths of former times." He was sure that most youths were just as chivalrous as ever, although nowadays one has other matters to think of than chivalry, e.g., English authors, etc., which every youth reads, going home in the tram.

Other subjects were, "That an article should appear in the 'Fortian' no more than three times"; Teape, "That modern fashions are detrimental to health"; Crowe and Simpson, "Will the cadet's trip to England prove a benefit to them in after life?" Reed, "That the time is now ripe for the declaration of an Australian republic;" Sillar, "That a new badge should be provided for the school." On this subject Simpson's opinion was an exemplification of the feelings of every boy in the High School. Mr. Kilgour happened to appear when the subject was being discussed, and stated that designs for a badge were to be sent to him shortly, and that he was just as eager as they that a suitable badge should be selected.

As the Labor party has the "Worker," the Liberals the "Telegraph," who said that the Seniors have not an organ just as powerful, namely, the Debating Society?

## A RIDDLE.

*Explorers will meet at 1.30 on Wednesday afternoon.*

I stood and gazed, and still the wonder grew. Visions of Burke and Wills, of Leichhardt, and of Sturt, stories of salt deserts and wind-swept plains, of dying horses and emaciated men, of dried-up creeks, and treacherous blacks, came crowding to my mind, only to be dismissed at once, for it could not be possible that Fort Street was about to engage in such an adventurous undertaking as the search for a second Darling, or tracing the course of a new Murray to its entrance with the sea.

What could the solution be? Dr. Mawson was a Fort Street boy. He was about to leave for Antarctica? Did some of our more daring spirits contemplate a similar expedition? Still, had such an idea been proposed, surely I would have heard something about it.

The solution seemed as far away as ever. I opened the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and looked up "explorer." It was no use. Even the root of the word, *ploro*, I cry out, gave no satisfactory answer to the puzzle; in fact, it only made me more confused. I sought advice from one of the staff. He laughed, and simply said, "Oh, that's the new branch of the Sports Union. Some of the boys are forming an Exploring Club." "What for?" I questioned. "Has it anything to do with the boy scouts? They go exploring, don't they?" "Oh! I don't know the object of the club," he said. "Better ask the secretary."

No secretary being at that moment forthcoming, and no one seeming to know the key to the riddle, we are appointing the 30th of next month as the date, when answers may be sent in, by which time we hope that some of our readers will have become sufficiently excited at this gigantic mystery to have put their Sherlock Holmesian qualities to the test, and discovered who are the explorers.

Later.—An idea has just struck us that perhaps the notice is in connection with the Camera Club, and is nothing but a clever advertising dodge in order to secure new members, under the pretence that thrilling adventures and hairbreadth escapes are to be combined with the mild exercise enjoyed by the man with the camera.

Later.—A second edition of the riddle now

reads, "Middle Harbours are requested to be ready at 1.30 p.m. to-day."

It is some wild anarchists plot for the destruction of Sydney? But why Middle Harbours? Is it some secret society, or some Cammoristic club? (This isn't a photographic pun.) Time alone will tell. They say that Mr. Hannay is secretly in league with it, a kind of modern Garibaldi, we suppose, leading a new Italy to its independence.

## A SCHOOL SONG.

There are very few great schools which have not a school song. We, too, should have one, a well-written song, with a good swing to it; one which we could sing, one and all at the Junior Farewell or the Senior Dinner, one which would be as well known to all Fortians as "Rule Britannia"; one which a father could tell his son that he sang when he went to Fort Street. Who will try and compose such a song? We will be pleased to publish any songs sent in, provided they have some literary merit.

### MORE BRILLIANT SUCCESSES IN SHORTHAND.

Result of Shorthand Examinations conducted at Fort Street School, 1st April, 1911, by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia.

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- 2nd place W. Steele  
(Metropolitan Business College)
- 4th place M. Colquhoun  
(Metropolitan Business College)

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- 2nd place Dorothy Beveridge  
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## Cricket

### A REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

By H. V. Evatt.

The firsts, let it be said straightway, have had a highly successful season. To harmonise with the Wednesday sports afternoon, the usual team was not entered in the P.S.A.A.A. competition, but met the first elevens of the G.P.S. as well as other Wednesday teams. This was a new departure, and new departures never meet with instantaneous success. We lost the first three matches, the last two of them by small margins only, but after that a long run of success was experienced. Waverley High School, the Staff, St. Joseph's College, Met. B. College, went down to us by substantial majorities, but the most sanguine barracker never dreamt of defeating the Gladesville Hospital team, which includes many players of note. But they were outed on a perfect wicket for the small score of 80, whilst Symonds and Morgan put on 160 before our first wicket fell! Thus did the mighty fall!

It was the Old Boys' who checked us, but they had a particularly strong team on paper, and an impregnable team on the field.

Glancing over the season's individual performances, it is interesting to note that the younger generation performed well. I refer particularly to Wyatt, Mackaness, Sherwood, and Chapman. Wyatt is the makings of a fearless hitter, although he evidenced at times a desire for "all or none." Sherwood is a promising left-hand bat, with a partiality for the off-drive. Should he play next season, and improve his leg play, he will score well. Mackaness is a good all-rounder,

but he should cultivate the off-break more. It is a deadly ball when delivered with some pace. He hit well at times. Chapman was our fast bowler, and a good one at that. He would bowl all day without complaining, but best results are obtained when he is given rests now and again. Chapman's batting was disappointing. He tried too many Trumper shots on the leg, and paid the penalty. Still, he defended excellently on different occasions. Too much praise cannot be given to "Goodie" Wallace and Symonds for the help they gave us, and how great that assistance was is shown by the averages. Wallace's wicket-keeping was good, and Symonds' batting brilliant. The latter has the build of a Tyldesley, with the punching power of Armstrong. Gordon Morgan was a tower of strength, both with bat and ball. His batting was the best he has shown with the school, and that is saying a lot. His cutting was hard and crisp, and all his drives rang true. Morgan's off-breaks were exceedingly useful to us, as the bowling figures go to prove. Gruen knocked sixers now and again, but he lacks solid defence, a *sine qua non* of a true batsman. His wicket-keeping was a variable quantity, but he possesses a good off-break if he would only make a greater use of it. J.A.G. was the life of the firsts, and kept everybody in a state of perpetual good humor.

This review would not be complete without a word of thanks to the masters, especially Mr. Murray and Mr. Parsonage, for their help to us on the field and off it. The first eleven—

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master and pupil—was the happiest of families. Mr. Murray did great work for us both with bat and ball, and without Mr. Hilliard's bowling we would have been as nothing. Those swerving yorkers of the latter gentleman were at once the cause of our admiration and delight. Mr. Moore also assisted us towards the end, especially on the Domain mud-heap, when his off-breaks broke the heart (and stumps) of the stalwart Metropolitan Collegians.

In conclusion, I may say that the first cricket season coming under the auspices of the new sports' afternoon was a pronounced success.

#### SCHOOL FIRST ELEVEN. Season 1910-11.

Averages (including matches v. Staff and Old Boys').

##### Batting.

C. D. Wallace	....	8	5	117	39.00
H. Symonds	....	8	3	181	36.20
H. V. Evatt (Capt.)		7	4	97	32.33
Mr. Murray	....	6	1	140	28.00
M. Wyatt	.....	7	4	80	26.66
G. Morgan	.....	12	0	315	26.25
J. A. Gruen	.....	2	1	25	25.00
K. W. Flook	.....	5	1	88	22.00
E. Sherwood	....	6	2	81	20.25
H. Mackaness	....	9	1	109	13.92
H. Pochee	.....	6	1	51	10.20
H. Moran	.....	10	1	88	9.77
W. Mansley	.....	5	1	30	7.25
W. Stafford	.....	2	0	13	6.50
H. Chapman	.....	9	2	31	4.42

##### Bowling.

Mr. Murray	.....	10	86	8.60
H. V. Evatt	.....	5	44	8.80
H. Symonds	.....	8	87	10.87
Mr. Hilliard	.....	18	203	11.27
G. Morgan	.....	42	617	14.71
H. Mackaness	.....	11	219	19.91
H. Chapman	.....	8	210	26.25
K. W. Flook	.....	5	260	52.00

The headmaster has received from Mr. H. I. Mater a framed enlargement of the photo. of members of the Coronation contingent from Fort Street. It will be hung in a prominent place in the school.

## Football

Practice matches have been arranged as preparation for the competition.

Wednesday, 10th.—Seniors v. 2C resulted in a win for Seniors by 8 to 0, although the game was much closer than the scores indicate. The Seniors in this match played with increased combination, which fact procured for them the victory. Of a hard-working lot of forwards, Green was perhaps the best, while in the backs Bradshaw, Hudson, Evatt, and Holmes were conspicuous. For 2C Holmes shone out above all others, but he was badly supported by his forwards. Hunt and Davies were the best of the backs.

2B v. 2A.—This match resulted in a runaway victory for 2A. Chapman in the forwards, and Rogers in the backs were the best.

2B are rather light. I would advise the heavier boys in the back division to play among the forwards. That is where you need your strength. Burrows is worthy of mention. He was one of the very few who went at it with any vim at all. Buck up 2B, tackle your man surely, and keep at it.

1F v. 1E.—This was a closely contested match, although Flook led his side to victory by 7 to 0. Flook and Collins were most conspicuous for 1E, and Young and the two Hughes for 1F.

1D v. 1A resulted in a win for 1A by 9 to 8. For the winners, Forsyth and Nordstrom shone above the rest, while for 1D Martyn, Reboul, and Wallburg were the best. 1A, although the lowest class in the series, seems to be very strong on the field, as some of the other classes have found out.

1C v. 1B provided a good practice match for Kirke and his nippy little backs. The scores were 36 to 0 in favour of 1C. Kirke, Coxon, and Jay were the best of a good little lot, while for the losers, Solomons as full-back was the only one worthy of mention.

1F Seconds v. 1C Seconds match resulted in a win for the former by 12 to 3. Spenden (2), Jones and Davies scored for the winners, and Golding for the losers.

### THE OPENING MATCH.

By "Leaguer."

The seniors opened this season well, by being

defeated in an outrageous manner by the combined sixths.

The match took place on the historic flat of Centennial Park, before a huge crowd of spectators (20 in number). On taking our places we noticed we were one man short, who we discovered was one of the "Quiets," who had forgotten to brush his hair. Amid great excitement, Chapman, the sixths' centre-forward, kicked off, a miserable kick-off, for it was taken by our break-away, McKee, who immediately raced for the line; but he mistook the boundary line for the goal-line, thus carrying the ball out. A serious blunder, no doubt, but the line umpire made amends for it by giving about five yards to our advantage. "Get right out! Line Puckeridge!" so shouted Green, but without avail, for Puckeridge secured, and by a brilliant run secured the ball to the 25 mark, where he kicked. Evatt took the ball splendidly and started a rush in which the ball went from Evatt to O'Grady to Hudson, who in turn passed to Packham, who missed. Kirke, of the sixths, who was near at hand, quickly snapped up the ball, and running about 20 yards, kicked. Our full-back Green mistook the air for the ball, but finding out his mistake, picked up the ball. A little late, however, for the sixths' forwards were on him. Puckeridge secured, but was splendidly tackled by Hudson, the pass being excellently intercepted by Evatt. Another run, but O'Grady lost the ball in his wild career. All were quickly on the ball, and in the ruck we noticed that Reed picked up the ball and threw it forward about 15 yards. The umpire, however, did not notice; but we heard Asher say that he wished it was League. Since it was not League, nothing could be done, and so the game continued. From one side to the other travelled the ball, many kicks being interchanged, thanks to the presence of Australian rule players, conspicuous among whom were Evatt, O'Grady, and Hudson. On a return from Flook, Mitchell mulled, and once again we were on the ball. A notable feature of this part of the game was the way in which Dad would remain outside the ruck and kick, either the air or someone's shins; if he were not doing this he was jumping in the air, yet as soon as the ball was out Dad would run after it, but never did he get to it. A fine piece of passing, started by Evatt, now took place, but no good was done.

Half-time. Scores: Seniors, 0; Sixths, 0.



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In the interval the merits of the respective players were discussed, many of them being deemed unworthy of their place. On resuming, Gruen urged the rolling sphere by a good and solid kick. Bennett, following up, picked up and raced for the line, but in passing Puckeridge secured and kicked out. The Seniors fell to sleep, and there came a fine rally from the Sixths, but owing to the umpire's mistake, the ball was brought back for out-of-bounds. Again Vic. Asher came to the fore—(say, why wasn't he playing?)—and helped us, but, alas! not to our advantage, for the sixths' securing, took the ball on the toe, and with a superhuman effort scored. Flook took the kick, and converted. Seniors, 0; Sixths, 5. Now was the time for talk, in which the Premier showed to advantage.

From the kick-off a fine rally was made by the seniors, the most conspicuous being the Australian rules' players, Evatt and Hudson showing to advantage; but their efforts could not make up for the lack of knowledge of the game displayed by most of the others.

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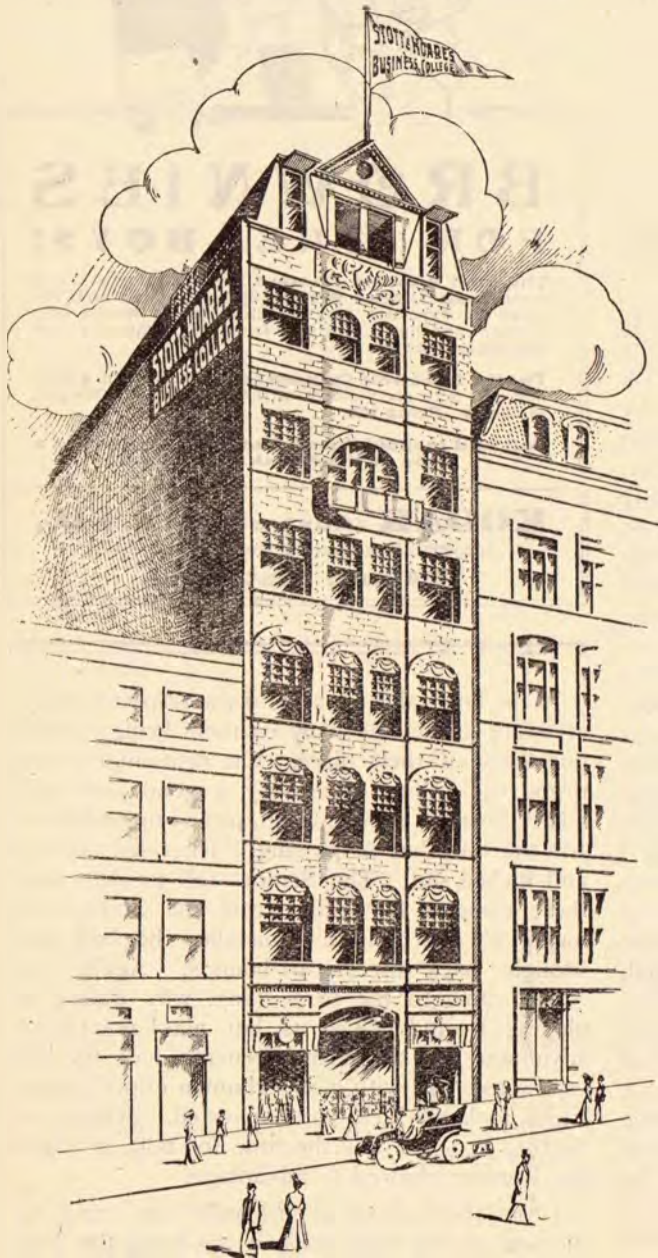
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Once again the sixths' forwards secured, and took the ball on the toe. Here Green, urged on by "The Alchemist," again failed, for he scarcely had the ball when he was downed. For passing off the ground, a scrum took place. What a scrum it was! The Premier's head was in the air, whilst Mitchell simply refused to let the ball in. We would like Mitchell to remember that the ball is to be played with, and not looked at. Although the seniors' forwards were heavier (here we lacked one man) than their opponents, they couldn't do anything, for from every scrum the sixths got the ball out.

Time after time the seniors charged down the field, but it was fruitless, for our forwards were useless and our backs lifeless, whilst the sixths were a very sprightly crowd. Although our side was suffering from fatigue, "The Alchemist" refused to give a remedy.

Amid great sorrow and joy the full-time whistle sounded, the scores remaining unaltered.

In the match, Seniors v. 2C, the Seniors came out victors by 8 to nil. Evatt and Mitchell were the try-getters, whilst Evatt converted one.

#### May 17th.

On this date the last of the series of practice matches were played. In most cases the results show runaway victories, but rumour has it that competition handicaps were being kept in view by certain of the teams. Seniors disposed of 2A by 15 to 0. Seniors are improving each match, but the forwards are still somewhat deficient in condition. 2A played a good game and deserved to score. Chapman, 2A's captain, is not one of those who preach, but he teaches by precept.

2C had a good practice at the expense of 2B.

2B should do better in the other grade in which they have been placed.

1C accounted for 1F by 3 to nil. Jay scored for 1C, though Kirke was responsible. 1F's captain would do better by playing among his forwards than full-back. He could then keep his team together, and would strengthen the part that needed it.

1D defeated 1B by 22 to 0. In the first portion of the game 1B showed great improvement on previous form, but they weakened before the attack of Mostyn, Reboul & Co. in the second half.

1A defeated 1E by 11 to 8. 1A owe their victory to the superiority of their backs over their

opponents. Let me congratulate them on their fine clean football. Rinaldi and Forsyth and Nordstrom in the forwards did yeoman service. 1E boys lacked the solidity and dash required to keep back their opponents or to seize any opportunities. Flook, Ruwald and Bramley were the best.

There will be two competitions for football, A and B. Handicaps have been allotted for the B grade. Matches will be arranged each week at meetings of class captains, also times of matches will be arranged by lot to give each team a chance of first matches.

A Grade.—Seniors, 2C, 2A.

B Grade.—2B, 1A, 1E, 1D: scratch. 1F, 1C: 5 points. 1B: 10 points.

A team representing the school journeyed to Woodford to play Woodford Academy on Saturday 20th. The match will be reported in next issue.

A match has been arranged against Sydney High School on Wednesday, June 14th. Juniors, get in trim!

We congratulate O. Harden, one of last year's Seniors, on being chosen to represent University in the First Grade Competition.

#### ON THE BALL, FORTIANS!

On the ball, Fortians, on the ball always!  
This be your motto, in great ways and small ways.

Get to the main of it,  
Care not for pain of it,  
Still less for gain of it,  
Ample or meagre.

Do the work, never shirk, always be eager!

On the ball, Fortians, ever be moving!  
Pause not for other men's praise or reproving;  
Now with a rush for it,  
Into the crush for it,  
Pack down and push for it

Where the scrum's sternest.  
Do the work, never shirk, always be earnest.

On the ball, Fortians, play the game cleanly!  
Coward is he who would take a point meanly:  
Bear a brave part in it,  
Put your whole heart in it,  
This be your chart in it—

Act as true Fort's men!  
Do the work, never shirk, always be sportsmen!

—P.R.W.



## Lacrosse

By "Greynurse."

I took my crosse into my hand,  
And walked up to the square,  
And there I saw a swarm of boys,  
Whose crosses too were there.

It is all right. I only wish to tell you that some 40 odd boys have taken to lacrosse. They represent a sporting section who are apparently having an insect catching competition, but nevertheless they are going to make things fly in the schools' competition. The boys must, however, practice continually, or they will be lost. If a boy breaks his crosse, he must hand it in and pay another shilling, when he will receive a new stick. As we expect to be playing 50 boys, we intend to play two matches every Wednesday afternoon. At a meeting of the Lacrosse Club on Thursday, 11th May, Mr. Hurt was elected secretary, delegate to Sports' Union and to N.S.W. A.L.A.; Simpson was elected schoolboy delegate to the Sports' Union. Green explained that officers of the Junior Club have nothing whatever to do with the business of the senior team.

The senior team has been practising consistently, and played their first match on Saturday, May 13th, against Kogarah.

At a general meeting of the Senior Club the following officers were elected:—A. Reed, secretary; G. Lawrance, treasurer; W. Simpson, delegate to N.S.W. A.L.A.; E. Green, captain; C. Bennett, H. Hudson, and the captain, selection committee.

Fort Street Seniors opened the season by winning their first competition match against Kogarah by 5-4. The Seniors, who were much smaller than their opponents, opened up the game straight away, and before long Bennett made a fine run in from the right wing, and scored a good goal. From a tussle around goal Green picked up and scored. Play became very lively for a while, until Green obtained the ball from a pass from behind goal, and scored. Quarter time. On resuming, Green and Bradshaw scored a goal each, the scores remaining 5-0 till half time. After half time Kogarah scored 3 goals in quick succession, but a slight alteration in the position of our team

stopped this. Three-quarter time. In the last quarter Kogarah managed to score one goal, leaving the final scores 5-4 in favour of Fort Street Seniors, after a hard tussle.

## Tennis

On Wednesday last, a team from the Senior Tennis Club journeyed to Dulwich Hill, determined to add another win to their list of inter-club matches.

They returned late in the afternoon, sadder, but wiser. In answer to questions they owned to having won, but refused to discuss the matter.

But one member of the club, who had filled the part of spectator at the match, supplied the "Fortian's" sporting editor with an account.

The first game was won by Fort Street by 6—5, after the score standing at one time 5—love against us. The next two games were won by the local club from Biggs and Briggs by 4 and 2 games respectively. Then Simpson and Liggins won their set 6—2, thus giving the school a lead of two games. Liggins, in a singles against Dulwich Hill's captain, further added to this lead by winning, 6—2.

In the last game, however, Briggs was defeated by Argent (of Dulwich Hill) to the tune of 6—2. This defeat reduced our lead to 2 games, making the final scores:—Fort Street 29, Dulwich Hill 27.

Our opponents were good enough to blame their courts for our low scoring, but judging by some of Fort Street's "drives," we have come to the conclusion that our representatives would be more at home at lacrosse or perhaps hockey.

—*Half Volley.*

Mr. W. Kerr, Jeweller, of George Street, is at present preparing a number of enamelled badges to be presented to the prefects. The objects of these badges are:—First, that the prefect may have some sign of his authority; and, secondly, that when he leaves the school he may have some small memento of the position he occupied when at Fort Street. Some debate took place concerning the advisability of having a special prefect hat band, but popular opinion was decidedly in favor of the badge.

## Lower School Notes.

### FOOTBALL.

On Friday, the 5th inst., the opening of the season took place at Centennial Park, each class placing a team in the field.

5B and 5C, after a strenuous game, played a draw, and 5D gained a victory over 5A by 6 points to nil.

4B defeated 4A, and third class were too good for second class.

Many promising young footballers were noticed, in fact, their coach, Mr. Miller, hopes later on to work up a combination capable of avenging the defeat received at the hands of our High School boys on the cricket field.

The matter of arranging a scheme of competition is now under consideration.

### STAFF CHANGES.

After a lengthy term of service with us, Mr. McMiles has received a removal. He has gone temporarily to Ulladulla, which he will later on quit for Casino. His departure removes one who in the past has done much for the school. Mr. Macartney has taken the place of Mr. McMiles on the staff.

### CLASS NOTES.

In the fifth classes, a great deal of interest is being taken by the boys in the work of preparation for the forthcoming examinations, entitling the successful ones to admission to our High School. Success in this is a laudable ambition, so to those who would so succeed we would say, "Go in and win."

In 5D the outstanding feature of the past month has been the consistent work shown by Kirwan, who is certainly setting a fine lead for others to follow.

5C also have a fine representative in Macintosh, whose "Rural Camp Journal" is a most artistic production, containing as it does an interesting account of each day's doings, and illustrated by sketches and photographs by its author.

(Note by Editor.—We have seen Macintosh's journal, and consider it a very fine piece of work indeed.)

In 5B good all-round work has been done by Boyd and Bradshaw, with Linn showing up well in mathematics. The best homework has been done by Dibbs.

5A.—General improvement in the order and work has been a pleasing feature. The leading honours in mathematics fall to Herbst, Hellings, Cramp, Meers, Provan, and Parks, whilst Parks and Provan divide 1st place for dictation, closely followed by Dufty, Olson, Darch, and Robertson. In homework, Jones, Stone, Caldwell, Darch, McAdam, and Daley have shown good work.

4B.—Here the best work of the month has been that of Noble, Carden, and Macartney.

4A.—Sillick, by good all-round work has gained first place, closely followed by McLellan and Lord. Lord also holds the record for best homework, whilst the Spelling Bee was won by Walker, with Lord second, and Sillick third.

3A.—The best class work has been done by Haig, Stephenson, and Hamilton, the honors for home work having been gained by Ramsland and Young. Great interest is being taken in crayon drawing of birds and animals from our school museum, in connection with which we have noticed some fine coloured illustrations.

2A.—Good work has been done by A. Cooper, Lyons, Ellitt, Smyth, Santilan, Simpson, A. King, Skelton, R. Carter, Briggs, Riley, and Robertson.

## The Mock Trial

The Senior Mock Trial which lasted two successive Friday afternoons, was a pronounced success. The parts were as follows:—

Hudson Smith	.....	Judge
Gruen	.....	Counsel for Defence
Simpson	.....	Counsel for Prosecution
Reed	.....	Miss Arabella Hill, who is suing for £1000 damages for breach of promise from

Hudson	.....	The Defendant
Biggs	.....	The Defendant's Little Sister
Holmes, McKee, Roberts	.....	Witnesses
Bennett	.....	Judge's Associate
New and Rowe	.....	Policemen.

The affair was well worked out, the characters well portrayed, the speeches of the Counsel excellent, but above all shone the wit, forensic wit, of the learned judge.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

At the mock trial, the judge, having taken his seat on the bench, instructed the clerk of the court to "square the jury."

By the end of the lacrosse season, at the rate of 2s. 6d. each for broken windows, it is estimated that the Sports' Union will be almost bankrupt.

The thanks of the librarian are again due to Mr. Card of the Mining Museum for magazines kindly forwarded.

Mr. A. Chisholm, B.A., is acting temporarily as first assistant at Glen Innes. His place has been taken by Mr. Macartney from Naremburn.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Albert Hardman, who after nearly four years' service at West Maitland, has returned to Fort Street again.

Boys should note that the annual Junior Dinner will be held on the evening of 3rd June next, at Sargent's rooms, at 7 p.m. The committee selected to carry out the arrangements consists of Jerdan, Frecker, Friend, Milne, Cobb, and ————. It is whispered that the bards among the juniors are already sharpening their quills in order to be ready, so that when the spark from Heaven touches their lips, they may scribble their verses upon their shirt cuffs.

Now that the school has been gazetted a High School, the old hat badge is considered inappropriate. The headmaster has received a number of designs, and within a short time it is probable that the new bands and school caps will be on sale.

The farewell to the Juniors will take place in the main room on the afternoon of June 3rd. Old boys and girls will be welcomed.

The Minister for Education, the Hon. G. S. Beeby, M.L.A., has announced his intention of being present at the school on Empire Day, and delivering an address. A full report of the function will appear in next issue.

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 THE CAMERA CLUB.
 

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The School Camera Club held its first exhibition and competition in the Main Room, commencing April 27th.

Mr. Kilgour presided.

Mr. Burke, F.R.P.S. was present, representing

Messrs. Baker and Rouse, the donors of the prizes. This gentleman judged the prints and awarded the prizes, as follows:—

1, R. Bell, C, camera; 2, Daniels, 5A, camera;  
3, R. Strange, 1A, photographic material;  
and were presented by Mr. Kilgour.

The prints were criticised by the judge, Mr. Walter Burke, who pointed out the defects of development, fixing, and printing. In his opinion, the exhibition was excellent and highly creditable, and it took some time to choose the winners.

The first three, and the following four were of the same high quality: Percival, L. Crane, V. England, G. Stafford; while the following were not far behind: R. Davies, C. Hamburger, V. Flanagan, J. Lawler, C. Hill.

Many of the other prints sent in would have made a better impression had they been mounted.

As a result of this competition the membership of the club has been greatly increased.

The club desires to thank "Kodak, Ltd." for their very great interest in the club, and their generosity in donating the prizes for the Photographic Competition.

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Mr. J. W. Turner recently received an Easter greeting from one of his old pupils, Rev. Hubert Jones, now Precentor and Minor Canon of Christchurch Cathedral, N.Z., who left Fort Street in 1893. Jones proceeded to Auckland and in 1896, on the foundation of St. John's College, won a scholarship, which he held for five years. He also won two exhibitions and a literary prize. During the whole of this period he was organist and choirmaster at St. Matthew's Church, where there is an exceptionally fine organ, built for the 1862 Exhibition at Sydenham. He was next ordained assistant curate at St. Paul's Per-Cathedral, Dunedin, and four years later became Vicar of Waikouaiti in Otago with all the heavy travelling of a country parson. He is exceedingly happy in his present position, his work being wholly musical—he is a Bachelor of Music—with an occasional sermon. Mr. Turner felt no little pleasure in receiving this evidence from a pupil of 20 years back that neither he nor the school had been forgotten.

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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.*

## Some Literary Notes.

*By the Editor.*

Did you ever hear of "Robbery Under Arms?" Perhaps in the present year of our Lord 1911, more people are familiar with the term by medium of the numerous city and suburban picture shows, which show films nightly, purporting to be accurate reproductions of the doings of Captain Starlight and his gang. But we know one "Robbery Under Arms," by Mr. Thomas Alexander Browne, who has acquired not only an Australian, but a British reputation under the title of Rolfe Boldrewood.

It has been contended that "Robbery Under Arms" has had a tendency to popularize bush-rang among the idle youth of the country town, but the book is not on the same plan as

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the popular detective story, in which we find, in nine cases out of ten, a clever criminal whose cleverness is only invented to show the superior cleverness of the detective, who invariably succeeds in outwitting him. On the contrary, there can only be one conclusion concerning "Robbery Under Arms," and that is, that the book is perfectly wholesome in its moral tendency and that as an accurate representation of bush life and adventure in the early days, it can be surpassed by none, and stamps Boldrewood at the head of that school of Australian fiction which was founded by the late Henry Kingsley, whose two Australian novels "The Recollections of Geoffrey Hamlyn" and "The Hillyars and the Burtons," all Australians should read.

Mr. T. R Browne is still living, and in Victoria. We were much interested by noticing in the daily paper the other day a small passage to the effect that Mr. Browne's daughter is following in her father's footsteps, and under the pen-name of Rose Boldrewood, has produced a novel depicting Australian and South African life, entitled "Complications at Collaroy."

Among events affecting the world of literature that have occurred during the last month or two, we think it well to bring before the notice of our readers the little volume of verse published by Miss Dorothea Mackellar, and entitled "The Closed Door, and Other Verses," some poems of which, written by one with eyes to see and a heart to interpret the beauties of her own country, give Miss Mackellar a leading position among the living verse writers of Australia. Among the poems which impressed us particularly was, "Settlers," which opens:—

"If the gods of Hellas do not tread our shaggy mountains—  
 Stately, white and golden, with unfathomable eyes:  
 Yet the lesser spirits haunt our forests and our fountains,  
 Seas and green-brown river-pools no thirsty summer dries."

while the stanzas entitled "Up Country," which conclude the little volume make evident that same spirit of devotion which is seen in the second poem, entitled "My Country." We conclude by quoting a stanza or two from each.

From "Up Country"—

And if we have no autumn  
 As people sometimes say,  
 And only very seldom  
 We know a winter's day.

(O, bitter wind of winter  
 That presses to the bone!  
 We have no snow, but surely  
 A winter of our own)—

See how the sap is thrilling  
 In every growing thing!  
 They know not what they speak of  
 Who say we have no spring.

And from "My Country"—that "opal-hearted country" that Miss Mackellar evidently knows so well:—

"Core of my heart, my country!  
 Land of the rainbow gold,  
 For flood, and fire, and famine,  
 She pays us back threefold.

Over the thirsty paddocks,  
 Watch, after many days  
 The flimsy veil of greenness—  
 That thickness as we gaze."

*For Girls Only:*—We were asked some few days ago, what books, by Australian writers, were most popular among our girl readers. Therefore, will all the girls who read these pages oblige the Editor by filling in the spaces below, and handing the clipping to Miss Tearle.

<i>Author.</i>	<i>Book.</i>
1.....	.....
2.....	.....
3.....	.....
4.....	.....
5.....	.....
6.....	.....

*Name.....*

The list and number of votes gained by each book will be published in this column next month.

Among other events interesting to all lovers of literature that we think should be noted are, first, the death of Sir William Gilbert, the foremost author of English romantic and musical

comedies, who, in conjunction with the late Sir Arthur Sullivan, the musician, has been one of the chief figures in theatrical life for over thirty years. Not to have heard of "H.M.S. Pinafore," "The Pirates of Penzance," "Iolanthe" and "The Mikado," stamps a person at once as having missed the brightest of humorous plays produced during the last quarter of a century.

The work of Professor MacCallum, who at the end of the present year will have completed twenty-five years' occupancy of the Chair of Modern Literature at the University of Sydney, is to be publicly recognised by the presentation of a portrait of himself to be left in the keeping of the University, and to be painted by the greatest of Australian artists, Mr. John Longstaff, at present on a visit to Australia. It is only those who have come under the personal influence of Professor MacCallum who can appreciate the great work he has done and is doing for the study and teaching of English Literature in our Commonwealth, while his recently published work "Shakespeare's Roman Plays" stamps him as one of the Shakespearean scholars of the day.

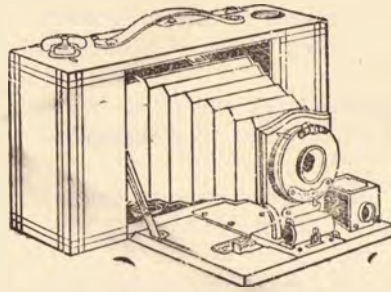
We have also to note the appearance of a new monthly Australian magazine—"Lilley's Magazine"—which, judging by the first number and the list of contributors who have promised their services, should prove a serious rival to the "Lone Hand."

We are looking forward to the return of a large number of the boys who are sitting for the Junior Examination, to take up the two years' course that will lead to the Leaving Certificate Examination and entrance to the University.

Hitherto our Senior Boys have been drawn entirely from the Matriculation Classes, but as there is now a very fine Higher Commercial Course laid down in the new syllabus, we hope that the boys of C1 and C2 will take advantage of it and return to school on the 3rd July next.

## Farewell to 1911 Juniors.

Busy preparations as of some secret society, whispered consultations, swift concealments of mysterious-looking parcels, sudden flittings to and fro, much writing of songs and humming of tunes and "untunes" denoted the near proximity



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of the one great day in a Junior's life, the annual farewell.

All preparations having been made, the room was packed to its utmost capacity. Mr. Kilgour presided, and on the platform were Miss Partridge, Mr. Lasker, and Mr. P. R. Watts (representing the old boys), and Mr. Fraser.

This function, or shall we say institution, of farewelling the Juniors, which was then begun, was, in our opinion, the most enjoyable, we, with the experience of almost a decade, have yet witnessed. Thanks to the efforts of Wiburd, Gruen and Hunter, three of our Senior poets, four good songs were sung, the one oversight, however, being the committee's failure to provide the girls with copies of the words. We consider these songs one of the features of the celebration, a feature which we hope will continue to figure prominently at all these functions. Cobb's wielding of the baton, though somewhat irregular, was profoundly impressive.

Some of the songs having been sung, Lilian Anderson presented Miss Partridge with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and the various members of both the girls and boys' Junior Staff

were the recipients of tokens of esteem from the Junior candidates. Yates acted as spokesman for the Junior.

The wit of the girls was excellently shown on the tickets affixed to their gifts. For example:—

To Miss .....

Thanking her for the great encouragement she has given us to "learn our verbs."

To Miss .....

From the girls who gratefully accept her advice to "leave the Latin Sight till last" and perhaps leave it altogether.

To Miss .....

Hoping that "one of these fine days" will see a few "A"s for English.

To Miss .....

From the girls who will not forget her excellent advice to "put etc., etc." when they forget the rest.

To Miss .....

Hoping that this will prove useful "in 10 minutes."

To Miss .....

Hoping that each "consecutive 5th" girl will satisfy the examiners;

while the humorous prizes awarded to the Junior Masters were the occasion of much innocent amusement, the recipients being evidently the most delighted by the attention bestowed upon them.

Mr. Kilgour then delivered a very inspiring address to the candidates on behalf of the School and all Fortians, past and present.

Mr. Lasker then spoke a few words of encouragement and advice. After the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" the Juniors marched out according to our time-honoured custom, the remainder of the School singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows." With Mr. Lasker, we all wish them "Gluck Auf."

The headmaster has received from the manager of the Pacific Cable Board a very valuable pamphlet, setting out in a concise manner the history of the Pacific cable, its object and aims, and claiming "to be the earliest attempt to embody in concrete form the principle of co-operation between the mother country and the dominions, in regard to practical matters of common imperial interest."

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# Old Boys' Union

## Annual Report.

The annual meeting was held at the Sports' Club on 30th May. The President, Mr. Kilgour, was in the chair. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and adopted. The following were elected office-bearers for the year 1911-12.

Patron: Mr. J. W. Turner; president, Mr. A. J. Kilgour; vice-presidents, Messrs. Hyam Hains, C. A. Macintosh, Q. L. Deloitte, Aubrey Mowle, W. H. Mason and Dr. O. Bohrsman; hon. secretary, Mr. P. R. Watts; hon. treasurer,

of old boys whose names have been placed on the Secretary's register, and who from time to time, though not invariably, attend the functions held by the Union. Many such old boys are debarred by circumstances from taking a very active interest in the Union and your Council can do little more in their case than keep in touch with them.

As the Treasurer's report will show, the finances of the Union are in a healthy state. After meeting ordinary expenses, after supplying the "Fortian" gratis to financial members, after donating a two-guinea prize for English Literature to the School, after holding a number of functions at prices, with one exception, too low a considerable amount for sundry debtors, your Council has to report a net revenue for the year



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By Master R. Bell.

From "Australasian Photo Review."

Mr. S. A. McIntosh; committee, Messrs. L. V. Harris, A. C. W. Hill, A. V. Maxwell, A. Collins, and G. B. Barton; auditors, Messrs. H. Posner and E. Cleland.

Gentlemen,—Your Council has much pleasure in again presenting its Annual Report to the members.

The past year has been, on the whole, a successful one, and in every direction steady progress has been made. The number of financial members has increased to 70—12 more than in the previous year. This number of course represents only about 20 per cent. of the total number

of £3 5s. 10d., with a total credit balance at the end of the period of £9 2s.

During the year several agreeable functions were held. The first was a smoke concert, at which Professor Wellisch, a distinguished old boy, was guest of the evening. This function was fairly well attended, and all but cleared expenses. The next was the annual dance held in conjunction with the Old Girls' Union. This was very successful, indeed, the Paddington Town Hall—one of the largest in Sydney—being filled. The financial result was a net profit for the two Unions of £7 3s., our share being £3 11s.



6d. As against this the annual dinner involved a financial loss of £3 3s. This was anticipated, to be revenue-producing, and after writing off as the price of the tickets was made very low—4s. instead of 6s. as in the previous year—in order to place the function within the means of a larger number of old boys. Unfortunately, the attendance was not very great—only 43 being present.

Your Council is of opinion that if the attendances are to be increased, some means must be devised of bringing about a greater degree of solidarity among the members. Those who attend the functions already know one another much better than formerly, and the time is perhaps ripe for endeavouring to bring about a closer organisation than has hitherto been attempted. It is suggested that it might be to the advantage of the Union to encourage the formation of smaller groups within and under the control of the main body, each group having its own group secretary, whose duty it would be to keep closely in touch with the Secretary of the Union on the one hand and the individual members of his group, on the other. Such a system would serve to establish a chain of personal connection between the organisers and the organised, such as is impossible between a general Council and a large number of scattered members.

During the year the Union has joined issue with the School in several sporting engagements. In the football match the School were the victors, but in the cricket match the old boys carried too many guns and won by a big margin. A challenge debate against the School was also held, the old boys gaining the decision.

Your Council desires to thank Messrs. Aubrey Mowle and W. H. Mason, two of the vice-presidents of the Union, for generous donations towards the Union's funds.

A. J. KILGOUR, President.  
PERCY R. WATTS,

Hon. Sec.

All old boys will learn with regret of the unfortunate accident which occurred to Mr. Owen Hughes, one of the prominent members of the Old Boys' Union. A splinter of steel from a hammer he was using struck his left eye, eventually destroying the sight. It was touch and go with him, for blood-poisoning was setting in and if he had not been operated on at Easter he could not have recovered. We are

glad to state that Mr. Hughes is now well and strong, and has lost little of the good spirits so characteristic of him.

The secretary of the Union recently had a visit from two old boys who now reside in the country. Mr. Reg. Reid is at the Lands Office, E. Maitland. Mr. C. R. Furlonger, who expects shortly to be admitted as a solicitor, is with Mr. A. B. Shaw, solicitor, Singleton.

Mr. Q. L. Deloitte, who retired some time ago from the service of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, is setting out shortly on an extended tour. He proposes to go first to Java, then to work through India, next to proceed to South Africa, whence he will take a leisurely route to England. He will probably be away for two years.

Mr. Arthur Te Kloot, who for some years has been an electrical engineer in the Tramway Department, has accepted the offer of a good position in Noyes Bros., Ltd. It sounds unpatriotic to say so, but Te Kloot is too good a man to remain in a Government position forever. Another old boy who struck out for himself under similar circumstances is Mr. D'Arcy Willis.

### MORE BRILLIANT SUCCESSES IN SHORTHAND.

Result of Shorthand Examinations conducted at Fort Street School, 1st April, 1911, by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia.

#### Advanced Theory

1st place in N.S.W., Ida Grice  
(Metropolitan Business College)

2nd place W. Steele  
(Metropolitan Business College)

4th place M. Colquhoun  
(Metropolitan Business College)

**Theory**—1st place in N.S.W. Marion Kark  
(Metropolitan Business College)

2nd place Dorothy Beveridge  
(Metropolitan Business College)

4th place Winnie Buckler  
(Metropolitan Business College)

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## The Junior Banquet.

The annual function took place on Saturday, June 3rd, at the A.B.C. Rooms, Pitt Street, when no less than 114 students and masters assembled round the festive board. Proceedings commenced with an attack on the good things, and with surprising celerity the lemonade and ginger beer seemed to have evaporated. Roast turkey and ham appeared to be the favorite dish, yet the large "trifles" were evidently thought to be too "trifling." However, an excellent repast was taken, and the real business of the evening commenced at 8 o'clock, when the chairman announced the first toast, "The King."

From that time onward things went merrily, a good musical programme having been obtained from the junior staff, on account of the apparent lack of talent or nervousness on the part of the boys themselves. The speeches delivered by the boys were very well rendered, the "tit-bit" coming from the chairman (Master E. S. Jerdan) in proposing the toast of the "School and Staff." The chairman spoke of the school in terms of pride which were unmistakably sincere. He said the boys had reason to be proud of a school which had turned out such men as Professor Wellisch, Dr. Mawson, and Sir Joseph Carruthers. He had reason to believe that the boys would do honour to their school, just as others had done in past years.

He concluded by quoting the words of one of the school songs, and asking the lads to give "Three hearty cheers for the men who pulled us through,

Perhaps they never taught us much,  
But they taught us all we knew"

On the whole Jerdan made an excellent chairman, speaking well and keeping the meeting in excellent order. He is to be congratulated on his fine effort.

Mr. Kilgour, in reply to the toast of "The School," spoke of the affection Fort Street boys had for their school. A school which turned out manly, upright young fellows, as Fort Street did, was doing the best possible service to the nation. The remarkable thing about the school was its democratic spirit. A boy going to it was able to make his own presence felt by his own efforts. There was equality of opportunity there. He confidently looked to

the boys who were to sit on the following week to "keep the flag flying." (Applause.) Mr. Lasker, in his usual style, proposed the toast of the "Juniors." He said that he felt he was there in the capacity of a teacher, as he was very anxious of the success of many of the boys concerned, having had direct associations with them in the teaching of modern languages. Mr. Lasker's presence and words were heartily appreciated by all present. The task of responding to this toast fell respectively to H. Yates (C2), J. Morgan (M2), W. Milne (C1) and N. Cuthbert (M1), who, one and all acquitted themselves very well indeed. L. Friend (C1) in a neat speech proposed the toast of the visitors, to which Messrs. McLelland (Acting Chief Inspector), J. W. Turner (Sup. of Technical Education), Inspectors Reay and Dennis replied.

Songs and recitations were given by Messrs. Davies, Scott, J. Taylor, Meldrum, R. Taylor, Reay, Parker, and Selle.

Mr. Parker officiated capably at the piano. The Junior Songs also enlivened the proceedings to a pleasurable degree. The function terminated at 11 p.m., with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem, when all quickly dispersed, after having partaken in a highly enjoyable entertainment.

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# Girls' Page

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## Distribution of Prizes.

### GIRLS' SWIMMING CLUB.

The 14th annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Girls' Swimming Club took place in the Library on Tuesday, 30th May. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of the members.

The president, Miss Partridge, opened the meeting with an address to the Club, in which she complimented the winners and comforted the losers, reminding the former that their wins were by such narrow margins in most cases that this year's losers will probably be next year's champions. A word was also given for the excellent work of the Senior girls this season. They had undoubtedly done their level best for the Club's welfare. Miss Partridge then praised the work of the executive committee, and, after thanking the staff and carnival officials for their services, she called upon the hon. sec. for the 14th Annual Report.

Miss Bourke was able to present a most glowing report of the season, both as regards attendance, members, membership, the carnival, and the support of the Old Girls.

Mr. Selle moved the adoption of the report, and spoke of the excellent spirit ruling the Club, the girls' prowess in swimming, and the splendid order of the carnival. He considered that Fort Street girls could hold their own anywhere in the swimming world, and advised them to continue in their present way.

Miss Evans seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried by acclamation.

Mr. Kilgour, at the request of the president, addressed the girls on the value of swimming, and mentioned the high place which good athletics must take in the High School world, if healthy bodies are to accompany clever minds.

The prizes were then presented by Miss Partridge amidst much applause, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of "God Save the King."

The committee afterwards entertained the officials and staff at afternoon tea.

## Junior Farewell.

On Friday, 2nd June, the members of the Junior Class entertained the teachers at the Burlington Cafe. The groups of girls at the various tables looked very bright and happy, and seemed for the time to have put aside all anxiety with regard to the impending examination. Miss Esther Mitchell entertained the guests with a humorous dialogue. On behalf of the teachers, Miss Partridge thanked the girls for the generous entertainment they had provided, and after giving them a few parting words of advice, proposed the health of the Juniors.



From "Australasian Photo Review,"  
A SUNNY CORNER

A picture from the Second Prize winning set of six pictures at the Fort Street School Exhibition.

By Master T. Daniels.

Miss Evans seconded the vote of thanks, and wished them every success. Miss Joyce Mitchell, who had taken a prominent part in carrying out the arrangements, thanked Miss Partridge and the members of the staff present, for the kindly interest they had taken in them at all times.

Mr. Kilgour spoke a few parting words of cheer, and hoped that many of them would be returning in order to take up the higher work. Mr. Lasker, who was also present, thanked the girls for their hospitality and Miss Elsie Ferguson, as captain of the School, expressed the good wishes of their School friends.

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### Obituary.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of one of our former pupils, Elsie Burleigh, which took place at her father's residence on 23rd May. We would like to express our deep sympathy with her parents for the loss of their daughter. She was with us for about four years, and a sweeter and more lovely character could not be found anywhere. She endeared herself to all who had anything to do with her.

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### Sports.

The First Eleven of the Fortians played their first match of the season against the University Ladies' Hockey Club at Petersham Oval on Wednesday, 17th May. Our team were defeated by 3 goals to 1, Belle Murray scoring for the Fortians.

The Camera and Walking Clubs paid a visit to the Suspension Bridge on 31st May, and had a very enjoyable afternoon. They intend to visit the Ostrich Farm at South Head on their next outing.

We are all pleased to welcome back Miss L. Rourke, and although she has not quite recovered we trust she will soon be restored to her former good health.

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### Fort Street Literary and Debating Society.

On Friday, 26th May, the Seniors held a Ministerial Debate. Mr. Mackaness, V.P., occupied the chair. Gruen, the fighting Premier, moved that "Party Government has more bene-

ficial results than Government by non-party." He was supported by Simpson. Hudson-Smith, leader of opposition, pointed out the evils of party government, the caucus and machine politics generally. Holmes also spoke against the proposal. On division the motion was lost by a good majority, and alas! it is rumored that the champion of non-party government will come forward as leader of the "Liberal Party."

The Society learns with sorrow that the Upper Seniors will no longer be heard on the floor of this House. Thoughts of the fast-approaching exam. are preying upon their minds, and they prefer to throw in their lot with Mr. Meldrum and dive into the mysteries of Physics.

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Our last Manuscript Journal was pronounced as being easily the best that we have had for some considerable time. Gruen's editorial was above the usual standard, while the sporting element of the class was well pleased with the editor of the "Sportsman;" lacrosse and football being foremost. The tennis enthusiasts combined to issue a special paper dealing with their branch of sport and it has almost recalled the fact to many that the above game is still played. To top all, our "Bard's" contribution of jokes and poetry, has been the cause of our English master trying unceasingly to unearth any would-be poets amongst us.

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## That Riddle

We hasten to enlighten you, O curious gazer, to shatter those sanguine dreams, to dispel those distorted imaginings. We fear that our response, drab, prosaic, will cruelly smash those radiant edifices created in thy long-wavering visions.

How many mysteries, looming vague and terrible, because of a dreamer's wildering fancy, have been cleared away by the exercise of simple reasoning, or by a little unstinted explanation.

We could not swell the ranks of hockeyites and lacrosse-men, we were averse to camera potting and goal potting alike. Staying at school was even less attractive, and hence we sought a way of salvation. We found it, too, and proved its excellence. It is our aim to visit the outskirts of the city, to go from place to place by boat or tram, and to manage expeditions on foot. These excursions, then, are for our own particular pleasure, and not with a view to the shattering of Governments or the overthrow of dynasties.

Bunny's enthusiasm was damped effectually on our first outing. That was on the occasion of a walk from the Spit to Manly: it was somewhat dusty, and hotter than we had anticipated. Bunny now tumbles about the lacrosse field with elephantine grace. Dicko proved himself a great walker, with a liking for his own company. Well, more power to him! Musgrove, of 1D, is an ebullient youth; he bubbles all the time.

The second expedition had a big field. We explored the bays of Middle Harbour, whilst Stafford of 2C wondered audibly if an explosion of the powder boats would affect his personal comfort, and Wright of 2A absolutely endangered his by skilfully climbing outside bushels of pea-nuts.

Our third outing was to Ryde—a trip new to most of us. The most striking experience of the afternoon was running the gauntlet of the perfumeries on Glebe Island.

Thus we wander from time to time. We enjoy ourselves hugely, and, O dreamers, we hurt no one.

*"Garibaldi."*

In conversation lately with Mr. Hyam Hains, he informed us that he was one of the founders of the N.S.W. Phonographic Society, which was inaugurated nearly 30 years ago.

## Lower School Notes.

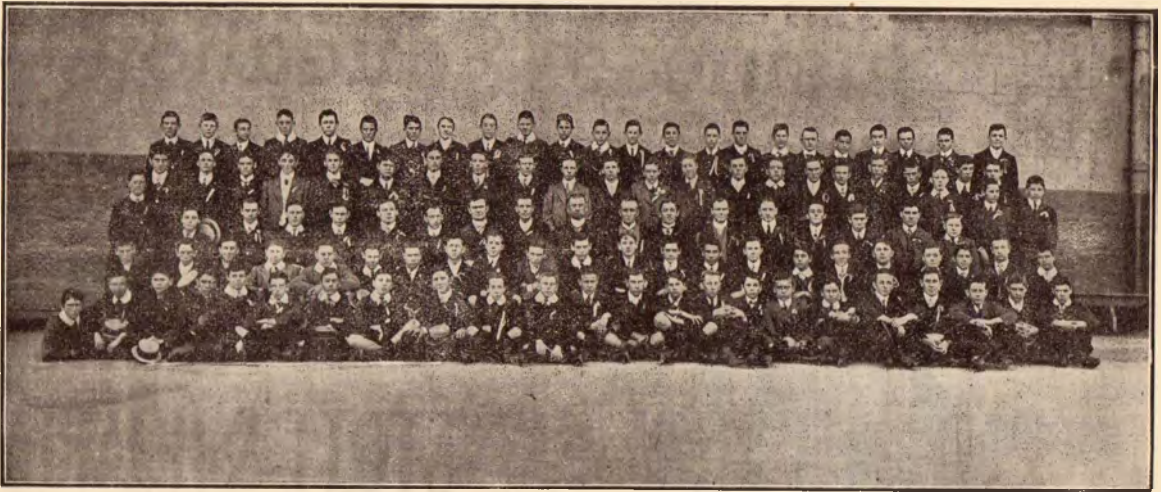
### QUARTERLY EXAMINATIONS.

A marked feature of the last few weeks has been the earnestness with which the examinations have been faced. The Fifth Class results are not yet available, but we note with pleasure the good work done in the other classes. 4B showed a big improvement on last quarter's results. The chief aggregates were: Carden 427 (85.4 per cent.), Noble 423 (84.6 per cent.), Hall 407 (81.4 per cent.), and Truman 405 (81 per cent.). In individual subjects, Noble in Reading and Poetry, and Kruse in Writing, gained highest marks, whilst in Dictation, Carden, Noble, Hall, Truman, Andrews, Humphreys, Diggerman, Storey, Cowan and Catterall gained full marks, as did Carden, Noble, Hall, Truman, Andrews, Chapple, Watkinson, Shortall, Bastian, Spence, Perry and Hines in Arithmetic. In Composition, Carden and McCartney were equal for top place.

4A.—In this class the total results showed Lapin on top with 494 marks, closely followed by Lord with 487, and Walter and Broue with 481 each. In the individual subjects the following distinguished themselves:—Arithmetic: Full marks were gained by Lapin, Lord, Walker, Broue, S. Johnston, Playing, Williams, Coy, Carlson and Peterson. Dictation: Lord, Cushing, Lapin, Broue, Quinn, Bloom, and Bailey. Reading and Poetry: Round, Mallam, McKay, Heath, and Lapin. Writing: Round, Cushing, Payling, and Cato. Composition: Round, McKay, Lapin, Quinn, Williams, and Mattson.

A special word of commendation is due to Lord, Lapin, Wilson, Williams, Cato and Schwartz for consistently good Homework throughout the quarter.

3A.—As a result of the recent quarterly examination, James Haig holds first place in the class, with an average of 85 per cent. Next in order are: J. McDermott 84 per cent., V. Sullivan 81 per cent., A. Ramsland 80 per cent., F. Smith 80 per cent., G. Partridge 79 per cent., and G. Alchin 79 per cent. The average of the class is about 70 per cent. The following boys have taken great care with their Homework and are to be specially commended: B. Arnold, H. Hamilton, F. Bailey, G. Partridge, H. Mandelson and E. Lane. Good work has also been



### JUNIOR CANDIDATES (BOYS) 1911

Top Row.—Appleton, Olsson, Drake, Dickinson, Thomas, Evatt, Nowland, Barker, Alcock, Alsop, Gerdes, Wilson, Eve, Dudley, Holgate, Macnamara, Bell, McGilchrist, Stobo, Enderby, W. Anderson, Cuthbert, Stafford.  
 2nd Row.—England, Overton, Cunningham, Rutherford, Spark, Brettell, Moran, Arnott, Thorne, Napier, Digby, Clouston, Ormsby, Firth, Eldershaw, Parkes, Spence, Hughes, Huxtable, Brown, Sledge, W. B. Smith, Griffiths, Hayes.  
 3rd Row.—Pritchard, Lawler, Cobb, Frecker, Thompson, Mr. Parker, Mr. R. Taylor, Mr. Cusbert, Mr. Meldrum, Mr. Kilgour (Headmaster), Mr. Davies, Mr. Selle, Mr. Maenee, Mr. Scott, Yates, Milne, Friend, Jerdan.  
 4th Row.—R. Smith, O'Connor, Davies, Feather, Turner, Davidson, Bushby, Price, Thompson, Ford, Neilson, Goddard, Hodgen, Mansley, Barry, Israel, Hill, Elliot, Cantrell, McKinnon, Lloyd, J. Morgan.  
 Front Row.—Meggy, Brickarz, Rost, Thornton, Arnold, Worth, Wedlock, Gowing, Crane, R. Morgan, Vickers, Christie, Adams, Bridgmont, Kennedy, Head, Watts, Wilson, Crocker, Hosking, Metcalfe, Dwyer, Kneebone.



### JUNIOR CANDIDATES (GIRLS) 1911

1st Row.—(front) Jessie Key, Jessie Wright, Jessie Hall, Erica Smith, Jessie Foxall, Marjorie Kilgour, Lottie Shaftstein, Gladys Hoffman, Nessie Walden, Bessie Brown, Joyce Mitchell.  
 2nd Row.—Miss Gardner, Miss Mouldale, Miss Watts, Miss Woodlands, Miss Evans, Miss Partridge, Miss Harders, Miss McDougall, Miss Newling, Miss Tearle.  
 3rd Row.—Dorothy Rothschildt, Miss Blume, Cassie Thornton, Enid Mathews, Freda Cobb, Dove McAdam, Grace Donald, Harriet McDowal, Mary Mule, Bessie Chauncy, Olive Borello, Mary Dreelin, Nancy Lowick, Linda Holme.  
 4th Row.—(back) Isabelle Bennet, Chrissie Holmes, Nurah Bereli, Marion Gordon, Lillian Anderson, Violet Siddons, Winnie Plunket, Violet Heckenburg, Lillian Anderson, Doreen Connor, Lillian Maguire, Elsie Shorter.

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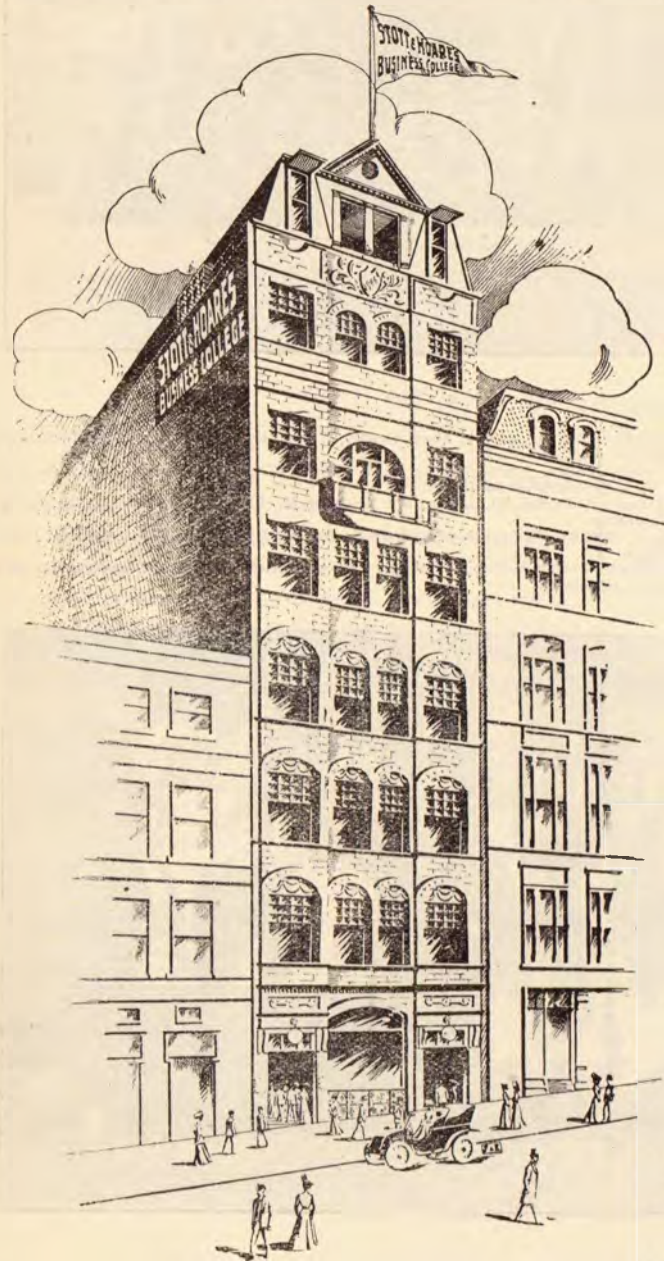
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2nd Class.—Good results were obtained in the last quarterly exam. The best aggregates were Alan Cooper (417), R. Carter (410), and S. Riley (403) In individual subjects Ellitt, L. Alexander and Salmon showed up best in Reading, with A. Cooper, Riley and S. Cooper doing best work in Writing. Ellitt, Berry, Riley, Wienert, Peterson, and S. Cooper were best in Composition. In Dictation, R. Carter, Anderson, Maclaren, A. Cooper, Ellitt, Crowe, Wienert, W. King, and McBride all scored the maximum number of marks, and in Arithmetic the maximum number was gained by Kindlund, Levy, R. Carter, J. Alexander, A. Cooper, A. King, Glover, Robertson and Riley.

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### FOOTBALL.

The winter sport is now in full swing, every class having a team in the field each week. As yet 5D has proved the premier team, being unbeaten and having a 23 to nil win to their credit against 5C. The pick of their players are Israel, Ellitt, Pate, and Parish, who show up well in every game. 5C have only once been beaten, and have played one draw. The forwards in this team must keep on the ball more, and pay closer attention to their captain's commands. Sims shows out well as half-back, and is a heady player, with a good grasp of the game, while Albert is the pick of the forwards. 5B have some very good individual players, but combination is lacking, consequently the record includes two defeats. Watson and Chapple are the pick of the forwards, while Greathead and Gallagher show out well amongst the backs. 5A team have had a fair share of reverses, but they are beginning to show greatly improved form, and in their last match led the redoubtable 5D at one stage by 6 to nil. In Parkes, McVicar and Hellings they have good forwards, and Robertson is the pick of the backs. 4A and 4B have met four times, and at their last meeting, 4A for the first time tasted the sweets of victory—12 to 9. The loss of Kruse was felt by 4B, and Canty did not display his usual good form. Hannermann was the star of the 4A team, and contributed largely to his side's success. 2nd and 3rd Classes are having weekly games, but so far, success has rested with 3A.

The combined team to play against our High School has been narrowed down, and the final selection will be made on the 9th instant, on which date a 5th Class Competition commences, the handicaps being: 5D, scratch; 5C, 3 points; 5B, 6 points; 5D, 8 points.

The first matches of the competition took place on May 31st. On this day also by the way, photos of the football and hockey matches were taken by Pathe Freres for their Australian edition of "The Animated Gazette." These photos will also be sent home for the Continental edition.

Matches were arranged as follows:—

A Grade, Seniors v 2C. 2A a bye.

B Grade, 1F v. 1C, 1D v 1B, 1E v. 1A, 2B a bye.

Results.—Seniors v. 2C, draw 6 points each; 1C defeated 1F, 10 to 8; 1D defeated 1B, 32 to 13; 1E defeated 1A, 22 to 6.

#### *Seniors v. 2C.*

This was a well-contested game, and moved from start to finish. 2C forwards were the better, but Senior back division outclassed their opponents. Maclaren, Holmes and Brown were the best of 2C forwards. Maclaren was always on the ball, but frequently lost opportunities by nursing it. Seniors' forwards should be a formidable lot, but through lack of condition and lack of vim they were generally beaten by their opponents. Evatt's try was the neatest piece of work of the day, and came at a very opportune moment. The Senior full back's line kicking was good and covered several mistakes. Praise is also due to Lyon, 2C's scrum half, whose cool-headedness and quick action got them out of many a difficulty. Both sides would do well to notice that it is better to kick in the 25 than to risk passing. Also the half or five-eighth should stand straight behind the forwards in the throw-in. When working a scrum it is a good point for the five-eight to be standing almost behind the half. This enables them to work the "blind side" without any indication to their opponents. Of course, signs are necessary between these two players. With both teams in good condition the next meeting of these two teams will be worth witnessing.

#### *1C v. 1F.*

This match proved to be a keenly-fought struggle from start to finish. As a combination the 1F backs were superior but the ever-present



Kirke managed to put a stop to their rushes and succeeded in bringing his team home by the narrow margin of a converted try to an unconverted one. He was ably assisted by Coxon and Jay, whose rare turn of speed was responsible for 1C's try. The only distinguishing features of the forwards were Cambourn's love of off-side and "Tiny" Scott's dislike of letting the ball go.

#### 1F v. 1A.

In this match 1A were unfortunate in being without the services of some of their regular players. On the day they were outclassed. McKee in the forwards and Rinaldi and Spier of the backs being the most noticeable. For the winners Flook, Collins and Ruwald were most conspicuous.

1D defeated 1A by 32 to 13. 1D forwards were too heavy for 1B and generally managed to secure the ball. Then per medium of Tonnet it was transferred to 1B line. Peters and Lindqvist were the best of 1B forwards, who generally failed to follow on. Solomon as full back for 1B was very good, and brought off some fine tackles. Griffiths was the best of the backs. For the winners the best forward was Rebol. The backs worked well together, Mostyn and Barton being the best. Champion, Coggan and Hildebrand are also worthy of mention. The chief faults were a tendency to pass forward and to play offside. Players loafing offside spoil the game.

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### HANDBALL.

By "*Hinder*."

Some time back an English visitor was intently watching a game on No. 1 Court, when he suddenly exclaimed "You're playing fives!" The most talkative player said they were playing handball, or at any rate that was what Australians called it. The gentleman then suggested that they should give the game its proper name. Still there is a slight difference between the games. Whereas in handball we have no line on the wall above which the ball must be hit, in fives there is such a line. Otherwise, the two games are identical, and Upper Seniors can now understand how Etonians and Harrovians love "fives" so well.

Several strenuous encounters have taken place lately. Asher and Wiburd (Seniors) were defeated in two games by Evatt (Seniors) and Puckeridge (Son of Toil), 21-16 and 11-3. In the first game, Wiburd and Asher were leading 16-4, but their opponents scored 17 to nil after. Still they played finely although their opponents carried too many guns for them. Liggins is a great tennis player, and evidently thought he could excel equally in the handball realm. He therefore consulted with Wiburd and the pair challenged Evatt to get a partner and prepare for mortal combat. No partner forthcoming, Evatt played alone and won an exciting game by 11-9. "Freddie" then ran for his racket!

Gruen has not played much lately but he assures us his lapse is temporary. Asher is a vastly improved player though there is still room for more wall play. Alexander seems a trifle short of a gallop but his "low" ones are as brilliant as ever. But the big surprise packet is C. R. Wiburd, an it please you, sirs. This young fellow has blossomed forth into a dangerous player. He is possibly the surest returner of service in the club, while his wall play has improved vastly. Dave Smith has returned to his old love and, with Wiburd, met Asher and Evatt in a terrific doubles encounter. The last-named pair were victorious by 43-41, after a Herculean struggle, in which all the fine points of the game were brought into play. Smith played finely indeed, but his favourite short-ones were carefully watched by Evatt.

On Friday, 9th June, the 1911 Seniors will meet their predecessors on the two big courts. The teams will probably consist of Wallace (captain), Flook, Hellstrom and Symonds for the veterans, whilst the present Upper Seniors will be represented by Evatt (captain), Gruen, D. Smith and Wiburd, with Alexander as fifth man. Evatt may pair with Wiburd and Gruen with Smith.

The Seniors will meet Waverley High School and the Grammar School after the vacation.

The championship of the club will, if possible, be fought out before the holidays. The entries are:—Alexander, Wiburd, Asher, Gruen, D. Smith, H. Smith and Evatt. It is to be hoped that some of the Lower Seniors will see fit to enter.

## LACROSSE.

*"Greynurse."*

The Senior team is now leading with three other teams in the B grade competition. On Saturday, 20th May, they met Birchgrove on Moore Park, and suffered their only defeat this season, losing by 3 to 8. Birchgrove were too fast for us, and our attack was considerably weakened by the non-appearance of Ranson. The body checking in this match was solid and far better than ever before used by our team. Bennett, D. Smith and Roberts scored for the Seniors.

On Saturday, 27th May, we played Manly in the rain on Moore Park No. 1, and won by 5-4. Our players with the exception of Reed, O'Grady and D. Smith, who played excellently, had a great aversion to work. They took things too easily and deserved defeat for their bad play. Ball after ball would come down the field, but somehow or other it kept going. Fort Street did not stop until it got near the goal. D. Smith (3), Bradshaw, and Gruen scored for the Seniors.

At 10.30 on the morning of King's Birthday we turned out against Petersham B. on Moore Park No. 1. Again we won, this time by 6-0. Our attack, as usual, was very weak, for out of about 30 shots at goal they only managed to put the ball into the net six times. We had very little trouble in holding Petersham, for the ball was in our defence only about half-a-dozen times, although O'Grady was a non-player. It was very evident that more than half the players had somewhere to go in the afternoon, for they all had a great aversion to stopping a crosse with their head. It transpires they were all off for a picnic. Lawrance had the misfortune to get an accidental knock on the knee in this match, which necessitated his exchanging places with Simpson, the goalkeeper. Bennett (4), D. Smith and Lawrance scored.

The attack must be smarter with their crosses. When you receive a ball, don't hesitate if you have an opening, shoot *hard* and *accurately* at goal. Don't stand behind goal, for it is impossible to shoot a goal from that position.

The defence, on the whole, are sound, but must leave the attack to do the goal-shooting. Act quickly, and work to the plans of your captain or vice-captain. The whole team requires practice in stick work. There is too much one-

handed playing by some of the players. It may be pretty, but it is no use to the Senior team. One or two players forget they have a captain, and want to do as they like. They had better look after themselves, for we now have a few more members.

## TENNIS.

*By "Half Volley."*

A certain section of the Senior Class have now decided to take up Tennis as their winter sport, and in order to cater for their wants, the Senior Club has arranged for the use of two of the Association's courts at Double Bay.

