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Re-organisation of High School Staffs.

The Departmental reorganisation of the staffs of all the High Schools was completed last week. The appointments to Fort Street Boys and Girls' High Schools are as follow :—

FORT STREET BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Classics: Mr. W. E. Porter, B.A., and Mr. E. S. Davies, B.A. (assistants).

English: Mr. G. Mackaness, M.A. (master), Messrs. D. Haddock, B.A., J. H. Smairl, M.A., and R. C. Taylor, B.A. (assistants).

Modern Languages: Mr. A. W. Cusbert, M.A. (master), Messrs. P. L. Murphy, B.A., K. Hanay, J. E. Murray, and C. Bauer (assistants).

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Commercial Subjects: Mr. J. P. Monro, B.A. A.I.T.A. (master), Mr. J. Taylor (assistant).

FORT STREET GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Classics: Misses A. Bruce, B.A. and M. Woodlands, B.A. (assistants).

English: Miss E. Watts, B.A. (mistress), Misses M. Campbell, B.A., M. Morley, M.A., and A. Turner, B.A. (assistants).

Modern Languages: Miss S. Evans, B.A. (mistress), Misses R. Gombert, B.A., M. Harders, and M. Young (assistants).

Mathematics: Mr. C. H. Christmas, B.A. (master), Misses F. Cohen, B.A., B.Sc., and E. West, B.A. (assistants).

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"The Fortian" offers its very hearty congratulations to all and extends a most cordial welcome to the newcomers.

OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

(By "Cavendish.")

As the month of June hurries to be numbered with the past, most students are settling down to hard work. Lent Term, though a thing of beauty, can not properly be termed a joy for ever. A joy for ten weeks it is, even in the tired eyes of the most studious. But the day of awakening comes quickly. To some it is to-day; to others it was yesterday; on others it has not yet dawned with its flood of light. But when and whenever it comes it is a Day of Fast.

In August the Examination Hall opens its cavernous mouth to the unwary "Butchers" in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year. Most of the other finals of Fort Street men come in December. Honors Examination in the Faculty of Arts follows in March. Thus the absurd arrangement which compels candidates for honors in Arts to sit for additional series of papers, instead of allowing them honors on the Pass Papers (as in all the other Faculties) still, unfortunately continues.

June connotes unpleasant weather. It also im-

plies unpleasantness in the concentrated form of Class Examinations. First year men, however, are almost the sole sufferers in this respect; for ordeals must be undergone by them in Chemistry, Biology, and Physics. So far, the Physics results alone are available. There Fort Street secured two of the first three places (Evatt and Green), and the rest of the Fort Street Freshers showed out splendidly also, not one going down.

These results, combined with others of minor importance in the various Faculties, seem to indicate a predominance of red and white in the University results at Christmas. May it be so!

Football runs merrily on its way. The season is now at its height, and splendid results have been obtained by all the 'Varsity teams. Faculty matches are now in vogue, and the footballers of Science (presumably scientific footballers) are leading.

Hockey, baseball, tennis, and lacrosse are also in full swing. Rowing is particularly in full swing, though some of the coxes would question the statement.

Harry Reid is back again in Arts after a spell. He is looking well indeed, but who could look otherwise in the Uni. atmosphere, which is calm and gentle now, despite the distant clouds?

The Union building is not yet ready. "Although it may be completed by Trinity Term, yet it may not." This is what the committee have informed the University at large. Probably, then, it will not be finished till next year, or 1914, or 1915, or some old time.

I am informed by a member of the Council of the O.B.U. that official past and present matches will take place this year, not only in football and cricket, but also in handball and other sports. The Old Boys should be able to get a splendid team together in handball, and, with some practice, it should do very well.

I referred last month to the fact that Guy Harden has received his football blue. He is indeed a "true sport," and should, on form, be in the Interstate team. "Bob" Adamson and he work together in splendid fashion. "Ron" Hinder, the present 'Varsity full-back, will be remembered as the Maitland High School champion in the matches against the School some years back. "Ron," who is the son of the Headmaster at the Maitland High School (well known to all Fortians as a prince of hosts) is thus well known to his old Fort Street opponents at the "shop."

The men playing in the different sports are as follow:—

Football: Harden, Adamson, Langan, Evatt, Ridley. Flook is still playing with Balmain.

Hockey: Morgan, Samson, Silberthau.

Lacrosse: Wiburd, Gruen, D. Smith.

Primary School News.

The selected quotation for the Lower School this month is:

Adam Lindsay Gordon's Philosophy.

Question not, but live and labour

Till your goal is won;

Helping every feeble brother,

Seeking help from none.

Life is mostly froth and bubble,

Two things stand like stone—

Kindness in another's trouble,

Courage in your own.

CLASS 5 D.

The class has been strengthened for the coming half-year by the addition of some of the best boys from the old 5 D, now 5 B Class. As this class has the honour of being the highest fifth, each boy should enter into his work zealously so that when they are "weighed" at the end of the year they may not be found "wanting." "Work hard and maintain your position—you have keen rivals in 5 C."

The Quarterly Examination last month was somewhat satisfactory, as the results will show that 33 boys averaged 60 per cent. and over, while the boy on the bottom got 49 per cent. The honour of first place fell to Clive Evatt, 81 per cent. He was followed by Ayers 79 per cent., Offer 76 per cent., Tonkin 73 per cent., Furness 73 per cent., Hellstrom 72 per cent., and Bennett 71 per cent.

We are hoping to have regular examinations in one or two subjects every week. Work hard, as this means success in December.

5 C.

The following have topped the class results:—
General Work: Thorburn, McCabe, Stent, Whitehead.

Science: Vickers, J. Taylor.

Composition: Meers, Cable, Easterling.

Reading: Foote, Humby.

History: Meers, Weinberg, Leslie.

5 B RESULTS.

During the past month the class underwent its usual quarterly examination. Undermentioned are the names of those who gained the best results:—

Mathematics: Barnett, Day, Macadam, Ralston, and Williams.

English: Barnett, Cramp, Lord, Williams, Hilliger, Macadam, Ralston and Williams.

Dictation: Day and Lord.

Geography: Day, Morris, Clark, Penfold, Cramp, Barnett.

Homework: Williams, Macadam, Day, Hilliger, Morris, Cramp, Chapple, Fenwick, Clark, Ralston, Cowan, Schmidt, Wilkinson.

Reading: Dring, Barnett, Chapple, Lord, Macadam, Wilkinson and Storey.

First Aid: Cramp, Day, Hilliger, Williams, Clark, Eagar, Morris, Hotten.

The above results are in order of merit.

CLASS 5 A.

The Quarterly Examination results have just come to hand, and some boys have obtained good marks. There are many in 5 A who will have to work much harder if they have any idea of getting into the High School.

In English Perkins shows promise of becoming very proficient, having gained 85 per cent. in an essay on the Great Plague. In the same subject good work has been done by H. Sinclair, K. Kilgour, M. Schwartz, B. Arnold, K. Williams.

Weekly debates are held on historical subjects, and it is quite a treat to hear Marks holding forth on the Death of Charles I., etc. I am afraid that the presence of Mr. Willis would scarcely be sufficient to deter some of the bolder spirits who throw in irrelevant remarks and make countless apologies.

Some further results of the Quarterly Examination are here appended:

Arithmetic: 100 marks—Magee, Schwartz, Macmillan, Wilson, Brewer, Cooper, Leckie, Hunter, Round, Stephenson.

Dictation: Crackenthorp, 100 marks.

Science: Lee, Schwartz, Magee, Williams, Arnold, Perkins, Pitt.

4th CLASS.

In this class the following boys have been

doing good work during the past month:—

Homework: Dawson, Partridge, Lane, Steel, Weinert and Hamilton.

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Rees being lieutenants, and C. Johnston armourers' sergeant.

Three boys of this class won marksmen's badges for the year ending 30th June, 1912, these, in order of merit, are: C. Chapman, C. Raymond and A. Bond.

The class is well represented on the whole in lacrosse, football and hockey.

On Wednesday (3-7-12) three of our boys played in the lacrosse match, Fort Street A. v. Petersham B., which resulted in a win for Fort Street by 22 to 0. Our boys, C. Raymond, Saegart and A. Edwards, were conspicuous for brilliant play throughout the entire game, scoring 15 out of the 22 goals.

We are represented in football by 7 grade players. Chief among these are Kemmis, Collins and Dickenson. The remaining class team has united with 2A team, under the captaincy of Hildebrand, and yesterday, in the first class competition match, they were defeated by 1C by 6 to 3.

Many of the old hockey members of the class are now to be seen on the football field on a Wednesday afternoon, but now, since competition matches are being arranged, there is a likelihood of many new members. On Wednesday (3-7-12) we were represented in the match v. Fort Street Girls' A team by 4 players, including captain (C. Chapman) and vice-captain (L. Sandels); the match resulting in a drawn game (details of match appear elsewhere in "The Fortian").

All members of the class are now very earnest for their work, as only four months remain for us to prepare for the Intermediate Certificate.

2C.

This class has joined with 2E in the class competitions, but was defeated on Wednesday

owing to the lack of combination, and will have to practise if they wish for success. We sincerely regret the loss of our vice-captain, "Mick," but wish him every success in his future career.

Tebbutt created a surprise by gaining the honours of this class in the recent examination. M. Hoffman created another surprise in Latin, especially to our worthies Maude and Scott.

2B.

The members of this class were very disappointed in the results of the half-yearly examinations, and are determined to work harder during the remainder of the year.

This class seems to be very weak in football, not being able to form a team for the class competitions.

2A.

At last the strain of the exam. is removed from our brains and once more we can go to bed at a respectable hour. In the exam. L. Swan proved himself "Dux" of the class, being followed closely by Phil. Lequesne and Hargraves, who tied for second place; the fourth and fifth places were respectively filled by Quigley and Higgins.

Our class having united with 2D, played a match against 1C; the latter proved victorious after a very stirring game. Hilderbrand played up to his usual standard.

During the holidays several members of the class seem to have taken advantage of a fire in a city warehouse and purchased long trousers, accordingly, one of them is always "on the move."

Several of those who did not fare too brilliantly in the exam. are in daily fear of an "interview," which certainly means an "Irish promotion." Alas! at the last moment comes the overwhelming news that our vice-captain is one of the unfortu-

nates—indeed what ever shall become of us?

I.E.

This class has again assembled in the I.E. room, and all, with the exception of one member, are ready for a hardworking half-year.

We wish to tender our best congratulations to James Marshall on his newly-earned position of honour in the class—that of "Dux."

Contrary to expectations, the result of the exam. brought in a fresh star in the firmament of I.E. More honour to you, James.

We also wish to congratulate E. Langer, who has obtained a bronze medallion and certificate for proficiency in life-saving. Before the holidays several poet laureates had been at work amongst the class. We would like to quote examples, but refrain on account of loss of memory! However, doubtless more will be forthcoming. "Tune up ye shining lights of I.E.!"

All are sorry to hear that James Spark is prevented from coming to school on account of illness. Most probably he will be away for some time yet.

I.E.

Vere Kirwan, one of the "Fortian" correspondents for this class, went under an operation during the holidays for the removal of a growth from the back of his nose. The doctor told him that it was interfering with his growth. Well, we *can* believe that!

As the results of the last exam. show, Marshall is "Dux" of the class. Other lads near the top are: Gilchrist, Nalder, Steel and Hutchinson; while others stood out prominently in various subjects: Raymond, for French; Easy, English; Gilchrist, German; Muller and Lindqvist, science; Mackay, arithmetic; Gouldston, algebra; Travers, geometry; Steel, Latin.

Our football team is crowing over all the other first year teams, on account of not being beaten by any of them yet. I.B-ites complain that they have never had a full team yet. Well, that is their own look out. It shows bad management on the part of the captain. Is it possible that he cannot get a team together? If so, then all I.B must be hockey players or else belong to the Camera Club.

Not long ago we had a match with 2A and 2D. After a hard-fought battle, we won by 6 to 3. Nalder, Brailey, Raymond and Lindqvist are the bulwarks of the team, while Ford proves to be a slippery full-back.

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The latin dialogues are the talk of the day now. But we somehow think that Ursus the baker never inflected his voice as high as some boys try to make out that he did.

The competition match between I.E and the combined teams of I.A and I.D resulted in a "walk-over" for I.E of 46 to nil. Our team has not been defeated yet!

I.D.

In the recent quarterly exam., Kortlang, for the second time, became "Dux" of the class. He was closely followed by McKechnie (2) and Winkworth (3).

These lads have worked hard, and deserve praise for obtaining such high positions.

We are very sorry that Israel has left us; he was a good athlete, a thorough sportsman, and was well liked by all who knew him. The same to Wykes, who has gone to till the soil.

Rabone is among us again. All are glad to see him well again after the unfortunate accident that befell him some months ago.

This class, together with I.A, was badly defeated at football by I.E last Wednesday. We would like to see more of our boys (not playing in

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grade matches) turn out and play for the class on Wednesday afternoons.

"Herb." is reported to be doing great things for the School 1sts. May he live long.

1C.

The half-yearly examination, which has caused so much extra study of late, is now a thing of the past. The majority of the class passed, and they are to be placed in positions according to merit. "The ruck" will have to "wake up" and try and pass the yearly examination.

Our football team has come to life at last. Twice in succession we have defeated 2A and 2D combined. The first victory was by 12 points to 6, and the second, which was a competition match, by 6 points to 3. In the second match, Allison scored both of our tries.

1B.

The half-yearly exam. being over, all fears of "Jonah" getting brain fever are relieved.

Positions were gained at the exam. by M. Morphet (74 per cent.), W. Jacobs (72 per cent.), R. Anderson (64 per cent.), and F. Garnsey (61 per cent.).

It is rumored that M. O'D. was responsible for the disappearance of a large quantity of fruit when travelling home for the vacation.

1B won their first competition match of the season yesterday, when 2C and E were defeated 22 to nil. E. Amos (2), N. Hobden (3), and Charles Rupert scored tries, two of which were converted by "Mac" and "Joe."

1A.

This class held a debate before the holidays, in which several budding orators gave speeches

which pleased themselves principally, but made the others reach for their hats and bags.

The class was sorry to lose F. Simson, who has gone to tour Europe; also S. Marshall and "Barney" O'Brien, who have gone to work. We all wish them the best of luck.

We combined with 1D and played a football match against 1E, but were defeated by 46 points to nil.

We advise J. R. P. to be careful in future, or he may again become a spectator, as on Wednesday.

Our French Cafe is progressing favourably. We have some budding *garçons dans cette classe*.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

Syllabus for half-year ending December, 1912.
—July 12, Literary Aft. July 19, Manu. Journ.
July 26, Debate. August 2, Lecturettes. August 9, Open. August 16, Manu. Journal. August 23, Lecturettes. August 30, Literary Afternoon. September 6, Manu. Journal. September 13, Debate. September 27, Michaelmas Vacation. October 4, Open. October 11, Manu. Journal. October 18, Debate. October 25, Literary Aft. November 1, Lecturettes. November 8, Manu. Journal. November 15, Impromptu. November 22, Literary Afternoon. November 29, Open. December 6, Manu. Journal. December 13, Mock Banquet.

NOTICE.

THE OLD BOYS' DANCE HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th.

Girls' Page

THE STAFF.

Since our last publication Miss G. Arndt has been appointed to the Primary School in place of Miss Drummond.

Miss Duncan has received an appointment as Lecturer in German at the Teachers' College. We offer our heartiest congratulations, and trust that she will not forget the friends she has left behind.

Miss M. Young has returned after a lengthy absence to take up her duties once more in the High School.

FORT STREET OLD GIRLS' TENNIS CLUB.

The Tennis Club held their fourth dance at Sargent's on Thursday, 20th June.

The School colours were much in evidence, both ball room and supper rooms being decorated, red and white chrysanthemums being used for the ball room, and blossoms for the supper tables. The members of the club, wore red and white ribbons, while the Committee wore miniature tennis racquets.

The Committee consisted of Misses Laura Wood, Hilda Cox (hon. secs.), Florence Wilson, Maud Wardrop, Islay Macfie, Isa Millar, Alice Evans, Dot. Dodd. Mr. Leslie Harris acted as M.C. Extras were played by Miss Hal. Trench, Miss Elsie Mahood playing her own composition, the "Asturias Waltz." Miss Partridge was present with Mrs. Spence and Mrs. Wilson. Mr. Schrader was welcomed as one of our old teachers by many old girls who had not seen him for many years, and are looking forward to meeting him at the Union Dance in August. A feature of the evening was the leap year dance, which caused much amusement to both ladies and gentlemen.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

A tournament had been arranged in the Club to start after the Easter holidays, and has now been finished.

The new captain for the year is Alice Evans, with Hilda Cox as vice-captain.

Two prizes had been offered by the Club of £1 1s. and 10s. 6d.

The Club hope to arrange matches with outside clubs, when they have had a little more practice, and get their teams in working order, now that we have two leaders.

HOCKEY.

For the first time for three seasons the Fort Street girls and boys played a hockey match.

Hitherto the boys have always played on the girls' side against some other team, and sometimes our Old Girls and Boys played the present Girls and Boys. But Wednesday, the 3rd July, saw Fort Street Boys play Fort Street Girls an excellent match, which resulted in a draw—one goal each, Captain Ettie Warden shooting for the girls, and H. Latimer for the boys.

Mr. McKenzie refereed, with two linesmen to help him, Miss Bourke, the girls' umpire, being unavoidably detained at School.

The return match will be played shortly.

THE WALKING AND CAMERA CLUB.

The Walking and Camera Club has had some delightful outings, among which might be mentioned trips from Maroubra to Coogee, and from Lane Cove to Northwood.

There were 65 members present on Wednesday, 3rd July, when we took the McMahon's Point boat, caught the Lane Cove tram, and then walked along a beautiful country road till we came to the creek. There, several members distinguished themselves by slipping on the rocks, but all were in a good humour, and their merry voices could be heard in all directions. We then made our way to Northwood House, where Mrs. Wade very kindly entertained the girls, cakes, sweets and milk being lavishly supplied.

We would like to thank Mrs. Wade, through the medium of this paper, for her kindness.

After an enjoyable rest we caught the Lane Cove River boat at Northwood, and returned to our respective homes.

PRESENTATION OF SWIMMING PRIZES.

The prize-giving of the Girls' Swimming Club took place on Thursday, 6th June, and was a most successful function.

Upon Miss Partridge's entry to the main room, she was presented, on behalf of the club, with a violet posy tied with the School's colours—red and white—by Aimee Hinder, our ex-champion.

Miss Maloney read the 15th Annual Report—a most glowing one.

Mr. Selle, in his usual great vein, moved its adoption. He complimented the officials and competitors on the most successful carnival to date. Mr. Selle was greeted with great applause. The girls always recognise the invaluable services of our referee.

Mr. Murphy most happily moved its adoption. This is the first occasion upon which this gentleman has been called upon for this duty. May he oblige us so again.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

Miss Partridge made a fine speech, complimenting both the winners and losers on their splendid year's work, and thanking the visiting officials, the staff and the old girls on their very efficient help. A hearty vote of thanks was given, at Miss Partridge's request.

Miss Partridge then presented the prizes—the great event of the afternoon—and the proceedings closed with the singing of "God Save the King."

*Fifteenth Annual Report of Fort Street
Girls' Swimming Club, 1911-12.*

Membership.—The membership reached 370, and full attendances were made each Wednesday.

Swimming.—Practically every girl can swim. This year we were able to dispense with our five yards race, and if the Department had not deemed it necessary to stop swimming for six weeks, we really think our shortest race would have been 25 yards. We must congratulate our chief swimmers upon their excellent form, and would draw attention to the fact that each of the long-distance races went to a different girl.

Much of the success is due to the splendid care and attention given by the bath manager, Mr. Hodgkiss, who considerably lightens the sense of the responsibility by undertaking a great share of the necessary supervision. We feel greatly obliged to him for all his kindness, and also for his help at the carnival.

Carnival.—The carnival was held at Elkington Park Baths on Wednesday, 27th March. It was a huge success, every event going off well, no

time being lost, and the discipline being excellent. Keen competition marked each event. About 150 members competed.

P.S.A.A.A. Carnival.—As usual, we won more events at this carnival than any other school, thus remaining the Premier Girls' School of N.S. Wales in this sport. We congratulate Gladys Bramley on her win of the 100 yards championship of all schools, and our 1st relay team (Doris York, Eva Drake, Gladys Bramley and Muriel Ross) on again carrying off the championship teams' race.

Life Saving.—A great success has attended the life-saving class, 13 proficiency certificates, 7 medallions, 2 hon. instructors, and 2 awards of merit being gained.

We are proud of our hon. instructors, Muriel Ross, Eva Drake and Gladys Bramley, who really did splendid work, and to whom much of the success is due.

Thanks.—The Committee thanks Messrs. Angus & Robertson, J. M. Dempster, Ltd., and R. A. Munro-King, for trophies; Misses Craig, Bishop, Ettie Warden and Aimee Hinder, and Messrs. Selle and Parker for active interest in the carnival; also our President (Miss Partridge), vice-President (Miss Evans), and the Staff of the School. The girls desire to thank their teachers for the great help and interest taken in this, their favourite sport. Next carnival we shall miss the most efficient aid as marshal, so cheerfully given by Miss Drummond for such a number of years.