We understand that several other courts are available on Wednesdays, so perhaps the secretary of the School Club will be able to make arrangements to re-organise that nearly-defunct Club.

On Empire Day the Seniors held a Singles Tournament, the results of which are:—

1st Round.—E. New defeated W. Teape, 51-47; G. Packham defeated H. Hudson, 51-43; F. Liggins defeated E. Reed, 51-37; G. Briggs defeated E. Biggs, 51-31; R. Mitchell a bye.

2nd Round.—Briggs defeated New, 51-48; Packham defeated Mitchell, 51-47; Liggins, a bye.

Semi-final.—Liggins defeated New, 51-38; Packham, a bye.

Final.—Liggins beat Packham, 51-38.

Liggins' win from scratch seems to have caught the referee's eye, as we notice several laudatory notices of his form in the sporting columns of the daily press.

We have received two long letters from Eric Cullen Ward, who is still touring America with the Columbia Park boys. He describes very vividly a visit to South Bend, Indiana, the home of the great Studebaker Manufacturing Co., which employs over 8,000 hands. For the "South Bend News," the chief daily newspaper of this town, Ward wrote half a dozen articles, from which we gather that he has become a kind of sub-manager of the club while on tour. In the entertainments given by the boys he displays his histrionic ability in two farces as the heavy father and the dashing general, besides playing the cymbals in the band.

## CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

Since the last issue, the Club have had two outings.

On Empire Day photographs of the proceedings were taken, instead of an outing. The members visited Manly again, and secured good views, also Lady Macquarie's Chair, where several photographs of the members were taken, as well as "moonlight" pictures of the "Powerful."

Members should take a greater interest in their Club by being present on Wednesday afternoons.

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 THE DEFAULTERS.

A Pathetic Balled.

How sleep the boys who go to rest  
 With thoughts of work not done, oppress'd!  
 No calm repose is theirs I ween,  
 For Conscience pricks with dagger keen.  
 All night by phantoms grim they're scared  
 By ghosts of lessons unprepared,  
 By visions of the wrath to come  
 When, "faute de savoir," they are dumb.  
 Then in the morn, too late to mend  
 Their fault, repented of, they wend  
 Their weary way unwillingly  
 To school in abject misery.  
 In all they try to do they fail,  
 So subsequent events I'll veil  
 (And, incidentally end my tale).

*R. C. Wiburd.*

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 SONNET TO AN HOUR GLASS.

One morn I sat and watched an hourglass,  
 Whose sands right swiftly seemed to drop  
 away,  
 And mark how swift the fleeting moments pass,  
 That wait for no man; never stop nor stay.  
 And as I watched I pondered "What is man?"  
 An atom foredoomed by fate to sorrow and  
 tears,  
 Whose life at best is never but a span,  
 A ripple upon the tide of the sea of years.  
 Like to a snowflake fallen on a river,  
 It gleams one instant; then is gone forever.  
 Again upon the hourglass I looked,  
 The sands had run out, and MY EGG WAS  
 COOKED.

*R. C. Wiburd.*

## NOTES AND NEWS.

We reproduce this month two photos., one being from the collection which won the first prize in our recent photographic competition. We desire to thank the Editor of "The Photographic Review" (Mr. Walter Burke) for kindly lending us the blocks.

We also desire to thank Messrs. Davies and Bauer for the trouble they have taken in securing for us the photos. of the juniors which appear in this issue.

We ran across Mr. C. G. Macartney a few days ago, and learned, with great satisfaction, that he also should be numbered among the Fort Street Old Boys. He has joined the Old Boys' Union, and should prove a tower of strength in the O B's. v. School match next cricket season.

The number of women students—mostly teachers—attending University lectures is constantly increasing; indeed, so strong have they become numerically, that an idea long mooted has at last been realised. The inaugural dinner of the Sydney University Women Evening Students' Association was held on the 26th ultimo, at Sargent's Rooms. What we desire to note most particularly, however, is that an old Fort Street girl is the first president of this association, and is reported to have delivered a happy little speech on this same occasion. Miss Gornley will be remembered by many girls on account of her prowess in natatorial contests.

"The Fortian" desires to commend Gruen for his able editorship of the Manuscript Journal. It will be a long time before another versatile writer is found worthy of filling his shoes.

We are glad that Arthur Dunbar is recovering from his late serious illness.

Mr. H. L. Mater has received a cable from the Coronation Contingent, which has arrived safely at Durban. All on board are well, and are having a great time.

Among the Old Boys who have recently visited the School we were glad to welcome E. A. Mackay, who spent an afternoon renewing his acquaintance with the old place. He is at present engaged in dentistry in Kempsey.

Mr. Peter Murphy, B.A., will leave England for Australia next month. We hope to see him back at Fort Street.

A Shakespearean Recital (by the sanction of the Acting Chief Inspector, Mr. H. B. McEland) will be given at the School on Tuesday, 13th, by Mr. W. Greenleaf.

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## : Editorial :

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## Some Literary Notes.

*By the Editor.*

Frequently we hear discussions on the question, "Who is the most popular character in the whole history of English fiction?" The answer is generally, Mr. Pickwick, followed very closely by My Uncle Toby and Sir Roger de Coverley. We were very much interested in a competition recently, held by the "Strand Magazine." Twenty of Dickens' characters were selected, and readers were asked to vote for them in order of popularity. The result was as follows:—

1, Mr. Pickwick; 2, Sam Weller; 3, Mr. Micawber; 4, Sydney Carton; 5, Captain Cuttle; 6, Tony Weller; 7, Tom Pinch; 8, Mr. Pecksniff; 9, Barnaby Rudge; 10, the Fat Poy; 11, Mr. Mantalini; 12, Scrooge; 13, Mr. Bumble; 14, Bill

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We wonder how many of our readers would mention straight off in what book each of the characters mentioned is found.

The question of the long-enduring, we might even say perennial popularity of "Pickwick Papers," reminds us of an incident related in the Literary Recollections of the late James A. Payn. In 1857, some time after the appearance of "Pickwick," and when his name was in everybody's mouth, the University of Cambridge offered two prizes—first editions of Dickens—for the best answers to an examination paper for undergraduates, on the "Pickwick Papers." Here are some of the questions set:—

1. Mention any occasions on which it is specified that the Fat Boy was not asleep; and that (1) Mr. Pickwick, and (2) Mr. Weller, senr., ran. Deduce from expressions used on one occasion Mr. Pickwick's maximum of speed.
2. Who were Mr. Staple, Goodwin, Mr. Brooks, Villam, Mrs. Bunkin, "Old Nobs," "cast-iron head," "young bantam?"
3. Describe the common Profeel machine.
4. State the component parts of dog's nose; and simplify the expression "taking a grinder."
5. On finding his principal in the Pound, Mr. Weller varied directly. Show that the latter was ultimately eliminated, and state the number of rounds in the square which is not described.
6. "Anything for air and exercise," as the wery old donkey observed ven they voke him up from his deathbed to carry ten gen'lmen to Greenwich in a tax-cart. Illustrate this by stating any remark recorded in the "Pickwick Papers" to have been made by a (previously) dumb animal, with the circumstances under which he made it.
7. Give Weller's theories for the extraction of Mr. Pickwick from the Fleet. Where was his wife's will found?

The candidates were numerous, and it is interesting to note that the winners were two boys, both of whom were to win high honours in the literary world. To-day they are famous as Sir Walter Besant and Professor Walter Skeat.

The report of the Books and Apparatus Subcommittee adopted at a recent meeting of the London County Council Education Committee contains the following statement about the list of prize books for public elementary schools, showing the demand for the seventeen most popular books in the fairy-tale and fiction sections during the year 1910, and the position they held in 1909:—

	No.	1910.	1909.
Andersen's Fairy Tales ..	2,839	1	2
Robinson Crusoe .....	2,283	2	4
Tom Brown's School Days	2,025	3	5
Grimm's Fairy Tales ....	1,971	4	1
Tanglewood Tales .....	1,882	5	3
Little Women .....	1,625	6	7
Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare .....	1,559	7	12
Grannie's Wonderful Chair	1,437	8	0
Old Curiosity Shop .....	1,390	9	17
Little Duke .....	1,340	10	14
Coral Island .....	1,330	11	11
Water Babies .....	1,270	12	6
Kingsley's Heroes .....	1,224	13	15
Westward Ho! .....	1,136	14	9
David Copperfield .....	1,114	15	0
Ivanhoe .....	1,096	16	0
Peter the Whaler .....	1,071	17	0

It will be seen that the books entitled "Grannie's Wonderful Chair," "David Copperfield," "Ivanhoe," and "Peter the Whaler" had no place among the seventeen most popular books in the year 1909. These four books have superseded "Holiday House," "Gulliver's Travels," "The Pilgrim's Progress," and "Aesop's Fables." The demand for books other than fiction is steadily growing; 1,243 copies of Shakespeare's plays, 982 copies of Tennyson's works, 775 copies of Longfellow's works, and 434 copies of Wordsworth's works were distributed during the year under review. "Captain Cook's Voyages," of which 396 copies were supplied, was the most popular book of travel. There is a marked increase in the demand for the books in the biography, history, and nature-study sections.

Last month we asked the girls of the School to send us the names of their six favourite Australian books. About a hundred girls sent in lists of their favourites. The result is as follows:—

1. Ethel Turner's "Seven Little Australians" 58 votes.

2. Ethel Turner's "Miss Bobbie," 38 votes.
3. Louise Mack's "Teens," 37 votes.
4. Louise Mack's "Girls Together," 32 votes.
5. Ethel Turner's "Family at Misrule," 26 votes.
6. Ethel Turner's "Little Mother Meg," 24 votes.

Only one girl, Rita Tatham, of 5C Class, succeeded in naming the six books as enumerated above. She has been awarded a book prize.

The result of the vote shows that Miss Ethel Turner is easily first favourite with our Australian girls. The total number of votes gained by her books was 236, as against 71 by Miss Louise Mack, and 37 by Miss Lilian Turner.

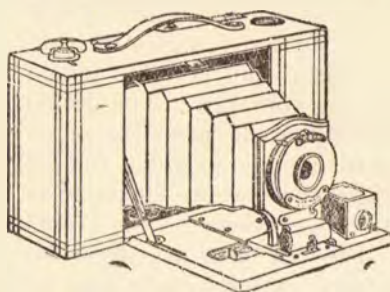
## Sydney versus San Francisco

By John G. Ferguson (Senior 1910).

I've been over here now nearly three months and I can't say I like the place exceedingly. It is not really a typical American city; at least one third of the population are foreign. You see all kinds, the majority being Chinese. Then there are Italians, Swedes, Germans, Greeks, Hindoos, Japanese and dozens of others. They all have their own part of the town, the Chinese especially congregating in one centre. They have a large portion to themselves called Chinatown. A dangerous place indeed at night! But what strikes me most is that although the Americans are said to be such good business men they are superseded to a very great extent by others. I think so far as I've seen, Australians and Scotch can show them a few points in business. My father is secretary to one of the big oil kings over here, and he is an Australian. Others equally high up in business are Australians. The Scotch too, occupy very high places. You see them in every branch of business.

We could not get any satisfaction from tradesmen here and kept changing for some time; now however, we are entirely satisfied with a Scotch grocer and an Australian butcher.

San Francisco is every like Sydney in many ways. The city itself is about the same size as Sydney; a few less shops and less of real town, but a little greater population, situated on a harbor something after ours (classed as the best in the world!). and their car lines are



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perhaps a little more extensive than ours and run to the ferry building. They have higher buildings than ours but the highest is only 16 floors and then the floors are built so low that even one 16 stories high is only about half as high again as our highest. So that there is really a good deal of similarity about the two cities.

The traffic in the city is confined to one street like Sydney if it only had George Street, and so the traffic is more congested even than in Sydney, but on the whole there is not nearly as much traffic. I suppose they have only half the car service we have, though they have more lines. What you do see though, is a great number of automobiles; I can honestly say that when you go down the main street (Market Street) you see more automobiles than horses. Everyone has one, and there are, without exaggeration, as many garages in the city as there are boot shops in Sydney. We live near the big Golden Gate Park where the Exposition is to be held and if we visit there on a Sunday we see one long string of autos passing without a break all day. It is simply marvellous where they all come from.

The trolley car (American for tram) system here is different. On entering you give the conductor 5 cents or a nickel and he takes it and pulls a lever, registering your fare. You get no ticket, so there is really no check on you or on the conductor. He is supposed to watch you get in and take your fare and you are supposed to see he registers it. Now, when the car is full nothing is easier than for you to escape his notice getting in, and he can't say you've paid, so when he gets a number of fares soon after one another he just registers one less than he gets. So you see it's a good thing both for conductor and passenger, but I don't know about the company. By the way, everything is company here; trams, trains, telephones, electric light, ferries and I'm not sure but that the water isn't also.

Another thing in connection with trams is the transfer. On giving up your fare you can get a transfer (it is just a paper slip) and at any cross line or branch you can get out and take a new tram without paying twice. We also have no sections at all here; same fare all over the city, but as none of the car lines are extra long and the fare everywhere is  $2\frac{1}{2}d.$ , they don't lose by it.

The Americans have a peculiar accent, even among the best educated. We would call it foreign, and they say ours is foreign too, so things are about equal. They chop off all their words and we drawl them. They roll their r's too, and this in the children gives their speech a peculiar accent, though I like to hear it myself. Their expressions and slang are also peculiar. I suppose you've heard of Shure! Well it's a daily expression used by everyone. Another expression "Gee! ain't she cute?" Sounds rather low class doesn't it? but that expression is as common as possible. The general form "ain't" is the ordinary speech here and is not in the least incorrect. They pronounce their words different to us. Drought is pronounced Drowth, or rather drooth; route is pronounced rowte; aluminium they pronounce and spell *aluminum* in defiance of all dictionaries. They have other peculiarities. Trams are cars, trolley cars, and some times motor cars; trains are seldom spoken of as trains and a tramline is a railroad. They have no railway stations, a great money saving device, but I don't know how they work their system. The trains run on the car system, they stop at a level

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crossing and you get in and pay the conductor. They have not even a central station and that's where we score. You just climb up from a level track. Of course they have not a quarter of the train traffic we have.

A motor car is here called an automobile, never shortened into auto; I've never heard one called anything else since I've been here. The Golden Gate Park is a step in advance of anything we have in Sydney. But then you must remember San Francisco has no regular museum, zoological or botanical gardens, no big parks such as Centennial, Moore or National park. It is the sole and only park over here; it is big, bigger than Centennial; they say it is about 7 miles long by 2 wide, but that's American measurement. From my own knowledge of it I would say it was about five by one. It is nearly all artificially planted and has thousands of gum trees and other Australian trees. It is very thickly vegetated and is thus very like National Park, but much prettier, I think, as it is all laid out much better since it is smaller. Then in the middle of it it has a large sports ground about the size of our three put together, and has two tracks, the inside cemented and the outside for trotting, but it has no accommodation for onlookers whatever and is not nearly as well kept as ours. It is absolutely useless where it is; its only possible use is for public demonstrations, but there's not even a hill so very few people could see the proceedings. They also have in the park a number of bears in the open, enclosed by huge bar fences and this is an advance on the bears' cages in our zoo, but they only have buffaloes, deer, kangaroos and an ostrich to compare with our able. Then as regards flowers, they are fine and numerous, but not nearly equal to the flower area of our gardens.

Then they have a small museum, nothing like ours and mostly filled with ancient relics of Columbus and other such things. In it they have also all the articles the Columbia Park boys brought from Australia, including Ward's honor cap and some medals and certificates of his for swimming and sports and also a football with the names of the Australian team they played. Our boys' names show out conspicuously. In the park is a big stone band stand, very well built and ornamented, and every Sunday throughout the summer the best bands in San Francisco give an open air concert. The seat-

ing accommodation is very great and crowds are to be seen there every week.

I have been over to Berkeley University two or three times and have finally decided to take up my course there as Stanford is out of the question.

The system on which the University is based is peculiar and perhaps interesting. To enter the University one must obtain 45 units of credit. Any one subject taken five hours a week for a year represents only three units of credit and if one attends an accredited high school no written exam. is necessary for entrance. You can also get credit from papers; I got mine, just getting 46½ units and then I only got them by taking solid geometry separately and by various other divisions. By examinations I might have got 50 units, but it is not necessary as long as 45 units are obtained. But not having undergone an exam., my position for first year is conditional and if I don't keep up to the marks I have to go. Another thing; although I've got credit to enter the Uni. I must, to take engineering, pass exams. in freehand drawing and history (U.S.A.). Woe is me! After managing to slide out of history all through the lower school and getting into M1. more to avoid history than anything, and after leaving the ancient history class severely alone I find at last that I have to take up history and not even that of my own country, and study it myself all alone before I can get my degree.

You see the term here begins in August and the grand vacation is May to August, the summer as over there. The year is divided into only two terms called semesters and exams. are held at the end of them regularly. I can enter without the two above-mentioned subjects but must pass in them before two years.

In the University one subject taken one hour a week for six months or one semester counts one unit, and it is necessary to get an average of sixteen units per semester or total of 64 units in two years to pass what is called your junior certificate. But the main point is that your passing depends not on one exam. but on four, for at the end of each semester, if you pass, you get your units and so you must get 64 units in four exams. to pass. Then you are promoted to senior standing and must get 64 more units (two years) to take a degree. So you see all is done



by units, which I think is a pretty good method. But one bad effect is that it does not tend to stimulate interest. A student's aim is to get his units, and generally he does not care about much else—at least that's the way I take it. A great deal of talk is made of the universities here but it's all in connection with sport. One hears next to nothing of the educational part of the work. It is really much more like a school than a university. There is a fine spirit of patriotism about the students but it is more like that of a school; it may be because there is so much competition between the universities. The university here reminds me of a school; the students compete with one another and are just like school children. Rows of all kinds are continually occurring and the university is not looked up to or thought much of like ours in Sydney.

## With the Coronation Contingent.

15th May, 1911.

We have had splendid weather since leaving Fremantle. No rougher at all than going down the harbour to Manly. As a consequence, the lads have recovered entirely from the effects of that three days' tossing in the Bight.

We only remained in Fremantle about three hours, but criticised the small port with its break-water and the very narrow streets, much narrower than Sydney. We did not have time to go to Perth, but noticed that both Hobart and Fremantle boast electric car systems (Hobart double deckers), but Melbourne has a cable system. The cadets made the most of their one hour's leave at Fremantle. The restaurants were crowded out.

Our daily routine at present is:—Life-Saving Drill, Instructor F. Mason, at 6.30 a.m. Training for swimmers, 7 o'clock. Physical culture parade, 7.30. Breakfast, 8 a.m. Forenoon parade, 9.30, on the upper deck by special permission of the first class passengers and the Captain. We have a three-mile march on this deck every morning with rifle exercises to finish up with. Dinner at 12. Afternoon parade, 2 p.m. till 4. Rifle exercises, squad drill, etc. Tea, 5 p.m. First post, 9.30. Last post, 10 a.m. Lights out, a quarter past 10.

The juniors have been distinguishing themselves. They did so well at the rifle exercises that Major Jacob, Chief Instructor, marched all the sections of the Senior Company round consecutively to take a pattern by. Draper has them in real good fettle.

On Saturday evening last we had an alarm. The cadets had to double down two decks, get their life-belts on, and then double to their boat-stations at the after end of the ship. We did it in 5 minutes. We have all been allotted boats in case of accidents. On Sunday we had another alarm, with the ship's crew also participating. The cadets beat the ship's crew badly, and Captain Douglas complimented the contingent on their smartness and quietness in turning out.

The cadets are settling down now, and prizes are to be given for the mess orderlies, for the best-laid tables, for the best section commander, best turned out cadet on parade in full marching kit best section in marching, rifle exercises, etc. The prizes are rather valuable, subscribed by the first class passengers on the ship, £1/1/- for instance, being the prize for best turned-out cadet.

We are expecting a visit from H. Hardwick in England. He is representing the State and is an old Fort Street boy. He may arrange some matches for our swimmers while we are there. Our life savers should be received well, especially as we can make up a team to work that reel

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that Mr. Henry, of the Life Saving Society, took home to England from New South Wales. They have fixed up a boxing ring for the cadets and the boys spar there in the afternoon and evening, as the electric light has been fitted up.

S.S. "Themitsocles,"  
Indian Ocean, 500 miles from Durban,  
18th May.

On Tuesday we held a large sports meeting. Prizes to the value of £17 were distributed. Tugs of war, 50 yds championship of contingent, Victoria Cross race, Fancy Costume races, mile race, high jump and broad jump were some of the items.

We had several wins. F. Mason won the mile. We also had section competitions among the six sections, five of the seniors and one of the juniors sections, five of the Seniors, one of Juniors. The Juniors won against the lot, in charge of Sergeant Draper. They won both competitions, marching and rifle exercises, so are keeping their end of the contingent up. Llew Cullen-Ward won the Junior Victoria Cross race. Draper won the best turned-out cadet in the Juniors. In the evening we gave a concert to all the passengers, first and third class—solely a cadet concert. We had a fair amount of talent. cornet solo, recitations, chorus singing and whistling, mouth-organ band, life saving display in swimming costume, Fort Street drill display by the winners (Junior section), and runners up (No. 3 section in Seniors) of the afternoon's competitions.

On Tuesday one of the engines struck work, the valve or something blowing out.

We have been in touch with Durban through the "Suevic," 500 miles ahead of us, arranging for a trip to the battlefields at Colenso and Ladysmith. Am sending on a copy (first issue) of the "Reveille," the contingent paper. Below is an explanation of some of the jokes. "Cobra," etc., refers to the blackening of the boys' faces, chests, etc., that goes on in the troop deck after "lights out."

The "On guard squad" refers to the daily parade of the first-class passengers, who generally accompany us on our three-mile daily walk. They are led by the ship's captain.

"Happy Alley," "Tomb Alley," "The Boulevards" are names given by the cadets to their passages. The punching ball was knocked overboard—hence the "Apply Davy Jones' Locker." The

"Bath Committee" (cadets) the other evening took a lad up for a shower who wanted it, they thought, but to make sure he wouldn't drown, not being used to it) they put his life belt on. The committee serve a notice on the unwashed. They give him a certain time to have it, and if the hint is not taken, duck him. "Lovers' Square" is a resort in the smoke room where some of the cadets have a talk with some of the young ladies on board. The ladies are leaving at Durban. The milk is very, very watery. Most of the cadets have been ordered a short crop from the ship's barber. Some of the first-class passengers throw down fruit.

'Maritzburg,  
25 May.

We have been from Durban by special train granted by the Natal Government, free, to Ladysmith, where the great siege by the Boers went on for 4 months. While we were there we saw a very historic church, the Church of England, and the prettiest church I ever saw, the Town Hall which had and still keeps the tower as it was after being struck by a shell, and the Royal

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Hotel, with five of its walls pierced by a shell. They have fixed the walls up with glass and are preserving the holes. We stood on the hill, Cove's Redoubt, where the gun from H.M.S. "Terrible" was placed. Saw Waggon Hill, where the British suffered terrible slaughter, keeping the Boers out of the town. Saw Spion Kop, another great battlefield. We left Ladysmith after dinner, and arrived at Colenso, where Lord Roberts' son was killed, and planted a memorial on the grave on the spot where he won his V.C. We held a memorial service at the spot the curate from Ladysmith accompanying us to read the service. It was very impressive, there away in the open with the graves dotted all over the wide plain (the men were buried where they fell), the lads in uniform singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," etc., and the curate giving a short address to remind the boys that "in the midst of life we are in death."

At Durban the cadets were granted a free surf bath, free costumes, etc., by the municipality. The boys, including Cullen-Ward and Eric Hurt, gave a display of shooting the breakers, surf life-saving, etc.

### The Mock Banquet

Just previous to the June Vacation, the Senior Debating Society held a mock banquet. The word "mock" was apparently a very delusive term, for notwithstanding the title, the tables were liberally bestrewn with toothsome viands, while even the confirmed drinking powers of the Seniors were utterly incapable of consuming the liberal quantities of Marchant's ginger beer supplied by the committee. The following was the toast list:—

"The King," Mr. Kilgour; "The Society," Mr. Parker, reply, Hudson-Smith; "The Seniors," Mr. Mackaness, reply, Gruen; "The School and Staff," Evatt, reply, Mr. Fraser; "The Visitors," Hellstrom; "The Press," Green; "The Ladies," Simpson, reply, Rowe.

On the back page will be noticed an advertisement of Messrs. J. Albert & Son, music publishers, of King-street. The "Son" is Mr. Frank Albert, a Fort Street Old Boy. Other old boys engaged in business might profit by his example and take the remaining blank space in the cover.

### Shakespearean Recital.

On Tuesday, the 13th ultimo, a Shakespearean Recital was given at the School to a crowded audience by Mr. W. Lee Greenleaf. The entertainment, which consisted of the interlude from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the story of the bond, from the "Merchant of Venice," and of a number of scenes from "Hamlet," was indeed an educational treat, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. All the Metropolitan inspectors of schools were present at the Recital.

### Essay on Henry VIII.

Some few weeks ago it will be remembered that Messrs. West, Ltd., produced Shakespeare's "Henry VIII.," as a series of moving pictures, and at the same time offered a prize of five guineas for the best essay on Henry VIII., as portrayed on the films. This was open to all boys and girls attending school. We have the very greatest pleasure in recording that a Fort Street High School boy, Roy C. Wiburd, has been awarded the prize. The "Fortian" offers him its hearty congratulations, and looks to him to repeat his performance at the Senior in November next.

### Manufacturers' Week Prize Essay Competition.

Some two months ago, the Sydney Chamber of Commerce offered a prize of five guineas for the best essay on Australian Manufactures as displayed in the various shop windows of Sydney during Manufacturers' Week. It is with the greatest pleasure that we announce that this prize has been won by the Captain of the School, Herbert V. Evatt. We offer him our heartiest congratulations, and hope that the "grand prix" at the Senior will be divided between himself and Wiburd, the winner of the West's Essay prize.

Potts (3rd year Medicine) is reported to be the finest dissector that has been seen at the University for some years. He obtained a Professorship last year.

# Girls' Page

Edited by Miss B. TEARLE

## THE SENIORS.

By "Snipe."

On Friday, 16th, a wild rush was made by several members of the Fort Street Girls' High School to their respective homes to superintend the final packing of luggage prior to their departure to the Mountains for a jolly holiday. The train journey was rather a sad one, for one of the party was stricken by a severe illness (influenza); however, she soon recovered, thanks to the attention she received.

We took advantage of the first fine day to visit Katoomba for a twofold purpose, to lay in a goodly supply of fireworks and to visit the Federal Pass. It was a bitterly cold day, but we had made up for that by partaking of a dinner fit for the gods (perhaps rather too substantial).

Having an hour or so to spare when we arrived at the station, it was decided to walk on to Leura and catch the train from there, a short cut being taken which was decidedly prickly and boggy. In the evening several games of five hundred were played—oh! the joys and miseries of that game!

Having discovered, late on Thursday that the Falls were frozen and ice was filling every nook and cranny, and hanging from bush, bank and fern in the shape of ice needles and stalactites, to form miniature caves, we decided to explore farther the next day. But our plans were nearly upset by one of the party, who started to skate (on her back) down several steps and part of the path, which was covered with ice. The following morning we set out. Just before we started to "climb" down the steps we beheld a grand sight—the Wentworth Falls were frozen from side to side, and the sun was creeping slowly down, making them glitter like myriads of gems. The walk, or "scramble" round the National Pass was very slippery and dangerous, and on this account was enjoyed by all. Altogether we climbed 91,984 steps that day. On that same day another excursion was made to Water Nymph's Dell, on the other side of the line—

"Smooth the descent and easy was the way,  
But to return and view the cheerful skies!"  
That night also we met the renowned "fish" train, which meant a good three mile walk.

A couple of days after we received a visit from a party of 18, which drove from B—— in a drag to hold ten. Six of our party met them at the cross roads, but did not recognise them at first, they were so quiet. However, we hung on and made enough noise to last for the journey both ways.

The next day we visited the Consumptive Home on King's Tableland (an 8-mile walk), and returned in the dark, having to feel our way, stumbling over roots, falling into ditches, skating down banks and being cheered on our way by two who would persist in singing some too-popular ditties.

A prominent feature of every picnic was "Billy," also a gridiron and some chops or steak (on one memorable occasion the meat was cooked—or rather burned—on the ends of sticks). A visit was made to the Grand Canon, "Billy" again being to the fore. Among other grand sights was that of a pot of plum jam spilt all over the floor of the motor in which we drove from the station.

"But our happiness was quite complete,  
When we all went back to Fort Street,  
Our equals you ne'er will meet,  
These six bad girls of Fort Street."

## THE OLD GIRLS' TENNIS CLUB.

The School colours were very much in evidence at Baumann's Cafe, on Thursday evening, 8th June, when the Old Girls held their annual dance. The members had been busy for weeks past making paper chrysanthemums for decorating. The ballroom was the talk of the evening, large presentation baskets being used, which were suspended from the ceiling, filled with red and white chrysanthemums and asparagus, while tennis racquets with red and white streamers were distributed about the walls and windows.

The supper tables were decked with "Mina Lobate" and natural grasses, with red and white table centres, 120 guests sitting down to supper.

Great disappointment was felt at the absence of Miss Partridge through illness. The members who formed the dance committee were:—

Misses Flo. Nelson, Laura Wood, Alice Evans, Maud Wardroff, Islay Macphee, Eone Davies (hon. treas.), Hilda Cox (hon. sec.), The members of the club present wore red and white ribbons, while the committee wore miniature tennis racquets with the club colours. Messrs. Davies and Evans acted as Ms.C. for the evening, Mr. B. Fahy being the musician and the extras were played by Miss Trench and Miss Sayers.

### CAMERA AND WALKING CLUB.

The Camera and Walking Club have had two delightful outings since our last account. On the first occasion we paid a visit to Barracluff's ostrich farm at South Head. The girls were very much interested in the birds, and still more delighted with the beautiful feathers, boas, and other products of the farm. On our way to Parsley Bay, we paid a visit to the Japanese Camp, where we were shown various scientific instruments and charts made in Japan. There were 56 members present. On the second trip we paid a visit to the Art Gallery, where the members of the Camera Club were surprised when they were told not to take their cameras into the building. Nevertheless, they spent a very pleasant time, and eventually went to the Gardens. From there they got some good snapshots of the warships in Farm Cove. This week it is proposed to pay a visit to the Zoo.

### PROBATIONARY STUDENTS.

The students have come from Paradise, Blackheath, after having spent an enjoyable fortnight there. The weather (as it should be at Paradise) was almost perfect; at first it was, however, rather cold, but we were able to bear the intense cold, since we were living in hopes of seeing snow.

On Wednesday morning our hopes were realised. We were contemplating whether we should get up so early (it was only 10 o'clock) when through the window we caught sight of the falling snow. It was hailed with shrieks of delight from all corners of the house. This day was memorable not only for its falling snow, but for a picnic to Blackheath Glen. Behold us setting out for this place, "cogitating" for the greater part of the way, upon the contents of the basket.

Our destination was reached, the hamper unstrapped, but no knives or spoons were in evidence. Picture us, if you can, eating alternate lumps of bread and butter, a piece of bark supplying the place of a spoon, but despite of these seemingly necessary articles we unanimously decided that we had had a good time.

The next day, although the packing was supervised by one of the superior persons of the party, the tea failed to appear when it was called for at lunch time. The look of utter despair depicted on the face of a certain young lady aroused a sympathetic feeling in the hearts of two of the party, who went to the nearest cottage and procured some tea, thus rendering all happy.

Every day found us enjoying our selves in a different place. Now we were driving to Wentworth in a coach licensed to carry ten; the next day skimming along towards Leura in a motor. Once a walk to Mount Victoria became the order of the day, and so on.

Alas! the end to every good thing comes all too quickly; but we return to our studies with renewed vigour.

### HOCKEY MATCH.

On Wednesday, 7th June, the Fortian Hockey Club played a match with the Kookaburras at the Birchgrove Oval. The Fortians won by 3 goals to 2, Ettie Warden scoring two and Doris Ide one for Fort Street.

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## THE STAFF.

During the past month another member has been added to the Girls' Staff. Mrs. A. L. Williams has been appointed as assistant sewing mistress. We are pleased to welcome her back again to Fort Street. We are also glad to note that no changes have so far been made in the staff during the vacation.

One of our old girls, Miss Lucy Cobham, was married on June 10th, at St. Phillips', Sydney, to Mr. H. L. Allnutt, only son of Rev. G. H. Allnutt B.D. On behalf of the Fortians, past and present, we wish her every happiness and prosperity in her new sphere of life.

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## Lower School Notes.

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### QUARTERLY EXAMINATIONS.

#### 5D.

The highest aggregates were obtained by Kirwan 416, Bonnard, 379, Myers 362; Sainty 360; Osborn 358; Cleland 356; Russell 352; O'Dea, 323; Pilley 321, Lawson 319, and Crackenthorpe 316. In the individual subjects the best results were as follows:—

Arithmetic: Osborn, Kirwan, Myers, Russell; O'Dea; Williamson; Pate.

Dictation: Kirwan; Bonnard; Cleland; Pilley; Haggarty and Dowling.

Reading: Elliott, De Groen, Kirwan, Osborn; Cleland; O'Dea; Crowell; and Israel.

Writing: Kirwan; Russell; Rattray; Husband.

Composition: Kirwan, Sainty, Pilley.

To the members of the fifth classes there can be given no better advice than that which came from Mr. Senior Inspector Parkinson recently: "The boys who carry the burden of the class well will one day carry the positions and the honours of the world at large."

#### 5C.

In the June Quarterly Exam, the honours gained in the important subjects were:—Reading, K. Bannister. Dictation, R. Burnett (full marks). English, R. Burnett, and Arithmetic, K. Everett and G. Littlejohn, aeq. (full marks).

The weekly examinations have shown keen competition and in nearly all cases general improvement in the results.

The principal honours were gained by:—C. Asher-Smith, 419 marks; K. Bannister, 397; K. Burnett, 384, and G. Littlefair, 382.

In English the names in order of merit are:—C. Brown C. Asher-Smith, R. Burnett, S. Norton, K. Everett, and R. Anderson, while in Mathematics, K Bannister headed the list, followed by A. Hansen, C. Asher-Smith, G. Littlefair, R. Burnett and S. Norton.

Several other boys are doing excellent work, and we hope to see these on top when the next results are published.

#### 5B.

Best examination work was shown in Arithmetic by Boyd, Chapman, and Whitehead. Dictation, Chapple, Leslie and Rattray. Reading, Bradshaw, Kinnings, Smith, Watson and Leslie. Composition, Bradshaw, Chapman, Linn, Boyd, and Rattray.

In 5A the results of the June Quarterly Exam. showed Bevan to be dux of the class with 377 marks—followed by Cramp 367, Robertson 355. Meers 351, Herbst 347, and Matta and Round each 335. Following these come Caldwell, Darch, Connie, Offer, Carpenter, Smith and Olson. In Writing, Dingle and Morgan carried highest honors. The best work in Dictation during the month has been done by Cotterill, Olson, Cotterill, Darch, Robertson and Provan. In Mathematics Offer, Parkes, Carpenter and Robertson lead. The following boys have done good work in Homework, particularly in the Art section: Jeanneret, Cable, Provan, Bates, Clark, Cramp, McAdam and Darch. Special mention might be made of the good work done in oral work during Mr. Parkinson's exam. by Darch, Durno, Herbst and Parkes.

#### 4A.

Since the Quarterly Examination the work has continued on improving lines. For the month of June the best work was performed by Lapin, S. Johnston, Cato, Lord, Mallam, Quinn, Robertson, Schwartz and McLellan. Great interest has been shown in the basket work, and already Schwartz, Cushing, Walker, Sorrenson and McKay have work that would do credit to a much longer experience. Amongst the artists with brush and paint, Wride, Smidt, Marks, Lewis, Lee, and Cato have been noted for special good work.

## LOWER SCHOOL NOTES.

## FOOTBALL.

Our football has been broken into very much by holidays, and as a result only two competition matches have been decided.

5A received a forfeit from 5C and played a team from 4A and 4B. The younger boys played a surprisingly good game, Kruse and Hanneman shining out, and were beaten by the small margin of 3 points—the final scores being 6 to 3. The stars in 5A were Robertson, Cohen and Hellings.

5B, with the aid of their handicap points, scored a victory over the likely premiers, 5D. The actual scores were 6 to 3 in favour of 5D, but as they were giving away 6 points to their opponents, the latter won the game by 9 to 6. Both sides showed rather weak football, 5D being especially weak amongst the forwards. Redwood, Pate, and Israel were good for 5D, and Chapple, Greathead and Whitehead showed out well for the winners. Gallagher in 5B played a very brilliant game scoring a Dally Messenger try.

A team from the Lower School was defeated by a team from the Combined Sixths by the small score of 6 to 3. The game was very even, although the Sixths held the advantage in weight. At the beginning of the game the Sixths showed good combination and pace, but the younger boys kept well within range, and Robertson scored a good try. The Lower School team almost without exception, played a good game, Israel at full back being especially good.

## FOOTBALL.

Firsts v. Sydney High School Firsts.—This match resulted in a win for Sydney High School. At the end of the first half Fort Street led by 6 to 5—a try by Thorne, with Holmes responsible, and a goal by O'Grady. In the second, the better condition and combination of our opponents told its tale. All our boys played well against a strange team, and it would be unfair to specialise. Ultimo forwards were better in getting the ball from the scrum, but Fort Street excelled in the line out. The tackling in the majority of cases of both sides was good, but still many have not yet learnt that gene-

rally a big opponent will shake you off unless you tackle him low. Another thing—Ultimo scored 5 points through one of our men taking things too easily in forcing down. Never give away chances. Make sure of everything. Many a match is lost by carelessness and half-heartedness.

Seconds v. Sydney High School Seconds.—In this match also, we were beaten, although at half-time the scores were 11 to 6 in our favour. Again we lost by lack of combination, a state of things, of course, which was to be expected. Evatt, Thompson, Morgan and Connelly played well in the forwards, Connelly, by a good deal of energy forcing his way over.

Hoskins and Hunt were the best. Hunt's fine run well merited the try which ended it.

Rogers at full back was very safe.

Competition results for June 7th were:—A grade: Seniors defeated 2A. B grade: 1C defeated 1D; 1E defeated 1B; 1A defeated 2B.

Competition points:—A grade: Seniors, 3 points; 2C, 3 points; 2A, 2 points. B grade: 1C, 4 points; 1E, 4 points; 1D, 2 points; 1F, 2 points; 1A, 2 points; 2B, 2 points; 1B, —.

We are glad to notice some of our representative footballers back again at School after the Junior Exam., as there are still some important outside matches to be played—Old Boys and Training College, and most probably we shall have a team from Maitland High School with us during August.

Fort Street boys will be pleased to hear that O. Harden, one of our last year's Seniors, has come to the forefront in First Grade football. The authorities agree in saying that he was the best on the field in the recent match between Sydney and New Zealand Universities. There is no doubt that Harden must soon don the representative guernsey. We heartily congratulate him on his success.

Our first team met an old friend in the person of J. Mathers, who played a good game as full back for Ultimo High School against us at Wentworth Oval.

Hockey has found many supporters among the boys, over 50 being catered for each Wednesday. Difficulty is experienced in the matter of umpires. Mr. McKenzie would do well to train another teacher in the art of the game. Soon we hope to arrange outside matches, that is, when our boys become better skilled in the game.



## Notes and News

Fort Street boys are doing excellently at the University. Shearman (5th year Medicine) has obtained a Clinical Clerkship at Callan Park Hospital.

Among the first year students, Wallace was successful in gaining first place in Chemistry at the last Term Examination, with an average of 93 per cent. Thorne occupied the second place on the list. Wallace should have an excellent chance for the Levey Scholarship.

We are pleased to note that in the first section of the Final Examination for Solicitors, Ronald Osborne gained first place, while Charlie Furlonger succeeded in passing the Final Examination and has been admitted to practice as a solicitor.

In a letter received from Mr. C. C. Crane, B.A., a former master at the School, and now at the Wagga Experimental Farm, it is mentioned that two old boys, Gardiner and Freeman, are among the students at the Farm. "Go on the land, my boy," is a piece of advice more and more of our city lads are beginning to take.

"Of all those whom we had with us in Shackleton's expedition, there was no more capable or energetic, well-trained, fearless, gallant man than that old Fort Street boy, B.Sc. and B.E. of Sydney University, and now a Doctor of Science—Douglas Mawson." So Professor David at his lecture on Antarctica in the Town Hall a few weeks ago, in aid of the funds of the Mawson expedition characterized its leader.

Numerous letters have been received from members of the Coronation Contingent. We note one interesting letter from Frank Mason, in which he tells us that "the people of Hobart have the happy idea of always wishing to shake hands with you."

If the enterprise of a firm can be gauged by the size of the catalogue it issues, then Messrs. Kodak (Australasia) Ltd. must be accorded a very high place indeed in the progress class. Their new list, just issued, contains some 400 pages of very interesting information for the use of the amateur

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The Prefects' medals have been completed by Mr. W. Kerr, jeweller, and are now proudly gracing the watch chains of the honoured few. The design, worked out in the School colours, is very neat but not elaborate, and has met with the approval of all those competent to judge.

We are pleased to note that four of our boys have been successful in passing the Cadet Draughtsman's Examination. They are, A. R. Sims, W. B. Stafford, W. K. McLean, and S. G. Holmes. Our congratulations to them all.

During the holidays some changes have taken place in the School. New gasfittings have been supplied throughout, while a second Science Room has been fitted up, and a connection made with the Chemistry Room.

Some weeks ago Harold Hardwick succeeded in winning the 100 yards Swimming Championship, but last week eclipsed even this record by winning the 100 yards Inter-Empire Swimming Championship, his time being 60 3-5 secs. In discussing Hardwick's performance, the "Sydney Morning Herald" said:—"This being the first occasion on which the championship of the British Empire has been swum for, Hardwick's success is gratifying, for it denotes that Australia as a unit in the composition of the Empire is capable of producing athletes who are equal and in many cases superior to those of the other units. The winning of the swimming events, however, does not carry with it the title of champion, for that will go to the section which gains the greatest number of victories in the various branches of sport. Hardwick holds, in conjunction with Cecil Healy, the 100 yards Australasian record, 57 secs. The world's record stands to the credit of C. M. Daniels, of the New York Athletic Club, 55 2-5 secs."

Fort Street is very proud of Hardwick's natorial triumphs.

Mr. W. Given, the caretaker of Fort Street, has resigned from the service. His place has been taken by Mr. W. Thurston, lately on the N.S.S. "Sobraon."

As the Junior results are expected to appear in the first week in August, we hope to publish them in next month's issue.

## Old Boys' News

We desire to congratulate one of our old boys, Mr. Livingstone Mote, M.A., on his marriage some few days ago. Mr. Mote, who gained his M.A. in French in March last, will be remembered as an organist of great skill. He is now on the staff of Newington College.

There returned to Sydney last week Dr. W. Brodie Grant, an old boy who passed the Junior in 1897. After spending some time in the service of the Department of Education, he went to the University of Edinburgh, where he had a brilliant medical career, graduating with First Class Honours in Medicine and Gynaecology, and the University Medal for Diseases of the Ear, Nose and Throat. After two years' work as surgeon in several British hospitals, he has returned to his native city, where he intends practising his profession.

## Some Historic Relics.

Mr. W. H. Gregory Lloyd, of Sans Souci, has presented the School Museum with two historical relics of great interest. The first is a large ivory candlestick turned by the late Sir Henry Parkes, "the grand old man of Australian politics," when he was the proprietor of a toy shop in Hunter-street. The second article is a bronze medallion, struck in honour of the victory of Lutzen, where Napoleon defeated the combined army of Prussia and Russia in 1813. We thank Mr. Lloyd for his valuable gifts.

## The Poets' Corner

### OUR FIRST LACROSSE MATCH.

By "Cover Point."

E.O.K. of the Seniors,  
By the nine gods he swore,  
That the great school of Fort Street  
Should stand defeat no more.  
By the nine gods he swore it  
That if they did not win  
Some Kogarahite should suffer—  
And lose a bit of skin.

And now had come the dawning  
Of that great fateful day,  
And Bertie in the morning,  
Prepared him for the fray.  
His arms he cased in "footy" pads,  
And to the field he strode,  
And with his stout lacrosse stick  
Proudly the course he trode.

But the Seniors' brows were saddened,  
Even Centre's voice was low,  
And darkly looked they at the ball  
And darkly at the foe.  
But when the gallant umpire  
Was seen in light-blue hose,  
A yell that rent the firmament  
From all the team arose.

Shame on the careless Fortian  
Who keeps within his door,  
When Bertie of the Seniors  
Is on the hunt for gore.  
For Seniors in their battles  
Spare neither hair nor skin,  
Nor bumps nor checks nor heads nor legs  
As long as they can win.

The whistle blows right loudly,  
The game is now begun;  
Adolphus, of the Seniors,  
Jams hard the enemy's thumb.  
Then up spake Bally Billantyne,  
A doughty warrior he:  
"If we can only get the ball"—  
But he stopped full suddenly.

For the ball had got poor Bally,  
 And in lacrosse, you know,  
 The ball it weighs in ounces six,  
 And is not soft I trow.  
 In battle fierce they fight and strive,  
 And the enemy take it ill,  
 For at half-time they find the score  
 "Against them, three to nil.

Then comes a lull in battle,  
 A flag of truce is spread,  
 And both the armies separate  
 To rest and count their dead.  
 But soon again to carnage  
 The combatants are called,  
 And the whistle brings them, eager,  
 Although a little mauled.

But the tide of battle changes,  
 The Fortians are pressed full sore,  
 And the beef and bluff of Kogarah  
 Make mount up still the score.  
 But again the Seniors rally,  
 They must not beaten be;  
 And when at length the whistle blows,  
 They have won by four to three.  
A. H. Smith.

### FAREWELL!

*A Sonnet, on leaving the School.*

Alas! must I now bid you all adieu,  
 Ye pleasant mem'ries ne'er to be forgot?  
 Ah, can I leave these realms, long shared with  
 you,  
 And call and yearn, but yet to hear you not?

Ah me! perforce, reluctantly I must,  
 For duty calls, and needs must be obeyed,  
 Though longings fill my heart with yearning, just  
 To visit scenes from which, heartrent, I  
 strayed.

Oh! if you could but know the anguish drear  
 Which fills my soul and wracks my weary  
 heart,  
 If you could feel the pain when farewell's near,  
 Ah, never, truly never would we part.

Oh, true indeed, this parting seems a knell,  
 With sorrow, then, I bid you all farewell.

—J. A. Gruen,

### OLD FRIENDS IN A NEW GUISE.

Tell me not in mournful measures,  
 Work is but an empty dream.  
 I know better. 'Tis a nightmare;  
 One that makes a man blasphemous.

*Pause.*

The schoolbell tolls the hour day after day;  
 And we, reluctant, slowly climb the stair.  
 The teacher lectures in his weary way,  
 And all the world is darkness and despair.  
R. C. Wiburd.

### ON GETTING UP.

When I go to my cosy bed  
 At night, I straight begin to dread  
 The morrow morn, when I must rise  
 And ope, by force, my leaden eyes.

I think as 'neath the clothes I lie  
 At seven-thirty, "Woe am I!"  
 I've much to do, I must awake—  
 Another forty winks I'll take.

At eight o'clock I'm roused once more,  
 By someone banging on the door,  
 And singing this well-known refrain,  
 "Get up at once, you're late again!"

I think as I lie there so snug  
 "The water's frozen in the jug,  
 And what a nuisance 'tis to dress,  
 I'd sooner lie in bed I guess.

"The day is cold, the bed is warm—  
 I really must my ways reform—  
 Not yet!" So getting 'neath the clothes,  
 I stay and have another doze.

At eight-fifteen I wake once more,  
 And spring out quickly on the floor,  
 One splash, five hops, as if possessed  
 Hey! presto! quick! I'm washed and  
 dressed.

No time have I to black my shoes,  
 I've not one second now to lose,  
 No time my dusty clothes to brush,  
 No waiting now, I've got to rush.

Without my breakfast I must go,  
 A prey to hunger, pain and woe,  
 And all because I would repose  
 In bed to have another doze.

R. C. Wiburd,

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## : Editorial :

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## Authorship of Old Sayings.

Many old sayings are used so often and have been in favour so long that their original authorship is difficult to trace. The following list is believed to be correct as far as it goes, but probably some of these were used much earlier, and were quotations or popular sayings when used by the authors in whose writings they seem first to have occurred. The wise man said, "There is nothing new under the sun." Mark Twain made the world laugh with the story of the Jumping Frog, but some antiquary claims to have found virtually the same story in a very ancient Greek manuscript. F. Hopkinson Smith's goose with one leg is a very old story, as Mr. Smith says he discovered after he had written it. Eli Perkins offered a cash reward for any joke funny enough

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to make him laugh and which he could not show to be at least 200 years old.

But admitting the difficulty of fixing with certainty the exact dates of the first appearances of certain sayings which have become part of the common currency of speech, this list will yet be of interest to students of literature, for it shows in each case where each of these sayings is first certainly known to have been used by literary writers.

The pen is mightier than the sword. Bulwer, in Richelieu.

The gray mare is the better horse. Prior, in Epilogue to Lucius.

My better half. Sir Philip Sidney, in Arcadia.

Sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. From Maxims of Tom Brown.

Two of a trade can ne'er agree. Gay.

A burnt child dreads the fire. Ben Johnson, in The Devil is an Ass.

There is no such word as fail. Bulwer, in Richelieu.

Look before you leap. Martin Parker, in Excellent New Medley.

Man wants but little here below. Goldsmith. Coming events cast their shadows before. Campbell, in Lochiel's Warning.

Discretion is the better part of valour. Beaumont and Fletcher, in A King and no King. See also Shakespeare's Henry IV.

Nothing venture nothing have. Thomas Tusser.

The more haste the less speed. Churchill, in "The Ghost.

Trip the light fantastic toe. Milton.

Conspicuous for his absence. Tacitus.

Echo answers where. Byron, in Bride of Abydos.

It beggars description. Shakespeare, in Antony and Cleopatra.

Well begun is half done. Horace.

Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise. Gray, in Ode to Eton College.

The better the day the better the deed. Sir John Holt.

According to her garments she cut her cloth. Dryden, in the Cock and Fox.

Though last not least. Skelton's Colin Clout.

Through thick and thin. Spencer, in Faery Queen.

Laugh and grow fat. Ben Jonson.

# Just a Common Job !

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Better to wear out than to rust out. Bishop Horne.

Comparisons are odious. Burton, in Anatomy of Melancholy.

Of two evils the less is to be chosen. Thomas a Kempis.

The child is father to the man. Prior, in Imitations of Horace.

All is not gold that glitters. Spenser, in Faery Queen.

There's luck in odd numbers. Lover, in Roly O'Moore.

See also Shakespeare's Merry Wives of Windsor.

God helps those who help themselves. Sir Philip Sidney. Sophocles has it, Heaven never helps the man who will not act.

God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb. Sterne, in Tristram Shandy.

Man proposes, God disposes. Thomas a Kempis.

Beggars should never be choosers. Beaumont and Fletcher, in the Scornful Lady.

The following are found in Shakespeare:—  
As dead as a door-nail. Henry IV.

To give the devil his due. Same.

My cake is dough. Taming of the Shrew.  
Macbeth.

Screw your courage to the sticking place.  
Macbeth.

That bourne from whence no traveller returns.  
Hamlet.

In Butler's Hudibras we find:—

To take the wrong sow by the ear.

To get by hook or crook.

To count their chickens ere they're hatched.

To smell a rat.

To George Herbert we are indebted for these:—  
Wouldst have thy cake and eat it too?

The sport is not worth the candle.

God's mills grind slow but sure.

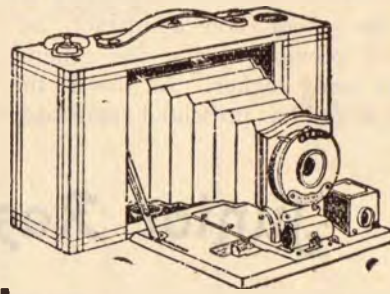
His bark is worse than his bite.

The mill cannot grind with the water that is past.

The wearer knows where the shoe pinches.

"Public Instruction Gazette."

We extend our sympathy to Bert Green who unfortunately broke his collar-bone on Saturday week.



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## The Junior Examination

The results of the 1911 Junior Examination came to hand last month, and proved entirely satisfactory to all concerned. Ninety-four boys and 34 girls were successful in passing. Ernest Jerdan, whose photo. appears in this issue, gained the best pass, 6 A and 1 B, besides winning the medal for German, and being *prox. acc.* for English. Roy Head also gained six A's and one B. The best pass in the girls' department was that of Jessie Wright. Other honors were won by Harriet McDowell (medal for Botany), Harold J. Thornton (medal for Geography), William J. Geides (*prox. acc.* for Geography), Roy Head (*prox. acc.* for Algebra), and Keith Frecker (*prox. acc.* for Algebra).

As regards the examination generally, the re-

sults gained by the school show a distinct advance on those of previous years, the general average of passes being higher. As this is the first year that the school has presented candidates

in German, the fact that 6 out of the 9 A's awarded at the whole examination fell to our boys is distinctly meritorious.

The full list of passes is appended.

## Junior Results--Boys:

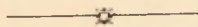
### MATRICULATION CLASSES.

Name.	Eng.	French.	Latin.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Chem.	Ger.
Adams, R.	C	C	C	B	A	B	A	—
Arnott, R.	B	—	—	—	B	B	B	—
Barry, C	A	B	B	B	A	A	—	A
Bridgement, W.	—	—	C	C	B	B	C	—
Brown, D.	C	C	—	B	A	C	C	—
Cantrell, F.	C	C	C	A	A	C	B	—
Clouston, B.	A	B	C	A	A	A	—	A
Crane, L.	B	B	C	A	A	A	—	A
Christie, W.	C	C	—	B	B	B	C	—
Crocker, A.	B	—	C	C	B	C	C	—
Cunningham, G.	B	C	C	C	A	—	C	—
Cuthbert, N	A	C	—	B	B	B	C	—
Digby, J.	B	A	A	A	A	B	B	—
Dwyer, A.	B	—	C	C	A	B	C	—
Eldershaw, A.	B	B	C	A	A	B	B	—
Ellis, S.	A	B	A	A	A	B	B	—
England, V.	A	A	B	A	A	B	A	—
Firth, L.	B	A	B	A	A	B	A	—
Frecker, K	A	A	A	B	†A	B	B	—
Hayes, W.	B	C	C	B	A	A	B	—
Head, R.	B	A	A	A	†A	A	A	—
Hill, C.	C	—	C	C	B	C	—	C
Hosking, J.	C	—	—	—	C	C	C	—
Jerdan, E.	†A	A	B	A	A	A	—	A
Kennedy, J.	C	C	C	B	B	B	C	—
Lawler, J.	C	—	C	B	B	C	C	C
Lloyd, T.	C	—	—	B	B	C	C	—
McKinnon, H.	C	C	—	B	B	B	B	—
Moran, E.	A	B	B	B	A	B	B	—
Morgan, R.	C	—	—	B	B	C	C	C
Morgan, J.	B	—	C	—	C	B	C	—
Mullins, J.	C	—	C	B	B	C	—	C
Metcalfe A.	C	—	C	B	B	C	C	—
Napier, R.	C	C	C	—	B	C	C	—
Ormsby, M.	C	—	B	C	A	C	C	B
Overton, E	B	B	B	A	A	B	—	B
Pritchard, H.	C	C	C	C	A	C	C	—
Robinovitz, N.	A	C	C	A	A	A	C	—
Rutherford, K.	B	C	C	—	B	C	—	—
Smith, W.	B	A	B	B	A	C	—	A
Spark, M.	A	B	B	B	A	A	B	—
Spence, K.	C	C	C	B	B	A	C	—
Stafford, G.	—	—	C	A	A	B	C	—
Thompson, C.	A	B	A	A	A	A	B	—
Thompson, J.	C	—	—	C	A	C	C	C
Thorne, A.	B	C	C	C	A	B	C	—
Vickers, E.	B	C	C	C	A	C	C	—
Wilson, A.	B	—	—	A	A	A	C	—
Watts, V.	B	—	—	B	B	C	C	C

\* Medallist.

† Prox. Acc.

COMMERCIAL CLASSES.



Name.	History.	Geog.	Eng.	French.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Chem.	Ge*
Alcock, H.	...	B	C	...	B	A	C	B	—
Allsopp, J.	...	A	B	...	...	B	...	C	...
Anderson, W.	...	A	A	C	A	B	B	B	...
Appleton, S.	C	B	C	...	C	C	C	C	...
Arnold, B.	...	B	...	...	B	B	B	C	...
Barker, S.	...	B	...	...	B	A	B	C	...
Bell, R.	...	A	A	C	C	B	A	C	...
Brukarz, B.	...	B	C	...	C	A	B	B	...
Bushby, R.	...	B	...	...	C	B	C	C	...
Cobb, F.	...	A	...	...	—	B	B	C	...
Davidson, F.	C	A	C	...	B	A	C	C	...
Dickenson, L.	...	B	...	...	—	B	B	C	...
Drake, A.	B	A	...	...	B	A	C	C	...
Dudley, A.	...	C	C	...	A	C	B	—	...
Enderby, K.	...	C	C	...	A	B	B	...	...
Evatt, R.	...	A	A	...	B	B	C	A	...
Eve, R.	...	A	C	...	C	B	C	C	...
Feather, J.	...	C	C	...	C	B	C	C	...
Ford, R.	C	C	—	...	B	B	C	C	...
Friend, L.	...	B	C	C	B	A	A	C	...
Gerdes, W.	...	†A	B	C	A	A	A	B	...
Goddard, J.	C	A	C	...	A	B	A	C	...
Gowing, R.	...	B	—	...	C	C	B	C	...
Griffiths, R.	B	C	B	...	C	B	C	C	...
Holgate, L.	...	B	B	C	B	B	C	A	...
Kneebone, E.	...	A	B	...	C	B	C	B	...
McGilchrist, A.	...	B	C	...	B	B	C	C	...
Macnamara, A.	...	B	B	...	—	A	B	B	...
Meggy, D.	...	B	B	...	—	B	C	C	...
Mansley, W.	C	B	—	...	C	B	C	C	...
Neilson, R.	...	C	...	...	C	C	C	C	...
Nowland, R.	...	A	C	—	C	A	C	C	...
O'Connor, J.	...	B	C	...	B	A	B	C	...
Olsson, R.	...	A	A	...	A	A	B	A	...
Price, L.	A	B	C	...	—	R	B	—	B
Rost, R.	...	A	C	C	...	B	A	B	...
Sledge, S.	C	B	C	...	A	B	C	C	...
Smith, R.	...	A	—	...	C	B	C	C	...
Stobo, A.	...	B	C	...	C	B	C	C	...
Thomas, D.	...	B	B	...	C	A	C	C	...
Thornton, H.	...	*A	C	...	—	A	A	B	...
Turner, A.	B	B	...	...	C	B	A	B	...
Wedlock, R.	...	B	C	...	B	B	A	C	...
Wilson, C.	...	A	C	...	B	A	B	C	...
Worth, O.	...	A	—	...	—	B	B	C	...
Yates, H.	B	A	C	...	A	B	B	C	...

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THE CORONATION CONTINGENT.

From a letter by Ormond G. Tunks, we cull the following:—

“One striking thing is the way the Canadian Government advertises. Everywhere you find notices displaying the fine terms offered settlers if they will only go to Canada. On the other hand, all the advertisements relating to Australia seem to be in out of the way places.”

“Among Londoners, there is a vast deal of ignorance respecting Australia. In some parts we have been asked such questions as these:—“What language do you speak out there?” “Does that place belong to us?” “Do you live anywhere near Port Darwin?” while many are of opinion that Australia is peopled by millions of niggers.”

Mr. A. L. Clisholm, B.A., has returned from Glen Innes to Fort Street.



## - - Girls' Results - -

Name.	Hist.	Geog.	Eng.	French.	Ger.	Latin.	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Geol.	Bot.	Phy.	Dr.	Mus.	
Lilian A. Anderson	...	...	C	...	B	...	...	...	...	...	B	...	...	A	...
Lilian F. Anderson	...	C	...	C	...	B	...	...	B	...	C	...	...	C	...
Isabel Bennett	...	...	C	...	C	...	...	...	...	...	...	C	...	B	...
Nurah Bercli	...	...	B	...	C	...	...	...	...	...	B	...	C	A	...
Olive Borella	...	...	A	...	B	...	...	...	C	...	B	...	...	C	...
Bessie Brown	...	C	...	C	...	C	...	...	...	...	C	...	...	...	C
Dorothy Brown	...	...	C	...	B	...	C	...	...	...	C	...	C	...	...
Bessie Chauncy	...	...	C	...	C	...	...	...	...	...	B	...	...	B	...
Freda Cobb	...	B	...	A	...	B	...	...	...	...	B	...	B	...	...
Doreen Connor	...	B	...	C	...	B	...	B	...	...	C	...	...	...	...
Alice Crane	...	C	...	C	...	A	...	...	...	...	C	...	...	...	...
Grace Donald	...	A	...	A	...	B	...	...	B	...	A	...	...	C	...
Mary Dreelin	...	...	B	...	C	...	...	...	...	...	C	...	C	B	C
Jessie Foxall	...	...	...	A	...	B	...	...	C	...	B	...	B	...	...
Marion Gordon	...	...	C	...	C	...	C	...	...	...	C	...	C	...	...
Jessie Hall	...	B	...	C	...	A	...	...	...	...	B	...	B	...	...
Violet Heckenberg	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	...
Gladys Hoffman	...	...	...	B	...	C	...	...	C	...	C	...	...	...	...
Chryse Holmes	...	B	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	...	C	...	B	...	...
Linda Home	...	...	C	...	...	...	...	...	C	...	C	...	...	B	...
Jessie Key	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	C	...	...	A	...	...	...	C
Marjorie Kilgour	...	...	...	...	C	...	...	C	...	...	B	...	C	...	...
Harriet McDowell	...	B	...	A	...	C	...	...	C	...	A	...	*A	...	C
Lilian Maguire	...	C	...	B	...	A	...	B	...	...	C	...	...	A	...
Mary Mewkill	...	C	...	C	...	B	...	C	...	...	B	...	B	...	...
Joyce Mitchell	...	...	...	A	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	...	...	...	...
Dorothy Rothschild	...	...	...	B	...	B	...	...	B	...	A	...	A	...	...
Lottie Scharfstein	...	...	...	C	...	C	...	...	B	...	C	...	C	...	...
Violet Siddins	...	B	...	B	...	B	...	C	...	...	B	...	A	...	...
Erica Smith	...	...	...	B	...	C	...	...	C	...	...	B	...	C	...
Cassie Thornton	...	C	...	A	...	B	...	...	...	...	C	...	A	...	...
Nessie Waldon	...	...	...	A	...	...	...	C	...	...	B	...	B	...	...
Jessie Wright	...	A	...	B	...	A	...	B	...	...	A	...	A	...	...
Winnie Plunkett	...	B	...	B	...	A	...	B	...	...	B	...	B	...	...

\* Denotes Medallist.

Medal for Botany : Harriet McDowell.

### FORT STREET OLD GIRLS' UNION.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at school on Saturday, 29th July. A good proportion of the members were present. Mrs. Spencer, in the absence of Miss Partridge, took the chair. The business of the meeting was to make final arrangements for the annual dance, which will be held at the Paddington Town Hall on Friday, 4th August. We trust that this social function will be a success in every way,

and will be the means of strengthening the good fellowship which has always existed among Fortians at all times.

### RETURN THANKS.

We wish to thank Mr. Roberts, under-manager of the Forbane Kerosene Shale Company, for the most interesting specimens of kerosene shale, and the various products of the same, which he has presented to the school through one of our pupils.

# Girls' Page

Edited by Miss B. TEARLE

## GIRLS' L. AND D. SOCIETY.

Some of the members of the Senior Debating Society entertained the remaining members of the Society at the monthly meeting with a Mock Trial.

The Judge (D. Rothschild, who was dressed for the part) ably fulfilled her position. Olive Waraker, in the role of Prisoner, who was subsequently proved innocent, quite upheld the estimable position which she at present holds in the Society, and Barrister Browne (for the defence) must be complimented on the exceptional rhetoric powers she displayed. We must not forget to compliment Barrister Gulliford on the logical case she brought forward for the prosecution.

The witnesses, also, must not be forgotten, and Joyce Mitchell must be specially mentioned for her able impersonation of 'Arriet 'Awkins, who was not "a charwoman," but only an "(h) office cleaner."

It was decided that the next meeting should take the form of a debate.

## TENNIS CLUB.

A series of tennis matches for various championships will be played off at Birchgrove. The first match commenced last Wednesday, 2nd August. The School Championship, Class Championships, Handicap Doubles, and Beginners' Competition will be eagerly contested.

A party of about 200 girls from Fort-street went to the Town Hall on Wednesday, 5th July, to hear Sousa's Band. In spite of the inclement weather, the girls seemed to spend a very pleasant afternoon. The items on the programme were well rendered, and the youthful portion of the audience applauded freely. Considering that it was too wet to indulge in the ordinary organised sports, this entertainment came at a very appropriate time.

## HOCKEY CLUB.

The hockey match between the Fortians and Wandah Hockey Club took place at the Birchgrove Oval on Wednesday, 26th July. The Fortians won by 5 goals to 1.

## CAMERA AND WALKING CLUB.

On Wednesday, 19th July, the Camera and Walking Club paid a visit to the Zoo. The outing seemed very popular, judging by the number of members present. The amateurs secured some good photos, of the animals, the pelicans standing in the water making one very pretty group. The following Wednesday, the club took a cross-country trip from Edgecliff-road to Woollahra Park, and on to Rose Bay. Wednesday, 2nd August, a much longer walk, from Watson's Bay to Bondi, was undertaken. We did not have time to visit Ben Buckler, but intend on some future occasion to make a special visit there, for geological purposes.

### MORE BRILLIANT SUCCESSES IN SHORTHAND.

Result of Shorthand Examinations conducted at Fort Street School, 1st April, 1911, by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia.

#### Advanced Theory

1st place in N.S.W., Ida Grice  
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2nd place W. Steele  
(Metropolitan Business College)

4th place M. Colquhoun  
(Metropolitan Business College)

**Theory**—1st place in N.S.W., Marion Kark  
(Metropolitan Business College)

2nd place Dorothy Beveridge  
(Metropolitan Business College)

4th place Winnie Buckler  
(Metropolitan Business College)

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## Reduction of Silver Salts.

In the laboratory it is often required to make small quantities of silver nitrate from a coin, or from an accumulation of  $\text{AgCl}$ . The method of reducing the  $\text{AgCl}$  by fusing with Sod. Carbonate in a fireclay pot is long and inconvenient; the method of reduction by contact with zinc is also tedious, and, moreover, is often rendered unsuitable for analytical work, owing to impurities in the zinc.

The best laboratory method would then seem to be the well known one of reduction by boiling

$\text{KOH}$ . This idea was tested, and was found to work so well in practice that the filtrate from the reduced silver was entirely free from this metal, and, moreover, after thoroughly washing the reduced silver with hot water, it dissolved completely in dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$ , leaving no trace of  $\text{AgCl}$ . The reduced silver formed a non-adherent mirror on the sides of the vessel, which broke into a more or less spongy mass on further boiling.

The above idea led to another method of reduction to metallic silver.

Remembering that Hydrogen Peroxide reduces silver oxide to the metallic state, it was thought probable that the addition of Sodium Peroxide to a cold  $\text{NH}_3$  solution of  $\text{AgCl}$  would lead more conveniently to the same result as the old method. This was found to be the case when actually tried, and no silver could be detected in the filtrate, provided a sufficiency of Sod. Peroxide were used. Instead of adding the peroxide to the solution, it was found to be a saving of the former if the solution were poured slowly on it, less peroxide being required for a given quantity of solution. When action had apparently ceased, the mixture was boiled, diluted, and filtered. The silver formed by this method also dissolved completely in dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$ , being free from all trace of the chloride. (From "Chemical News," London, 16 June, 1911.)

The preceding article by one of our last year's Seniors, Edgar H. Booth, who is now doing Engineering at the University, was contributed to the "Chemical News," London, and augurs well for his future career as a research student.

Mr. W. Gregory Lloyd has presented the School with three documents of great antiquity and value, dating respectively from the reigns of Elizabeth, Charles I. and William and Mary. These have now been framed, and will occupy a prominent position in the school. We thank Mr. Gregory Lloyd for his kindness and thoughtfulness.

The Fortian desires to thank Mr. J. W. Turner, Superintendent of Technical Education, for the photo and block of E. S. Jerdan which appears in this issue.



ERNEST S. JERDAN.  
Medallist, German. Prox. Acc. English. Junior 1911.

with sugar and  $\text{KOH}$ . This, however, is also at fault, owing to the fact that the first portion of the metallic silver produced forms a protective coating around the unaltered  $\text{AgCl}$ .

It was thought that this difficulty in the last method could be entirely obviated, or at least minimised, by first dissolving the  $\text{AgCl}$  in  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ , before boiling with the sugar and

## Lower School Notes.

### CLASS WORK.

The annual inspection being over, and promotions made, the classes have again settled down to work. In the 5th classes the prize in view is promotion to the High School at the end of the year.

5E.—In this class particularly good work has been shown by Gardyne, Powell, and Little. Others doing well are Russel, Pilley, and Stent, the latter's homework calling for special praise. We look to these boys to fill the top places vacated by the recent promotion of Kirwan, Israel and Milne.

The work of 5th Class is not so earnest as it should be. A number of boys are letting the more studious boys of the class do the bulk of the work. It is, however, pleasing to note that at Mr. Inspector Parkinson's examination, the class was very attentive, and the work was satisfactory. The class as a whole are somewhat weak in spelling, and improvement can only be had when this subject receives daily attention and revision of mis-spellings is continuous. An examination in the important subjects is not present in progress, and the results will be given in next issue.