AFTERNOON TEA.

After the presentation of the swimming prizes on Thursday, 6th June, Miss Partridge, the Girls' School Staff, Messrs. Selle, Parker, Taylor, Murphy, Meldrum, Davies and Cantrell, with the senior girls, had a most pleasant afternoon tea. Music was provided by Alice Court and Coral Middleton, Messrs. Selle, Parker, Davies and Murphy, and a charming recitation was given by Mr. Taylor.

Miss Partridge took the opportunity of presenting to Miss Drummond a silver purse on behalf of the Girls' School Staff, and also a small teapot, reminiscent of Miss Drummond's long presiding over the luncheon "cup that cheers."

Miss Partridge's very apt speech was followed by one in the same vein from Miss Drummond.

All joined in singing "A Jolly Good Fellow," and many felicitations were showered on Miss Drummond.

The party broke up at 5.30, all having spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

CONCERT.

A committee of the senior 5 teachers and girls gave a concert in the Main Room on Tuesday, 11th June, the very deserving object being the framing of some excellent pictures of Australian exploration, purchased for the School by Miss Partridge. The concert was a huge success, both from a monetary and social point of view, the takings being £4 2s. 6d., and the music, singing and acting being of first-class quality. Miss Partridge tenders her great thanks to the committee, and also to the girls who so generously supported the concert by their presence, and compliments the performers on an excellent programme, which was a long and enjoyable one.

A TRIP TO KATOOMBA.

SECOND YEAR PROBATIONARY STUDENTS.

Shortly after dawn on Saturday, 15th June, a party of happy girls, accompanied by some teachers, left Sydney for Katoomba. The journey was exceptionally interesting, both from an educational and science point of view, and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

Arrived at the boarding-house, we proceeded to Echo Point. This was the first of many interesting walks. Our next trip was through the Federal Pass. After descending innumerable tortuous, fern-clad steps, we obtained a glorious view of the Bridal Veil. From here we passed to Leura Tables, boiled our "William," and, after the party had partaken of the sumptuous feast, "Richard was himself again." We proceeded thence through the pass, and finally found ourselves standing on a damp, cold bridge at the bottom of Katoomba Falls.

Many other pleasant walks were taken including the zig-zag path doyn Nellie's Glen, Narrow Neck, Minne-ha-ha Falls (ha-ha-ha-ha-ha).

The Grand Canon with its huge walls of frowning masonry was not forgotten. Although we took a very commodious coach, we found it

convenient to load the "grand punster" with hampers and the "billy."

Last but not least was a drive to Wentworth Falls, whence we proceeded through the National Pass to the Valley of the Waters, where we dined and posed for a photograph, one of the many kindly taken by one of our party.

Our evenings were sometimes spent by the fire-side listening to the music rendered by several of our talented members. "Out on the Rocks" was a favourite song, particularly with one honourable member. However, understanding that "it recalls old associations" we will excuse her this time.

On other occasions, when not patronising the picture shows, we took bracing walks, while "there they were the two of them on their own" sitting by the fireside.

I regret to add that "Tired Tim" and "Weary Willy" are still tired after their exertions, but "Rollicking Ru" is as much alive as ever, although she regrets that she has not yet qualified in the school of aeronautics as was supposed.

PRESENTATION.

The girls of 5B and 5C, on the eve of Miss Drummond's departure, presented her with a gold bracelet suitably inscribed.

CLASS NOTES

I A.

I A is settling down after a fortnight's holiday, and intends to do good work. The champion, Jessie Alexander, who secured first place at the recent half-yearly examination, and who has received special mention in this paper before, has been promoted to I E. Annie Weston, Hilda Proctor, Alice Sandon and Doreen Anstey, have also been promoted. The new-comers who have taken their places are warmly welcomed.

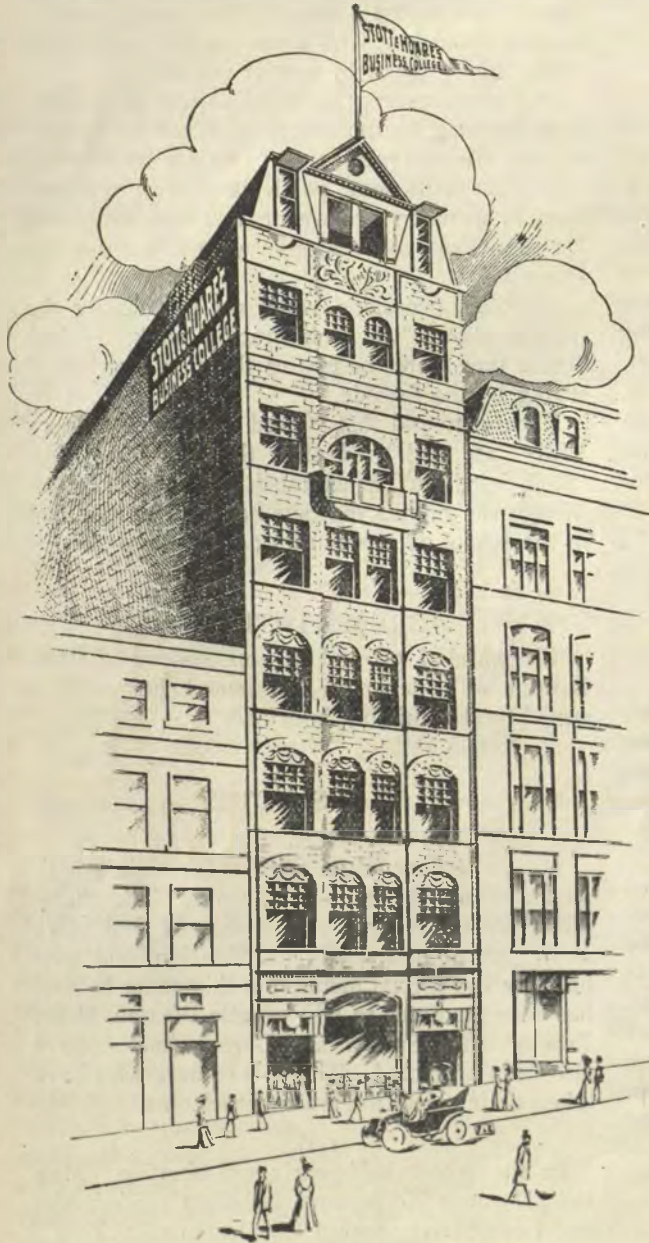
I B.

In the recent half-yearly examination May Bell, Dorothy McClemens, Isabella Cruickshanks and Lena Street secured excellent marks. Every girl is now prepared to do a good half-year's work.

I C.

At the half-yearly examination Nessie Cherbury obtained the excellent result of 90 per cent.

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all round. High percentages were also obtained by Rosie Harrison, Muriel Nowell, and Dorothy Rothwell. Two girls have been promoted, and the class has again settled down to hard work.

1 D.

In the half-yearly examination the most successful girls were Nancy Wicks, Minnie Wade, Ida Clarke and Clare McMahon.

A tennis match was played between 1 E and 1 D on Wednesday, June 12th, which resulted in a win for 1 E by 5 games. The match was arranged by Edna Matthews and Edith Trousdale for 1 E, and Clarice Mahoney and May Hyland for 1 D.

1 E.

Constance Ross secured first place at the recent half-yearly examination. Mona Melville and Edith Blackwell came very close, and will be rivals at the next examination for the coveted position. We welcome Jessie Alexander from 1A, and hope she will do as well in this class.

2 A.

In the recent half-yearly examination the two girls who won the highest places were Maud Turtle and Brenda Souter. These two girls worked well during the last term, and deserved the places they won. They are now promoted to 2B, and although the class will miss them greatly (particularly Maud in the debates), we are pleased for their sakes that they should get on so well.

2 B.

The half-yearly examination results are to hand. The head of the class is again Chrissie Drake, Cassie Fink being second, and Iris Walkley third.

We have again to regret the loss of four of the members of our class, but wish them all success in their new sphere.

We also extend a hearty welcome to the newcomers to our class, especially the one from over the sea, and hope she will be quite happy amongst us.

After having enjoyed a good holiday, we as a class, have returned with renewed vigour, ready for a good half-year's work.

2 C.

Owing to the inspection, the full yearly examination was postponed for a week. Several girls distinguished themselves, the highest marks being obtained by Mary Mewkill, Ruby Dorsett, and Violet Heckenberg.

A meeting of the Girls' Literary and Debating Society was held in Room IV. on Friday, 7th June. The afternoon was devoted to the delivery of impromptu speeches. Many interesting subjects were discussed, amongst which were "Should bachelors be taxed," and "Is the Government justified in passing an act that women should wear hat-pin guards."

2ND YEAR PROBATIONARY STUDENTS.

The results of our half-yearly to hand show Olive Waraker still holding her position as Dux of the class, while Winnie Wright comes second, with Trixie Durie a close third.

3 A.

Doris Bergmann gained first place at the quarterly examination. Emnia Wade secured second place.

5 B.

The pupils who were in the 5A class during the last quarter, have all been promoted to the 5B class, and great is the joy of all.

They evidently look forward to renewed effort and conquest. The following is a brief summary of the last quarterly examination: Good results have been obtained by Emily Hedges, Laura Webster, Thelma Mitchell, Mona Moore, Florrie Ficken.

SECOND CLASS.

Jessie Sharp gained top marks in the last examination, and second place went to Florrie Smith—while Mona Dose and Annie Everett are the pride of Lower Division. There was great excitement over the spelling bee, which Eileen Maden won.

The following are the new office-bearers of the Senior Debating Society, elected at the half-yearly meeting on the 6th instant:—President, the Headmaster; vice-presidents, Masters of the High School; Student V.-P., Jerdan; secretary, Barry; Treasurer, Morgan; editor M.S.S. Journal, England; sub-editor, Price; committee, Firth, Cuthbert, Robinovitz, Walton, and Anderson; auditors, Arnott and Thomas. The mantle of Premier has fallen on the shoulders of Jerdan.

The Lower School has formed a Health Club. The rules will be published in our next issue.

Dr. C. H. Shearman, M.B., Ch.M. (Old Boy) has been appointed Microbiologist to the Department of Public Health. He has lately been Resident Medical Officer at Prince Alfred Hospital. He has our very best wishes.

We beg to congratulate the following on their success at the recent State Public Service Examination for admission to the Professional Division:—R. Eve, K. W. Frecker, and Walter Smith.

Bruce O'Grady was also successful in passing the Clerical Division Examination.

Two O.B.'s—Neville Griffiths and G. R. Halloran—succeeded in gaining their M.B. et Ch.M. degrees at the recent fifth year examination at the University. Our congratulations.

We were reminded the other day that Mr. H. W. Apperly, Secretary to the A.M.P. Society, is a Fort Street old boy.

Dr. Trevor Turner (O.B.) has for the last six months been assisting Dr. S. A. Smith, the well-known Glebe medico.

LACROSSE.

The first round in the Lacrosse Competition finished on Wednesday last. The Fort Street "A" Team are leading, having won seven matches. They defeated Petersham I. by 14 points to 2; Petrsham II., 22 to nil; Technical High School I., 9 to nil; and received forfeits from Technical II. and Fort Street II. The team captained by Ward play with good combination. The following players have stood out prominently against a good team:—Rayment, A. Edwards, H. Edwards, Smith, Simpson, Johnson and Dudley.

Fort Street "B" Team, though not so strong as the "A's"—are doing well, considering this is their first season. They have met all the strong teams and have performed creditably. The captain, Arnold, handles his men very well for a novice. The following players have come under notice:—Vaughan, Acland, Hay, Yates and Costello.

Mr. Hurt has been asked to put a third team into the "B" Competition. There is no difficulty in getting even two more teams, for we have over 70 boys in the club.

Several boys of the school club are playing inter-club games on Saturdays, two in first grade and eight in second grade. This is a good sign, and a very pleasing feature.

Football.

On Wednesday, 3rd July, Fort Street A defeated Cleveland Street A at the Sports Ground by 22 to 3. In the first half, the School outplayed their opponents in all departments, and scored 16 to nil. The first try was scored by Morgan, who cut in round the scrum. O'Grady converted. Hy. Holmes then grounded the leather under the posts, and "Pat" again converted. Firth's turn came next, and he scored near the corner flag. Just before half-time Connolley scored. In the second half Cleveland Street forwards ran our men off their feet, and were superior in the scrum and in the loose. Only the solidness of our backs kept them from scoring time and again. From some ruck play on Fort Street line, O'Grady got hold, broke through, transferred to Winkworth, who led the field and scored under the posts. Some one failed to convert. The next try fell to H. Holmes, as the effect of a solid run.

Fort Street backs were all good. Sherwood played a great game as full-back, his kicking being excellent. "Jock" Morgan, behind the scrum, also played an excellent game; the way in which he tackled some of the big forwards was a fine lesson to some of our men. "Pat" O'Grady and "Wassa" Holmes were always to the fore. "Wassa" has turned into quite an affectionate chap—his gentle little chucks under the chin and his playful jumping brought all eyes on him. Look out, "Wassa"! if someone touches your foot while you are monoplaneing you will not know which part of you hits the ground first. The forwards especially, in the second half were very tired. More packing and pushing is required in those rucks. Hunter is too much inclined to hang outside the ruck—that is the scrum half's place. Green also wants more dash, and Mitchell was hopelessly out of condition. Winkworth and Connelley were the best, Duff following close.

On the 12th June Fort Street A defeated Petersham A by 29 to 9.

Fort Street were represented by Sherwood, Hunt, Holmes, O'Grady (C.), Firth, Holmes, Morgan, Hunter, Spence, Duff, Reed, Green, Mitchell, Winkworth, Connolly.

The game was fast and open throughout, and some pretty passing was displayed by our backs,

especially by Holmes, O'Grady and Hunt. The forwards all worked well, but condition seemed their main fault. Amongst an even pack those who caught the eye as best were Connolly, Winkworth and Reed, Winkworth especially being very fast in the loose, while Reed was conspicuous throughout for his solid ruck work. Connolly was good, but lacked condition—owing, no doubt, to his hard study for the Junior. Mitchell, suffering from acute internal pains, played well throughout. Hunter made his first appearance in A grade, and was successful as break-away. Winkworth must have remarkably big feet or the umpire has cross-eyes, at any rate the front row were penalised twenty times. This must be remedied, or things will be very poor when we meet Hurlstone A. Sherwood played a safe game as full-back. "Wasser" Holmes was safe, but ran across the field too much; he must run straight or else his three-quarters will have no room to work. Hunt and Firth were good on the wings. Morgan was inclined to be selfish, and hung on too much. Spence did not play his customary game; as back he seems to be getting too big for his boots. Look out, Fussy, you're not the only one you know.

This was the best exhibition given by the team so far this season.

Tries were scored by O'Grady (3), G. Holmes (2), W. Holmes (1), and Firth (1), and goals were kicked by O'Grady (3), and Morgan (1).

Fort Street B defeated Petersham B by 24 to 3.

Tries were scored by Hansel (1), Sillar (2), Thompson (1), Packham (1), Upton (2), and Kinninmont kicked a penalty goal.

Amongst the forwards Packham and Thompson were the best, Packham being in fine form. Sillar was easily the best back on the field, his short jump completely fooling the opposition. Hansel played his customary good game on the wing. The other forwards need more life and vim if they wish to beat Ultimo High School next round.

LOWER SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

The School have a team playing in the First Junior Competition, but up to the present it has not met with too much success, owing mainly to the fact that much heavier teams are in our section of the competition.

Against Bourke-street, however, our boys played an excellent game, winning by 23 to nil.

The backs, on the whole, play a much better game of football than the forwards.

C. Johnson, at full-back, is safe in taking, and a good tackler, but must remember that he should kick much oftener instead of running.

The wing three-quarters, Thorburn and Hurt, play excellent football, both being fast runners and good tacklers, although the weight of the latter is often against him.

Whitehead, at centre, is a brilliant, heady player, with a very useful side-step, and should prove useful to the game if developed with care.

Johnson and Burke, the halves, are also a pair of good players, Burke being particularly alert and always on the ball.

The weakness of the team is in the forwards, although such players as Perry, McCabe, Holley, Greathead, Robertson and Fraser should develop into a good set. But there is too great a tendency to loaf instead of keeping on the ball, and the tackling is not sure enough in most cases.

In the team, as a whole, their defensive play, with the exception of the surest in the forwards, is good, but their play in attack needs to be more combined.

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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BASEBALL.

The Sports Union has added what we feel justified in calling another success to its already long list with the formation of a team of the "glorified rounders" game.

We are entered in the B. Grade High Schools Competition. Unfortunately the team was formed rather late, and sufficient time was not given between its inauguration and first match for practice. Thanks, however, to the coaching of Mr. J. S. Searle—to whom the team desires to express its gratitude—we succeeded in defeating Hurlstone by 36 runs to 13.

The Ultimo High School were defeated the following week by 13 runs to 7; but the third engagement against Petersham proved disastrous, the latter winning by 28—12.

The last match, against Cleveland-street, played on Wednesday 3-7-'11, proved a splendid struggle. Cleveland-street in the fourth innings succeeded in piling up 8 runs, and Fort Street's chances looked desperate.

By steady, continuous "plugging," however, we finished with a margin of 5 points to the good—18 to 13.

By this victory the team secured second place in the competition.

HOCKEY.

For some time past there has been more than usual excitement in Hockey circles in view of an approaching contest between the boys and girls of the school. The match became an accomplished fact last Wednesday, and was responsible for the display of unexpected form and skill on both sides. After a close and fast struggle neither side appeared to have an advantage, each team having a goal to its credit when the full-time whistle was blown.

The contestants are anxious to play a return match at an early date. So much enthusiasm has been evoked on our side of the school that efforts are being made to put a second team in the field to test the mettle of the seconds in the Girls' Hockey Club. Willing recruits are requested to hand in their names to Captain Chapman of 2 D Class.

On Wednesday, 3rd instant, the Fort Street Boys' Hockey team played a drawn game with the Girls.

From a good start the Girls made a rush into our ground, but were soon stopped by Darch.

Chapman took the ball to the other end of the field, where it remained for some time. After a few unsuccessful attempts, Latimer scored for the Boys just before half-time.

In the second half a number of good rushes by the Girls took the ball dangerously near the goal, but fast hitting returned it to the Boys, who would have scored only for the use of dresses by the Girls. The ball was kept here again for some time.

"One minute to go."

The opposing team made a great rush, headed by their captain; but they could not score. A free hit was awarded them next to the post, and by a gentle tap, and then a tremendous hit, the captain scored, making the score 1 all.

"Full time."

The Boys commended the good passing and excellent play of the Girls, especially that of their captain, Miss Warden, and realise that they shall have to put forward their best efforts to ensure victory in the return match.

The Boys' team consisted of the following:—Chapman (captain), Latimer, Darch, Walters, Clark, York, Heath, Landels, Crawford, Hughes, and Wilkie, of whom York, Landels and Clarke played an excellent game.

The meetings for organised games for the Lower School are popular institutions. Two hundred and seventeen boys journeyed to Centennial Park on Friday, 5th.

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John Dalton

John Dalton was born in 1766 at Eaglesfield, Cumberland. He began his career as a teacher at the age of 12! This was his occupation for a number of years, acting first as a junior assistant, then in a school with his elder brother as head-master, lastly as a headmaster himself (in a comparatively small school in each case).

Dalton was a great reader, student and thinker. He naturally was attracted to mathematics and natural philosophy, i.e., the study of physical and chemical properties of substances, and phenomena in light, heat, sound and electricity.

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of quick insight, but to his habit of hard thinking, already mentioned. There have been great men—those great in all branches of knowledge—whose ideas have flashed upon them suddenly, as if by an inspiration or intuition. These are the men of genius; at whose insight we can only marvel, and cannot understand. Dalton however, had no such flights of imagination, but was more of the patient plodder—more of the “bull-dog breed”—he grappled with a problem, held on to it with his mental teeth, and never let it go till it yielded to him what he considered a satisfactory explanation.

His work, to a large extent, was with the properties of gases and vapors: we are here reminded of his “Law of Partial Pressures.” But we most frequently associate his name with the First Law of Chemical Combination; and following that, the Atomic Theory.

The constancy of the composition of chemical compounds was a debated question at the time. This was particularly so in France; where Berthollet held that Dalton was wrong. The latter found an able champion in Proust, who was able to substantiate all that was claimed by Dalton.

In casting about for some explanation for this constancy of composition, Dalton made use of a very old idea. The ancient Greek philosophers expressed their belief that matter was made up of very minute particles, more or less closely packed together. In using this idea, Dalton gave the particles, or atoms, new meaning to suit the facts he wished to explain. For example, he ascribed the property of indivisibility; and of equal weight for similar atoms.

Probably the greatest value of Dalton's Theory lies in the fact that it has prompted and directed a great deal of investigation. So useful has the theory proved, and so used are we to thinking of “atoms” of substances, that we are apt to forget that it is but a theory or supposition after all. For example, later work with radio-active substances has shown that some atoms at least, are not indivisible; and it may come to pass that our ideas of atoms will have to be modified.