In the individual subjects, the following boys have shown the best work during the week:—English: Linn, Bradshaw, Smith, Young, and Boyd. Arithmetic: Winter, F. Lessing, Bradshaw and Morris. Dictation: Lyons, Whitehead, Boyd, Kirchner and Bradshaw.

The following boys have shown most improvement in their homework:—Lyons, Lessing, Davies, Rosenbloom, Whitehead, Bradshaw, Dibbs, and Smith. Of these, the work of Lyons and Lessing is very creditable.

It is pleasing to note that Richardson, Dibbs, Chapple, Rosenbloom, and Young have shown interest and improvement in their work generally.

5B.—For general proficiency, the chief places are held by McAdam and Cramp, who belonged to the old 5A. Of the new boys promoted from 4B, Diggermann and Canty are doing very well, while Freeman is to be commended for improvement. Thirty entries are assured for coming sports, and the whole class, with the exception of a dozen boys, is taking part in the display.

5A.—Good work has been done during the month by the majority of the class, but a few of the old "grandfathers" of the class still refuse to work. In arithmetic Fennell leads the way, followed closely by Williams, Allpress, Penfold, and Lapin. The following boys did well in spelling:—L. Opit, Cowan, Salmon, McKenzie, Johnson, Drew, Price, Pate, Hurt, Gerdes, Penfold, Bastian, Humphries, Catterall, McWilliams, Payling, Sillicto, Pooley, Lord, McKay, and Williams. L. Opit, Bastian, Fennell, N. Opit, Dring, Payling, Mallom, Hurt, Cowan, and Storey have tablets deserving of praise.

4A.—In this class, two recently promoted boys, Hotten and McDermott, have gained first and second places for best all-round work for the month. They are closely followed by Schwartz, Crealy, and Barnett. In the individual subjects the places are as follow:—Arithmetic: Bowyer, Peterson, McDermott, Schmidt, Heath, Hotten, Crealy. Composition: Williams, Round, Marks, Bowyer, Lee. Homework: Schwartz, Hotten, Crealy, McDermott, Schmidt. Reading: Round, Hotten, Holmgreen, Williams, Quinn. A large number of entries for the forthcoming sports meeting has been handed in, so that it is to be hoped a few of the prizes in the field of sport come to 4A boys.

3A.—The following boys in this class have

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done very neat work in their class note books:—Bailey, F. Smith, Rupert Carter, A. Ramsland, N. Price, and A. Hamilton. The greatest care and improvement in homework has been shown by J. Briggs, S. Cooper, C. Nelson, S. Short, J. Lyons, and A. Ramsland. Many of the boys promoted from second class have shown a decided taste for art work. Among the pastel artists we may specially note: R. Carter, S. Short, C. Riley, G. Partridge, J. Wienert, and F. Bailey.

2nd Class.—The best work in this class during the month has been done by Simpson, Smythe, Schultz, and Butler. The boys who do the best homework are Ashby, Anderson, Lloyd, Humphries, Boukarz, and Jacobsen. The boys who have shown the greatest interest in nature study are Johnson, McKenzie, Smith, Watson and McLean.

### LOWER SCHOOL.

#### FOOTBALL.

The competition is now in a very interesting state, since 5A and 5B are the leaders, with a total of 6 points each. 5D are next, being two points behind the leading classes. In their last match, 5B met their first defeat at the hands of 5D. The former team has a handicap of 6 points from the latter, but were beaten on time by 11 to 9.

5A won their match from 5C, and the last-named class have proved a very poor lot of sportsmen, since in one match they refused to finish the game because in their opinion the umpire had given a wrong decision..

All the teams are showing improved form, and 5D are at last waking up and starting passing rushes amongst the backs. Forward play is still rather weak in the teams, and any class which improves their dribbling and footwork generally would at the same time considerably improve their chances in the competition.

4A and 4B have met four times during the month, 4B winning three out of the four matches. The best form has been shown by Williams and Kruse for the winners, while Mannsman has shown out for 4A. Schwartz and Sorrentson have also done good work. 3rd and 2nd classes meet each Friday, but the 3rd have shown themselves the stronger. The captains are Ferguson (for 3rd) and Glover (for 2nd).

### SCHOOL SPORTS.

The school sports take place on September 6 at Sydney Sports Ground. A varied programme has been provided, catering for all members of the Sports Union, and providing spectacular events for adults. We would like to draw the attention of Old Boys to the Old Boys' Race. Last year the number of entries was very small, and as a consequence we could not give prizes as big as we would have wished. This time we hope for a large entry, and can promise substantial prizes.

We are again indebted to Mr. W. Card, of the Mining Museum, for copies of magazines kindly donated to the library.

Some recent addition to the senior class library—20 volumes of the new Home University Library. The titles are as follows:—

- (1) Parliament, by Sir Courtney Ilbert.
- (2) Shakespeare, by John Masefield.
- (3) The French Revolution, by Hilaire Belloc.
- (4) History of War and Peace, by G. H. Ferris.
- (5) The Stock Exchange, by F. W. Hirst.
- (6) Irish Nationality, by Mrs. J. R. Green.
- (7) Modern Geography, by Dr. Marion Neghigin.
- (8) Polar Exploration, by Dr. W. Bruce.
- (9) Evolution of Plants, by Dr. D. H. Scott.

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8. Championship of the School	... 6d.
9—13. Class Handicaps, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 1st Year, 2nd Year, Seniors	... 3d.
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19. Junior Obstacle, under 15	... 3d.
20. Three Legged Race	... 6d.
21. Sack Race	... 3d.
22. Wheelbarrow Race	... 6d.
23. Throwing at Wicket	... 6d.
24. Kicking Football	... 3d.
25. Hop, Step and Jump	... 3d.
26. Junior Victoria Cross Race, under 15 years	... 3d.
27. Senior Victoria Cross Race, 15 years and over	... 6d.
28. Fancy Dress	... 6d.
29. Junior Walk	... 6d.
30. Senior Walk	... 3d.
31. Old Boys Race (provided 9 entries), 220 Yards	... 3d.
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33. Junior Hurdle	... 3d.
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- (11) Conservatism, by Lord Hugh Cecil.
- (12) The Opening up of Africa, by Sir H. H. Johnston.
- (13) Mediaeval Europe, by H. W. Davis, M.A.
- (14) Mohammedanism, by Professor Margolouth.
- (15) The Science of Wealth, by J. A. Hobson, M.A.
- (16) Health and Disease, by Dr. Leslie MacKenzie.
- (17) Introduction to Mathematics, by H. W. Whitehead, D.Sc.
- (18) The Animal World, by Professor Gambie.
- (19) Evolution, by Professors Thompson and Geddes.
- (20) Insanity and Crime, by Dr. C. A. Mercier.
- Also:—
- Plutarch's Lines (complete).
- Swift's Gulliver's Travels.
- Great English Novelist (Holbrook Jackson).
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- Boswell's Life of Johnson.
- Morley's Life of Cromwell.
- Rolfe's Macbeth.
- Verity's Macbeth, Verity's King Lear.

## Debating.

On Friday, July 21st, the heated discussions of Macquarie-street were re-echoed in the senior room, when the Liberal Premier (C. Bennett) upheld the benefits of ferehold as opposed to leasehold. The Premier was supported by Holmes, Sillar, Liggins, McKee, Griffith and Morgan. The Opposition leader (Simpson) found supporters in New, Reid, and Gruen. The motion was carried easily on the voices.

28th.—The oratorical powers of the new seniors were tested by impromptu speeches, and many of the subjects were keenly discussed. Some of the subjects were: "Is Life Worth Living?" "What is Your Opinion of the Present Political Crisis?" "Should Municipal Bodies Cater for Amateur Sporting by Way of Providing Dressing Accommodation, etc.?" "What do you think of the seniors' lacrosse caps?" "Are we downhearted?" etc. The speakers were: Reid, Rowe, Simpson, Bennett, Mitchell, McKee, Esserman, Lewis,

Hudson, Liggins, Morgan, Stobo, Griffith, Biggs, Jerdan, New and Thorne.

A half-yearly meeting was held on Friday, 14th. Mr. Kilgour, president, occupied the chair.

The half-yearly report read by the secretary showed that the society is still in a flourishing condition. While the treasurer (Green) by his balance sheet proved that the financial condition is sound. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

### *Election of Officers.*

Mr. Kilgour was unanimously re-elected president. Masters of the High School were elected vice-presidents. Simpson was re-elected students' vice-president, Briggs treasurer, C. E. Bennett re-elected secretary, Holmes and E. Reid were elected editor and sub-editor respectively of MSS. Journal, Rowe and Lewis were elected auditors, while after much voting the following were elected as committee: Hudson, McKee, Jerdan, Barry, and Sparke.

The number of members has swelled owing to the advent of the lower seniors, who were elected members of the society on the motion of Gruer and Simpson.

## Sporting

### FOOTBALL.

The School v. Old Boys match has been fixed for August 16th, at Sports Ground. The School team, though perhaps not quite as formidable as last year, will be a strong one. We hope to be able to retain the honor we gained last year.

Competition results for July 20th:—

2C defeated 2A, 27-0, 1G defeated 2B 21-0, 1F defeated 1H 37-8, 1E defeated 1C 28-8, 1D defeated 1A and 1B 16-13.

Results for July 27th:—

Seniors defeated 2C 18-9, 1G defeated 1A and 1B 28-10, 1D defeated 1H 16-8, 1C defeated 1F 14-3, 1E v. 2B match to be replayed.

Competition points to July 27:—

A Grade: Seniors, 7 points; 2C, 5 points, 2A, 4 points. B Grade: 1G, 8 pts.; 1E, 6 pts. (1 match to be played); 1F, 4pts.; 1D, 4pts.; 1C, 4pts.; 1H, 2pts.; 2B, 2pts.; 1A and 1B 0 pts. (2 matches to be played).

## THE MAITLAND HIGH SCHOOL BOYS.

This season sees the renewal of the home and home matches with the Maitland High School. The visiting team arrived in Sydney on Friday morning, Aug. 4th, and were met at the station by Evatt and other seniors. After lunch they visited the school, and were shown over the different department, being much struck at the lively appearance of the tennis court. In the afternoon, the match took place at Epping. The school reps. were:—Full-back, Connolley; three-quarters, Griffiths, Spark, Parkes, O'Grady; halves, Evatt (capt.), Morgan; forwards, Thorne, Gruen, Brown, Holmes, Firth, Green, Asher, Bennett. The game was rather one-sided, the school winning handsomely by 33 points to 3. Playing with the wind Fort Street soon had a lead, owing to forward rushes, in which Thorne and Gruen led the van. The two last tries in the first half were the result of unexpected "blind side" play by our halves, Parkes adding the finishing touch. At half-time we led 21 to nil. The second half was even, but Fort-street still held the advantage. Connolley showed fine defensive powers. Thorne scored from a dribbling rush, and then Brown got over from a long centre kick by Evatt. Next Maitland scored, after a fierce attack on the line. Fort Street replied with a passing bout, Morgan securing smartly in the loose, and passing to Evatt, to Spark, to Parkes, who scored. But it was not yet over. Another attacking movement was begun from a centre-kick by O'Grady, ending in a scrum on the visitors' line. From the scrum "Jock" Morgan came round, smartly scoring a very neat try—his third of the match. Full time. All the forwards worked hard, Thorne, Gruen, and Brown shining out. Our backs were up against a stiff lot, and did extremely well. Connolley was A1. at full-back. In the evening, both teams visited the theatres, "The Lyons Mail" being most favored.

## LACROSSE.

By "Grey Nurse."

The Senior Lacrosse Club is now fourth in the second grade competition, the teams which are ahead of our representatives being Birchgrove, Stanmore and Burwood. The Seniors have still to meet these teams in the second round

of the competition, and should they succeed in winning one or more of the games their position will be materially bettered.

Since last month there has been five matches against Sydney, University, Manly, Petersham and St. George. In the matches University, Petersham and St. George we scored wins, but against Manly and Sydney we were badly defeated.

The match against the Sydney Club was played on the last Saturday of the Midwinter Vacation, and perhaps the fact that our representatives had just returned from a holiday trip may explain our defeat.

The Manly game was played a fortnight later on the Domain, and resulted in a win for Manly by 10 goals to 5. As a sporting paper put it—

"Manly won a scrappy game through the lack of combination and 'staying power' of their opponents."

Against Petersham we scored an easy win of 5 to 1, thanks chiefly to the unselfish play of Fay and Green.

On Saturday, 5th instant, we met St. George on Kogarah Park and succeeded in winning a very even game by 5 to 4. From the first face-off, the game was fast and somewhat rough, both teams using their sticks rather wildly. Fort Street was the first to score, but before quarter time St. George succeeded in equalising. At half time the score was 31 in our favor, but immediately on the resumption of play St. George's "home" found the nets twice—score 3 all. In the last quarter we had just succeeded in scoring our fourth goal, when our "skipper," Green, had the misfortune to break our collar-bone. In spite of the loss of our captain we managed to hold our opponents, making the final scores 5-4. The best players for the school were Green and Gruen. The former—always good—was seen at his best just prior to his accident, while Gruen's goal-keeping, no doubt, saved our team from defeat.

The accident to Green comes at a most unfortunate time, just as the Senior Exam. is approaching.

The hon. sec. is in communication with several old boys who have expressed their willingness to play in an Old Boys' Match; we would be pleased to hear from any other old boys who would be available. While on the subject of the old boys, we would like to congratulate Mr. P. A.



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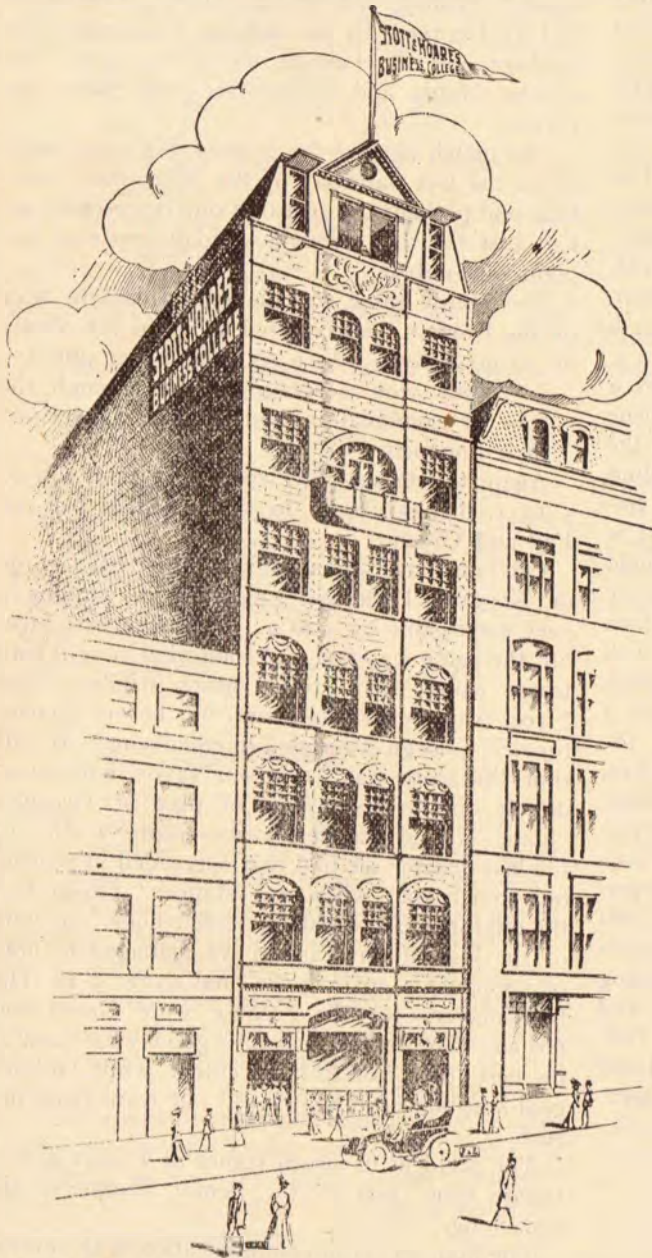
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We note with pleasure that the Sports' Committee is catering for lacrosse players, by putting two items on the programme of the ensuing sports' meeting. We hope the P.S.A.A.A. will follow suit.

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### TENNIS.

By "*Half-Volley*."

The tennis club has spent a very busy month, and have engagements which will occupy their Wednesday afternoons till the middle of September.

During the Midwinter Vacation they visited Blackheath to play the local club, but finding that the Blackheath team was "mixed," they enlisted the aid of some of the probationary students, and with the aid of Misses Campbell and Bourke (who were among the referees) they won the match easily.

Shortly after the Vacation they accepted the challenge issued by Moore College at the University, and Liggins, Packham, Briggs and Hudson journeyed to the 'Varsity to do battle for the school.

Although beaten (the scores were 42-31) they put up a good game against the College team, which up to the present has not been defeated by any of the other University Colleges.

Last week they met and defeated the Habersfield Club, and on Wednesday week hope to have similar success against the Training College.

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### HANDBALL.

Seniors 1911, versus Seniors 1910.

Just previous to the Midwinter Vacation the 1911 Seniors played their predecessors on No. 1 Court with the following results:—

Wallace (capt.) and Hellstrom were defeated by Evatt (capt.) and Wiburd, 21-16.

Symonds (capt.) and Hellstrom were defeated by Evatt (capt.) and D. Smith, 21-18.

The 1911 Seniors therefore won by 2 games 42 points to 0 games 34 points.

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### HANDBALL NOTES, By "Hinder."

The draw for the first round of the Doubles Championship was:—Gruen and Asher v. Bradshaw and H. Smith; Evatt and Wiburd v. D. Smith and Alexander.

The Singles are to be decided later. We hope the new seniors will take up the classic sport. Thorne and Spark should find it useful as training for football, if for no other reason.

The Seniors are desirous of meeting teams of Old Boys four at a time. We can easily imagine a wild longing on their part to have another hit.

Bradshaw's "cannon-shots" are having a damaging effect on the rigidity of the court wall. But "Tom" smiles and shoots as hard as ever.

"Davelia" is playing finely. But his opponents "never give a 'bloke' credit for a good stroke."

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### DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

The doubles championship of the Senior Club was begun on July 20th, when Evatt and Wiburd encountered Alexander and D. Smith. The match was a fine one, rallies being long and continuous. Wall play was also much in evidence. The winning pair, though pushed at times, always had a little in hand. The next match was a good one also, Gruen and Asher meeting H. Smith and Bradshaw. Bradshaw played finely and was mainly instrumental in putting his side ahead at 10-17. But Gruen and Asher then drew away, winning comfortably.

Results so far:—

Evatt and Wiburd defeated Alexander and D. Smith, 31-22. Umpire, Asher.

Gruen and Asher defeated H. Smith and Bradshaw, 31-24. Umpire, Evatt.

Bradshaw and H. Smith beat Alexander and D. Smith, 31-20.

Evatt and Wiburd beat Gruen and Asher, 31-26.

Evatt and Wiburd are therefore the only unconquered pair to date.

## NOTES.

By "Hinder."

The singles tournament will follow the doubles. We notice that the new Seniors are taking up the game with enthusiasm. This is as it should be.

Seniors are anxious to take on Old Boys at handball, four at a time. All applicants should be prepared for a licking.

McKee and Packham, of the Middle Seniors, are promising "ballers," as also are Morgan and a few others in the Lower. Handball will not die at Fort Street.

## NOTES AND NEWS.

We had a visit a few days ago from Eric McKay. He is at present with a Government surveyor at Gladstone in Queensland.

There are now over thirty of the juniors who have returned to school to study for the senior examination and the final certificate. They have elected Barry as assistant librarian.

Within a few days after the publication of this, Mr. Peter Murphy will be back again in Australia. We were pleased to see Mr. C. A. Gale, who had charge of the Maitland High School boys on their recent visit to Sydney.

The second year probationary students will be sitting for their entrance examination to the Teachers' College next month. They have our good wishes for their success.

## LIFE'S STREAM.

Our life's at first a little stream,  
As far removed from the gleam  
Of sunshine's all refreshing ray,  
As one small spring which wends its way  
Amongst huge boulders, till at length,  
Increased from every side in strength,  
Emerging from its infancy  
With rippling mirth and childish glee,  
Skipping gaily o'er cascades,  
Running smoothly through the glades,  
Surrounded on each side by flowers,  
The pleasures of all children's hours,  
It journeys on to youthful days  
With many a turn through all the maze  
Of misty mountain valleys deep,  
Inspiring wonder like the peep  
A youthful mind from knowledge gains  
Of realms o'er which Queen Nature reigns.  
George Briggs.

## A Sketch.

By "Not-at-All."

His character? He certainly possesses himself *at times*, and "himself" is a character as great as one could behold. He is wild and barbarian. Not that his beard is unkempt or his intellect unsharpened. But argue with him!—*vir fortissimus qui*. . . If you're not "balmy" then your brother is, and failing that very convenient person, some other of your forefathers must have been. But the chances are that you're "balmy" yourself, and that your forefathers can rest in peace. For you must remember that to argue with a "character" on football is the height of "balminess"—or at any rate, such is his belief.

But when he plays the winter sport himself! Then, roar ye winds, and storm ye mountain—high waves, for the soul of fury is at work! It is in him. He rages furiously o'er the field. *In segetem voluti cum flamma furentibus Austris Incidit*. . .

The very fiends are in him. He tears down the sword with flame leaping from his flashing eyes! Words burst like shells from his prophetic lips. Be careful, ye who delight to run with games, and be wary. Death is to be clasped in his wild embrace, and extinction is the fate of the careless one. His hair, ruddy with the flames that burn beneath it, flows wildly in the wind. With him troop like spirits, furious to kill. Away from them! The spirits of earth and air and water and fire (especially fire) are in them.

But no, he does not, he can not talk! He has no time for "musing or debate." Even as the innocent babe who suffers pain yet openeth not his mouth, or as the ex-Premier whose opinion is sought still holdeth his silence, or like the roaring lion which roareth not, or the rushing torrent which rusheth not. He CANNOT talk.

We played against him one day. His boot was heavy and often out of place. He never talked, he never argued, he never raged, he never spoke violently! Never! Who was he? or what was he? Let me tell of him! His guernsey wasn't "BLUE," but HE WAS.

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### EDITORIAL

Many subscribers to this paper are far behind in their subscriptions. We beg to remind them of the fact, and to request renewal, that is if they still desire the paper to be sent to them.

### LIBRARY NOTES

Borrowers from the School Library are again reminded that many of them are very remiss in returning books at the end of the appointed fortnight. Fines are imposed on all overdue books, so offenders, beware!

Mr. A. H. Dyce, B.A., has been promoted to the position of first assistant at the District School, Taree. He has our best wishes.

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Intermediate Examination (2nd Year): Physiology and Anatomy: Pass (Alphabetical): R. C. S. Buss, B. M. Carruthers, W. Fenwick, I. Morgan, S. A. Railton, R. J. Silberthau, H. A. C. Wall.

Third Degree Examination: Distinction: John Malcolm, Marcus, Alexander. Credit: Theo. K. Potts, W. H. Donald, John G. Hunter, B.Sc. Pass: C. H. Armitage, B.A.

Department of Dentistry.—3rd Year Examination: Physiology: Pass: George Douglass.

Faculty of Science.—Agriculture, 2nd Year: Pass: Harry Stephens (Entomology, Economic Entomology, and Principles of Agriculture.

School of Engineering.—2nd Year: Pass: Arthur R. Edwards (Materials and Structure).

3rd Year Examination.—Electrical Engineering: Pass: J. S. Foxall.

4th Year Examination.—Civil Engineering (Railways): Pass: Cleon Dennis.

The "Fortian" offers its hearty congratulations to all on their fine work, and continued success.

## The School Sports.

On the 6th instant the fourth annual sports meeting of the School was held at the Sydney Sports' Ground. The day was fine, the attendance large, so that everything conspired to make the day a success. The officials were as follows: Judges (Championship Events)—Messrs. Kilgour, Cusbert, Hurt; (Handicap Events)—Messrs. Fraser, Meldrum, Davies; (Long Distance Events)—Messrs. Mackaness, Hilliard, Miller; (Novelty Events)—Messrs. Scott, Clyne, R. Taylor, Singleton, Montgomery, Murphy; Starter—Mr. W. A. Selle. Check Starters—Messrs. Lusby, Leaver, Fox, Tate. Time-keepers—Messrs. Parker, Cantrell. Clerks of Course—Messrs. Barber, J. Taylor, McKenzie, Bauer,

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Event 10 (5th Class handicap).—Heat 1: Shaw. Heat 2: Langford. Heat 3: Pearce. Heat 4: Osborne. Heat 5: Ellitt. Heat 6: Boxsell. Heat 7: Walker. Heat 8: Albert. Heat 9: Martin. Heat 10: Lyons. Final: Boxsell 1, Pearce 2.

Event 11 (1st year handicap).—Heat 1: Reboul. Heat 2: Nalder. Heat 3: Strangs. Heat 4: Spier. Heat 5: Flook. Heat 6: Andrews. Heat 7: Neild. Final: C. Flook 1, Reboul 2, Strange 3.

Event 12 (2nd. year handicap).—Heat 1: Hunt, Bell. Heat 2: Dinning, Collins. Heat 3: Connelly, Donaldson. Final: Dinning 1, Hunt 2, Bell 3.

Event 13 (senior handicap).—Heat 1: Holmes, Parkes. Heat 2: Arnott, Reed. Heat 3: Hud-



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son, Anderson and Morgan. Final: Holmes 1, Hudson 2, Eve 3.

Event 19 (senior lacrosse throwing).—H. Hudson 1, Gruen, Mitchell 2.

Event 20 (junior lacrosse throwing at goal).—Anderson and Raymond 1.

Event 23 (hop, step and jump).—Kennedy (39.  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) 1, Firth 2.

Event 24 (junior relay).—Nolan's team (Time: 42 secs.) 1, Cherrill's team (Time 45 secs.) 2.

Event 25 (senior relay).—Spier's team (Time 54 secs.) 1, Davies' team (Time 56 secs.) 2.

Event 26 (Dumbbells.)

Event 28 (100 yds. Championship of School).—H. Hudson (Time: 11 secs.) 1, B. O'Grady 2, Firth 3.

Event 29 (fancy dress).—best costume: "Black and White" (Latimer). Race: "Black and White" (Latimer).

Event 35 (sack race).—Heat 1: Mitchellhill. Heat 2: Hook. Heat 3: Dodd. Heat 4: Coy. Heat 5: Sillar. Heat 6: Stoddardt. Heat 7: Boyd. Heat 8: Westernhagen. Heat 9: Don-

aldson. Heat 10: Gamble. Heat 11: Watson.

Event 36 (final sack race).—Stoddard 1, Sillar 2, Westernhagen 3.

Three-legged race.—Suier and Bramley 1, Hudson and Bennett 2.

Event 37 (junior hurdle, 100 yds.).—Heat 1: Husband, Albert. Heat 2: McKee, Hudson. Heat 3: Russell, Andrews. Heat 4: Getting, Wolfe.

Event 38 (senior hurdles, 100 yds.).—Heat 1: Brambley, Parkes. Heat 2: O'Grady, Bennett.

Event 39 (final junior hurdles).—McKee 1, Albert 2, H. Hudson 3.

Event 40 (final senior hurdles).—O'Grady 1, Brembley 2, Parkes 3. Time: 18.1 secs.

Event 41 (junior walk,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.).—Final: Higgs 1, Albert 2, Allum 3. Time: 4 min. 40 sec.

Event 42 (senior walk, 1 mile.).—Final: McKee 1, Davis and Evatt 2. Time: 9 min. 5 2-5 sec.

Event 43 (wheelbarrow race).—McLaren and Davies 1, Morgan and Flook 2, Sherring and Hamman 3.

Event 44 (Old Boys' race, 220 yds.).—Final: F. O'Grady 1, Patterson 2, Polyblank 3. Time: 20 2-5 sec.

Event 45 (seniors' obstacle).—Morgan 1, O'Grady 2, Firth 3.

Event 46 (juniors' obstacle).—Heat 1: Davies, Sargeant. Heat 2: Storey, Gear. Heat 3: Pate. Heat 4: Amos. Heat 5: Peters. Heat 6: Pearce. Heat 7: Wolfe. Heat 8: York. Final: Pearce, Davies.

Event 49 (880 yds.).—Winkworth, Rebol, Tindall.

Event 50 (tug-o'-war).—Seniors 1, 2B. 2.

Scotch dish, which for lack of a better name, we have decided to call "The Island Pie."

Still it is not a true pie, even though its chief ingredient, its body, nay, its very soul is paste. Yet, even as Gautier wrote

Statuaire, repousse

L'argile que petrit

Le ponce,

Quand flotte ailleurs l'esprit,

so unless the mind of the master is on his work, unless he can with delicate hand cut Apollo's people in a vein of agate, the material will be so much pap—a shapeless mass, even as clay in the hands of an unskilful potter. Given this condition, then, and one other, the power acquired by most folk in their infancy, the ability to make various natural objects out of plasticene, or, when domestic influence is the more powerful, out of dough, then the artistic pie-maker is ready for his work.

The method of procedure, however, is a lengthy one, requiring several days, particularly in the cooking, for strange as the paradox may seem, you cook your dough before you make your pie. Beginners, novices, young tytos in the art of pie-making, chew upon this fact, and lose not patience.

Recipe:—Take ten quires of fine white—or any other colour according to æsthetic taste—papyrus, in its modern form. It can be bought at any paper bag cookery depot, or failing there, at a stationers. Newspapers, examination papers will do at a pinch. Reduce it to shreds by grinding, or cutting, the instruments necessary for this part of the process being four or five sharp boys; fill one large sized bucket with this material, which should now resemble confetti in appearance, and press down heavily, similarly to the method employed in pressing tongues. Add boracic acid, in quantities sufficient to taste, but not exceeding the quantity prescribed by the Pure Foods Act. If flavouring is desired, 1 drachm of oil of cloves to the bucket may also be added.

Now the material having been well stirred, may be placed upon a gas ring—no other method of cooking will give the dish its own peculiar flavour—and boiled steadily for two or more weeks or longer, in fact until it's done. But being done it's not done, it's only begun.

## A New Pie.

The mysteries of the culinary art are known only to the skilful chef, the man who commands a salary equal to that of many professors, and who guards the secrets of his art as jealously as the inventor of a new scientific process.

Still there are certain dishes, the mysteries of which even the most skilful chef could not solve. We think that to the world should now be revealed the magic formula, the ingredients, and the art of making this treasure of a dish, a rare

The paste, or dough, having been sufficiently cooked, a number of active young cooks may be set to work, each being given about two cupsfuls of the material, pasteboards being provided. It is essential that the pies be all one shape, for this is an island pie. Hence, each cook must carefully trace out on his board an island, in pencil will do. He will find a sufficiently good plan of an island in the introduction of one of Louis Stevenson's books, narrating the story of certain hidden treasure. The dough should then be carefully filled in, all necessary ornamental work being added. The pie when ornamented with a little foliage—as in the manner of wedding cakes—and placed in a cool place to dry, may really said to be done. In the evening it may be dished up for the mice's supper, a true island pie.

### Debating.

If Mr. Wade had visited the senior room on September 1st, he would have thought that a nightmare was visiting him, and that the turbulent scenes of the Mudgee campaign were again being rehearsed before his eyes. It would have shattered any candidate's nerves to hear the electors of Wirefence bombarding them with questions. The candidates—Reed (Independent), Hunter (Liberal), and Liggins (Socialist), promised their electors everything under the sun, from free tuck-shops to an aeroplane service. When the numbers went up, Hunter was an easy winner, with Liggins a bad second.

Our last manuscript journal was an important one, for it contained some scathing criticisms, which, we are glad to see, have brought about the desired reforms. The Journal would flourish still more if the lower seniors helped a little.

The society has been in luck's way of late, for its members have been entertained with two very interesting lectures.

Mr. F. W. Walker, a well-known member of the Australian Historical Society, lectured on the 1st instant, on some chapters of Australian explorations. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides and gave a very fine account of the Great Western Road, and its history. The lecture proved thoroughly enjoyable. On its conclusion Mr. Walker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Hudson Smith, seconded by Wiburd.

On the 8th instant Mr. D. T. Wiley, late headmaster at Newtown, gave a very instructive and interesting lecture on Japan, also illustrated by lantern slides, many taken by Mr. Wiley himself. The large audience thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. Mr. Wiley was given three hearty cheers at the conclusion.

The thanks of the School and of the society are due to both these gentlemen for their kindness in delivering the lectures, and to Mr. Meldrum for his manipulation of the lantern.

### Lower School Notes.

"September, the maid with the swift silver feet,  
She glides and she graces  
The valleys of coolness, the slopes of the heat,  
With her blossomy traces."

So run the lines of our great Australian poet, Henry Kendall. In regard to the "blossomy traces," it was interesting to note the enthusiasm with which Wattle Day was celebrated by our young Fortians. Scarcely a coat or cap lacked its floral emblem.

But September is a month of many aspects; it is a season of change. Football passes to temporary oblivion; cricket steps into the arena; the same boy who has been timidly obeying the call of the winter shower bath plunges boldly into the larger waters of the swimming bath or the surf. Sport looms large in all directions; our own school sports over, the aspirant for athletic honors seeks the fuller publicity of the P.S.A.A.A. Carnival.

To the ambitious in school work, September brings the opportunity afforded by quarterly examinations. The month, therefore, is one which appeals to the juvenile mind from many standpoints, from each of which further happiness is added to the picture by visions of the good times in store during the fast approaching Michaelmas Vacation.

We have had a very successful season, although owing to the competition starting rather late in the season, and holidays breaking into the season, we have not been able to conclude the competition in a satisfactory manner.

The competition was in a very interesting stage, since 5A were 10 points, 5B were 8 points, and 5D were 8 points; 5B had received



a forfeit from 5C and had 5D been given the opportunity and beaten 5A, the three teams would have been level with 10 points each.

The Combined Fifths would also have liked to again try conclusions with the Sixth team, which defeated them in the early part of the season. Every class has had a team in the field, and Second Class, captained very ably by Glover, has striven very valiantly week after week against Third Class, who had Ferguson as leader.

The two Fourths were also constantly engaged one against the other, and had about an equal share of victories. At the close of the season, the Combined Sheds had a few matches against one or other of the Fiftths, and always put up a good game. Canty, Kruse, Hanneman, Schmidt and Schwartz were always well to the fore and Hanneman shone out well as a speedy three-quarter.

In 5A Robertson, Parkes, Hellings, Provan, and Cohen led the way, and were always noticeable in the thick of the game.

During the season 5B lost the services of Watson and Gallagher, but were lucky to get Burke, who showed good form behind the pack. Greathead, Whitehead, Chapple and Kennings were also well to the fore.

5C were a good team, but grew very disappointed at being beaten in the competition, and towards the end forfeited to all others. Sims showed the best form in this team, and always played a hard game behind the pack.

5D were on the scratch mark in the competition, but owing to the help received from such players as Pate and Mitchell they were well up at the end of the season. The whole of this team played well and hard, and thus there were no particular stars.

### OUR SPORTS MEETING.

That this function has not lost interest was made manifest by the record entries for all events. Whilst extending our congratulations to the winners, we must also compliment the losers on their cheerful recognition of the fact that in each race only one can win. As the full results appear in another page of this issue, further comment is unnecessary, with the exception, perhaps, of a word of appreciation for our

Lower School champion, Langford, and for Albert, who from back marks put forth so many gallant efforts.

### CRICKET.

Although the class matches will not begin till after the vacation, a competition scheme is already being considered in which provision will be made for two grades of players. In the meantime, those anxious for success would do well to get plenty of practice, as one of the first fixtures will be a match against the High School.

### P.S.A.A.A. SPORTS.

Good entries have been received for the various events; it was, therefore, not too much to expect to find a few Fortians amongst the winners when the numbers went up. A squad of 120 is also taking part in the physical drill display, so that we are exceedingly well represented this year.

### MORE BRILLIANT SUCCESSES IN SHORTHAND.

Result of Shorthand Examinations conducted at Fort Street School, 1st April, 1911, by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia.

#### Advanced Theory

- 1st place in N.S.W., Ida Grice  
(Metropolitan Business College)
- 2nd place W. Steele  
(Metropolitan Business College)
- 4th place M. Colquhoun  
(Metropolitan Business College)

**Theory**—1st place in N.S.W. Marion Kark  
(Metropolitan Business College)

- 2nd place Dorothy Beveridge  
(Metropolitan Business College)
- 4th place Winnie Buckler  
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## Class Notes

Class 3A. The best marks gained in various subjects in the recent quarterly examination were as follows:—

Reading: L. Berry, 80; J. Ellitt, 80; A. Cooper, 77; L. Arnott, 75.

Writing: G. Partridge, 75; S. Cooper, 72; A. Ramsland, 72;

Composition: C. Nelson, 85; A. Cooper, 78; A. McDermott, 76; P. Davies, 75.

Arnott, Ramsland and Hamilton have shown much improvement in homework, whilst very neat class work was done by J. Hodge.

Class 4A. The quarterly examinations have been completed, the totals showing that Barnett (410) has gained 1st position, with Quinn (404) 2nd, and Williams (397) 3rd, closely followed by Hotten, and Schmidt. In the individual subjects, honors fell to the following:—

Reading and Poetry: Quinn, Bloom, Hotten, Marks and Williams.

Writing: Williams, Johnson, Lee, Hotten, Crealy, Strathpulos.

Dictation: Barnett, Heath, Quinn, Round, Salmon.

Composition: Williams, Bloom, Barnett, McDermott, Peterson, Quinn.

Arithmetic: Bowyer, Barnett, Williams, Hotten, McLellan, Quinn, Russell, Schmidt.

During the month specially good homework was done by Crealy, Cato, Bowyer, Schwartz, Hotten, Bowyer, and Wilson.

Class 5A. Good work was done by the majority of the class during the quarter with the exception of a few who did their share in grumbling when their names did not appear at the top of the quarterly examination result list.

Lapin came out first with a total of 417, giving a percentage of 83.4, and was closely followed by Mills, 410, and L. Opit, 403.

Those who did well in individual subjects were:—

Reading: Dring, Fraser Payling.

Arithmetic: Lapin, Mills, L. Opit, Pate, Malam, Bastian, Gerdes, Andrews, Payling.

Writing: Bennett, Daley, Hurt.

Dictation: Lapin, Mills, Pooley, Walker, Lord.

Composition: Fraser, Pate, Lord, Mills, Broue, Storey, Lord, Dring, Cushing.

Class 5B. Enthusiasm was displayed in the

School Sports by the sale of tickets and entries in the display. The majority have entered for the P.S. A.A.A. display next Wednesday. At the same time a few knowing ones are keeping an eye on the quarterly examination.

Class 5C. Most of the boys seem to be taking the work more seriously than before. There are still some, however, who do not put as much effort into their work as could be desired. Of those who have shown greater interest and improvement, the following may be mentioned:— Stephenson, Dibbs, Linn, Young, Boyd, Hanrahan, Carson. In the matter of homework the best have been R. Lessing, F. Lessing, Lyons, Poyd, Chapple, Leslie, Davies, Hilliger, whilst in science decidedly good work has been shown by R. Lessing, Stephenson, Dibbs, F. Lessing, and Easterling.

## RURAL CAMP.

Two units took part in the recent camp at Morpeth, and essays on the week's work have been already handed in by Kinnings, Johnson, and Bradshaw. In our next issue the story of the Camp, as told by the best of the essays, will appear.

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## Girls' Page

Edited by Miss B. TEARLE

### CAMERA AND WALKING CLUB.

On Wednesday, August the Walking and Camera Club went to Maroubra by tram, and walked to Coogee. A very fine view of the Bay was seen, and as the wild flowers were very plentiful, most of the members gathered large bunches, while the amateur photographers took snapshots of the surrounding country. A short time was spent in the Park, but as rain was threatening, the swings had to be abandoned, and the girls dispersed after a very enjoyable afternoon. The next outing found us at Gore Hill, and from thence we walked down the gully to Northwood, where Mrs. Wade very kindly provided the party with light refreshments. The Lane Cove Boat being then in sight, we prepared to embark for the return journey. On Saturday, 9th September, some of the members of the above club held a picnic at Carlingford. At the invitation of Edna Cook, who so successfully arranged the party, the picnickers visited the orchards and regaled themselves with oranges and loquats pulled fresh from the trees, and substituted lemon squash for tea, which was highly appreciated. The wireless station adjoining was a point of interest. The party returned to the station with happy faces, and bunches of wild flowers, having spent a very enjoyable day.

### GIRLS' LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, September 8th, the Girls Literary and Debating Society held a debate, the subject under discussion being "The Minimum Wage." The ministry consisted of Marjorie Collins, Joyce Mitchell, and Dorothy Struthers. The members for the Opposition were Gwen Browne, Olive Waraker, and Pearl Mansley. The debate was a good one, being one of the keenest we have had for some time. The Ministry won, but the Opposition defended their side well. It was decided that the next debate should take the form of a manuscript journal. Dorothy Rothschild is to be the editress.

### DANCE.

The Fort Street Old Boys and Old Girls' Unions held their annual dance at the Paddington Town Hall on Friday, 4th August. The hall looked very bright as the merry groups of dancers tripped the light fantastic toe. The supper was excellent, and thanks are due to the members of the Committee for their work in carrying out the arrangements. Socially the dance was acknowledged by all present to be a great success.

### COMPETITION.

A photographic competition will be held in November. A prize of 10s. will be offered for the six best mounted photographs, and a second prize of 5s. Every member of the Fort Street Girls' Camera Club is asked to compete, so that the exhibition may be a success. The competition is not restricted in any way, either with regard to materials or subject, but the work must be done entirely by the exhibitor. All exhibits must be handed in on Tuesday, November 14th. The successful exhibits will remain the property of the School.

Mr. H. L. Moore, having been removed to Lithgow, his place as junior science master has been taken by Mr. Thomas Clyne, from Rozelle.

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## HOCKEY

The competition—first round—has now been played, leaving the teams in the following positions:—Trojans (captain: Ettie Warden), 3 points; Bellyando (captain: Belle Murray), 3 points; and the Maranas (captain: Elsie Shorter) nil. The second round starts on Wednesday, the 13th instant. The hon. coach and hon. secretary wish to express their extreme delight in the excellent play of the beginners, who are now getting a chance to show what they can do. Inter-club matches are now over and we look back on the splendid victories of the season, having accounted for Wandah in two matches, 5-1 and 3-1. Burwood College was beaten in a fine match, the scoring being 1 to nil. This was the only occasion when our team met another as fast as themselves. Unfortunately, in Burwood return match we played 2 short and 1 substitute, and were beaten, 3-1. Cooyanna were not able to meet us again, which we regret exceedingly, because they were regarded as practically the champion club team, and only succeeded in beating us by 2 to 1, the Fortians scoring 1 goal in the first half to Cooyanna's 2 goals in the second half of the game.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC NOTES

Many of the members of the school camera club availed themselves of Messrs. Baker and Rouse's kindness on Wednesday, August 30th, when a lecture was delivered on enlarging. A practical demonstration was given, and, on the conclusion of this, the members were given the opportunity of seeing how to improve gaslight prints. They were shown how, by the manipulation of chemicals, wonderful results could be obtained—a light print intensified and a dark print reduced. Another batch of prints was finally given all the colours of the rainbow; this seemed more wonderful, as when all the prints were placed in the same dish, they assumed the different colours at once.

A copy of the formulæ necessary for this may be seen in the club's glass case in the main room, where also are the different coloured prints.

The members of the club are under a debt of gratitude to Messrs. Baker and Rouse, and will be under an even deeper one when that firm erects and fits a modern dark-room for the club's use, as they have promised to do.

The interest of members in the work is a continued and growing one.

## Notes and News

Mr. C. R. Collins, B.A., has resigned from the Department of Education to take up a position as instructor in physical training under the Department of Defence. We regret his loss, and take this opportunity of thanking him for the many services he rendered the "Fortian," of which for some time, he was the sub-editor. His place in the School has been taken by Mr. John McIlwraith, B.A.

We welcome back to Fort Street Mr. P. L. Murphy, B.A., the first travelling scholar of the Department of Education. Most of his time was spent in France, but he managed to see something of England, Scotland, Ireland and Italy. He has promised to give us some account of his European wander year. The first article appears in next number, and will be followed by several others.

Both present and past boys of the School will be pleased to hear of the success of Archie Collins (senior 1907), who in the fourth year examination in medicine at the University gained top place, with high distinction, and was awarded the Parkinson Memorial Prize for pathology and operative surgery.

As a result of his successful work he has been appointed pathological clerk at the Lunacy Department's laboratory, a position which has just been vacated by another old Fort Street boy—C. Howard Shearman (5th year medicine).

Two runners shone out conspicuously at the Sports' Meeting. These were Bert Hudson, who won the 100yds. championship of the school and the lacrosse throwing competition, and who ran second in the senior handicap, and in the three-legged race, and Bruce (Pat) O'Grady, who won the hurdle race, tied for the over 15 years championship, was second in the 100yds. school championship, and third in kicking the football.

Both show promise of developing into fine runners.

"Lilley's Magazine" during the last couple of months has contained a series of sketches called "Citizens Interviewed" by an old Fort Street boy—Jack Ramsay, who will be remembered as a fine scholar, and who, after some years spent in Noumea, joined the staff of "The Daily Telegraph."



DR. DOUGLAS MAWSON, B.A., D.Sc., Port Street Old Boy.

Leader of the First Australian Expedition to Antarctica.

(Block kindly lent by "The Evening News.")

Another old Fort Street boy who joined the ranks of journalism is Harold Burston, at present on the staff of "The Lone Hand."

We have just received a copy of "A History of Australasia," by Arthur W. Jose, published by Messrs. Angus & Robertson; a new and revised edition.

The whole of the book has been re-set from new type, and is printed on a heavy, glossy paper, while the whole work, editing, printing, and binding, we are pleased to note, has been done in Australia, by Australian artists.

Some fresh features of the work\* consist of two new chapters, one entitled "The Growth of Land Settlement," and the second, "The Growth of Industries." It is matter for regret, however, that the statistics are not in all cases brought up to 1911.

The most attractive feature of the new edition however, is the illustrations, about 70 in number, scattered through the work. There is quite a photographic gallery of Australian men of mark, though probably the most interesting to Fort Street boys and girls is the double-page picture showing Sydney in 1824, and which has as its centre, the old Military Hospital, now Fort Street School.

The publishers of the volume are to be congratulated on the excellence of the get-up of the work, and the author on having produced what must remain for many years the standard history of Australia, not only for the general reading public, but for the public that is to be, the boys and girls now at school.

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#### "WAR OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE"

The following is an exact copy of a school-boy's examination paper on the above subject: We are glad that the author was not a Fort Street boy.

"The War of American independence was a very independent war. It gained America their independence, which caused great rejoicing in America. The War of American Independence was briefly started by two young men who was boasting about different countries, in which one of these went against Americans, and this merely started the war. So each of these men enrolled their names ready for war. Now the war begins, guns roaring and thousands of soldiers

being killed or otherwise wounded. And just as the Americans were beginning to run out of ammunition, they gain their independence by these brave little Americans coming into play and sending their foe into the deadly battle-field, and thus they gain their independence.

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## Sporting

### FOOTBALL

#### SCHOOL AND OLD BOYS.

This famous annual function took place at the R.A.S. Ground on Wednesday, August 16th. Previously the school team had vanquished the Maitland visitors, weak as they were, and it now was strengthened, so there were many impartial judges who gave it a fair chance. On taking the field the "Present" reps. were noticed to be:—

Full Back: G. Morgan; three-quarters, B. O'Grady, H. O. Evatt (captain), and F. O'Grady; halves, K. W. Flook, F. Harrison; forwards, A. Thorne, W. Holmes, J. A. Gruen, C. Bennett, G. Cunningham, C. O. Hellstrom, R. Evatt, L. Firth.

The Old Boys included Richards (England, South Africa, and old "Wallaby"), W. Hill (N.S.W.), B. Swannell (England and Australia), and five other first graders. Evatt won the toss from A. W. Hill, and the School ran with the breeze. Play was close for some time, but it was at once seen that the Old Boys were monopolising the ball from the scrum, owing to their extra weight. At last from a scrum in the Old Boys' 25, Harrison secured and passed quickly to Flook, who cut in and passed to H. Evatt, to F. O'Grady, who ran strongly, but was downed by Brett. Then the Old Boys attacked, and Morgan had a turn at defending. After some uninteresting play here the School forwards, with Thorne at the head, broke away. Flook secured in the loose and ran strongly for goal. He neatly side-stepped Brett, but was nearly overtaken five yards from the line. Here he passed to Cunningham, who scored. Flook a goal. School 5 to nil. The attack was kept up, but the movements of the School three-quarters were restricted owing to the forwards losing the ball. At last the backs got going but

Hay intercepted and running well passed to a comrade near the line and he scored. No goal. School 5 to 3. Immediately afterwards Brett kicked a goal from a mark. Old Boys, 6 to 5. Half time. In the interval the forwards' places were changed, Cunningham going to lock man.

On resuming the Old Boys attacked hotly, but Morgan relieved with a neat left foot punt. But they came again and W. Hill bumped his way across. No goal. Old Boys 9 to 5. Play hovered now between 25 and 25, with the School gradually wearing their opponents down, although they were playing against the breeze. At last they made a strong attack on the Old Boys' line, and from a timely centre kick by B. O'Grady Flook ran through and scored, also converting. School leading 10 to 9. Rain now began to fall and the game became somewhat willing. The School forwards were now playing finely in the loose, although overshadowed in the scrums, and the backs were combining well. From a great rally by the School the Old Boys' backs were left standing and Thorne, securing, scored between the posts. Flook a goal. School 15 to 9. The School kept up the attack, B. O'Grady and Evatt broke through and ran to the full back but O'Grady kicked instead of passing, and Brett took a brilliant mark. Then the Old Boys rallied strongly, but B. O'Grady relieved. But they came again, and a great struggle took place on the School line. W. Holmes at last secured a yard from the line, and passed to H. Evatt, who ran to the full back and passed to Flook. He immediately sent to F. O'Grady at whom the opposing three-quarter came. But O'Grady ran brilliantly along the line and easily evaded his pursuers, planting the ball behind the posts. Harrison missed the goal. Before the end the Old Boys scored again, but there was no goal. Scores—School 18, Old Boys 12. On the day the better team won, as the Old Boys readily admitted. It is the second year that the Past has had to acknowledge the superiority of the Present.

For the School Morgan played well at back, although he has been seen to better advantage at times. His line kicking was good. The three-quarters and halves played finely, Harrison's defence being quite brilliant, as also was Flook's attack. The latter's run in the first half was a gem. All the forwards played splendidly in the loose, but they were not heavy enough in the scrums. C. Bray umpired capably.

## HANDBALL.

By "Hinder."

Owing to the school sports and the time given to training the doubles have not, to date, been decided. Evatt and Wiburd are the leading pair and should they beat Bradshaw and H. Smith, will be the doubles champions for 1911. If the latter pair is successful many things many happen. Gruen and Asher would have to meet Alexander and D. Smith, and if the last-named pair won, a final would be necessary between Evatt and Wiburd, and Bradshaw and H. Smith; while if Gruen and Asher were to win, three more matches would be necessary to determine the position of the championship. So possibilities are as numerous as the incursions of the Seniors into the abode of the "good doggie, Carlo" in search of handballs.

On Friday, September 8th, Wallace and Symonds, of last year's Seniors, determined to avenge their defeat at the hands of Evatt, Wiburd, and D. Smith, in July. It was decided that they should meet four of the Seniors in two pairs. These were Alexander and Gruen, D. Smith and Wiburd, Evatt and H. Smith did not play.

In the first match Gruen and Alexander met the challengers, who were probably the strongest pair of 1910. The match was very even till 21 all was called, but then Symonds and Wallace ran out. Scores, 31-21. One of the features of this game was Clive Alexander's magnificent returns of service. His service was also tricky, as Symonds remarked more than once. In the next game Wiburd and D. Smith met the victorious pair, but they only managed to tally 16 before Wallace and Symonds ran out. They were clearly outplayed, and at times interfered with each other's play owing to Smith's desire to "poach." This is the latter's great fault in doubles and it should be cured. Symonds and Wallace both played brilliantly as all admitted.

A return match will take place on the Nos. 1 and 2 Courts on Wednesday, September 13th Between Seniors 1910 and 1911. The teams will probably be: Seniors 1910—Wallace (capt.), Symonds, Brett and Hellstrom. Seniors 1911—Evatt (capt.), Gruen, and two from Wiburd, Alexander, H. Smith, D. Smith, Bradshaw and Asher. Evatt and Wiburd, Gruen and Alexander, seem the likely pairs. The last time the

teams met was in July, when the result was a win for the 1911 Seniors by 2 games 42 points to 0 games 34 points. A keen contest is expected.

### LACROSSE.

By "Greynurse."

The end of the season has been reached and we can look back with mingled joy and sorrow on our achievements. We have played 15 matches, winning 8 and losing 7, which is a very fair record when it is taken into consideration that not one member of the club had ever handled a "crosse" till 3 weeks before the season commenced. This brief resume of the club's results would not be complete without some acknowledgment of the interest and aid which we received from Mr. P. A. Singleton. We might also mention the generosity of the N.S.W. Lacrosse Association in remitting our delegate and capitation fees.

Since last issue the club has played two matches, an account of which follows:—

On August the 26th we met Stanmore on the Domain, and received at their hands a second defeat. In the first round Stanmore defeated us by 3 goals to 2, and this time we had hopes of turning the tables on our opponents. So good did our chances look that our poetical minded goalkeeper had written an "Ode" commemorating our victory, but it is doomed never to be published, for the final score showed 5-4 against us. Our attack was fair, but our defence was awful. Ranson was absent through illness and "Guido" Lawrence had the misfortune in the first quarter to sprain his leg, which necessitated the transfer of Gruen from goal to point, a move which was in no way a success. The only really good defence men were Hudson-Smith and Reed. Bennett (burdened with the weight of captaincy) did not show up to his best form.

Our last match was against Burwood, and we eventually won, after a disgraceful exhibition of "hockey" and "football" by both teams.

In the first quarter Burwood scored 2 to nil, but shortly after changing ends our attack woke up and managed to equalise, then after some ten minutes of hockey, Mitchell secured by intercepting a Burwood pass, and scored. At half time the score was 3-2 in our favour, and during the third quarter each side scored once, so that

on the resumption of play for the last 20 minutes we were leading by 4 to 3.

Having one goal to the good our attack was satisfied to leave all the attacking to Burwood, and time after time the latter's "home" broke through our defence, and attempted to score, but Gruen between the sticks showed once more that when he strikes form there is not his equal as a second grade goalkeeper. About 15 minutes before time Lawrhence received a pass from Ranson, and taking the ball into Burwood's defence, passed to Dave Smith, who scored.

The final scores read: Fort Street 6, Burwood 5. This report would be incomplete without a reference to the attack's selfish play, for throughout the game Hunter playing second home, failed to get a single pass.

There is no doubt that several excellent chances were lost through D. T. Smith's habit of ignoring his right, and passing blindly to his left.

We have received no report from the School Club's committee, and so are unable to print a report of their last matches.

On Wednesday next the School will play an Old Boys' team on the Sports Ground.

### TENNIS.

(By "Half Volley.")

The past month has been spent by the members of the Tennis Club in holding a singles tournament on the Double Bay Courts. The result was an easy win for Crowe, who defeated the captain—Liggins—by 3 sets to 2. The winner, who is one of the club's latest recruits, has acquired a very strong overhead drive, which completely demoralised both the captain and the vice-captain.

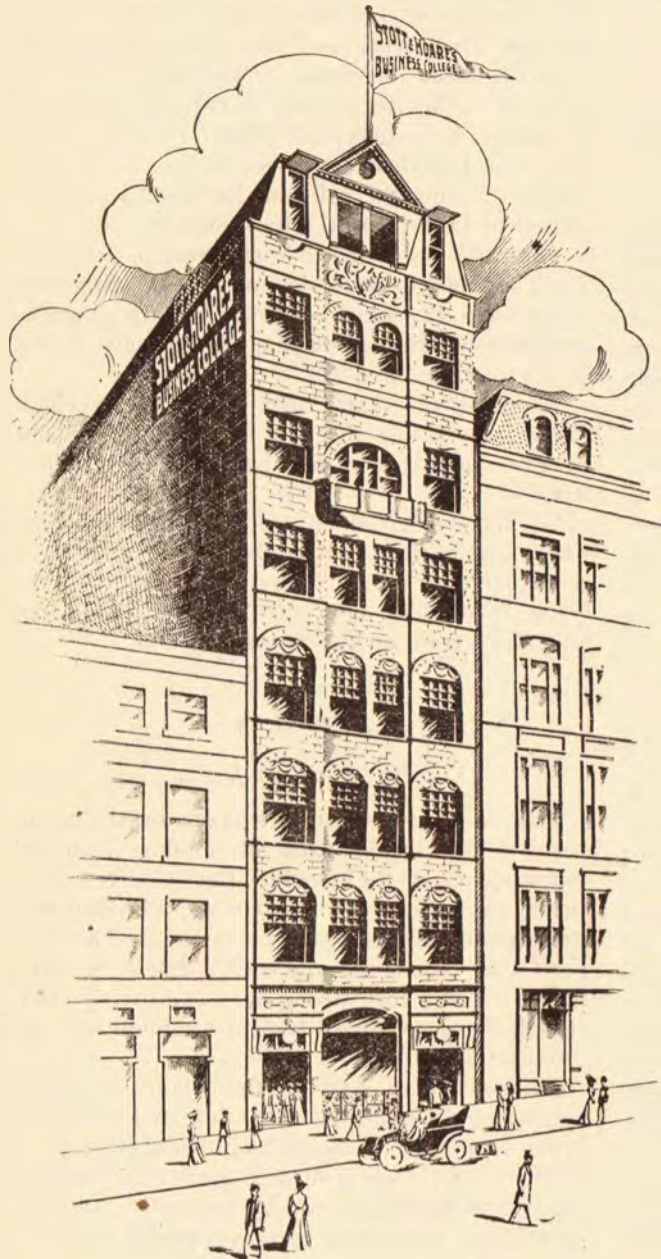
Hudson's play was, on the whole, very disappointing, though the way he defeated Esserman in the semi-final was more like his old style.

The most closely contested game was between Biggs and Packham, won by the latter, who has lately been perfecting a very useful swerve. During the tournament one player was so un-sportsmanlike as to blame his racquet, which he claimed was "warped,"—a bad workman always blames his tools.

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## CRICKET

It has been finally decided by the Sports Union that the High School enter the Secondary School Cricket Competition promoted by P.S. A.A.A. We shall enter three grades, so that aspirants for positions in I., II., or III. team will need to get into form. In the competition the School will play Ultimo High School, Technical H. School, Hurlstone High School, Peter-sham and Cleveland Street. Two delegates have been chosen by the Sports Union to represent the School on the controlling body.

## A Trip to Maitland.

By "Forward."

'Twas a beautiful morning, 18th August, when sixteen happy, light-hearted youths wended their way towards the Railway Station—struggling with their bulky bags. People indeed wondered when they saw the laughing faces and the tall, imposing form of the master in charge. It was the day of our Maitland trip.

Arrived at the Station, we entered the two engaged compartments reserved for us, and proceeded to dispose of our belongings in our several places. After waiting for some time, during which the Premier, usually so loquacious, was particularly silent (no doubt he was homesick, or else was wondering what he would have for dinner at Newcastle), our patience was at last rewarded. Thrill! Thrill! went the guard's whistle. Clang! Clang! Clang! went the bell, and with a hiss, a shrill scream, and a defiant roar, the engine steamed out of the Station, and Sydney was soon left behind. Swiftly we flew through the suburbs and to the accompaniment of our melodious, perhaps I should say, discordant voices, we arrived at Strathfield, whence we proceeded to Hornsby. Leaving this town, we passed through some very picturesque scenery. Indeed, after crossing the Hawkesbury Bridge—a wonderful feat of engineering, from

which an exceedingly fine view of the famous river may be had—the train travels for some considerable distance, right on the very bank of the river, within a stone's-throw of the water. This part of the journey is extremely picturesque, and it forms a delightful break in the monotonous though pretty, scenery of the bush. The dark side of the journey, in fact the extremely dark side, consisted in the three very long tunnels through which we passed—the largest being of about three minutes' duration. At length we arrived at Gosford, where we alighted for a 10 minutes' spell. Here it was noticed that some of the Fortians—especially the American—were not altogether impartial to lemonade and cake, which disappeared with alarming rapidity down sundry throats.

When all appetites were appeased, we recommenced our journey towards Newcastle. Along the line we caught a glimpse of the beautiful Lake Macquarie, and beheld some surprisingly flat country cultivated and sown, for the most part, with lucerne. Another sight which was welcome to our eyes, but tantalizing to our palates, was a number of orchards, wherein we beheld the golden forms of luxurious oranges and lemons. Tom Connolly vowed he would have a few of them 'ere he returned to Sydney, and somehow I think he did. Passing through Cockle Creek, we obtained a view of the famous smelting works, which look like some old ruin with several chimney stacks added. But beyond this, the journey to Newcastle was uneventful, save that our hilarious and joyful dispositions were displayed by our singing of various songs, in which the Premier showed to advantage. The Captain, too, was in very good voice; his rendering of the fine old ballad, "Three Old Black Crows," being particularly touching and pathetic.

After these adventures we arrived at Newcastle. There we were met by the High School boys, who conducted us to the swell cafe of Newcastle, where we did justice to a sumptuous repast, and where we were entertained by the oratorical powers of the Newcastle captain and teacher—Mr. Murray and H. V. Evatt. After dinner we were shown round the town, and conducted along the beach, and then we proceeded to the Hamilton Union Ground, where we played the match.

The match was a very poor one, at least from a Fort Street point of view. Owing either to

the fact that travelling had made us stiff, or that the dinner had been too convivial, our players were sadly out of form, being, to tell the truth, almost dead. Needless to say then, we were defeated by a good margin—12-3, our three points coming from a beautiful try by Flook, who completely fooled the Newcastle backs. Connolly, with a fine (?) kick, failed to convert. During the course of the match we had the misfortune to lose the services of our battling centre and crack forward—Thorne—who alone was playing well in the pack, he retiring with an injured ankle. His place in the centre was taken by the Premier, who, during the game gave a somewhat over-brilliant display of oratory.

After the match, in which, by the way, we battled against players as big again as ourselves, we left for Maitland, where we repaired to our several destinations which were to serve, for the time, as our homes. Here, after seeing our belongings stowed safely away, we were set before a repast which, needless to say, we attacked with true Fortian vigour. In the evening one party proceeded to West Maitland, where they foolishly, or otherwise, lightened their purses, while another more sober-minded clique preferred to stay in the East to explore, and then to hold an impromptu "musical evening," at which the Premier officiated ably as pianist, assisted by the voices of the Captain and others.

On Saturday morning, after employing our time as we pleased (and, by the way, a little bird whispered that Mr. Murray was well employed) till 10 o'clock, we were then driven through the country around Maitland, in a vehicle which had the appearance of being a cross between a dray and a 'bus. During this drive, which I can assure you we all enjoyed immensely, we passed through some particularly flat, though rich land which lines the banks of the upper Hunter, the land being so valuable, in fact, that no fences are built, so as to enable the farmers to cultivate every inch of it. This may seem somewhat incongruous or exaggerated, but nevertheless it is true. Another thing which is most noticeable is the number of embankments which are built up on the land. The reason for this is as follows: When the rivers are flooded the water sweeps over the mounds, bringing with it silt and alluvial soil. Then when the water subsides the deposit is prevented from getting away, and thus

leaves the land more fertile than heretofore. While we are on the question of the land, I may as well state that the chief product of these parts is lucerne, though of course other things are also grown. After this most delightful ride we returned home, and having negotiated a prodigious meal, we began to gird up our loins for the fray.

This match was vastly superior to the Newcastle game, and though Maitland played four old boys, we managed to make a draw of it—11 all, and were even unlucky enough not to win, as Flook failed to convert our last try, from the easiest of positions. All the forwards played splendidly against a bigger eight, and though we played a seven pack, the Premier, "Bluey" Thorne's understudy, managed to gain the monopoly of the ball in the scrums. The backs, too, played ably, the captain working like a Trojan, while the bringing back of "Waser" Holmes into the three-quarters, considerably strengthened the defence, and Parker, who went up into the forwards, played a really fine game in that position. R. Watt, as breakaway, played well, as did Anderson and Firth in the front row, ably backed up by Bradshaw in the second rank. The Premier, too, played a good, hustling game, and was fair in the loose. Of the backs, the captain, Bert Evatt, was, perhaps, the best, though Morgan, Flook, Sherwood and Holmes played well. Bennett was good at times; Connolly, at back, was safe, and at times brilliant.

On Saturday night most of us went to the West, some to the pictures, some to the sharpshooters, while it is rumoured (hush! let us say it gently!) that Mr. Murray was found in a 4s. seat—on the grass—looking disconsolately at Wirths' Circus and the hippopotamus. This was our last night in Maitland, and I may say, we all enjoyed it immensely. On Sunday we all went to church, and really enjoyed it, though we all left when the plate came round. In the afternoon, at 3.15, we reluctantly caught the train to Sydney, where we arrived about five hours later, somewhat less joyous than we had set out.

Taken as a whole, omitting the Newcastle episode, the trip was a huge success, and I feel sure that the whole team will reiterate my statement when I say that we all had a jolly good time

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On the 2nd instant, the School was favoured by a visit from Admiral Henderson (retired), who was in command of the Australian station in 1882, when H.M.S. "Nelson" was flagship. He is at present on a visit to Sydney.

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We had to leave the train at Dover and get into a steam packet to Calais. There were twenty-three of us, including Eric Hurt, the two Mater boys, Les Duff, Simpson, Johnston (Fort Street boys) and the Major's two sons. We made a fast passage in the *Pas de Calais*, and at Calais passed through the customs into the train. I will never forget the crush as we got off that boat and got ashore. A football scrum was not in it. We reached Paris at about 7 o'clock in the morning, just in time to reach the Windsor Hotel, have a bath, and breakfast. They charged us two francs (about 1s. 8d.) each for baths, which did make the party grumble. That evening we went to the world-renowned "Moulin Rouge" (Red Mill). It did not open till 9 p.m. Johnston was a great help to us. Having lived in New Caledonia for ten years, he spoke French like a Frenchman. They played this evening "The Belle of New York." Of course, it was all sung in French, but we enjoyed it, as we knew all the airs. The performance finished at 12 (midnight).

The next day we had another bath at 1s. 8d. each, and 9.30 a.m. we got into a drag to go to Versailles.

It is a magnificent castle, built by Louis XIV., XV., and XVI. The paintings and statuary were wonderful. No expense absolutely had been spared. We stood on the balcony where Marie Antoinette and Louis VI. promised to go to Paris next day, and were promptly guillotined on arrived. We were lucky at Versailles to be there on a day when the fountains were playing. It costs £400 a time to turn these on; there are such a number of them, and the water had to be brought such a distance. They only turn them on twice a month. We stood on the spot where the first man was killed in the Revolution. On the way back, we drove through one of the gates of Paris mentioned in "The Scarlet Pimpernel."

The next day, we went all round Paris, sight-seeing in a drag with a guide. Among other places, we saw the Eiffel Tower, Trocadero, Vendome Place, Place de la Concorde (where Marie Antoinette was guillotined), place where the Bastille stood, Louvre, Tuileries, Church of St. Magdalen, Joan of Arc's statue, Notre Dame, and Great Wheel. We went up in a lift to the top of Trocadero, and had an excellent bird's eye view of Paris.

That morning we visited the Market, and while there I bought some frogs for 3½d. a stick of six. We had them cooked at the restaurant where we had lunch, and I must acknowledge they were lovely. One only eats the legs. The whole twenty-three of our party had some. Some enjoyed them, and some did not. We tried some snails, but they were out of season. Johnston says snails are much better than frogs; if so, they must be very good.

After arriving at the hotel that evening, we took Les. Duff down for a swim in the Seine. Eric Hurt would have gone also, but he was sick. Duff gave them a fine display of diving, crawl sprinting, and water polo. The 500 metre champion of Paris (only won the honor the day before), was instructed in the crawl by Les Duff. The Froggies thought Duff must be the champion of Australia. They don't know much about Australia over here.

The next morning (8 a.m.) we left for Brussels, Mr. Kelly, Lieut. Craig, with eight others, having dropped out of the party, thus leaving thirteen. We arrived just in time for tea. After tea we went down to the fair. This is held for six weeks every year. Thousands of side shows filled up the place. Next day we went to Waterloo, which is several miles out of Brussels.

We went by train to Brain St. Allend, and were then driven to the field. We had a lecture delivered us there by an Ex-Sergeant Major (of course not of the time), who pointed out exactly the position of Napoleon, Wellington, and Blucher's armies. The lads bought some badges, bullets, etc., supposed to have been found on the field. It was very interesting, and a great contrast to the battlefields of Colenso, Ladysmith.

That afternoon (5 p.m.) after a trip round Brussels, we were on the train again, for Berlin, with three less in the party. We had dinner that evening in the train—a good dinner, for

which they charged us five francs (4s.). We arrived at Berlin again just in time for breakfast. We were put up this time at the Prinz Albrecht Hotel, a very fine place indeed. That afternoon we went for a motor drive all round the city of Berlin, and a very fine city it is. Much cleaner and better laid out than Paris; buildings are good, though it cannot beat Paris for statuary.

The French have a very fine city (beats London easily) but they seem to lack the money to keep it up. In Berlin, we saw all the famous places, visited the Royal Mausoleum, Museum, everything worth seeing, in fact. The motor was far superior to the drag for this kind of work. That evening, we visited the ice-rink, where we saw some splendid exhibitions of skating, one by a girl of 12. We also saw a pantomime on the ice.

The next day we visited Potsdam, the residence of the Kaiser. Firstly, we went in a motor to Lake Wansee, then down the river Havel, five miles to Potsdam by motor boat, through splendid scenery. Potsdam does not compare at all favourably with Windsor Castle or Versailles. The money seems to have been scarce. We inspected the castle of Sans Souci, Voltaire's residence, and saw basins he had used for washing in, and cups used for drinking purposes. We also had a look into the Kaiser's church. That evening we visited the Zoo, the finest in the world.

Next morning, 8.30 train to Strasburg, and arrived there at 7 o'clock that evening. We are very tired of the train, and will be glad to get that boat trip up the Cologne. We have already had glimpses of it, and a fine river it is.

Last evening we (only four of us left now—two Mater boys, Johnston and myself) went for a ride all round the town. Water streets here, canals in many places. We bought some souvenirs to take home.

This morning we went to see if we could find a friend of Mr. Mater's, but on inquiring at the Police Station, we found he had left in 1895. We then saw the working of the marvellous clock which is world-renowned. We're nearly squeezed to death in the small space. To-morrow morning, we are off to Frankfurt, and from there to Homburg to drink the waters.

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### Obituary

It is with the very deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Fred Wells, of 2B class, one of the finest boys in the class, and one whose loss is universally regretted. A boy of rare promise, he was only fifteen years of age when the call came. We desire to express our deepest sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Wells in their great loss.

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### A Day in Scott's Country.

*For Present-Day Fortians. By P. L. Murphy.*

Have you ever read "The Lady of the Lake"? If you haven't, do so at once. Not only will it interest and delight you now, while you are young, but if, later on, you should be so fortunate as to make a tour of the famous lochs that lie amongst the hills just beyond Glasgow, you will experience a joy in travelling, hard to describe; for Scott, by his charmingly told story, has given this part of Scotland such an air of romance, that, in reading his poem, we imagine ourselves in a veritable fairy-land—especially does this remark apply to Loch Katrine, in which is situated the tiny, but beautiful "Ellen's Isle"—and what greater joy could we have than to enter "the land where the fairies dwell"?

Well, we left Glasgow by train about 8 a.m., and dashed through a Scotch mist for about half an hour before reaching the Loch Lomond pier, where a steamer was waiting the arrival of tourists for the "round trip." And how disappointed everyone was; for the mist allowed us a range of vision of about 10 yards, at the same time lowering the temperature of the atmosphere below the point of desirableness. Most of the tourists were from America, and they gave vent to their feelings in a very free manner, and after vainly trying to persuade the captain

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to wait until the mist should clear away, they started to patrol the deck, and like Mr. McCawber, "wait for something to turn up." It very soon did, for hardly had we gone a few hundred yards than we ran aground. The excitement, especially amongst the ladies, was very great indeed; but the damage was very small, and in a few minutes, after the captain had said something, in his native tongue, to the look-out man, we were once more flying past the unseen beauties of the great loch, whose length is about 24 miles. Occasionally we would catch a glimpse, quite close to us, of the faint outline of some island, which one of the deck-hands would assure us was, when translated, "extremely beautiful." We thanked him and kept on shivering and praying for light and guidance. The latter we needed very much, for all of a sudden a huge, unchartered (so the look-out man said) island towered up right ahead of us—and we were going at full speed! Some of the more desperate looked upon the expected crash as a relief from their misery, others sought for life-belts, or good swimmers, whilst the skipper ordered "Full Speed Astern"! These three magic words saved the lives of all aboard, for, according to the first mate, the loch is only 625 feet deep at that particular spot, so you can imagine how fortunate we were to be in a boat which could "change direction right-about" without stopping—at least that's what it seemed to do. Well, this phantom-island-dodging kept us at our wits' end until we were within sight of Ben Lomond, which we were all anxious to behold, when suddenly the chilling shroud lifted and we burst from the gloom into the glorious sunlight, and as the mist (now beautiful) rolled gently away to curl itself

round Ben Lomond's lofty summit, we obtained our first view of "the bonnie, bonnie banks o' Loch Lomond," and for the first time we understood the real reason why the Scotch have always fought for their country. The beautiful, clear waters of the loch lie in the midst of hills, whose base is covered with grass and heather, or are simply a mass of rocks. The highlands—here, at any rate—have a tame, domestic appearance, quite unlike our own wild, craggy, heavily-timbered Blue Mountains, but they have a charm of their own which must appeal to anyone who has a love for the grand works of Nature. The best idea I can give you of what Loch Lomond is like, is contained in the following sentence: "If it is a fact that there was a Highlander in the first boat that entered Port Jackson, he must have thought that, having sailed around the world, he had unexpectedly reached Scotland's biggest loch once more—especially if he felt in an exaggerative frame of mind, and raised the harbour slopes some hundreds of feet." I might as well state here that the day was now glorious. The air was clear and calm, the sky was almost as blue as our own, and the sun shone so brightly that for a time I felt quite home-sick. At length we reached a few buildings called Invermeid, where it was a case of "Joy that is sadness, pain that is bliss," for we now took coach for a five-mile drive to Loch Katrine—the fairy pool. From the top of the ridge separating the two lochs we had a splendid view of Lomond's loveliness, and of Ben More rising to a great height in the distance, and the few miles' drive through the heather and bracken-covered hills was very much to everyone's liking. Arrived at the edge of the loch, we lunched, and went on



board the little steamer which plies here in "the season." As we steamed along these (to me) almost sacred waters, I was entranced. There on the right rose Ben Voirlich, "the fragments of an earlier world," and on the left, Ben Aun, at the top of which "the Chase" ended so disastrously, and all the while I kept trying to picture to myself the scene caused by Roderick Dhu's sturdy clansmen, as they sailed up the loch, making the hills resound with their famous and beautiful song, "Hail to the Chief Who in Triumph Advances."

(To be continued.)

#### RURAL CAMP SCHOOL PRIZE.

Raymond E. McIntosh, of 5D class, has been awarded first prize for his essay on the camp school at Richmond. The organising officer, Mr. Wm. Roberts, writes to him: "I wish to congratulate you on your very excellent work. It reflects great credit upon your industry and attention. I am exceedingly pleased with your essay, and wish to keep it for a time in order to show it to the Chief Inspector and the Minister for Education."

#### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On the last Friday before the holidays, the M.S. journal was read. During the previous week, the editor's mail was swollen to an enormous extent by the numerous contributions from the "honourable members." Amongst the papers read we noticed the old favourite, "De Senioribus," and a new venture, "Senioriana." We note with sorrow the passing of the "Sportsman." The "De Senioribus" contained many letters from irate correspondents concerning every obnoxious subject from "The Speakership" to "Prefects and Peanuts." "Senioriana" contained many screamingly humorous but, unfortunately, stereotyped jokes, but with some excellent original articles. In all, this edition of the M.S. journal gave the honorable members something to "chew" during the vacation.

Bennett's liberal and progressive party brought forward some sweeping reforms in the house on Friday, 6th. "The Nationalisation of all Industries" being the subject. The speakers were numerous, and arguments waxed warm. Some of the members got into such awful tangles that they talked of "under-way bridges" and "openly-grog selling." Liggins, Holmes, and Sillar supported the premier, while Simpson, New, O'Grady, and Hunter composed the opposition. After the premier's reply, a good majority for his party was secured.

#### NOTES AND NEWS.

The farewell to the 1910 Seniors will take place in the Main Room on Friday, the 10th November, at 2.30 p.m. All old boys will be sure of a hearty welcome. Though the number of candidates this year is smaller than usual, yet their quality, we are sure, will leave nothing lacking. It is rumoured that Wiburd, our poet laureate, is pluming his wings, and essaying a flight into the region of the Ode, while Gruen contemplates a humorous ballad suitable to the season.

In place of Rowe, who has been articleed to Mr. E. W. Roxburgh, solicitor, the Headmaster has elected Simpson as Prefect. We desire to place on record our appreciation of Rowe's services as Senior Librarian.

The School is at present in the throes of the annual inspection. Messrs. Parkinson, Beavis, Lasker, S. H. Smith, Grieve and Reay being the visiting inspectors.

### MORE BRILLIANT SUCCESSES IN SHORTHAND.

Result of Shorthand Examinations conducted at Fort Street School, 1st April, 1911, by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia.

#### Advanced Theory

- 1st place in N.S.W., Ida Grice  
(Metropolitan Business College)  
2nd place W. Steele  
(Metropolitan Business College)  
4th place M. Colquhoun  
(Metropolitan Business College)

- Theory**—1st place in N.S.W. Marion Kark  
(Metropolitan Business College)  
2nd place Dorothy Beveridge  
(Metropolitan Business College)  
4th place Winnie Buckler  
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# Girls' Page

Edited by Miss B. TEARLE

## THE STAFF.

During the vacation, Miss Edna Gardner was removed to the District School at Lithgow, where she will have duties in connection with the continuation school in domestic science. During her stay at Fort Street, she endeared herself to teachers and scholars alike, and we very much regret parting with her, although, of course, we wish her every success in her new work. We sincerely trust that the change will benefit her in every way. On behalf of the teachers, Miss Partridge presented Miss Gardner with a unique pendant as a token of goodwill and esteem. Some of the sixth class pupils presented her also with a bag purse, with her monogram in the corner. We wish her every happiness and prosperity.

## THE CAPTAIN.

It is with regret that we have to announce the resignation of the late captain of the Girls' School, Elsie Ferguson, who, after having been several years with us, and having competently and conscientiously filled the position of captain for the present year, now has left us to continue her promising career in other waters.

We feel confident that all the pupils of the Fort Street Girls' High School will realise the loss they have sustained, and we must say that throughout her term of office Miss Ferguson displayed, both in her dealings with teachers and pupils, that her chief ambition was to improve the standard of the old school, morally, physically, and intellectually. In recognition of the excellent services she has rendered us, we propose to offer her some slight token of the respect in which she is held by us.

In view of the inspection of the school, the election of the new captain will be delayed.

It is sincerely to be wished that Miss Ferguson's successor will carry out the duties and responsibilities attached to this high office as ably and conscientiously as she has done.

## THE PROBATIONARY STUDENTS.

On Thursday, 21st September, the first year probationary students gave the second year students and the High School teachers an "Afternoon Tea" in the dining-room.

The programme opened with a recitation, followed by a short dialogue given by six of the first year students. During the afternoon, the second year students, who were sitting for their final examination for entrance to the Training College the following week, took the opportunity to present their (form) teachers with small tokens of their regard for them, accompanied by gifts of rather a humorous character.

Mr. Kilgour and Miss Partridge addressed the girls, and wished them every success, both at the examination, and in their future careers. Elsie Ferguson, as captain, suitably thanked all the teachers for their unflinching kindness in the past. The proceedings closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

On Friday, September 15th, Miss Hilda Dennis, formerly one of the members of our staff, was married to Mr. Morgan Johns, of Wollongong. The wedding took place in the evening, at the Ashfield Methodist Church. The happy pair are at present on a honeymoon tour through New Zealand. We wish them both every happiness in the future.

On Saturday, 16th September, a party of sixth class girls held a picnic at National Park, at which three of the teachers were present. The weather was beautiful, and the girls spent the day very pleasantly, playing games, having novelty races and other sport. On the same day a party of seventh class girls went to Fig Tree, Lane Cove, and had a very enjoyable day. These outings and other social functions in connection with the school help to maintain the goodwill which has always existed between the teachers and pupils of this grand old institution.

## SPORTS.

In the second round hockey competition the Spartans and Belleyandos played the first match in which the former won one goal and the latter two. The Maranas and Belleyandos then played off, in which both scored one goal. The final match was most exciting, but the Belleyandos beat the Spartans by 3 goals to 1.

The captain of the successful team was Belle Murray. This team was most successful throughout.

With regard to swimming, the season will open on Wednesday, 11th October, at Elkington Park baths. The season promises to be most successful. Life-saving classes will be formed, both among the Primary girls and the High School girls. The entries so far are the largest on record.

Miss Glynn, who has been studying here for the past two years, on leaving, presented the Senior Girls' Reference Library with three beautifully bound volumes of Guerber's "Myths of Greece and Rome," "Myths of the Norsemen," "Myths and Legends of the Middle Ages." We greatly appreciate Miss Glynn's generosity.

### THE OLD, OLD STORY.

*By One of the Snipes.*

It is a well-known story,  
It stoppeth fifty eight,  
"By your hunched up backs and heavy eyes,  
Now wherefore com'st so late?"

The school-room door stands open wide,  
It really is a sin,  
Scholars are met, the work is set,  
You may hear the merry din.

We hear a voice with sweet, low tones,  
"There's a formula," quoth she,  
"The hardest of them all in Trig.,  
Cos (A plus B plus C)."

Oh! Science, 'tis a noble thing,  
Use blowpipes, and some gas,  
A charcoal burner, and sticks of chalk,  
Cassiterite in mass.

Place lower plants upon a slide,  
Peep through the microscope,  
Where a thousand thousand animals  
Their darksome way do grope.

But hush! a silence falls on us,  
"Hand in your Latin Comp.,  
Take out your Cicero's Verrine,  
You have no time to romp."

In history we note each "point,"  
And put it down right fast,

Seniors all know the "Keynote of  
The Present and the Past."

In French we love phonetic script,  
And author unprepared,  
When asked our rules we only stare,  
For verbs we never cared.

We've heard that Thomson wrote "The  
Seasons,"  
And Gray "The Elegy,"  
But to study literature,  
We have no energy.

### GIRLS' LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, October 6th, the Girls' Literary and Debating Society held their monthly meeting in the old junior room. The debate took the form of a manuscript journal afternoon, with Dorothy Rothschild as editress.

The afternoon was a very pleasant one. The pieces, with one exception, were original. Miss Evans congratulated the contributors on the excellent literary merit of both prose and poetry.

It was decided that the next meeting should take the form of a prisoner's base. We would here like to remind the girls belonging to the society that they are all expected to come prepared with ten questions and their answers.

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## Old Boys' News

Concerning a few O.B. Doctors.

Dr. G. Croll, now stationed at Brisbane, was recently in Sydney for the purpose of attending the Medical Congress. Dr. J. W. G. Powell (alias "Ben," alias "Pusher," well-known 'Varsity forward, rowing man and 880 yards runner of a few years back) is to be seen from time to time filling the most comfortable chair at the University Club in the intervals between trips to England. Dr. Bruce Withers is practising at Auburn, Dr. Will Vickers at Drummoyne, Dr. Furber at Stanmore. Dr. Archie McLean has felt the "call of the Antarctic," and joined Dr. Mawson's expedition. Dr. Grant (Billy) is at Rozelle. Dr. Percy Hipsley (one of the few M.D.'s of Sydney University) at Waverley, Dr. Clive Smith Resident at the Crown Street Hospital for Women, Dr. Bede Harrison Resident at Sydney Hospital, Dr. Trevor Turner and Dr. I. M. Barrow Residents at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

### OLD BOYS' UNION.

The secretary of the O.B.U. recently had a letter from Cyril Buchanan. The address was Tutuila, Samoa. "Kindly apologise," it ran, "for my absence from the O.B. Dinner this year. I am with you in mind, if not in body. You see by the heading I am in a far off land. In fact, 2411 miles away from dear old Sydney. I met some old Fort Street boys in Apia, and tried to induce them to join the Union . . . This place is a U.S. naval station, and I have a great time with the officers. I go out to dinner every night. I also go on the man-o'-war every trip she makes. I hope to be in Sydney about April 1912. Lever Bros., Ltd. (my firm), has got a contract with the U.S. Government, and I am looking after their interests here. The old school motto keeps me plugging along in good style, and is a great help to me. Tofa! Soifua (good-bye and good wishes) si on Alofa, Pukega (with my regards, Cyril Buchanan).

Harry Foxall left recently for Portuguese Timor, whither he was sent to report on certain petroleum concessions for a Sydney company. Foxall, who passed the Senior brilliantly from the school in 1901, had a highly distinguished

course in mining engineering at Sydney University. Subsequently he acquired valuable experience at Mt. Morgan and Port Kembla. At the latter place he and poor Forbes McMaster, another Sydney graduate, were washed off the breakwater where they had been trying to take photographs of an unusually stormy sea. McMaster, although a strong swimmer, was drowned, and Foxall had the narrowest of escapes. Timor is a place one would hardly care to penetrate unarmed. (Guns are not permitted to be landed.) However, Foxall has plenty of pluck. Like Mawson, he is a protege of Professor David, to whose recommendation he owes his present employment. Let us hope he will "strike oil." He is expected back in Sydney by the end of November.

Another Fort Street old boy, J. G. Hunter, B. Sc. (3rd Year Med.), has joined the Mawson Expedition as Biologist.

### CAMERA CLUB ANNUAL REPORT.

Inauguration.—The club was inaugurated in September, of last year, Mr. Bauer being elected hon. secretary, and with Essermann, delegate to the Sports' Union of the school.

Membership.—The membership of the club reached as high as 35, but the average number at the weekly outings was about 16. The military training of late has had much to do with lessening the number.

Outings.—Outings were held weekly, and the various beauty spots in and around the Harbour and suburbs were visited. The thanks of the club are due to the various ferry companies in allowing the members to travel at reduced rates.

Demonstrations.—These were four—two given by Messrs. Harrington and Co., and two by Messrs. Baker and Rouse. For these demonstrations the members are very thankful. They proved both interesting and useful.

Exhibition of Work.—The first exhibition was held in the main room on the 25th and 26th May last, most of the members contributing. The prizes were presented by Messrs. Baker and Rouse. This firm has further interested itself lately in the welfare of the club, by offering two guineas worth of material for our dark-room.

Some of the prize-winners' efforts appeared in the "Photo Review" and the "Fortian."

Dark-Room.—This, unfortunately, is too small for the requirements of the club. We would all be pleased to have a larger room where the members could assemble to take advantage of the offers of demonstrations by the various photographic firms. Messrs. Harrington and Son supplied the material now in it.

A notable feature of the club is that it has not cost the Sports' Union any expense since its inauguration.

In conclusion, the members are asked to continue their interest in the club, attend the outings, and persuade others to join. As a hobby, it is not only one of the most interesting, but also one of the most intellectual a lad can engage in. The physical advantages are also considerable.

## Lower School Notes.

"October, the maiden of bright yellow tresses,  
Loiters for love in the cool wildernesses;  
Loiters, knee-deep, in the grasses to listen,  
Where dripping rocks gleam and the leafy  
pools glisten."

So says the poet, but the average Fortian probably feels no desire to see October loiter. Rather let it hasten and bring us nearer Christmas, and the holidays. Almost each month of the school year is nowadays marked by some special occasion, and to October falls the honor of celebrating "Bird Day." How many of our readers have read R. S. Emerson's poems on the months, each month introducing some well-known Australian bird? We would be pleased if one of our readers who has done so could forward Emerson's "November," in time for our next issue.

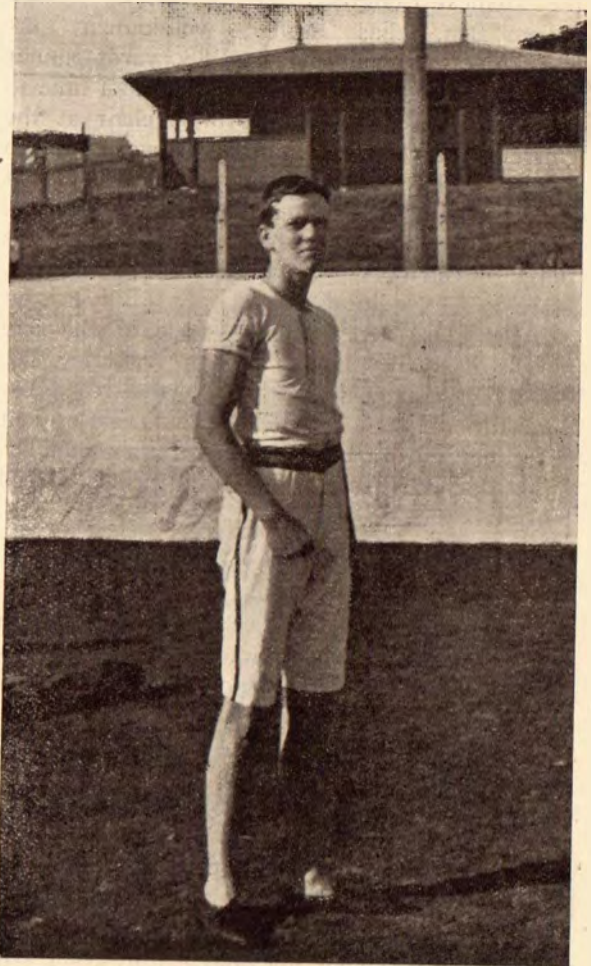
We understand another rural camp is shortly to eventuate. In the present issue we print some extracts from one of the participants in the last camp.

### CLASS NOTES

5E.—The best aggregate results were: Noel Wilson, 997; H. Crackanthorp, 977; J. Osborne, 940; J. Pike, 937; and F. Powell, 907.

In individual subjects the best were:—Reading: L. De Groen, 85; E. Kennings, 85; W. Haggarty, 80; Cleland, 80; Wilshire, 80. Writing: Gardyne and Aldritt were best, with 84 and 80

respectively. Thirteen boys scored full marks for dictation. They were Wilson, Osborne, Powell, Pike, Husband, Myers, Robson, Cleland, Gardyne, Williamson, Kennings, O'Dea, and G. Osborne. The best in composition were E. Kin-



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nings, 85; Crackanthorp, 78; Dunnett, 78; and Sainty, 78. In history the best were Husband, 81; Wilson, 77; Robson, 76; and Ziems, 73. Wilson and Pilley were best in geography, each securing 87 marks, but were closely followed by Crackanthorp, 84; and L. Smith, 84; and Sainty, 82. In the individual subjects, Wilson, J. Osborne, and Bonnard each scored 100 for arithmetic; Wilson, Pike, Husband, and Robson each scored 100 for algebra; Wilson, Crackanthorp, and Haggarty scored 100 for geometry; and in

mensuration, Pike, Husband, and Robson lead, with 100 each, followed by Wilson, 92.

5C.—In the September quarterly examination the best results were obtained by the undermentioned boys. The names are in order of merit:—Linn, Lyons, Chapple, Chapman, Boyd, Lessing, Bradshaw, Stephenson, Rosenbloom, and Meers. Linn's work was very creditable, as he obtained an average of nearly 80 per cent. Several boys by their absence from certain subjects, lowered their aggregate marks considerably. The results show that though many boys are making special efforts to improve their work, there are still some who seem to lack interest in their work. The class on the whole needs to apply itself more energetically to the study of history and geography, as many failed to obtain a satisfactory mark in these subjects.

5B.—During the recent quarterly examination, McCann Noble, Cotterill, McAdam, Cramp, and Hall obtained the highest aggregates. The best results in individual subjects were:—English: McCann, Harsden, Cotterill. Mathematics: Jones, Cramp, McAdam. Geography: Matta, Rogers, McCann. History: Cotterill, McCann.

5A.—The boys of this class are now looking forward to swimming and cricket, and are very anxious to know when the summer sports are to commence. As a result of September examination, the following boys have been promoted to 5B:—Lapin, Mills, Pate, Opit, Hurt, Bastian, Mallam, Drew, and Fraser.

4A.—As a result of the quarterly examination, Barnett, Quinn, Williams, Hotten, Schmidt, McDermott, and Bowyer have been promoted to 5A. Of the existing class good work has been done by the following boys:—Homework: Brewer, Sinclair, Cooper, Bloom, Johnson. Dictation: Hynes, Wegner, Sorrenson, Bloom, Brewer, Coy. Arithmetic: E. Rose, Crealy, Macmullan, Sinclair, Peterson. Tablets: Crealy, Cooper, Court, Hynes, Holmgreen. Composition: Boucher, Cooper, Hynes, Holmgreen, Mares.

3A.—The following boys have shown most improvement in their conduct and class-work:—L. Bailey, A. Hamilton, F. Smith, S. Cooper, A. Hudson, A. Magee, A. McDermott, and L. Caldbeck. Hamilton and Nelson still far excel all others in neatness at home-lessons. As the result of very high marks gained at last examination, Allan Cooper has been promoted to class 4A, Ferguson and Hamilton have shown much in-

terest in nature study and observation work, both bringing interesting specimens to school.

2A.—Quarterly examination. Crowe, with 353, obtained the highest aggregate, closely followed by McLaren (352), King (335), and Palin (328). In the individual subjects the best results were:—Reading: Berry. Writing: Jacobson. Composition: Berry. Dictation: Palin, McLaren, Rawson. Arithmetic: Crowe, Butler.

5D.—Judging by the marks, the work in the last quarterly examination was somewhat better than in the past, and the results obtained in some instances were full of merit. It is a pity that several boys were absent from various subjects, thereby lowering their aggregates and their positions in the class. History is the weakest subject, and boys should give as much attention to this as they possibly can. The following boys obtained the best passes:—K. Bennett, 914 (maximum 1100); R. Anderson, 886; J. Webster, 879; C. Asher-Smith, 832; J. Pearce, 829; and K. Bannister, 802. Other boys who gained distinction in some subjects were:—Wilthew, Hickey, Thompson, Pearce, Wyllie, Albert, Parton, Jones.

#### CAMP SCHOOL AT MORPETH.

(A. E. Bradshaw.)

Although the weather for the first few days was bad, the camp was greatly enjoyed by the boys of the various schools.

We assembled at the Central Railway Station on Wednesday, 23rd August, but as it was raining heavily, we were unable to go to Morpeth. However, we again appeared at the station with our hampers the next morning, and boarded the train about 9 o'clock.

We arrived at Newcastle at 12.30 p.m., after a pleasant journey through the Hawkesbury scenery, not forgetting refreshments at Gosford. On our arrival at Morpeth we found that the rain was falling heavily.

On Friday the rain had ceased, and we visited the Bowthorne Butter Factory in the morning, and Sim and Sans' iron-foundry in the afternoon. In the butter factory we saw the cream go through all the processes—arriving, testing, churning, etc.—till at last we saw the butter being packed in boxes. The cream-testing operations were explained to us, and the process was very interesting. In the foundry we saw many different machines for working the iron. We also

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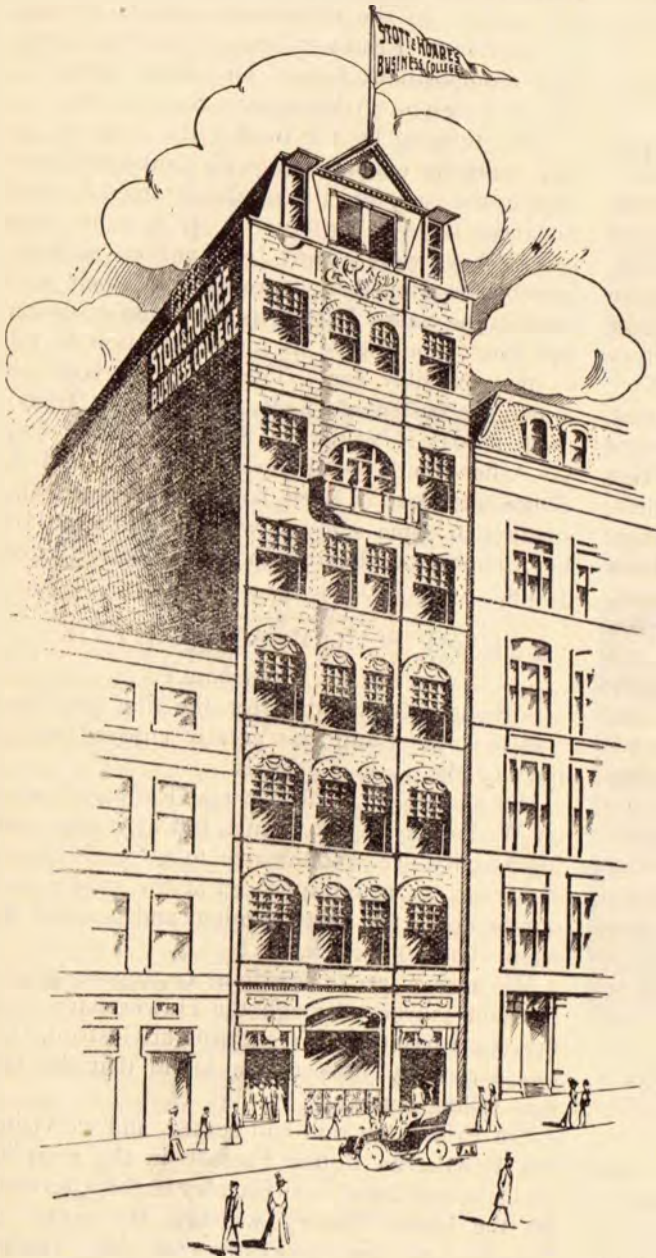
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saw the moulds being prepared and the principle of the blast furnace was explained.

On the Saturday morning we went to Hinton—a little town about two miles from Morpeth. We passed over two bridges, one over the Hunter River, and another over the Paterson. The Hunter River was in flood and we saw much timber coming down. In the afternoon we had different sport.

On Monday we had an enjoyable trip up the Williams River to a dairy farm kept by Mr. Boag. Mr. Boag kindly showed us round his farm, and we spent a very enjoyable day.

On Tuesday we boarded a river boat—the "Waraneen." We went up and down the Hunter River on this boat, and noted the different cargo which was loaded. Lucerne was the principal product, but we also shipped millet and calves. We had great fun riding the calves down from the farms to the boat, and some of the boys tried their hand at steering. In the afternoon we visited a farm. Here we saw a machine for pressing the lucerne into bales. We were also shown the whole process of making millet brooms. Then we were given afternoon tea, and after that were shown the corn shellers. We were all given a cob of corn as a memento of our visit.

On Wednesday—our last whole day in camp—we went to the Stanford-Merthyr coal-mines. There we saw all the machinery for working the mine, and we were supplied with safety lamps and taken down the mine to the first level, where we could see coal all around us.

On Thursday we broke camp, and reached Sydney at about 6.30 p.m., tired out, but having thoroughly enjoyed our instructive week.

## HANDBALL.

(By "Hinder.")

### Doubles Championship.

By defeating Bradshaw and H. Smith, 31-18. Evatt and Wiburd secured the doubles. They have not been beaten this season. Previous winners were:—

1908: Mr. Lasker and Langker.

1909: I. Morgan and Railton.

1910: Baldick and Ferguson.

### The Old Boys' Match.

This match came off on Wednesday, September 13th. The teams were somewhat different

to the original selection, being comprised as follows:—Old Boys: I. Morgan (captain), H. Symonds, C. O. Hellestrom, G. Godfrey. School: H. V. Evatt (captain), J. A. Gruen, T. Bradshaw, C. R. Wiburd.

Doubles.—The first match was between Morgan, Godfrey, and Gruen, Bradshaw. It was an even game throughout, chiefly notable for Morgan's fine play, and for the clever serving of the school pair. The second match was played between Evatt, Wiburd, and Symonds, Hellestrom, who had been practising hard on the Barracks court. They combined well, Hellestrom swinging in to the wall and Symonds smashing as of yore. They led the doubles champions, 7-2, but the latter thereafter scored 19 to the Ancients' 6, thus winning, 21-13. Evatt's serving puzzled Hellestrom when "on the wall," yet the latter was sound when back.

One all, when Gruen and Bradshaw set out to mete similar treatment to Symonds and Hellestrom, but they were always behind, and finished up, 9-21.

Two to one, against the School. Morgan and Godfrey v. Evatt and Wiburd. The fate of the doubles match depended on this game. The result was a great win for the School pair, who ran out at 21-3. The victory put the School ahead on points for the doubles.

Singles.—The singles were begun before the tea adjournment, Wiburd meeting Godfrey. When the players adjourned, Godfrey was leading, 14-11. During refreshments, speech-making was indulged in, and this, though indeed complimentary, was hardly enjoyed as much as the cakes and biscuits from down the street.

After tea Godfrey won the match, 21-14. He played with his usual skill, as also did Wiburd. Then came the match of the day, when Evatt met Morgan. It, and the next match (Gruen and Symonds) were two of the finest games ever played on the time-honoured No. 1 court. Evatt led at first, but Morgan soon gained the lead, owing to his long swings from back court. Every point was gained only after a long rally, but Evatt seemed beaten when 14-10, 15-11, and 17-13 were successively called against him. The heat was telling on both players as the score remained stationary at 17-13. Morgan saw his lead reduced somewhat to 19-17. Then Evatt scored two, evening up the scores to 19 all, when he was outed. Morgan was similarly treated.



Still 19 all. Then Evatt scored the necessary two, winning, 21-19.

Gruen then got to work on Symonds with such effect that he had ten scored before "Hymie" could register three. But, although Gruen's wall play was still as good as ever, Symonds evened up at 15. Then came another Titanic struggle, and 18 all was called. Symonds then got in two "impossibles," and soon ran out with another, 21-18.

The last match, Bradshaw v. Hellestrom, was forfeited to the former.

Scores:—

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS.  
Doubles.

Gruen and Bradshaw, 19 v. Godfrey and Morgan, 21.

Evatt and Wiburd, 21, v. Symonds and Hellestrom, 13.

Gruen and Bradshaw, 9, v. Symonds and Hellestrom, 21.

Evatt and Wiburd, 21, v. Godfrey and Morgan, 3.

Singles.

Wiburd, 14, v. Godfrey, 21.

Evatt, 21, v. Morgan, 19.

Gruen, 18, v. Symonds, 21.

Bradshaw beat Hellestrom on forfeit.

School: 4 games, 123 points.

Old Boys: 4 games, 119 points.

The match thus ended in a victory for the School.

## Football

### A REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

(By H. V. Evatt.)

The Wednesday sports afternoon made it impossible for the school teams to compete in the regular P.S.A.A.A.A. competition. A somewhat similar programme was drawn up to that prevailing during last cricket season—a mixture of class and outside matches.

Before discussing the Rugby programme, one must say with regret that owing to the fact that the players were only available on Wednesdays, Fort Street did not win the senior schools competition in our national football. For the school's record during the past five leaves a strong impression that to enter and to win are synonymous terms. The new secondary competition will supply the opportunity for entering next

season. Fort Street A team will look after the winning.

Under Rugby rules, the class competitions were well fought out in both grades. The seniors were successful in the A grade and 2C were runners-up. Although outclassed in the final, the latter team was a solid combination, and, along with the younger of the seniors, should form a good recruiting ground for next year's firsts. 1F, under Flook's captaining, won the B grade.

The outside matches were:—Against Woodford—An easy win by 51 to nil. It was a glorious picnic day, and brought out the powers of the younger generation, Flook, Kirke, and Puckenge in particular. Against High School (Ultimo).—We led in this strenuous battle until well into the second half, when the bellows of those players who had recently sat for the junior, gave way. We were unable to get a return match, which would undoubtedly have reversed the result. Against High School (Maitland).—This was an easy win, although Maitland were by no means at their strongest. Connolly played brilliantly at full-back in this game, and would be one of the best Fort Street ever had if he consistently reproduced similar form. Against Old Boys.—For the second year in succession the Old Boys were beaten. This time they had to bow the knee to the doleful tune of 18 points to 12. Against High School (Waverley).—A draw, 3 all, after a hard game. It was practically a senior team which was playing, as 2C met 2A on the same day. Against High School (Newcastle).—This was the first match in the northern tour, and Fort Street were the weaker team on the day. Yet most of us were not improved in condition as the result of the previous banquet, added to the questionable delights of a four hours' train trip. Against High School (Maitland).—The return match was played on the pretty park in East Maitland. The home team had fortified their team with some old boys. Having defeated the Hill-Richards-Swannell combination, we were not awed by their presence, and made a draw of it on time, after the hardest game of the year.

The matches were always played in good spirit by those representing the school, and the programme was much enjoyed.

There are no averages in football, and after the Woodford match, the barrackers gave up the task of registering the tries. Yet the success of the

younger players will make a good combination certain for next season. Connolly, as I said before, played extremely well at times and indifferently at others. Flook played headily at all times. His try at Newcastle was a gem. Keith, of that ilk, had better look to his position in Balmain firsts some years hence. Davies, Upton, Sherwood, Parkes, Bennett, and other *novi homines* acquitted themselves well. "Jock" Morgan is a splendid half-back, playing freely against Maitland at Epping. He was not at his best during the trip north—hanging on somewhat. He is a certainty for next year. Of the regular backs, Spark, O'Grady, Griffiths, Puckeridge, all combined well, but all except O'Grady will not be available next season. Of the forwards, Cunningham, Thorne, Gruen, and the rest of the eight (though hardly so much) shone out. The selectors for next season will have some work to perform.

A striking feature of this year's football was the success of Australian football enthusiasts in the English game. Three of the firsts who played against the Old Boys this year in Rugby, visited Melbourne last year; and more than half of the senior fifteen expected the clear tones of a bell to sound after the first twenty-five minutes.

Although Centennial Park may not be an ideal spot for class matches, yet the primitive conditions which prevailed in that historic domain added a new zest to the football. At times the goalposts were inclined at peculiar angles to the vertical, and the touchlines smacked of the direction of the graph of  $\sin A$ . So Messrs. Murray, Campbell, and Moore had their work cut out to find the elusive line at times.

The thanks of the club are due to the secretary, Mr. Murray, and the other officials for their help.

In conclusion one hopes that the 1912 teams (Australian and Rugby) will have successful seasons, and beat the Old Boys for the third time in succession.

## Annual Report of Sports Union.

President and Gentlemen,—

Your Committee beg to present to you their Annual Report of the Sports' Union for 1910-11. The year which has just closed has in every respect been most successful. The membership for the year was 941, as compared

with 756 for last year. Besides great enthusiasm and support being evinced for our old forms of sport, we have made several innovations in the formation of new kinds—hockey, lacrosse, rowing, photography, and touring parties. Each branch of sport has been under the direct supervision of some member of the staff, and all the masters have manifested a keen interest, some of them in a very practical form.

Sports Meeting.—The School Sports Meeting was held on September 6th, at Sydney Sports Ground, and was a success both from a sporting and financial point of view, the number of entries being 250 in excess of the previous year. The balance also shows an increase of £2 12s. 6d. on that of last year. The honors of the day were carried off by H. Hudson, who came out and beat the favourites in the School Championship in the very fair time of 11secs.

Cricket.—A most successful and enjoyable season was spent, and a large number of boys were catered for, there being seven grades. Besides inter-grade matches, engagements were fulfilled with other teams, the chief being Old Boys, St. Joseph's College, Stott and Hoare's, Smith Premier, Waverley, H. School, Knox College, and the Staff, in the majority of which the School was victorious.

Football.—Two competitions were arranged for all classes in the High School. The A grade was won by Seniors, and B grade by 1G. In these competitions some very good football was shown, and the majority of the teams are to be congratulated on the spirit in which the matches were played.

Several outside matches were arranged—S.H.S., 1sts and 2nds., Old Boys, Knox College, and Waverley High School. During the season we were visited by a team from Maitland High School, which we defeated. Later in the year we returned the visit, and en route played Newcastle High School, where we were defeated. At Maitland a draw resulted.

The season was a successful one from all points of view.

Explorers.—Last year an innovation was made in the formation of what was called an "Explorers' Club." This club, comprised of very enthusiastic members, organised walks, tram rides, inspection of factories, and other exploring trips round Sydney and suburbs, and was very successful in its outings. The advent of

warmer weather, however, compelled them to disband for the time being, but from all accounts the club, at its reinauguration, will be stronger than ever.

**Shooting.**—Early in the year weekly trips were made to the range, where great skill was shown by many of the boys. On the disbandment of the Senior and Junior Cadet Corps these practices were of necessity discontinued.

**The Hockey Club.**—Though rather belated in its formation in comparison with the other School Clubs organised for winter sport this year, the Hockey Club has had a very successful season. From a membership of a dozen on opening the club strength grew in numbers to well over 50 by the middle of June. Unfortunately, inability to find another umpire necessitated the reduction of actual weekly players to about 30, the normal strength of the two teams. Unavailing efforts to secure properly laid-out Hockey grounds within easy access of the School were made, but failure in this regard prevented the Club from engaging in matches with other schools. However, the remarkable improvement shown by many players in point of quickness and accuracy bids fair to a successful season next year. It is hoped, too, in view of the fact that the Club required no financial assistance from the Union this season, that help in the form of part payment for rental of hockey grounds will be forthcoming from the Union funds for our next year's sport.

**Lacrosse.**—The membership of the Lacrosse Club totals 80. Inter-club matches have been played regularly each Saturday afternoon, with some success. A number of boys have displayed brilliant form. As this is the first season, we are encouraged by the enthusiasm displayed by the members. Each Wednesday afternoon practice matches were arranged on Moore Park. Thanks are due to the N.S.W. Lacrosse Association for the great assistance and encouragement they have shown us in this, our first season.

**Rowing.**—The Rowing Club still maintains its maximum number of members—25. It has been found impossible to exceed this number. The exercise, though more popular in the summer, was more pleasurable in winter, owing to the milder conditions. The boisterous westerly winds confined their operations to the midwinter vacation. The club members correlate with their rowing practice, watermanship, breathing exer-

cises and a more intimate acquaintance with wind and weather conditions. Racing for prizes takes place shortly before the Christmas vacation. The care shown in handling the boats, and the facility with which the boys become proficient are highly gratifying.

**Senior Tennis Club.**—This club, re-formed in August of last year, was making very satisfactory progress until the winter, with football, lacrosse and handball, caused a cessation of play on the school court. Not to be daunted, the players not taking part in the above sports, wrote to the Secretary of the N.S.W. Lawn Tennis Association about getting courts for Wednesday afternoon. The Secretary replied, offering to allow us, as a concession, courts at the rate of 5s. per court, at their grounds, Double Bay. Consequently, most enjoyable times were spent, on ideal turf courts. With the summer, the club has now been reformed, play commencing this week.

#### SENIOR TENNIS CLUB.

(By "Back-hand Smash.")

The advent of summer sees the reformation of this club.

During the winter, play on the school court was abandoned. However, some members of the club, not to be daunted, wrote to the secretary of the N.S.W. Tennis Association re securing courts for Wednesday afternoon play. We were then able to get in some very fine practice at Double Bay, on excellent turf courts. In addition, an offer was made by an Association member, to coach the players, an offer which, of course, was unanimously accepted. Now, with a tennis boom on, play will take place, as formerly, each afternoon, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

As soon as some efficiency is attained by the new members, numerous matches and tournaments will be arranged in order to stimulate interest in the games as much as possible. This week a new committee will be elected for the ensuing season. Altogether, a very favourable season seems ahead of us, especially if the club is supported by all the seniors, as it should be. The committee would like to see more members from the lower seniors, whose spare time allows of ample recreation.

Mr. P. D. Sutherland has been appointed to the Primary School, vice Mr. McCartney, removed.

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## A Day in Scott's Country.

(Continued)

Loch Katrine is a very small sheet of water, occupying what is really the head of a long winding valley. On one side of the Loch is Ben Voirloch and on the other is Ben On. These two giants give one the impression that Nature had placed them there, as two mighty sentinels, to protect Katrine from the desecration which would long ago have been its lot, if its shores had been low-lying and fertile. Near one end of the Loch lies the tiny, thickly-wooded and beautiful "Ellen's Isle," which so long sheltered the banished Douglasses and the gentle maid whose name has been given to the Isle. So this was the spot where the Knight of Snowdon lost his heart to the lovely Ellen, but failed to win her hand!

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That pebbly beach over there is the "Silver Strand," and this the sheet of water over which Ellen's shallop lightly sped when the lost Knight caught his first glimpse of his "fay in fairy-land!" As these and many more such thoughts flashed through my brain I stood still on the deck and gazed on all around me—the tiny isle (which our boat almost touched), the forest, the hillsides, the water—and how lovely it all was, for the day was still bright and the breeze "just kissed the lake, just stirred the trees." I may have seen more beautiful spots during my travels, but certainly none more enchanting, and none which gave me such a peculiarly pleasing sensation to visit. I could have lingered for hours on Katrine's waters, but time and other considerations soon brought us to the end of the Loch, and we deserted our little launch for a seat on a coach. We were now at the head of the famous Pass of the Trossachs, "where twines the path." This path connects Katrine with its neighbouring valley-pool—Loch Achray. The road winds about through a very beautiful forest which covers the bottom of the valley, and also the lower slopes of Katrine's guardians. It was in this forest that Roderick Dhu's devoted clansmen, in revolt against King James—the Knight of Snowdon—made such a gallant stand against the Royal forces, and in spite of their small numbers almost succeeded in carrying off the victory, and indeed it is easy to understand how difficult a task it would be, even for the most highly-trained army of regulars, to drive from this rugged forest the sturdy Highlanders, who knew every rock for miles around, and who loved their beautiful wild land as their lives. A half-hour's brisk drive through this historic glen brought us to the head of Loch Achray, which in appearance greatly resembles Loch Katrine. We at once turned to the right, and began slowly to ascend the valley slopes through heather and bracken-covered country, which is used mainly for shooting purposes—grouse being especially plentiful. On nearing the top we halted on the edge of a pretty little pool called Loch Drumpie, in order to contemplate a little while the scene before us. And how readily did the view recall to my mind Scott's beautiful description beginning with the lines:

"The western waves of ebbing day  
Rolled o'er the glen their level way."

The valley indeed lay smiling before us. Immediately opposite towered Ben Ledi, across whose slopes swept "The Chase," which led the King to Ellen's Isle." Farther down the valley, on the opposite side, rose the heights of Uumvaar, where the chase began, and in between lay Loch Vennachar. From this point the Lochs cease, and the water is content to continue its course within much narrower limits—it is now the stream which "from Vennachar in silver breaks." Away in the distance could be seen the small town of Calondar, which is within striking distance of Stirling, where lies so much of the scene of "The Lady of the Lake." The splendid panorama which I had of the valley enabled me to realise fully what a dangerous and thrilling pastime stag-hunting is in the Highlands, and it is easily understandable why "the foremost horseman rode alone" at The Brig of Turk, which is at the foot of the slopes of Ben An, to the top of which is a ride of some additional miles. The King, however, actually gained the summit of this rugged peak ere his "gallant grey" dropped dead and left him alone, without any knowledge of where he was. The spot where this tragic event took place is now indicated by a huge white mark, which can plainly be seen from Loch Drumpie.

Unwillingly, at the crack of the driver's whip, I turned from the enchanted vale, and soon we began to descend the old road, over which Rob Roy had so often driven his cattle when returning from a southern raid, and which quickly brought us to the old town "beside the moorland"—Aberfoyle. It is a small town on the banks of the Forth, and is interesting for many reasons, as anyone who has read "Rob Roy" knows. Whilst I was waiting for the train to start, I strolled across the river, and in about 10 minutes I found myself inside the old Manse, in which Scott wrote "Rob Roy," and "The Lady of the Lake." It is a picturesque vine-covered old building, but I was not allowed a great deal of time to contemplate the scene, and I was soon speeding back past green hills and meadows, moor and good farm-land, towards Glasgow. Twilight was just beginning as we steamed once more into this city of smoke; but I scarcely noticed the uninviting aspect of this great manufacturing centre, for so charmed had I been that I could think of nought else but

"the calm of that valley" through which I had just passed, so happy and vivid that it will remain while life lasts.

## Howlers.

### HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, LITERATURE.

The name of Cæsar's wife was Cæsarea; she was above suspicion.

Tolstoi was the leader of the Passive Resisters; he had his gods stolen rather than be vaccinated.

Paraphrase, "Oh, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth. . . ." "Excuse me, thou sanguinary clod."

The Star Chamber was a room decorated with stars in which tortures were carried out. From this we have the modern expression, "to see stars," i.e., to be in pain.

"Oh, what a fall was there, my countrymen," etc., comes from "Paradise Lost." It was said by Satan to his followers after recovery from their fall into the burning lake.

Simon de Montfort formed what was known as the Mad Parliament—it was something the same as it is at the present day.

An abstract noun is one that cannot be felt, heard, seen, touched or smelt.

Cigaret Wolseley was the first man to introduce tobacco into England.

A strong verb is one that changes its vowels eternally (internally).

Correct the sentence, "It was me that broke the window." Answer, "It wasn't me that broke the window."

Mortmain tried to stop dead men from leaving their land to churches.

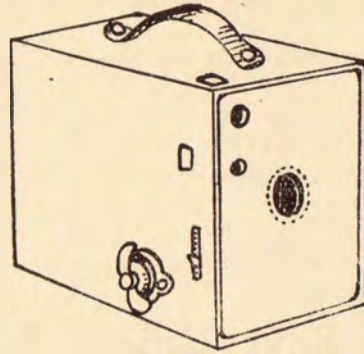
Socrates died from a dose of wedlock (hemlock).

### MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE.

The heart is over the ribs in the midst of the borax.

A square mile is a mile which has a square all round it.

A thermometer is an instrument placed outside a stationer's shop to measure Stephen's inks.



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Euclid was a great Latin philosopher. His chief work is entitled Pons Assinorum.

To keep milk from turning sour, you should leave it in the cow.

A circle is a line which turns round until it meets itself.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

From a Composition:—His spirituous nature caused him to be loved by all.

The chairman replied in a few appropriated remarks.

a.m.—after morning; p.m.—past midnight.

Description of a penny: On one side is the Kings head; and on the other a woman riding a bicycle, and they call her Ruby Tanner.

A bungalow is a very savage animal somewhat like a bull.

A toga is a sort of naval officer found in China and Japan (Toga confused with Admiral Togo).

In 1234 A.D.—the A.D. shows that it is A Date.

Contralto is a sort of low music which only ladies sing.

Sundry places means places dried up by the sun.

R.I.P.—Rejoice in Providence.

Vis-a-Vis.—The other way about.

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## Old Boys' Union

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It has been decided to hold the annual dinner at Sargent's on 22nd November. Old boys are asked to make every effort to ensure the success of the function, both by being present themselves and by inducing other old boys to come. The committee is taking every step to make the evening enjoyable. Tickets (5s.) may be obtained from the hon. sec., Mr. Percy R. Watts, 12 Castlereagh Street.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. "Dick" Bathgate on his recent marriage. Bathgate, besides holding the degrees of B.A. and L.L.B., has achieved marked success in the world of sport, and was a well-known figure to the Sydney public of a few years back, as an inter-State rowing man and first grade footballer. He is at the Crown Law Office. His best man, Mr. Sid. Hodge, is also an old boy, holds the same degrees, and is practising in the country as a solicitor.

Mr. C. R. Furlonger has been admitted to practise as a solicitor.

Mr. Herbert Curnow (grandson of the late Editor of the "Sydney Morning Herald"), although still quite young, has for several years been manager of F. Cunninghame and Co., printers and law stationers. After leaving the School, Curnow's business abilities rapidly attracted attention, and since his appointment to his present position he has amply justified the high expectations that were formed of him.

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Chiefly on account of his special qualifications for the position, but also because of his genial, kindly disposition, the appointment of Mr. A. J. Hare as Under-Secretary for Lands should meet with general approbation. The selection is, of course, subject to the approval of the Public Service Board, but Mr. Hare has been so highly recommended for the position that it is quite certain his appointment will be confirmed.

Mr. Hare has had a long and distinguished career as a departmental officer, and has latterly taken a keen interest in the administration of the closer settlement scheme, in which he has been associated with Mr. Moore. Born at Blandford, England, in 1855, Mr. Hare came to Sydney in his youth, and was educated at Fort Street School. He joined the Department of Lands in 1872, and after passing the competitive examination, received a staff appointment as draughtsman. He was placed in charge of the geographical division in 1881. On the introduction of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 he was sent as draughtsman in charge to the District Survey Office at Moree. Mr. Hare subsequently occupied similar positions at Orange and Wagga. In 1901 he was appointed chief draughtsman in the Lands Department, Sydney, and in 1903 received the appointment of inspector under the Land Board and District Survey Offices. The position of senior inspector came to him in 1908, and two years later he was made acting chief inspector. In February last he was appointed Assistant Under-Secretary, and on various occasions since then Mr. Hare has discharged the duties of Under-Secretary in Mr. Rennie's absence. Mr. Hare has been in charge of the closer settlement work since its inception. Among his other multifarious duties were those of joint editor, with Mr. Gullick, of the Government "Gazette."—"The Sun."

We may add that Mr. Hare is a prominent supporter of our Old Boys' Union, and is a well-known figure at the various social functions. The "Fortian" begs to offer its congratulations to Mr. Hare on his having attained the topmost rung of the Departmental ladder.

(*By "Sympathetic."*)

"The inspector is coming to visit the school, To question the children, examine each rule, Ask the why and the wherefore, the which and the how."

Such was the news the various teachers had to report when they returned from the usual quarterly meeting of the district of Kadavu, and all was eagerness and excitement in the numerous towns and villages of the island. Education in Fiji is gradually being undertaken by the governments—English and provincial, and on the main island one finds (a) regular government or public schools, schools in which English is the medium, under English masters; (b) large native institutions for both boarding and day scholars, established by the missions, and partly supported by the province, in which, too, English is the principal medium of instruction, the teachers being men and women, generally obtained from the States or New Zealand; and (c) industrial schools for manual training. A large proportion of "High School" and a larger of village school education falls within the sphere of missionary enterprise. On the outposts, as Kadavu must be regarded, education is mainly in the hands of the missions—Roman Catholic or Wesleyan. Throughout the island are schools taught by men trained in the "Vuli" or Training Institution of Richmond, or in the larger institutions of the mainland—there are, in addition, two high schools at Richmond, the boys' under a well-trained native chief, who is paid by the province, the school being classed as "provincial," though really under mission supervision; the girls' under an English mission sister. In the latter case, much of the work is done in English, in the former, only certain subjects which fall to the share of the missionary in charge.

A yearly tour is made through the island for the purpose of examination, and it was this that was causing the excitement in the northern half of the islands, which was to receive its "gruel" in the month of September. I was able to accompany the "examiner" on this trip, and, for the first time since my departmental career began, enjoyed the privilege of looking on while



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another filled the place I, alas, so oft had filled. In Fiji, at any rate, school inspection is shorn of many of its terrors. I know that word will be questioned, but personal experience confirms my use of it—they were never sources of enjoyment to me.

The examinations were held at the chief town in each district, the children coming in from the surrounding towns and villages. A mere trifle to them, ten miles in a canoe, five, six, or seven miles overland; in they came, merry, shouting bands, teachers and scholars. Our means of travelling was our big 30ft. boat, with its six oars, which, unfortunately, had to be used almost as often as its sails.

About nine o'clock, the big "lali" summoned them to the hall of examination.

I wonder what the old warriors of the last century would think if they could see things as they are now. The lali (the big drum, fashioned out of a tree-trunk, well hollowed out, the drumsticks, short, thick clubs of wood) that in their days summoned the tribe to a cannibal feast, now calls the children to school! I love to hear these great native drums booming out, filling the valleys with echoes, and reaching to the farthest parts of the scattered village or town. One needs to be expert to wield those sticks, too, two generally being engaged on the larger kinds of "lali."

Presently one saw and heard the boys and girls as they made their way along the narrow tracks—that run wherever the houses stand—or through the cocoanut palms, a large proportion of both well into their teens, all equipped with book and slate. Pencils generally are run through their thick, grizzly mop that one must designate

hair, though, thanks to the addition of lime and other bleaching materials, it rarely looks like "hair" as we understand it. Fijian fancy runs to red hair, so they are diligent in the production of auburn locks.

A second "lali," and the fun commenced. The subjects to be examined were the three R's—with the addition of geography, dictation, and recitation, the syllabus of instruction is not as extensive as that under which Australian children are educated. That is, of course, only to be expected. These people are at best but children in things educational, and must be treated and trained accordingly. The children were arranged in classes 1, 2, 3, and 4, the last class being the "infants" whose examination was confined to alphabet tests, tables, and mental arithmetic.

*(To be Continued.)*

## THE TECHNICAL JOURNAL.

Some three months ago we had occasion to notice the first number of "The Technical Gazette." The second number has now come to hand, and reflects the greatest credit upon artists, designers and printers. The waratah has been taken as the basis of design, while the most interesting article is probably that by Mr. R. T. Baker, on "The Waratah in Applied Art." All those interested in technical and art work should procure a copy of this new magazine, which is distributed gratis.

Dr. H. G. Humphries (O.B.) is now resident surgeon at the Royal North Shore Hospital.

## Compulsory Training

In connection with the Entrance Examination to the Royal Military College of Australia, it may interest would-be applicants to know that candidates must be in their 17th, 18th, or 19th year of age, that notice of intention to hold the examination is always inserted in the daily press, and that no lad not up to senior examination standard has any probability of passing that examination. Of course physique also counts. Two of Fort-street seniors passed last year. Company officers at the school are a little dissatisfied with their treatment to date. For instance, (a) although most of the areas have received uniforms for both cadets and officers, nothing apparently has been done to equip our companies; (b) the same applies to rifles; (c) they never by any chance see a copy of a brigade order, area order or battalion order; (d) until the appearance of a notice in a local paper lately no word was received of their appointments, no notification has even yet been sent to them from any person in authority; (e) meetings are frequently held in the area without the knowledge of company officers. As the company officer is responsible for the training of his company, they feel they should be more than nonentities as at present.

The regulations provide for, in the case of junior cadets (those between the ages of 11½ and 13½) one quarter of an hour's physical training per day, one half-hour's marching lesson per week, and participation in first-aid lessons, swimming, organised games and miniature rifle shooting.

Senior cadets attending school must according to regulations be enrolled in the school companies, and do their training there.

Regulations also provide that if a parade be missed it may be made up by attendance at the parade of another company by arrangements.

New Thoughts for Non-coms.—Exam. for non-coms. in this area, Saturday, 18th. There is no order to "right dress" now. We get over the trouble by saying "By the right or left," when each man will take up his space of 30 inches without moving his arm. In the stand at ease, the left foot is carried away one foot's length to

the left, and it does not matter which hand grasps which behind the back. In the new position of attention the heel of the hand and the inside tips of the fingers touch the seam of the trousers with fingers very slightly clenched. The lengths of the different paces of a man are ordinary marching pace, 30 inches; stepping out, 33 inches; stepping short, 21 inches; doubling pace, 40 inches; side stepping, except when covering as in the formation of fours, 15 inches. Of course this varies according to the size of the cadets.

*(To be continued.)*

### RIFLE SHOOTING.

The Rifle Club has taken on a new lease of life with the return of the contingenters. Those intending to go to Randwick each Wednesday are asked to hand in their names on Tuesdays with their target fee to W. J. Paradise.

The top-scorers in the shoot at Randwick on Nov. 1 were W. Paradise at 400 yards and S. Upton at 500 yards.

### TO THE SCHOOL, BEFORE THE SENIOR

Now seems it meet that we should raise

The gladiators' battle chant—  
Cry feebly in these closing days  
"Te Morituri salutant."

The professorial thunders smite

More terror to our fainting hearts  
Than felt the captive Gaul, at sight  
Of Colosseum's nets and darts.

The dogs of war are loosed for strife,

The trumpet sounds; and glory's crown  
The great contest: most fight for life—  
And thumbs go up, and thumbs go down.

Vain to attempt to bend her now,

Stern Justice; fate's in her decrees.  
So—wreathes the laurel round the brow,  
Or falls the sword of Damocles.

—V. Crockett.

We desire to thank Mr. J. W. Turner, Superintendent of Technical Education, for the blocks of Hudson (in last issue), and of the Senior Class in this issue.

# Girls' Page

Edited by Miss B. TEARLE

## GIRLS' LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The sixth classes spent a pleasant afternoon on Friday, 20th October, discussing the "Last of the Mohicans," "Treasure Island," and "The Vision of Sir Launfal," books which the girls have been studying lately. The two captains selected were Lucy Olsen and Grace Pendered, who in turn chose 12 girls each to support their side, and answer questions put to them by the remainder of the girls. The questions and answers showed that the girls had done good work, whilst both captains never failed to supply the information required of them, and upheld their positions equally well.

The subject for the next debate in this section of the Debating Society will be "Which is more appreciated, Art or Science?"

The last meeting of the above society, held on Friday, November 3rd, in the Science Room, took the form of a prisoner's base for general information. Jessie Wright and Isabel Knight were the captains. The questions asked were numerous, on various interesting subjects. Isabel Knight's side won by one mark.

The premier gave notice for the introduction of a bill providing for the taking over of all hospitals, orphanages, and charitable institutions by the Government; those run for private profit to be exempt. All the staffs of these institutions to become Government servants. The money to be obtained for this new departure, by a tax levied on all sports and amusements, except such as are run in the interests of charity: the tax to be in proportion to the value of the ticket,  $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in is., and so graded up. The tax to be collected by means of a revenue stamp bought from the Government and affixed to the ticket by the proprietors of the entertainment.

A very interesting and graphical description of "School Inspection in Distant Fiji," written by Mrs. Willis, who was formerly one of our staff, will be commenced in this issue. The girls, we are sure, will read this with keen pleasure, par-

ticularly as it comes so soon after our own inspection.

Through the medium of this paper, we would like to thank Mrs. Willis for her kindness, and we hope that her knowledge of the Fijian language will develop so well that she will soon be able to understand fully the customs and ideas of the people by whom she is surrounded.

We also received from Auckland a very interesting letter from Violet Ponder, who was formerly a pupil of this School. Portion of her letter will be published also.

## PICNIC.

On Saturday, 29th October, the present Probationary Students and several teachers were entertained by the late students at a picnic at National Park. The weather was ideal and everyone prepared to have a good time. On reaching National Park, boats were immediately secured, and the happy party rowed some distance up the river. Clio (who can admire beautiful

### MORE BRILLIANT SUCCESSES IN SHORTHAND.

Result of Shorthand Examinations conducted at Fort Street School, 1st April, 1911, by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia.

#### Advanced Theory

1st place in N.S.W., Ida Grice  
(Metropolitan Business College)

2nd place W. Steels  
(Metropolitan Business College)

4th place M. Colquhoun  
(Metropolitan Business College)

**Theory**—1st place in N.S.W. Marion Kark  
(Metropolitan Business College)

2nd place Dorothy Beveridge  
(Metropolitan Business College)

4th place Winnie Buckler  
(Metropolitan Business College)

To date, ELEVEN Exams. have been held in Sydney by the above Society. On EIGHT occasions the first place has been filled by a Student trained by this College, which has now the largest teaching staff in Sydney in Shorthand, Accountancy, Typewriting, and General Subjects.

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scenery when she sees it, besides pick out the points of interest), in the meantime was becoming quite enthusiastic over the "beauties" surrounding her. Landing at a shady spot the girls played games of various descriptions until called to lunch during which a very honourable guest did justice to the fruit salad. In the afternoon two teachers, who had been unable to go in the morning, arrived.

Unfortunately, every joy comes to an end, and a vote of thanks having been passed by the first years to their former school friends, the party wended its way to the station, all declaring that they had a most enjoyable day.

### HOCKEY "AT HOME."

On Thursday, October 26th, the members of the F.H.C. held their annual "At Home" in the Libraries, which were decorated with a profusion of red and white flowers and hockey sticks tied with red and white streamers. The guests were received at 3.45, and numbered about 80—space does not permit of a description of the dresses worn, but all looked their best and happiest.

Misses Middleton, Ingamells, Skittrell, Rooke and Akaster, and Messrs. Selle, Scott, Davies, and Bauer contributed to the programme. Lucy Burke presented Miss Partridge with a bouquet of carnations and asparagus fern, tied with the club colours. The first eleven handed round the afternoon tea. Miss Partridge, on behalf of the members, presented Miss Maloney, hon. sec., and Miss Bourke, hon. coach, with tokens of their love. Then came the most important feature of the afternoon—the presentation of medals to the first eleven, and to the premier competition team.

Miss Partridge said she knew that the winners deserved their medals—that our first eleven is one of the strongest in the N.S.W. Hockey Association, and that we are all brilliant players. Near the close of the afternoon, Mr. Kilgour made a very appropriate speech, in which he complimented the club on its brilliant achievements during the past season. The captain, Ettie Warden, thanked Miss Partridge, the staff, and the school in general for their interest; and the club in particular for the medals.

Mr. Taylor was also called upon, and he said—we all know what he *does* say on such occasions!

### Minne-Kaha.

(A Waterfall, near Katoomba, N.S.W.)

In the ages, when the morning,  
Veiled in mist Katoomba's fells,  
When the music of the Dawn Song  
Swelled through all Kanimbla's dells,  
Regal Nature took her sceptre,  
Donned her glist'ning robes of sheen,  
Mounting in her car of glitter,  
Sought the realms of gold and green.

Once she tarried on her journey  
When o'er evening's gleaming seas,  
In the glitt'ring barge of sunset  
Floated evening's fitful breeze—  
Tarried in a vale of splendour,  
Dear to Daylight's latest gleam,  
Where the fairies' elfin swinging  
Bade her slumber, bade her dream.

And when Daylight's gleaming mantle  
Brushed the peaks of dawn again,  
Wakened from her dreamful slumber,  
Still she tarried in that glen;

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For her regal eyes were 'raptured  
As she gazed upon the sight  
Of the singing fairies, working  
In the morning's rosy light.

Strands of snowy water falling,  
Hair-like o'er the mountain's face,  
From the magic pool emerging  
Fall as streams of elfin lace.  
Gathered in by fairy fingers  
On in fleecy folds they glide  
Till they fall in glist'ning curtains  
Where the singing fairies hide.

In the pool below the fairies  
Fold the curtain mass away  
Till they drape their elfin bowers  
'Neath the water's dashing spray.  
Ever fresh they drape their dwelling,  
Never tarnished is the screen,  
And within their bowers no blemish  
Mars the carpet's velvet green.

This was what high Nature noticed  
In that early morning hour,  
And she sought a designation  
She might give this happy bower,  
While she mused, she heard the fairies  
Laughing in their merry way,

Laughing in their joyous fulness  
As they laugh the livelong day.

In the fulness of their spirit  
On they sang and laughed, and sang,  
And the music of their laughter  
Through the happy valley rang,  
Still she mused, and thought and pondered,  
And the laughter ever came,  
So she stretched her wand, proclaiming  
"Minne-haha be thy name."

—W. G. Hilliard.

## Lower School News.

The Fifth Class are all agog with excitement. The examination for admission to the High School takes place on December 1st, and the members of these classes are busy putting the finishing touches to their year's work at school. They are not forgetting to do some work at home either. The result of this examination will mean a big change in their school life, to most of them, we hope. They have been given practice lately in examination methods, and some of the best results are given below. We wish them all "good luck" for the first.

The following were the best results for 5E, possible 600:—(1) N. Wilson, 555; (2) M. O'Dea, 522; (3) F. Powell, 521; (4) H. Crackanthorpe, 508; (5) C. Stratmann, 508; (6) A. Cleland, 487; (7) H. Haggarty, 484; (8) R. Lawsson, 483; (9) J. Pike, 482; (10) J. Langford, 473.

The best ten in 5D class were:—(1) J. Banister, 476; (2) Anderson, 450; (3) Littlefair, 439; (4) Burnett, 432; (5) K. Everett, 422; (6) J. Pearce, 393; (7) L. Jones, 391; (8) J. Cox, 387; (9) McIntosh, 385; (10) Norton, 351.

The names of those who topped the list in 5C are:—(1) O. Chapple, 502; (2) G. Lyons, 500; (3) R. Stephenson, 478; (4) F. Harvie, 477; (5) C. Linn, 476; (6) M. Smith, 462; (7) A. Bradshaw, 456; (8) L. Chapman, 456; (9) J. Winter, 443; (10) O. Boyd, 436.

H. Crackanthorpe quite distinguished himself at the examination in music last fortnight. "He was a host in himself," his teacher remarked.

Work has been proceeding merrily in the lower

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part of the school, although it is said that there are a few who are actually counting the days to the Xmas holidays.

In the 5A Class, G. Fennell, A. Carlson, R. Chappel, H. Hotten, F. Gerdes, W. Sillick, J. McDermott have been doing good all-round work, while J. Dring has done good work in his writing and tablet, and C. Brown in brush drawing.

In 5B Class they are now beginning to appreciate this paper, every boy having a copy. G. Noble has done the best general work this month, while in mathematics the Shaws (2) and B. Tweddle have done well.

In 4th Class, A. Cooper, H. Wilkinson, J. Cato and M. Schwartz have been doing good all-round work this month. W. Court and W. Lewis have done exceptionally well in their dictation papers, while the essays of E. McMullen and Hynes have been well worth reading.

The 3rd Class champions this month are W. Magee (composition), E. Lane and F. Smith (homework), G. Kemp (tablet work), E. Barthelmy and F. Bailey (mathematics), R. Carter (crayon drawing), A. Ramsland is the most improved boy in this class.

Second Class have also a few boys who should have a chance of securing some of those prizes at the break-up. J. Butler and A. Anderson have been doing very good work lately.

5D put up a record last month in the sale of "Fortians," selling no less than 65.

Each acting non-commissioned officer should show himself worthy of his position by helping his company officer and instructor on all occasions, and seeing that he is himself obeyed.

One of the nicest compliments paid to the returned contingenters is the remark passed by one of the teachers that "you can pick them out anywhere from all the others by their straight backs and general smartness and good development." Six months' continuous training would knock the present scheme endways and be much cheaper.

Mr. J. Lusby has consented to act as sub-editor of the "Fortian" in place of Mr. C. R. Collins, who has joined the Commonwealth Service.

## LOWER SCHOOL SPORT.

Last Friday week Second Class played Third cricket, the scores being Second 27, Third 19 for 8 wickets.

Fourth Class also played 5A, Fourth scoring 32. J. Cato top score, 6, while 5A lost 1 wicket for 8 runs (M. Daley 4). These matches will be completed shortly. Our lower school competition cricket teams are not doing well at all. They lack practice and plenty of it, especially in the batting and fielding branches of the game. Players must remember they cannot be selected if they do not appear at practice, notice of which is put on the board. Some of our players have far too much to say on the field. There is only one captain. Those cricketers showing the best form are R. Pate, W. Haggarty, C. Husband, in bowling; Sims, wicket-keeping, for the Firsts; and for the Seconds, McLeod, E. Ziems, O. Boyd, are doing good work with both bat and ball. Vicars is bowling well, and Canry batting well and keeping wickets nicely. H. Robertson appears to be a bit out of the ordinary, also his fielding and batting against Chatswood being worthy of note. The above players are all recommended to keep their practice going, so that they may do even better.