The greater part of Dalton's adult life was spent as a lecturer, chiefly in Manchester. His ideas and work were recognised in England and abroad. He was made a member, and later, an associate of the French Academy of Sciences. In 1822 he was honored by being made a Fellow of the Royal Society—an honor coveted by scientists

at the present day. Lastly, conservative Oxford recognised his ability—and did him honor.

—H.J.M.

OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

By “Cavendish.”

The publication of this month's letter will see 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Meds. and Engineers in the hurly-burly of examinations. One is afraid to say once more that “Tempus fugit”; afraid—because the reception of such an original remark may be too warm. Perhaps familiarity with the epigram has brought forth contempt; in that case the contempt is met with contempt in the more solid form (as contempt goes) of bad results. But lest any there be who like a gentle reminder now and then, I will even brave the torrid reception and affirm that Time **does** fly. Particularly at a little spot called Sydney University.

But there are other trials as well as those met with in the Great Hall when the head is obstinate and the hand is tired. The University Glee Club has just completed one of its concerts. However, “completed” was the word used; and though seventy-five listeners were prostrated with the shock, all of them are on the road to recovery except three, whose condition is still critical.

The floods have certainly lifted up their voices (if that is the phrase) here. Indeed, the sound of the voices is like the shouts of mighty nations and tribes and peoples who furiously lament with howling and screaming.

It was on Thursday, July 25, that a good ship set sail from the Main Building to the Engineering School, proposing to touch in at the Physics Lab. en route with shouts of “Bon Voyage” ringing through the air (which was mostly water); it cleared the harbour. The waves beat furiously about the vessel; but she stood to it well and successfully rounded the cape on which stands the ruins of the Grand Chateau now inhabited by Wild Beasts who gave the building the name Great Hall. But then the waves, redoubling their fury, shook the ship from stem to stern. The doomed vessel tried to weather the next cape, but was wrecked, and the pieces, one by one, floated into the Common Room. All

hands were saved.

In last month's letter reference was made to the results of the Term Exam. in Physics. Biology and Chemistry results are now available. They show splendid results again for Fort St. freshers. All did well; but Lawrance secured a wonderful double in topping both lists, securing 98 per cent. in Chemistry! It will be remembered that he obtained the Turner Prize for Science in December last.

Most of those who have finals in December and March are settling down at last. It has taken time, but still the time may be worth while.

There is one ex-Fortian here who has an unfortunate capacity for throwing cold water on the best of jokes. His latest—a comment on a witty narrative of a third-year man—"I fail entirely to see the point of your statement, but I have no doubt that all of it is extremely boring." It is certainly an extreme case.

Guy Harden has had had luck in breaking his collarbone; but he is able to attend lectures now, and one hopes he will soon be able to dispense with his sling. Ron. Hinder, to whom reference was made last month, has also been in the wars, and broken his leg. He has now left the hospital, but will be unable to play again this year.

Indeed, accidents have happened so often in this season's football that there is a scheme afoot to extend the scheme of ambulance work under the auspices of the University Sports' Union. It is proposed to encourage the more promising medical students by giving them a share in the good work.

Those playing in the various sports:—Football: Adamson, Langan, Evatt, Ridley, and Noble. Hockey: Morgan, Samson, Silberthau. Lacrosse: D. Smith, Green, Wiburd, Gruen. There are also many men rowing in the Challenge Fours.

The Faculty Football matches have been completed, with the result that Medicine has won the banner presented by Dr. Hoets. Those Fortians who represented their Faculties were:—

Medicine: Flook, Harrison, Noble, Langan.
Law and Arts: Evatt.

Science: Ridley, Edwards.

The thoughts of the younger and keener men are already flying forward to the rule of King Willow. May that potentate's shadow never grow less.

CADET NEWS.

There is a big probability of an amendment to the Act being passed almost immediately allowing cadets with commissions to remain as senior cadet officers instead of transferring to the militia. Another proposed amendment for next year is one to allow militia sections, half-companies or companies, to be formed at schools. Of course, the continuous camps must also be attended by those who are between the ages of 16 and 25.

Our senior cadets who have become militiamen this year should note that whole-day militia parades consist of 6 hours minimum; half-day parades not less than 4 hours; and the quarter-day parades 2 hours or more.

Our whole-day parade this quarter is billed for Wednesday, August 14th. A voluntary parade is down Saturday morning, 17th August. This latter is for those cadets representing their schools in competition matches on the Wednesday. Leave of absence for the Wednesday must be applied for, or else two whole-day parades will have to be attended for being absent without leave.

The holding of the two quarter-day parades as one half-day parade per month seems to be giving entire satisfaction to officers and cadets.

The results of the recent commissioned and non-commissioned officers' examination, held Friday, 2nd August, are expected shortly. Watch the notice-board.

A board has been appointed to examine each member of the school companies for last year's efficiency. The word of the officer commanding a company is being taken for this first year. Record books will be wanted shortly for the entry to be made.

It is expected that teams will compete in the National Rifle Association's meeting to be held at Randwick in October next. The cadet events are as follows:—Challenge Bugle—Teams of 10 cadets from one company, 10 shots at 200

Junior Results--Boys:

Name	Eng.	French	Latin	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Chem.	Geog.	History
Anderson, W.	A	—	B	A	A	B	C	—	—
Barry, L.	C	—	—	—	C	C	C	B	—
Berman, B.	C	—	C	—	B	C	—	—	—
Best, J.	B	C	—	C	B	B	C	A	—
Bowler, D.	B	—	—	A	A	B	C	—	A
Brindley, C.	C	B	B	B	A	B	A	—	—
Clarke, E.	C	—	—	A	B	B	—	B	—
Collins, L.	B	A	A	A	A	C	—	—	—
Connelley, T.	—	C	C	C	A	C	—	—	—
Cramp, C.	A	B	B	B	A	A	C	—	—
Davies, C.	A	C	C	C	A	B	C	—	—
Dinning, W.	A	—	C	B	B	B	—	—	—
Downey, L.	C	—	—	C	C	B	B	A	—
Ferns, C.	C	C	C	C	B	B	C	—	—
Ferris, G.	B	C	C	B	A	B	C	—	—
Glasgow, W.	C	—	C	A	B	B	C	—	—
Green, E.	C	—	—	C	B	B	C	—	—
Green, C.	A	C	C	C	B	B	C	—	—
Hales, G.	—	B	B	—	A	A	C	—	—
Hardman, C.	B	C	C	C	B	B	—	—	—
Hielman, H.	B	—	—	C	B	B	C	B	—
Holland, L.	B	A*	A	B	B	B	—	—	—
Holmes, H.	—	—	C	B	B	C	—	—	—
Hudson, H.	B	C	—	A	B	C	C	A	—
Hughes, J.	B	C	C	B	A	A	C	—	—
Hunt, A. R.	B	C	B	A	A	B	B	—	—
Illingsworth, H.	C	C	B	C	A	C	C	—	—
Irwin, N. B.	B	A	B	C	C	C	—	—	—
Kelly, R.	C	C	—	B	C	C	B	A	—
Kennedy, D.	B	B	C	A	A	C	C	—	—
Kinninmont, H.	B	—	—	C	A	C	C	A	—
Leslie, A.	B	—	—	B	A	B	C	A	—
Lush, W.	C	—	—	A	A	B	C	—	—
Mandelson, O.	C	C	C	B	A	B	C	—	—
Mater, F.	B	B	C	A	A	B	C	—	—
Mackenzie, R.	C	C	C	A	A	A	C	—	—
McLaren, N.	B	C	B	A	A	A	B	—	—
McShane, G.	—	—	C	C	B	B	—	—	—
Paine, C.	B	C	C	B	A	B	C	—	—
Paling, J. A.	A	C	C	A	A	B	—	—	—
Ponton, R.	A	A	A	C	B	B	B	—	—
Porter, H.	A	C	—	B	B	C	C	—	—
Rainsford, M.	A	C	C	C	B	C	C	—	—
Rigney, W.	B	—	—	B	A	A	—	A	C
Ratledge, E. W.	B	—	—	C	B	C	C	A	B
Ryder, E.	B	C	—	B	C	B	C	A	—
Schwartzkoff, C.	B	C	C	A	A	B	C	—	—
Sherwood, E.	—	—	C	C	C	C	—	—	—
Sherwood, J.	B	C	C	B	B	B	C	—	—
Simpson, J. Mc	—	C	—	B	C	C	—	—	—
Stubbin, C.	B	—	—	B	B	B	C	C	—
Thomas, B.	C	—	—	A	A	B	—	A	—
Upton, S.	A	C	A	B	B	B	B	—	—
Walton, F.	C	C	B	B	B	B	—	—	—
Watt, J.	A	B	C	B	A	B	C	—	—
Wheeler, S.	A	—	—	C	A	C	C	B	C
White, B.	C	C	C	B	A	A	C	—	—
Whitcombe, A.	C	B*	C	B	A	A	—	—	—
Wolf, O.	A	C	B	B	A	B	C	—	—
Woolston, W.	C	—	—	C	B	B	C	—	—
Wright, K.	A	—	—	A	C	C	C	A	—
Wynn, E.	C	—	—	B	B	C	C	—	—
Young, R.	B	C	—	B	A	A	C	A	—

*German.

Junior Results--Girls:

	Eng. Hist.	Geog.	Eng.	French	Ger.	Latin	Arith.	Alg.	Geom.	Chem.	Geol.	Ból.	
Rosalie Collins	...	—	—	B	...	B	...	—	B	...	—	...	A
Elaine Cooper	...	—	—	C	...	C	...	—	B	...	—	...	B ... C
Ina Drake	...	—	—	C	...	—	...	—	B	...	—	...	B ... B
Rae Furness	...	—	—	B	...	C	...	—	C	...	—	...	B ... —
Elsie Morris	...	C	...	C	...	—	...	—	C	...	C	...	C ... —
Sarah Payn	...	B	...	A	...	B	...	—	A	...	—	...	B ... —
Mabel Mitchell	...	—	—	C	...	—	...	—	C	...	C	...	—
Leila Quigley	...	—	—	B	...	—	...	—	C	...	—	...	B ... C
May Rivett	...	—	—	A	...	C	...	—	B	...	B	...	B ... B
Dorothy Struthers	...	—	—	A	...	C	...	—	B	...	B	...	—
Maggie Swan	...	C	...	—	...	—	...	—	C	...	C	...	C ... —
Doris York	...	—	—	B	...	C	...	—	A	...	A	...	A ... B
Ella Martin	...	—	—	A	...	A	...	—	A	...	B	...	A ... B
Dorothy D'Arcy Irvine	...	—	—	B	...	C	...	—	B	...	—	...	— ... C

Honors—May Rivett, Medal Geology. Doris York, Prox Acc. Geometry.
 Matriculation Passes—six. Best Passes—Doris York, Ella Martin, May Rivett.

yards. Prizes: Silver bugle and £20; second, £10; third, £5; and six prizes at £2 10s. Cadet Service Match—8 shots at 200 yards. First prize, £20; second, £10; third, £5; and six prizes at £2 10s.

The school companies appear to lack life lately. Are they only waiting for the non-coms. to be appointed to spring to life again? Will H. Company be again the champion company of the 27th Battalion 14 companies this year?

The company with all the raw material in has been called H Company, and is under Lieut. J. Tate. The old F now becomes E Company, and is under the command of Lieut. R. Taylor. The old G becomes F., Lieut. E. Parker being the O.-C.; and the old H Company, who won the Battalion championship last year (1911-12), becomes G, and is still under Capt. Parsonage.

The range party is receiving good practice under Lieut. R. Taylor each Wednesday. They should render a good account of themselves at the competition mentioned these columns and next musketry.

The Battalion champion badges and the musketry badges are not to hand for distribution yet.

On Monday, September 2, in the Sydney Town Hall Basement, the prize meeting of the Miniature Rifle Association will be held. As this school is affiliated, any cadet can compete. Lieut. R. Taylor or Lieut. W. Paradise will supply particulars. Practice will be held at Randwick until the school range is passed. Between the 10th and 31st August practice may be had at the Sydney Town Hall.

From the Vancouver "Sun," June 10th, 1912, we cut the following:—"An interesting wedding took place at St. Mark's Church, Kitsilano, at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, when Miss Jane Nelson, of San Francisco, became the bride of Mr. Eric Cullenward, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. A. H. Sovereign, rector of St. Mark's. The bride was attended by her mother, Mrs. M. Nelson, and Captain R. N. Davy supported the groom. Afterwards the young couple left on a short honeymoon trip, followed by the best wishes of their friends. Mr. Cullenward is a bright journalist, being the Canadian and American representative of the Independent Press Association of Australia, and has lately become a member of the "Morning Sun" staff. On their return from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Cullenward will reside in this city."

Girls' Page

STAFF CHANGES.

Miss Young has been removed to the High School, Wagga. The change was made at Miss Young's request and for health reasons. Previous to her departure she was presented with a small wrist watch by the staff. We all wish her health and happiness in her new sphere. Miss Young's place has been filled by Miss M. Taylor, B.A.

Miss Tearle, the Editress of the Girls' Page in "The Fortian," has been away for the last month on account of eye trouble.

In the Primary Department Miss Schleicher has been removed to Birchgrove. Her place has been filled by Miss Dowling from Singleton.

SPORTS.

Owing to the continuous rains sports are in temporary recess. The disappointment has been especially felt by the Hockey Club, who had several matches arranged.

The following matches are in prospect:—

August 7—University 1st XI. and 2nd XI.

August 13—Wandah.

August 16—Cooyanna.

August 14—Fort St. Boys'.

I A CLASS.

I A Class heartily welcome Miss Morley as their new class teacher. They hope she will be happy in her new sphere. The class is still working hard for the coming examination.

I C.

May Corbett and Ada MacDonald obtained full marks at the last science exam.

FIRST YEAR D.

In the last monthly science test Minnie Wade and Lily Jamieson gained the highest marks.

FIRST YEAR DEBATING SOCIETY.

The First Year Debating Society held a "Geography Afternoon" Friday, 19th July. Nine girls were chosen, each taking a different country for

discussion. Nellie Denham, who took India for her subject, was considerably the best. She gave a vivid description of the ways and customs of this country. Next to her came Jessie Cargill and Minnie Stark, who gave creditable essays on the South Sea Islands and Borneo respectively. The following girls also contributed: Emily Christie, Sweden; Hilda Bamford, Japan; Annie Weston, Switzerland; Katie Donald, Russia; Jessie Browning, Canada.

CLASS 2 A.

We are very sorry to lose our class teacher, Miss Newling, who has gone to Paddington. The girls presented her with a high silver vase and a large bouquet, tied with red and white ribbon. We also welcome Miss West as our class and mathematical teacher.

In the monthly chemistry test Gladys Wilson gained the highest marks.

"SUSPIRIA DE PROFUNDIS."

For the past six months or so the Seniors, fondly wrapped in opiate fumes, have adopted the principles of Epicurus. They have smiled upon Latin comp.; but alas! in vain. They have wooed Cesar Birotteau, they have sought infinite limits with infinitesimal zeal, in short they would now cry with the preacher, "All is vanity." Hence—class motto: "Know what thou canst work at, and work at it like a Hercules," to quote our bosom friend, Carlyle.

Botany class see our naturalists seeking for microscopic micro-spores in the microscopic micro-cyple of a microscopic megaspore in a microscopic megasporangium; and all this in a microscope!

The Ladies' Surveying League is about to adjourn enthusiasm re muddy patches in hockey fields and devote itself to field mapping, not field skating.

Recent observations in the "Weather Bureau" show that Sybaris abounds in plenty, but Lydia, thank goodness, is wanting.

The Government have evidently lowered the price of "bricks" for a certain State Government official who has developed into a capitalist is setting up a monopoly of "thousands of bricks," to be used hereafter, perhaps when bricks are scarce. Now we, living as we do in an enlightened age, would fain crush this mo-

nopoly, hence the class motto.

Last, but not least, comes the sporting field, where the Seniors take air occasionally, the motto carries weight here also, for a few big-muscled people, knowing what they can work at do so with great gusto. Hockey is by no means an easy game, so we must congratulate our members on their great success this year, in spite of "matches" that go out in the wet.

Tennis also claims a few adherents, but these want a little hockey enthusiasm and a little more hockey muscle, and all would be well.

Primary School News.

BOYS' PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The selected quotation for the month is:—

True worth is in being, not seeming;

In doing, each day that goes by,
Some little good—not in dreaming

Of great things to do by and by.

For whatever men say in their blindness;

And spite of the fancies of youth,

There is nothing so kingly as kindness.

And nothing so noble as truth.

CLASS 5 D.

The most pleasing feature of the work in this class during the past month has been increased application to work and notably private study as soon as work is finished. Some few boys, however, still think that "talking" is more important, and it is to be hoped that they will soon see that private study will be more likely to yield the better harvest at the end of the year.

Geography and science seem to be the favorite subjects, judging by the interest taken and work done.

In the former, Bennett and Foote seem to be the chief devotees, and their efforts are especially worthy of praise.

The science is harder to judge, as there is very keen competition. Perhaps the best work is done by Caldwell, Stone, Haig, Whitehead, Elliott, Pooley and Hurt.

Mathematics needs more care and accuracy. The following have perhaps done best: Bastian, Crowell, Hellstrom, Jones, Opit, Tonkin and

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Leslie. Each scored full marks last test exam.

English and spelling need vigorous work and thought. Fifteen minutes' work every night in each will work wonders. The results of the last exams. in these are not completed.

CLASS 5 C.

During the past month good work has been done by the following boys:—

Science: Morris and Williams (equal), Cramp,

Hilliger, Schmidt, Macadam, MacDermott,

Fenwick, Ralston and Allpress.

Dictation: Doy, Hilliger, Lord, MacDermott,

Cramp, Macadam and Quinn.

Arithmetic: Barnett, Doy, Morris, Macadam,

Cramp.

First Aid: Cramp, Williams, Morris, Hilliger,

Ralston, Cowan and Macadam.

Painting: Williams, Green, Huthrance, Schmidt,

Cable, Clark.

Homework.—The majority of the boys of the class do very good homework, and it is a difficult matter to choose the best without mentioning too many names for insertion in the "Fortian." However, those whose work is most

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consistent are: Williams, Doy, Hilliger, Morris, Cramp and Macadam, while Hotten, Ralston, Clark, Fenwick and Allpress are not far behind.

CLASS 5 B.

The best results in individual subjects are as follows:—

Arithmetic: Olsen, Round, Thortall and Matta.
Dietation: McNamara, Humby, Wride, Vickers,

Dufty, Drew, Stent, McCabe, Easterling.

Writing: Meers, L. Shaw, E. Johnston.

Reading: R. Bickford, G. Bickford and Walker.

Science: T. Davies, Spence, Marsden and Melnikoff.

History: Reid and Champion.

5 A.

The best work done in individual subjects in this class is as follows:—

Homework: Mackenzie, Sinclair, Hynes, Magee, Schwartz, Perkins, Hunter, Williams, Heath, Daniels, Wilson and Arnold.

Neatest Tablets: Schwartz (9½).

Science: Magee (9½), Schwartz (9).

Brush-work: Cooper, Daniels and E. Rose.

4 A.

Class work is going along smoothly; Partidge, Hamilton, Arnott and King are ahead in work, but everyone is doing his best. We hope to have Mr. Sutherland with us again next week.

3 A.

On the whole, fairly good work has been done. A number of boys are showing better interest in homework, and the best books belong to Robertson, Bennett, W. Simpson, Ralston and Symonds. Nearly every boy is a subscriber to the "Fortian," and we would like

to see more interest taken by 3A in organised games.

SECOND CLASSES.

The two seconds have been working together a great deal lately, and we are getting on very well in nature study. W. Hanneman takes care of a tortoise for us; Ernie Quinn looks after the jar of tadpoles; and Harry Hardman has brought us some silk worms and eggs.

The weather records are kept up to date, the best records being kept by H. Hardman, R. Smyth, A. Morgan and D. Moore. Most of the boys are working very hard to win the prizes for best homework, and the marks are very close to one another. In all the other subjects the boys are getting ready to be well up in their work for the inspection, and also to be ready for promotion to Third Class at Christmas time.

THE TENNIS CLUB.

We have at last succeeded in establishing a tennis club amongst the boys of the Fifth Classes. All seem very interested in the game, and are anxious to become proficient in it, so that we may as soon as possible select a team to play against other schools. Our courts are at Balmain, where we intend to get in as much practice as we can on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. At present the membership of the club stands at about twenty-seven, so that no more will be able to join. Each boy is advised to have his own racquet as soon as possible and the better players will have a good opportunity of improving, as the courts will be reserved for them alone on Saturday mornings.

Boys' High School Class News.

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 SENIORS I.

One expert Bill Sykes boasted lately that he would have every pocket knife in the room. By using a strong magnet, he soon found their position, and the rest was easy for his slippery hand.

Will Mr. E. B. R. (our new scientist) please publish in this journal a full report on his experiment on "Ink," and state there its "force of restitution"?