## SWIMMING.

R. Hellings and B. Provan, from the Lower School, are swimming well, although so early in the season. W. Connie looks like developing into a good crawl stroke swimmer.

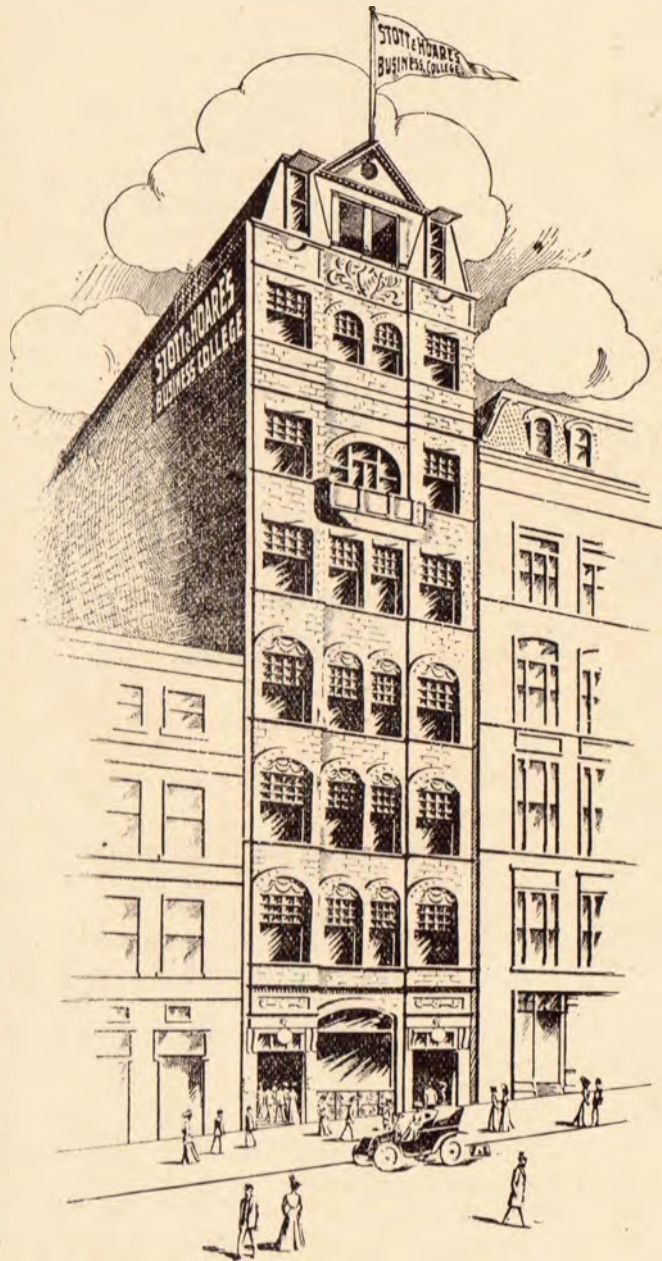
It is intended to have some class handicaps shortly, so intending competitors should get ready. Any swimmer who wishes to swim across the bath for the first time should let his teacher know. The teacher can then arrange for an escort for him.

Mr. Millar will commence a class in life-saving in the Lower School shortly. Intending members should hand in their names immediately.

We are pleased to note that G. Hansel, who swam so well in England with F. Mason (champion), L. Duff, E. Hunt, and C. Furness, got second place in his club 50 yds. splash the other day.

The above swimmers have had three summers in succession, and there is no doubt we

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Mr. W. A. Selle having resigned the Secretaryship of the Swimming Club, Capt. Parsonage has taken up the runs of office, with Mr. Selle standing behind. Mr. E. Parker is again Treasurer.

March 16th, 1912, has been sanctioned by the N.S. Wales Swimming Association for our Annual Carnival. It is proposed to again hold it at the Domain Baths.

Class handicaps will again be in vogue shortly. Intending competitors are asked to note.

A squad of Fort-street live-savers (F. Mason; L. Cullerward, L. Duff, N. Simpson and Wolff)

## The Senior Farewell

Following our time-honoured custom, as many boys and girls of the High School as the Main Room could accommodate met together on the 10th inst., to bid farewell and wish good luck to the 1911 Seniors. Evatt, Crockett, Gruen, Wiburd, Bradshaw, Lawrance, Asher, David Smith, Hudson Smith, Green and Roberts. Mr. Kilgour was in the chair, and the number of old boys and girls present exceeded those of any year within our recollections.

The proceedings began with a musical pro-



FORT ST. SENIORS, 1911, AND STAFF.

Back Row—V. Asher, C. Alexander, V. Crockett, H. Evatt (Captain), G. Lawrance, W. Roberts, E. O. K. Green.

Second Row—Mr. Meldrum, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Parker, Mr. Lasker, Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Cantrell,  
Mr. Mackaness, Mr. Taylor.

Front Row—A. Hudson-Smith, R. Wiburd, T. Bradshaw, Mr. Davies, D. Smith, A. Gruen.

gave a display at the Live-saving Society's Annual Meeting on Friday week last, and were well received. It was good to note the vigour with which they went through the exercises. A squad of cadets from this school also gave a display of rifle exercise and acted as a guard of honour to the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Wm. Cullen. Life-saving classes will be commenced again shortly.

gramme, to which Misses Leathart, Esther Mitchell, and Messrs. Hunt, Scott and Cutler contributed, the latter's performance on the flute winning a well-deserved encore.

Mr. Kilgour then addressed the large audience and in a very happy speech and on behalf of the staff and school wished the 1911 Seniors all the success they deserved. He was supported by two of the Old Boys, John Malcolm and "Gus"



Morgan, while the Medical Student O.B.'s present gave a war-cry welcome.

Evatt, as Captain of the School, replied on behalf of the Seniors. As a display of oratory, viewed from the point of appropriateness of language, keen humour, and apt use of illustration and quotation, his speech was one of the best we have heard, but it was spoilt by being over-long. The proceedings terminated with the National Anthem, while the Seniors marched out to the singing of "They are Jolly Good Fellows."

### The Senior Luncheon

Caucus meetings of the Senior Committee took place on an average of twice a day previous to the date of the Senior Luncheon, held in the Chemistry Room, immediately after the Farewell. The members comprising the committee were Simpson, Hudson, Reed, Barry and Firth.

With Evatt in the chair, and with Mr. Kilgour and most of the Senior Staff as guests, ample justice was soon done to the fine array of eatables provided by Mrs. Rowohl and her staff of assistants.

After the toast of "The King" had been drunk, Evatt, in another excellent speech, proposed the toast of the School and Staff, to which the Headmaster replied, while at the same time he proposed the health of the "Departing Seniors."

Mr. Kilgour dwelt particularly on the changed educational atmosphere of these days compared with those when, as Admiral Bridge tells the story, his father's ears were nailed to a door as a punishment, and also on the vast development that had taken place in Senior work at Fort Street within the last few years. He was supported by Mr. Mackaness and Bennett. Hudson Smith, Gruen and Wiburd replied on behalf of the Seniors, while the health of Mrs. Rowohl was proposed by Simpson.

The speeches were interspersed by a musical programme to which the following contributed: Messrs. Davies (a fine recitation), Cusbert, Parker, Scott, McKee and Gruen.

The thanks of the committee are particularly due to Mrs. Rowohl, to her assistants, and to all those girls who so generously gave up their time to make the luncheon the great success it was.

### Captain of the School

GEORGE H. BRIGGS.

For Captain of the School for 1912 there was but one nomination, George H. Briggs, whom the headmaster declared unanimously elected on the 10th instant. He then took his place in the Captain's seat. The "Fortian" offers its hearty congratulations on achieving the highest honor that can fall to a Fort Street boy when at school.

### The Prefects

On the same day the following were elected prefects:—

Bennett, Hudson, Liggins, Holmes, O'Grady, Barry, Firth and Anderson. Our congratulations to them all.

### 1B Picnic

1B held their quarterly class picnic on Saturday, the 4th inst. From a weather standpoint, a more delightful day could not have been selected. That the train bore other picnickers towards National Park became evident before Sydney was left. During the journey the influx of picnickers of the female persuasion became so pronounced that the seats originally occupied by 1B-ites were vacated in favour of newcomers. On arrival at the terminus no time was lost in reaching the picnic ground. Coats, collars, ties, and the other uncomfortable appendages of city life, were quickly discarded, and opposing sides faced one another on the cricket field. The wicket was of the character generally classed as "uncertain," so that Mr. Lever's side were reckoned to have done well to total 53. When Mr. Lusby's side commenced batting, disaster followed disaster. All seemed lost, but a gallant stand at the very tail-end brought victory by 1 run, amidst great excitement.

"The Order of the Bath" was next conferred on the late opponents, the same distinction being also offered to and accepted by the exponents of the game of "Egg in the Hat." There was the foundation laid to many a mighty appetite, although, in truth, so bountiful was the supply of

eatables that a balance remained, to be finally demolished, however, later on.

Dinner over, boats were manned, and a battle for the championship of the river was fought. He would indeed be a brave man who would aspire to name the winning crew. That honor was claimed by all. It might be as well in such future events to pre-arrange a system of awarding points, say as follows:—Crabs, 5 points each; splashes, 5 each; regularity of stroke, 10 each; pace of boat, 30; music of crew, 30; changes of position, 10; steering, 10. Had some such scheme been in existence, the winner might have been proclaimed. However, all crews survived without capsizing, and were consequently able to climb the long, long hill, which led to the station. Sydney was reached in good time, one and all declaring their intention to repeat the experience when opportunity offered.

### TOUJOURS LA DEBACLE.

Last Wednesday saw our First Cricket team once more humiliated, in spite of the fact that they had been strengthened by the inclusion of Wahlberg, Eve and Rogers from the Seconds. The match was against Cleveland Street—an admittedly powerful combination—who were dismissed for 241. This total might have been considerably reduced, had Sherwood, our Captain, exercised more judgment in the placing and controlling of his field. Sherwood is a good captain, but he will have to put more sting into his work, and use his personal influence and tongue—a great deal more; and when a bowler like Wahlberg is keeping to the leg, he will have to see that men are not being wasted on the off. Some of the fieldsmen, too, will have to liven up considerably, move faster, and remember that a successful fieldsmen must watch the flight of every ball delivered, and firmly believe that it is going to be hit straight to himself. The bowling of our men was good throughout, and was never “collared.” Dinning, who should have secured an excellent average, bowled splendidly, troubling every batsman who opposed him. He kept a grand length, and with a strong wind behind him, made good use of his pace. Wahlberg—the left-hander from the Seconds—is to be highly complimented on taking 6 for 59 in this, his first match in the “A” Grade. Eve, another Second left-hander, also sent down a few very

good overs, and gives promise of developing into a wicket-getter. Mackaness, Parkes and O’Grady also bowled well. The latter, if he only knew the exact position of the stumps, might prove dangerous in any company. Israel also showed that he can bowl a big off-break.

During the last sad, weary half-hour, three of our tired batsmen were dismissed for 16 runs—may the tail wag the dog!

With all our cricket talent, how is it we can’t do infinitely better? Simply because the team has no one to coach them, and they don’t know what it is to practice together. Let a practice wicket be obtained, and let a teacher be in regular attendance at the practices, so as to develop, especially, our bowling talent. In Wahlberg, Dinning and Eve the school possesses three left-handers, who, with careful tuition, would cause considerable anxiety to the best school team in the State; and it would require very few hints to our batsmen to make them realise that even a total of 241 is a small one to face.

### In Sturt’s Footsteps

By “Justin Thyme.”

Mac and I had become, as one of our friends put it, victims of the insanity of pedestrianism. In our cravings for walk we had, as a matter of fact, but found a cure for the insanity of idleness. We had done more, we had become famous.

No wonder, then, that, as we swung ourselves and our swags ashore from the river boat at Menindie, we were met by the inquiry: “Hello, where to, now?”

Let our answer to the enquirer act as one also to the reader: “To the Hill.”

For the sake of the uninitiated, let me here explain that west of the Darling, from White Cliffs to Port Pirie, from Adelaide to Hergot Springs, the “Hill” stands for Broken Hill.

Some day I shall write of Menindie, its past glories, its present decay and gradual sandy burial.

On this occasion I shall simply remark that we bought food there.

By 11 a.m. we were swinging along the road. Mac had shaken off the bored look that mars his face when the shackles of towns and civilization confine his unconventional spirit. He was singing, not that he could sing; with him a song

was a series of hoarse croaks. It was only in the open spaces that Mac's musical tastes found exercise; in the towns he recognised that people still clung fondly to the theoretical distinction between music and noise.

But now, "Off to Philadelphia" could be given without offending any except a few stray cows who had imagined themselves to hold the world's copyright for croaks. Several uneasy switches of Mac's right shoulder threw doubt on the accuracy of the song's words, Mac's bundle having caused some slight discomfort to the middle of his back.

But a swag soon settles itself in its place, that is if it is well behaved, and an old hand at game.

By the time, therefore, that Lake Menindie's dry bed was reached, we were fairly into our 3-mile-an-hour stride, almost unconscious of the burdens we bore.

Now, in past days, when Menindie was a busy mart, some smart trader had made "a corner" in flies. He had run them on his extensive lake paddocks. Their descendants still frequent them. It's a difficult feat to hold a billy in one hand, a waterbag in the other, and try to dislodge from your face flies whose rights of proprietorship are so ancient. A swinging billy-can sometimes hits more than the flies, and a moving waterbag sometimes ejects its cork, and deposits its valuable liquid contents on parts of the body not generally used for drinking purposes.

However, after some little practice, Mac and I became experts in the art of holding a bush in the mouth and turning it round propeller like, with the teeth, to the discomfort of the winged intruders. In fact, Mac became so overjoyed at his new accomplishment that it was some considerable time before he realised that his swag was not a well-behaved one, but persisted in worrying certain tender spots in his back. Having made this discovery, Mac made a study of the sun's altitude, and remarked that we had better camp for dinner at the next shady spot.

What Mac said, usually gained the day, and a little further on swags were grounded and dinner prepared. What articles composed the meal I must leave to the reader's imagination; should the imagination fail, I shall enlighten him, as the serial story says, "in my next."

## NOVEMBER.

Now beats the first warm pulse of Summer—now  
There shines great glory on the mountain's brow.

The face of heaven in the western sky,  
When falls the sun, is filled with Deity!

And while the first light floods the lake and lea,  
The morning makes a marvel of the sea;

The strong leaves sing; and in the deep green  
zones

Of rock-bound glens the streams have many  
tones;

And where the evening-coloured waters pass,  
Now glides November down fair falls of grass.

She is the wonder with the golden wings,  
Who lays one hand in Summer's—one in  
Spring's;

About her hair a sunset radiance glows;  
Her month is sister of the dewy rose;

And all the beauty of the pure blue skies

Has lent its lustre to her soft, bright eyes.

—Henry Kendall, "*The Austral Months.*"

For us November tells of many things. It is above all the month of half-yearly examinations as preliminary to quarterly reports and such-like pleasant things. It means also that one month hence and we have the longed-for Christmas holidays, with all their joy and sport and heaps of good things and good times. November, too, even tho' we are feeling the heat a little, is the month of swims and cricket matches—this year of test matches. It is, too, the month when the Senior is held, the month when the old Seniors depart and the new ones take their honored places, the month when the new Captain is elected and takes his place as head of the school.

On Friday, November 10th, the Lower School A team played Woollahra at Centennial Park. Fort Street scored 96 runs (H. Buswell 16, R. Pate 16, A. Perry 16, W. Parish 15); while Woollahra scored 37 (Wilson 10). S. Dowling got 4 wickets for the School, W. Haggarty 3 wickets, C. Husband 2 and C. Browne 1. The team showed good form, and should, with regular practice, develop into a good all-round team, the batting and bowling both being of a good class. They must not forget such things as keeping quiet on the field of play, being alert while fielding, backing up, both in the field and at the wicket, hitting hard on the leg side, keeping a good length in bowling, wasting no time throwing the ball in.

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## : Editorial :

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## Exit 1911.

This issue brings our year to a close, so we take this opportunity of wishing all our readers the very best of times during the holidays. The date for resumption of school work is the 29th of January next. Those boys in the fifth class of the primary school who succeed in passing the qualifying examination for admission to the High School, will, we presume, have the pleasure of the extra week's holiday. We hope that when the results are published in the daily papers, that many Fort-street boys and girls will have succeeded in gaining a number of the 900 scholarships which are available this year.

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*Thoughts for Non-Coms.*—Odd numbers are right files, even numbers are left files, the moving files in formation of fours. Always name a flank when marching in line. By the Left—Quick March. In giving orders by numbers the correct method is sloping arms by numbers: one—two—three. Do not forget to pause for a good time between the caution and the executive parts of the word of command. A good word of command is indispensable to a non-commissioned officer. There is no order now to half-right turn, but Left Incline. There is a half-right and a half-left form, however. Can you distinguish between Right Form, and on the Right, Form Squad? Right and left form is given when the squad, etc., is in line, but on the Right and Left—Form Squad, when the squad, company, etc., is in file or in forms moving to a flank.

Contingent cadets are attached until further orders to H. Company forming an extra section pending absorption.

Serg.-Bugler Lenahan and Bugler Mackenzie are getting busy with the buglers from the school companies. No bugles have yet been distributed.

All cadets will be very pleased when they receive their uniforms. We may then be able to arrange some combined parades in the Domain.

It is expected that the successful candidates in the late non-coms.' examination will be posted to companies very shortly. Battalion seniority or company seniority must be decided also.

The following applicant non-coms. did well in their late examination.—New, Tunks, Cullen-Ward, Berman, W. Rees, Wolff, W. Paradise, Cuthbert, Biggs, Wise, Stubbin, Elliott, H. Jamieson, W. Rose, and S. Cox. All the above got over 80 per cent.

Witcombe, Jerdan, D. Webber, G. Holmes, Douglas, Packham, N. Simpson, Young, Jenkin, R. Kelly, L. Duff, H. Ferns, Hielman, Green, Barry, Arnott, Brindley, Stafford, Steel, R. Musgrove, Smith, W. B., Hughes, L. Wynne, and C. Johnson also did well, getting over 70 per cent.

Attention is drawn to the amended programme of parades herewith:—

F. Company—3.30 p.m., Nov. 30 and Dec. 14.  
G. Company—3.30 p.m., Dec. 11.

H. Company—1.30 p.m., Dec. 13 and 3.30 p.m.  
Dec. 14.

The following parades are cancelled:—

F Company—Dec. 1 and 15, 3.30 p.m.

G Company—Dec. 18, 3.30 p.m.

H Company—Dec. 20 at 1.30 p.m.; Dec. 22, at 3.30 p.m.

It is expected that teams from each of our school companies will compete in the scheme of competitions to be initiated shortly all over Australia by the Minister for Defence. Medals with ribbons to be worn on all ceremonial occasions, banners, etc., are to be given to winners in each district. Travelling expenses are to be paid for competing teams and they are to be provided with quarters, food, etc., when away from home for purposes of the competition. Teams will consist of 1 officer, 2 sergeants, 1 bugler, and 40 rank and file from any one company. The competitions consist of:—(a) Rifle shooting—advancing in skirmishing order, using natural cover, and at 300 yards firing at service targets, fixed and disappearing; (b) Physical training—inspection of arms, equipment and turn out; go through a uniform set of physical exercises; close order drill with and without rifles. (c) Skirmishing. (d) Marching past with music.

The old uniform seen on the occasion of the parade of the Contingent cadets to welcome home Corporal Eric Hurt showed up the new uniform badly. What a pity it seems that the "shirt" was ever substituted for the tunic.

We are glad to be able to record that the distribution of uniforms in this area is proceeding apace. Those cadets examined in their own living areas are reminded that they must get their uniforms from those areas at once.

Accommodation is required at the school for the housing of the 480 rifles needed for the four school companies. The cleaning of these is also presenting a problem to the area office. Racks also are required.

Mr. Kilgour has given permission for the school to form (when called upon) guards of honor etc., in connection with State functions, such as opening of Parliament, etc., etc. These guards consist of either 100 or 50, and this will consequently give the smartest non-coms. and men of our four companies an opportunity of showing their mettle.

## Quarterly Examinations.

5E.

The results of the quarterly exam. in this class were as follows:—

1, N. Wilson, 421 marks; 2, A. Cleland, 410; 3, B. Taylor, 399; 4, C. Stratmann, 393; 5, F. Sainty, 392; 6, H. Crackanthorp, 389; 7, J. Osborne, 378; 8, M. O'Dea, 377; 9, J. Pike, 369 and 10, D. Gardyne, 368. D. Little also deserves special mention for English and Geography.

5D.

The following boys topped the list at the late quarterly exam. K. Burnett, one of the best in his class, is at present away with diphtheria. He has all the class's good wishes for his speedy recovery.

1, K. Bannister, 411; 2, C. Asher-Smith, 410; 3, R. Anderson, 401; 4, J. Pearce, 395; 5, A. Hansen, 392; 6, R. Hudson, 373; 7, K. Everett, 371; 8, J. Cox, 367; 9, G. Littlefair, 362; 10, L. Jones, 350.

Pethebridge for mathematics, and Norton for Geography, also deserve special mention.

5C.

Good work in this class during the past month has been done by F. Lessing, C. Linn and A. Diggerman in history; C. Chapple in geography, history and English; F. Offer and C. Linn in arithmetic; C. Rattray, A. Bradshaw and A. Diggerman in dictation.

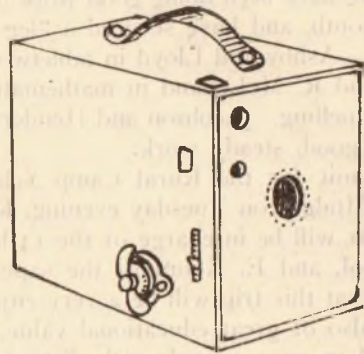
The result of the last quarterly exam. by Mr. Fraser, was as follows:—

1, C. Linn, 400 marks; 2, A. Diggerman, 382; 3, O. Chapple, 372; 4, O. Dibbs, 359; 5, A. Bradshaw, 353; 6, O. Boyd, 343; 7, C. Rattray, 337; 8, M. Smith, 330; 9, C. Tingate, 324; 10, J. Winter, 324, and 11, F. Harvie, 324.

5A.

Boys of this class are looking forward to the quarterly examination; some of the "dark horses" reckon on putting up a good race for positions, prizes, etc. It is considered by the sports of this class, that they are being overlooked when cricket teams are being selected. They consider they have no opportunity of showing they are embryo Trumplers, Nobles, etc.

Good work is being done by the majority of the class.



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4th.

The following boys in this class appear to be well in the running for prizes, judging by their work during the past month. In dictation, J. Boucher, H. Hynes, F. Johnson, A. Cooper, E. Macmullan, W. Court, J. Holley, and E. Rose; in mathematics, A. Cooper, W. Court, W. Gaylor, W. Leckie, F. Smith, and H. Sinclair. In homework, N. Wilkinson, M. Schwartz, R. Robertson, and D. McKenzie; and in composition, D. Bloom, H. Wilson, H. Hynes, and A. Cooper.

3rd.

In this class the boys have shown great improvement in their tablets, many being as neat and as carefully written as written work should always be. The following have secured the highest marks for the past month:—

A. Magee, 100; F. Bailey, 90; G. Kemp, 88; A. McDermott, 85; E. Lane, 85; A. Ramsland, 85; J. Ellitt, 80; J. Lyons, 80; J. Drummond, 78; J. Hines, 78; C. Wride, 78; L. Parsons, 78; and A. Hamilton, 75.

2nd.

The following have been doing good work during the past month, and have secured a "leg-in" for the prizes:—Ashby and Lloyd in tabletwork; J. Robertson and R. McLelland in mathematics; and Draffin in spelling. Jacobson and Henderson are also doing good, steady work.

The school unit for the Rural Camp School will leave for Mudgee on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th. Mr. Millar will be in charge of the 14 lads from the School, and E. Kennings the captain. It is expected that this trip will be a very enjoyable one, and also of great educational value, as it is to be held in an extremely rich district of mixed farming, mines, mills, etc. The boys are due back at school on Friday, Dec. 15, for the break-up, prize-giving, etc.

No results are yet to hand of the exam. held on Dec. 1. We are anxiously, yet patiently, waiting.

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#### PERSONAL.

Corporal E. Hurt, one of the school's quota of 37 in the Australian Coronation Cadet Contingent, arrived back from England on Tuesday, 28 Nov., looking well. He was welcomed on the wharf on arrival by Ald. Walker, on behalf of the Citizen's Committee. Major Wynne and Capt. Parsonage on behalf of the Contingent, and Mr. Percy Hurt, on behalf of the school, and by his comrades, who paraded there in Contingent uniform. He was well cheered. On marching to the school, he was congratulated by Mr. Kilgour on his safe return, appearance, etc.

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#### NOTICE.

Both the School Lending Library and the Senior Reference Library have now been closed till after the Christmas vacation. *All books must be returned at once.* Please take note.

The Annual Distribution of Prizes will take place on Friday the 15th instant at 11 o'clock a.m., in the Main Room of the Boys' School. A cordial invitation is extended to all parents and friends to be present on this occasion.

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## Dr. Douglas Mawson.

"The World's Work" contains the following fine appreciation of the work of Douglas Mawson:—

The appeal which romantic achievement makes to the British public was never more vividly exemplified than in the acclamation which awaited the return of the Shackleton Expedition from the Antarctic, and the honours and material benefits which were heaped upon its intrepid leader. Other expeditions come and go; but either through the personality of Sir Ernest Shackleton, or the way in which the expedition was carried out and chronicled, it stands far out from among similar events, and has brought well-earned glory to all associated with it.

This last statement finds ready proof in the prompt answer to the appeal of the "Daily Mail" for funds to support an expedition for Antarctic research organised by Dr. Douglas Mawson, who was one of the discoverers of the South Magnetic Pole under Shackleton. In a very few days the amount asked for was over-subscribed; and Dr. Mawson has since left England for the further exploration of the great Antarctic continent.

It is in Professor David's account of the dash for the South Magnetic Pole that one finds the modest, almost hidden, evidences of the heroism of the men on that wonderful journey. The three men left their camp on September 20, 1907, dragging two sledges, one weighing 606lb. and the other 250lb. They reached the location of the South Magnetic Pole on January 16, 1908, and then tramped back 250 miles to their starting point.

Twice Mawson had hairbreadth escapes from death in crevasses into which he had fallen. While his comrades were fixing the gear for his rescue from his first fall, Mawson, with a horrible death staring him in the face, coolly plucked some ice crystals from the side of the crevasse and threw them up to his comrades for examination. He was rescued with extreme difficulty.

According to "The Lone Hand," Douglas

Mawson, B.E., D.Sc., is a product of the State-school system of New South Wales. He was educated at Fort Street Model School, passed the junior public university entrance examination in 1890, and matriculated in 1899. He entered the Engineering (Mining and Metallurgy) Department of the University in the latter year; and in his third year took second-class honours in Mining (B.E.). In 1904 he pursued his studies in Geology in the Faculty of Science, and obtained his B.Sc. degree, graduating with first-class honours in Geology and Mineralogy. In 1905 he was appointed Lecturer in Mineralogy and Petrology at the University of Adelaide; and in November, 1909, he obtained the degree of D.Sc. of Adelaide University. So much for his fine scholastic record.

But according to Sir Ernest Shackleton and those who know the man, his endowments as a scholar and a scientist are secondary to his capacity for organisation and his qualities of leadership. The heroic physical endurance which he showed during the former expedition are said to mark him out as one of the world's leaders of scientific exploration work in the South Pole regions. His efforts have already added to our actual knowledge of the physical universe; and the data obtained by him and his comrades in suffering and endurance, form a substantial addition to science.

It may be safely asserted that Dr. Mawson's expedition will not be the mere dash for the Pole into which so many of these expeditions have degenerated. He does not set out in fact to find the Pole at all; but goes with a desire to explore and map out the great Frozen Continent, and to bring back records far more interesting than the touching of an imaginary point upon a broad waste of ice.

—*The World's Work.*

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It swells thro' the valley and sounds on the hill,  
It hovers o'er brooks 'mid the bracken,  
It steals thro' the air when the evening is still,  
And awes when the combing clouds blacken,  
But ne'er can I capture the wonderful strain  
And closed to my grasp is the charming refrain.

I have wandered at eve by the darkening stream,  
I have trod the deep forest recesses,  
And lingered full oft where the radiant beam  
With gold bound the willow's fair tresses.  
But ne'er could the spirits, though ever they sung,  
Teach its heart stealing numbers to flow from my  
tongue.

Yet the billowy lover, in ermine arrayed,  
With this song woos the maid of the silver-  
green hair.  
It rings thro' the forest, where, deep in the glade,  
Its sweetness enslumbers the listening air,  
And leafy pools sleeping in morning's bright  
gleam,  
Hear this song of enchantment break in on their  
dream.

At times from the mountain, and forest, and dale,  
From the glade, and the stream, and the wave,  
In chorus the anthem rolls out on the gale  
Or sounds thro' the ocean-bound cave.  
And whenever its magic chords echoing ring  
Its strains grasp my soul, and my heart longs  
to sing.

—W. G. Hilliard.

## DECEMBER.

The month whose face is holiness! She brings  
With her the glory of majestic things.

What words of light, what high resplendent  
phrase

Have I for all the lustre of her days?  
She comes, and carries in her shining sphere  
August traditions of the world's great year;  
The noble tale which lifts the human race,  
Has made a morning of her sacred face.  
Now in the emerald home of flower and wing,  
Clear summer streams their sweet hosannas sing;  
The winds are full of anthems, and a lute  
Speaks in the listening hills when night is mute,  
And through dim tracks where talks the royal  
tree

There floats a grand hymn from the mighty sea;  
And where the grey, grave, pondering moun-  
tains stand,

High music lives—the place is holy land.

—Henry Kendall, in "The Austral Months."

## Old Boys' Union

### ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner was held at Sargent's Rooms on 22nd November. The President, Mr. Kilgour, was in the chair. Amongst those present were: Mr. T. W. Turner (Patron), Dr. O. Bohrsman, and Messrs. C. A. Macintosh and Hyam Hains (Vice-presidents), Messrs. F. Albert, J. R. Bardsley, E. Booth, G. B. Barton, A. Barry, J. N. Bull, A. R. Bluett, G. Burrows, G. Best, A. Collins, H. S. Cooper, R. D. Godson, Clyde Greenwood, W. Gerdes, W. W. Hill,

O. Hughes, H. Huddy, I. Jacobson, A. te Kloot, A. M. Langan, D. Linsley, H. Mason, E. H. Morris, I. Morgan, A. O. Morcombe, J. Malcolm, G. Neill, W. H. Nolan, R. Reid, E. S. Ranson, J. Ranson, A. M. Stanton, P. Singleton, H. Stephens, R. J. Silverthau, L. Tanner, C. G. Willis, G. C. Whitney, R. Weiss, W. Westcott, and P. R. Watts (Hon. Sec.). Apologies were received from a large number of old boys unable to be present, including Dr. Douglas Mawson, Dr. A. McLean (Mawson's expedition), and Messrs. A. J. Hare, Ed. Downey, R. P. Breedon, E. H. Henriques, E. M. Connell, C. G. Macartney, Dr. W. Vickers, A. B. Walkom, Percy Portus, N. Griffiths, A. R. Edwards, and C. J. Alderdice.

After the loyal toast of "The King" had been duly honoured, Mr. Turner proposed the toast of the evening, "The School." Fort Street stood for manliness and efficiency, and every boy who left the school bore its unmistakable stamp. He did not think there was a braver man living than Douglas Mawson. Everywhere Fort Street boys climbed to the top of the tree. Reference was made to Mr. A. J. Hare, the newly-appointed Under-Secretary for Lands, to Mr. F. A. Coghlan, to Sir Edmund Barton, and others.

The toast was supported by Messrs. H. S. Cooper, Dr. Bohrsman, A. R. Bluett, Reg. Reid, and Hyam Hains. Mr. Cooper, the oldest old boy present, indulged in reminiscences of 1853, and fancied he saw the familiar faces of school-mates amongst the young men around him. Dr. Bohrsman, who does not share Plato's views as to geometry, was, nevertheless, grateful to the school for teaching him all he knew. *Si quid est in me ingenii*, &c. He urged the old boys present, most of whom were strangers to him, to attend regularly at the union's functions, and promote its solidarity. Mr. Bluett dwelt humorously on certain traits of the Fort Street boy, in particular his preference for being in command. Reg. Reid is always a welcome figure at the O.B.U. gatherings. In this case, as in April last, he came down to Sydney from some distance up country, specially to attend the function, and meet his former school-mates, whom he delighted with a breezy speech, and afterwards by a characteristic recitation. Mr. Hains, who by now may claim

to have a permanent place on the toast-list, was in good vein, and emphasised the duty of every old boy loyally to support the union. He advocated the establishment in the city of an Old Boys' Club.

Songs by Messrs. W. Holme, Nolan, and Gilbert Neill agreeably filled the interval between the honouring of the toast and the reply.

Mr. Kilgour referred to the change of character the school had undergone during recent years, the success of its pupils, and the demand for Fort Street boys. Fort Street was now preparing a large number of boys to take a worthy place in the professional, as well as the commercial, life of the community.

In noting the appointing of Mr. A. J. Hare to the position of Under-Secretary for Lands, last month, we would like to mention that another old boy, Mr. F. A. Coghlan, has been appointed within the year to the position of Principal Under-Secretary in the Chief Secretary's Department.

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## Girls' Page

### THE CAPTAIN.

On Friday, 24th November, the girls of the Senior classes elected Mona McMinn as Captain of the School. She will be assisted by the two prefects, Marjorie Collins and Erica Smith. We feel confident that these girls will carry out their duties in a creditable manner. We congratulate them on their appointment.

### FORT STREET OLD GIRLS UNION.

On Saturday, 11th November, the annual meeting of the above was held in the school room. The business of the meeting was the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year. The President, Vice-presidents, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were re-elected unopposed.

The members of the new committee are as follows:—Miss Tearle, Miss Bocking, Miss Mitchell, Miss M. Wardrop, Miss G. Butler, and Miss Laura Wood.

It was decided to confer with the committee of the Old Boys Union with regard to holding a launch picnic in February, the arrangements to be left in the hands of a sub-committee to carry out the details.

Light refreshments followed the more serious business of the afternoon. There was a fair percentage of members present. Members are reminded the annual subscriptions are due, and will be acknowledged on receipt by the Hon. Secretary.

### TENNIS.

During the past year the Tennis Club has been most successful. The Club has a membership of about 100 girls, and the eight courts provided at the Birchgrove Oval were in constant use every Wednesday.

Several matches have been played during the season; the results are as follows:—

Championship of the School—Lilian Hyland.

Senior Championship.—Mona McMinn.

Lower School Championship.—Elsie Shorter.

Students' Championship.—Mabel James.

7B Championship.—Bertha Hirsch.

7A Championship.—Marcia Learoyd.

Upper 6th Class Championship.—Hannah

McLeod.

Low. 6th Class Championship.—Lily Hyland.

The beginners have yet to complete their match. Clare Lockley, Alison Brass, Gladys Jay, Muriel Ross and Myra Cousins still remain in the Beginners' Competition, which will probably be completed on Wednesday, 29th November.

### PICNIC.

The 7B Girls held a picnic at National Park on Saturday, 25th November. The appearance of rain kept some from attending, but those who went enjoyed themselves very much, in spite of the fact that the girl who was to bring the milk, tea and sugar did not come. These commodities were soon acquired, and the party made the very best of the time by rowing up the river and indulging in billy tea, cream cakes and all sorts of good things, not forgetting the oranges.

Some of the other members are still regretting that they did not chance the weather, for the only water which got in the boat was from the splashing of the oars when the new chums were taking a hand.

### CAMERA CLUB.

On Tuesday, 14th November, a photographic competition in connection with the above Club was held in Library I. On the whole the entries were very good and showed that the girls had made good progress.

Mr. Bauer from the Boys' School kindly consented to judge the exhibits. The decision was:

First Prize.—Doris Stocker;

Second Prize.—Thyra Waugh;

Third Prize.—Edna Cook.

Doris Stocker, who won the first prize, showed good taste in the mounting and in the choice of subject.

We hope that the girls will still keep up their good work in this line, and always be on the look-out for fresh hints in this subject.

The work of the successful exhibitors will remain the property of the school, and will form a good beginning for the specimens of photography done by the pupils, which we intend to keep.

## Sporting

### SWIMMING.

The result of the 220 yards school championship resulted as follows:—1, F. Mason; 2, G. Hansel; 3, R. Hellings; Forsyth and Evatt also finished. The time was slow, 2 mins. 58 secs. The introduction of water polo seems to be a meeting held this week. Will the compulsory training interfere too much with the working of the competition proposed between Sixths, Juniors, and Seniors?

Messrs. Parker, Selle, Macnee and Lean, intend to start the usual classes in life-saving shortly. Intending members, if they have not already done so, should hand in their names immediately. Members of the swimming classes must remember that pushing in and ducking are strictly against the club rules, and members participating will not be allowed to partake in any further swims, etc.

N. Coxon has been appointed news correspondent to the daily papers for the club. We will no doubt see some good work from the pen of this young man.

The 100 yards championship, public schools, the senior and junior relays and Kieran Memorial race, will be swum off at the State championship carnivals this year instead of the P.S.A.A.A. carnival, which is off this season.

Eric Hurt, just arrived from England, should do well here in swimming this season, judging from his English performances.

Permission has been granted to hold our annual carnival in the Domain Baths on March 16.

### CRICKET NOTES.

Cleveland Street defeated our Firsts by 9 wickets. The result was not unexpected. Parkes, Welsh and Wahlberg attempted to withstand the attack, but left-hander Lacey carried too many guns for our soldier-cricketers. However, the game showed that in Wahlberg the school possesses a very promising bat. His well-made 28 in the second innings came as a surprise to many, but he proved it to be no fluke in the first innings against the Technical High School on Nov. 22nd. Going in first, he scored 30 in a fine, free style. In this innings Fort Street scored 198—the chief scores being Mackaness 35, R. Evatt

26 not out, Sherwood 24, H. Holmes 26, G. Holmes 16, Wahlberg 30.

Mackaness has plenty of cricket ability, and would score a great many more runs if he were more patient, and if he learned to play a straight bat to a ball on the leg stump. His "swipe" to leg is ugly and unnecessary, and fatal. R. Evatt needs a lesson in unselfishness—his unwillingness to run at times, and his over-anxiety at others, both being irritating in the extreme.

Adolph Gruen—the school veteran—was shaping well when he was run out before the bowler delivered the ball. Annoying as this was nevertheless there was no necessity for this ex-Senior to enter into a discussion with the Technical umpire about the matter. The best sportsman always has the least to say on the field of play. The Technical High School has started well, scoring 1 for 104. The chief reason for this was the bad management of the bowling by Bert Evatt, who, for some reason or other "acted" as skipper, in spite of the fact that Sherwood was in the team. There seems to exist some ridiculous, antiquated rule to the effect that the school captain shall lead whenever he is in a team. This rule must go, for the sake of common-sense. This match was Evatt's first appearance this season for the school, consequently, he knew nothing about the present team; besides, he is no longer the captain of the school.

Our thirds have at last become victorious, under the captaincy of D. McShane, of 2c. The victory was gained at the expense of the Sydney Technical High School, who only managed to scrape together the small total of 17 runs. This small score was chiefly due to the excellent bowling of Stubbins (2a). He is to be highly congratulated on taking the whole of the 10 wickets for 6 runs. It was quite a unique performance. Fort Street's first innings was rather disappointing; they only managed to make 35 runs. The Tech.'s second innings produced 51 runs. In this innings Hooker and McShane were the chief performers with the ball. Fort Street now required only 33 runs to win. They were obtained, with 27 runs in the lead. The batting in the second innings of our boys was of the one-sided fashion. Collins alone shone out above all the others; he kept his end up right through the innings, and remained undefeated with 10 to his credit.

A few of our boys would do well to follow Collins' blocking tactics, when hard pushed for runs. The fielding of Fort Street throughout was quite up to third grade standard. Finnimont led the van with his superb wicket-keeping. The team ought to follow their captain's example in his smart returns to the wicket. Of the other fieldsmen, Ross, Mostyn, and Raybone were perhaps the best of a hard lot of triers. May this success continue.

### SENIOR TENNIS CLUB.

(By "Skytis.")

On Wednesday afternoon, 22nd of this month, Messrs. Liggins and Mitchell, Briggs and Biggs, journeyed to Summer Hill, when they met and defeated Hurlstone College. The weather was very threatening, but on the whole a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. Afternoon tea was provided by the home team. The following were the scores:—

Liggins & Biggs v. Grieves & McLaughlan	6-4
Mitchell & Briggs v. Lea & Glass . . . . .	6-1
Liggins & Biggs v. Lea & Glass . . . . .	6-3
Mitchell & Briggs v. Grieves & McLaughlan	5-6
Liggins & Briggs v. Grieves & Glass . . . .	6-3
Mitchell & Biggs v. Lea and McLaughlan	6-3
Liggins & Briggs v. Grieves & Glass . . . .	7-5
Mitchell & Biggs v Lea & McLaughlan . .	6-5

Grand Totals:—Fort Street: 7 sets 48 games.  
Hurlstone: 1 set 30 games.

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## Lower School News.

### SWIMMING.

R. Hellings will be eligible to play with the Sixth Classes in the water polo competition to be commenced shortly. It is proposed to appoint ten prefects from the Lower School to assist the teachers on Wednesday afternoons. They will have to pass a life-saving test. In the new junior cadet scheme it is compulsory for each lad between the ages of 12 and 14 to attend swimming, and incidentally life-saving, classes as well as receive instruction in first-aid. Twenty-eight names have been handed in to Mr. Millar for life-saving instruction. The classes will be commenced shortly, and are expected to do good work.

### CRICKET.

The Second and Third Class match has brought under notice of the selectors Magee, a "demon" bowler. Ferguson and Butler also bowled well, while Glover and Robertson appear to be the makings of very fair batsmen.

Fourth defeated Fifth A in the Domain. Bloom and MacMullen did well with the bat for fourth, Hotten and Shortall for fifth. Bowling for for Fifth, Magee and Shortall got the wickets. For Fourth, Wilkinson took four wickets for five runs, while Bloom and Holley also bowled well. Schwartz and Cato were very good in the field.

The Lower School Firsts defeated Woollahra on Fridays, 10th and 17th Nov., on Centennial Park, by 157 runs. For the school, R. Pate, 40 runs, C. Browne 38, H. Buswell 32, Perry 34, W. Parrish 24, got most of the runs, while Dowling, 9 wickets for 11 runs, W. Haggarty, 3 wickets, Husband, 5 wickets, and Pate, 2 wickets, got the wickets.

The Firsts had a tough match against Naremburn on Friday, November 24, only being defeated by one run, and that a wide bowl feated by one run, and that a wide bowled at the critical moment by our captain. Naremburn, in batting first, got 22 runs, S. Dowling getting 7 wickets for 7 runs, and McLeod, promoted from the seconds,

got three wickets. Fort Street replied with 26, and then got 37, W. Haggarty and C. Husband, 10 each, getting the top scores. Naremburn got 42, Dowling getting 8 wickets for 6 runs in this innings. S. Dowling should, with practice, develop into a very good bowler. He bowls fairly fast stuff with an off-break. He got 15 wickets for 13 runs in this match.

It is intended to arrange a Possibles v. Probables match for the Lower School, before the close of the year, to allow "new blood" to discover itself.

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## Harold Hardwick.

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CHAMPION OF THE EMPIRE ATHLETE.

*A Fort Street Boy.*

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The one bright feature in connection with the representation of Australasia in the Festival of the Empire sports has been the success of Harold Hardwick, sprint swimmer and heavyweight boxer. Selected as representative in both the swimming and boxing sections, there were many who contended that he should not have been sent for either, and they have been more than answered by the absolutely unprecedented performance of the Sydney athlete. This quiet and unassuming lad in his early twenties has already earned more fame in the athletic fields than generally falls to the lot of most sportsmen, and in all who know him his successes are as pleasing as they are to the boy himself, on account of his personal charming manner, his extraordinary modesty, and his sportsmanlike qualities, no matter in what particular sport he may be competing.

Best known as a swimmer, he learned to look after himself in the water at the early age of 5. Whilst at Cleveland Street Public School he competed in a number of class events, but it was a year or two later when attending the Fort Street Model Public School that he displayed form that promised the development of a champion. Various age championships fell to him during this time. (1901 to 1903), and in season 1903-4 he swam second to Len. Murray in the schoolboy championship of New South Wales, the winner

putting up record time for a schoolboy event.

In 1905 Hardwick gathered the Fort Street championship, and also the all schools' blue ribbon. During the following year he entered for the State championships, and gained standard certificates for various distances. The 1907 season saw him placed second in the 220 and 500 yards championships, and third in the 100 and 1320 yards events, while in 1908 he secured his first State championships, winning both the 100 and 220 yards, and was also second in the 300yds. The best year he has experienced from a State championship aspect was in 1908-9, when he won the 100, 220, 300, 1320, and mile events, and was second in the 440 and 880 yards. The same year he also swam in his first Australasian contests, and was second in the 100, 440, 880, and mile, and third in 220 yards.

The following season he won the 440, 880, and mile State events, and was second in 100 and 220 yards, and he also represented New South Wales in the Australasian championships in Melbourne. Champion Beaurepaire this season was at his best, and Hardwick swam second to the famous Victorian in the 220, 440, and mile.

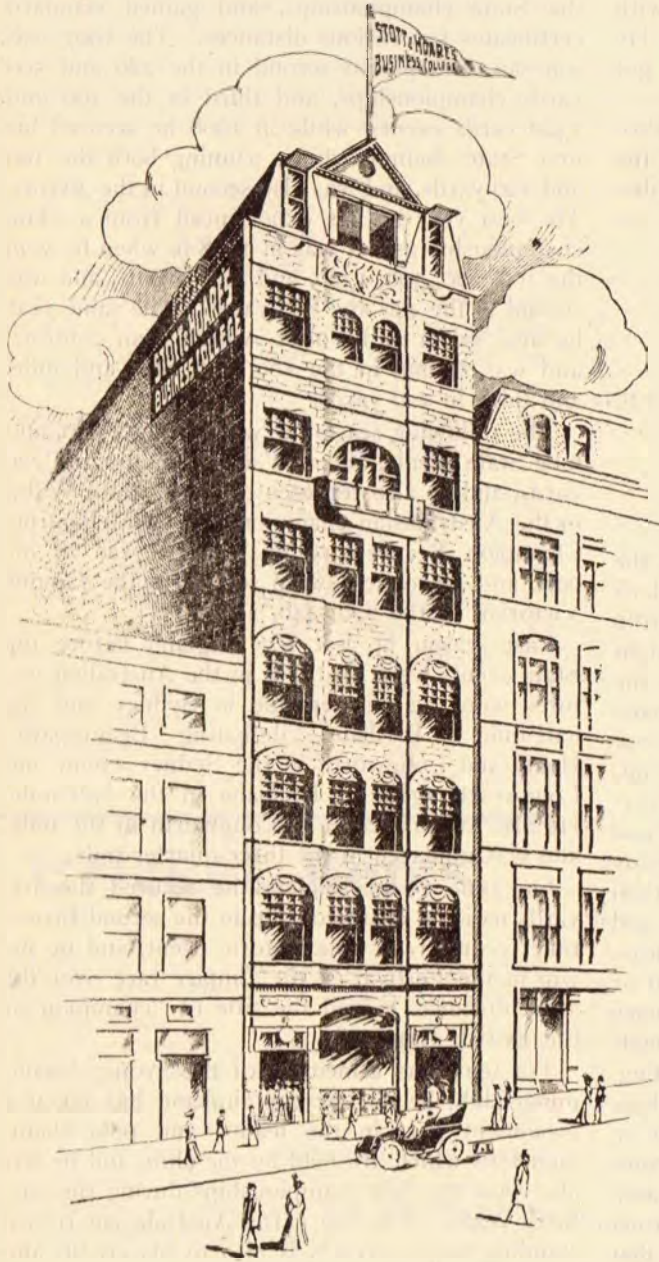
Last season he left for England before the State events were held, but in the Australian fixtures won the quarter-mile in Sydney and the half-mile in Brisbane, defeating Beaurepaire, Healy and Longworth in the Sydney event, and Longworth again in Brisbane in the half-mile. He also swam second to Longworth in the mile, and was unplaced in the three-quarter mile.

On June 19 in England he secured the 100 yards national championship in the second fastest time recorded for this historic event, and by his win in the Festival of the Empire race over the same distance, gained the title of "champion of the British Empire."

For ten years a member of the Sydney Swimming Club, he is now captain, and has taken a prominent part in the teams' and polo championships which are held by the club, and he has also won the club championships during the past three years. The 100 yards Australasian record standing at 57 seconds is also to his credit, and both Cecil Healy and Hardwick have registered this time under record conditions.

Undertaking the task of representing this section of the Empire, he was advised to visit England early, and without doubt his determina-

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tion has made him show his true form on the other side of the world, where a majority of athletes miss their home associations, and their minds get off the work in front of them in this and other ways.

As a Rugby Union footballer he is in the first flight, and played first grade for the Sydney club during 1909 and 1910. During last year he also represented the metropolis against the American universities, and if he had played would have this year made a big bid for representative honors.

In private life Hardwick is studying dentistry, and is preparing to take the course at the Sydney University. His general bearing and conduct at all times have made him a favourite in whatever sphere he has been known; and the amateur championship of the British Empire in both boxing and sprint swimming is now held by probably the most popular amateur athlete that has ever represented this State.

—*S.M. Herald.*

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Where age and sickness helpless lie,  
Their need she cheerly tends.

No trumpets herald her approach,  
She dons no fine array,  
But softly steals, and gently works,  
Then goes she on her way.

Her looks not always are the same,  
Though ever filled with grace,  
For now a princess fair she seems,  
Now, hath a peasant's face.

And now she comes with cheery smile,  
And now with tears and sigh,  
But let her guise be what it may,  
All know when she is nigh.

"*Quite a Girl.*"

## Along the Paterson.

(*By O. S. Fox.*)

A winter morning, keen and fresh—such a morning as makes one feel a restless longing to be free, to wander at will through the awakening bush, or to rove along the winding river bank among those drooping groves of willows, from which the soft warblings of magpies ascend in notes sweet and clear. The sun had not risen very far above the mountains when we rode out through the home paddock, the dew scattering in glittering showers as the horses cantered blithely through the long grass. Once the sliprails were down and we had crossed the bridge that opens the railway, we began gradually to ascend, following a bridle track that seemed to lead upwards and vanish amid the gums that grow thickly on the hillside. For some time the horses still continued to climb, winding around the edge of rocky bluffs, until at last the track grew narrow and led downwards, strewn here and there with fragments of rock, and in some places almost overgrown with clambering vines.

Stumbling and slipping, we at last reached the bottom of the gully, only to be confronted once more with a fence. Beyond was a ridge of mountains far higher than that which we had just crossed, and apparently the track was going to be a great deal steeper and rougher. As the sliprails were being lowered, a jackass, perched on the limb of a neighbouring dead tree, laughed long and loudly as if he were joking at us for the trouble we were taking. A little farther on the track branched into two, one leading away down a valley, where we caught a faint glimpse of an orchard and its rows of dark green.

Following the high path, the horses struggled upward, and we turned frequently in the saddle to admire the magnificence of the view.

Miles across on the other side of the valley the mountains rose in long undulating lines, their summits wreathed with soft mists that were just beginning to feel the warmth of the ascending sun. Faint and blue they looked, except for their valleys, in which the dark green of trees could be dimly seen in the distance. Here and there, a soft white cloud rested gently on some mountain height, for all the world like the snowy



form of a gigantic wave that has just broken upon a cluster of rocks, and for a short time hidden their bareness. Down, far down below us in the valley, was the homestead, nestling amid its surrounding trees, and encircled by the river, which glistened as it wound its way here and there, between trailing willows, or green fields of lucerne. An orchard, half-way down the mountains, could be seen through a straggling line of gums, and the regular rows of olive green formed a perfect setting for the golden fruit, which glowed in the morning sunlight as if it had just received the hasty touch of some passing Midas.

For some time, we paused thus, resting our horses and drinking in the beauty of the scenery, but the quietness of it all was suddenly broken by the echoing report of a gun in the distance.

Immediately a flock of rosellas flew screaming out of the neighbouring gums, circled above our heads, and then settled amid the foliage of a high tree leaning far out over a precipitous gully. Into the bright sunlight they had flashed for one moment, and the next their brilliant plumage had been hidden beneath the leaves.

Onward and upward once more we advanced, with many a backward look at the view, now stumbling over fallen rocks or hesitating as to which path to follow, keeping carefully to the track along ridges with a steep slope falling away on either side of us. Towards noon, we emerged from the track just where it left a thick forest of gums, interlaced with clambering vines. By this time, we had reached the very summit of the mountain. All around, the long, waving grass, which had turned grey with heavy frosts, bent and rustled softly as the keen mountain breeze swept across it. High up here was the orchard we had come to visit, and very soon we had unsaddled the horses and turned them out into the paddock to graze. Orange groves here always had an attraction for me, but you may be sure they were particularly inviting after our tiring ride.

Unfortunately for us, a slight, misty rain began to fall as the afternoon drew on, changing the purple hue of distant hilltops into shades of pearl grey. Port Stephens, about twenty miles to the east, was completely hidden. Just a faint

glimpse of water in the valley to the south-east showed the course of the Williams River.

Looking northward, we could see the North Coast railway winding through the valley like some immense serpent, and disappearing every now and then between deep cuttings, till at last it reached a range of mountains that stretched across its path, forming an impassable barrier. Somewhere there, was the entrance to a long tunnel, but too far away for us to make out its position. A puff of smoke that rose slowly and hung in wreaths of white in the cold, wintry air marked the approach of the ballast train. For miles and miles we watched it winding in and out till it disappeared in the distance.

Far below us was the road which we intended to follow home, for we would have been very unwise to return by the bridle track, which was too uneven for riding after daylight.

It must have been about four in the after-

### MORE BRILLIANT SUCCESSES IN SHORTHAND.

Result of Shorthand Examinations conducted at Fort Street School, 1st April, 1911, by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia.

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noon when we left the farm, where we had had such a warm welcome. Just as night began to fall, we were once more back on the level road, and swinging along in the direction of home at a good pace. Away in the west the sun glowed like some fiery ball, seen for a short time between a gap in the range as it sunk slowly to rest.

It was long after nightfall when we turned off the road and entered the paddock, giving the horses their well-earned feed before entering the house.

—O. S. Fox.

AN ELEGY WRITTEN IN THE SENIOR  
COURTYARD.

*Venus.*

To me it seems so queer  
That mathematics drear,  
Should overwhelm and banish all the joys  
Of hapless, tortured boys,  
Who labour without ceasing day and night,  
To grasp within their sight  
Those awful, wretched things,  
That trig. so sweetly sings;  
And yet this is of us, poor youths, the fate  
To labour most, where students all most hate.

But though we have our woes  
We rest awhile from throes  
Of awful anguish, sorrow sad, and pain,  
And ease our weary brain  
By leaving wretched maths. and troubles all,  
To play a game at ball.  
And every Senior's glee  
Is far from trig. to be,  
To study even Latin, English, French,  
Which never from him can his pleasures  
wrench,  
And why this is the case  
Is easy yet to trace,

For mathematics (weary at their best)  
Will give our brain no rest;  
While other subjects blend in pleasant strain  
The large and wide domain  
Of Learnings far-spread fame,  
With pleasure, and the name  
Of history's tales of famous heroes old,  
Who into battle lead their brave men bold.

So now you all must see,  
And so do also we,  
That pleasures to us all will come that day,  
When we afar shall stray  
From weary maths., to see them never-more  
When work and trouble's o'er  
Then, hey! we'll sing and dance,  
As in a merry trance,  
For statics, algebra and trig. are past,  
And we are left a happy troop at last.

## Notes and News

At a meeting of the Prefects, Bruce O'Grady was elected Senior Prefect for the year 1912.

Christie and Crooker have succeeded in passing the Law Matriculation Examination held last month.

Harry McLellant (Senior, 1909) won the amateur Golf Championship of the University of Sydney, beating Dr P. Sydney Jones. At his present rate of progress, Harry has a fine chance of becoming the amateur champion of N.S.W.

A number of the Senior boys were present to witness the departure of Dr. Archie McLean and John Hunter, B.Sc., two old boys, who left on the 23rd ultimo to join the Mawson expedition to Antarctica.

The Librarian desires to thank Mr. G. W. Card, of the Mining Museum, for very kind donations of books and magazines to the library.

## School Inspection in Distant Fiji.

(Continued).

The problem of reading books is solved by the use of the Bible—a chapter is announced and immediately heads were buried in books, while each and every one began to mutter away in "silent reading" of the coming test. All were, of course, on the mats, all more or less, arranged for the gray, for the pinafores, sulus and singlets looked suspiciously new, while a garland of green or a flower adorned the necks or heads of not a few.

The reading commenced—one is surprised—it was the boys who showed the greatest nervousness, and who displayed, not infrequently, the least ability. The reading was fluent, clear and distinct—we did not presume to question the intelligibility of the same—on a future occasion that may be possible. Dictation followed with, on the whole, very fair results; the writing in many cases being very good.

Arithmetic was rarely beyond the lower third standard, but up to that it may be considered very fair. One cannot expect too much, while our own deficiencies in the Fijian language make the oral examinations in either arithmetic or geography an impossibility on this occasion.

Recitation brought out the wonderful memorising faculties of the natives—one girl repeated 90 verses clearly, distinctly and unhesitatingly—while a boy repeated as many and was then ready to continue, how far we did not question. It is a gift—the gift of many native peoples, but it has its disadvantages in this reign of the new order of things.

The examination concluded and the marks tallied, adjournment was made to the town "rara" or village green. Here we were given chairs as the guests of the occasion, and presently the children, headed by the teachers, passed before us, each bearing a yam or a bottle of that luxury of luxuries—cocoanut oil. These were gifts to the examiner—is it we or they who are behind the times? We noticed that the garlands of flowers had increased considerably, that the

wrists were all adorned with clusters of green—we were to have a "meki" or native action song. In some cases the girls and boys meked separately; in other places they sang together. For grace of action the girls easily carried off the palm, though the boys went through a couple of mekes which provided no end of amusement.

Let me briefly describe one of these mekes. The performers sat in the front more or less gaily adorned with greeneries or strips of colored fibre. All joined in the chant and the clapping, which acted as the accompaniment, a couple beat a small hand lali, while others produced the bass notes by beating hollow bamboos of varying lengths on the ground. The song was accompanied with movements graceful and rythmical, movements in which fingers, hands, arms, head and body all participated. Woe betide the luckless one who made a false movement, or failed to stop at the precise moment, the "pshychological" moment, seemingly, being just when the leader's breath failed, for the chant always ended with a gasp. A brief respite, a fresh break, and off they go again. The natives will meke cheerfully for hours at a stretch—they are not so keen on work just as strenuous and exacting. The words of the chants, rarely very distinct, varied in substance and import. One was a medley of numbers, probably a Fijian way of learning the time-honored "twice one are two"; another was based on the geography of Europe, a child pointing out the places as mentioned. I tried to imagine Fortians, Juniors in particular, sitting in rows on the quadrangle, chanting *ad. lib.* the geography of the world and what not.

The "meke" over, the names of the children securing highest marks in each section were announced, the successful ones standing in order of merit. It was amusing to watch a mother's face as Jamesi stood up. She was quite sure Jamesi had made a mistake, but the look of feigned astonishment rapidly gave place to that of unfeigned pleasure. General clapping of hands for the honored joined heartily in the applause, and the ceremony was over.

Amid much clatter of tongues and shaking of hands, the examiner and "suite" proceeded to the boat and the "veistaroga" was over for another year.

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## The Centenary of Charles Dickens.

One hundred years ago, to be exact on the 7th February, 1812, Charles Dickens was born at Landport, Portsmouth. In his own age, a name to conjure with, in ours a name to revere and honour as the mighty mirth bringer to millions, young and old, it is meet on this centenary of his birth to add our little atom of appreciation to the memory of the man who did more than many politicians and philanthropists to throw light upon the child slavery of England, to reveal the depth of ignorance prevailing concerning educational

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It is owing to the influence of the writings of Charles Dickens that we no longer hear of the Squeersian type of school, while we would, one and all, laugh should such a definition be asked for and received as that given by Bitzer to Mr. Thomas Gradgrind.

"Bitzer," said Thomas Gradgrind, "your definition of a horse."

"Quadruped. Graminivorous. Forty teeth, namely, twenty-four grinders, four eye-teeth, and twelve incisive. Sheds coat in the spring; in marshy countries sheds hoofs, too. Hoofs hard; but requiring to be shod with iron. Age known by marks in mouth." Thus (and much more) Bitzer.

"Now, girl number twenty," said Mr. Gradgrind. "You know what a horse is."

Poor Cissy Jupe.

Now it's very rare to find a Mr. M'Choakum-child, or a Mr. Feeder, B.A., or a Mr. Creakle, or a Mr. Bumble, or a Mr. Squeers, and their decease would be brought in by any jury justifiable homicide against Charles Dickens.

His characters will exist as long as this world does, and one of them, we sincerely believe, Mr. Pickwick, is still the most popular character in English fiction. Not to know Pickwick seems to us a loss almost irreparable. Who will confess not to have read and enjoyed the delightful accidents surrounding the characters of the famous trio, Messrs. Winkle, Tupman and Snodgrass, that of the greatest comedian that ever trod the boards of fiction, Sam, the immortal Sam Weller, together with his honoured father, Tony, so beloved of the Rev. Mr. Stiggins? Would we not all have loved to have spent a Christmas at Dingley Dell, in the company of the Wardle family, with Mr. Benjamin Allen and Mr. Bob Sawyer? Can anything ever approach the drollness of Mr. Jingle?

But we must stop, for enthusiasm carries us too far. Let us simply say that in spite of the critics' complaints that Dickens exaggerates, that he over-caricatures, that his pathos is too long drawn out, that his characters are often puppets

moved as the master pulls the strings, we all love and honour the man, and will ever continue to laugh and weep over the works of the greatest novelist and humanitarian of the last century, which is no faint praise.

## Compulsory Training

Applications are invited for the positions of signallers (16 wanted) and buglers (8 wanted) for the school companies. There are still a few vacancies.

The Area Medical Officer will be in attendance at the school shortly to examine the new junior and senior cadets.

Boys who will be fourteen years of age during this year, 1912, should have filled in a registration form during the month of January and handed it in to the Area Officers. If they have neglected to do so, it must be done immediately. These pupils will be posted to companies during the next few months.

Pupils attending schools at which there are school companies must do their training at the school, under penalty. This is definitely set down in the Act.

Lieut. E. S. Davies has resigned his position as O.C. E. Company.

It is expected that those who passed for second lieutenants in Dec. last will be gazetted shortly, as they have been medically examined, and have forwarded their forms, discharges, etc., to headquarters. They have been posted to companies.

*Hints for Non-coms.* (Continued).—You have now been appointed a non-commissioned officer, and have been posted to your company. You must do all in your power to uphold the honor of your squad section, company, or school, as the case may be, and try to make it absolutely the best of its kind in the Commonwealth. It has been well and truly said that the "non-commissioned officers are the backbone of the army."

If a corps has good officers, both commissioned and non-commissioned, it is always a corps of excellent standing. Do not forget that call, "Come for orders," which means all commissioned and non-commissioned officers fall in in front of the notice-board.

Cadets are reminded that all applications for leave of absence, all correspondence, etc., must go through the O.C. companies, who will, if necessary, forward the same to the Area Officer, who is also the Adjutant of the battalion.

Defaulters must in future be warned to attend parade when the defaulters' call blows. This call will be blown when "orders" go. Defaulters will be tried by the O.C. companies; if a serious charge, it must be referred then to the C.O. Battalion, Capt. Digby.

The following are appointed temporarily to companies:—

E. Company.—O.C., Lieut. J. Tate; Senior Subaltern, Lieut. W. B. Simpson; Junior Subaltern, Col.-Sergt. F. Biggs; Sergeants, W. Rose, N. J. Simpson, A. Jenkin, C. H. Ferns; Corporals, C. Brindley, L. Barry, S. Green, C. Johnson; L. Corporal, T. Ross.

F Company.—O.C., Lieut. R. Taylor; Senior Sub., Lt. O. Tunks; Junior Sub., Lt. O. Wolff; Col.-Sergt., B. Berman; Sergeants, W. Elliott, C. Stubbin, R. Kelly, H. Hulmann; Corporals, A. Stafford, R. Steel, W. B. Smith, L. Cambourne; Lance Corporal: R. Watt.

G Company.—O.C., Lieut. H. W. Parker; Senior Sub., Lieut. E. New; Junior Sub., Lieut. H. Jamieson; Co.-Sergt., N. Cuthbert; Sergeants, E. Jerdan, G. Holmes, J. McKee, G. Packham; Corporals, R. Sillar, R. Arnott, H. Hudson, C. Bennett; L. Corporal, E. W. Haynes.

H Company.—O.C., Capt. Parsonage; Senior Sub., L. Cullen Ward; Junior Sub., W. Paradise. Col.-Sergt., W. Rees; Sergeants, S. Cox, A. Witcombe, D. Webber, L. Duff; Corporals, E. Hurt, E. W. Musgrove, H. Alcock, E. Wynne; L. Corporal, P. Hansel.

It may be seen from the above, there are vacancies for one lieutenant and 12 lance corporals. Application must be made immediately.

The O.C. companies have already made arrangements for acting lance corporals.

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### PRESENTATION OF CORONATION MEDALS.

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The long-delayed Coronation medals were presented to the N.S. Wales Coronation Cadet Contingent by the Governor-General on behalf of the King on Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the Federal Government House grounds. Trophies won on the tour in shooting, athletics, etc., were also presented. After the presentation, the contingent gave a display of drill, marching past in column and quarter column. The drill was good, although lacking, perhaps, the polish seen on their arrival from England. This is easily understandable, when it is remembered that the last parade of the contingent was held on October last. Addresses were delivered by the Governor-General, the Premier (Mr. McGowan), and the State Commandant (General Gordon) on the conclusion of the march past.

The following are the representatives of the school who journeyed to England and received the King's Coronation Medal on this occasion:—

Capt. A. Parsonage, Sgt. G. Draper, Sgt. C. Furness, Sgt.-bugler J. Lenehan, Corpl. C. Prior, Corpl. O. Tunks, Corpl. E. Hurt, Lt.-Corpl. Jamieson, Bugler M. Mackenzie, Drummer C. Wride, Signaller L. Cullen-Ward, Signaller W. Rees, Cadet L. Wolff, Cadet A. Wynne, Cadet L. Wynne, Cadet F. Mason, Cadet R. Wise, Cadet S. Cox, Cadet T. Ross, Cadet W. Rose, Cadet W. Young, Cadet J. D. Henry, Cadet C. Johnson, Cadet N. Griffin, Cadet G. Rodgers, Cadet L. Atkins, Cadet F. Mater, Cadet W. Paradise, Cadet L. Duff, Cadet N. Simpson, Cadet A. Jenkin, Cadet D. Webber, Cadet B. Gibson, Cadet A. McNiven, Cadet O. Mater, Cadet G. Hansel.

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On Christmas Day Mr. W. G. Hilliard, B.A., lately on the staff of the High School, was ordained to the Anglican ministry. He has since been appointed curate of Holy Trinity Church, Dulwich Hill. He has our best wishes for his success in his new work.

## Rural Camp School.

The 14 boys comprising the Fort Street Unit of the last Camp School, held at Mudgee, left Sydney on the night of Tuesday, 5th December, 1911. Travelling by night was a new experience to most of them, and the part of the journey where one could say that all were asleep did not cover more than a few miles.

However, it was well made up for next day, when camp had been reached. No work was done on the Wednesday, and the boys enjoyed the rest.

On Thursday work was commenced by our unit visiting a farm about three miles out of Mudgee. This farm was owned by Mr. T. Mills, and there we saw the different stages in the work of preparing lucerne for market—cutting, raking, cocking, pressing, etc. On Friday we visited Mr. Wurth's vineyard and orchard at Fredericksburg, which was reached after a walk of 30 miles from camp. Here we spent a good day, and were shown the whole process of making wine. On Saturday morning a visit was made to Mr. E. Deane's coach works, and here we received a very instructive lecture from Mr. Deane. In the afternoon some boys went for a ramble amongst the hills, whilst Murrell, one of the Fort Street Unit, took part in the Diving Championship.

Sunday was church parade and visitors' day, and was spent very quietly.

On Monday we had a coach trip to Mr. Roth's vineyard, to Mr. Wurth's butter factory, and finished up at MacDonald's Creek Station, where we saw the harvesting operations.

Tuesday was spent at Gulgong. There we saw a deserted goldfield, where 20 years ago there were 30,000 men and to-day not 30 working. But farther away was the Red Hill Mine, where some of us succeeded in finding pieces of gold. In the evening the camp concert was held, when Kinnings distinguished himself at the piano.

On Wednesday morning we visited the water-works, and camp being struck we left that night for Sydney, which was reached at 5.30 next morning.

Mr. Millar was in charge of the Fort Street Unit. The next unit from this school will be leaving for Nowra on February 28.

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## Primary School News.

### SECOND CLASS.

This class now consists almost entirely of boys just from the Infants' School, but already some are showing good signs.

Dick Moore, Roy Nelson, and Norman Edwards are doing their work very well, and should come out well at the next examination.

The boys in this class must remember to work hard at school, and do their homework and spelling every night if they wish to go into Third Class and later on to the High School.

Mr. Millar is now in charge.

### THIRD CLASS.

The boys in this class will be fortunate in the possession of a good variety of supplementary and other reading books this quarter. They will read a different book each day of the week and will certainly appreciate the change. In "Stories of Former Days" they will be introduced to many fascinating tales connected with the early history of Great Britain, well illustrated and told in such a way as to suggest fireside stories rather than the history book.