Why do Seniors carry such heavy bags? Not only are they a menace to bodily development, but, judging by the scientist's nose one evening, they are dangerous weapons in the hands of a savage.

Seniors—Note that Lig's bag is not a bottle-oh's sack, nor a second-hand shop, nor a waste paper basket!

On Wednesday, 31st, the Rowing and Football Clubs played on Petersham Oval: the play was "classy," but the ball had to be dug up occasionally. After a good exhibition of water polo-football, Jamo's crew won by a length.

Yet they say football has a "firm footing" at Fort Street.

'Tis rumored that if a certain "dark horse" in the back seat had pushed his proof further on that Trig. "pons asinorum," he would have rivalled such mathematicians as Esserman, Hunter, Newton, Godfrey and Siddons.

Scarcity of paper prevented completion.

Who said Shakespeare was not a sport?
Football—

"Then you and I and all of us fell down."
—From "Julius Caesar."

The Motor—

"The spirit of time shall teach me speed."
—"King John."

We beg to announce that the much-needed and anxiously awaited key to trigonometry will be shortly published by "Third Floor Back." To come within range of Senior pockets it will be issued in fortnightly parts.

It has been discovered that Hughie saves paper in Conics by working in no lines, so that we tip him to win the trigonometry competition "in three-lines."

A bright spark—a bead of borax in a bunsen

flame.

A losing game—buying paper.

Some people are very pushing—in the room of the two taps.

Highly colored—the spectrum.

It must be regretted that Gordon forgot that the co-efficient of friction of wet leather is but .15. We recommend the addition of Max as water polo trainer to the football team.

SENIORS II.

The usual enquiries are pending regarding the loss of weights in the Science Room.

Our sympathy is extended to the Uppers on a formidable list of tests that they will be required to face in the coming quarter or so. May they survive them.

The first ministerial debate of the new Debating Society, was both a success and a disaster. The premier obtained one vote besides those of his actual party, despite his impassioned and moving address, which was to the stammering tirade of the leader of the opposition, what the lyre bird is to the sparrow. Despite this, I say, he was successful only in obtaining one vote. (N.B.—These notes are written in the most unbiassed spirit, by a hard-worked scribe, and hence he can only conclude that the last fact above recorded was the result of a vile conspiracy.)

Before going to press we see on all sides preparations for the great contest, Seniors v. Old Boys, at handball. Owing to his unwonted exertions, the venerable E. A. S. J. has nearly succumbed, but will manage, he thinks, to retain his spirits until after the above contest. That match, by the way, has saved "dad" Firth from a lecturette on Friday, for which he is truly thankful.

Regularly, at the same address as formerly, the good old firm of Spence & Co. will provide the public with the same entertainment, at the same 9.10 a.m., sometimes varied by Mr. M. locking the door at 9.5. On such occasions front seats for this entertainment are six-pence extra. Booking before 4.30 each afternoon. For box plan see E. A. S. *London*

SENIORS III.

Friday's weekly talk gave evidence of many budding Pitts in the School. The opposition were the Pitts. Those in favour of strikes fell

in.

Perhaps, as has been suggested, it would be as well not to imitate Malory's style. Other-wise an extract from the account of a football match might read:—

"Now leave we Sir D—— and turn we unto Sir C——, who bethought him to get a try. Then was the Petersham captain sore agrieved, and bade Sir H—— arise and help we our full-back. Anon Sir H—— arose and walloped after Sir C—— nor stinted untill he got the ball. Then was Sir H—— sore oppressed, and bethought him of his heels. Anon Sir H—— walloped across the field, overturning many valorous knights, and stinted not untill he gained a try."

Some would-be sharp-shooters wend their way weekly (note the alliteration) to Circular Quay to go out shooting. Rabbits? Ducks?—No; targets! Ah well, folly is blind.

In looking over our copy of the "Fortian" for last month, we deigned to look at the contribution sent in by the Upper Seniors, and we cannot refrain from commending the valor of their correspondents who referred to us as "What large ones!" But we will not strap them this time, and will be content to say that even if we are "large ones" it is all the more honor to us to obtain such a promotion.

Since last issue our numbers have increased fourfold, several commercials having joined the flock.

We are pleased to note that the actor in some of us it not quite dead. Perhaps the honorable gentleman whose showing most impressed us was T. C., who in the role of Pistol in Shakespeare's "Henry V" brought out the following words in a most dramatic manner:

"Base is the slave that pays."

We are pleased to say that the class has not followed this maxim in regard to the "Fortian," but as the honorable gentleman himself has not been at school for some time, we do not know how he will behave, for "it is a good divine that follows his own precepts," and we suppose the remark will apply equally well to actors.

Another promising theatrical character is to be seen in the railway servant who delivers the speeches of a certain Welsh gentleman in a fine sing-song manner.

The long looked for results of Junior exam. have arrived at last, and find us still at the top rung of the ladder in our standard. These will be found on another page, but it may be mentioned that two medals were secured—geography and chemistry—and three "prox. acc.'s" in mathematics.

In sporting matters we still hold our own, although A men, who represented us in the first two grades, have left us. We have two men in the first grade, two in the second, and one in the third.

Owing to the kindness of one of our students, our class-room is kept heated all day. This member utterly despises the pain to which he must be subjected in wearing such hot 'uns, and his valor certainly deserves recognition by the school.

We must beg the pardon of students in the second year division, because we are not going to allow them to have bursaries, all of us having determined to win them at the forthcoming Intermediate Examination in October.

The hospitality of the class is still the same as ever, for some of us have consented to give the Canadian cadets a home for the short time they are in Sydney.

Someone was heard to remark the other day that Cornelius Nepos, our Latin author, was more marvellous than the traditional cat of nine lives, since we have had two of his lives and ten more are to come.

2 E.

2 E played and defeated 2 C on the 10th July by about 26 to nil. Spender showed up well as the result of a little advice from the renowned Hallet. Among the backs were Warden, Mitchell, Dodds and Burrows.

We had a good chance of the competition, but the organisation of the 5th and 6th dashed our hopes to the ground, and the team had to be disbanded.

The class thought that it would use the large Science-room because of its seniority, and was not a little disappointed when things happened to the contrary.

2 D CLASS.

One of our boys, who resides at Cremorne, made a very poor attempt at suicide one week morning. It appears that he fell in front of

a tram, having full intentions of derailing it. The driver, however, managed to pull up the car when the cow-catcher was on his bag. The poor lad appeared at school in a very pale and muddy condition, but after all, he did not get the class a holiday.

The same lad appeared again at school the following week, looking as if he had passed a night in Woolloomooloo, his eye in stitches, and his arm in a sling—later it leaked out that he had played lacrosse against Brisbane. What a game for savages!

Since the re-organisation of the school staff, Mr. Selle has taken us for mathematics, and has already brought two boys, who happen to know a little algebra, to tears. Anyway we are progressing splendidly under his tuition, and all think we are certain of good mathematics passes in the Intermediate.

We are fastly becoming business men under Mr. Monro.

Dick, who happens to have lost something lately, thinks that hockey is a better game than football, and is going to play (because the boys are going to play the girls). He looks forward in anticipation to finding a substitute.

We are pleased to say that we had two representatives in the Interstate lacrosse matches in the persons of C. Rayment and A. Edwards; both played splendidly in both matches, the former captaining the second match, and scoring the only goal of the game.

CLASS 2 B.

Our hockey enthusiasts are getting up another match against the girls' team.

Some bright youths are seriously thinking of joining the club to prove their worth against them.

Football does not seem to be popular among the members. Three or four are playing in the 3rd team, but others do not attempt to get into any team.

Most boys go down to play lacrosse, while one valiant warrior braves the field at baseball.

Many, no doubt, would be very pleased if the Latin course were lightened and shortened, while "Cranford" is getting on the nerves of everyone.

CLASS 2 A.

The boys in this class are now doing their "level best" to gain honors in the forthcoming

Intermediate Examination.

In French, Mostyn still reigns supreme, but several others seem to be following on his tracks.

In every branch of sport we are represented. Mostyn, Green, Higgins, Hilderbrand and Chip-
lin, the latter being captain of the Fifts, are playing representative football, while Hargreaves still remains our representative with the scull.

Everyone seems to have improved greatly in geography lately, and in that subject we hope to do fairly well.

1 F.

Football is practically at a standstill. Nalder, "Spim Jarky," and a couple of others have been called upon to play in grade matches. In other classes it is the same. So the class comp. has been spoilt completely.

Treloar is usurping the position of monitor again. William means to hold on as long as he can.

Runour has it that the exam. which the First Year scholars will sit for, to receive promotion to the Second Year, will take place in October. Is it true?

1 E.

The changes which have lately taken place have resulted in the formation of a new class 1E, composed of the boys of 1C who obtained highest marks in the examination, and some of old 1E.

The class competition football matches were to be carried on as if this class were still 1C, but the best of our footballers have been selected to play in the grades. Similar changes being made in the other classes, the class competition matches will not be carried out.

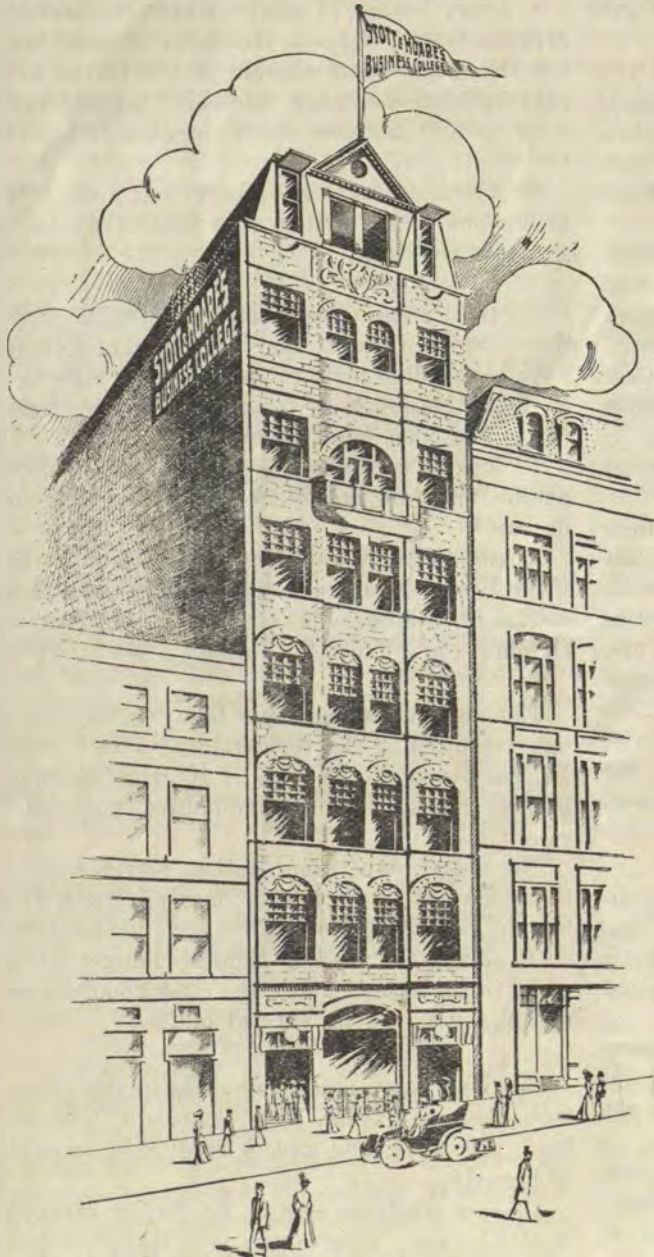
1 D.

Kortlang represented this class in the Interstate lacrosse fixture, High Schools v. Queensland, last week, and gave a creditable account of himself.

Y—es wrote an essay. Mr. Taylor marked it "C" Class, which, we understand, means "choice class essay." Anyhow, the nerve-stirring description kept the class tingling with excitement.

Herb. Winkworth received a number to-day. We were at first inclined to think him a convict, but afterwards were very pleased to hear

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This class has taken to shorthand with great zest, and Mr. Monro is very pleased with the progress of each lad.

1 C CLASS

Class work is now progressing favourably under the new regime.

Several members of the class had the honour of being the opponents of the victorious Thirds, but were defeated by 22 to 5.

The fine play of Swallow and Charles Rupert Turbet earned them places in the grade teams.

M. O'Dea has secured a position in the 6ths., and as T. M. G. plays with the 3rds., we seem to be losing all our lightweight forwards.

Swallow and Hudson are endeavouring to become Generals, or something of the kind, in the compulsory training. Good luck to them!

Lacrosse has taken on well in the class. Almost all members of the 2nd team come from this class, with E. Arnold as captain.

1 B.

A new class has been formed, which is now called 1B. During the past few weeks great progress has been made. We are well represented in sport, as we have some of the grade footballers and lacrosse players in our class. We have some expert hockey players also.

1 A.

The members of this class who play football are reminded that they cannot play with their hats. An effort should be made to arrange a match, and a ball should be provided before going out to Centennial Park on Wednesdays.

Several changes in the staff have taken place since last issue. Mr. H. Baldock, from Broken Hill, takes the place of Mr. W. K. Tonkin as Assistant Science Master. To make way for the new staff, Mr. N. R. Means has been transferred to Orange High School; Mr. J. R. McClean to Ultimo High School; Mr. P. Hurt to Annandale and thence to Braidwood; Mr. J. G. McKenzie to Petersham; and Mr. E. E. Moore to Bondi.

THE JUNIOR FAREWELL.

On 31st May, despite the inclemency of the weather, the Juniors participated in that time-honoured function, the Junior Farewell.

In the early part of the afternoon we assembled in the Boys' School, where we were addressed by Mr. Kilgour, who exhorted us to uphold the honour of the school. Rosalie Collins presented Miss Partridge with a bouquet, and the usual proceedings followed. The scene was a merry one, the prevailing colours of red and white bespeaking loyalty to the "old school."

The presentations having been made, we exhausted our lungs in a hearty rendering of the customary and original "Junior songs." A short musical programme also contributed to the general enjoyment.

Later, we adjourned to the Cooking School dining room, which was very kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. Rowohl. Here, amid a deal of merriment, we prepared our small banquet, which took the form of an afternoon tea, after which some of our number favoured the company with recitations.

Mr. Kilgour and Miss Partridge wished us every success in our coming ordeal, and Joyce Mitchell did the same on behalf of the "old girls."

We were sorry that two of our number were absent, on account of sickness, but were confident that their thoughts were with us.

Miss Partridge took advantage of the opportunity to express our universal regret at the departure of Miss Duncan, and to wish her the best of success in future.

Our examination is now a thing of the past, but it behoves us to remain discreetly silent as yet regarding probable results. A little bird has whispered, however, that our anxiety on that subject may be relieved sooner than expected.

The following boys in the Lower School won life-saving certificates last swimming year:—K. Wride, P. Hurt, N. Wilkinson, W. Stent, N. Sinclair, A. Jeanneret, L. Mallam, M. Rea, B. Arnold, S. Hall, R. Stone, W. Dufty, W. Furness, W. Connie, G. Burke, R. Carden, E. Daniel, M. Schwartz, F. Walker, C. Hocken, M. Redwood, E. McAdam, R. Whitehead, J. McDermott, and A. Perry.

SPORTS NOTES.

What a good team the First footballers are on the rough, and what a big difference one regular day a week for practice would make!

A Rugby Union official who was an onlooker at the First Fort St. v. Hurlstone match, wanted to know what day the team practised and where. The look of amazement on his face when he was told that they have never been down to practice one day this year wants a better pen than mine to describe it. "If they play so well without practice, what could they do with practice. No first-grade club would be safe," he remarked.

The third round in the first and second grade will be played between the four leading clubs—Fort St. and Hurlstone (tie), Ultimo High School and Petersham. In the event of a team being less than 3 points above the next leading team at the end of the third round, a semi-final will be played, and then, under the same conditions, a final if necessary.

Representative matches are promised for players in the first and third grades. How many Fort St. players will be selected in each grade? The First-grade are to play Greater Public School matches, and the 9th Battalion Cadets and the Third-grade the Combined Lower Schools. Another proposed match is Combined Fort St. Thirds and Fourths v. the Rest of the Third-grade teams combined (Ultimo High, Technical High, Cleveland St., and Petersham).

Jock Morgan is tipped as a certainty for representative honours this season; likewise a young forward. Several others, both backs and forwards, could make themselves absolute certainties with a little more attention to lectures and regular practices. Will they rise to the occasion between this and the time of selection.

Mr. J. Murray (Fort St.), Mr. W. Dunn (Hurlstone), and Mr. T. Holt (Cleveland St.) are the selectors for the first-grade representative matches.

H. Kinninmont has been selected to represent New South Wales Schoolboys v. Queensland in Brisbane this month. W. Ford has been elected to represent New South Wales v. Victorian Schoolboys in Melbourne this month.

Edwards, W. Kortlang, C. Raymond represented New South Wales against the Queensland schoolboy lacrossites recently. We are pleased to note their success.

If the blazer suggestion does not meet with the approval of the Sports' Union Committee, could not a cap (not an honor cap), with the school badge (when we have one) on it, be presented to those who represent their school in a certain number of events, matches, etc.? A badge might do to be worn on shirt, guernsey, etc.

It is proposed by the hon. secretary to institute a special award to the best all-round athlete (all events points' score record) in the next sports meeting.

Much credit is due to the Lower Seniors, the backbone of the baseball team, for the complete success of this our first season in that branch of the organised games. Jerdan is the hon. secretary, and Price the captain. The team and the Sports' Union desire to express their thanks to Mr. Jas. Searle, the well-known coach, for his services in that capacity to our team.

FOOTBALL.

On Wednesday, July 10th, Fort St. played Ultimo High School on Wentworth Oval. Playing with the wind, Fortians in the first half registered 17 points and our opponents nil. On resuming, Ultimo proved aggressive, scoring 8 points before we quite realised what was happening. From now on the game was stubbornly fought out, Fortians gaining two more tries. The goal-kicking was terrible—one goal from seven tries, all in easy positions.

The forwards played finely, and were ably supported by the backs; the pace of the two centre three-quarters attracting especial notice from onlookers.

Sherwood, at full-back, played a fine game. Morgan, O'Grady, G. and H. Holmes were the pick of the backs; while Conolley, Winkworth, Reed and Bennett are to be noticed among the forwards.

The scorers were: O'Grady, Bennett (2 tries), Morgan, Winkworth and G. Holmes (1 each). O'Grady converted one.

FORT ST. v TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Played at Metters' Ground, and resulting in a win for Fort St. by 46 points to nil. The first half ended with the score 14 to nil. On scoring two more tries after the adjournment Tech. grew discouraged, and pretty passing bouts by our backs raised the score to 46. Again the goal-kicking was awful, 2 out of 14 tries being converted, although the new captain, G. Holmes, gave opportunities to several. Sherwood, at full-back, had little to do, as Tech. never looked like scoring. G. Holmes played finely, scoring 22 of the 46 points. Firth, as breakaway, played splendidly. Morgan, at half, was good; while the forwards—who did not buck in as well as usual—obtained the ball nearly every time. Tries were scored by G. Holmes (6), Firth (4), Winkworth, Hudson and H. Holmes (1 each). G. Holmes converted two.

FORT ST. v. HURLSTONE.

Played on Saturday, July 20th, at Alexandria, resulting in a win for Fortians by 6 to 3. The first half was keenly fought out until Hurlstone scored at the end. They had previously missed several attempts at goal. In the second half our forwards became accustomed to our opponents' tactics, and made things more even. From a scrummage, Winkworth following on nicely, scored a try. The kick at goal failed. Shortly after, a fine passing rush by the backs resulted in G. Holmes scoring in the corner after a fine sprint. The kick again failed. Now, in the lead, our men played finely, and neither side succeeded in scoring again before the full-time whistle. The forwards are to be congratulated on their splendid game again a heavier pack; while our backs played up to their usual form. Everyone in the team played well, and we cannot mention any as worthy of especial praise. Onlookers described the game as one of the best they had seen for a long time. This is the first time we have met Hurlstone, and the result of next match is eagerly awaited.

HOCKEY NOTES.

The hockey teams are now practising in earnest as inter-club matches have been arranged, and all the members are anxious to

get a place in the teams.

On the 17th ult. a scratch match was played—Captain's team v. Vice-Captains. Sandels led the former team and Latimer the latter. At half-time the Vice-Captains' side led by 6 goals to 2; but after the interval they were out-played, and Sandels' team won by 15 goals to 12. The following scored for the winners:—York (6), Sandels (5), Heath (2), and Wilkie (2); while for the losers Latimer (10) and Furness (2) scored.

On the 24th a similar match was played, and resulted in a runaway win for the team captained by Sandels. At full-time his side led by 14 goals to 4. For the victors Sandels (6), Darch (3), Walters (3), and Furness were the chief scorers; while Latimer (2), Wilkie and Webb netted the ball for the losers.

On Thursday, 24th ult., a meeting was held with a good attendance. Owing, however, to the lack of time the chief business—the election of captain—had to be left over.

On the following Tuesday, however, the election was held, and Sandels was chosen.

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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The Hockey Club members wish to thank Mr. Haddock for taking up the H.C. vice Mr. McKenzie.

LACROSSE.

The Lacrosse Club seriously regrets the loss of their secretary, Mr. Hurt, who has taken a great deal of interest in the club.

On Wednesday, 24th and Saturday, 27th of July, an Interstate lacrosse match was played between Queensland and New South Wales.

Three of our lacrosse boys—Edwards, Raymond and Kortlang—showed out very conspicuously in the match. Raymond was captain of New South Wales, and succeeded in shotted one out of the two goals in the first match and scoring the only goal in the second.

Towards the end of the second game Edwards was injured, and had to leave the field.

He is a promising player, and the school team will feel the loss of him in the next few matches.

Fort St. is now on the same level as Technical High School in regard to points scored in the competition matches, and will have to practise hard to beat them next time in order to win the competition.

The "Fortian" offers congratulations to the 63 boys and 14 girls who succeeded in passing the 1912 Junior Examination.

It should be kept in mind by all Second Year students that the Minister for Public Instruction has decided to award a number of Bursaries on the results of the Intermediate Examination.

A number of letters have been received by Mr. Kilgour and various members of the staff from Mr. Rupert Scott, who, it will be remembered, went to England in the White Star training vessel "Mersey," in February last. Mr. Scott has left England for Australia.

We notice that Mr. J. O. A. Bourke, B.A., for many years on the staff of this School, and lately Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at the Teachers' College, has been appointed Assistant Inspector of Schools. He has our congratulations.

In the Junior Examination, medals were won by Brindley (chemistry) and Rutledge (geography), while "Prox. Acc.'s" were gained by Lush, Mater and Cramp.

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AN EXCURSION INTO PARNASSUS.

By N. Robinovitz.

Few among us know them as they would be known, perhaps, but that is irreparable. Few of us guess, too, that having laughed with us, and guided us through Wisdom's labyrinthine ways, they go to toil through the long hours—unremunerative toil, perhaps—but self-rewarding.

Comes one, with steady step. He rarely smiles, it seems. He bears resemblance to the Sphinx. Steadily, irrevocably, he forges on. Be the excuses what they may, be the accidents as ingenious as they may, he cannot be hoodwinked. He looks. Enough! the sudden-

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ned culprit registers a silent vow that the next Algebra test paper shall be done at all costs. At length, will come a smile, a radiant beam of sunshine, and the sordidness of logs and x squares fades before its genial warmth. He is beloved, and he loves. At parting, the sorrow will be mutual, and heartfelt. Hail! Sphinx inscrutable! Urania's joy! . . .

Comes one, with firmer pace. His smiles are lavished. His lessons are long-expected, and, having arrived, are enjoyed to the full. He expects his right—that all work be done—and he gets it. Fair of face, sturdy of limb, and pleasant of manner withal, he has endeared himself to all hearts. His interest in us is manifest, and is appreciated. His lectures on Literature are feasts to the souls of book-worms, for he is ardent, and stimulates ardour in others. His Author lessons, too, are redolent of beauty, and quicken the pulses of all with their calm, lamb-like serenity. Hail, Apostle of Euterpe!

Comes one, with pace more youthful. His peaceful, rather delicately wrought features show firmness yet appreciation of "la jeunesse." He might indeed have stepped from Lever's pages—there is reflected in him the shade of Charles O'Malley, with, perhaps, a touch of the O'Donoghue. French is a second nature to him. To learn from such a man is pleasure personified. His tales of the Outer World, looming vaguely in our imagination, are alluring. For he has seen, and we have not. Socialism hath gained him, too, but no "red-ragger" is he. He holdeth the philosophy of a Morris, the grand wedding of art in workmanship, with joy in the achievement thereof. A world confederation with an aristocracy of intellect is his ideal. Hail to a Man!

Comes one of sterner cast. He has wooed with enviable success coy science. Knowledge teems from him. Unto Radium alone is he comparable. He sheddeth, in streams ne'er ending, rays of wisdom, which we, the humble gleaners, gather as best we may. He is the "incarnation of intellect"—to perpetrate a Shawism. He is stern in a kindly way. More in sorrow than in anger he will rail against the unhappy delinquent who hath lost a one milligramme weight. Odours are dear to his soul. And yet to the bona-fide enquirer after

wisdom will he unfold as his heart delighteth. A moment, and his keen, stern eye transfixes you—the next, with enigmatically curling smile, he openeth before you the wonders of his Love. With "super-subtle subtlety" does he insinuate into the yawning cavity of your mind the mysteries of Avogadro and Dalton. Hail Science! Spirit of the Age!

Comes one with slower pace. He is the scholar. New among us, we knew not, at first, what he was; but ere our hasty young friend Time—(nay, reader, far from old; that is but a fallacy; consider how far he will still hasten compared to the distance he has so far passed)—ere Time—(as I was remarking when you interrupted me)—ere Time had caused to pass but thrice our changeable yet regular acquaintance Sol, we knew and loved him as a man of learning. Nothing of human wisdom but that he knoweth. Poetry delighteth his soul, as indeed it does to all who seek the more delicate joys of life. He repeats, in tones at once soothing and thrilling, the noble lines of Milton's "Paradise Lost." He "dissolves us into ecstasies" with such as Tennyson's:

"Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,

The flying cloud, the frosty light:

The year is dying in the night;

Ring out, wild bells, and let him die."

He has introduced us to paths of beauty and joy. He opened our eyes to that which is under History. He drew the mask of dry fact from her with the hand of Enthusiasm, and displayed the delicate, pliant features of her true self beneath, interesting, ay! and intensely alluring. He is the real *Il Penseroso*. He would "unsphere the spirit of Plato" or "on a plat of rising ground hear the far-off curfew sound." We can conjure him, walking "the studious cloisters pale." Ah! here we have indeed the ideal scholar. In the midst of a History lesson his eye will kindle and, with the students' joy showing in every gesture, enlarge on some point dear to his soul. Of such is the kingdom of Parnassus! Hail Clio! Kindly, loving soul!

And I often wonder do they not realise the hopelessness of it all, these men among men. Year after year they behold generations of youth pass before them only to be swallowed

up in the great world beyond examinations, and lost to sight for aye. Do they never tire of their toil (their almost vain toil eventually) when the ungrateful flighty-minded youth have gone, and they must turn with ever-smiling faces to newer, and, perhaps, more ungenerous generations? Ah! Do they? Their inmost souls alone must know.

OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

By "Cavendish."

August has come, and now is no more. The Time-table tells us that the thoughts of the more youthful of us are turning, or should now be turning, Lovewards. If the Time-table lies not (which is a rather unlikely supposition, however) then most of the University men are first-rate actors. For there seem to be no "dying swains," and "sighing Delias" are also a rare commodity at present. present..

The shadow once more proclaims the unpalatable fact that Christmas and its attendant bogies (spirits in the more substantial guise of annual exams.) are coming events!

To those Engineering and Medical students who answer not to the unripe name of "fresher," this does not apply so much. While the Meds. are safe till August, 1913 (third and four year Engineers also), Second-year "greasers" (to recall a Lenten term) also undergo another ordeal in December.

So that those men, who have successfully side-stepped the examiners in August, 1912, are safe for a time at least. It is theirs to play cricket and row ad. vol.

The results of the August exams. (which appear in another column) are sufficiently laudacious without my adding any more. With those sitting at March and December doing equally as well, Fort Street will have no cause to blush.

The football season has been completed with very good results. While the Firsts have come from second place last season to third this, there is no reason to lament overwork. The

chapter of accidents which deprived them of over half-a-dozen players during the year was unfortunate. Still third place is not so very bad, although two beneath the correct position.

The Seconds and Thirds have done very well also. Next year's Firsts and Seconds will reap this harvest.

Baseball has not reached its appointed term yet, and the air is still rent with the shouts of the "rooters." The Firsts are leading at present from Leichhardt.

The Lacrosse team has had another poor season, occupying last position in the competition. New blood is badly wanted.

The Hockey Club has had a good season; and Rowing still booms.

The University Scouts are holding their camp from September 14th to 21st at La Perouse. This body is an extremely live one at present. There are many Old Boys members of the corps, which has obtained a great privilege in being allowed to do the year's work in two camps—one in March and the other in Septemehr.

The Law Society has just held their annual dinner. This year's secretary is H. H. Mason, not unknown to those at the School on the Hill. To him in no small wise, the success of this last function is due. The Evening Students' Association is booming this year with a vengeance. One smoke concert is held each term, and other functions are also brought off successfully. For this, as for most things, there is a reason. The present secretary of the Association is Mr. W. A. Selle, known to all Fortians past and present.

The Handball match, Past v. Present, was won by the School. Without wishing in any way to detract from a famous victory against a good team, it must be said that in this game Practice is all. It is a great pity that there is no Handball Club at the University as at Home, where blues are given for the sport. But, next season, there probably will be such a club.

With Christmas in sight Trinity Term will not see the University at its best. But there is cricket, of course. A match between University First Eleven (premiers last season)

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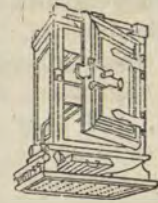
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and eleven Freshers will be held shortly in term, and will give the younger men an opportunity to distinguish themselves. Fort Street should secure one or two representatives among the Freshers.

"Bob" Adamson, who captained the Firsts after Fisher was hurt has been selected to visit America with the Australian Team. Sydney football has never seen a more popular footballer. He will thus secure his Australian colours for the second time having played previously against New Zealand several years ago.

Those of our Old Boys who played consistently in the various sports during the winter were:—Football, R. Adamson, G. B. Harden, A. M. Langan, H. V. Evatt, G. A. Murray, R. A. Noble, J. Ridley, K. W. Flook. Baseball, S. A. Railton. Lacrosse, D. T. Smith, R. Wiburd, A. Gruen. Hockey, Morgan, Silberthau, Samson. Tennis, C. Bray.

FORT STREET OLD BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Among the results of examinations posted at the University within the last few weeks, we note the following successes of our Old Boys. We extend them all our heartiest congratulations:—

Faculty of Arts—Second Year.—Physics: G. H. Godfrey.

Faculty of Medicine—Second Year Examination.—Pass: C. W. Bray, W. K. W. Flook, E. W. Frecker, J. L. Harrison, C. O. Hellstrom, A. M. Langan, R. A. Noble, C. M. Sampson, H. Symonds. Third Year Examination—Anatomy and Physiology—Distinction: I. Morgan.

Credit: R. J. Silberthau, S. A. Railton. Pass: B. M. Carruthers, W. Fenwick, H. A. C. Wall, N. Zions. Fourth Year Examination—Pathology, Operative Surgery and Surgical Anatomy—Distinction: J. Malcolm, N. W. Alexander. Pass: C. H. Armstrong, W. H. Donald. Fifth Year Examination—Medical Jurisprudence and Public Health—Pass: A. J. Collins, A. M. Stanton.

Department of Dentistry.—Pathology and Surgery: G. Douglas (credit).

Department of Engineering.—Second Year Examination—Mechanical Engineering—Pass: E. H. Booth, G. B. Harden, F. D. Stafford, H. H. Thorne, C. D. Wallace. Mechanical and Electrical Engineering: E. H. Booth, H. V. Brett, G. B. Harden, F. D. Stafford, H. H. Thorne. Third Year Examination—Mechanical and Electrical Engineering: A. R. Edwards. Fourth Year Examination—Descriptive Geometry: E. O. K. Green, D. F. Smith, W. C. Stafford, A. H. Wright, J. L. Wright.

Department of Agriculture.—Third Year Examination—High Distinction: H. Stephens.

"Bob" Adamson, the well-known Varsity Rugby footballer, has been selected as a member of the Australian team to visit America. R. Hill, another Old Boy, will also accompany the team.

We notice with pleasure that Ronald Osborne has passed the second section of the Final Examination for admission as a solicitor.

Girls' Page

THE GIRLS' REALM GUILD.

THE STAFF.

On Friday, 12th July, the members of the Girls' School staff assembled in the Main Room to bid farewell to those who were severing their connection with the "Grand Old Institution" to take up new duties elsewhere.

Mr. Parkinson, at the request of Miss Partridge, addressed those present, and after bidding farewell, on behalf of the staff, to those about to depart, welcomed the newcomers who were to take their places. Mr. Parkinson referred to the feeling of good fellowship which has always been such a marked characteristic of this school.

On behalf of the teachers, Miss Partridge presented Miss Leslie, Miss McDougall, Miss Newling, Miss Rourke, and Miss Roulston with charming and useful presents, and at the same time spoke of the valuable services rendered by those ladies during their connection with the school.

Afternoon tea, cakes and sweets formed no small part of the proceedings, which had been arranged and carried out by Miss Maloney.

Musical items and recitations were supplied by Mr. Davies, Mr. Selle, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Meldrum, and Mr. Cusbert. Miss Roulston favoured us with two of her charming songs. Coral Middleton and Alice Court also contributed musical items.

The following ladies have entered upon duty in the High School:—Miss Cohen, B.A., B.Sc., Miss West, B.A., Miss Morley, M.A., Miss Turner, B.A., Miss Taylor, B.A., Miss Bruce, B.A.

Miss M. Young has been transferred to the High School at Wagga.

Miss R. Dowling has taken the place of Miss Schleicher, who has been removed to Birchgrove, and Miss Maynard fills the gap caused by the temporary absence of Mrs. Buchanan.

A hearty welcome is extended to the newcomers, and to those who have gone "au revoir."

"What is worth having is worth sharing."

On Thursday, 18th August, Miss Jessie Ackermann kindly consented to visit the school, and deliver one of her well-known delightful addresses to those who, unfortunately, could not gain admittance to the Turner Hall at the Technical College on the previous Saturday night. Accordingly almost 300 High School girls took their seats in the Main Room shortly before 3 p.m., and eagerly awaited Miss Ackermann's arrival. When the latter arrived she was accompanied by Miss Grace Burrows, State organising secretary, and was received with hearty acclamation. Miss Ackermann immediately began a most interesting address, which dealt chiefly with girl life in Japan and India.

The latter part of the address consisted of an account of the motives and work of the Girls' Realm Guild, of which Miss Ackermann is the world's organising president. Miss Ackermann related some of her novel experiences in London in connection with the work of the Guild, all of which interested the girls very much.

At the conclusion of this address, Miss Burrows explained the details of the proposed organisation.

"The object of the Girls' Realm Guild of Service and Good Fellowship, which was founded in April, 1900, in connection with the Girls' Realm Magazine, at the suggestion of the Bishop of London, is to show girls of the leisured classes in how many ways they can help, first, girls of their own class who, through loss of means, might have to support themselves without having received any proper training; and secondly, to relieve the sufferings and privations of the deserving poor, to supply means for restoring health to the sick and the sad, and to bring brightness to those whose lot it is to work almost without any time for recreation."

Before Miss Ackermann's departure an election of officers was held, which resulted as follows:—President, Miss Partridge; vice-president, Miss Evans; secretary, Mona McMinn; treasurer, Grace Botting; committee, Olive Waraker, Olga Reeves, Mabel Cruikshank.

The membership fee is 1s. 6d. yearly, and intending members are requested to give their names and subscriptions to the treasurer, if they have not already done so.

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The above society spent an enjoyable afternoon in the sewing room on August 2nd. A mock trial of a suffragette, convicted on the ground of attempting to maliciously destroy His Majesty's House of Commons by the use of dynamite, was held. The trial was conducted by the ex-juniors, who, owing to habits of studious retirement, have hitherto taken no part in the debates. The part of Judge was ably performed by Eva Drake, whose forensic costume excited the admiration of the on-lookers. The Judge's associate was Elaine Cooper, while the parts of Crown Prosecutor and Minister for Defence were admirably upheld by May Rivett and Doris York respectively.

Dorothy D'Arcy Irvine performed the duties of Sheriff's Officer. The accused, Mabel Mitchell—or rather, Sebastiana Louisa Diomitella Snagsley—proved herself an admirable advocate of women's rights, steadily maintaining the principles of suffragettes. The witnesses for the Crown were Mrs. Christiana Spoonendyke, charwoman at the House of Commons (Rosalie Collins), who moved the court and spectators to somewhat more than gentle smiles; Constable Oddlegs 221 (Rae Furness), and Benjamin Isaacs, shopkeeper (Leila Quigley). The witnesses for the accused were Angelina Arabella Smith, a fellow suffragette (Sarah Payn), and the accused's worthy husband, Gustavus Adolphus Snagsley (Ella Martin).

Jurymen were chosen from the 1st and 2nd year probationary students, who found the accused to be guilty. The Judge then passed sentence of 5 years', reduced to 2 years' penal servitude in His Majesty's Gaol, Holloway.

The 2A and 2B Literary and Debating Society met on the 9th August. The subject for discussion was "Was the Revolt of the Ameri-

can Colonies justifiable or not." 2A acted as the Government, and 2B as the Opposition. Good speeches were given on both sides. Special mention must be made of the information given by Grace Pendered, of 2A, and Mary Cowie, of 2B.

The afternoon finished with the Government winning by two points.

EXCELSIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

(First Year A, B, and C Classes.)

On Friday afternoon, 23rd August, a number of our girls went to see the "Blue Bird." The remainder of 1A, 1B, and 1C met in Room 3, and five girls each told a Roman or Greek legend. Maggie McGregor's was, without a doubt, the best.

Essie Thomas was elected as secretary, and a new name, "Excelsior," was given to the club. It consists of 1st year A, B, and C classes.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Matches against other clubs have resulted as follows:—

University v. Fortians: Win for Fortians by 4 goals to nil.

Fortians v. Wandah: Win for Fortians by 8 goals to one.

Cooyanna v. Fortians: Win for Cooyanna, 6 goals to nil.

Cooyanna II. against Fortians II.: Win for Cooyanna, 1 goal to nil.

Burwood College I. v. Fortians II.: Win for Burwood College, 3 goals to nil.

Fort Street Boys' I. and II. v. Fortians I. and II.: Win for Boys by 5 goals to nil.

Competition Matches for School Badges.

Trojans (Ethel Warden, captain) v. Coobowie (Olga Reeves, capt.), draw, 2 goals each.

Arcadians (Hazel McEachen, capt.), v. Coobowie, win for Coobowie, 4 goals to nil.

The committee hopes to arrange another match against the Boys' 1st XI.

Wet weather and ill-health have greatly affected the results of our matches.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

1A.

The girls of 1A are working steadily in anticipation of the coming examination.

Lila Morton, Edith Murdoch, Maggie Macgregor came out with flying colors at the recent science examination. Maggie also distinguished herself at the debate mentioned in another part of the paper.

1B.

This class has been steadily progressing during the month. The results of the last monthly science examination were: Myee Cureton, full marks, while Isabella Cruickshanks, Hilda Bourne and Hilda Bamford followed very closely.

1C.

In the monthly science test, out of a possible of 45 marks, Nessie Cherbury and Rosie Harrison obtained 44; Elsie Bland, 43; Dorothy Greatorex, 42; and Doreen Anstey and Dorothy Phelps, 41. The results were considered very satisfactory.

The highest marks in the history test were obtained by Rosie Harrison and Dorothy Hassall.

Dorothy Hassall alone represented our class in the debate, the others being at the matinee looking for the "Blue Bird." One girl while searching for "Happiness" nearly found the measles.

1D.

In the last science test Lily Jamieson and Minnie Wade headed the list, whilst Rita Hilliger carried off the honors in French and German. Other girls in this class are doing good steady work, and we trust their names will appear in the next issue of the "Fortian."

1E.

The pupils of 1E are working steadily for the forthcoming examination. Mary Bingham has shown her ability by topping the list in some of the recent tests, and Jessie Alexander, formerly of 1A, has not only taken her position in the class, but is keeping it, and will carry off all honors if the former leaders of the class do not take care.

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2A.

In the recent chemistry test Phyllis Card and Grace Pendered gained highest marks. All the girls are putting forth their best efforts for the coming examination, especially in mathematics. We are going to show that 2A has more than one idea in mathematics. All the girls who went to the "Blue Bird" enjoyed it very much, and they saw their old class teacher, Miss Newling, who was also very pleased to see the girls.

2B.

In the English test last week the highest marks were obtained by Dulcie Metcalfe, Iris Walkeley coming second.

In French also we are progressing, for in the recent test for the 2nd years, 2B as a class came very near the top. This week there is to be another test, so let us hope that 2B will head the list.

2C.

We are among those who graced the dress circle of Her Majesty's on the Friday after-

noon of the "Blue Bird" episode, and heartily enjoyed Maeterlinck's beautiful play. We felt so elevated that even the discomfiture of sitting three on two seats seemed trivial and unworthy of consideration.

Examination papers are almost a daily occurrence nowadays—we are getting quite used to them.

2nd YEAR PROBATIONERS.

They say that the early bird catches the worm, but our "early" riser has often a strong inclination to fall asleep, and so does not catch everything that is said.

We regret to say that poor Caesar (not Julius) had a bad cold last week, but are pleased to add that the animal has now quite recovered. Perhaps it was owing to many kind inquiries from our mathematician. Two of the committee of the Girls' Realm Guild are in this class, and we have every reason to believe that a large percentage of the class will join the Guild. A few of our number have already been to see "The Merry Wives of Windsor," and their old acquaintances, Pistol, Nym and Bardolph, to say nothing of Falstaff.