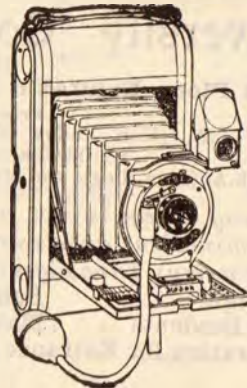
A book of verse will be ready, and it is to be hoped that the boys will have a better acquaintance with the writers of "Lucy Gray," "The Daffodils," "The Children's Hour," and the many other poems they love so well. Mr. Fox will guide the destinies of Third Class.

4 A:—This class starts the year's work with a large enrolment. Seven of these are new boys at the school.

The first quarterly examination, which takes place in March, will show which of these boys have been most diligent in their studies. Mr. Sutherland is in charge.

4 B:—After a long refreshing spell, this class starts ready for work and eager to break new ground. A fair sprinkling of new boys is seen, breaking the monotony of the sight of the old ones.

The class has a large enrolment. The majority of them are very anxious to renew acquaint-



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ance with the Domain Baths, at present under embargo by the Department. Mr. Barbour is in charge.

5 A:—Very few of the original class is left—only a few "old birds." There have been additions from 5 C and 5 A, bringing the enrolment up to 58. The attendance has been fairly satisfactory.

The greater number already belong to the Sports' Union, and a dozen or so more have expressed their intention of joining.

As there is plenty of muscle showing, 5B should not be behind in athletics.

5 B:—The following won prizes at the last examination:—C. Linn (dux), V. Chapple (English), G. Lyons (geography), R. Lessing (neatness in work), M. Smith (history), V. Dibbs (drawing), F. Offer (arithmetic), A. Bradshaw (general work and good conduct).

This class is at present busy working at the syllabus for the Qualifying Certificate Examina-



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5 C:—The prize winners in 5 D class at Christmas were:—Kent Burnett (dux), Keith Bannister (sub-dux), Robert Anderson (English), George Littlefair (mathematics), Sidney Norton (geography), Keith Everett (history), Ray McIntosh, Arthur Hansen (special prizes for good conduct and good work), James Webster (gardening, special prize).

Mr. Jas. T. S. Tate is in charge.

Sixth Class.—This class has been formed of those who gained Qualifying Certificates at the late examination. Mr. Parsonage is at the helm.

Those swimming prefects for the Primary School will be appointed shortly after examination. Mr. Miller's life saving class commences almost immediately. The next session of the Rura Camp commences on the 28th February.

Mr. Tate has taken over charge of the company of senior cadets containing the Lower School pupils. He will be assisted by Lieut. W. B. Simpson and A. Nother. One hundred and thirty new registrations have been received from this school. They will be posted to companies after Easter.



Mr. J. Leaver, B.A., has been removed to the public school, Temora, where he will be the First Assistant. Mr. T. J. Clyne, B.A., has gone to Broken Hill District School as Teacher of Science.

We have received a note from Robert W. Phelps (O.B.), in which he says: "The Queensland Insurance Co., of whose staff I am a member, has chosen me to fill the position of Chief Clerk at their Launceston branch." Good luck to him.

## OBITUARY.

It is with the very sincerest regret that we have to record the death of two of our old boys, both victims of drowning accidents during the Christmas vacation. Norman C. Taylor (age 21), brother of Mr. R. C. Taylor, lost his life at Middle Harbour, while Roy Coleman, only 18 years of age, was drowned at Como.

We desire to express our deepest sympathy with the parents and relatives of both young men.

It might interest readers to know that the Old School is well represented at the Wagga Experiment Farm this year. The following old Fortians are in residence:—Frank R. Wood, William H. Freeman, John S. Gardiner, Ralph E. Norman, Alan McKinlay, W. M. Dill-Macky, Laurence K. Dircks.

# The Senior Results.

candidates fail to satisfy the examiners. Every boy that sat for Honours succeeded in obtaining them.

## HONORS AT THE SENIOR EXAMINATION.

We publish below a list of the Senior Passes for 1911. The results came to hand a few days prior to the Christmas vacation, and all have reason to congratulate themselves on the general excellence of the results obtained. All the candidates sent up, twelve in number, passed, the finest pass being obtained by Evott, 9 A's and 1 B, besides the medal in sections, while

Evatt, H. V.—Medallist  
 Conic Sections. Prox. Acc. to John West Medal for General Proficiency; prox. acc. to Grahame Prize Medal; prox. acc. to James Aitken

### THE SENIOR RESULTS.

	Ancient History	English	French	Latin	Algebra	Geom'ty	Trig'ty	Conics	Mecha	Ap. Mecha	Chem	Physics I	Physics II	Drawing
Alexander, C. R.	...	C	C	...	B	B	A	...	C	...	...	B	...	...
Asher, V.	B	A	B	...	B	C	C	...	B	...	...	...	...	...
Bradshaw, T. E.	C	B	C	B	B	C	C	...	C	...	...	C	...	...
Crockett, C. V.	B	A	A	A†	B	B	B	...	B	...	...	...	...	...
Evatt, H. V.	A	A	B	A	A	A	A	A*	A	...	...	A	...	...
Green, E.O.K.	...	B	C	...	A*	A	A*	B	A	A	...	A	...	C
Gruen, J. A.	B	A	...	C	B	...	B	...	C	...	...	...	...	...
Lawrance, G. A.	...	B	...	B	...	...	B	...	B	A	B	A	A	...
Roberts, W. R.	...	B	C	C	B	C	A	...	...	...	...	B	...	...
Smith, D. T.	B	A	B	A	A	A	A	C	B	...	...	B	...	...
Smith, A. H.	...	A	...	C	B	C	C	...	C	...	...	C	...	...
Wiburd, C. R.	B	A	B	B	B	...	B	...	A	...	...	A	...	...

\*denotes medal.  
 † ,, prox. acc.

Green won two medals (algebra and trigonometry), and Crockett was prox. acc. in Latin.

There are some features of the examination which are specially of interest. The total number of A passes was A's 33, B's 39, and C's 24, an average of 8 subjects for each candidate. A result such as this proves the solidity of the work and that no such thing as cramming has a place in the senior class, and that no boy merely scraped through the examination. The list of honours is appended, and reveals a high standard of work throughout. In only three papers in the whole examination, out of 99 taken, did any of our

Scholarship for General Proficiency. First-class honours, English, Latin, and Mathematics; Second-class honours, French.

Green, E. O. K.—Medallist: Algebra and Trigonometry. First-class honours: Mathematics. Third-class honours: English.

Crockett, C. V.—Prox. acc. to Medal for Latin. First-class honours: English, French, and Latin.

Smith, D. T.—First-class honours: Mathematics. Second-class honours: English, Latin, and French.

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 Training College  
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 tional portion).

PRINCIPALS: G. RYAN B.A., T. J. LEERY (Hons. Math.), A. M. STEVENS (1st class diplomas in Draftsmanship)

Wiburd, C. R.—First-class honours: Mathematics. Second-class honours: English, Latin, and French.

Asher, V.—First-class honours: English. Third-class honours: Mathematics and French.

Bradshaw, T. E.—Third-class honours: Mathematics and Latin.

Alexander, C. R.—Third-class honours: Mathematics.

Given, J. A.—Second-class honours: English.

Smide, A. H.—Third-class honours: English.

### Summary of Honours.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
English . . . . .	3	3	2
Latin . . . . .	2	2	1
French . . . . .	1	3	1
Mathematics . . . . .	4	0	4

As a result of the Senior Examination of last year, the following prizes were awarded:—

The Bridges' Prize, for the boy who brings the greatest honour to the School during the year: H. V. Evatt.

The Old Boys' Prize, for English Literature: H. V. Evatt.

The Dr. Bohrsmann Prize for Mathematics: H. V. Evatt.

The Turner Prize for Science: G. A. Lawrence.

The Headmaster's Prize for the Best Junior Pass went to E. A. Jordan.

### NOTES AND NEWS.

It is with the very deepest regret that we have to record the death of another Old Boy, again the victim of the sea. Eric Mann, who was a very distinguished member of our senior and junior classes (1904-1905), was drowned in Brisbane during the Christmas holidays. Sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

Reg. Nicholls (Junior, 1905) paid a visit to the school last week, and was present at the Annual Meeting of the Senior Debating Society. He told the writer that he was one of the first members of the School Debating Society, and spoke at its very first meeting. He has just commenced his Arts Course at the University of Melbourne.

Miss Rene Gombert, B.A., has been appointed to the staff of the Girls' Primary School, and Mr. N. Mearns to the Boys' High School.

Mrs. Olive Hanratty has been promoted to First Assistant at the Superior Public School, Broken Hill. Her place has been taken by Miss May Roulston, who will be remembered as an Old Girl of Fort Street.

# Fort Street Boys' High School Swimming Club.

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15.	Musical Life Buoys ...	3d.
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17.	Clothes Race ...	3d.
18.	Life Saving Display ...	3d.
19.	<b>100 YARDS OLD BOYS' HANDICAP.</b> Trophies, value £2 2s., £1 1s. and 10s. 6d. (including admission)	1s. 6d.
20.	<b>HIGH DIVING COMPETITION (Inter-Club).</b> Three Prizes, value £3, £1 10s. and 10s. 6d. (including admission)	1s. 6d.



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## Girls' Page

### EXAMINATION FOR ENTRANCE TO THE TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

The results of the competitive examination for entrance to the Teachers' College were made known just before Christmas. At the end of the Second Year of Probationary Studentship those candidates who win Scholarships enter the Training College for periods of one, two, three, or even four years. All the scholarships carry allowances of £30 if the student lives at home, and £50 if he or she has to board away from home. As soon as the departmental leaving certificates come into existence, these certificates, or rather the examination which leads to these certificates, will be the test for entrance to the Teachers' College, as well as for Matriculation at the University.

A number of our girl students were successful in gaining scholarships this year, their names being, in order of merit:—Olive M. Dwight, Marie M. McKenzie, Gertrude M. Walton, Edith R. S. Mackaness, Maude W. Fryer, Maggie H. Mills, Elsie G. Ferguson, Dorothy M. Pinkerton, Mary H. Meaney, Doris I. Vale.

We offer them all our hearty congratulations, and wish them successful careers as students and teachers.

### CHANGES IN THE STAFF.

On the occasion of the removal of Mrs. I. L. Williams from this school, the teachers took the opportunity of presenting her with a port-manteau, as a token of the esteem in which she is held. Mrs. A. Foley has been appointed in her place.

During the Christmas vacation, Miss Olive Hanratty, who has been a member of the staff for a number of years, was removed to Broken Hill. We sincerely regret that she has been separated from us. Miss E. M. Roulston has taken her place, and Miss R. Gombert has been placed on the staff temporarily. We tender to

those who have left us the best of good wishes and we offer a hearty welcome to the newcomers.

### NEEDLEWORK COMPETITION.

A needlework competition was held in December to compete for Dr. Bohrsmann's prize. The girls were required to draft, cut out and tack together a plain blouse with bishop sleeves, and a six-gored skirt in calico or print, to fit competitor.

Miss West, of Neuchatel College, Haberfield, and Miss Schofield, of South Annandale Public School, very kindly consented to act as judges, and awarded equal marks to Olive Waraker and Edith Newcombe, the prize being equally divided between the two successful competitors.

The judges expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the businesslike way in which all the girls set about doing the work.

We might add that the Department has sent an additional Singer sewing machine for the use of the High School girls. The machine will be a valuable adjunct to the work which is now being undertaken in the High School.

### PROBATIONARY STUDENTS.

The following girls were successful in passing the Applicant Probationers' Examination, thereby securing two-year scholarships:—Mary A. Mewkill, Edna M. Gallagher, Violet C. Heckenberg, Ruby P. Dorsett, Edna V. Harvey, Annie C. Campbell, Elizabeth G. Botting, Josephine A. Devine, Annie M. E. Jones, Madge Blatchford, Jessie S. Watkinson, Gladys D. Jay, Madeline E. Short, Alison Brass, Leila R. Ashworth, Edith D. Ivers, Winifred M. Dickson, Florence E. Broughton, Norah Hutson, Pearl Edwards, Bertha Hirsch.

### SPORT.

The final of the Beginners' Championship in tennis was played off previous to the vacation, Myra Cousins, of First Year B, being the successful player.

The Camera Club had a delightful outing to Fairy Bower, Manly, on Wednesday, 31st January. It is expected that some new members will enroll in the Camera Club during the next month. Messrs. Harringtons sent a small supply of things towards fitting up a dark room. The club wishes to acknowledge the same through the medium of this paper.

## Fort Street Old Boys at the University.

Below we publish a long list of the passes and honours gained by Fort Street Old Boys at the Annual Examination of the University of Sydney in December last.

The "Fortian" offers its hearty congratulations to all who have brought honour to themselves and the school by their excellent, nay, more than excellent, results.

We may speak a word or two on some of the points which seem to us very striking. In the first place, to the introduction of science into a definite place in the school work, and its organization as a practical course is, without doubt, to be attributed the careers taken up by the great majority of the Fort Street Old Boys, who besides being found in increasing and ever increasing numbers in the Faculty of Medicine and Science and the Departments of Dentistry and Engineering, have also a number of representatives in the Departments of Agriculture and Veterinary Science. Very few of our boys now take up Arts, except as a preliminary training to Law or the Church.

It is to be noted, too, that this development or evolution has taken place gradually and with accumulating force during the last six or seven years; and proves clearly that it is a result of the new methods of scientific teaching and of the altered view-point of what a proper educational training consists.

The number of scholarship swon this year by O.B.'s is yet more remarkable. Two gained P. N. B. Russel Scholarships, then Archie Collins

won the Parkinson Memorial Prize for Pathology, and now we have the Renwick Scholarship (Frecker), the Collie Prize (Symonds), Professor Haswell's Prize (Frecker), the Smith Prize (Stafford), Dr. Woolnough's Prize (Ellice Hamilton), the Levey Scholarship (Thorne), all fallen to Fort Street ex-students, to say nothing of the splendid honours in the various subjects as set out in the following column:—

### LIST OF PASSES AND HONOURS.

*Faculty of Arts.*—First year. Pass: Oliver S. Fox, Gordon H. Godfrey, Ellice E. Hamilton, Eric G. Leask. Second Year. Pass: J. Ralph Blanchard, Chas B. Cockett, Mr. Keith Hannay, Mr. Walter A. Selle, Mr. E. H. Parker. Third year examination (B.A.). Pass: Mr. T. J. Clyne, Mr. R. J. McNiven, S. Redshaw.

*Faculty of Medicine.*—First year: Renwick Scholarship for General Proficiency in the subjects of the first year examination: Eric W. Frecker. Pass: Chas. W. Bray, Keith W. Flook, Eric W. Frecker, J. Leslie Harrison, Cedric W. Murray, Gerald A. Murray, Cedric M. Samson, Hyman Symonds.

### FIRST YEAR'S HONOURS.

*Biology.*—Distinction: H. Symonds. Credit: E. W. Frecker, J. L. Harrison.

*Chemistry.*—High Distinction: E. W. Frecker. Credit: H. Symonds, C. W. Murray, R. A. Noble, C. M. Samson, W. K. Flook, G. A. Murray.

### FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION.

*Faculty of Medicine:*—

*Materia Medica.*—Pass: A. J. Collins, C. C. Ross, A. M. Stanton.

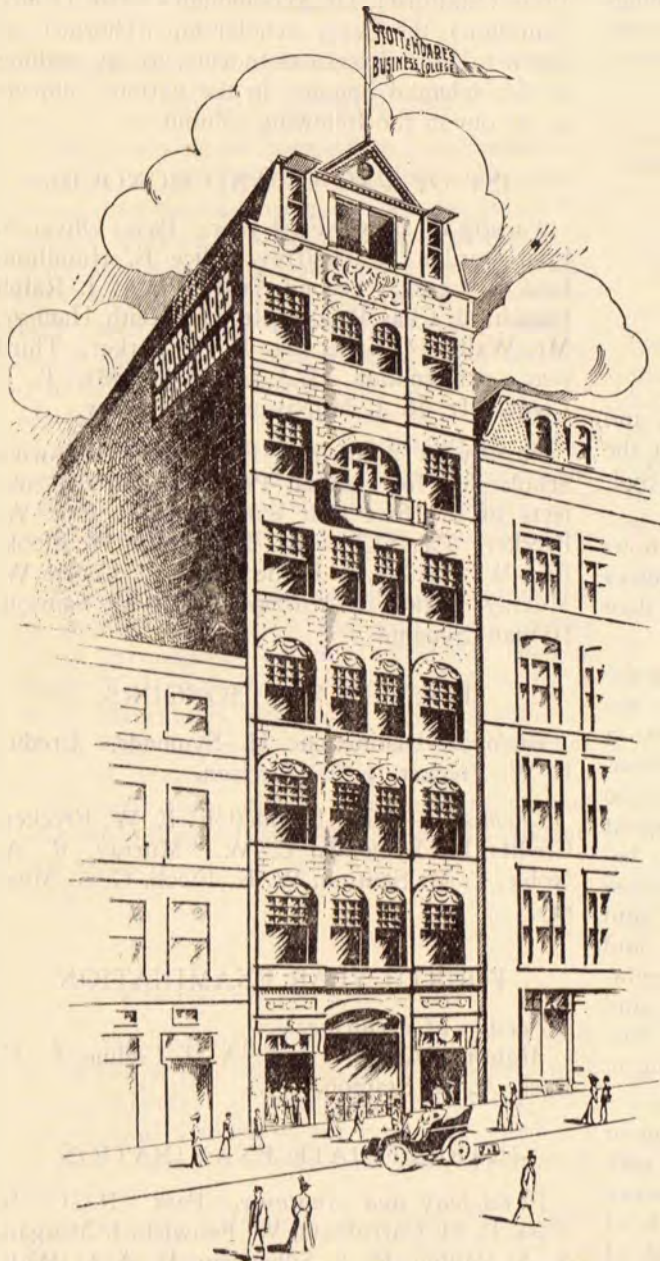
### INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.

*Physiology and Anatomy.*—Pass: R. C. S. Buss, B. M. Carruthers, W. Fenwick, I. Morgan, S. A. Railton, R. T. Silberthau, H. A. C. Wall.

### THIRD DEGREE EXAMINATION.

Passed with distinction: John Malcolm, Marcus V. A. Alexander. Passed with credit: Theo.

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K. Potts, John G. Hunter, B.Sc., W. H. Donald.  
Passed: Chas. H. Armitage.

*Department of Dentistry.*—Third year. Pass: George Douglass (high distinction in *Materia Medica*).

*Faculty of Science.*—First year examination. Collie Prize for Botany: Hyman Symonds. Professor Haswell's Prize for Laboratory Notes in Biology: Eric W. Frecker. Smith Prize for Physics: F. Douglas Stafford. Pass: C. O. Hellstrom.

*Chemistry.*—Credit: C. O. Hellstrom.

*Geology.*—Dr. Woolnough's Prize for Field Notes: Ellice P. Hamilton. Distinction: Ellice P. Hamilton.

*Physics.*—High distinction: F. D. Stafford (Eng.), C. D. Wallace (Eng.), G. H. Godfrey (Arts), H. H. Thorne (Eng.).

This is a result worthy of marked attention, and one that can only be attributed to the fine previous training in physics given at the school before entrance to the University. Out of seven High Distinctions in Physics, awarded at this examination (which included all the Faculties) four (first and second places) were gained by Fort Street boys.

*Distinction:* E. W. Frecker (Med.), C. O. Hellstrom (Science). Credit: H. V. Brett (Eng.), E. H. Booth (Eng.), H. Symonds (Med.).

*Department of Agricultural Science.*—Second year. Pass: H. Stephens. Distinction in Principles of Agriculture, Economic Entomology, Agricultural Geology, and Chemistry.

*Department of Veterinary Science.*—First year. Pass: John A. Ridley. Second year: Pass: W. L. Hindmarsh.

*Department of Engineering.*—First year examination: Levey Scholarship for Physics and Chemistry: Harold H. Thorne. Pass: Edgar H. Booth, Herbert V. Brett, Guy B. Harden, F. Douglas Stafford, Harold H. Thorne, Cecil D. Wallace.

## HONOUR LISTS.

*Engineering, Drawing and Design.*—Distinction: F. D. Stafford. Credit: H. H. Thorne, C. D. Wallace.

*Chemistry.*—High distinction: E. H. Booth, H. H. Thorne (æq.). Distinction: C. D. Wallace, F. D. Stafford. Credit: G. B. Harden.

*Second Year Examination* (Mechanical and Electrical).—Pass: Arthur R. Edwards (Credit in Engineering Drawing and Design).

*Four Year Examination* (Mining and Metallurgy).—Pass: George H. Best (Distinction in Metallurgy), J. L. Foxall (Distinction in Metallurgy, Credit in Assaying). Civil Engineering (Railways).—Pass: Cleon. Dennis.

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## NOTES AND NEWS.

The new arrivals on the staff are Messrs. Currey, B.A., McClean, Moore, and Hawke, all ex-students from the Teachers' College, Blackfriars. They have a hearty welcome to the school.

We have received a letter from Jack Ferguson (Senior, 1911), who is doing the engineering course at the University of California. He finds it very hard to accommodate himself to American ways.

An old Fortian in the person of Frederick Hinton was Dux. (two æg.) of the college as a result of comprehensive written examinations and practical oral examinations, in December last. He has since been appointed to a good position under the Dairy Expert of the State.

We congratulate Thorne and Huxtable on passing the examination for entrance to the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

Among the prize winners of medals and certificates awarded by the committee for conducting Church of England religious instruction in the public schools, we noticed several from Fort Street, particularly the name of Jessie Wright, who gained the gold medal awarded by the Archbishop of Sydney. Others were:—Vere Kirwan, Leslie Scott, Robert M. West, Stuart L. Gay, Edgar Gay, R. Howell Price, Mary Miller (prizes).



## FORT STREET LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the society was held on February 2nd, with Simpson (vice-president) in the chair.

There was a large attendance, and the different annual reports were listened to with great attention from the members.

The Secretary's report, dealing with the progress of the year, showed that matters were not in a very good state. The chairman urged the members to be much more enthusiastic in the affairs of the society.

Briggs, treasurer, brought forward the report of the balance sheet, showing a credit balance of 17s. He urged the members to be true to the society and pay their subscriptions.

The syllabus, on the motion being carried, was left in the hands of the committee. This at present has not yet been made ready for publication.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. A. J. Kilgour; vice-presidents, the teachers of the High School and W. B. Simpson; secretary, Holmes; treasurer, Barry; auditors, Messrs. Sillar and Crowe; committee, Firth, Mason and McKee; editor of the manuscript journal, Liggins; sub-editor, Robinovitz.

## Sporting

### SWIMMING.

We are pleased to note that Harold Hardwick has been one of those selected to represent Australia at the Olympic Games to be held in Stockholm in June next. It may be remembered that while in England last year representing this State he won the Inter-Empire Championship in both boxing and swimming.

Arrangements for the Annual Carnival, to be held on 16 March at the Domain Baths are well under way. Messrs. Parsonage and Selle are joint hon. secretaries.

Entries are now being received and promise to be record ones. Entries close for school pupils on Friday, March 1st.

Rozelle Band, champions of the Common-

wealth, will play selections at the Carnival.

All competitors should have their times taken at the Baths as soon as possible. Entries will be received for a junior diving competition; two prizes to be awarded.

## CRICKET.

(By *Fine Slip.*)



### LOWER SCHOOL CRICKET.

*Remaining Fixtures.*

First Team.—Feb. 16 and 23, Darlinghurst; March 1 and 8, bye; March 15 and 22, Crown-street.

On Wednesday 7th a competition match between Hurlstone and Fort-street Schools was commenced at Crescent Oval, Marrickville. Our team was not as strong as it was before the vacation, several second graders being included. Our captain won the toss, and, as the wicket was good, decided to bat.

The commencement of the innings was disastrous, three wickets being down for 11 runs, one batsman being run out and the other two bowled.

H. Holmes and G. Holmes then became associated and commenced to hit fourers. The two played very forceful cricket and when the latter was bowled had added 82 runs for the 4th wicket. G. Holmes had scored 40, 36 being made by boundary hits, 9 4's.

Very little opposition was made to the bowling

after this stand, the remaining 6 wickets falling for 59 runs, 38 of which were scored by H. Holmes.

The innings closed for 152 runs, lasting for 2 hours.

H. Holmes had the misfortune to approach very near to the coveted century and then be forced to retire, his wicket being last to fall. He had batted solidly for 84 runs, out of which total he hit 17 4's and 1 six. His first 40 runs were scored by 10 4's.

The following are the details.

Israel, b. Lipscombe . . . . .	4
Wahlberg, b. Hadley . . . . .	1
Eve, run out . . . . .	2
H. Holmes, b. Hadley . . . . .	84
G. Holmes, b. Lipscombe . . . .	40
Bennett, b. Hadley . . . . .	7
Sherwood, b. Hadley . . . . .	2
Donaldson, b. Hadley . . . . .	0
Morgan, b. Hadley . . . . .	5
Dinning, b. Hadley . . . . .	1
Barry, not out . . . . .	4
Sundries . . . . .	2
Total . . . . .	152

The further progress of the match was stopped by a downpour of rain, which had kindly kept off while Fort-street was batting.

The Firsts met the Sydney High School on Crescent Oval on December 6. Sherwood losing the toss, we took the field. Our opening bowler was Wahlburg. In his first over two chances were given, but neither was accepted. Welch was the bowler at the pavilion end, and his first ball saw a wicket fall. The batsman pulled a short pitched ball to Rogers at leg, who held a fairly difficult chance, judging the flight of the ball with the wind very well indeed. The rest of the over produced 6 runs. Next over Welch lost his length completely, the batsmen doing what they liked with him. As a result, Mackaness came up to the bowling crease in place of Welch. It was not until Mackaness' eighth over that he was rewarded with a wicket, clean bowling the batsman, who made a very weak stroke at the ball.

The S.H.S. totalled 168 runs. Out of these runs one batsman alone carried his bat through the innings for 104. He was missed no less than eight times. The fielding of Fort Street in this innings was again very disappointing; the catch-

ing was far below the high-water mark. Their total would have been greatly reduced had all the chances been accepted. Mackaness was by far the best bowler, taking five wickets for 56 runs. Dinning also bowled very ably, having a lot of chances dropped off his bowling.

We commenced batting with Parkes and Wahlburg. Both batsmen played cautiously, especially Parkes. However, disaster soon came, Wahlburg being caught, and Parkes stepping in front of one from Coleman was given out l.b.w. Holmes was the next batsman, and he knocked all the edge off the bowling. He made a very useful 25. The stand of the day was made by Rogers and Welch. We had five wickets down for 72 runs, when Rogers partnered Welch. The pair soon collared the bowling, and made it look very cheap stuff. The bowlers were continually changed, but without effect. The batsmen continued to make merry until Wahlburg foolishly drew the stumps before time, thus depriving us of a sure two points' win. Included in Welch's sound 56 not out were ten crisp boundary strokes. In Rogers' 32 not out he reached the boundary

## Lady Typists' Examination.

At the last Lady Typists' examination held by the Public Service Board of New South Wales, in October, 1911, **10 out of 12 passes** were gained by students of the Metropolitan Business College, including 1st place (for the 5th time in succession in similar examinations).

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## CRICKET (Continued)



five times. These two very fine young batsmen did not give a chance. The partnership is unfinished for 81 runs, a very creditable performance. We ought to have no trouble in knocking up the required 15 runs to win next Wednesday, and a very large score is now within our grip.

Technical First (48).—Raybone, 9-21; Stubbin, 0-13; Kinnimont, 1-7; (hat trick). Byes, 7.

Fort Street First (73).—Kinnimont, 8; Morgan, 10; Rabone, 0; Collins, 8; McShane, 1; Kooker, 8; Coxon, 6; Ross, 19; Stubbin, 15 n.o.; Hudson, 1; Gray, 0. Byes, 5.

Technical, Second (74).—Rabone, 0-16; Morgan, 0-9; Kinnimont, 2-22; McShane, 3-3; Ross, 3-8; Stubbin, 1-1. Morgan stumped three, and run-out one.

Fort Street, Second (19).—Kinnimont, 1; Stubbin, 1; Rayhorn, 9; Coxon, 2; Ross, 2; Ross, 0; McShane, 0; Morgan, 0; Collins, 0; Hudson, 0; Gray, 0.

Lost by 30.



SWIMMING.

The school carnival takes place on March 16th at the Domain Baths. Intending competitors please note. On another page will be found the

programme.

The P.S. A.A.A. will hold a carnival to decide all school events after all. We should capture one or two.

Swimming is now compulsory for all junior cadets. When the prohibition against swimming was laid down by the Department, junior cadet swimming continued. It is laid down as a part of the training. The test, which is not a severe one, is to swim 10 yards on the breast.

Fort Street was well represented at the State championships in January last. L. Firth got third place in the Breast Stroke Championship of the State, having real bad luck in not getting second through not watching his man. Five out of the six entrants in the Junior Diving Championship were Fort Street pupils. L. Duff was third in a three-quarter mile handicap, and fourth in a 440 yards handicap. R. Hellings got third in a 100 yards handicap race. F. Mason won the championship of Balmoral Club, doing 100 yards in 1 min. 4 1-5 sec. He was also fourth in the Northern Suburbs Carnival, and second in an interclub handicap. He should improve very much on his time of last year's school championship.

They say that there are one or two dark horses for the remaining school championships.

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## : Editorial :

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## March.

Clear upland voices, full of wind and stream,  
Greet March, the sister of the flying beam  
And speeily shadow. She, with rainbow crowned,  
Lives in a sphere of songs of many sound,  
The hymn of waters and the gale's high tone,  
With anthems from the thunder's mountain  
throne,  
Are with her ever. This, behold, is she  
Who draws its great cry from the strong, sad  
sea ;  
She is the mouth of majesty. Her force  
Is power that moves along a stately course,  
Within the lines of order, like no wild  
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Rings loud the grand speech from the equinox.

—Henry Kendall. "The Austral Months."

## Treasure Island.

Robert Louis Stevenson once wrote for "The Idler" an article entitled, "My First Book—'Treasure Island.'" The following extract gives in detail his account of the manner in which the story came to be written and published:—

"At Casterton, of Braemar, on a chill September morning, by the cheek of a brick fire, and the rain drumming on the window, I began 'The Sea Cook,' for that was the original title. Day by day, after lunch, I read aloud my morning's work to the family. I seemed to me original as sin; it seemed to belong to me like my right eye. I had counted on one boy; I found I had two in my audience.

"My father caught fire at once with all the romance and childishness of his original nature, his own stories, that every night of his life he put himself to sleep with, dealt perpetually with ships, roadside inns, robbers, old sailors and commercial travellers before the era of steam. He never finished one of these romances; the lucky man did not require to! But in 'Treasure Island' he recognised something kindred to his own imagination; it was his kind of picturesque; and he not only heard with delight the daily chapter, but set himself to collaborate. When the time came for Billy Bones' chest to be ransacked he must have passed the better part of a day preparing, on the back of a legal envelope, an inventory of its contents, which I exactly followed; the name of 'Flint's old ship'—the 'Walrus'—was given at his particular request.

"And now who should come dropping in, *ex machina*, but Dr. Japp, like the disguised prince who is to bring down the curtain upon peace and happiness in the last act, for he carried in his pocket, not a horn or a talisman, but a publisher—had, in fact, been charged by my old friend, Mr. Henderson, to unearth new writers. Even the ruthlessness of a united family recoiled

before the extreme measures of inflicting on our guest the mutilated members of 'The Sea Cook,' at the same time, we would by no means stop our readings; and accordingly the tale was begun again at the beginning and solemnly redelivered for the benefit of Dr. Japp. From that moment on, I have thought highly of his critical faculty, for, when he left us, he carried away the manuscript in his portmanteau.

"Here, then, was everything to keep me up—sympathy, help, and now a positive engagement. I had chosen, besides, a very easy style, compare it with the almost contemporary 'Merry Men'; one reader may prefer the one style, one the other—'tis an affair of character, perhaps of mood, but no one can fail to see that the one is much more difficult, and the other much easier to maintain. It seems as though a full-grown experienced man of letters might engage to turn out 'Treasure Island' at so many pages a day and keep his pipe alight. But, alas! this was not my case. Fifteen days I stuck to it, and turned out fifteen chapters, and then, in the early paragraphs of the sixteenth, ignominiously lost hold. My mouth was empty; there was not one word of 'Treasure Island' in my bosom; and here were the proofs of the beginning already waiting me at the 'Hand and Spear'! Then I corrected them, living for the most part alone, walking on the heath at Weybridge in dewy autumn mornings, a good deal pleased with what I had done, and more appalled than I can depict to you in words at what remained for me to do.

"I was thirty-one; I was the head of a family; I had lost my health; I had never yet paid my way, never yet made £200 a year. My father had quite recently bought back and cancelled a book that was judged a failure. Was this to be another and last fiasco? I was indeed very close on despair; but I shut my mouth hard, and, during the journey to Davos, where I was to pass the winter, had the resolution to think of other things and bury myself in the novels of M. de Boisgobey.

"Arrived at my destination, down I sat one morning to the unfinished tale; and behold! it flowed from me like small talk, and, in a second tide of delighted industry, and again at the rate of a chapter a day, I finished 'Treasure Island.' It had to be transcribed almost exactly. My wife

was ill, the schoolboy remained alone of the faithful, and John Addington Symonds (to whom I timidly mentioned what I was engaged on) looked on me askance. He was at that time eager I should write on the characters of Theophrastus—so far out may be the judgments of the wisest men. But Symonds (to be sure) was scarce the confidant to go for sympathy on a boy's story. He was large-minded, 'a full man,' if there was one, but the very name of my enterprise would suggest to him only capitulations of sincerity and solecisms of style. Well, he was not far wrong.

"'Treasure Island'—it was Mr. Henderson who deleted the first title, 'The Sea Cook'—appeared duly in the story paper, where it figured in the ignoble midst, without wood-cuts, and attracted not the least attention. I did not care. I liked the tale myself for much the same reason as my father liked the beginning; it was my kind of picturesque. I was not a little proud of John Silver also, and to this day rather admire that smooth and formidable adventurer. What was infinitely more exhilarating, I had passed a landmark—I had finished a tale and written 'The End' upon the manuscript, as I had not done since 'The Pentland Rising' when I was a boy of sixteen not yet at college. In truth, it was so by a set of lucky accidents. Had not Dr. Japp come on his visit, had not the tale flowed from me with singular ease it must have been laid aside like its predecessors and found a circuitous and unlamented way to the fire. Purists may suggest it would have been better so. I am not of that mind. The tale seems to have given much pleasure, and it brought (or was the means of bringing) fire and food and wine to a deserving family in which I took an interest. I need scarcely say I mean my own."

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## A Visit to Nowra.

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On Friday, 1st March, the members of the Senior Economics Class, accompanied by Mr. R. C. Taylor, paid a visit to Nowra.

This is the second of a series of excursions, the object of which is to obtain a first-hand impres-

sion of the industries of New South Wales.

After the recent rains, the South Coast district was at its best, and we passed mile after mile of glorious scenery, glimpses of sea beaches alternating with views of thousands of acres of rich green fields rising gently towards the mountains. It became dark before we reached Wollongong, and we found the country round that town studded with flaming towers—coke furnaces in full blast.

After a hasty visit to the refreshment rooms, we changed trains, and reached Bomaderry about 9 o'clock. Here a 'bus awaited us, and entering it we were driven into Nowra to the Rural Camp School, where Mr. Roberts, the officer-in-charge, had kindly placed a tent at our disposal. He also informed us that he had made arrangements with a neighbouring farmer to allow us to inspect his farm.

Accordingly, we set out at 9.30 the next morning, and spent the next three or four hours tramping through fields of maize and lucerne. During our tramp we came upon a watermelon patch, but to the great disappointment of certain members of our party, the vines were there, but the melons were not. Leaving the fields, we next inspected the pigstyes and dairy. Here we were shown a separator, and Mr. Benson, the farmer, kindly showed us how to place it together, and how it worked. Unfortunately, we were too late to see the milk put through it. The cream is sent to a neighbouring butter factory, while the skim milk is given to the pigs.

We arrived at camp in time for dinner, and after dinner, spent a couple of hours—till the 'bus left for the train—wandering about the town.

The soil about Nowra is alluvial, and extremely rich—so rich, in fact, that very little manure is needed. In one or two lucerne fields we caught sight of the dodder, one of the pests of the South Coast. The only way the farmers can rid themselves of this parasite is by killing the lucerne either by burning or by ploughing.

Further up the river, we were told, was a large tannery, but unfortunately time did not permit us to view either it or the butter factory.

Leaving Bomaderry at 4.15, after numerous delays and changes from train to train, we arrived in Sydney at 10.15 on Saturday night, thoroughly tired, but with a much greater knowledge of the economic potentialities of the South Coast than before.

## Primary School News.

Mr. Miller's life-saving class is now well under way. They have had both land and water drills. Members of this class should practise the breast and back stroke every time they go into the water.

Pupils in the Fifth Class should remember that now is the time to do the work, which will gain them a scholarship at Christmas time. They should know now that this is the only method of gaining admission to a High School. Special attention should be paid to the homework set. Each boy should make his effort now.

Swimming for the Lower School is now being held on Thursdays instead of Wednesdays, as formerly. A large number of boys are being taught to swim by Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Miller. The camp school session is now on. Twelve boys from this school under Mr. Miller, are attending at Nowra. Mr. R. Taylor with some senior boys paid a visit there on Friday last and stayed till Sunday evening.

### CLASS 2A.

Most of the boys in this class are now settling down to do good work, and are trying hard for the first chance to get into Third Class.

They must remember that neatness is wanted in all their work, and particular care should be taken with homework.

R. Smythe, H. Hardman, and Dick Moore are very good workers, and their work is very nice and neat. Other boys who are trying hard are R. Wills, B. Borchard, G. Hildebrand, A. Mackenzie, C. Poulsen, R. Malcolm, A. Morgan, W. Catterall and B. Taylor, and all the boys mentioned ought to do well in their quarterly examination. Harry Carter also deserves special mention. Many others are showing improvement, and their names will appear in next "Fortian."

### CLASS 3 A.

The following boys have made great improvement in arithmetic: S. Smith, D. McLean, L. Berry, and R. Brukarz; in written work, Ashley, Lloyd, Lewis, Hodge, Bennet, Jacobson, and McLelland; in homework, S. Braid. The majority of this class are taking a keen interest in crayon drawing, the best pictures so far having been executed by Jacobson and Short.

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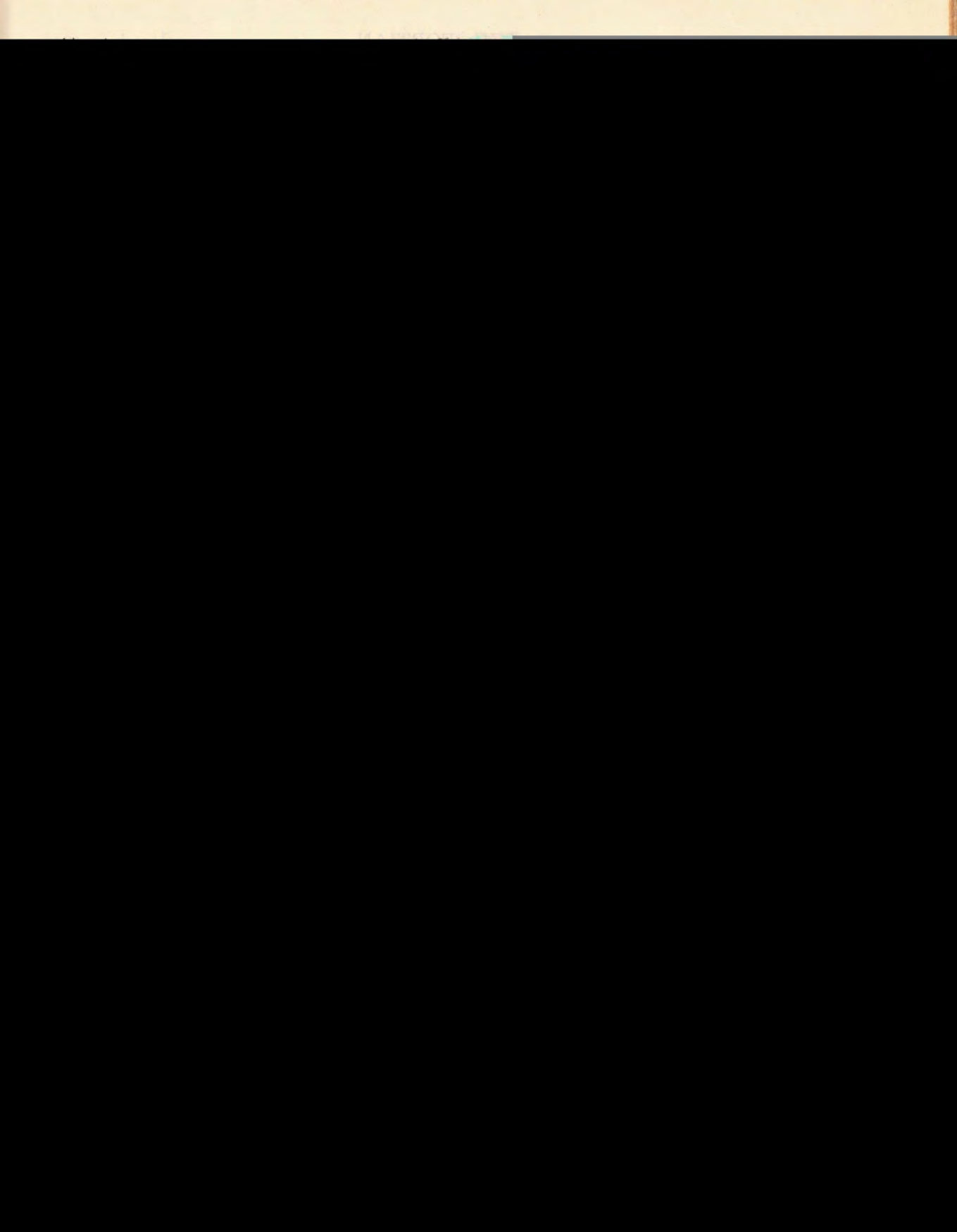
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### NOTES AND NEWS.

The following students have volunteered to act as "Fortian" correspondents for their respective classes:—

- 4th Year (Seniors), Bennett and Holmes.
- 3rd Year (Seniors), Robinovitz and England.
- 1A.—Murphy, Powell.
- 1B.—Amos, Garnsey.
- 1D.—Cheae, Thorne.
- 1E.—Braund, Kirwan.
- 2A.—Higgins, Murdoch.
- 2D.—Rees, Chapman.
- 2E.—Gentile, Kench.
- 2F.—Kinnemont, Kelly.
- 2G.—C. Green, Upton.

They should send their news to the Editor not later than the 25th of each month.

The science work of the School has been materially expedited by the appointment of two new science masters, Mr. J. McClean and Mr. N. R. Mearns. Every boy in the School is now receiving the maximum number of science lessons as laid down in the Syllabus.

It must not for a moment be imagined that the question of a High School Hat Band has been forgotten. A number of designs have now been submitted, and are under consideration. When a decision has been arrived at the hat bands will be made in Sydney and be available at an early date.

All the new scholars have now arrived, and have settled down steadily to work. We welcome them all to the School, and wish them

all most successful careers.

Mr. W. J. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., the new Inspector of Secondary Schools, paid a visit to the School last month and was welcomed by the Headmaster, Staff and senior students.

Mr. R. K. Scott, B.A., has taken advantage of a vacant mastership on the White Star Training Ship "Mersey" to accept the position and accompany the vessel to England via Cape Horn, a trip which will occupy approximately a hundred days. Mr. Scott then intends to spend a year or more studying modern languages on the continent of Europe.

Prior to his departure on the 29th ultimo, the Staff met together, and Mr. Kilgour, on their behalf, presented Mr. Scott with a travelling bag and a safety razor, while the students of the Senior History Class presented him with a pair of military hair brushes, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by all-comers. We wish him *au revoir et bon voyage*.

On Wednesday, 21st February, the High School was closed, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Weigall, formerly headmaster of the Sydney Grammar School.

The Old Boys and Girls' Unions are holding a launch picnic on Saturday, 16th March. The boat "Jumbuk" will leave Fort Macquarie at 3 p.m., returning again at 9.30. Tickets, 2s. each, are available from either secretaries: P. R. Watts, 12 Castlereagh-street; Miss F. Nelson, 169 Stanmore-road, Stanmore. As the number is limited, those desirous of obtaining tickets please apply early.

## Girls' Page

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### SPORTS.

Swimming was resumed on Wednesday, 8th February, much to the delight of the enthusiasts of this sport. Unfortunately the season has been short, but in spite of this, the Annual Swimming Carnival will be held on the 27th March, and promises to be as great a success as in former years. The Life-Saving Class is working hard for the examination, which will be held on 13th March.

The first Cricket Match was played in December, between the Fortians and the Pomona Ladies' Cricket Club of Banksia. The result was an easy win for the latter. The return match was played at the Birchgrove Oval on 17th February. Again our girls were defeated. Miss Harders secured the highest score for our side. While speaking of cricket, we would like to mention the good work of the Captain, Ettie Warden, who is a most enthusiastic "sport."

The Camera and Walking Club has had some most successful trips. The visit to Ryde was somewhat spoiled by the excessive heat, but on the following Wednesday the Club decided to visit the Gardens, and as there was no swimming, the numbers were greatly increased.

On Wednesday, 28th February, we visited Centennial Park, where there is ample opportunity for enjoyment in many ways.

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### FORT STREET OLD GIRLS' UNION.

A meeting of the members of the Fort Street Old Girls' Union was held in the schoolroom on Saturday, 10th February. There was a good attendance, and arrangements for the forthcoming harbour excursion were made. Miss Partridge presided at the meeting, which was not all devoted to business. A pleasant diversion in which all could indulge was arranged by Miss Butler. The competition was won by Miss Bessie Spencer, and light refreshments completed the afternoon's enjoyment. The Secretary hopes that all

members will combine to make the harbour excursion a success.

A new specimen-case has just been added to the school equipment, and now the geology specimens can be seen to advantage. The collection has been added to from time to time, and our thanks are especially due to Mr. Card, of the Mining Museum, who has been very generous at various times, and has still further ingratiated himself by sending us some very fine specimens of fossils, rocks and minerals. Such donations are much appreciated, and we would like to thank Mr. Card, through the medium of this paper for his kindness on this and previous occasions

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### THE STAFF.

Mr. C. H. Christmas, B.A., has been appointed Mathematical Master of the Girls' High School. He is extended a cordial welcome.

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### GIRLS' LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above Society was held in Room 3 on Friday, 1st March. The subjects under discussion were: "How to Advance the Peace Movement," "An Inquiry into the Causes, Consequences and Lawfulness of War," "Twelve Reasons Why War is Hateful," "The Hague Court," "The Proved Practicability of Arbitration," and were delivered by Aileen Cousins, Florrie Gibbs, Vera Thurston, Sadie Clifford, and Mabel Cruikshank respectively. Votes were taken for subject, matter and delivery.

Florrie Gibbs gained the majority by one point.

Dorothy Struthers resigned her position as Secretary to the Society, amidst much regret, and Violet Heckenberg was elected in her stead.

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### Class Gossip.

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#### UPPER SENIORS (4th Year).

Fort Street Upper Seniors have inaugurated a Surf Club, under the Captaincy of "Dubbo." No persons without all Life-saving Certificates can possibly be enrolled.

On Wednesday next the first Siren Competi-

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tion will commence, and the members are busy undergoing special training in the art of posing.

All the Upper Seniors combined in a motor-launch farewell to Mr. Scott, who is leaving for England on the "Mersey." All the party boarded the vessel and raided the departing soul's cabin, and a general disturbance among his luggage took place.

Memento hunters were in great demand; but their efforts were all frustrated, and their attacks were repulsed without loss or fighting.

On leaving the ship cheers were given for Mr. Scott, and the whole party joined in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne."

The tourists then voyaged around Cockatoo Island and thence to Dawes Point. Throughout the trip the piano was in great demand, and all the popular choruses of the last century were rendered by lusty (if not Caruso-like) voices.

Jamieson caused great excitement on the return journey by discovering a leak (in his pocket) and the crew was hard put at bailing out guava's from the unfortunate's clothes.

On the 29th February the author noticed several seniors indulging in a swimming race down Essex Street. Mason had better look out, or a champion may be unearthed.

In the last Manuscript Journal a satire criticising the Senior Pneumatic Gas-bag was read, to that person's great discomfort.

He has since been looking for the writer to scalp him; but, so far, has been unsuccessful in tracing the culprit.

Our special correspondent has noticed that

since the advent of "The Frenchman" into the Debating Society the members have been much more enthusiastic; but one—ahem! "gentleman" still continues to interrupt, in deep sonorous tones. Maybe, some day, he will get sense.

Perhaps he will throw down the knife to some of our mighty orators!

The authors tender their congratulations to Mason in his victories in swimming; but regret to hear that the same person is quibbling about entry-fees.

This "water-slinger" forgets that he has reaped about eight pounds' worth of trophies already this season, with a sure £2 extra for the School Championship. But 'tis a world of ingratitude.

'Rie has joined a swimming club. Good boy! He actually had a win too! You never know your luck in a bath.

An arrogant "punster" observed on the 1st of March that since Mitchell was late he did not march first. Some people are too funny for words.

### PREFERENCE TO NON-UNIONISTS.

#### LOWER SENIORS (3rd Year).

A great deal of irritation has been manifested during the past three weeks with regard to the weekly and sometimes bi-weekly parades for orders, which take place in front of the notice-board. No combined action has yet been taken, and it remains for us to put forward the suggestion that perhaps a union of subalterns and non-coms. might have some effect. Once this was formed a general strike would be a

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mater of course; pickets would be posted to prevent "scabs" attending parades, while a strike committee of say Messrs. M—w, T—ks and J—m—s—n, would direct operations from the windows of the Senior Room. Further comment is needless.

We have to extend a cordial welcome to Mr. Currey, whose predecessor has by now had the opportunity of finding out whether there is any truth in the rumor that a piece of fat pork is a positive cure for "mal de mer."

The "dismal science" is forging ahead. Recently a part of economists visited Nowra, presumably to study man's wants. We notice that there has since been a remarkable falling off in the attendance of the economics class.

At the time of writing a very noticeable fact is the increase in the wearing of uniform by the non-coms. of the Senior Cadets. This is no doubt owing to stripes having recently been served out.

#### 1B CLASS.

Composed chiefly of new boys, we have already formed a cricket team, and challenged 1A to a match on Wednesday last. The game, which was played on the Domain, resulted in an easy win by six wickets for 1B. 1B scored 63 in their two innings (H. Smith, 18; M. Bosley, 13; F. Garnsey, 13; Joseph, 10) and 1A replied with 60. Bowling for 1B: M. Bosley, a fast left-hander, captured 11 wickets for 22, while E. Comming obtained 3 for 3 runs.

### Fort Street Literary and Debating Society.

On 9th February the Society held a debate, the subject being that the Imperial Government would be justified in granting Home Rule to Irealnd. The Premier opened the debate, and was well supported by the members, among those speaking for him being Messrs. Tunks, Liggin, Mason and O'Grady. The Leader of the Opposition received the support of Messrs. Morgan and Reed.

The House, on the vote being taken, were

against the motion, and the Premier (Mr. Bennett) was forced to resign.

On February 16th a manuscript journal afternoon was held. Among the many good articles that were read, one dealing with compulsory training was well debated. The members were very enthusiastic. "De Senioribus" again made a successful appearance, but "Seniorana" seems to have died a natural death. The Society would be pleased to see someone start an original idea in regard to manuscript journal afternoons.

Impromptu speeches were before the Society on February 23rd. More interest than is usual was shown on this occasion, and the subjects were more debated. In this respect the Society seems to be in as flourishing a condition as it ever was, the exhortations from the Chairman at the General Meeting seeming to have taken effect. Some of the subjects on the afternoon were: What would ensue if all the Coloured Races combined against the Whites, The Cricket Crisis, Economics as a subject and as a dismal science. The dominating spirit in Parliament, Messrs Willis, Wade or McGowen.

#### SYLLABUS FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1912.

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|-------|------------------------|
| Feb.  | 2—General Meeting.     |
|       | 9—Ministerial Debate.  |
|       | 16—Manuscript Journal. |
|       | 23—Impromptu Speeches. |
| Mar.  | 1—Literary Afternoon.  |
|       | 8—Minutes' Debate.     |
|       | 15—Impromptu Speeches. |
|       | 22—Manuscript Journal. |
|       | 29—Mock Election.      |
| April | 5—                     |
|       | Vacation.              |
|       | 12—                    |
|       | 19—Impromptu Speeches. |
|       | 26—Debate.             |
| May   | 3—Lecturettes.         |
|       | 10—Manuscript Journal. |
|       | 17—Open Afternoon.     |
|       | 24—Debate.             |
|       | 31—Prize Speech Day.   |
| June  | 7—Impromptu Speeches.  |
|       | 14—Manuscript Journal. |
|       | 21—Debate.             |
|       | 28—Mock Banquet.       |

## Cadet News.

*Hints to Non-Coms:*—Proper compliments must always be paid to all commissioned officers, lieutenants, captains, etc. The staff sergeant-major is not a commissioned officer. The area officer is and is therefore entitled to the salute. A squad, etc., in passing an officer should receive the order "Eyes right" (or left), three paces before reaching the officer, and the order "Eyes front" when three paces past him. Although a non-commissioned officer is not saluted, the proper position of attention must be assumed by the person addressing the same non-com., e.g., an emergency non-com. will stand to attention while addressing his non-com. squad commander, etc. Our headmaster is entitled to the full salute by virtue of his position.

E Company, thanks to the work of their energetic colour-sergeant, F. Biggs, was the first to appear wearing their chevrons on parade. Which company will be the first to appear on parade with all its members properly clothed, officers included, and wearing their bugle and signalling badges, etc.? Captain Parsonage does not intend to act on the judging staff of the Brigade in connection with the Commonwealth Cadet Competitions, as it is his intention to help the preparation of squads for the same.

We are pleased to note the resumption of duty of Corporal C. Johnson, E Company. He was reported at one time to have been drowned in the "La France," off the New Hebrides, during the late hurricane. Three written applications for permission to sit for the vacancy of second lieutenants have been received by the O.C. companies.

When leaving school or any area, cadets must inform the area officer and their O.C. company at once. They will return the belt, pouch and numeral only. Rank in one area is transferable to another.

There will be a voluntary parade (half day) on Thursday, 28th March, for those who have parades to make up.

Applications for leave of absence must be given in writing early to the O.C. companies, and are only granted under special circumstances, such as representing the school in competition cricket matches, etc. All applications are

not granted. If a cadet is absent without leave he must make up two similar parades.

O.C. companies have been instructed to mark absent in future all cadets with uniform and not wearing same on parades, and be careful of cadets from other companies attending parades without their companies without leave.

The companies doing best work in connection with the competition squads are F Company under Lt. Tunks and C. Sergt. Berman; G Company, under Lt. New and C. Sergt. Cuthbert; H Company, under Lt. Cullen Ward and C. Sergt. W. Rees.

All signallers, buglers and drummers are now parading on the same day as H Company. Lt. L. Cullen Ward is taking charge of the signallers, Serg. Bugler Lenehan the buglers, and Drummer Wride the drummers. They are all going good work.

Parades next quarter will not take place on Wednesday afternoons. Whole day parades are on the new programme, Saturday mornings 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. Half-day parades will be carried on in the afternoon from 3.30 to 5.30. On Saturday, March 30, there will be a parade of all the metropolitan companies in Centennial Park. All cadets without uniform will not be allowed to attend. How will Fort-street companies compare with other companies is the burning question? It will count as a whole day parade.

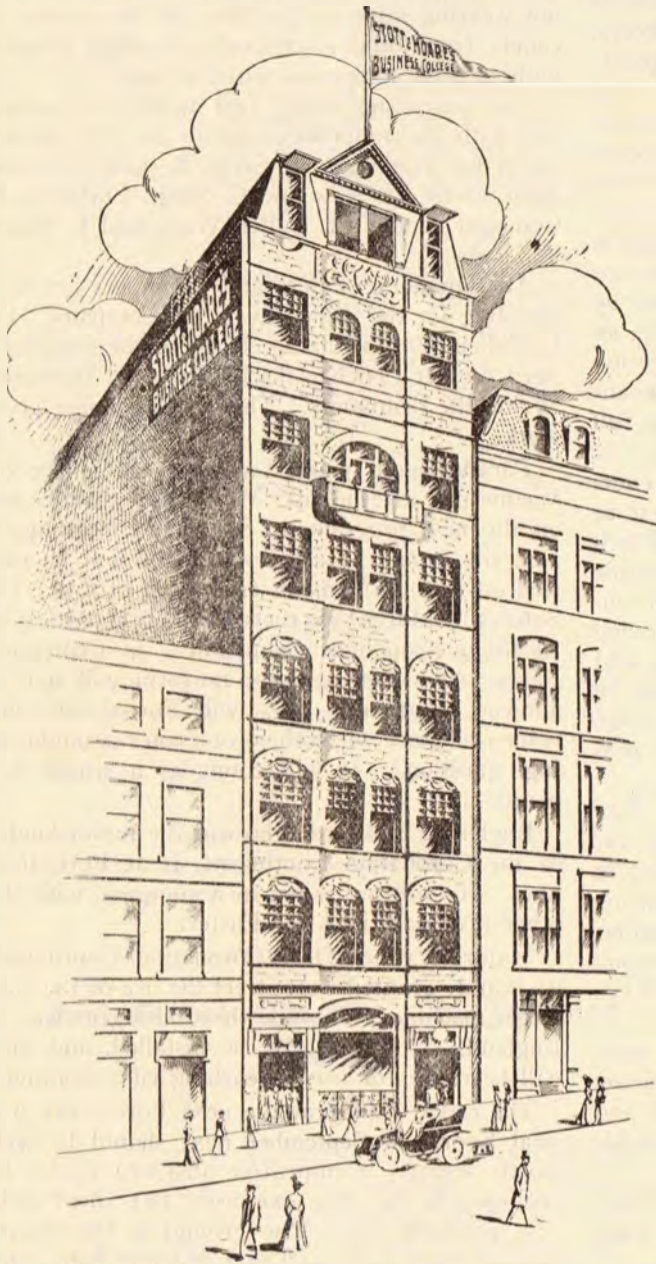
Bugler R. Bickford, who was the junior bugler of the Coronation Contingent, is at Fort-street now. He will be posted to a company with the other raw material after Easter.

Major Wynne, O.C. Coronation Contingent, has kindly granted Fort-street the use of the sub-target machine won while the Contingent was in England. It will shortly be installed, and then will be ready for use in teaching rifle shooting.

The cadet display at the next Fort-street Annual Sports in September next should be well worth seeing. Competitive displays could be arranged in (a) rifle exercises, (b) silent drill, (c) marching, etc. The ground at the Sports Ground lends itself well to a realistic sham fight.

"Order" parades are the proper means of distribution of orders, etc., from headquarters; hence the name. The orderly officer should take charge, reading out the orders, etc., to the non-coms., etc. If everyone is ready to fall in at

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the appointed time this should not take five minutes. O.C. companies and subalterns should all be present at this most important parade. The orders should later on be read to their squad's sections, etc., by the N.S.O.'s.

The following is the list of newly-appointed lance corporals in their order of seniority. They have been posted to companies. E. Hayes, senior lance corporal, R. Wilson, J. C. Thompson, F. S. Braund, J. Maude, C. Davies, J. Morgan, A. Stobo, A. Metcalfe, W. Pether, E. W. Anderson, R. Ford, H. Steel, O. Mater, F. M. Davidson and A. Wilson.

Corporal Steel, E Company, distinguished himself last Saturday by calling a squad to attention at the correct time in passing an officer.

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### A Third Year Student in Fiji.

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Land was sighted early in the morning, and so by the time the passengers were on deck the ship was round the first point in the calmer waters of the reef. It was very different here to the heavy swell outside, and even the poor persons who had lain sick in their cabins all the voyage could be brave and venture up on deck. What a variety of costumes there were! The ladies' dresses I could not describe; but among the men, ducks and drills were much in evidence; some wore white helmets and others panamas; while there were very few who could not boast some tropical article of apparel. These indeed were needed, for the heat was already beginning to be rather fierce; it was a heat, too, that made one perspire without movement, though it was not yet oppressive with the moisture in the air. The early morning sun shone from across the land, and striking the water dazzled the eyes of those looking shorewards.

There are many different thoughts probably in the minds of the passengers as they look about. The tourist glances curiously at the scene and though he feels pleased with its beauty, yet it is most likely he is more displeased at the increasing warmth. The new-comer, about to settle here, has deeper feelings of curiosity about the nature of his new home, but his thoughts go no further than speculation on what it will be like.

It is the returning traveller who feels most on revisiting these old scenes; who looks fondly on the curving bay, the edge of which changes from breakerless white beaches, whence the mist has not yet risen, to dark green tiri (mangrove) swamps; and here and there an opening where a river discharges or a height where a low hill comes down to the sea. The mountains sweep from cape to cape with a deeper curve than the bay. Between them and the sea lie, first, the red stony hills, bare save for a few noka nokas (sheoaks) and patches of reeds barely distinguishable from the ship; then the rich flat land, consisting of broad mangrove swamp with clusters of tall cocoanut trees in them, and higher land covered either with dense jungle or the lighter coloured sugarcane. If you glance the other side of the ship, you will see numerous islands, some large and mountainous and others small and covered with palms; as you look, you remember lovely outings spent there. These scenes are dear to most residents of Fiji; the freedom and sociability of the life (where one knows all one's neighbours and probably quarrels with each in turn), the association with scenes and people amongst whom one's fortune has been made or lost all help to make this so, and there are not many people who have lived part of their life here and been forced to depart through ill-health or from other reasons who would not return if they could.

We are round the second point, and, passing through two small islands, slow down near the wharf for the doctor. As he is no exception to the usual doctor, we may have leisure while he finishes breakfast, so as to examine the town (if you like to call it so). It is a scattered collection of buildings covering an area of about two square miles. All the houses are built high up on hills so as to catch the cool sea breeze in the evening and also to try and get away from the mosquitoes. The houses are wooden buildings with wide, reeded verandahs, and tin roofs, all one-storied and built on piles. The largest bungalow on the left is the C.S.R. Co.'s manager's house with the office in front. Then come the quarters for the single men of the company (nearly everything depends on the company), some houses where the married men live; the "Rest House," as it is called, where people from the boat and from the outlying districts stay for



the night; and the Wesleyan Church and school. These buildings are on one hill; on another about a mile away is the hospital.

On the flat there are only the stores, coolie lines and the sugar mill. It is a large flat iron-roofed place built near a red cutting. I know the cutting well; it is an ideal place for boys with white pants to slide down. Those low, long, black buildings are the coolie lines. Each contains two rows of small rooms with a tin place in front called a kitchen. Two or three single coolies or one married couple live in each room. All draw water and wash at the common tap; but in spite of the fact that usually a coolie is having a bath, they are not pleasant to go near. The odour of coolie is never pleasant to English nostrils, especially when concentrated as here. There are always bright coloured clothes out to dry, and many coolie women walking about at-tired like rainbows. Children up to the age of six or seven run about naked, except for a piece of string round their waists and a tasselled cap on their heads. One, bolder than the rest, will call out in a shrill voice, "Salaam, Sahib!" The flies are worse here than usual, and at all times they are bad enough. Fiji flies seem to be of a most pugnacious character; they all seem to make for one's person, especially the face; if there is only one in a room it is sure to be worrying you. One gets in the habit, when they are particularly irritable, of aiming vicious smacks at them, not, with the idea of driving them away, for that would be foolishness, but merely in desperation.

The rest of the flat consists of canefields in various stages of cultivation, some with the loose dark soil deep-ploughed and harrowed; others again half-grown and even-looking, stretching along with a light green surface; and lastly the fine upstanding cane, fit to be cut, with its yellow leaves and arrows.

After having passed the doctor the passengers all alight in a hurry, glad to feel the firm earth under their feet. The wharf is in two parts; a long coral and stone formation leading out to the deeper water, and here a wooden landing where the boat anchors. Fat and thin men (all the people seem to be either fat or thin) are busy on the wharf giving orders to coolies and Fijians. These present a sharp contrast, for the latter is a big, flat-featured, fuzzy-haired per-

son, while the former is darker and much slighter, having also short hair and sharp features.

The passengers form usually into small part parties, some going off with friends from the shore and others, mostly those going on in the boat, making parties amongst themselves to look round.

—*Chootah Sahib*

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## The Junior Clerk.

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For years and years the Fort Street Junior Boys have held their Annual Picnic about the end of February.

We, of course, were not to be exceptions, and so, on Saturday week last, the picnic was most successfully carried off.

We all met at the Railway Station at about 8.15, and caught the 8.30 train for Loftus. Arriving at the latter place, we got out of the train and walked about one mile to a long shed at National Park, in which we left our belongings. Some of the boys immediately went for a row, others went for a swim, but the majority of us stayed behind and had a game of cricket.

At the sound of a whistle we all streamed in and took our seats at the lunch table, on which were arranged the eatables and drinkables brought by the boys.

After lunch we went to the boatshed and hired a boat, in which we rowed a long way up the river, and then down the salt water part of the river to the swimming enclosure, where we went in for a swim. We then returned in the boat to the fresh water, where some of us landed and had another game of cricket. We soon again heard the whistle which called us to tea. After tea we had still about an hour to spare, so we decided to go down to the salt water again; but when we arrived at the dam we were prevented by the boatman saying, "No more salt vatte t'day—too slate." Therefore we went up the river and had races with the other boats while we were waiting.

We were all sorry when time was up, and we set out for National Park Railway Station. The train came in a few minutes after we arrived,

and most of us got into the one carriage. A musician came into the car soon afterwards, and, playing his violin, he sang many comic songs, whilst we all joined merrily in the chorus. We were all very sorry when the train arrived at Sydney at nine o'clock, thus ending a very jolly day.

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ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

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The results of the examination for the entrance to the Royal Military College has just been published. New South Wales presented seven successful candidates; two of these were prepared by the University Coaching College at Sydney, obtaining 3rd and 6th place respectively. We heartily congratulate the College on its continued success.

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Sporting

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CRICKET.

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The Fort Street Thirds have again attained another victory, under the guidance of McShane. This was against Cleveland Street Third Eleven, and resulted in a three-point win for our Thirds. Fort Street batted first, and put up an excellent score.

The following are the results:—Kinnimont, 26, 4; Raybone, 63, 0; Hooker, 36, 0; Ross, 22, 2; Young, 4, 20; Coxon, 18, absent; McShane, 14, 15; Collins, 0, 2; Stubbin, 2, 1; Sherlock, 5 not out, 2; Saul, 0, 9 not out; Sundries, 17, 10.

Cleveland Street (first innings), 93.

The bowlers were: Stubbin, 1 for 23; Ross, 4 for 30; Raybone, 1 for 16; Collins, 3 for 7; McShane, 0 for 16.

Cleveland Street (second innings), 15.

The bowlers were: Collins, 1 for 6; Ross, 6 for 8; 2 run out.

SWIMMING.

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Result.

1. F. Mason (Senior)
2. G. Hansel (2C)
3. L. Duff (2E)

Time—13min. 41secs.

Carnival—Municipal Baths, Domain, Saturday next, 16th March.

The 440 yards Championship of the School was raced last Wednesday week, F. Mason winning in the very good time of 6 mins 16 secs. Les. Duff and Geo. Hansel filling the places. Mason swam a well-judged race, winning by two yards, with Hansel about four yards away from Duff. The following also finished, and gained certificates: E. Hurt, K. Wright, W. Lyon, L. Mulhall, G. Lyons and W. York.

Since last issue Swallow won the Junior Handicap at the Randwick and Coogee Club's Carnival, with E. Boxsell second and W. Lyon third. W. Lyon and E. Hurt swimming in the Brace Handicap (Kelly Cup) were defeated narrowly

**Lady Typists' Examination.**

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Les. Duff swam in the Three Mile Race the other day, finishing in the good time of 1 hour 40 mins. 50 2-5 secs. This lad is swimming well indeed, and should just about win the All Schools' Championship this year. He won a 100 yards Sydney Club Handicap lately in 1 min. 7 2-5 secs.

F. Mason won the 220 yards Championship of Balmoral in 1 min. 3 2-5 secs. We expect something good in the School 100 yards Championship at the Carnival.

The All Schools' Championships will be held at District Carnivals this year, the P.S.A.A.A. having decided not to hold their usual annual meeting. The following is the list of Championships, with the name of the Carnival and bath where decided.

Breast Stroke Championship, and 10 and 12 years' Championships—Illawarra Carnival, 8th March, at Sans Souci Baths.

Nine years' and under Championship; All Schools Championship (100 yards)—Western Carnival, 14th March, Balmain Baths.

Eleven years Championship; 13 years and 14 years Championship—Eastern District Carnival, date not fixed, Bondi Baths.

Fifteen years and over Championship; Diving Championship; Keiran Memorial 220 yards—Far West Carnival, 15th March, Mortlake Baths.

### THE CARNIVAL.

The 22nd grand annual championship carnival will be held on Saturday 16th March, commencing at 2.30 p.m., the venue being the city municipal baths. Patrons are reminded that an excellent "bill of fare" has been provided for their benefit by the swimming committee. The principal swimmers of the State, including Longworth, Hardwick, Healy and Barry, will be found among the competitors. Many of our speediest sprinters will be seen in the 100 Yds. Old Boys' Handicap.

The schools' gala will take place shortly, before the selected swimmers from New South Wales depart for Stockholm to participate in the natatorial sections of the Olympian Games, so that special interest should be evinced by the spectators on the auspicious day.