EX-JUNIORS.

We are now steadily working for the intermediate examination, which is looming in the distance. We sincerely hope that the scholarships will be plentifully distributed amongst the ex-juniors as well as other classes. We have recently been indulging in the luxuries of the theatre, and as well as going to see the production of "Othello," we were also delighted spectators at the matinee performance of the "Blue Bird." We were all greatly impressed by the moral in Maeterlinck's great work, and to those homes, if there be any, into which the "Blue Bird" has not yet flown, we sincerely hope that it will soon find its way, and let us hope that on its way it will drop a few feathers in our grand old school.

SENIOR ENGLISH, 1912.

Scene—A dining-room well-lighted and the guests few and select. The faithful eight faith-

fully con their Long's Literature.

Enter—A Spook clad in sackcloth, heavily braided with ashes; remains "in the shadows."

1st Guest: O, I say, it's Wordsworth, look! Anybody else's soul wouldn't be wandering about.

Seniors: No, it's not enough like a trilobite for Wordsworth.

2nd Guest: It's Carlyle; can't you tell his shaggy beard? He looks like the "tailor re-tailed" anyhow.

3rd Guest: No, it is not. It's Ruskin, look at his crown of wild olive.

4th Guest (who knows some Latin): It looks conceited enough to be Cicero.

5th Senior: I think it's the man with the "Answer;" turn it round and let us see.

Seniors: Come, gentle spook, and bring with thee thy name, and thy identity.

Spook emerges into the light of the lamps.

Seniors: O, to think that we didn't know him! Why, it's a Walter Savage Landor. But why do you wear sackcloth, Walter?

Walter: Aha! Ahum! Aha! The seniors from Fort-street Girls' High School. Well, indeed this appreciation is worth all my labour.

Seniors: But why, O Walter, do you wear sackcloth?

Walter: The unappreciative world compels me to do so, but I will doff them anon, for I see indeed that I am now appreciated.

Seniors: O wait a while, Walter, until we withdraw.

Walter (not oblivious to the poetic point): But have you read my "Imaginary Conversations?"

Seniors: Yes! O, yes!

Walter: And have you read my "Hellenics?"

Seniors: Yes! O, yes!

Walter: Then you'll get through the Senior alright with first-class honours in English.

Seniors: O, yes; we live in hope.

1st Senior: Make yourself at our place, Walter; we don't get the chance of a personal interview with brainy people.

2nd Senior: O, yes, and they say that you're bad tempered, because your name sounds like it. Is this so?

Walter: O, they jump to conclusions.

3rd Guest: I don't suppose you ever see Byron or Boccaccio where you come from?

Walter: No such luck.

Seniors in chorus: What about your agricultural experiments—do you still continue them?

Walter: O, well, where I live now, it's very hard to find any dirt; but one day upon a cloud I saw some dirt, so I determined there-upon to grow my vineyard.

Chorus: And was your attempt any more successful?

Walter: O, yes; but the Cherubim and Seraphim used to take the grapes before they were ripe. I, however, proved the "unsubduability" of my character and still persevere.

(Bell rings.)

But I must be going. Farewell, worthy Seniors. Good luck for November.

Seniors: Good-bye, kind friend. Don't forget to send us down some grapes through the Senior room ceiling in the next rain-storm.

Exit Walter Savage Landor.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES.

5D AND 5C.

In the recent quarterly examination of 5D and 5C the highest number of marks were obtained by Ida Digby, Hilda Turner, Marie Frankish, Madge Wilmshurst, Mollie Cummins, Mary Arnot, Fanny Mostyn, Millie Levy, Doris Byrne, Esther Smith and Lily Taylor.

We feel very much inclined to add some names which appeared at the "other end" of the list, but will spare the feelings (this time) of the delinquents. However, let this be a "warning" to them!

Good work in English and geography has been done lately by Florrie Thompson and Annie Brennan.

In history the classes show a great improvement since the last examination, and in mathematics a greater aptitude in setting out their work.

Gardening is our latest "enterprise," Esther Smith and Sylvia Ramsbotham proving expert gardeners.

We are hoping for more pot plants and saucers.

5B.

Monday, 2nd September, heralds Wattle Day

for 5B. The pupils have prepared for that day by the purchase of two pretty jardineres. We regret the long absence of Laura Webster and Edie Essenhigh on account of measles in the home. Ulah Valkenberg is making a name for herself in all her work; also Marie Jones in first aid, who bandages adroitly all willing patients. Her appeal for flowers for the hospital patients will, we hope, receive a ready and bright response from not only 5B pupils, but from all who wish to make the Moorecliff Hospital patients happy. Our room has been very bright this week with flowers brought by the pupils. Lilly Shea has been particularly good in this respect.

5A.

Dora Rooke has made a wonderful improvement in her writing, which Bessie Freeman is trying to beat.

Some of the girls have made a start with their wild flower albums, and are very interested in their work of collecting specimens.

4B.

Fourth B girls have been very interested in productive maps. They bring quite original objects to illustrate the industries of districts, while many very good pictures and quite a number of illustrative post-cards have come to hand. The girls made maps of their own, and Mona Edwards distinguished herself by having the best.

We are quite proud of little Esmie Batty's homework book, while Susie Roberts stands out in mathematics, and Elise Brennan excels in art work.

3rd CLASS.

The winners of the spelling this month were Eva Lapin, Violet Vyse and Gwen Dawe.

We are all interested in our spring calendar and our weather chart.

SECOND CLASS.

The names of Rita Van Kampen, Bessie Maris, Mabel Barham, Jean Arnot, Alice Lloyd, Lila Downer, and Winnie Weston appear on our honour board in gold. As spelling bees are mere play to Mona Dose and Doris Curtis, their names head the list.

It is very interesting to fill in the colors for the day on our weather chart, with its painted border of waratahs and wattle.

Boys' High School Class News.

UPPER SENIORS.

No. 2 of the famous Senior "Keys, Readings and Translations" is to hand. The translation of Brett's poems by Corbeau is very fine. The style is characteristic of the individual, being dark and small.

Fast thing—Express train.

Meredith: "It's a long way from the head of the tallest man to the stars." Verified practically—Gordon, L. K., being 91 millions of miles 6 feet 3 inches from the sun.

Brothers Liggins and Mason will hold their daily Senior-trot at 1 p.m. every day on the square. Their latest disciple (E.B.R.—the scientist) will lead the chorus.

Mechanics will be suspended owing to a difference between W.S.C. and L(o)oney.

A disturbing factor in history (class)—Agates.

Light-fingered (with Agate's watch)—Wil-lie.

A proof of using the telephone is that of the quantity of paper at hand.

Always missing—the KEY.

A passing object—a football.

New-sense is very prevalent lately.

Very 'airy—Angelo.

A novice at football—Dubbo.

Lig. has a "cultivated" voice, no doubt; but, as one Senior says, if he ran a steam-roller over it some of the rough edges might be rounded off.

"Old Time's still a-flying," sang Sim, as Sykes quietly relieved him of his watch and chain.

Gone in smoke, like the scientist's bag, or rather, gone in soot, is the general expression when one's book has vanished.

What word is used most by the Seniors? It begins with an "L" and ends with—er—biff, and its best exponent is Max, and opponent Bill.

A real nightmare—to dream someone has returned your Brett or Physic's book.

Seniors are fading away gradually on account of the test disease.

"Beside a joke when you are beside Bill," says Gordon Wesley.

Samson and Delilah scene shall be acted no more. Not that Samson has shaved, but it will be staged under the title, "The Shaving of Shagpat."

George requests people with magnets in their pockets to keep away from him when he is experimenting with the compass.

Paper famine still continues, and the class has been eagerly waiting for Hap to buy a writing-block. This scribe bought one, but has not used it yet—someone else has.

"Has any one here seen Bury—Bury from the Senior Library?" N.B.—Emphasise "from," for it belongs to the library, and not to the person who has it now.

The final of the handball singles will be between Briggs, Mitchell and Liggins. The first two are handicappers—Eh!

The handball committee passed a motion that no handicapper could win the tournament.

And two of the above are handicappers. What will happen?

Max and Ernest are all out for the doubles.

'Tis said the above players threw away their games in the Singles to get a good handicap for the Doubles. We don't believe it.

One Senior has found the derivation of Coo-ee. Says he: "Out Dubbo way they used to call the cows by yelling 'Kow-ee,' but with the advent of learned immigrants they were taught to say 'Coooo-ee,' and now we have 'Coo-ee.'" We can understand this being the case at Dubbo.

MIDDLE SENIORS.

We have passed an almost uneventful month since last our truthful records of the class's doings were immortalised for posterity in these pages. The usual weird results were obtained in the domicile of Mr. M., but we tire of recording them.

In the realm of Maths. the usual spirited discussions eventuate daily. Somewhat more generously than usual the smiles of the Sphinx shed sunshine around what time the mathematical revellers of the class delve into abysmal quadratics and infinitely vast G.P.'s.

The French class is now composed of a band of accomplished linguists. Carefully pre-

pared statistics have elicited the fact four (4)—actually FOUR—of the class have essayed to say: "Non, monsieur, je ne pense pas," without any visible external help from the presiding genius. Such talent must be recognised in time. . . . Whatever the cause, we note with approval that the class takes vastly more interest in History, under the new regime, than the old. The fact that Stafford has quietened down forms conclusive proof of this assertion. . . .

The time draweth night for the Uppers to leave us. Mingled with our tears of regret are those of pride—accompanying our grip of farewell is that of good-fellowship, in the future as in the past. That they will do honour to the school it is ridiculous to contend. Indeed, it is a question whether they will not produce better results than we will in our year. Time alone will tell. Leave it to him.

An awful rumour hath it that Wilson is making a chessboard in the Wood-Contortion-Shop. Is this true? (N.B.—No reward is offered for the solution of this conundrum.)

One of our most gratifying tasks this month is to chronicle the progress made in the Debating Society. Since the Upper Seniors left (much to the society's loss) the new officials have decided to make the society mainly a literary one. Since then we have had several greatly successful meetings. A spirited, closely-fought debate, School v. Old Boys, though resulting in a win for the latter still was intensely gratifying to its promoters. The judges, Messrs. Murphy and Smairl, after carefully adjudging, found that Jerdan's was one of the finest speeches, a decision heartily endorsed by all who heard.

Last week at the last debate was a literary afternoon, during which two lecturettes were delivered on "The Seven Wonders of the World" and "Charles Reade" respectively, both of which elicited wholesome and voluminous criticism, which is a healthy sign. The Loweres are shouldering their responsibilities almost as well as we did on our advent. Mr. Kilgour's presence in the chair, whenever possible, also stimulates the enthusiasm of members.

SENIORS III.

Once more the weary month rolls round to that great day—the critical one in the life of each and every youth—when "The Fortian" makes its appearance. And once again the poor condemned agents walking from seat to seat, from boy to boy, bid them pay pennies with a modest smile, and call them unfinancial customers.

"A largesse universal like the sun

Their liberal hands do take from everyone."

We noticed in the last number of this magazine that "Cranford" was "getting on the nerves of everyone." We presume that the excitement is too intense for the poor dears. But the book is very finely written, and we must consider others of different tastes who are to sit for the examination. The Latin authors continually impress upon us the necessity of being broad-minded; and what a fine example is set us by the little boys who cannot appreciate a great book.

We are glad to see by the Bush Calendar that Spring is in full swing (middle rhyme). It is so comforting to know that the Honey-bob and the Yellow-Dick are in bloom and that the Sassafras is already building its nest. It is quite time we learnt something more than we know of the beauties of the Australian bush.

Our English author, "Hereward the Wake," contrasts strangely with our French vocabularies; here we learn how to waken a sleeping porter by shouting "Cordon," and there we hear of a man who is ever a-Wake.

It is interesting to note that the Suffragette movement has died out. We presume that during the history lessons those concerned discovered that members in the English Parliament are not paid, and accordingly the desire to vote and sit in Parliament suddenly flickered out. Perhaps we may now hope for peace.

Seniors III. evidently retain pleasant recollections of their Junior English authors. At least, they are prepared to support unanimously the passage in "The Ancient Mariner" commencing:

"Oh, sleep! it is a gentle thing. . . ."

Handball is progressing rapidly in this class, especially among the large (?) ones. In

some cases the "force" starting the ball from "rest" is so great as to make it "accelerate" over the wall, where it is lost, thus someone thinks the game is no good when it has to be replaced.

Patent pocket fire extinguishers—rubber tubing—are in evidence since reading of the over-heating of our room. Smoke is sometimes seen rising, but alas! not for long.

Malory and Nepos are being well used amongst us. "Cognomens are common, and some are assuming "du" as frequently used by Malory.

The world is made up of its sorrows also, and we sincerely regret the loss of Clive Davies, who has obtained a good position in the city, where we will leave him, wishing him every success.

When we went to press last month we had not been notified of the fact that Kinnemont had been selected to go to Brisbane as captain of a Junior Australian Rules football team; but better late than never, so we may as well put in our "Good boy, Kinner!"

One example of applied history is to be seen in the following, which strongly suggests that the wit often visits the barber:—The History master was discoursing well and truly on the French Revolution, and happened to mention that the bloodthirsty French peasants used to carry guillotines around with them for instant service. He paused to take breath—a pin might have been heard to drop, when there sounded the silvery strains (alliteration) of a shrill, piping, bass voice—"Four guillotines; no waiting."

2 E.

Our class is looking forward to the new season of sport.

Some are waiting for cricket, and others for swimming.

Our class played their first game of cricket on Wednesday, August 28th, and although it was only a scratch match, all gave evidence of skill, which should augur well for us in the future.

Les Duff, a member of our class, was presented with a bronze medal by the Headmaster for coming third in the Kieran Memorial Race.

We desire to announce that all other second-year classes have not the least show in competing with "Good old 2E" in the forthcoming examination, for all of us are determined to keep them at a distance. (2F, of course, is included.)

Jack Storey and "Joek" Hughes played a splendid game with the 3rds against the Combined Public Schools on Wednesday, August 28th.

2 D CLASS.

A promising young lad belonging to this class whilst coming to school from across the water was deeply absorbed in an algebraical problem. As the gong sounded at the wharf he was noticed to make a step for terra firma; but, as his thoughts were on his algebra, he badly misjudged the distance and found himself struggling wildly in the freezing water. Later it leaked out that he was wearing a new overcoat and goloshes, and that he wanted to give a practical demonstration as to their quality.

Blue, Madam, and Patsy have suddenly acquired a disliking for lacrosse and football, and have taken up tennis, with the main object of arranging outside matches. In all probability if this does really come about Dick and several others have already signified their intentions of taking up the game. This morning (Thursday) one of our non-sports laughed at Patsy for playing tennis, but received with indignation the answer, "Anyway, I wouldn't stay at school and fag."

Mr. Taylor has noticed how very superior our drill is compared with the other classes, so on two occasions he has kept us back after the others to show us off, especially in the knee-bending exercise.

2 C.

We were very astonished at the appearance of "Tiny" in "longuns," since he resembled a master rather than a scholar.

In the recent Algebra examination Tebbut gained the honours with 98 per cent.

A great game was witnessed on Wednesday between our Thirds and a Combined Junior team. It resulted in a win for us, our burly forward, W. Young, scoring a try.

2 B.

Most of our geniuses are working till all hours at night preparing for the Intermediate Exam. on the 28th October. One bright youth rises before the hens and then crows about it.

Of course, there are some who are so clever that they do not need to work at night, and spend their time on Detention just to pass away the time.

The swimming season opens shortly for the school, and the brilliant sports of this class will be able to amuse themselves in aquatic games down at the Municipal Baths.

2 A.

Surely if Miss Betsy Barker's cow could stand the ordeal of a winter's day on nothing but a pair of flannel drawers and a flannel waistcoat, we should by some buried proposition of Euclid pass the forthcoming Intermediate. At least, it is to be hoped so. But, judging from the usual every-day comment, there appears to be very few boys "with character" in the class.

Still our friend "Dickie" continues his ardent studies in Toxicology, and we believe he is making an understudy of Dr. Johnson. We wish him every success, but hope that he will not introduce too many types of "Rasselas" into our midst.

Sgt.-Bugler J. J. Lenehan must indeed be congratulated for his splendid maths. result in the recent tests. We believe his aims are at Royal Military College, and we are sure that he will safely ford the troubled water by keeping his head well above and continuing as he has started.

Higgins, Mostyn and Hunt are the only others who gained satisfactory results.

We would also like to tell the "newly-fledged seniors" how we appreciate them strolling through our door all day, sometimes slamming it, or else leaving it open. If this is one of their privileges we are sincerely sorry.

"Laz" and "Ston" we hear, have refused a season at the Tivoli, owing to their sudden loving regards for "Attaque du Moulin" vocab. and sundry other French tasks. The only thing we can attribute it to is that both have

lately patronised the barber.

In business principles we are fast advancing. "Hig" received a little praise for his essay on "Qualifications of a Modern Business Man." Some he stated rather well. It's a great pity he can't follow them, though.

The Trolley. Plain, it seems to N.C.H., for he constantly comments on the ignorance of his mates, as they constantly ask him questions during the Chemistry lesson. "Bobs" is also doing well in chemistry, and he threatens "to swing" on to those who tell him that he does not depend on his weight or height.

"Tom" still smiles. He is the bright spark of the class. We only have one objection to him, and that is he opens his mouth a little too wide, and we have already advised "Hilder" and "Mich" to insure their lives, as they might at any moment fall overboard.

"Ye canna Scotch," familiarly known as "Mac," has promised to wear his kilt to school when the weather gets a little warmer, as he declares they are very cold about the legs. He also has promised to bring us a sample of the "porritch," which he recommends especially on account of a little panama hat being given away as a coupon.

"Poor Old Joe" seems to be progressing wonderfully. "He knows" everything, but has got a habit of saying it the wrong way, much to his own disgust, as he murmurs "He knows" several times when asked a question.

Our friend Rob W., it is understood, is one of the competitors in the Art Scholarships. He seems to observe closely, and we believe he is a Roman genius with the chisel.

1 F.

Master Jepson Travers has hereby ceased to be bell-ringer for this class. A boy from I D, McGibbon, has taken up the job, and he tinkles the tinkler so lustily that the masters must think things sometimes.

A committee has just been formed for the arrangement of a picnic. The members of the committee are F. Braund, "Spim Jarky," Nalder Walters.

A couple of weeks ago a certain little lad came to his class with a very pretty eye. The mixture of colours was splendid. Some boys

thought that it did not improve his beauty (What!); but evidently he did think so. In fact, he was enterprising enough to think of hiring himself out to boys of 1 D, who study art, at the small sum of one penny a sitting. But now the chance is past—all the colours are gone.

The boys are thinking of enlarging the muscles of their legs by rushing about with the Walking Club. Some lads appear to have large calves already, but we suspect these of having cotton-wool stuffed in their socks.

In the Detention Room some boys told Mr. Hatfield that White, in this class, was "going up" for Sergeant-Major in the recent non-coms' exam. But I suppose that they have discovered their mistake by this time, and will know that he "went up" for "Captain."

W. Ford was away in Melbourne lately for a fortnight, showing the Victorians how to play baseball. We suggest that he send in to "The Fortian" an account of his trip, as we know nothing about it.

1 E.

The football season is now coming to an end and the cricket season has started.

Some of the classes have picked cricket teams and practise at the Domain. There are a number of players in this class, and we have decided to pick a team, and after some practice, to challenge some of the other classes. A meeting will be held, when we will elect our captain, vice-captain, secretary, etc.

1 D.

Mr. Monro has flattered the class so much on their progress in Shorthand that many of the lads are bent on becoming reporters to the leading daily papers.

The way this class has gone ahead in English must give great satisfaction to our teacher.

Bennett's inclusion in the 4ths (football) brings the number of class representatives up to seven. He plays a good game, and thoroughly deserves his place.

The other day "Graham" was projecting the lower regions of his chest, and gave Mr. Taylor the idea that he had established a corporation on a large scale.

McGibbon (formerly a lacrosseite), jealous of the hockey boys obtaining matches with the girls, has taken up tennis and is practising hard with a view to strenuous contests with the gentle sex. We wish him success.

The latest discovery is that there are two mer-lads in this class.

Thorn, "The Fortian" correspondent of 1 D, is requested to accept the thanks of his classmates for his contributions of class news.

The English essay work of 1 D is among the very best in the school. Great amusement and pleasure were manifested last week in the reading of Thorne's essay, "How I was Eaten by Cannibals."

1 C.

Great work is being done by the boys of this class, and all are sanguine of promotion to the 2nd year soon.

At our cricket meeting "Bos" was elected captain, "Frankie" vice-captain, with M.A.M. as extra selector.

1 A were easily defeated by about 20 runs on Wednesday. 1 A compiled 16 and 17, while we replied with 32 and 21. Harvey Smith and "Eric" got 10 each. In the second innings Bosley did the hat-trick, bowling splendidly throughout.

The appearance of "Noel" in a new hat (pure fur felt) caused his classmates to search the columns of the papers for accounts of fires.

"Mac" made a desperate attempt to do some damage in the science-room last week, but only succeeded in scaring the wits out of "Joe" and S.J.M.H. (Continued later.)

Charles Rupert is making quite a name for himself in the 4ths. But wait till he meets "Frankie" on Saturday.

1 B.

Great and remarkable progress has been made in 1 B since the boys of the class have come to realise their perilous position when the annual examination comes round.

A cricket team has been formed, and the result of a meeting last Wednesday was that P. Bowling and McNamara were elected captain and vice-captain respectively.

Some of the effeminate members of the class are talking about forming a tennis club. They

recommend them to try marbles.
are anticipating a match with the girls. We

1 A.

With this class football is dead and cricket is the topic of the day.

A club has been formed, with E. Cork as skipper, and C. Dillon as vice-captain.

The selection committee consists of the captain, vice-captain, and A. Smythman.

We played a two-innings match against 1 C on Wednesday, but were defeated—65 runs to 35.

For this class Captain Cork topped the score in both innings, his score being 16 runs—5 in the first innings and 11 not out in the second. He also took 4 wickets for 7 runs.

J. P...r walked to the wicket flourishing the willow and with a confident look upon his face, but came back with a duck under each arm.

After the termination of the match the Domain resembled a huge poultry farm (?).



PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES.

Boys' Department.

The selected quotation for the month is:

Browning's "Idea of a Noble Character."—
One who never turned his back but marched
breast forward,

Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted,
wrong would triumph,

Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight
better, sleep to wake.

The final preparation for the Qualifying Certificate Examination and entrance to the High School is being entered on, and all those pupils of the Fifth Class who are eligible to sit should make special efforts to be successful, not only for the sake of their future career, but for the honour of their school.

All should bear in mind that the age limit for scholarships will almost certainly be 15 years, though next year it will probably be lowered to 14 years. Further, the examination for scholarships is open to boys of higher classes than Fifths. Therefore, the boys of the Primary School will need to put forth

every effort to achieve distinction. There is no doubt that if they do their part faithfully and well they will gain the same success as their predecessors did last year. In any case they will have merited it.

A boy who intends to become a student of the High School should learn to be a student in the Primary School—that is, he must learn to apply himself conscientiously to his studies. Fifth Class boys will, therefore, lay these words to heart and devote their best energies to this preparation for the coming exam., success at which will mean so much for their future educational advancement.

CLASS 5 D.

Increased application and self-reliance have been the most pleasing features in the work of the class during the past month, and better results are already manifest. There is still urgent need for greater neatness, order and accuracy. Remember the proverb, "No gains without pains"—it will help you to win scholarships.

Tests in individual subjects show that the following boys are, perhaps, giving the most work and thought to each subject:—

Dictation: Thorburn, Ross, Smith, Mills and Broue.

English: Ayers, Offer, Opit, Robertson, Illingworth and Hellstrom.

Mathematics: Thorburn, Ross, Evatt, Walker, Noble, Herbst, Whitehead, Pointing.

Geography: Illingworth, Noble, Ayers, Hall, Foote, Carden and Caldwell.

Whitehead and Jones deserve praise for their memory maps.

5 C.

There has been a greater interest and increased effort shown in the work of this class during the past month, consequently a decided improvement has been the result.

During the month greater attention has been paid to mathematics and dictation. The following are the names of the boys who have gained distinction in these subjects:—

Mathematics: Cramp, Hilliger, Williams, Morris, Macadam, MacDermott, Fenwick.

Dictation: Macadam, Storey, Cramp, Lord, Clark, Eagar, Hine.

In the homework those whose names appeared in the last issue of "The Fortian" still retain their places of honour.

It is apparent from the work shown by some boys that they are doing a fair amount of study privately—a fact which is to be commended. And it is desirable that every boy should appreciate this fact, viz., that to ensure success at the examination in November, he must do much of this work for himself.

Next issue the results of the Quarterly Examination will be available for publication.

CLASS 5 B.

The following boys did best in the last test examinations:—

Arithmetic: Meers, McCabe, Wride, Humby, C. Taylor.

Dictation: Morfoot, Bourke, Stent.

Composition: Reid, McGee, Stent, Christie.

Writing: McLeod.

Science: Vicars, Taylor, Easterling.

CLASS 5 A.

The following boys, and especially Harold Hynes, are showing the greatest care and neatness in all written class work:—Hynes, Magee, Schwartz, Heath, Crealy, Williams, Parker, Reubens, and Macmullen.

Lee, McLelland, Round, Crakanthorp and Brewer have made marked improvement in writing during the last month.

We hope soon to have a few of the best designs in water colours on the walls. At present the best attempts in this direction have been made by B. Rose, K. Kilgour, A. Magee, E. Maemullen.

Crakanthorp and E. Rose are still leading the class in mathematics.

FOURTH CLASS.

A. Dawson has the best homework book; and A. Hamilton, J. Weinert and E. Ivens are in the lead in this class.

SECOND CLASSES.

Owing to the absence of teachers the two Second Classes have been working together for some time past, and the good boys in both classes have been easily picked out.

There is great improvement being shown in spelling, writing and homework in Upper Second, but much more care is needed in all

these subjects by the Lower Second boys.

A great number of the boys have been away with sickness, and these boys, now that they are well and back at school must make up their minds to work hard and try and catch up what they lost while they were away.

Among the best boys in spelling and dictation are: R. McDonald, M. Henry, W. Giddins, R. Smythe, H. Hardman, G. Pinder, N. Edwards, D. Moore and G. Hildebrand.

In reading C. Poulsen, N. Bergman and J. Williams are very good. And at arithmetic W. Hanneman, W. Simpson and A. Anderson are the best.

The boys in this class show great interest in the organised games, and a great number attend them.

N. Edwards and A. Wells are looking after our silkworms, and are very successful with them.

R. Smythe is leading in homework marks for Upper Second, but is closely followed by A. Morgan, D. Moore, N. Edwards, H. Cohen, T. Pressfeldt and H. Hardman.

LOWER SECOND TENNIS CLUB.

As far as play is concerned, we have made great strides since the inauguration of the club. I think all the boys realise that they have still a lot to learn before we can hope to win matches against other schools.

On Saturday, 16th August, six of our club went up to Burwood to play a match against the school. We were easily defeated, but put up a good game for all that. Considering the strength of the team against us, the result was not so disappointing as it might have been. Keith Wililams surprised us all by playing a very accurate and careful game. He is only a beginner, but shows promise of becoming one of the best. His serving has force as well as accuracy, whilst his drives are generally fast and well placed. Taylor, Wilkinson and Hynes also played a fair game, but did not place the ball as well as their opponents.

A team of footballers will be taken South at Michaelmas by Mr. A. W. Parsonage. We wish them all success, knowing that they will keep up the honour of the school in their conduct both on and off the field.

CADET NOTES.

Captain Baldock is now in charge of F Company consequent on Lieut. Parker's removal elsewhere.

The musketry course will be commenced next month, E and F Companies having an all-day parade for that purpose in October, and G and H in November.

Certificates have to be obtained for the O.C. Battalion, Captain Digby, for all new cadets showing that they have received the preliminary instruction in aiming, loading, etc., before they can shoot on any range.

All cadets who did their training at Fort Street last year were classed as efficient for 1911-12, the O.C. companies' personal report being taken in each case. The efficiency test for 1912-13 will be much more rigorous, especially for second-year senior cadets.

The results of the non-com.'s exam. are not to hand from the Area Office. It has been learnt that Sergt. Jenkin and Sergt. Sillar passed top in the Colour-sergeant's test, and Corp. R. Steel and L.-Corp. O. Mater highest in the Sergeants' division. We are still awaiting a visit from the Area Officer, Capt. Hughes, to complete the corporals and lance-corporals' test.

It will be necessary to hold a further exam. after Christmas to fill the vacancies of commissioned officers and N.-Coms. leaving school then. Intending applicants should note.

It is proposed to put on a sham fight with blank cartridge at the Annual Sports. A certain number of the smartest and most efficient cadets from each company will be selected for the same.

The cadet events at our sports will be: Best turned out non-com. or cadet; Victoria Cross Race; Bugle Competition; Signalling Competition.

The work done by the junior cadets at Fort Street for the year 1911-12 was really first-class. Physical culture, organised games, and first-aid were the subjects. Visits of inspection were made by Colonel Petersen, Capt. Cooke-Russell, Mr. Senior-Inspector Parkinson. They all expressed great satisfaction at the quality of the work being done.

A larger armoury is badly wanted for the School. To try and put four companies of rifles in the small space available is a work of art. Likewise the distribution of these to the companies when all four are on parade is a matter of some considerable time.

Two questions we would like answered: When is it intended to complete our non-coms.' examination? When will our miniature range be inspected? This latter has been promised for months past. We have the rifles for the same.

No attempt has yet been made to fit out the new senior cadets with uniform, although it is much over two months since they were enrolled in the school companies. All cadets who were in the companies last year are not complete yet even.

Some cadets are inquiring when they will receive their batallion championship badges won by G Company, and also the marksmen's badges they won last year.

The junior cadets' organised games are a very popular institution every second Friday afternoon. Special trams are taken from the Quay to Centennial Park. The cadets are under the charge of Capt. Parsonage, Lt. Tate and Mr. Sutherland, who have obtained instructors' certificates from the Commonwealth Government in this branch of the military work.

The sergeant-major (Sergt.-Major Uren) has returned from the annual three-weeks' school of instruction at the Barracks with all the latest ideas.

Capt. Parsonage and Lt. Taylor intend to take cadets to Randwick Rifle Range each Wednesday in the summer. Intending rifle club marksmen should note. Lists will be made each Tuesday.

Lieut. W. Paradise's name is to be inscribed on the Venour-Nathan Shield in the Main Room as the best shot for 1911. He easily topped the musketry score for the year. He is a very enthusiastic rifle shot.

Letters have been received by Capt. Parsonage from Staff-College Cadet Thorne ("Blue") and Cadet F. Simon, now in Germany. Any friends who are interested may have same to read on application.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

The chief event of importance in the debating world was the contest between the School and the Old Boys held on the 23rd instant. Mr. Mackaness (V.-P.) presided, while Mr. Smairl and Mr. Murphy acted as Judges. The subject chosen by the School was "That the Legislative Council should be abolished," the speakers for the School being Simpson, Bennett, Mason and Jerdan, while the O. Bs. were represented by Harry Brown, Archie Collins, A. M. Stanton and H. Mason. On the whole the speeches were excellent. If we were asked the most thoughtful and intellectual we should say the choice lay between that of Collins and Jerdan. At the same time we would like to congratulate Brown on his improved powers of restraint, and Mason, senr. on his forcible summing up. Legal training is undoubtedly beginning to tell. Jerdan's speech was decidedly the best made by the School, whose representatives lacked cohesion, one speaker repeatedly contradicting the arguments of his own side, so that the judge's verdict in favour of the Old Boys was in no wise unexpected.

We should like to see these contests continued at more frequent intervals, both for the sake of the interest engendered and also for the fact that the influence of the O.Bs. on the younger generation so exercised can be productive of nothing but good.

At the conclusion of the debate Archie Collins spoke a few words appreciative of the O.Bs.' perennial interest in the school and its doings, to which Mr. Kilgour responded.

The subject for the 30th ult. was lecturettes, of which two were given, one by Ponton on "The Seven Wonders of the World," the other by Robinovitz on Charles Reade. Both writers are to be congratulated on their papers. Seniors III. are beginning to take an active part in the work of the society, particularly Hughes and Hales. The afternoon brought out one or two new speakers, including Anderson, II., and Green. As soon as more of S. III. overcome their natural modesty and endeavour to catch the speaker's eye, the better it will be for the whole society. Why

should the society have to rely continually on half a dozen speakers?

S. III. have decided to conduct a M.S. journal devoted entirely to their own interests. Ponton has been elected Editor, and McLaren and Kinnimont Sub-editors.

O.B. UNION.

The following letter was received by the Hon. Secretary of the Old Boys' Union a few days ago. It speaks for itself:—

Sydney-street, Mackay (N.Q.),
August 27th, 1912.

The Hon. Secretary,
The Old Fort Street School Boys'
Association, Sydney.

Dear Sir,—Seeing an account in one of the Sydney papers lately of a meeting of the Old Boys of Fort Street School, we, as "old Fort Streeters" take the liberty of writing you, and thereby expressing our pleasure in seeing that some of the old boys, at any rate, have a warm and lasting feeling of esteem and regard for the old school.

We, from whom this comes, have met in this bright and sunny town of Queensland, after many years have passed over our heads, since those far-off happy days of 50 years ago when we were boys as scholars at Fort Street. We have had many pleasant chats over those days, and we remember them with affection.

With that remembrance and affection we ask you to convey to your Association our best wishes and fraternal greetings.—Yours sincerely,

E. HARDINGE SMITH,
Sub-Collector of Customs.

MALCOLM A. HARRIS,
Govt. Railway Assessor.

FRED BOURNE,
Certificated Accountant, etc.

Sporting.



Football.

The competition as regards the 1st and 2nd Grade teams has been in abeyance for the past few weeks. The 1st team of the School is leading Hurlstone by 1 point in the A Grade. If our team wins the match which takes place on Wednesday, 11th September, it wins the competition. If it is defeated on that date another match will be played on the following Saturday morning.

The 2nd team are lying 2 points behind Ultimo High School. This necessitates a semi-final, which will be played at some near date.

Since the 3rds have practically won their grade competition, it is not too much to say that it is quite likely that our three teams will be successful in all three grades, a thing of which the school will have every reason to be proud.

First Grade.

Since our last issue the Firsts have had varying success. We have been beaten twice, and won the other matches.

Fort Street v. Ultimo High School.

Played at Wentworth Park, and resulted in a win for Fort Street by 16-8. The High School came with a rush and scored within the first three minutes. But then Fortians took a hand and scored 16 in quick succession. Just on half-time Ultimo scored and converted. No further scores took place in the second half, the game being very close.

For Fortians, the following scored tries:—Morgan, Firth, Hansel and Holmes. The latter converted 2.

In the forwards Conolly, Winkworth and Firth showed out prominently, and these were ably supported by Morgan, Barry, Bennett and Holmes in the backs.

Fort Street v. Hurlstone.

This was a non-competition match, played at University Oval before the Interstate match.

Hurlstone scored first, and Fortians replied by G. Holmes breaking through the opposing back, punting nicely over the full-back's head,

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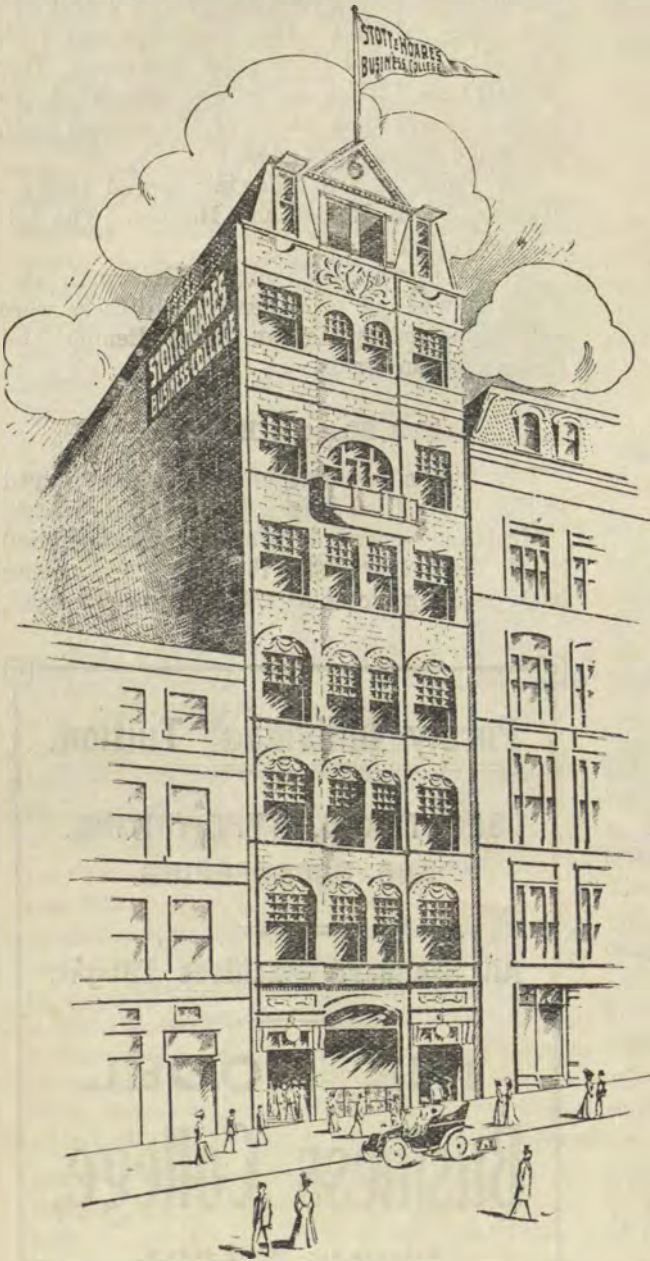
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followed on, and scored a brilliant try. O'Grady converted. No further scores took place in the first half, though Hurlstone broke through our defence on two occasions, eventually winning by 9-5.

The game was a forwards' game, the ball seldom coming out to the backs.

Fort Street v. Petersham.

Played at Petersham and resulting in a win for Fort Street by 33-3. The game was played in the mud, and was very one-sided. The following scored tries:—Bennett, Conolley, Holmes (2 each), Hansel, Firth and Morgan (1 each). Sherwood and Hansel converted 1 each.

Fort Street v. Hurlstone.

Played at Petersham, and won by Hurlstone by 8-0. The ground was muddy, and the ball very slippery. Very seldom the ball was handled by the backs, ruck-work being the order of the day. Hurlstone scored and converted in the first half, and kicked a penalty goal in the second.

Our forwards, who played well, could not hold the opposing forwards on the slippery ground, and it is to this we attribute our defeat, which is the first we have suffered in a competition match. As a result, Fort Street is now leading in the competition by 1 point, Hurlstone having drawn with Ultimo.

Fort Street A play Hurlstone the next match, when, if successful, we shall become premiers. If defeated Hurlstone must play us again. Our followers, however, are sanguine of victory.

SECOND GRADE.

Fort Street v. Petersham.

This match was played at Petersham, and resulted in an easy win for Fort Street by 40 points to nil. The forwards played particularly well, and the tackling among the backs was good.

Fort Street v. Ultimo High School.

Fort Street Seconds have at last succeeded in defeating Ultimo High School, after having suffered two defeats. The two teams met on Wentworth Oval, and the game resulted in a win for Fort Street by 3 points to nil. The game was very even throughout, but just before half-time Sillar scored a splendid try, scrambling across the line with several players hanging on to him. Among the forwards Packham, Maude and Rabone were prominent; whilst Sillar, the new captain, and Nalder were the best among the backs. This is the first occasion on which Ultimo High School have been beaten.

Fort Street v. Technical High School.

Played at Petersham, and resulted in a win for Fort Street by 8 points to 3. Fort Street did not play up to expectations on this occasion, although the team they met was a much improved one. Nalder secured a try, which Rabone converted; whilst Hudson kicked a splendid goal from right out on the wing.

Fort Street v. Hurlstone.

Played at Petersham, and resulted in a win for Fort Street by 8 points to nil. For Fort Street Nalder and McLaren secured tries, one of which was converted by Rabone. Thompson, Packham and McLaren played well among the forwards, whilst Sillar and Nalder played well among the backs. Mostyn was also safe at full-back.

Thirds' Record for Season 1911.

Thirds def. Fourths, 12-6.

Thirds def. Ultimo III., 50-3.

Thirds def. Tech. III., 46-0.

Thirds def. Clev. IV., 65-3.

Thirds def. Tech. IV., 101-0.

Thirds def. Petersham III., 61-0.

Fourths def. Thirds, 3-0.

Thirds def. Tech. III., 37-0.

Thirds def. Clev. III., 32-3.

Thirds def. Clev. IV., 65-0.

Thirds def. Tech. IV., 88-0.

Thirds def. Seconds, 11-8.

Thirds def. Combined Primary Schools, 8-0.

Fourths' Record for Season 1911.

Thirds def. Fourths, 12-6.
 Fourths def. Tech. III., 37-0.
 Fourths def. Clew. IV., 14-0.
 Fourths def. Tech. IV., 57-0.
 Fourths def. Petersham, 42-0.
 Fourths def. Ultimo III., 52-3.
 Fourths def. Thirds, 3-0.
 Fourths def. Tech. III., 14-0.
 Fourths def. Clew. III., 18-6.
 Fourths def. Clew. IV., 65-3.
 Fourths def. Tech. IV., 48-0.
 Fourths def. Petersham IV., 57-0.
 Fourths' def. Combined Primary, 13-5.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Boys v. Girls.

The return match resulted in a win for the Boys, the scores being: Boys, 5; Girls, 0. The goal hitters were: Darch (2), Sandels, York, and Clarke.

Fort Street v. Petersham.