Practically all arrangements are well in hand. Keen interest is being shown among the youthful competitors, and nothing now remains but to sus-

tain the interest among the school's supporters. The school had the good fortune to conduct in 1911 the largest club fixture of the season, there being present over 3000 spectators. The "Fortian" would like to see this record eclipsed in 1912. An attendance of the outside public cannot be guaranteed by the officials, but a huge concourse of interested patrons can, and should, be guaranteed, by the 500 boys of the High School.

The diving competition, including as it does, the cream of Sydney's divers, is an event well worth witnessing, and one very popular with the followers of natation.

Among many interesting items in a well diversified programme, are the School Championship, the 110 yds. and 440 yds. Interclub Handicaps, the diving competition for interclub men, the school diving display, and hosts of novelty events.

The music will on this occasion be provided by the Rozelle District Band which secured championship honors last January. Plenty of comfortable seats and a carpeted reserve for ladies will be in evidence for intending patrons.

The baths can be reached either by way of the Gardens or through the Domain from King-street, and the prices of admission, 6d., 1s., and 2s., should augur a large attendance. Fort Street boys are again reminded that sixpenny tickets will admit all schoolboys under the age of 17 years, irrespective of whatever school they may attend.

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## Old Fortians' Harbour Excursion.

The executive of the Old Boys' Union deserve great credit for the way in which, in conjunction with the Old Girls' Union, they carried out the harbour excursion on Saturday, March 9th. The falling of another school fixture, the annual swimming carnival, on the same date doubtless interfered with the attendance, which in any case should have been much better. Many prominent old boys, some of whom may usually be relied on for a function of this kind, were unaccountably absent, and presumably much the same comment might be made concerning the girls. One disadvantage attaching to a meagre attendance is the fact that some of the old boys present look in vain for other representatives of their scholastic generation and feel too much alone. There is,

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by way of an offset, the possibility of making new acquaintances and this spirit, after all, is one of the things the O.B.U. exists to foster. At the same time the average old boy feels more at home when he catches sight of a familiar face. Anyway, his spirits begin to rise, as he looks forward to the prospect of some reminiscences of the old days that were shared together, or some account of what has happened since the time of leaving school for the world. Every old boys' union that ever has existed has inevitably broken up into harmless little conversational coteries of this character. Be this as it may, the afternoon proved particularly enjoyable.

The "Jumbuck," a well-appointed little steamer, left Fort Macquarie jetty shortly after 3 p.m., and steamed down to Manly pier, then turning back ran up the harbor just in time to view the sailing skiffs and "eighteens" bowling up on the homeward run. With a good breeze blowing, the large fleet of competing craft, many of them with their kites drawing to the full, and countless cruisers carrying smaller suits beside, presented a picture so charming that only its comparative familiarity can explain the complacency with which we fortunate Sydneysiders habitually regard it. Those on the "Jumbuck," from the way they crowded to the bulwarks and clustered in the bow, evidently appreciated it to the full. We excursionists promptly, owing to the pardonable eagerness of the chivalric skipper, earned some oburgations which were by no means undeserved, though the circumstances were much less serious than they might have been, for zig-zagging across in the wake of the racing "eighteens," and right in front of the last boat, which was coming along at a great bat. We certainly interfered with her, though she had no chance of a place, being only a short distance from the finishing line at the time, wherefore what would have been perfectly inexcusable and, let us hope, unthinkable, became a venial fault. Still, it is bad at any time even to seem to spoil sport from a selfish motive and Nemesis would have been satisfied had the snapshot proved a failure.

We landed at Clark Island while it was still light and warm, and stretched our legs on this popular pleasure ground for a space. Mean-

while the flagship was despatched back to the "Fort" for the purpose of picking up any late-comers—there were a few—and those on the island had the pleasure of realising, long before the launch came alongside, as her robust accents floated across the water, that Miss Dickson was not an absentee. By the time the late-comers landed, it was dark, and in an atmosphere of gloom and ginger-ale, the banquet was spread, due caution being exercised with regard to sitting down carelessly on cream puffs and perishables of that sort. Near by, a picnic party encamped on the same sacred sward as ourselves, and belonging, to judge from their public statements and from the presence of a high percentage of "flappers," to some city "business college," demonstrated by their excited tones and actions the deadliness of aerated waters and pastry when consumed in injudiciously large quantities. We existed as well as we could in the shadow of these mighty ones, and made a most enjoyable meal, the general good feeling ensuring that everyone was well looked after. Indeed, in this respect some altruistic youths rose to Quixotic heights in sacrificing their own cups of tea to some one further away from the fountain-head of that classic beverage, even in their fervour sometimes commandeering the goblets of their next-door neighbours. Personally, the writer has but one regret concerning that otherwise excellent cup of tea. Somehow it seemed to lack the true bush flavor—we all know it, the real out-of-doors, *al fresco*, not-enough-cups-to-go-round, and this saddened him. Perhaps the fact that the water was not boiled in a doubtfully clean "billy" and well smoked into the bargain over an unsatisfactory fire of green wood, with ample opportunity for burning one's fingers, had something to do with it; perhaps the absence of ants on Clark Island is responsible. Anyhow, it remained that we had a nearer approach to a civilised cup of tea than is usually the case at a picnic. We should not overlook the fact that before it became too dark a group photograph was taken, naturally a cause of much excitement among the fair sex, who realised that as we are assured the camera cannot lie, it behoves one to look one's best on such state occasions. As it was too dark when tea was over for ring games, a

great disappointment to the honorary secretaries, the embarkation whistle was blown, and without the playing of bands, the saluting of any of the usual concomitants of departure, the "Jumbuck" moved off into the unknown.

The final stage of the excursion, after another call at Fort Macquarie, about 8 o'clock, in order to land those who were "otherwise engaged" for the evening, was a run up the harbour to Iron Cove. The uniform success which marked the day's outing undoubtedly reflected great credit on the arrangement devised by the joint hon. secretaries, Miss F. Nelson and Mr. P. R. Watts, not to forget the efforts of the ladies generally, including Mrs. Nelson, who made a not-too-severe chaperone. The only possible regret was that more did not attend (though this fact did not mar the pleasure of those who did), and many expressions of satisfaction were heard. Perhaps next time the defaulters will "make good." Are you listening, Fortians—and Fortiennes.

—A Mere Man.

## Compulsory Training

Col.-Sergt. English, Corp. Dudley, Sergt. C. R. Allen have been attached to school companies supernumerary pending absorption.

New pupils at the School are reminded that they must do their training with the School companies. Written application must be made for transfer to this area at once. Missed parades must all be made up.

Absentees from parade without written application for leave being granted are reminded that two similar parades must be made up for the one missed. Some cadets will not even be efficient in the number of parades at the end of the military year—June.

Cadets are reminded that they must attend all parades in uniform (Reg. 49), and must have their record book on all parades (Reg. 48).

The non-coms. have had the particulars of their promotion, entered into their record books. The recipients of the King's Coronation Medal have had that fact entered also.

The minimum time for quarter-day parades is one hour, for half-day parades two hours,

and whole day parades four hours. Cadets should remember that it is much better to do half an hour extra parade than to fail in efficiency. Failure to pass means one year's extra parades.

The Brigade Major, Captain Murray, has been in attendance at the School companies' parades several times lately. He expressed himself as being more than satisfied with the work being done here. He was specially taken with the counting of time in the rifle exercises.

The physical exercises laid down for senior cadet competitions are: (a) Heels raising and knee bending quickly; (b) feet astride placing with arms stretching upwards; (c) arms swinging; (d) arms flinging; (e) lunge bending sideways; (f) hanging with arm movements, marching, heels raise, knees raise, alternate hop.

The drummers are doing splendid work under Drummer Wride, and the buglers under Sergt.-Bugler Lenehan. Cadet Cutler is willing to coach some members to form a drum and fife band. Those willing to learn the fife should hand their names to him immediately.

The signallers are doing good work under Instructor L. Atkins. The signallers, buglers and drummers will be examined for their efficiency this year in company section and squad drill, rifle exercises, etc., so should not neglect their company work.

O.C. companies, subalterns and color-sergeants must do all they can between this and the efficiency exam to find out the individual merit of each N.C.O. and private, ready for entries to be made in the record books at the end of the military year—June.

Last week we had a visit from Captain Cooke-Russell, Principal Physical Training Instructor for New South Wales. He inspected the junior cadet work and expressed himself as well pleased with the work being done.

The drummers attached to each company are G. Thompson, E. Company; J. Hughes, F; R. Strange, G; C. Wride, H. C. Wride is acting as honorary instructor.

The buglers attached to the Companies are. E Company, E. Maguire and R. Trimble; F Company, L. Thorndike, W. Muston; G Company, D. Wilkins and J. D. Lalthat; H Company, A. Dyce and H. Parlos.

Those boys who will be nineteen next year have already been medically examined for the Citizen Forces, to which they transfer in June next, irrespective of what rank they hold now. The new senior and junior cadets have also been medically examined.

Captain Parsonage and Mr. Sutherland have, after attendance at a school of instruction, been awarded a certificate of competency to undertake the training of junior cadets.

Each cadet should make himself familiar with the regulations in the back of his record book.

The following are the signallers acting with Companies:—E Company, R. Nalder, M. Rainsford, C. Raymond, and K. Higgins; F Company, G. Jones, G. Davis, A. Edwards and H. M'Intosh; C Company, G. Hales, D. Mitchell, H. Heath and W. Wheeler; H Company, W. Young, F. Mater, A. Biggs and C. Rayment.

## Class Gossip.

### SENIORS I.

At the recent carnival the Seniors Major were in great prominence in all the competitions, but usually at the wrong end. Isn't it about time some of them began to uphold the honour of the class?

The "Bread-board" Brigade is creating more excitement than the Camera Club. Not content with drawing blocks of wood and lifeless figures, the members now roam the playground sketching other youths, pigeons, stray cats and even garbage tins.

All spectators at the carnival enjoyed the posing on the springboard of the two Seniors who extended their artistic (?) display over an hour—so it seemed.

We have heard a whisper that certain Seniors attended a certain picture show not so long ago, and that one member at least carried home a weighty piece of art work in his unoffending bag.

Our veteran politician, A. J. G. recently delivered a speech in the School Society on behalf of the "Protectionists." His speech was understood by no one, not even A. J. G., and a motion was passed to the effect that a copy be sent to the Speaker to find his interpretation

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of the rigmarole.

At the School Carnival it was noticed that all the fast swimming was done when the competitors were swimming away from the Rozelle Band. I wonder why?

Committee members of the Library have decided that owing to their strenuous task, they will be in future exempt from the subscription list and also they intend electing themselves life members of the same library.

Gordon Lauri has actually taken up the strenuous game of "thinking."

A certain Senior performed the "Samson Realistic Act" lately. Went and had an American style hair-cut with a cross-cut saw, and lost all his strength, likewise the championship. Ah, well! 'Tis a funny world!

During the month the Seniors held a meeting—in camera—and decided to have a comedy, to be acted in the Senior Room. The name was "Samson and Delilah."

A certain well-known prefect took the rôle of "Delilah," and our "artist" acted in the rôle of Samson. One of the famous "contingent" produced a "gold (?) Safety Razor" (wonder where he got it), and after "Billy" showed the audience how to cut yourself with a safety-razor, Delilah performed the hair-raising deed. So good was the result that the audience decided to have another comedy the next day. But, alas! Corbeau had a shave, "and a very good thing, too!"

At the recent meeting of the Senior Talking Club, "Sweet William" made himself quite the "one," "the only one."

In the absence of the Frenchman at the Society meeting lately, the "Foolish Follies" made good, and denounced the only piece of "Furniture" in the Senior Room. The "bag" was well inflated and held out for quite a long time. Linen was washed on all sides, while the "gas" lasted, mostly to the detriment of our "broth of a bhoy."

We would advise a certain fair-headed Senior not to let his thoughts stray when doing French comp., and that the word of "she" is "elle," only four letters not five.

The recent Liggins Benefit did not turn out as arranged(?), and was rather a knock out for "Freddy Deah," and the proposed purse of sovereigns found its way into Erney's poc-

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ket. Now this scribe reckons that when a benefit is arranged for one man, that man should get it. (Are you listening, Freddy?)

Things were lively at this match. Dubbo should soon be meeting John Johnson, if reports are true. William was also in great heart, standing on the line, chaffing Dubbo. In the end Dubbo lost his temper and William lost his hat and had to go home in a skull cap. "Oh, deah!"

### SENIORS II.

The Art Room is now the scene of many a Senior's ineffectual attempt to say such things as Tchervelienskaya-Stanitzka. "Les Prisonniers du Caucase," p. 36.

Many of the Seniors have lately appeared in a startling and wonderful mode of dress, which they are pleased to call the uniforms of lieutenants, captains, majors, generals and so on, but sad to relate the Lowers are not represented. Wherefore this? Oh! my brothers, let us lift up our voices and weep with a cry that shall reach the ceiling of the Senior room; for the Lower Seniors take a back seat. Oh! woe is



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(or rather "woes are") the Lower Seniors.

Re the Chemistry Class. We are pleased to say that members of the class are embracing this new subject whole-heartedly, especially in the practical work, in which W-I-n is making his usual meteoric flight through the firmament of experiments.

This subject is an innovation in the Senior Class, never having been taken by a class from the School for the Senior exam. before. Good luck to it!

## 2G.

2G did not have any luck at the Carnival, doubtless the reason for this being that excessive study did not permit of swimming practice. About ten of us have annexed certificates for 880 yards.

2G cricket team challenge any team in the School to a match anywhere, and at any time.

## 2F

## THE WEEKLY ALGEBRA TEST.

Algebra to right of them,  
Algebra to left of them,  
Algebra in front of them,  
Text books each plunders.  
Stormed at by X and Y,  
Some bend their heads and try,  
Others lean back and sigh,  
Kelly's tears blind his eye,  
Kinno'—just wonders.

## PART II.

"Fall out the 'Wrong' Brigade,  
"Was there a lad dismayed?"  
"No!" They all quick obeyed.  
Those who had blundered,  
Theirs now to weep and wail,  
So for the floor set sail,  
Each with his woeful tale,  
Full half a hundred.

## 2E.

At our football meeting the officers elected were:—"Duffy," captain; "H. A. S. Hughes," vice-captain. The committeemen elected were:—"Jock Hughes," "Thompson the Elder," "The Old Old Storey."

"Thompson the Elder" is a very enthusiastic footballer, and his selection as a committeeman should augur well for the class in the forthcoming season.

We were represented at the Carnival. "Cam-bourne" obtained 2nd prize in the Diving Display, while "Duffy," our football captain, was third in the School Championship.

"The Siberians" wish heartily that "Prid" and "Buzz" would vacate their positions, so that room might be made for someone else, more congenial and competent.

## 2D CLASS.

Every member of this class responded excellently to the call for competitors in our recent Carnival, and it well deserves the honor of holding both the 100yds. championship and the 15yrs. championship of the School. We also possess the winner of the Fancy Costume and Diving Display, E. Hurt being winner of the School Championship, W. Lyon winner of 15yrs. Championship and Fancy Costume, L. Mulhall winner of Diving Display, and C. Raymond winner of the Tub Race.

The Class regrets the loss of E. Hurt through leaving school.

The Class has now settled down to its daily routine, and are working hard to obtain a high standard of efficiency in the examination for Intermediate Certificates.

2C gained the honor position on the ticket barometer last month. It is not the first time this class has responded to the call of the sport-

ing world. Strange proved himself to be a competent canvasser, collecting £2 10s. The success of the Carnival was due to the efforts of boys like Strange.

Scott and Maude look likely aspirants for Latin honors at the end of the year. Both are doing good work, especially Scott.

### 2B.

We gained several successes in the recent Carnival, providing a winner in the Second Year Handicap in W. Boulton. A. Furness won the 12yrs. Championship. J. Peters, who has been swimming consistently this year, got a third place in the 13yrs. Championship; he also swam well in the 880yds.

The noise made by the Seniors on Friday afternoons is something abominable. We understand that they hold debates on these days. If they would kindly bottle up their exuberance till we are well out of hearing, we would be much obliged.

Some boys in the Class are desirous of starting a running club.

### 2A.

Most of the boys in this Class have now settled down to solid work for the Intermediate Exam., which is to be held at the end of the year.

As there is probably no quarterly exam. to be held, most of the masters have set tests in their various subjects, the results of which show that this Class occupies a "firm" stand among other classes of the second year.

The following boys occupy the best position in the Class, and deserve special mention:—

Mathematics: Lenehan and Mostyn.

Chemistry: Hargreaves and Chiplin.

History: Higgins and Macintosh.

English: Hunt and Swan.

French: Mostyn and Coggan.

The other results will appear in next "Fortian."

### CLASS 1D.

On Saturday last (23rd March) we held our quarterly picnic at National Park. It being a lovely day, nearly the whole class was in attendance. The journey from Sydney was made by an early train, so that we might have a long day. On arrival, we found the park to be in good condition, after the recent rains, so a grassy picnic spot was easily obtained.

We played various games, and then prepared our lunch. After this, three boats were taken out, and all the fresh water side of the river was explored. After "Yank's" crew won the rowing supremacy, we crossed over to the salt water side, rowed down to the baths, and had a long swim.

At 5 o'clock we journeyed back to the grounds for tea, then made back for the station, catching the 3 minutes past 6 train to Sydney. Many melodious voices were in evidence after such a happy day.

The class very much desire to thank Mr. Moore and McGibbon for the way in which they worked to make the day a success.

### CLASS NOTES.

"Fortian" Correspondents.

Seniors: O'Grady (instead of Holmes).

2C.: Coxon and Hansel.

2B: Griffiths and Cyril Smith.

1C: Jolly and Lupton.

Mr. C. H. Currey, B.A., has been awarded First Class Honours and the Frazer Scholarship for Modern History.

We are very pleased to note that two of our Old Boys—Jack Wright and Alan Wright—have been awarded P. N. Russell Scholarships.

We are pleased to announce that the Minister of Public Instruction has awarded University Bursaries to the following senior boys of last year:—Green, Evatt, D. Smith, Roberts, Wiburd, Asher, Gruen, Bradshaw and Alexander.

H. V. Evatt (Senior 1911) has been awarded the Coutts' Scholarship at St. Andrews' College within the University. This is awarded to a matriculated student in the first year Arts.

Our last seniors have all but one commenced their University careers:—Green and Dave Smith, engineering; Evatt, arts; Alexander, Crockett, Gruen, Lawrence, Roberts, Asher, and Wiburd, medicine; Bradshaw, law. A. H. Smith has been articled to a solicitor. "Wal" Stafford (1910) has also commenced the Engineering course.

Evatt has been elected the First Year Representative of the Arts Students.

George Best and Jack Foxall have received the degree of B.E. from the University of Sydney.

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Military Exams. (Educa-  
tional portion).

PRINCIPALS: G. RYAN B.A., T. J. LEERY (Hons. Math.), A. M. STEVENS (1st class diplomas in Draftsmanship)

### FORT-STREET BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY

The following successes of Fort-street boys have been posted at the University. The "Fortian" offers its hearty congratulations to all concerned, and particularly to Thorne on his fine honours.

The "Fortian" also desires to offer its congratulations to Mr. H. J. Meldrum, B.A., B.Sc., on having obtained the degree of B.A. with First Class Honours and the University Medal for Mathematics.

#### FACULTY OF LAW.

Intermediate Examination.—Section I—Pass, G. L. Baldick, P. H. C. Burns. Section II—Pass: H. W. McLelland, C. T. Collier, H. V. Chedgcy, W. Makin, B.A., J. R. Ranson, B.A.

Final L.L.B. Examination.—Section II—Pass: E. C. Bender, B.A., E. Little, B.A., S. V. Toose, B.A. Section II—Pass: H. H. Mason (top place), A. V. Maxwell, B.A.

#### FACULTY OF ARTS.

George Allen Scholarship for Mathematics and Professor Carslaw's Prize for Astronomy.—Harold H. Thorne.

Thorne also holds a P. N. Russell Scholarship and the Levey Scholarship for Chemistry and Physics.

Professor Wood's Prize for History: Mr. A. J. Hawke.

French I: High Distinction: B. F. Telfer.

English I: G. H. Godfrey, E. G. Leask.

History I: High Distinction: Mr. A. J. Hawke, E. G. Leask.

Philosophy I: Distinction: G. H. Godfrey.

Mathematics I: High Distinction: H. H.

Thorne, F. D. Stafford, C. D. Wallace.

(Only one other student gained High Distinction in Mathematics I).

Distinction: G. H. Godfrey.

Credit: H. V. Brett, J. B. Harden.

#### SECOND-YEAR EXAMINATION (ARTS).

History II: Distinction: J. R. Blanchard, E. B. Cockett.

Philosophy: Distinction: C. B. Cockett.

Education: High Distinction: C. B. Cockett.

#### THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION (ARTS).

University Medal for Mathematics: First Class Honours at Graduation: Mr. H. J. Meldrum, B.Sc.

English III: Honours, Class I: Mr. C. H. Currey.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

Engineering Distinction.—Second year: Credit: A. R. Edwards.

Fourth Year: Credit: C. Dennis.

#### FACULTY OF ARTS.

Second Year.—Pass: Mr. J. G. Lushy, Mr. J. E. Murray.

Third Year.—Pass: Ella Gornley.

#### MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

W. J. Edwards, F. H. Wallace.

Arthur Walkom, B.Sc. (Old Boy) has been elected a Macleay Fellow of the Linnaean Society. This fellowship carries a grant of £400 per annum, the Fellow being required to pursue his original researches in his own particular branch of study. Walkom's career at the University was an exceptionally brilliant one. He is at present University Demonstrator in Geology.

## Girls' Page

### FORT-STREET GIRLS' SWIMMING CAR- NIVAL.

On Wednesday, 27th March, the Fifteenth Annual Swimming Carnival of the Fort-street Girls' School was held. The weather was perfect, and everything combined to make it a great success. Miss Maloney deserves all praise and commendation for the able way in which everything was carried out. Owing to the absence of Miss Bourke, the whole responsibility rested on Miss Maloney. Practically the whole school was present at the Elkington Park Baths to witness this pleasing spectacle. The results are as follows:—

100 yards' Championship of School.—Gladys Bramley 1, Eva Drake 2, Muriel Ross 3. Time, 1 min. 27 sec.

100 yards Back and Breast Stroke Championship.—R. Esserman 1, D. York 2, M. Ross 3. Time, 1 min. 46 sec.

Second and Third Class Handicap, 25 yards.—V. M'Donald 1, L. Millar 2, M. Aldington 3. Time, 37 4-5 secs.

High School Handicap.—R. Hindmarsh 1, L. Hogben 2, T. Durie 3. Time, 26 sec.

Fourth and Fifth Class Handicap.—J. Duncan 1, A. Brennan 2, L. Esserman 3. Times, 48 sec.

High School Handicap.—M. Dexter 1, L. Olsen 2, O. Storey 3. Time, 41 sec.

Fourth Year Handicap.—M. M'Min 1, O. Reeves 2, N. Hindmarsh 3. Time, 1 min. 16 sec.

Second and Third Class Championship.—M. Aldington 1, A. M'Kellar 2, M. Henry 3. Time, 27 sec.

Back Stroke Handicap.—M. Ross 1, E. Drake 2, G. Pendered 3. Time, 52 sec.

Fourth Class Championship.—L. Esserman 1, D. Hart 2, L. Small 3. Time, 53 sec.

Fifth Class Championship.—S. Cambridge 1, A. Brennan 2, S. Shaklow 3. Time, 43 sec.

Breast Stroke Handicap.—M. Crawford 1, L. Briggs 2. Time, 51 sec.

First Year High School Championship.—F. Langford 1, M. M'Millan 2, E. Townsend 3. Time, 44 sec.

Wading Race.—C. Bacon 1, V. Colling 2. Time, 40 sec.

Second Year High School Championship.—G. Bramley 1, E. Drake 2, M. Ross 3. Time, 39 sec.

Old Girls' Handicap.—A. Hinder 1. Time, 44 sec.

Scratch Race for Beginners.—M. Miller 1, A. Caldbeck 2. Time, 15 sec.

10 Years Championship.—L. Esserman 1, M. Aldington 2. Time, 20 sec.

Eleven Years Championship.—E. Townsend 1, M. Weston 2. Time, 22 sec.

12 Years Championship.—S. Cambridge 1, I. Valkenburg 2, I. Strong 3. Time, 44 sec.

Fancy Costume.—R. Collins (frog) 1, C. Ryan (stork) 2.

Fourth Year High School Championship.—M. M'Millan 1, N. Hindmarsh 2, O. Reeves 3. Time, 75 sec.

Thirteen Years Championship.—G. Pendered 1, R. Esserman 2, M. M'Millan 3. Time, 45 sec.

Fourteen Years Championship.—M. Dexter 1, D. York 2, E. Hayes 3. Time, 42 2-5 sec.

Fifteen Years Championship.—E. Drake 1, F. Langford 2. Time, 58 sec.

Sixteen Years Championship.—G. Bramley 1, M. Ross 2. Time, 60 sec.

Old Girls' Handicap.—D. Sayer 1, A. Hinder 2. Time, 1 min. 40 sec.

Relay Handicap.—S. Cambridge, E. Drake, R. Esserman, M. Crawford, 1; J. Strong, G. Pendered, M. Dexter, O. Storey, 2. Time, 1 min. 16 sec.

Egg and Spoon Race.—F. Langford 1, G. Bramley 2.

Life-saving Race.—D. York.

Cork Scramble.—E. Drake (49 corks) 1, F. Langford (48 corks) 2.

Life-saving Competition.—M. Ross 1, E. Drake 2, G. Pendered 3.

Neat Diving.—E. Drake 1, G. Bramley 2.

Follow my Leader.—D. York, G. Bramley, and G. Pendered divided.

Diving for Objects.—G. Bramley.

Musical Lifebuoys.—E. Drake 1, L. Briggs 2.

Submarine Race.—G. Pendered 1, G. Bramley 2, D. York 3.

## ALL SCHOOLS' SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

At the Sixth Annual Swimming Carnival, which was held in the Domain Baths on Wednesday, 20th March, Gladys Bramley won the All Schools' Championship, and the teams from Fort-street finished first and second in the relay race, also throughout the afternoon the pupils of this institution were most prominent whether the event was free style, breast stroke, back strock, novelties or diving.

## RESULTS:

100 yards Championship of Public Schools: G. Bramley, 1; E. Drake, 3.

Championship, 8 years: H. Partridge, 1.

Championship, 10 years: L. Esserman, 2.

Championship, 11 years: E. Townsend, 2.

Championship, 12 years: S. Cambridge, 2.

Championship, 13 years: G. Pendered, 3.

Championship, 15 years: E. Drake, 1.

50 yards on back with arms folded: D. York, 1, G. Pendered, 2; M. McMillan, 3.

Rescue Race, 50 yards: M. Ross, 1; D. York, 3.

Junior Relay Race, under 14 years, 100 yards: Fort-street A team (G. Pendered, S. Cambridge, R. Esserman, and I. Strong), 1.

Senior Relay Race, 14 years and over, 200 yards: Fort-street F team (G. Bramley, E. Drake, M. Ross, and F. Langford), 1; Fort-street B team (D. York, M. Dexter, E. Hayes, and L. Morris), 2.

Diving Championship: G. Pendered, 2.

Musical Lifebuoys: L. Olsen, 2; D. York, 3.

Cork Scramble: O. Storey (29 corks), 1; E. Drake and G. Bramley (19 corks each), 3.

## FIRST YEAR DEBATING SOCIETY.

The First Year Debating Society held their first meeting, Friday, March 15th. A General Information Prisoners' Base was the order of the afternoon. Two teams, one captained by Francis Langford, the other by Blodwyn Campney were selected, the latter winning by seven girls.

On Saturday, 16th March, Jean Partridge, niece of Miss Partridge, was married to Mr. Stewart D'Arrietta. The Fort-street Old Girls and Old Boys' Union and members of the school staff would like to congratulate them, and at the same time wish them every happiness and prosperity in the future. Both Mr.

and Mrs. D'Arrietta were well known old Fort-street pupils.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES.

## CHARLES DICKENS' ANNIVERSARY.

## 5th Classes.

The 100th birthday of Charles Dickens was celebrated on Wednesday afternoon, 9th Feb., in a most fitting manner by the pupils of the Primary School.

Miss Drummond was the organiser, and to her much credit is due for the manner in which the different scenes were represented.

Under her baton, the girls sang very sweetly "What Are the Wild Waves Saying," and then followed sketches from "Dombey and Son," "Nicholas Nickleby," and others.

The characters were splendidly maintained. The pathetic little Paul strongly appealed to all hearts, while Mrs. Squeers, with her ladle and bowl of treacle and brimstone, taxed the risible muscles very severely.

"God Save the King" brought to a close a most enjoyable afternoon's entertainment.

## Class 5 A.

The three pupils who most distinguished themselves at the quarterly examination were Essie Thomas, Iris Foy and Jessie Connic.

The pupils of this class have shown excellent work in their mathematics and composition. Evelyn Townsend shows much ability in composition of short stories.

Our new library is exceedingly popular, and additions are being daily brought in. In the recent examination Ula Valkenburg secured highest number of marks.

## 4 A.

Elsie Douglas has first place in 4 A class, with Chrissie Thomson a good second, while Irene Young shows promise in mathematics.

## 3rd B.

In the recent quarterly examination highest marks were obtained by Kathleen Burns and Violet Langley.

## 3 A.

The results of the recent quarterly examination were as follows:—(1) Gwen Dawe, (2) Jessie Lee, (3) Emily Benecke.

A class library has been started, and the aquarium is in good condition.

Gillian Arnott and Jean Arnott gained highest marks in the recent quarterly examination.

## Sporting

### SWIMMING.

#### THE CARNIVAL.

The 22nd Annual Championship Swimming Carnival took place at the Domain Baths on Saturday, 16th March.

The day was an ideal one for a natatorial exhibition, and every one of the 3000 spectators eagerly watched the proceedings with keen interest and enthusiasm. The "Fortian" for over 20 years has chronicled successful reports of the School's Gala, and the 1912 report can record still further success. In the words of an interested pupil the carnival was "bigger than ever."

The school's best thanks are due to the splendid response made by the pupils and competitors to the committee's efforts. The display is, in fact, the members' exhibition of their skill and prowess in the art of natation given annually, and indeed one can record with a great deal of pleasure how spontaneous were the efforts of the various members. The racing was keen and exciting, the novelty races provoking keen excitement and amusement, and the promptness of the many competitors another pleasing feature of the day.

The press of Sydney did not stint to give praise to the excellent management of the proceedings, and the "Fortian" can do no better than quote the following extracts, among many, from the daily press:—

"One had only to visit the Domain Baths, when Fort-street High School Carnival was being held, to feel secure about the maintenance of a very high standard in this State for many years to come. On Saturday, the 16th March, that splendidly-organised and well controlled function eclipsed even the many successful galas that have been held by the school in past years. There were some 300 competitors, ranking from the tender age of 8 years to the more matured inter-clubites. All the boys, whatever their age, or size, could swim, and swim well. To the student of strokes and the effect of each, there was a busy afternoon, and among the boys were many who showed sufficient to anticipate big futures in swimming circles.

Lyons did the fifty in 32 secs. in winning the 13 years championship, which is distinctly good. G. Hansel won the 14 years event, and impressed the onlookers more than perhaps any of the others by the cleanness of his work, although E. Hurt, who secured the school championship, possesses a fine crawl and should before long join the ranks of the minute-breakers.

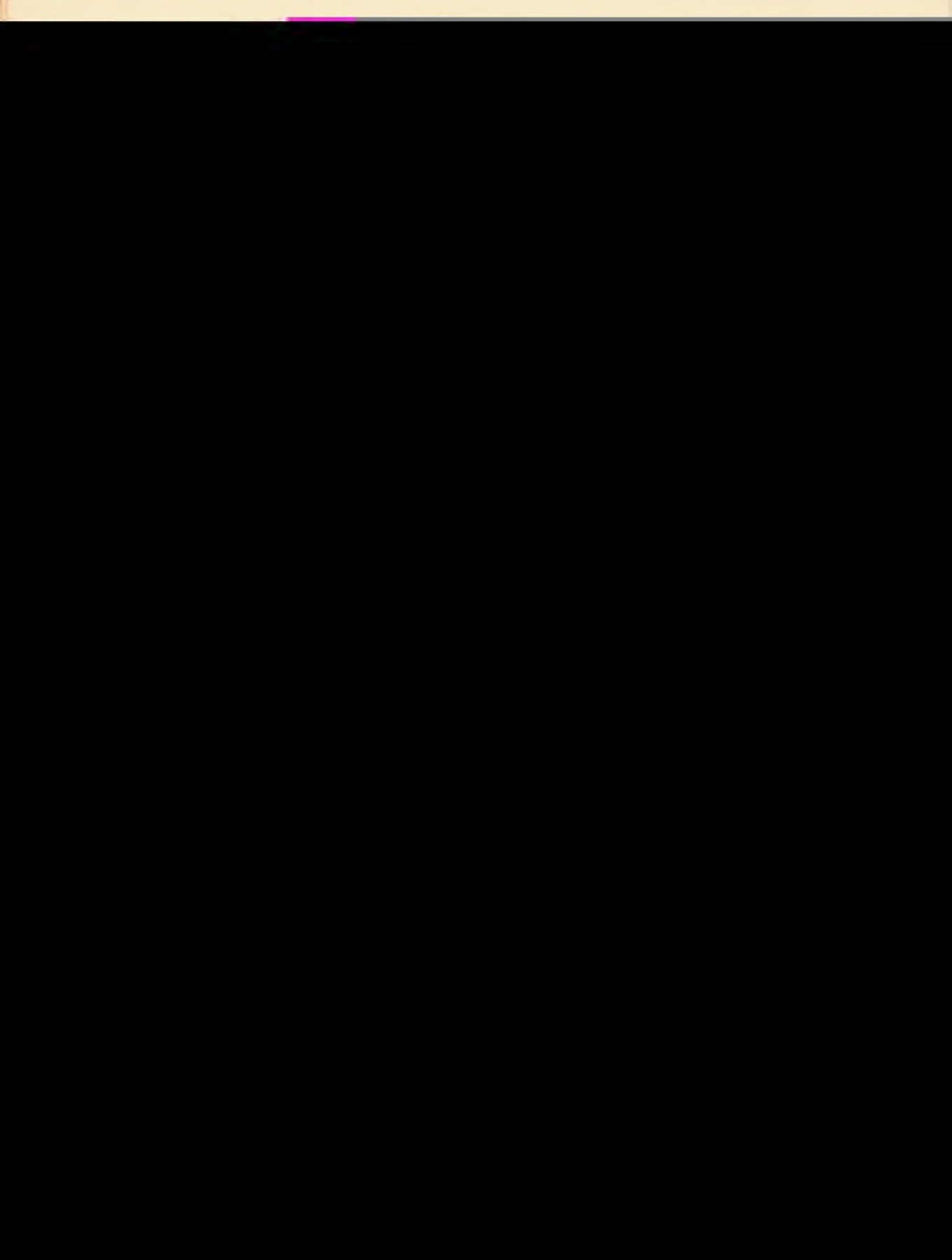
"Thirty-one events were cramped into two and a half hours, and the fact that not one hitch or delay occurred, although often one heat followed another so quickly that the limit man of one was in the water before the last competitors of its predecessors were out, is a striking testimony to the organisation of the carnival. Mr. Atkins, president of the Wellington (N.Z.) centre, expressed himself as astonished and delighted at the manner in which the events were run off and the racing controlled."

Not since the late State amateur championship carnivals have the big Domain Baths held such a large crowd as assembled on Saturday afternoon to witness the twenty-second gala of that great swimming academy—Fort-street Boys' High School.

Always has this school fostered the sport of swimming, and the number of prominent swimmers it has produced is legion. Harold H. Hardwick, Olympic representative, and A. W. Barry are ex-Fortians, and to their coaching at school is due much of their present-day prowess.

"Barracking" of such a strenuous nature has not been witnessed at an aquatic function for some time past. Small brothers shouted advice, and sisters shrieked encouragement, while proud parents, fearful lest the performance of their particular small son should go unnoticed, talked of the competitions in anything but whispers—a good-natured enthusiastic crowd.

The schoolboy event of the afternoon was the 100 yards school championship. The result came somewhat in the nature of a surprise. The race was won by Eric Hurt, he beating his more favored opponents, Frank Mason and Les Duff. He won all the way. Rising from the plunge he at once crowded to the lead, and at 75 yards had a big advantage over Duff and Mason, who were swimming stroke for stroke



together, watching each other warily. The race was previously expected to result in a battle between these two. But Hurt had a lot up his sleeve, and, though the others drew in on him towards the close, won with several yards to spare. Mason just succeeded in beating Duff. The time, 1 min. 6 sec., was not as fast as was to have been expected. Mason has recently swum 1 min. 3 sec. for the distance, but in 50 yards baths. Duff also has better performances to his credit. Still that does not detract from the merit of the win.

Hardwick and Barry swam in the Old Boys' 100 yards Handicap. Both were scratch, and obtained places in the final. Barry, in his heat, did 57 4-5 sec., and Hardwick 58 1-5 sec. Barry made a great effort in the final, and got to second place. He was clocked to do 58 sec. dead. Hardwick did not compete.

"Billy" Longworth, the always sensational, swam in the 110 yards Inter-club Handicap. He equalled his own record of 1 min. 5 sec. for the distance. It is interesting to note that Longworth put up his record at the same school's carnival in the same baths last season. "Billy" swam wonderfully well, and his burst over the last 15 yards was sensational. He simply sprinted through the water, and got to third place. The final of the 440 yards Inter-club Handicap was won by young Reg. Helings in good time.

Results:—

Fourth and Fifth Class Handicap, 50 yards.—Heat winners: W. Kent, 28sec.; J. Hankin, 19sec.; G. Burke, 20sec; M. Redwood, 18sec.; T. Prossfelt, 34sec.; F. Russell, 3sec. Final: Burke, 1; Tonkins, 2; Kent, 3. Time, 44sec.

First Year Class Handicap, 50 yards.—First Heat, C. Maenamara, 1; C. Sherlock, 2. Time, 41sec. Second heat: T. Ross, 1; W. Spencer, 2. Time, 45 2-5sec. Third heat: E. Steel, 1; M. Muller, 2. Time, 42 2-5sec. Fourth heat: E. Langker, 1; W. Hunter, 2. Time, 37sec. Final: Maenamara, 1; Ross, 2; Sherlock, 3. Time, 38sec.

Second Year Class Handicap, 50 yards.—First heat: R. Wolff, 1; F. Evatt, 2. Time, 34sec. Second heat: W. Young, 1; R. Johnston, 2. Time, 36 2-5sec. Third heat: L. Cambourn, 1; A. Dickenson, 2. Time, 33 2-5sec. Fourth heat: R. Neild, 1; T. Chiplin, 2. Time, 34 3-5sec. Fifth heat: N. Tom, 1; G. Davis, 2. Time,

32. 2-5sec. Sixth heat: W. Bolton, 1; W. Burrows, 2. Time, 40sec. Final: Bolton, 1; Wolff, 3. Time, 38sec.

Juniors and Seniors' Handicap, 50 yards.—First heat: H. Porter, 1; G. Ferris, 2. Time, 43 3-5sec. Second heat: H. Hudson, 1; N. Irwin, 2. Time, 35 4-5sec. Third heat: J. Kennedy, 1; E. Rutledge, 2. Time, 34 4-5sec. Fourth heat: N. McLaren, 1; R. Mitchell, 2. Time, 43sec. Final: Kennedy, 1; Hudson, 2; Mitchell 3. Time 32 2-5sec.

12 Years Championship, 50 yards.—First heat: A. Furness, 1; E. Storey, 2; E. Daniel, 3. Time, 41sec. Second heat: R. Fenwick, 1; L. Jones, 2; W. Connie, 3. Time, 41 4-5sec. Final: Furness, 1; Fenwick, 2; Storey, 3. Time, 40sec.

13 Years Championship, 50 yards.—First heat: G. Lyons, 1; R. Whitehead, 2; J. Peters, 3. Time, 35 2-5sec. Second heat: L. Kruse, 1; J. Baikie, 2; T. Coggan, 3. Time, 38sec. Final: Lyons, 1; Whitehead, 2; Peters, 3. Time, 32sec.

Old Boys' Handicap, 100yds.—First heat: R. Douglas, 1; P. Ryan, 2; J. Schwartz, 3; time, 1min. 13sec. Second heat: W. Douglas, 1; A. W. Barry, 2; L. Small, 3; time, 67 3-5sec. (Barry's time was 57 4-5sec.). Third heat: W. H. Buncombe 1, H. Hardwick 2, J. Dexter 3; time, 1min. 13 3-5sec. (Hardwick's time was 58 1-5sec). Final: W. Douglas 1, Barry 2, Buncombe 3; time, 1min. 10 2-5sec. (Barry was clocked to do 58sec. dead).

Fancy Costume Parade.—W. Lyons (Pierrot), 1; V. Hall (Professor), 2.

Chasing the Bellman.—S. Greer, 1.

15 Years Championship, 100yds.—W. Lyon 1, H. Kinninmont 2, R. Howell-Price 3. Time, 1min. 14 2-5sec.

10 Years Championship, 50yds.—C. Schwarz, 1, W. Furness 2. Time, 46 1-5sec.

14 Years Championship, 100yds.—G. Hansel 1, W. Lyon 2, A. Dickenson 3. Time, 1min. 10 4-5sec.

11 Years Championship, 50yds.—P. Hurt 1, J. M'Dermott 2. Time, 41 4-5sec.

Diving Display.—W. Rees 1, L. Mulhall 2, L. Cambourn 3.

Championship of the School 100yds.

E. Hurt . . . . .	1
F. Mason . . . . .	2
L. Duff . . . . .	3
Time, 1min. 6sec. Won by two yards.	



Musical Lifebuoys.—L. Firth 1, P. Hurt 2.  
 Interclub Handicap, 110yds.—W. Wilson 1, A. Gowing 2, W. Longworth 3. Time, 1min. 22 1-5sec. W. Longworth's time, 1min. 5sec.  
 Interclub Diving Competition.—L. Mc'Carthy 1, W. Sweetman 2, C. A. Bell 3.  
 Finding the South Pole.—T. Ross.  
 Interclub Handicap, 440yds.—Final: R. Hellings (Sydney), 60sec., 1; D. Forsyth (Sydney) 80sec., 2; T. Gourlay (North Sydney), 45sec., 3. Time, 6min. 26sec.  
 Tub Race.—Final: C. Raymrod.  
 Clothes Race.—L. Duff.  
 Wrestling on the Springboard.—L. Firth 1, B. O'Grady 2.

#### NOTES.

The 100yds. championship of all schools was won this year by Geo. Hansel, in the splendid time of 1min. 4-5sec. Fort-street has held this honor for many years, now, the last time to record otherwise, being the occasion when L. Boardman carried it off for Cleveland-street. In 1910 also Fort-street and Cleveland-street divided the championship.

Hansel also gained further honors by winning the 220yds. Kieran Memorial Race on Wednesday, 20th March. He defeated F. Mason, who in turn defeated L. Duff. Hansel's time was 2min. 54sec. This lad has done exceptionally well in the schoolboy swimming world, and it is pleasing to note also that as a student he is among the best the school possesses.

The 220yds. Back and Breast Stroke Championship was taken at the Domain Baths on Wednesday, 27th inst. The holder of the title is L. Firth. Owing to the "Fortian" going to press, the result has to wait until the following issue.

Albert Barry, the school's erstwhile champion, is, this season, swimming the 100yds. faster than any other swimmer in Sydney. He has been successful in getting his time down to 57 seconds.

The Swimming Club offers through the columns of the "Fortian" its best thanks to the various firms of the city, who so kindly donated trophies and money to the carnival funds. The following firms contributed:—Mark Foy, Ltd.; Peapes and Co., Ltd.; Messrs. Walker and Hall; W. Kerr; Wm. Brooks and

Co., Ltd., Angus and Robertson; Nock and Kirby; L. J. Flegeltaub, Esq.; T. England, Esq.; Cadbury Bros., Ltd.; Messrs. Collins Bros., Ltd.

Further thanks are due to Mr. H. Hellings (manager of the Domain Baths) and his valuable assistants for their ever-obliging and painstaking efforts in the interests of the swimmers generally.

Forty boys were successful in gaining certificates for the Half-mile Championship this season. The race resulted in a win for T. Mason, with G. Hansel second, and L. Duff third. Time, 6min. 16sec.

The "Fortian" wishes to add its quota of praise to the excellence of the arrangement, largely due to the efforts of Mr. Selle, past-master in the art of running swimming carnivals, and to Mr. Parsonage.

#### OUR CRICKET REPORT.

##### FORT-STREET A v. HURLSTONE A.

The above match concluded in a victory for Fort-street by an innings and 77 runs. On the first day Fort-street, batting in a bad light, totalled 152.

On the following Wednesday we dismissed Hurlstone twice for the poor scores of 35 and 40 respectively.

In the first innings Dinning captured 7 for 7, and Holmes 2 for 16; 1 run out. In Hurlstone's second innings it was H. Holmes who dominated the bowling crease, capturing 7 for 13. He was ably assisted by Wahlberg and Eve.

##### FORT-STREET A v. PETERSHAM A.

On the 21st of February we journeyed out to Petersham to meet the locals on their own ground. Fort-street winning the toss, we decided to bat on what looked to be a perfect wicket. This was not the case, the wicket was like a heavy mud-heap.

Nevertheless we strung together the very substantial score of 126.

Petersham were dismissed at the hands of Wahlberg and H. Holmes for the mediocre total of 73, Wahlberg taking 5 for 16 and H. Holmes 5 for 43.

On the following Wednesday we were dismissed for 100 in our second venture, thus leaving Petersham 154 runs to win outright.

We soon had their captain walking pavilionwards, bowled, Dinning, 0. The next two batsmen, however, Gleeson and Campbell, mastered the situation, and for the first time this season the Fort-street bowling was collared.

At this period there were 96 runs on the board, when G. Holmes was requisitioned at the bowling crease.

His first ball caused the downfall of that forcing batsman, Gleeson, the batsman tapping the ball softly back to the bowler—2 for 96.

At this period Petersham required 47 runs to win, with 8 wickets in hand, and the prospects of victory for Fort-street were not at all rosy.

In G. Holmes' next over he soon had Campbell well caught by Hudson at mid-off—a splendid catch.

None of the remaining batsmen could withstand the determined attack made upon them by G. Holmes and Dinning, G. Holmes bowling one batsman with a trimmer.

From thence onwards a procession between the wickets ensued, until Petersham required 12 runs to win, with one wicket in hand.

Dinning was now bowling, and shattered the batsman's wicket with a cropper, thus bringing victory to his side.

Too much praise cannot be given to Dinning and G. Holmes for their splendid bowling. They each captured 4 wickets for 23 runs.

The following are the details:—

First Innings.—Parkes, bowled, 2; Israel, caught, 13; H. Holmes, bowled, 23; Wahlberg, caught, 2; G. Holmes, bowled, 4; Bennett, caught, 23; Eve, bowled, 2; Sherwood, caught, 35; Hudson, bowled, 2; Dinning, not out, 0; Morgan, bowled, 1; sundries, 19. Total, 126.

Second Innings.—Parkes, caught, 2; Israel, caught, 12; H. Holmes, bowled, 27; Wahlberg, caught, 4; G. Holmes, bowled, 10; Bennett, bowled, 21; Eve, run out, 5; Sherwood, bowled, 1; Hudson, bowled, 6; Dinning, bowled, 2; Morgan, not out, 5; sundries, 5. Total, 100.

Petersham, 73 and 142. Fort-street won by 12 runs.

#### FORT-STREET A v. CLEVELAND-STREET A.

On the 6th March, 1912, we went out to the Sports Ground to face the onslaught of Cleveland-street. Fort-street lost the toss. Cleve-

land-street ran up 166. For Fort-street ten bowlers were tried, Parkes capturing 3 for 23.

Of the other bowlers tried Dinning was the pick, taking 2 for 27 off 11 overs.

Our opening batsmen on the following Wednesday were Parkes and Bennett. However, disaster soon set in, Bennett playing all over a good ball from Lacey. Parkes and Israel now stemmed the tide by a good stand, but Israel was dismissed for 17 and Parkes for 12. And now after H. Holmes, at present the best bat in the school, failed to score, all hope of victory was lost. Fort-street was thus dismissed for 82, being 84 behind their opponents' score.

In Cleveland-street's second venture to the wickets they were dismissed for 122. This innings the bowling honours fell to C. Bennett and C. Barry. They captured 3 for 21 and 2 for 5 respectively. The result of this match put us out of the running for the Premiership.

Following are the details:—

First Innings of Fort-street.—Parkes, bowled, 12; Bennett, bowled, 1; Israel, caught, 17; H. Holmes, bowled, 0; Eve, caught, 4; G. Holmes, caught, 5; Sherwood, not out, 30;

## Lady Typists' Examination.

At the last Lady Typists' examination held by the Public Service Board of New South Wales, in October, 1911, **10 out of 12 passes** were gained by students of the Metropolitan Business College, including 1st place (for the 5th time in succession in similar examinations).

### 253 Positions

were filled by the College Bureau in 1911.

### 311 Passes

in competitive public examinations in Short-hand, Accountancy, Typing, and General Subjects were gained by Students of the College during 1911, including 14 first places.

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Wahlberg, caught, 9; Barry, bowled, 1; Hudson, bowled, 1; Dimming, caught, 2. Total, 82.

#### FORT-STREET A v. HIGH SCHOOL.

The above match, played at Alexandria Oval on the 27th March, concluded in a victory for Fort-street by 28 runs on the first innings. The High School, batting first, made 97. G. Holmes, in his first two overs, clean bowled 3 batsmen and had one caught without the solace of a run being scored off him. He finished up with the fine average of 4 for 8. C Bennett secured 2 for 9, and made the ball turn a good deal from the leg. Israel, Donaldson, and Sherwood each secured a wicket at a small cost.

Fort-street's opening batsmen were Parkes and Israel. Parkes soon had 22 against his name when he succumbed to a straight ball. C. Bennett batted soundly for his runs, and after his departure 5 wickets were down for 55, when Donaldson joined Sherwood. These two, by smart running between the wickets, knocked off the deficit with a most valuable partnership of 65 runs.

Fort-street thus won as above stated.

Following are the details:—

Israel, bowled, 6; Parkes, bowled, 22; H. Holmes, caught, 7; G. Holmes, bowled, 0; Bennett, bowled, 12; Sherwood, caught, 50; Donaldson, bowled, 19; Morgan, bowled, 0; Barry, not out, 0; Dimming, absent, 0; sundries, 9. Total, 125.

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#### LACROSSE.

The competitions run by the N.S.W. Lacrosse Association will be commenced early in May, and for the second year in succession the school will be well represented. The present Upper Seniors, together with certain of the 1911 Seniors, now at the Varsity, will put a team into the B Grade, while the School Club will put at least one team into the Secondary Schools' Competition.

This year our chances look very bright indeed, for not only have we gained several good recruits from amongst our old boys (who will play with the Seniors' Team), but we hope to gain the sanction of the Association to play our senior boys in the Wednesday competition.

Last year our senior team was third in the B Grade, and we might even have ended as runners-up had we been able to arrange a

ground on which to play the final match against Birchgrove.

It was the intention of the Upper Seniors to run two teams this year, one in the B and one in the C grade competition, both teams to be formed exclusively of seniors, but owing to the want of support from the third year students (the "Lower Seniors"), the idea had to be dropped, and we have been forced to recruit from the ranks of our old boys. At least two old boys, Magnussen and Cunningham (the latter a player of two years' experience), will don the maroon and white this year.

The Club this year will feel the loss of E. O. K. Green, who skippered us last year, but had the misfortune to break his collarbone.

"Pat" O'Grady has also signified his intention of not playing lacrosse again. He finds it too rough and will this year play in the "Young Australian" Football Competition.

We notice that Cullen-Ward and N. Simpson, of the School, are playing with Sydney District Club this year. Mr. P. A. Singleton (who coached our teams last year) has accepted the position of secretary of the Association. Mr. Singleton is an old boy, and was one of the old Fortians who took part in our Old Boys' Match last year. Another member of that team was Mr. Miller, at present of the Primary School Staff, whom we hope to see coaching our teams this year. Mr. Miller plays with Manly District Team, A Grade.

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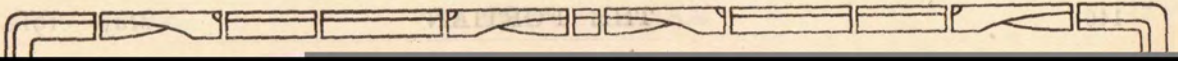
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record in the quality of the passes obtained.

Judging by their class work and enthusiasm, the majority of them should do excellently. We wish them every success and a complete fulfillment of their aspirations. They must not, however, forget that this examination is but a step, the first in their career; that in these days there is no place for the uneducated, whereas there are great opportunities for the highly trained, and that the Department of Public Instruction has also, by a liberal provision of bursaries, made it possible for the ambitious youth to enter the University to qualify for a profession or a high position in the commercial world.

We hope to see all our junior boys return to complete the full course, for we can assure them that by their doing so, their prospects in life will be materially improved.

### Louis Pasteur.

Like many another man whose work marks an epoch in the march of Science, Pasteur was of humble parentage. His father, an old soldier, took up a tanning business in the town of Dole, in France. Both his parents were ambitious for their son, and dreamt of the day when he would become a college professor. He early evinced a taste for chemistry, and considerably worried his professor at college by his questions—which the professor was unable to answer.

In 1843 he entered the Ecole Normale, and studied under Dumas. His first great research was in connection with tartaric acid.

As Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Strasbourg, Pasteur continued these researches. Incidentally, he was brought into contact with the subject of fermentation; and henceforth, a great deal of his life was spent in discovering the real cause of this, and related phenomena.

He became Dean of the Faculty of Sciences at Lille. One industry of the district was that of producing alcohol by the fermentation of beetroot juice. This decided Pasteur to continue in his studies of fermentation.

All living matter must die, decay, and return to earth and air. "One grand phenomenon presides over this vast work, the phenomenon of fermentation." Fermentation, putre-

faction, and slow combustion of decomposing vegetable matter, are all brought about in the same kind of way. The "rising" and turning sour of dough, the souring of milk, the turning rancid of butter, and the changing of dead leaves into soil, are all related processes.

These phenomena, of course, were well known long before Pasteur's time; and explanations of a kind had been given, and accepted. Until recent years, any change in the accepted order of things, was bitterly opposed, often by great men.

It is only in comparatively recent years that scientists, not only agree to put their theories to the test of rigid experiment, but look upon that course as essential. In the case under consideration, Pasteur was opposed by so great a man as Liebig.

The theory, up to Pasteur's time, given to explain fermentation was that the air directly brought about the changes, in the presence of certain organic compounds containing nitrogen. It was known that yeast, used in fermenting sugar to turn it into alcohol, contained a minute vegetable organism, which rapidly multiplied during fermentation.

In the case of souring of milk (lactic fermentation) another minute organism was discovered. These are rod-like, and 25,000 of them, placed end to end, would be about an inch long. In multiplying, each "rod" merely divides in two; and the result is two organisms. This is repeated with each new organism, and so on.

Pasteur proved experimentally, that beyond doubt, the changes mentioned are brought about by the presence of these organisms. We might say that each organism requires a certain kind of "food," and during the process of using the substance present as "food," this substance is changed chemically. The organism making butter rank is different from those already mentioned; and the formation of an acid is again brought about.

The decay of animal and vegetable refuse is a process of slow combustion. But Pasteur showed conclusively, that the oxygen of the air, unaided by these living organisms, would not do in years what can take place in days when the organisms are present.

These living organisms are known as "fer-

ments"; and each process requires its own ferment.

The formation of acetic acid (vinegar) from wine was shown to be the work of another organism, a minute fungus.

At this time, the germ theory of virulent diseases began to be noised abroad. In this connection, Pasteur discovered the germ of a disease in silk-worms, and supplied the remedy.

In several fevers and diseases he was equally successful.

The efficacy of the now well-known plan of keeping milk, meat and fish in refrigerating rooms, in order to preserve them from decay, is due to the fact that, at the low temperature, these germs are inert, and unable to multiply. The fermentation processes are thus prevented. This accounts for the finding, in excellently preserved condition, antediluvian elephants in the eternal snows of the polar regions. Their flesh is not in the least decayed, notwithstanding the exposure to the air, and the enormous length of time since the animal must have died.

Pasteur passed away in 1895, at the age of 73, regretting that he was not able to complete much more to add to his enormous contribution to the sum of useful scientific knowledge.

H. J. M.

## High School Class Gossip.

### SENIOR A.

The Poet Laureate has at last given us his masterpiece.

His latest ballad criticism of Macbeth is really fine. Indeed, it is very nearly too fine.

During the Easter vacation three of the doughty ones trended their weary way to a camp at Stanwell Park. The fourth participant was sick, thus losing his share of the work (?) and very nearly losing his appendix. Ah, well, we all must lose something at times, even if it is our hats.

At the aforementioned camp one of the weary ones on a certain eventful night (so the report goes) woke up and found the tent flooded, yet outside it was quite clear and moonlight. "I wonder why?" Perhaps those other two fellows can explain.

Seniors are reminded that jokes are jokes only when there's a point in them. Not when there's a key.

This scribe is of the opinion that the authorities running the Old House should at once take steps to provide a grazing reserve for Senior Hats. Beg pardon: I really means Bunnies. Some of the Seniors we notice have taken to bringing these pets to school and tying them to the hatpegs, and only the other day one of the poor things got hungry and set out on its own to look for grass, but was recaptured with great difficulty.

We regret to notice that the Seniors consider football as being too strenuous. They have now taken up the game of bowls, and one of these fellows played for the School last year! Dear me! what are we coming to?

At a recent meeting of the Literature class, after much discussion it was decided to write an essay on, "What would have happened if Burns and Johnson had met in Edinburgh." And then they say we are trying to put down sport! What would have happened? Just fancy it after 14 rounds at the Stadium. Perhaps Burns would have won. Who can tell? Not us!

### SENIORS II.

The Lower Seniors are becoming down-hearted! Proof? Certainly! Well, firstly Stafford with some bosom friends made up an excursion on a Monday afternoon, some little time ago, but suddenly discovered that a statutory parade (by some oversight of the authorities) had been fixed for that day. The result of this discovery would make even the hardened Roy blush. Then, the Fijian came out with an antiquated joke which was reputed to have been used by the late J. Caesar on his historic landing in Pall Mall or somewhere thereabout. (E.A.S.J. has been heard to say that that joke put him off his day's dinner. Poor chap!) On the top of these trials Spence tried to speak French, with the result that four members were absent next day with their nerves in a well-nigh hopeless condition.

The usual essay for one week this month has been an imitation of Charles Lamb's style. Till the essays were handed in, one could hear, everywhere, the "baas" of would-be "Lamb's" retailing the wonders they were about to perpetrate.

Speaking of debates, the Lovers have registered fierce vows as to how they will conduct

the Society when the present mis-managers of same put on the spurt for the "last lap" in the Senior Exam. "final."

Any Monday afternoon, during the last hour and a half, an awful roaring may be heard proceeding from the Chemistry Room. We would like to warn all and sundry not to go for the Fire Brigade, but to remember that it is only the Lowers trying to find the effect of blowing flames on to "assays," with wonderful and fearful results.

Wonderful things are being done by the Manual Trainers. W. must be warned that he is not performing experiments, but only cutting pieces of wood into all kinds of weird shapes.

A——s has been boasting that his essay on "The Reformation" is going to consist of something over 20 pages, and the style is to put all mediocre attainments such as those of Thackeray, Lamb, Macaulay, and the like, in a very back seat indeed. Ah, well! what was it that came before that horrible fall?

Sundry members of the class are keenly contesting first place in "the five Maths." The favourites seem to have among them our mutual friend from Fiji, Spence (of Algebraic fame) and the famous Experimenter.

#### 2G CLASS NOTES.

Most of us have started to fag seriously on account of the approaching Junior. As a class, we contain some of the best athletes in the school. In cricket, football, swimming, rowing, and boxing, especially the latter, our class excels.

There are also a few distinguished poets in our class; but some ought to be extinguished.

On Wednesday, 24th April, 2G warriors opened the football season with a scratch match at Centennial Park. The Probables, led by E. Sherwood, our football Captain, defeated the Possibles, under the leadership of Connelly, by about thirty to nine. Lack of condition did not make fast play, but H. Holmes and K. Donaldson did some very brilliant work.

#### 2F

The sincerest regret is expressed at the serious illness of Leslie Gray. He has very best wishes of all members of the staff for an early and complete recovery.

R——K—— desires it to be known that he was not the author of the so-called poem which appeared under this heading in last month's issue.

One of the budding wits of the class recently perpetrated the following:— "Kinninmont and Thomas Clark went for a Ryder-pon Ned Kelly's Stubborn horse, and came to a wide and deep Rut. One tried to jump Wright across the Barry-er, but Downey came with a bump, and his Bowler hat went flying. We had to Wheeler barrow with a new Rig-out, and washed his wound with Hudson's soap. A doctor was called, and he said 'Look at his Hiel (heel), man, it's nearly off.' The other had to get round the Best way he could."

#### 2E CLASS.

On Wednesday, 24th April, 2E played 2C football, and the game resulted in a draw. This match gave the captain an idea of the form of his team and their attainments. The following showed splendid form:—Warden, who is the makings of a good half-back. C. and H. Hughes, J. Thompson, S. Gentile, Pether and Mitchell. There is still one thing wanted in our team, and that is combination, for at present there is a decided lack of it. L. Duff wishes to announce that practice will be held regularly, and those not attending cannot expect to be members of the team.

#### 2 D CLASS.

This class is well represented in all branches of Winter sport which is patronised by the School Sports Committee.

The Football Team has united with 2 B Class, and on Wednesday, the 24th April, the combined team under the captaincy of T. Collins, played a successful match against 1 B, scoring a runaway win of 33 to nil. The score would have even been greater if the park authorities had deemed it prudent to supply goal-posts. Considering it to be the first match of the season, the team played well, the most noticeable in the forwards being Griffiths, Johnston and Knox; while Lyons, Solomon and Peters shone brilliantly amongst the backs. Collins handled the team well, and was a host in himself. A couple of the class footballers are likely aspirants for positions in the School teams.

The Lacrosse team also contains a young

first-grade player in the person of L. Cullen-Ward, and several budding first-graders.

The Class is forging gradually ahead, and should be conspicuous amongst the other Commercial classes in the exam. to be held at the end of the year.

This class was well represented in the Possibles v. Probables match last month, no less than eight players being chosen. The call of the School teams for "rep." players will greatly weaken the Class teams.

A. Jay received a kick in the jaw in the 2 E v. 2 C match last month. He was taken to Dr. Walton Smith, where two stitches were found to be necessary. Beyond kicking a little, Jay did not disturb the medical man.

#### 2B CLASS.

The class held a football meeting on 22nd instant. It was decided to amalgamate with the 2D Class. Our first match, against 1B, resulted in a win for us by about 40—0.

As regards the top position in the Class, F. Evatt will have to work a little harder or he will lose his position. Many boys are already contemplating who will be first. Furness, Yum and R. Thompson are working well for the position.

#### 2A CLASS.

Football is the chatter of the class, and if the members of the team wake up, we ought to have a good season.

"Bob" Mostyn has been elected captain (unopposed), while the position of vice-captain was contested by three candidates, "Bherty" Wolfe being elected by a majority of six votes.

In the Selection Committee, which is composed of the Captain and Vice-captain and another member, the third position is now occupied by K. Higgins.

The match played by this class against 1D, which resulted in a win for the latter, shows that some of the team will have to "shake things up a bit." The weakness was clearly seen in the forwards. Their failing is that they do not follow up closely enough, although Greer played well; the ball is not "heeled" out of the scrum well enough, which does not give the three-quarter line a chance.

It has been decided that the team will have some practice matches in the afternoons, and

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#### CLASS 1E.

MacNamara, Hutchinson, Paterson, and half a dozen others shine out brilliantly in their class work.

Attention! Treloar and Travers have been monitors for many weary months now. They will be very glad if someone else will relieve them of their tiresome (?) tasks. Of that I am certain. Think it over!

On Wednesday afternoon 1E won a decisive victory over 1C by 14 to nil. In the second half two of the goal posts, in the shape of Kirwan's and White's bags, disappeared, on account of that worthy pair wishing to go home before the game ended.

#### CLASS 1D.

Mr. Mearns presided at our football meeting, held at the beginning of the month. All the footballers were in attendance, and the voting resulted as follows:—

Captain, Tom Ross; Vice-Captain, Frank Rinaldi; Selectors, Tom Ross, Frank Rinaldi, Herb. Winkworth.



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With the help of three from 1A we succeeded in defeating 2A in a practice game of football last Wednesday. The score of 15 points to nil shows that the latter class was not fully represented.

Winkworth (2), Ross, Rinaldi, and Cork were the try-getters. In addition to the above Holmes also played a good game.

Now that the half-yearly examination is not far off the whole class has settled down to solid work, so that each may give a good account of himself.

## CLASS 1C.

A meeting of the 1C football team was held on Friday, 19th April, at which a temporary captain and team were selected. On Wednesday, 24th, a game was played again 1E, but we were defeated. Another meeting was held on Thursday, 25th, with the result that R. Allen was elected captain, N. Moss vice-captain, and a selection committee composed of Bently and Roddy.

## CLASS 1B.

A football team has been formed by this class, with the following as office-bearers:—Captain, F. Garnsey; Vice-captain, R. Swallow; Selection Committee, R. Hudson, E. Amos, and W. Jacobs. A trial match was played against 2D on Wednesday, 24th April. The game resulted in an ignominious defeat for us by 33 points to nil. Several of the "ladies" of the class have taken up hockey. We suggest that a marbles club be formed for the benefit of these enthusiastic sports. Good progress is now being made by almost all members of the class—even "Mac" has taken seriously to his work.

## 1A.

1A Class held a football meeting. W.

Hunter was elected captain, and "Barney" O'Brien vice-captain. The selection committee consists of W. Hunter, B. O'Brien, and E. Cork. 1A combined with 1D last Wednesday and played 2A. The former won by 15 to nil. W. Hunter, F. Patterson and E. Cork out of 1A showed good form. A try was secured by E. Cork.

## THE JUNIOR EXAMINATION.

On the 4th June next, and following days, the Sydney University Junior Examination will be held. Our numbers this year are not nearly as large as those of previous year. There are about 65 boys and a dozen girls who intend to face the ordeal.

The Junior Farewell will be held on the 1st June, as usual in the Main Room. We hear that Hughes, McLaren and Pouton are all fashioning rival odes for the occasion, while Woolston and Witcombe are contending for the honour of setting the selected piece to music. 2F also has a candidate for poetic honours, Heblman having been noticed biting a quill earnestly for many moons past.

Mr. Alan Chisholm, B.A., an old boy of Fort Street, has been awarded a travelling scholarship by the Department of Public Instruction, the value being £200 for one year. Chisholm had a very successful career at the University, where he graduated in 1911 with first-class honours in French and Latin, winning also the Nicholson Medal for Latin Verse, and the Frederick Lloyd Memorial Prize for a Latin Essay. We offer him our hearty congratulations on his success, and wish him luck during his trip home.

## Girls' Page

In the recent Matriculation Examination results we were very pleased to note the names of Kitty Glasson and Alice Nash—both of whom were former pupils of our school. While here, Kitty Glasson completed her lower Matriculation Course and was one of our Senior girls till late in last year. She has now entered the Medical School.

Alice Nash left us to enter the Training College, and there completed the Matriculation Course she had begun here. Ellice Hamilton is also at the University, ably maintaining the reputation of this School. At the completion of her first year in Arts (last year) she obtained Professor David's Prize for Geology Notebook.

### ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING.

(Annual Report of the Fort St. Girls' High School Sports Club for year ending 31st March.)

This first sports' year has been completely successful from all points of view, financial, social, physical and mental.

Being fortunate enough to secure Birchgrove Park, a great variety of sports have been attempted. Occasionally the rain has prevented our going, and holidays have intervened, but usually an enjoyable time was spent, supervised by Misses Woodlands and Watts.

Tennis is the standing favourite, eight courts being used, and even then each girl has had to be limited to a certain number of sets.

Basket Ball (Miss Leslie, supervisor), had a number of adherents, and many spirited games were played during the winter season. Next year we hope to have some matches with outsiders.

Hockey (Misses Bourke and Maloney, supervisors) was vigorously played during the winter. The teams were most enthusiastic, and carried the banner of the School triumphantly on several well-fought fields. We recommend this splendid game.

Rounders (Misses Gardiner, Campbell, and Dumeau, supervisors), also had its share of admirers, and many vigorous games were played.

Lately a cricket team has been started under

Miss Harders. Mr. V. Trumper came and gave the girls a lesson as a start-off. This game should be popular with girls. A few matches have been arranged.

Swimming.—This most popular sport of all has been pursued at Elkington Park Baths with what result was seen at the All Schools Carnival. Gladys Branley is 100yds champion of all schools. The Club retained its position of premier Girls' School Club by winning the teams race.

The Camera and Walking Clubs have usually combined, and many fine trips have been taken. The Gardens, the Zoo, Watson's Bay, Coogee, Manly, The Spit, Rose Bay, Bondi, have all been visited. During the year a photographic competition was held, and two girls secured prizes.

The conduct of the girls has on all occasions been all that could be desired. The unselfishness and esprit-de-corps shown, particularly by the elder pupils, have delighted the supervisors of the various clubs.

Our thanks are due to the president and vice-presidents for their enthusiastic support on all occasions, and their interest in all the various branches of sport.

The hockey season opened splendidly on Wednesday, 15th April. Miss Maloney is again the club's hon. secretary, and Miss Bourke, hon. coach. A number of the old girls have joined, and the first eleven is even now ready and waiting for matches. Miss Bourke hopes to choose the second team this week, and trusts that some of the easier matches of the season will be given to the B Team.

The competition, it is hoped, will start in June, and unless interclub matches interfere, should finish early in August. The "Fortians" wish to thank the N.S.W. Women's Hockey Association for much help last season. The membership is already forty-five.

### Swimming.

The 220yds. championship of the School resulted as follows: Ena Drake 1, Gladys Branley 2, May Dexter 3. Time, 3min. 7sec.

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G. H. Williams on Wednesday 17th April, at Lavender Bay Baths.

The successful candidates are as follows:—

Proficiency certificate.—O. Storey, U. Wilson, I. Valkenburg, R. Smith, D. Greatorox, A. Jowett, S. O'Brien, L. Olsen, U. Curtis, N. Clarke, E. Gardner, D. Rowe, M. Crawford.

Bronze Medallions.—F. Langford, D. York, D. Rowe, M. Crawford, Z. Bridges, E. Overend, E. Drake.

Honorary Instructors.—Gladys Bramley and Ena Drake.

Award of Merit.—Gladys Bramley and Ena Drake.

The splendid results are due to the excellent work of the hon. sec., Lieutenants Gladys Bramley, Ena Drake, and Muriel Ross, these girls having practically taken over the class.

The First Year Debating Society held their usual meeting on Friday, 19th April. The subject under discussion was, "Which was the mightiest, the pen or the sword." The old proverb says "The pen is mightier than the sword." The two captains, Rose Harrison and Veronica Moylen were highly complimented on their essays. The team headed by Veronica Moylen won by two points.

We desire to thank Mr. Shearsby, of Yass, for his valuable contribution to our collection of Silurian fossils and rocks.

Second Year A and B Literary and Debating Society met on Friday afternoon, 26th April. The subject was the girls' impressions of the characters of Enoch Arden, Philip Ray, and Hereward the Wake.

Seven girls in each class treated these charac-

ters in a manner that was entirely interesting and instructive.

Special mention should be made of Maud Turtle and Mary Cowie's papers, on Hereward the Wake and Enoch Arden respectively.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS.

#### 5C.

English.—1, Beatrice Dixon, 97 per cent.; 2, Edna Norman, 92 per cent.

Maths.—1, Millie Levey, 95 per cent.; 2, Francis Mostyn, 94 per cent.

Geography.—1, Millie Levy, 88 per cent.; 2, Ethel Rosenthal, 85 per cent.

History and Civics.—1, Ida Digby, 93 per cent.; 2, Margaret Christie, Beatrice Dixon, Ethel Rosenthal, Edith Shaklow, Heather Dawson, 90 per cent.

#### 5B.

English.—Vera Masterton, 79 per cent.; 2, Jean Croker, 76 per cent. <sup>+</sup>

Maths.—1, Monica Mahoney and Belle Pymble, 76 per cent.; 2, Mary O'Sullivan, 68 per cent.

Geography.—1, Dorrie Dring and Gwen Adams, 78 per cent.; 2, Sylvia Murdock, 77 per cent.

History.—1, Minnie Weston, 90 per cent.; 2, Olga Smith, 85 per cent.

#### 5A.

The pupils of the class are making steady progress in English. Pupils show appreciation of poems selected, which are read with intelligent expression, and they are committing to memory sonnets by Milton and Wordsworth. May Day was observed by the class reading

Tennyson's "May Queen," a poem always appreciated by girls.

## 4B.

4B are showing great enthusiasm over their "serap" books, and also over their recent spelling and table bees, which created quite a healthy rivalry in the class.

## 4A.

There are still two girls trying for first place in the "Silence Bee." Keep trying. Winnie Hale's holiday map of S. America, with its feathers, diamonds and metals glued in place, looks very inviting among the other maps.

## 3B.

Irregular attendance has somewhat interfered with class work this month; still a fair percentage are getting ready for promotion. Lila Gustaphson has been doing remarkably good English ppers. The famous frog still thrives in the care of Dolores Meani.

## 2nd CLASS.

Although having changed teachers so frequently, 2nd Class girls, on the whole, are working well. Kitty Salmon earned special praise for bright answering, whilst Violet Vyse is ever on the alert for conundrums in spelling.

## 3A.

In the Spelling Competition held last week, Pearl Ping and Maud Salmon were the winners.

## SENIOR CLASS.

The Senior Class has at last recognised the advantage to be gained from mingling the elements of study and sport.

Much good work has been done in the cause of Science lately. Easter vacation was spent at Kiamia, where many valuable specimens were obtained.

Owing to the limited space to which this class is confined, the Wednesday afternoon sports' field is the scene of many, desirous of sampling the remote something which goes by the name of "atmosphere."

The Seniors are also requested to adopt mourning, as a favourite member is about to depart and "cast her bread upon the waters." Let us hope she will get it back again.

A certain Johnsonian philosophy known as "character reading" has been introduced by an honourable member, who enjoys the luxuries of a back seat.

The noble art of debating has been restricted to mathematics lessons, where two friends edify the class with the most logical arguments.

A certain Cesar Birotteau is just about to lose his fortune. We hope he will soon lose it. We are also anxious to reach that climax where Macbeth is at last vanquished. We have been a long time anticipating it.

We have come to the conclusion that one of the class is a plane, for when viewed edge-ways the aforementioned becomes a straight (?) line.

## THE FINAL FLUTTER.

The 4th June is approaching—we, the last of a long and noble line of Juniors, see, looming in the near future, the fateful week. "Last and least"—yet we feel that our responsibilities weigh no less heavily upon us; before us rise long lines of spectral figures—Juniors of olden times—exhorting us to uphold the established honour of our school.

Daily we argue over abstruse (?) mathematical problems, and wade through the horrors of the French Revolution and ballads of a former era, and our hearts are wrung by the sad fate of fair maidens who expire in the most pathetic manner.

Three are braver than the rest—undaunted they struggle with the story of our fair land, and endeavour to trace the cause, progress and results of landmarks in the history of the mother country; while others again nightly dream of "eximia belli scientia, singularis virtus, clarissima auctoritas, egregia fortuna."

On Saturday, too, we pursue our studies, and make use of suburban pharmacies for the purpose of settling friendly disputes, and incidentally, of examining mineral substances.

One of our number, we are grieved to learn, is already afflicted with nerves! Alas! must we fear that the 4th may see the remainder suffering with an acute attack of the same complaint? Nay, rather let us hope that we will be sustained in our hour of trial by the thought of a reputation to be upheld, and of hopes (not merely our own) to be realised.

We wish ourselves the best of luck, and hereby declare that despondency must die a natural death.

## 2nd YEAR PROBATIONARY STUDENTS.

All pupils studying quantitative chemistry

are requested not to pull the tap out of the burette.

Formerly, we marched in sublime grandeur at the head of the lines, now we come close upon the heels of another class, groaning at the indignity of such a position.

The work of the girls in this class requires no comment; every girl is forging ahead with a prospect of reward in the near future.

Emmie Gulliford and Olive Waraker are taking class notes for the next publication, so beware!

#### 2C (FIRST YEAR PROBATIONARIES).

The first and second year Probs. have arranged a debate to take place on Friday, 3rd May, to which our class contributes the speakers. The subject chosen is: "The Exclusion of the Chinese from Australia." Three girls are for the movement, and three against it.

Great things are expected from our budding orators, who have been vigorously raiding the Sydney libraries during the past weeks.

Gladys Jay and Edna Gallagher are noting events for future publication in connection with their class.

#### 2B.

A certain fair-haired person has lately become great friends with the Seniors of the Girls' Department. Let us hope that it may continue.

We greatly regret the loss of two of our much-admired girls, and hope that they may be successful in their new sphere.

Every girl is working hard for the forthcoming examination.

Mary Cowie and Isabel Howley are acting as class editors for the "Fortian."

#### 2nd YEAR A.

In the monthly exam. for Chemistry Grace Pendered came top. A creditable paper was also done by Gladys Wilson. 2A are working hard in all subjects, especially Maths., for the half-yearly and at the end of the year the Intermediate examination.

Maud Turtle and Grace Pendered are acting as editors of class progress and work.

#### 1E.

This class is at present busy preparing for the annual inspection and half-yearly examination, and consequently look forward to Wednesday afternoon as a pleasant relief. Celia

Bright and Mona Melville have accepted the position of class editors.

#### 1D.

In the last Science test, Bebe Wade gained top marks in Science. Good work in the same subject is being done by Minnie Wade, Lily Jamieson, Francis Langford and Grace Reeves. In French, Rita Hilliger gained 95 per cent. Doris Stocker and Rita Hilliger were appointed class editors.

#### 1C.

So far the class stands high in the opinions of the teachers for good, steady work. At the recent Science examination, the results were very satisfactory, the highest marks being obtained by Rosie Harrison and Eva Duhig. Nessie Cherbury and Rosie Harrison have undertaken the duties of class editors.

#### 1B.

During the last quarter the work of this class has been steady. Good progress has been made in all subjects. We regret that one of our number is seriously ill, and trust that she may soon be among us again. Essie Thomas and Hilda Bamford have undertaken the duties of class editors.

#### 1A

Class 1A hopes that by the end of the year their class will be the best. They are working hard, and manifesting interest in "Ivanhoe," although one of our number describes it graphically as dry. Nellie Denham and Hilda MacKanness are acting class editors for this paper.



We desire to thank Mr. J. W. Turner and Mr. Tremaine for the block of "F" Company which appears in this issue, also Mr. E. S. Davies for taking the photograph.

We should be glad of any other interesting photos, suitable for reproduction.

The Editor desires to acknowledge the sum of £1 7s. from the Old Boys' Union, for copies of "Fortian" supplied to members.

A couple of old boys, who went to the school about 1894, and have met with a fair measure of success in after life are Charlie and Norman Everett. The former is farming with another brother on the North Coast, while Norman is travelling for a softgoods firm in this State and Victoria, though he anticipates that Melbourne will shortly become his headquarters.

**Review of the Cricket Season.**

The season just concluded was very satisfactory from a Fort Street standpoint. Three teams were entered in the P.S.A.A.A. competition, but after the seconds had played a few matches they withdrew.

The Firsts were runners up and the Thirds premiers.

The First eleven played ten matches, winning 5 and losing 5.

The total number of runs scored for was 1,892 for 137 wickets, average per wicket 13.80; 2,014 runs were scored against us for the loss of 145 wickets, average 13.88 per wicket. As will be seen from the batting averages, H. Holmes, of 2G, is on top. He is a highy hitter, and reached the boundary, either over or to it, on no less than 50 occasions in his 310 runs. He was often a match-winning factor.

The bowling averages are headed by G. Holmes, who bowled particularly well against the Sydney High School, Technical College and Petersham. The brunt of the bowling, however, was borne by Dinning. The most promising bowler in the school at present is Donaldson.

The School's "C" team, who won the third grade, has several players of note, such as Kinnimont, Booker, Bosley, Easy and Ross; the last-named has the makings of a splendid all-round cricketer, bowling the googly very well. Kinnimont should develop into a first-class wicket-keeper. McShane, of the thirds, would become a much better and more efficient captain if he would listen to the advice of others, not only in placing a team in the field, but to all the points of cricket which are essential to build up the foundation of a good captain.

In conclusion, the "A" team desire to express a vote of thanks to Mr. P. H. Murphy for his very able umpiring, to which they owe a great deal of their success; also to Messrs. Murray and Parsonage for their generous support.

**Firsts' Batting Averages.**

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Total	Av.
1. H. Holmes, 2G ..	13	0	84	310	23.84
2. E. Sherwood, 2G ..	14	2	50	275	22.91
3. D. Parkes, S2 ..	10	1	39	170	18.88
4. F. Welch, 2A ..	7	0	68	102	14.42
5. H. Mackaness, 2A ..	7	0	38	97	13.85
6. K. Donaldson, 2G ..	11	0	42	141	12.80
7. R. Eve, S2 ..	11	3	25x	95	11.87
8. G. Holmes, S1 ..	8	0	40	89	11.12

9. S. Wahlberg .. ..	10	2	30	81	10.12
10. C. Bennett, S1 ..	7	0	23	70	10.00
11. N. Israel .. ..	8	0	17	53	6.62
12. — Hudson, S1 ..	5	0	15	31	6.20

x Signifies not out.

Also batted: G. Rogers, 1 for 32; R. Evatt, 2 for 48; Mansley, 3 for 21; C. Barry, 1 for 5; Gruen, 2 for 7; H. Evatt, 2 for 6; Dinning, 10 for 29; Morgan, 5 for 11; Liggins, 2 for 2; Delaney, 1 for 0.

**Firsts' Bowling Averages.**

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Av.
1. G. Holmes, S1 ..	45	9	104	14	7.42
2. C. Bennett, S1 ..	11	1	46	6	7.57
3. G. Wahlberg .. ..	76	8	233	24	9.70
4. H. Holmes, 2G ..	68	12	205	20	10.25
5. F. Welch, 2A ..	16	1	69	6	11.50
6. E. Sherwood, 2G ..	15	1	74	6	12.33
7. H. Mackaness, 2A ..	53	4	149	12	12.41
8. W. Dinning, 2G ..	127.1	28	310	23	13.47
9. N. Israel .. ..	28	1	120	6	20.00

Also bowled: Mansley, 2 for 7; C. Barry, 2 for 24; K. R. Donaldson, 3 for 38; R. Eve, 1 for 32; H. Hudson, 0 for 9; H. V. Evatt, 0 for 14.

**C TEAM.**

Fort Street C, v. Petersham C.

The above match was commenced on Imperial Oval, before our holidays, but on the second day's play Petersham forfeited, thus leaving us the Third Grade Premiers.

The following were the scores:—

Petersham, 1st innings, 101 (Collins 4-26, Bosley 4-31, Stubbin 2-18).

Fort Street, 1st innings, 8-183 (Easy 18, Coxon 12, Bosley 37, Ross 12, Mackenzie 21, McShane 47 not out).

The averages for the season were as follows:

**Batting.**

	Innings	N.O.	H.S.	Total	Av.
S. Easy .. ..	4	2	32x	66	33.00
— Bosley .. ..	2	0	37	65	32.50
H. Rabone .. ..	9	0	63	107	11.88
H. Kinnimont .. ..	13	0	43	152	11.69
T. Ross .. ..	12	0	54	138	11.50
H. Hooker .. ..	11	3	36	89	11.12
R. McShane .. ..	12	1	47x	108	9.81
R. McKenzie .. ..	4	1	21	25	8.33
N. Coxon .. ..	11	0	28	66	6.00
A. Stubbin .. ..	8	2	15x	28	4.66
L. Collins .. ..	11	1	10x	40	4.00
J. Sherwood .. ..	5	0	5	12	2.40

x Signifies not out.

**Bowling.**

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	A.
H. Hooker .. ..	13	1	48	11	4.36
L. Collins .. ..	57	8	129	26	4.96
H. Rabone .. ..	25	3	70	14	5.00
A. Stubbin .. ..	27	2	106	20	5.30
R. McShane .. ..	12	0	54	10	5.40
T. Ross .. ..	78	11	218	34	6.41
— Bosley .. ..	11	0	49	7	7.00
H. Kinnimont .. ..	19	3	67	4	16.75

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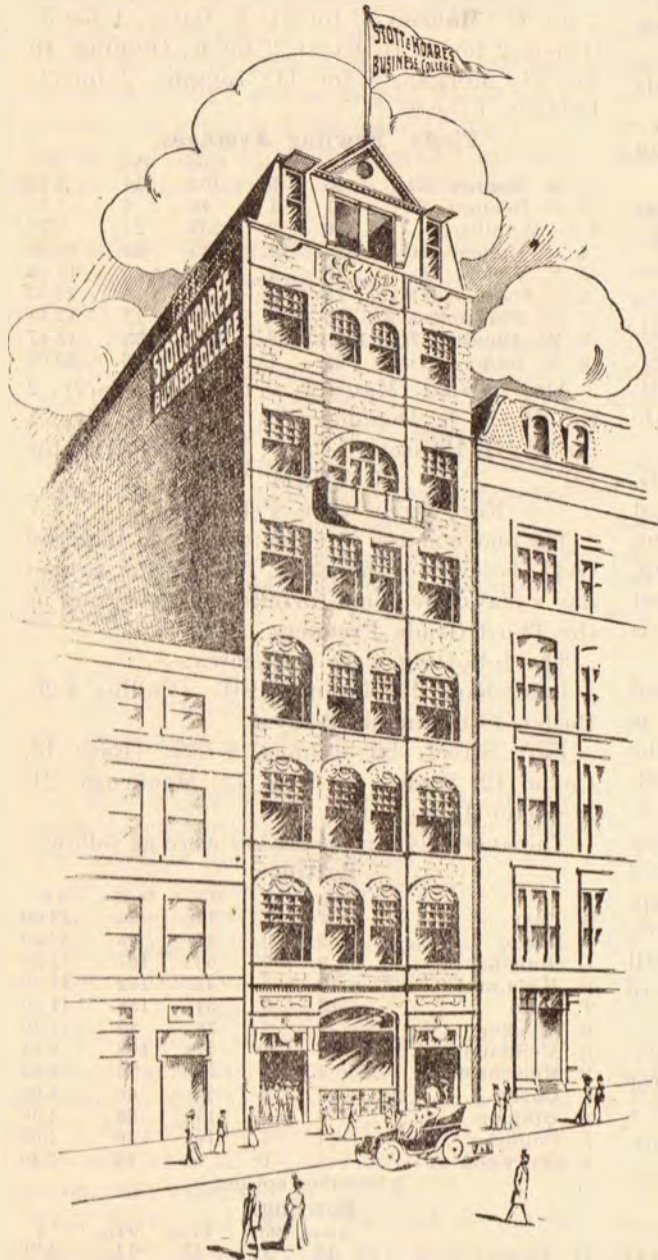
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## Compulsory Training

The Brigade Major, Capt. Murray, and the Assistant Brigade Major, Lieut. Brown, have been present at nearly every school parade lately.

We received special mention for marching and steadiness by Capt. Niesigh out of the 19,000 present in that big parade at Centennial Park.

H Company won the Battalion competition lately, and were only defeated by 21 marks out of the 750 possible, for the Brigade. Commencing a little earlier next year and with more attention to details, one of the school companies should win this next time.

The school companies look well when marching away to the Domain for half-day and whole-day parades, but will look better still when every cadet receives his uniform from the Area Office.

The whole-day and half-day parades are held now on the same day for all companies. The remaining dates for the quarter for the half-day statutory parades are May 21 and June 4, and for the statutory whole-days, May 15 and June 12.

The fife and drum band are doing good work under Honorary Instructor H. Cutler. Practice is held each morning at 10.30 a.m.

Cadets who miss parades by reason of representing the school in competitions should remember that two half-day voluntary parades counts as a whole day, etc. Written application should be made for leave of absence some little time before the date concerned.

No cadet is to go to the Area Office under any pretext during the dinner hour.

Several non-coms. and cadets are transferring into the Citizen Forces in June next. This will leave numerous vacancies to be filled then. Intending applicants for commissions, etc., should note.

We are sorry to have to record that Hon. Instructor-Drummer Wride has left. He intends to present the drum used at the Coronation by the late contingent to the school. F. Mater will take his place as drummer.

An Empire Day parade will be held on May 24, with a march past in uniform. A photo. will be taken of all companies afterwards.

Record books for the current year will be made up next month. Section and squad commanders will be asked by the O.C. companies to furnish a report on each individual cadet in his command. The O.C. companies will then confer with his Lieutenants and Colour-sergeants as to the report to be furnished the Area Office for entry in the book of the year's work.

We are still struggling along with cadets still without uniform, 120 rifles to be used by nearly 400 cadets, one bugle among four companies, insufficient numerals, etc.

All musketry must be completed before June 30th next.

H. Company have a number of recruits under Lieut. Paradise doing voluntary work to enable them to be drafted in July next into the champion company of the Battalion (H.).

Commissions await teachers who are interested in the cadet work and are willing to give up a little of their time to it.

A supply of Francotte rifles will be at the school shortly for miniature rifle practice. Armourers' benches also will be supplied. Corp. Johnston has been appointed Armourer-Sergeant.

A rifle stripping class will shortly be formed for repairing and cleaning of rifles.

W. Paradise shot exceptionally well in the musketry course of the A.M.P. Rifle Club. His scores were 60 out of 60 at 100 yards; 58 out of 60 at 200; 40 out of 40 at 300; and 40 out of 40 at 400 yards; aggregate 198 out of 200.

Rifle shots should remember that the shield presented by Mr. Venour. Nathan is still in the school. The names at present engraved there are L.-Corp. Davison, 1909; Serg. B. Gibson, 1910; Serg. A. McNiven, 1911. The highest scorer during musketry this year will have his name placed thereon.

We met several Old Boys lately—Keith Middleton (Junior 1904) and Buckler (Junior 1907). Both are doing excellently. GP

We are very glad to be able to announce that Harold Rabone, who met with so serious an accident to his eye, while drilling in February last, is rapidly recovering. We will all be very glad to see him back again at school. He hopes to return in a few weeks' time.



## Primary School News.

### SECOND CLASS.

The results of the Quarterly examination are now to hand. Our Nature Study is getting on well. We have to thank some boys for bringing us ferns and plants for our garden, especially D. Moore, Harry Carter, H. Parsons, N. Rea, and M. Thorbjornsen. We hope that after Easter we will have some fish to study.

R. Smythe came out on top in the exam. with 403 marks, followed by A. Morgan with 384, H. Hardman 378, Dick Moore 365, and N. Edwards 362.

In individual subjects, R. Smythe, A. Morgan, N. Edwards, W. Catterall, L. Parrett, and A. Anderson all secured 100 marks for arithmetic, and R. Smythe, A. Morgan, H. Hardman, G. Hildebrand, J. Youngein, secured 100 for dictation.

The best readers were D. Moore, G. Hildebrand, N. Bergman, and C. Van Kampen. In writing R. Smythe, A. MacKenzie, B. Borchard were the best, and at composition L. Trueman, G. Hildebrand, and R. Smythe gained most marks.

### CLASS 3A.

Very pleasing work has been shown in mental and written arithmetic by C. Cross, G. Powell, F. Wilkinson, J. Carden.

This month the honors for homework have gone to W. Simpson, G. Powell, G. Smith, and J. Robertson.

A number of boys are learning to draw with pen and ink, and have already produced some creditable little sketches. M. Heath and B. Simpson show decided talent for this class of art.

### 4.

For the first three months' work in this Class Hamilton, Drane and Steel have been doing the best in arithmetic. Partridge appears to be the best reader. In composition, Slocombe, Riley and Lane are the leaders.

Ramsland and Weinert have the best homework to show.

The best boys in geography are A. M'Dermott, R. Ferguson, and J. Hinds. In history, Coxon, Dibbs, Russell, Hines, Ferguson, Jackson, Slocombe, King, Drane, and Allen. In

Nature Study, Eden, Dibbs and Condon have shone. Also in manual training, J. Hodge, W. Drane, F. Smith, C. Wride, A. Jackson, J. Skelton, P. Davies, A. Ramsland, F. Bailey, E. Lane, and C. Partridge.

### 5A CLASS.

The 10 years champion swimmer, Milton Schwarz, comes from this class.

Cato was top scorer in the cricket match on Friday. The English champion, M'Gee, was compelled to rest content with an egg nestling close to his name.

### 5B CLASS.

In 5A Class the following boys obtained the best results in the quarterly examination, and gained the top places:—G. Williams, E. Macadam, E. Cramp, H. Barnett, G. Morris, R. Watkinson, W. Clark, E. Story and R. Huthnance.

The arithmetic of most of the boys is still very weak. The following boys, however, did very well:—E. Cramp, G. Morris, H. Hilliger, G. Williams, E. Macadam, and A. Wilkinson.

It is pleasing to notice that a good number of the boys of the class seem to be taking a greater amount of interest in their work, and do not intend to treat the Qualifying Certificate Examination with contempt. Among these the following boys may be specially mentioned:—A. Cowan, H. Lewis, G. French, R. Fenwick, G. Young, H. Hotten, and F. Hines.

Several of the boys are doing exceptionally good homework, viz.: G. Williams, H. Hilliger, G. Ferrel, E. Cramp, H. Hotten, F. Day; while the undermentioned are steadily improving: C. Allpress, A. Cowan and C. Brown.

### 5C CLASS.

The following were the best in the individual subjects at the last quarterly exam.:—

Dictation: Brone, Trueman, Connie, Evatt.

English: Redwood, Murphy, Herbst, M'Kay.

Mathematics: Offer, Tonkin, Herbst, Rogers.

Geography: Hellstrom, Fleming, Drew, Rogers.

### 5D CLASS.

As a result of quarterly exam., Hawthorn and Olsen tied for arithmetic (full marks). Taken as a whole the best results were obtained in order of merit: Olsen, Humby, Hawthorn, L. Shaw, Fraser, Kruse and K. Shaw. Olsen surely deserves a word of praise.

## RULES OF "THE SENIOR LIBRARY."

The following rules of the Fort-street Senior Library have been agreed upon:—

1. That the committee to control the Senior Library shall consist of (a) a master of the 3rd or 4th years, such master to be chosen by the Headmaster; and (b) one student from each of the 3rd and 4th years, such students to be appointed by the students themselves, each year to elect its own representatives; and (c) the Treasurer of the Library.

2. That the Treasurer of the Society be elected by the remainder of the Committee.

3. That the committee meet whenever practicable, and that all books to be placed in the Library must be approved of by the committee.

4. That no student or master shall have more than one book out of the Library at a time, such books to be returned to the Library at the expiration of 14 days from the date of their borrowing.

5. That the Chief Librarian, or the Master on the committee, shall collect all subscriptions, and that such subscriptions be 3d. per week for each student.

6. That any student who omits to pay his subscription for a period of more than 14 days shall be considered unfinancial, and shall not be allowed to take any books from the Library till such subscription is paid and shall, while unfinancial, have his name posted in a conspicuous place.

7. That there be two Assistant Librarians appointed annually, each of the 3rd and 4th year students to elect its one representative.

8. That it be left to the discretion of the committee on the eve of a vacation to lend more than one book for a period covering that vacation.

9. That the Library shall be closed for 3 days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, proceeding each vacation, and that all books be called in.

10. That the annual election of all officers take place in February of each year.

11. That any violation of the rules other than those relating to finance be reported to the committee of the Library, who may take any necessary steps to deal with the offender.

## OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

By "Cavendish."

The end of April sees the Freshers beginning to settle down to the University routine. At first to them everything is strange and unwieldy—lectures tiresome in the extreme, and pleasant hours few. But soon their "homesickness for school" (to perpetrate a bull) lessens, and things do not seem so bad. The new men from Fort Street enter the University very auspiciously this year; and one does not doubt but that they will uphold the traditions of the good old school in the wider sphere of scholarship and sport.

As detailed in last month's issue, the School's successes on the academic side of 'Varsity life were little less than phenomenal. Magnificent results have been secured in all faculties in all subjects. Whether such success is to be repeated next December and March no one can tell. But the prospects of such being the case are extremely good.

This year there is a refreshing look about the various committees in sport, and also about

## Lady Typists' Examination.

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the Undergrads' Association committee. In the latter body there are Mr. Selle, and old boys in the persons of C. B. Cockett, Douglas Stafford, Bert. Evatt and J. L. Wright, making up in all about one-third of the committee. This should convince all that the school has a fair share in the organising work at the Uni.

Coming to sport, it is quite pleasant to see familiar faces at the football practices. A very large percentage of the players once wore the good old maroon. Some of the players in the opening games were Harden, Adamson, Ridley, Harrison, Langan, Flook, Evatt and Gerald Murray. The first three seem certain of their blues, while Harden and Adamson should have no difficulty in securing places in the State team. Harrison and Flook certainly had bad luck in not securing places in the Firsts immediately. Their time must and will come.

Amongst those holding various offices in the Football Club are Harden, Adamson, Dennis, Langan and Evatt.

In lacrosse circles, two freshers in Wiburd (spelt Wybert on the notice board), and Gruen have distinguished themselves by gaining places in the team.

Charles Bray is keeping up his tennis, while Eric Leask and Dwyer are also keen players. Many ex-Fortians are in training for the 'Varsity sports, and are seen regularly footing it out on the Oval.

One notes with pleasure that the school freshers are arranging for a four to row next term. Rowing is a new sport at Fort Street, and my advice to all Seniors is to go in for it. Rowing is only second to cricket and football here, and there is always the chance of obtaining a full blue in it.

Morgan, Samson and Silberthau are regulars in the second hockey team, and are acquitting themselves very well.

This year's procession and festival will be held on Saturday, May 25th. This time the great hall of the University will be the venue of the festival, which promises, as usual, to be a howling success.

Talking with a Fresher the other day, he told me that the work in Practical Physics and Chemistry was reminiscent of the School Science Room and its well-known atmosphere. The sciences are undoubtedly very simple to a

student who has had a grounding in the work at Fort Street. He also emphasised the preparation the Senior Class at the School gives for 'Varsity life. It is, as he said, impossible to define the Senior Class at Fort Street except as something which removes the peculiarities of a boy, brings out his best qualities, and generally makes the passage from School to University an easy one.

Medicine is in the boom at present. Of the eleven Fort Street Freshers no less than seven are embryo sawbones, Dave Smith and Green are promising "greasers," Bert Evatt is doing Arts "on his own," whilst Bradshaw is also solus in Law. There is a very large percentage of the medicos from Fort Street, there being representatives in all the years.

I conclude this month's letter in the hope that the School representatives at the 1912 Junior will prove themselves worthy Fortians. If they do that, it is enough and more than enough.

The Headmaster desires to thank the parents of the pupils for generous contributions to the School Fund, which this year amounted to the sum of £124 18s. 2d.

In this issue appears the first of a series of monographs on great scientists, contributed by Mr. H. J. Meldrum, B.A., B.Sc. They should be particularly useful to Science students

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## Empire Day.

Marred to some extent by heavy showers of rain, the Empire celebrations at Fort Street were nevertheless full of enthusiasm. As it was quite impossible to carry out the proceedings out of doors, an adjournment had to be made to the Main Room, where patriotic addresses were delivered by the Hon. C. Camichael, M.L.A., Minister for Education, the Lord Mayor, Alderman G. T. Clarke, and Professor David.

A programme of patriotic songs was also rendered, Mr. Hurt wielding the baton. An orchestra from among the school pupils rendered excellent service as accompanists.

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## Our University Letter.

By "Cavendish."

There was a large gathering of Fortians at the garden party on May 23rd, after the official commemoration in the Great Hall. Representatives from the teaching staff and graduate old boys were there, besides, of course, the large number of present students at the University. The function was marred by rain, but from an indoor, i.e., an inside point of view, it was a success.

Saturday, the 25th, was the great day of festival week, during which dances, theatre night, sports and dinners followed quickly on each other. The students were in their element and the procession was a complete success, confounding all the critics. Every year in every faculty did not hesitate to "lead forth the majestic motor-lorry," although polar bears were certainly prohibited.

Everyone was there. The procession was joyful, very much so.

But the sight of Charles Bray and Jerry Murray careering down muddy Cleveland-street on horses, which were very much excited, was fine. They were hanging on for dear life to the manes of the unfortunate beasts, and they did not seem to participate over much in the general joy. Ralph Blanchard showed his customary versatility by appearing in clerical garb in a little skit on one of the questions of the day. He looked his part, too.

All the Fort-street boys were there. The Freshers, as is the rule, were very much there. Bill Roberts was fiendish in his disguise. Gruen, Alexander and the rest of the medicos were very much to the fore, while Bert Evatt earned honorable mention by leading the attack on the Bonnot gang of motor bandits.

After the students had ceased to process, they congregated in the Great Hall for the festival. First of all came a solemn procession of the Undergraduates' Committee to the platform; then came song time. It was good, very good, save for the fact that each student sang to a different time in a different key with a varying tune.

The festival, on the whole, was a pronounced success. The skits were cleverly executed, and the speech of Professor Slosken, of Amurka,

was splendid. Guy Harden received his football blue for 1911 during the morning.

The trouble between the Senate and the S.U.U.A. has now been amicably settled. The only point of difference remaining to be fixed is the venue of the Festival, Great Hall or Town Hall. Next year this should be settled, and everything will be lovely in the Undergraduate garden.

In sport Fort-street is still doing well, the regular players in the various sports being:—

Football: Harden, Adamson, Ridley, Harrison, Evatt and Noble. Flook is playing with Balmain Firsts.

Hockey: Morgan, Silberthau and Samson.

Lacrosse: Wiburd, D. Smith and Gruen.

In athletics the following ex-Fortians contested at the University Sports: Leask (who was successful in one of the oval races), Crockett (a good walker), Flook, Evatt, Harden, and others. The handball fixture, Fort-street Past v. Present, will be played at the school probably on June 8th. This year it may be given official importance by the Old Boys' Union, and thus put on a level with cricket and football.

This year the Old Boys' Union has many holding office who are at the University. It is to be hoped that more ex-Fortians up here will join the Union this year. The opportunity it gives of keeping in active touch with the school is too good to be missed.

The University midwinter holidays last till June the 10th, when Trinity Term will begin. Second Term is a long one, and gives a good opportunity for steady work. Fort-street Freshers will no doubt remember this.

We also wish to congratulate Guy Harden on gaining his "Blue" for football at Sydney University. He's a true sport.

We notice from the report of the O.B.U. that two members of the Australian Eleven at present upholding the honour of the Commonwealth in England are Fort Street old boys—Macartney and Webster. Good luck to them both!

Arrangements are being made for an annual hand-ball match between Past and Present Fortians. It will take place soon after the vacation.

## Cadet News.

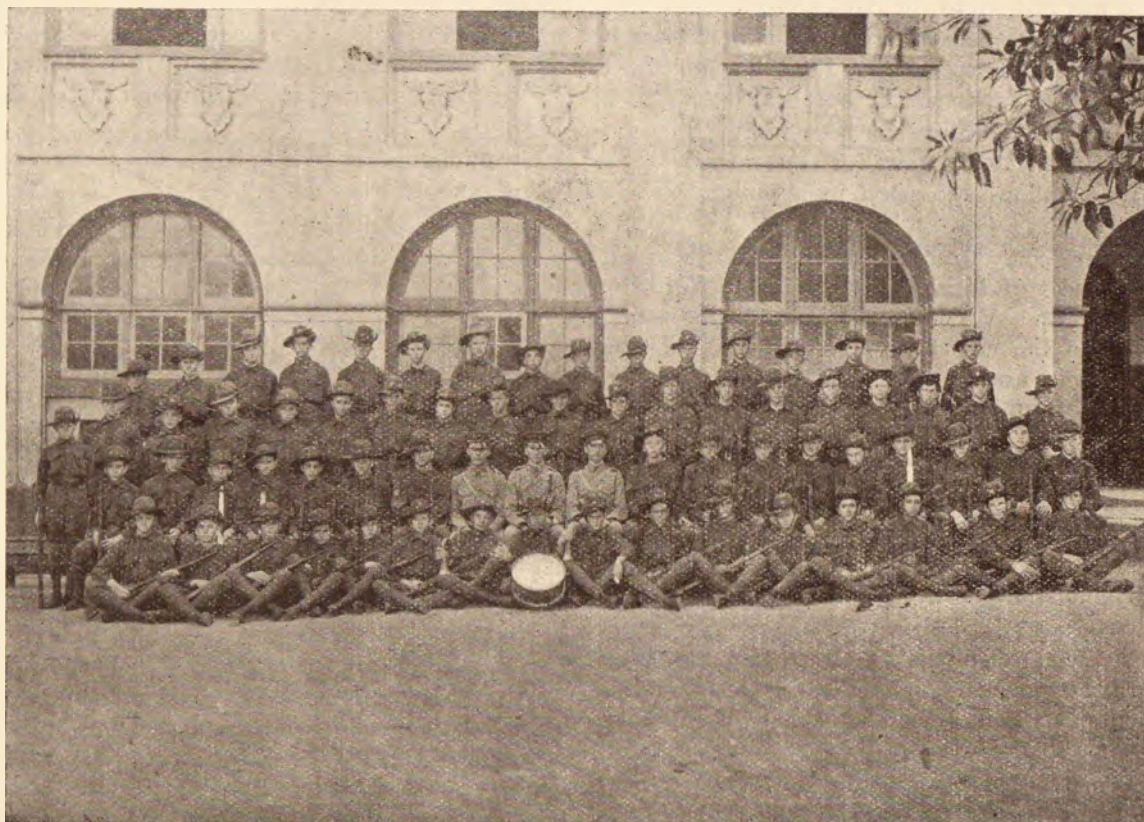
There will be the usual examination for commissioned and non-commissioned officers in July next. The position of corporal will only be open to present lance-corporals, that of sergeant and colour-sergeant to present corporals and lieutenants to sergeants and colour-sergeants.

O. C. companies will be asked to furnish short-

the drum and fife band. They are very regular at practice.

In future whole-day parades (the only parades occurring on Wednesdays now) will only take place once in each three months. A voluntary whole-day parade for the Saturday morning has been arranged for cadets engaged in representing their school in competitions on Wednesday afternoons.

Commander Brownlow kindly gave permission for the naval cadet pupils to parade at the



**F Company, Senior Cadets.**

ly, individual reports on each non-commissioned officer and cadet in his company. They will themselves report on each lieutenant and non-com. calling on squad and section commanders for a written report on each cadet in the squad or section.

Instructor H. Cutler is doing good work with

School on Empire Day. The touch of colour lent by the uniforms of the naval cadets and the Coronation cadets enhanced the march past.

All cadets deserve a word of praise for the way they stood in that heavy shower on Empire Day and waited for orders. "Real soldiers, these lads," an adult spectator remarked,

It is proposed to form a new company after June and not to increase the numbers of the present companies to war strength—120. Each of the present school companies has an attendance of about 90.

We would be glad if any teachers interested in the cadet movement would come forward and offer their services as commissioned officers in the school companies.

Application has been twice made to the Brigade Major for permission to take the rifles home after musketry, when the hour is late. Permission to do so was refused by the Area Officer.

Bugles have been distributed—two to each company. It is expected that the full complement of rifles and racks will be here shortly.

Lieut. W. Paradise has been putting in good work with the new seniors for H company. They are to be allowed to select their uniforms early in July.

We are sorry to announce that we are losing the services of Lieutenants L. Cullen Ward, R. Jamieson and W. Simpson, who are being transferred to the citizen forces. Several of the senior boys are also being transferred there at the end of June next.

Lieutenants in the senior cadets transferring to the citizen forces may apply for a commission in the battalion to which they are detailed in the now force.

Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Hardman have applied for commissions in the school companies of senior cadets.

Have you asked your O. C. company how your yearly attendance stands in the company rolls? It will pay you to do so immediately, if you have not done so already.

Corp. C. Johnson is acting as Armourer-Sergeant, but will be transferring to the citizen forces shortly. Applications are invited for the position.

E and F companies have completed their musketry. The following are the top scorers to date: Col.-sergt. England, 72; Cadet Asher Smith, 71; Cadet Wilkinson, 71; Cadet H. Barry, 68; Cadet Cork, 68; Cadet Cutler, 67; C.-sergt. Berman, 65; Sergt. Stubbin, 65; Cadet Sparke, 64; Cadet Crawford, 63; Cadet Higgins, 62; Cadet N. Tom, 62; Cadet Hearne, 62; Cadet E. Moss, 61; Cadet G. Ferris, 61; Cadet Wright, 60. The possible was

85. The top scorer in all companies will have his name placed on the Venour Nathan Shield.

We beg to offer our congratulations to Lieut. O. Tunks, Lieut. L. Cullen Ward, Lieut. R. Jamieson, Lieut. W. Simpson and Lieut. O. Wolff on being gazetted second lieutenants. Lieutenant E. New and Lieutenant W. Paradise are to be still carried supernumerary till coming of the eligible ages—sixteen.

All applicants for the positions of lieutenant in all future examinations must not only be sergeants or colour-sergeants, but must have turned the age of sixteen years.

The junior cadets are undergoing a course of first aid under Capt. Parsonage. Three hundred and sixty four juniors passed through the physical course in 1911-1912.

The miniature range is to be put in order shortly for practice.

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Some of the Sydney friends of Fort-street's "furthest south" old boy, Archie M'Lean, who is acting as one of the medical officers on the Mawson expedition, have received postcards from him, bearing the novel but appropriate "penguin" postmark. The Aurora brought one such to another old boy, George C. Whitney. The exile in Antarctica, under date January 5th, sent New Year's greetings and remarked: "If there is a land of perpetual health, we have surely found it." Whitney observes that in this remark the explorer's enthusiasm is for the moment eclipsed by the physician's professional disappointment. On receipt of this post card, O.B.U. Secretary Watts began to draft the prospectus of Perpetual Health (Un)-Limited, applications for shares to be addressed to Iceberg House, Australis Avenue, Adelle Land, Antarctica, while Whitney set about taking out the patent rights for a scheme (for which he expects to be able to decline a knighthood), providing that every post office in the Commonwealth shall have its own distinctive symbol in place of the present often illegible name. Thus we might have the "Surf bather" of Manly or Bondi, the "Mosquito" of Mosman, and so forth.—Suggestions invited.

## Old Boys' Union.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The President, Mr. Kilgour, occupied the chair at the Annual Meeting of the Old Boys' Union, held on 13th ultimo at the Sports' Club, Hunter-street.

The following office bearers were elected:— Patron, Mr. J. W. Turner; President, Mr. A. J. Kilgour, B.A., L.L.B.; Vice-presidents, Messrs. A. J. Hare, Dr. O. Bohrsman, C. A. Macintosh, H. Hains, P. R. Watts, B.A., L.L.B., A. Mowle and W. H. Mason, B.Sc., B.E.; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. J. Collins; Hon. Asst. Secretary, Mr. John Malcolm; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. V. Harris; Committee, Messrs. A. C. Landon, H. Brown, G. C. Whitney, M.A., J. R. Bardsley, S. A. Macintosh, and O. Hughes; Hon. Auditors, Messrs. H. V. Evatt and I. Morgan.

On the motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by the President, it was resolved: "That this meeting place on record its appreciation of the services of the retiring Secretary and Treasurer, and that letters be sent them to this effect."—Carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Harris: "That a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Downey" (widow of one of the very oldest O.B.'s.).

After an informal discussion of plans for the ensuing year, the meeting closed.

We note the following points from the annual report:—

"Functions.—The Union held its usual programme of functions—a smoke concert in April, a dance in August, a dinner in November, and, in addition, a launch picnic in March. The smoke concert practically paid for itself; while the dinner, for the first time in the history of the Union, was a financial success. Neither function, however, was as largely attended as could have been desired. On the other hand, and also for the first time in the history of the Union, the dance was a failure financially; so, too, was the launch picnic. The losses on the two functions were £2 8s. and £1 9s. 8d. respectively, as against the

gain of 19s. on the dinner.

"Finance.—Notwithstanding these deficits, and after payment of general expenses (including the "Fortian" account) and making a donation of two guineas to the School for a prize in English literature, your Council is able to report a surplus for the year of £1 6d. 10d., and a credit balance at the Government Savings Bank of £10 8s. 10d.; so that the finances of the Union are by no means in a precarious condition.

"Sporting.—Agani the football match against the School resulted in a victory for the Present; and again in cricket the Past established an easy pre-eminence. An effort was made to meet the School at tennis, but after the match had been twice postponed on account of wet weather, the engagement was abandoned. It should be placed on record that two of the present Australian Eleven—Macartney and Webster—are members of the Old Boys' Union.

"Success of Old Boys.—Your Council notes with pleasure the success that has attended numerous old Boys in various spheres of life during the past year. It is especially proud of the fact that three members of the Union are at present with the Australian Antarctic Expedition, rendering what it is hoped will be memorable services not only to their country, but to the cause of civilisation generally. The leader of that expedition—Dr. Douglas Mawson—and also Dr. Archie McLean and Mr. Jack Hunter have all been familiar figures at our functions; and your Council is confident that all old boys will join in wishing them and the expedition itself the highest measure of success."

Reg Reid, now surveying at Penang Mt., out of Gosford, writes to the Secretary of the O.B.A.:—"Camp is now at its worst. One would rather feel the security and attendant dryness that is attached to four good walls and a room than the calico security of a tent. I have twelve blankets and a rug, and a waterproof sheet. Even then there is an art in rigging up the bunk so as to keep any cold air out. We sleep six blankets under and six over, those underneath to keep us off the canvas covering of the stretcher." Evidently a surveyors' camp is not the most comfortable sort of residence in the world.



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## Primary School News.

5E.

The following have done good work during the past month:—Arithmetic: McCarthy, Meers, Wride, Thorburn, Whitehead, Burke and Leslie; Science: Vickers, J. Taylor and Haigh; Dictation: Johnston and McCabe; Writing: McLeod, Johnston and Stent; Composition: Thorburn, McLeod and Davies. W. Stent is doing splendid tablet work.

5D.

Work is going in full swing, and many have decided to try hard for the qualifying certificate in December next. Olsen is leading in the mathematics and Westernhagen and Matta are ahead in homework, both having done good work.

5C.

Boys are reminded that only six months of the year are left for preparation for their examination, and as the papers this year will be more difficult than those of last, they must put their shoulders to the wheel and work with all their might.

The results of the coming quarterly examination should be out by next issue. See that your name is in the first flight.

Mr. Kilgour had a look through the science books of the class lately and was very pleased with them. This remark also applies to the books of classes 5D and 5E.

5A.

The following boys have done remarkably well

in brush work:—Schwartz, Magee, Cooper, Wilson, Court, Lewis, Simpson, Crackenthorp, Mares, E. Rose, Heath, Crealy, Round and May. Good work has also been done in the pen and ink drawing. In the crayon section Parker, Rhenben and Marks have pictures on the line.

5B.

The work in this class is progressing satisfactorily. Very creditable work in science has been done by some of the boys. Of these the best work has been done by H. Hillier, G. Williams, Wilkinson and Watson.

It is pleasing to note that Moorfoot has improved very considerably in his homework and appears to be taking a greater interest in his work as a whole.

Storey, Macaram, Cramp, Williams, Wilkinson, Hilliger and Morris are to be complimented on their careful work in homework.

In mathematics the class is gradually improving. Among those who have done most successfully, Wilkinson, Hine, Morris, Macadam, Watkinson, Lewis should be mentioned.

4A.

During the past three months the following boys have been doing homework regularly and well:—J. Alexander, J. Coxon, A. Hamilton, A. King, E. Lane, A. McDermott, A. Slocombe, J. Weinert.

In nature study, G. Partridge, A. King, A. Allen, A. Hamilton, R. Ferguson, S. Cooper, L. Caldbeck, J. Alexander, L. Arnott, G. Alchin and J. Briggs have been taking the most interest in their work.

The best work in mathematics has been done by J. Coxon, W. Drane, A. Hamilton, J. Lowe, A. King, W. Slocombe and F. Weinert.

## 3A.

The best all-round workers are Wilkinson, Powell, Robertson and Ashby.

For neatness in homework the first places falls to Robertson.

Powell has shown a great improvement in his general work, and deserves a word of praise.

Art work is still a popular subject, and good work is done generally.

## SECOND CLASS.

Our quarterly examination has now commenced, but the full marks are not yet ready. Some of the boys are not doing as well as they should, and will have to work hard to be promoted to Third Class.

The marks for dictation show that George Pinder has been learning his work well; he comes top with the full number—100. Next to him are Moore, Poulsen, Hildebrand, Wahlberg, Morgan and Hardman, with 90. Up to the present D. Moore is top for reading, followed by V. Parsons and F. Peterson.

The best writers are J. Murphy and A. Wells, and in the next "Fortian" we hope to have the results of arithmetic and composition, and also the names of the boys who did the best work during the whole examination.

## 2nd and 3rd Classes

## EMPIRE DAY.

The Empire Day celebrations opened with the Morning Hymn, and introductory talk on Empire Day, followed by the Recessional Hymn.

Short addresses on "The Empire," "The Flag," "Floral Emblems of Each Country" and "Empire Builders" proved very instructive and interesting. Various patriotic songs completed the programme.

4B and 4A spent the earlier part of the morning listening to a short address on "The Extent of the Empire." This was much appreciated by the classes, as the address was illustrated by a chart showing the British possessions. The girls then took great delight in drawing with coloured

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chalks, the Empire flags.

The morning terminated with the usual patriotic songs.



Last month saw the death of Mr. Edward Downey, whose proud boast it was that he was the oldest Fort Street old boy living. Mr. Downey entered the school a fortnight after it was made a school, in the year 1849. At the annual meeting of the O.B.U., Mr. Kilgour, the President, referred to the decease of Mr. Downey, who was a regular visitor at all the Old Boys' Union functions.

Mr. Elliott, Inspector of the Secondary Schools, intends making the annual inspection of the School immediately after the vacation next month.

The new Honour Board has now been made, and occupies an honorable position in the Senior Room, where, we hope, its tales of glory will induce many a senior to follow the old advice: "Go thou and do likewise."

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### High School Class Gossip.

2G.

Following the time-honoured custom, that most important function, the junior banquet was held on Saturday, June 1st at Sargeants' Rooms, Market-street.

If the wearing of school colours constitutes loyalty to the school, then 1912 juniors are loyal indeed.

There is no need to state, of course, that on the eve of the approaching examination this lot of candidates, although smaller in numbers than on previous occasions, is firmly determined to make their record 'the best ever.' In fact, it is bruited abroad that P——n and Mac——, have already booked several medals with the University professors.

We were all sorry to hear that W. Woolston had left the school for Mort's Dock. The genial "Woolly" was always cheerful, indeed, in his presence one could never be doleful (nor, begging his pardon, do any work).

2G now has no less than nine players in school teams. Tom Connelly and "Wasser" Holmes played very good games against Ultimo High School firsts.

2E.

Our class is well represented in the grade football. E. Luff played with the seconds, against

Hurlstone, and showed such form that he was chosen, with J. Thompson, for the firsts.

We are represented in the thirds by H. Hughes, J. Hughes, J. Storey, W. Pether, G. Thompson, and Warden. We are sorry to say that Warden has met with an accident to his arm, and therefore will not be able to play for some time.

2B.

The half-yearly examination has occupied the thoughts of the members of the class. Many, no doubt, have been burning "midnight oil" for the last few weeks, fagging at their "chemistry" and "Eutropius," while "German genders" and "French verbs" have worried many members.

Our class was well represented in the "Orchestra" on Empire Day. J. Peters, R. Thompson and G. Westbury wielded the "bow," while A. Biggs was used as a "music stand" for the young lady violinists.

2A.

Most of the members of this class have fagged rather seriously for the half-yearly tests, in which we hope to hold good our reputation. Their studies do not seem to have a very pleasing effect on some of the fellows, one in particular, who appears to cool his ardour with a pot of brilliantine (?).

The football of the class is sadly disorganised; we have representatives in all grades except the first, and accordingly the remainder do not expect to put up a very brilliant showing in the class competitions. We must congratulate Mos-

tyn and "Sammie" Greer on their admittance to the second grade; both lads play a very creditable game. Woolfe, Tom and Higgins are playing with the thirds, the two "mainstays" of the class now left being "Tommie" Coggan and Hildebrand.

We also contain some running enthusiasts in the personages of Reboul and Tonnet; the former hopes one day to annex the school championship.

We would like also to impress upon the minds of some of the chaps the good rule it is to pay "Cash" for everything, especially their "Fortians," since they learn "Business Principles"—this argument should strike them very forcibly.

#### 1E.

R. W. and S. S., two shining lights (?) of the football field, do very queer things when not following the leather. W. will be very glad to teach people how to make artificial laughs, while S. S. is simply bursting to tell how he nearly lost his hat and bag one fine day.

If Hutch. wishes to come top in the exam, he will have to work hard to beat Gilchrist. As the results of last exam. showed, Steel was "dux" of the class. But Steel is such a quiet fellow that no one will venture a guess as to what place he will take. Well, the strongest force is nearly always the stillest.

We must put in a word or two about E. Langer. This boy is very promising with his brush. He also favours the class with interesting illustrations of Vita Romana.

The two "Fortian" correspondents for this class are wondering when they are to get their pay. The awful expenses incurred while collecting the news must be paid off or the correspondents will go bankrupt.

#### 1D.

This class is well represented in the grade football of the School. No less than six players are doing battle for the honour of Fort Street. Among the six is "Cholly" Ross, captain of the thirds, and Herbie, who has now risen to the firsts.

Bennet is the new captain for the class games.

Many of the lads are looking quite worn out

the last few days. This is attributed to over-study, as the competition for top place in the exam. is very keen. It is rumoured that F. R. sits over his books till 11 o'clock, then winds a wet towel round his head and continues till midnight.

Judging by appearances Norman is a great fire-visitor.

Holmes and Hooker are two base-ball fiends.

#### 1B.

Since last month the class football team has played four matches, of which two were won and two lost. The wins were against 1C and a combined team of 1A and 1C, each being won by 15-0. In the first match N. Hobden scored two tries and Swallow one. Amos kicked two goals and Asher-Smith one. In the latter match tries were scored by Jacobs (2), Cumming and Garnsey (2). The defeats were suffered at the hands of 1E (twice) by 26-13 and 6-5. Three members of the class play with grade teams, while we are also well represented at hockey and lacrosse. The class regrets the loss of Carl Strattman, now on his way to Germany. All members of the class are studying hard for the half-yearly examination and good results are expected (by ourselves).

#### 1A.

1A and 1D combined last Wednesday and tried to defeat 2A and 2D combined, but failed, the latter winning by 14 points to 8. For the former, E. Cork showed good form, and being a good kick, landed our only goal.

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Good luck to all the 1912 juniors who are at present under examination.

Theo Potts (Senior 1908) has been appointed Demonstrator in Anatomy at the University of Sydney. Potts is in his fourth year medicine, and is suspending his course for a year at least, in order to occupy this position. We offer him our congratulations.

## Girls' Page

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### THE GIRLS' LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

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A meeting of the above society was held in Room 4 on Friday, 3rd May. The subject under discussion was "Should the Chinese be excluded from Australia?" The ministry was led by Bertha Hirsch, ably supported by Jessie Watkinson, the other member being, unfortunately, absent. May Dexter, ably supported by Hilda Dodds and Edith Whitton, led the opposition. The leaders were allowed a maximum of 15 minutes and a minimum of 10 minutes to speak, whilst the supporters were allowed a maximum of 10 minutes and a minimum of 5 minutes. Spirited arguments of 5 minutes each followed each speech.

Votes were taken for subject matter and delivery.

The opposition gained the majority, but the ministry upheld its cause admirably in spite of the fact that one of its members was absent.

It was decided that the next debate afternoon should be devoted to impromptu speeches.

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### OBITUARY.

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It is with deep regret that we announce the death of one of our High School pupils.

On May 8th Evelyn Croker, third daughter of Major and Mrs. J. D. Croker, of Ashfield, passed away.

Those who knew her recognised in her a loving and earnest disposition. The pupils of First Year B expressed their sorrow by sending floral tributes.

Through the medium of this paper we would like to express our deep sympathy with the bereaved parents.

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### FORT STREET OLD GIRLS' UNION.

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The quarterly meetinig of the above was held on Saturday, 11th May, at which there was a fair proportion of members.

The meeting, which was presided over by Miss Partridge, combined both business and pleasure.

The business of theh afternoon was:—

- (1) To consider the financial position of the club.
- (2) To make preliminary arrangements for the annual dance.
- (3) To receive particulars of the Tennis Club dance.

These matters received due consideration. The second part of the programme, which took the form of a Shakesperian afternoon, was kindly arranged by Mrs. Spencer. The competition was keenly contested by the members. Miss Ella Gornley succeeded in carrying off the prize, which was a dainty puff-box.

Light refreshments followed, after which the members dispersed, to meet again soon, we hope, at some future happy period.

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Changes on theh Staff.—Miss D. Schleicher, B.A., has been appointed to theh Primary Staff. Miss K. Drummond, who has been a teacher at this school for a period of eleven years, has been appointed to theh Practice School at Blackfriars. During the time Miss Drummond has been a member of the Staff, she has endeared herself to the teachers and pupils alike, and her gain will be our loss. We trust that she will make as many friends in her new sphere as she left behind.

2A AND 2B LITERARY AND DEBATING  
SOCIETY.

## EMPIRE DAY.

Second Year A and B. Literary and Debating Society met on Friday afternoon, 10th May. The subject was "The Life, Style, and Ideals of Tennyson."

Three girls in each class treated these subjects in a manner both interesting and instructive, whilst other girls recited poems chosen by themselves from Tennyson's treasury of verse.

Special mention should be made of the papers written by Ruth Hindmarsh, Doreen Streatfield, Olive Storey, Maud Turtle and Rosalind Rowohl.

The meeting was presided over by Miss Mouldale, who adjudged marks for subject matter and delivery, Second Year B winning the day by one point.

The good old game is going along splendidly; players are most enthusiastic and keen competition for the vacant places in the 1st XI. continues. There are three, and perhaps four places, so play up girls! The 2nd XI will have to play all the school teams, even though those teams are really 1st's—this happens because one full 1st XI plays all the women's hockey clubs, and may not then compete with school girls. Mona McMinn and Hazel McEachern are playing forward and full-back respectively in the firsts.

The rest of the new players to date are Olive Storey and Mania Learoyd.

Quite a number of the younger girls of last year are now good players, especially Grace Pendered, Laura Briggs, Eva Pratt, and Edith Overend. Of course the difficulty is that each young player thinks she can play for the whole XI., and runs all over the field, gets in everyone's way and leaves her own place undefended, and then the other side scores an easy goal. Now girls, learn the rules of the game, keep your places on the field, and work up so that the seconds may perhaps beat the firsts before the end of the season.

The first part of the Empire Day celebrations on Friday, 24th May, was occupied by the pupils of the Girls' High School in the reading of papers, patriotic songs, and recitations. In the senior classes papers were written on the following subjects:—"How the British Isles became one Kingdom," Ruby Dorsett; "How America was Colonised," Essie Broughton; "How We won India," Pearl Mansley; "The extent of the British Empire," Hilda Dodds; "How Britain treats her Colonies," Grace Botting; "The Union Jack," Mabel Cruikshank; and "The Origin of Empire Day," Elsie Brown.

In the Second Year A and B, Maud Turtle, Cassie Fink, Doreen Streatfield and Mary Cowie wrote excellent papers, which were interspersed with patriotic recitations.

The junior classes of the High School also distinguished themselves. One paper, written by Jessie Alexander, of First Year A, deserves special mention, being of a very high order of literary merit. Little Bessie Savage sang patriotic selections, demonstrated with various flags.

The latter part of the celebrations will be found in another portion of this paper.

The annual inspection of the Fort Street Girls' High School commenced on Monday, 6th May.

Mr. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Mr. Lasker, M.A., and Dr. Allen were the examiners.

The midwinter vacation commences on the 14th instant. School will be resumed on the 1st July.

Mr. A. R. Chisholm, B.A. (O.B.), and Travelling Scholar, left for England on the 2nd instant.

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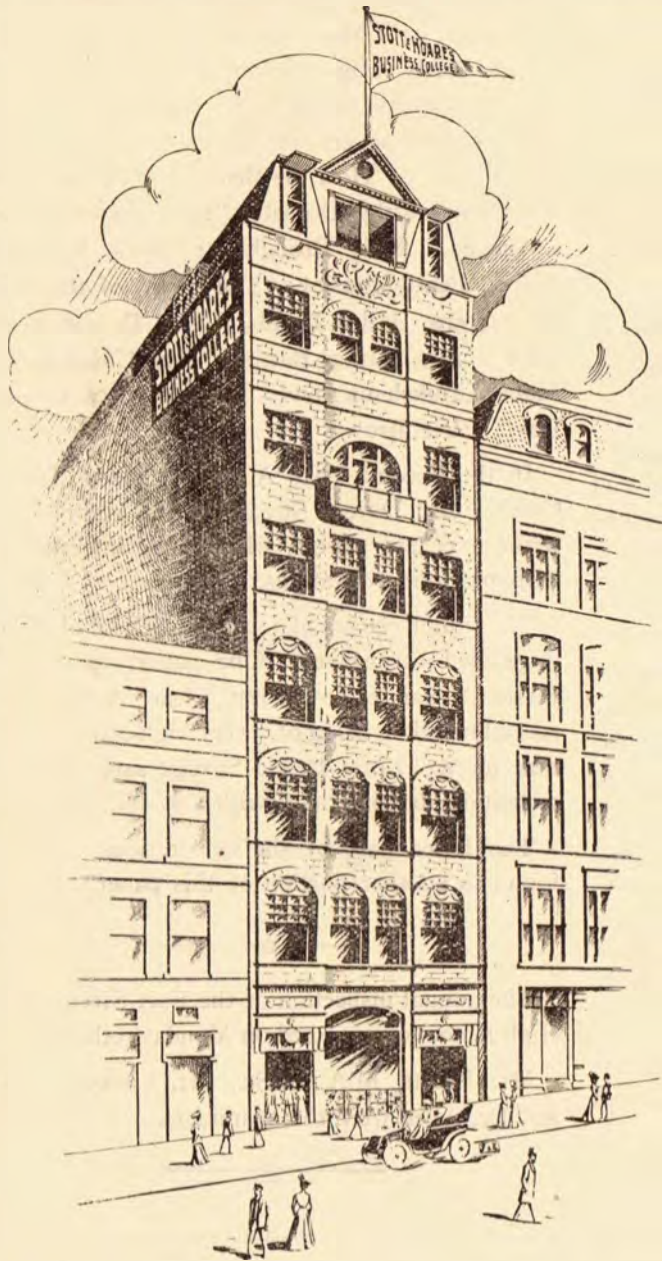
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## SENIORS II.

## CLASS GOSSIP.

## THE FRENCH LESSON.

Dramatis Personæ: Mr. M. and some others.

Scene: Under the trees in the playground.

(Several boys are seen seated on chairs, etc., in the playground; before them sits Mr. M. The tramp of the last class ascending the stairs is heard, as Mr. M. speaks.)

Mr. M.: Messieurs! Commençons!

Class: Oui, Monsieur.

Mr. M.: Kennedy, a quelle page sommes-nous?

K.: Je ne sais pas, monsieur.

Adams (interrupting): A la page treize—that is—er—quatorze—et a—er—er—

Mr. M.: Eh bien! et a—quoi?

A.: The thirteenth.

Mr. M.: En français, en français, si'l vous plait!

A. (in a whisper to Firth): What's the word for 13?

Firth (meaning to be funny): Quatorze.

A. (joyously): A la ligne quatorze.

Mr. M. (angrily): Adams, cette ignorance est — (At this moment his eye notices Spence slowly advancing towards the class, and Adams is saved).

(Enter Spence.)

Mr. M. (relapsing to good old English): Well, sir, what brings you at this time?

S.: Oh—er—I—er—dunno. I just happened to come late somehow.

Mr. M. (his fury will not permit of English): Eh bien! monsieur, montez l'escalier et faites a M. Kilgour vos excuses!

(Exit Spence mournfully.)

Mr. M. (to the class): That boy is positively

ridiculous. Cuthbert, commencez a lire.

Cuthbert (waking up): Er—oui monsieur.

Mr. M.: Eh bien! Commencez! Mais attendez un moment. J'ai oublié d'entendre le vocabulaire. Brubarz, pretez—moi votre livre.

B.: Oui, monsieur. (Gives the book.)

Mr. M.: Je vous remercie. C'est le deux cent cinquante—quatrième vocabulaire, n'est—ce pas?

Class: Oui, monsieur. (Class then pats itself on the back with pride at its vast command of the French tongue.)

Mr. M.: Qui peut expliquer ce que veut dire le mot "le redacteur" par une phrase complete?

(A mournful silence ensues.)

Eh bien! England.

E.: Un redacteur est une personne, qui—qui—er—qui écrit—I mean—qui écrit—qui écrit plusieurs choses et qui fume un cigare.

(Mr. M. laughs, and the class, seeing this, laugh uproariously, without knowing at what they laugh.)

Mr. M.: Ha! ha! Eh bien! Wilson, Que veut dire "un premier Paris"?

W. (caught napping): I beg your—

Mr. M.: Wilson—Wilson—français!

W.: Yes—I mean—Oui monsieur. "Un premier Paris" veut dire—er—veut dire—(a happy thought strikes him). Un des premiers hommes qui avaient trouvé la Paris.

Mr. M.: Ridiculous . . . etc.

And so the world rolls on.

At the commemoration of the University of Sydney, held on the 23rd ultimo, the degree of B.A. was conferred upon Mr. H. J. Meldrum, B.Sc., and Mr. C. H. Currey.



# Football.



The following are the fixtures for the High School competition for the remainder of the first round:—

- June 5: Fort Street A v. Hurlstone A, Sports Ground.  
 Fort Street B v. Hurlstone B, Sports Ground.  
 Fort Street C v. Cleveland Street C, Alexandria.  
 Fort Street D v. Cleveland Street D, Alexandria.
- June 12: Fort Street A v. Petersham A, Alexandria.  
 Fort Street B v. Petersham B, Alexandria.  
 Fort Street C v. Cleveland Street D, Marrickville.  
 Fort Street D v. Technical D, Marrickville.

- July 3: Fort Street A v. Cleveland Street A, Sports Ground.  
 Fort Street B v. Cleveland Street B, Sports Ground.  
 Fort Street C v. Technical D, Marrickville.  
 Fort Street D v. Petersham C, Marrickville.

- July 10: Fort Street A, a bye.  
 Fort Street B v. Ultimo High School B, Wentworth Park.  
 Fort Street C v. Petersham C, Alexandria.  
 Fort Street D v. High School, Alexandria.

- July 17: Fort Street A v. Technical A, Sports Ground.  
 Fort Street B v. Technical B, Sports Ground.  
 Fort Street C v. Fort Street D, Marrickville.

- July 24: Fort Street A v. Hurlstone, Petersham.  
 Fort Street B v. Hurlstone, Petersham.  
 Fort Street C v. Ultimo High School C, Alexandria.  
 Fort Street D v. Technical C, Alexandria.

- July 31: Fort Street A v. Petersham, Petersham.  
 Fort Street B v. Petersham, Petersham.  
 Fort Street C v. Technical C, Alexandria.  
 Fort Street D v. Cleveland Street C, Alexandria.

The Editor of "The Fortian,"

Boys' High School, Fort-street.

Dear Sir,—Now that our old school has been made a High School, we should go in more for sport than hitherto.

Fort-street can hold its own with any other school in Sydney academically. Why not in the field of sport?

At present not half enough interest is taken in cricket and football by Fort-street boys. I do not mean to say that the boys should leave off swimming or any other sport and take up cricket or football, but there are many boys who take no interest in any sport whatever.

The point I am driving at is that there should be something done that would lead boys to take more interest in the leading pastimes, viz., cricket and football.

Now I would like to suggest that the school should have a blazer to be awarded by the Sports' Union to boys who represent the school in either football or cricket. When I say represent, I mean those boys who play, say, at least six matches in the First XI. or First XV.

Of course, the Sports Union could not be expected to purchase the blazers, but could sanction a boy's right to wear one.

A suitable blazer would be the maroon one with white edging, the school colors. A monogram could be fixed on the pocket and the letters 1st XI. or 1st XV. affixed, according as the wearer represented the school at cricket or football.

Should the Sports' Union adopt this procedure I feel certain that the boys would all want a blazer, and would consequently practice and try to get into the representative teams.

This would also have an effect on the standard of the school's sport generally.

I am, etc.,

WELL-WISHER.

(We are always willing to publish letters on subjects of general interest such as this.—Ed.)

An old acquaintance of many Fortians in the person of Mr. David A. Pike, who was first teaching at the school in the early nineties and has been back on the staff there at least once since his original departure, is back in Sydney again. Mr. Pike, who has been first assistant at West Maitland for the past five years, has now been transferred to a similar position at Dulwich Hill. A complimentary notice in the Newcastle press reveals, as might be expected, that Mr. Pike proved the same energetic organiser of swimming and sport and school displays generally at West Maitland as he is remembered to have been at Fort-street. On the introduction of the compulsory training regime he became officer commanding the 14th Battalion of Senior Cadets, and had the satisfaction of helping to bring off a highly successful military sports carnival at Maitland on March 30 last. He also found time to hold the positions of secretary of the Maitland District Teachers' Association for the past three years, and member of the local School of Arts committee.

## Lady Typists' Examination.

At the last Lady Typists' examination held by the Public Service Board of New South Wales, in October, 1911, **10 out of 12 passes** were gained by students of the Metropolitan Business College, including 1st place (for the 5th time in succession in similar examinations).

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 MacCallum's *Roman Plays*.  
 Bradley: *The Making of English*.  
 Tucker's *Foreign Debt of English Literature*.  
 Mrs. Jamieson: *Shakespeare's Heroines*.  
 Brander Matthews' *Development of the Drama*.  
 Ker: *Epic and Romance*.  
 Hudson: *Shakespeare's Life, Art and Characters* (3 vols.).  
 Moulton: *Shakespeare as a Dramatic Artist*.  
 Chambers' *Dictionary of Biography*.  
 Symonds' *Romantic Movement*.  
 Saintsbury's *English Literature* (3 vols.).

## History.

- Mommsen: *Roman History* (5 vols.).  
 Holm: *History of Greece* (4 vols.).  
 Becker: *Gallus*.  
 Becker: *Charicles*.  
 Oman: *Seven Roman Statesmen*.  
 Gibbins' *Industry in England*.

## Economics and Commerce.

- Cleminson: *Business Procedure*.  
 Cleminson: *Business Methods*.  
 Marshall: *Economics of Industry*.  
 Gide: *Political Economy*.  
 McVey: *Modern Industrialism*.  
 Braddon: *Business Principles*.  
 Dicksee: *Business Organization*.

## French and German.

- Eve: *German Grammar*.  
 Doumic: *French Literature*.  
 Viotor: *Elemente der Phonetik*.  
 Scholle and Smith: *Elementary Phonetics*.  
 Dawson: *Modern Germany*.

## Geography.

- Lyde: *Mars on the Earth*.  
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 Herbertson: *Man and His Work*.  
 Fairgrieve: *The Round World*.  
 Bonaciva: *Climatic Control*.

## Mathematics and Science.

- Cox: *Mechanics*.  
 Paterson: *Algebra*.  
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