This match was played on Wednesday, the 28th instant, the final scores being: Fort Street, 9; Petersham, 1. Latimer scored 6 goals, York and Darch the others.

Any boy who has a regulation hockey stick he wishes to sell, give his name and the price he wants to Sandels at once. The School wishes to buy half-dozen or so.

SPORTS UNION NOTES.

Some classes have been anticipating the summer weather by obtaining cricket material for the last couple of Wednesdays.

The annual subscriptions to the Sports' Union are about due. The rate is 2s., and 1s. 6d. for all classes below 5th Class, Primary Department.

A new treasurer for the Sports' Union is required consequent on the removal of Mr. E. Parker.

The winter games are nearly over, and our

record is a fine one. We are leading in the First Grade Football, second in the Second Grade, first and second in the Third Grade Football, leading in the Second Grade Baseball, second in the Lacrosse competition.

All will be pleased to know that it is intended to hold our Annual Sports' Meeting at the latter end of November after the Intermediate and the Senior Examinations are over.

The surprise of last month was the defeat of the Seconds by the Thirds in the football arena. What a splendid backbone for next year's teams these Thirds and Fourth's will make—not forgetting the Fifth's and Sixth's.

The Thirds defeated the Combined Primary Schools last month by 8 to nil. Combination told at the finish.

The Fourth's defeated the Combined Seconds, 13 to 5.

The points score for our sports will be taken from all championship athletic events, three points being given for a first place, two points for a second, and one for a third. Allowance may have to be made for other places, however.

Baseball events, as well as football, cricket and cadet events, will be provided for in the sports programme.

The annual meeting of the cricketers has been held, and it is expected that this branch of the organised games, as well as swimming, will be well under way shortly. Now, then, ye budding Trumppers, etc.

We are pleased to note that since our last issue L. Firth, G. Holmes (our football captain) and T. Connelly were selected in the representative All Schools' Team. G. Morgan, contrary to expectations, was only an emergency.

Athol Perry, G. Burke and H. Meers, of the Primary Department, were selected in the representative Primary Schools' Combined Teams.

The life-saving classes will be in full swing shortly after Micahelmas. Last year's successes, as usual, will require a lot of beating, even by such a leading Sydney club as the Fort Street Swimming Club.

We are pleased to note the Firsts' footballers have been paying some attention to practice lately. This school stands a very fine chance of scooping the pool in all three grades this season. Once more the Metropolitan Shield should appear in the main room.

It is expected that most of the baseballers will be available for cricket this summer. During next winter a number talk of joining junior clubs in the suburbs. This game is unrivalled for quick judgment, headwork and combination. It should suit Fort Street boys.

Hockey has quite reached the enthusiastic stage since the boys played the girls. Those matches have come to stay. A general exodus from the camera club, if no others, may be expected.

"Can't they swat, those Fort Streeters?" remarked a couple of prominent baseball officials, when asked for their opinion as to the School's Baseball Team's first appearance in this branch of sport.

It seems a pity that our Rowing Club has become defunct. Cannot something be done to revive this fine sport. Mr. Jack Towns (brother of Geo. Towns, one-time champion), is establishing a club at Cleveland Street. Here is some one, ye scullers, to try your blades against.

See that you get your Sports' Union tickets early, as you will be required to produce them shortly.

The Rifle Club, as mentioned in another column, will be revived immediately after Michaelmas for the summer.

THE JUNIOR RESULTS.

In last month's issue we unfortunately neglected to mention that at the last Junior honours were gained by the following:—

Rutledge, medal for Geography.
 Brindley, medal for Chemistry.
 Cramp, Prox. Acc. for Algebra.
 Lush, Prox. Acc. for Algebra.
 Mater, Prox. Acc. for Arithmetic.
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LADY TYPISTS.

N.S.W. Govt., Nov., 1908. **1st** place, and half the total passes. Of the 104 candidates we presented only 15, yet half the *successful* candidates were ours.
 N.S.W. Govt., Oct., 1911. **1st** place and *10 out of the 12 passes*.
 Commonwealth Govt., Oct., 1909. **1st**, 3rd and 6th places (registered list for permanencies); **1st**, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th (registered list for temporary employment).
 Commonwealth Govt., Nov., 1911. **3rd**, 4th, 5th and 8th places.

MALE TYPISTS AND SHORTHAND WRITERS.

N.S.W. Govt., Sept., 1910. **1st** and 3rd places (three appointments made, of which *two* fell to our students).
 Commonwealth Govt., April, 1910. **1st**, 3rd and 5th places (three out of five passes in New South Wales).

PLEASE NOTE.—Metropolitan Business College Students have won top place in Government Shorthand Typewriting Examinations **five times in succession since 1908**. We have been careful to show all **dates** in the above record. No Shorthand Typewriting Examinations, other than those shown above, have been held since 1907 by either the State or Commonwealth Government.

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OLD BOYS AND GIRLS' UNION DANCE.

On August 6th last eventuated the O.B. and G. Union dance, a function which was undoubtedly the most successful of the kind yet held. The attendance numbered 150, among thoes present being: Mrs. Partridge, Mrs. Nelson, Miss F. Nelson, Misses Morris, Van Dyck, Cantrell, D. and M. Collins, Lewis, K. Lane, Hatte, A. Lane, E. Landon, Bocking, K. Gruen and B. Hooke, Messrs. E. S. Davies, S. W. Cantrell, Gruen, Bender, Allen, Pryor, Griffiths, A. J. Collins, C. R. Collins, S. A. McIntosh, McShane, and Ridley.

Extras were provided by Misses Katie Guren and Morris. The catering was excellent, and all voted the function in every way a great success. The hon. secretaries were Miss F. Nelson and Mr. A. J. Collins.

NOTICE.

The question of a new school hat-band has been discussed continually during the last few months, and a number of designs has been prepared and examined. None, however, have pleased the aesthetic tastes of the judges. We would, therefore, be glad to receive sketches or ideas for a hat-band from the boys (and girls) of the school. It should be kept in mind that the design must be simple so as to lend itself readily to reproduction on cloth, and preferably should include the initials F.S. (or Fort St.) B.H.S.

Cusack, who left Fort Street some four years ago to study dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., has been successful in obtaining the D.D.S. of that University.

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Eternal Moments.

N. Robinovitz.

"Eternal Moments!" Ay, reader, moments that shall endure forever in the hearts of those, now seniors, those, once juniors, those, men-to-be, rivalling in steadfastness the very deep itself. . . . They entered the junior classes—the famous M. I., the scapegrace M. II., the genteel C. I., and the plodding C. II.—and Titans massive, intellectual giants hurled them, after a hurried year, through the Junior. . . A turn of fortune's wheel, and many had gone out beyond. . . A wondering remnant remained; they were slowly—a whole year did it take—fashioned by the hand of the potter—

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The Lower School was passed; the results were up. What a hush! Who had attained to the eminence of M. I.? . . . In stillness that would have echoed the fall of the proverbial pin with startling clangor, the names were pronounced. . . . Oh! Ecstatic moment! What dreams crowded the brain at thought of what must lie behind the curtain that shielded the year to come from pryers. . . . Eternal Moment! . . .

The glare of lights; the festive-board; the merry laugh; the tinkling glass; the badge of red and white on every coat . . . red and white . . . red—Old England's glory, white—the truce-token, the emblem of the Peace to come—red and white—the sparkling jest; the speech; the toast; "Gentlemen, the King"; "The School, lads, now for the old school"; the milken cloth; the frantic cheer—and nine and ninety shrieking, wildly gesticulating Juniors throw to the very heavens themselves the fame of Bobby Burns . . .

"For Auld Lang, my dear,
For Auld Lang Syne,
We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet,
For Auld Lang Syne."

And then a chatter and a stillness. . . .
But what a moment! . . . Ah! Moment Eternal!
What decimated ranks! . . . Of a hundred good men and true, scarcely more than a score! . . .
And Trig opens up its mysteries to them—that wondrous palace built on the (apparently) utterly inadequately foundation of a mere fragile "sine" and "cosine" . . . We wander in "Elysian fields" and pluck the luscious fruit from the burdened trees as we gently pass along. . . .
And so its rolls and volumes might teem with the stirring tales of moments such as these, that who can forget? . . . Let us pray that none can, for they tinge our lives with that melancholy touch of ever-ready memory that is more than the sauce of Life; it is almost its very essence. . . . Ah! What a Life this is, my mas-

ters. . . . Look ye, well, that ye enjoy to the full the moments that are here. . . . Sate yourselves with the living joys of the moment . . . for these are soon fledged. . . . Soon are they gone and leave but the dead leaves of a remembrance in the precious casket that once held the fragrant rose of actuality. . . . And when they have gone, look ye that those leaves be well preserved, for they still have that clinging, subtle odour about them that will conjure for ye once again, those Moments Eternal . . . in dainty and compelling visions. . . . And this will they do, e'en though the sky be o'ercast with clouds, and the present a glaring horror; ay! and so strong will their potency then be, that mayhap the clouds themselves will be dispersed. Look ye then to those leaves! My masters, look ye!

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TO OLD BOYS.

Occasionally the Editor receives news second or third, or eleventh hand that a certain O.B. does not receive his "Fortian" regularly. In the first place, for an O.B. to receive a Fortian he must either be a member of the O.B. Union or pay his shilling subscription. Many do neither, yet expect their paper sent regularly year after year. As the Editor's list of subscribers may not be quite correct, he will be glad to rectify any errors on receipt of a post-card. Why do not some of the O.B.'s. send him news or articles for publication? Why? says the Editor; why? Echo doesn't answer.

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Reg. Reid and John Greathead, two well-known old boys, have succeeded in passing the Examination for Licensed Surveyors. We congratulate them both on their well-merited success. They are both in the Lands Department.

Already our staff of masters has suffered changes. Mr. H. J. Meldrum, B.A. B.Sc., has been appointed Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at the Teachers' College, Blackfriars, while Mr. J. P. Monro, B.A., has received the post of Chief Clerk in the Commonwealth Railway Department. Though we greatly regret the loss of these two gentlemen, yet we must offer them our hearty congratulations on their appointments.

CLASS NOTES.

SENIORS I.

The Motor Show attracted many seniors, amongst whom was the eminent Scientist. But he did not buy a car. Says he is waiting till the Xmas toys come out.

Fort St. is about to lose all the Upper Seniors, who will be very sorry to leave.

What will we do with ourselves when we find in our pockets the wealth that otherwise would have been paid away in Lib. fees, "Fortian" money, etc.

Life in the Senior Class and the strict discipline of the Lion Tamers has had no effect on Johnny Mac, whose spirit is as rebellious as ever.

The photo. of the footballers calls forth some criticism. Mitch looks A1. There are hairs out of position on Eric's part. Bennett was not looking for the little bird, but Bert was, with a vengeance.

Henri Corbeau laments the fact that no samples were given away at the Eight-hour procession, after coming all the way from Parramatta.

We note with pleasure that the Chocolate Soldier has recommenced his 1 p.m. trot. 'Tis rumoured N. A. E. Percy will run him close.

The Scientist has at last discovered something, and is remaining at home to impress it upon his mind for the Senior.

We often catch glimpses of Legg, who has been spending several months at his seaside resort at Coogee, in spite of the fact that the Governor prefers Manly.

Samson informs us that he will not shave till after the Senior. He says he does not want to lose his strength.

Jeff. P., our authority on private schools, says that we are not the only ones who are going to win bursaries.

Gording Wesley says an asp is a kind of wasp. Let him apply it to the polished argent of his vest and see.

Blue MacLachlan failed to fill a place in the last sporting meeting, in spite of his Wed. evening gallops. The same occurred to him as to Mr. Herbert George, when he was out riding—the crowd yelled "Wallaby, Wallaby."

An odd thing— $2n$ plus 1.

An unknown quantity—Physics.

A geometrical fallacy—The senior square.

It is rumoured that E.B.R. (the Scientist) will make his appearance at the school on the Senior farewell on a motor bike—a result of the Motor Show and a recent Wednesday.

He who hesitates is bossed.

We defy the "learned" gentleman with the extensive knowledge of Wollongong to place the railway platform and hotel dignified by the name Dubbo.

Happy—Hudson.

Revolutionary—the gyroscope.

SENIORS II.

We seniors are just trying to rid ourselves of the exhilarating air of holiday which pervades us. It is the inevitable result of tearing about country on attenuated horses, and of long train journeys, of fishing expeditions, and of picnics at Manly, of lazy days by "murm'ring brooklets," and "camping out" for a day or two—that we should feel a natural disinclination to settle down and satisfy the Sphinx's exact requirements.

But teachers, from the days when Euclid was preparing that fearful and wonderful production that inspires awe to this day—from even that remote period, teachers have known and respected the air of holiday that their charges bring back with them. In fact, mayhap, they contribute a little to that atmosphere themselves. If they do not, they, indeed, have our pity—and our sympathy.

Three weeks or so hence will herald the Intermediate Exam., and on Debate Days the Senior Room will, it seems probable, after that time, be filled to overflowing.

That last remark, too, leads me to speaking of the Debating Society. Fortunately it is now in a flourishing condition. Following a debate on the question of the respective uplifting influences of the Pulpit and Press, "Jock" has assumed the prime position. On Friday next the absorbing question of conscription will exercise the budding intellects that throng "the house," E.A.S.J. taking the Opposition leadership and defending the negative aspect

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of the case.

Vague rumours shake the Seniors to their very soul-depths re the loss of sundry popular personages, but no explicit news has reached the editorial ear.

It is too soon after the vacation to report progress in the various subjects, but next month we will mend the omission.

Except that L. Price, "Bill" Anderson, Metcalfe, and other shining lights have appeared in new plumage, all goes as usual. The sluggish stream flows on, with never a moment's hastening, scarcely a ripple ever disturbing its unruffled surface. But as long as no storms shall rend it to its depths we are well content. Let it long flow so!

SENIORS III.

A month has passed away since, by medium of this magazine, we abused the other classes, ourselves (?) and the world in general, and suffered in return overwhelming torrents of the aforesaid abuse, but we now re-appear quond meme.

We would like to say at once that our admiration for 2 E increased wonderfully when we heard (from themselves) that they were going to obtain better results than us in the coming examination. There is, indeed, something to admire in a spirit which even when the case is desperate still struggles on not knowing that it is beaten.

On entering school one bright morning when French vocabularies were busily employed, one youth was heard to ask what the French word for draught-horse was. Reigned a silence long and deep. At last two inspired lads burst forth almost simultaneously: "Cheval qui

boit," "Courant d'air enroue." Perhaps 2 E has a chance. (At least let them think they have!)

2 C.

Do not the students display sufficient knowledge of mechanics to be allowed to experiment (on another student for preference) with an expensive piece of apparatus, a piece of looking-glass for example?

Is there not a distinct use of force when the "inertia" of the fist of one experimented upon is suddenly stopped by the experimenter's jaw; and the "acceleration" of an experimenter's footsteps who has just remembered that he has an engagement elsewhere? And the levers? To say nothing of movable pulleys!

A certain "ferocious" member of the class even went as far as religiously to fall out of a tram to verify the fact that s equals $\frac{1}{2} a, t$, and the result seems to have been satisfactory, seeing that he was well rewarded with a damaged hand and a broken hat. Is this not sufficient evidence?

We noted in the last issue of "The Fortian" that the self-termed Seniors are progressing favourably in that extremely studious game of hand-ball. We compliment them on their success; but, judging by their amount of practice, we think that the rate of progress ought to be greater.

In our recent Chemistry Exam. we experienced a great surprise, the results ranging from 87 to 14, and, strange to say, the winning paper was unclaimed. It has been said by a certain master that the German portion of this class is far superior to that of the French. Is it?

CLASS 1 F.

Mr. J. Taylor has instituted debates into this class on the various English literature which we have had lately. The boys have taken up this new line of English very enthusiastically. Paterson, we must say, is a bit of a quibbler.

Dear me! Measles are going their rounds slightly. Yes! Master Jepson Travers has been prostrated by the terrible infection. "Sore eyes" were fashionable not long ago, Nalder, Macnamara, and a couple of others being the affected ones. Strange has been chosen captain of the cricket team. We hope that he and his men will feel nice and cool rushing about after the ball, while we are rushing about in the water in the Domain Baths.

1 F CLASS PICNIC.

On the 7th ultimo the boys of 1F held a highly successful class picnic at Balmoral and the Spit. We have received a lengthy account of this function, but regret that owing to the limited space of the magazine and the vast amount of copy received this month, we cannot find space for it.

1 E.

The looking-glass epidemic is spreading throughout the class, and not a few are often gazing upon their physiognomies with admiration and wonder.

Some of the class must be congratulated on their good work in recent tests—especially Willard.

The idea of the yearly examination coming in November is leading to a great increase of study; and it is rumoured that R—e will have a big gas-bill at the end of the month.

This class also has a good cricket team, under the captaincy of J. McLean. Two matches have been played. The first, against 1C, was lost by 9 runs; but the second, against 1B, resulted in a win for us by 5 wickets.

1 B.

Most of us are contemplating whether we will survive the approaching exam. to enjoy the holidays and, subsequently, our Christmas pudding. Anyhow, we sincerely hope that the "dreaded" reports will not be issued until the

latter event has come to pass, lest the parental brow be disturbed when we are expecting a second helping.

Mr. Scott has taken charge of 1B. We extend to Mr. Scott a comprehensive welcome.

Concerning cricket, this class has unani- mously abandoned it for the more appropriate sport of swimming.

 Boys' Primary School.

The selected quotation for the month is from R. Southwell's "Loss in Delay":—

Shun delays, they breed remorse,

Take thy time while time is lent thee;

Creeping snails have weakest force,

Fly their fault lest thou repent thee.

Good is best when soonest wrought,

Lingered labours come to nought.

LOWER SCHOOL.

5 D CLASS.

This month we publish the names of the boys with the general percentage of marks obtained in the examinations held throughout the year.

DICTATION—Thorburn 95, Broue 93, True- man 91.5, Noble 90, Connie 88, Evatt 86.5, Ross 85, Furness 84.

ENGLISH—Burnett 86, Murphy 72.6, Red- wood 72, Noble 71.5, Foote 71.

MATHEMATICS—Thorburn 90.6, Evatt 87.6, Hellstrom 79.5, Whitehead 76, Hall 76, Offer 73, Tonkin 72.5, Herbst 72, Leslie 70, Noble 70.

GEOGRAPHY—Illingworth 70, Fleming 69, Offer 69, Hellstrom 66, Connie 65.5, Cotterill 65.5, Brone 65.

HISTORY—Burnett 80, Cotterill 76, Illing- worth 71.5, Hellstrom 71, Murphy 71, Offer 70.

5 C.

The results of the late Quarterly Examina- tion are now ready for publication. The follow- ing are the names of the boys who were most successful:—

READING—J. Dring, E. Macadam, H. Barn- ett, and F. Hine.

WRITING—F. Day, H. Lewis, and H. Hotten.

MATHEMATICS—E. Cramp, G. Morris, H. Hiliger, R. Fenwick, G. Williams, A. Ralston, E. Macadam, and C. Allpress.

DICTIONARY—R. Watkinson, E. Macadam, and R. Chapple.

HOMEWORK—E. Cramp, G. Williams, F. Day, R. Fenwick, A. Cowan, H. Hotten, and H. Lewis.

ENGLISH—E. Cramp, J. Dring, and W. Humphreys.

5 B.

The following boys of the above class did well in the last examination:—

READING—Victor Melnikoff and E. Round.

WRITING—Wm. Stent, Rob. Watson, and Jack Watson.

DICTIONARY—Roy Matta, Allan Humby, Norman Reid, H. Drew, H. Williams, D. Weinberg, and K. Shaw.

COMPOSITION—H. Meers and E. McCabe.

ARITHMETIC—S. Vickers, E. McCabe, and D. Christie.

HISTORY—F. McNamara and W. Stent

GEOGRAPHY—Roy Matta, H. Vickers, Wm. Stent.

CLASS 5 A.

Decided improvement in writing has been made by Crealy, McGee, Lee, Johnson, and Crakanthorp.

Science exercises must be done with greater care and the use of a little colour in illustrating experiments would produce greater effect. The best results in Science this week were obtained by A. Cooper, H. Sinclair, R. Perkins, and L. Jones.

4 A.

Adrian McDermott, Wallace Russell, and Charles Riley, by their Quarterly Examination results, show that they have been doing the best work in this class.

The following boys deserve credit for their regular attendance during the past quarter:—George Alehin, Frank Bailey, Phillip Davies, Albert Dawson, Archie Hamilton, and Trevor Wessburg.

In Nature Study Work, W. Oakleigh, A. Hudson, R. Ferguson, A. Rea, and J. Coxon have been taking most interest.

Sid Cooper, F. Bailey, W. Oakleigh, and S. Dibbs have been doing well in their History.

Charles Riley has gained special distinction for Arithmetic.

LOWER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB.

On Monday, 1st October, we spent the whole day out at the court at Balmain, and had a really enjoyable time. No one could complain of a scarcity of "sets," for, with the exception of an hour spent at lunch, play lasted from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m. Except for a few mishaps, the picnic was considered a great success. The fact that Schwartz, in knocking off the neck of a bottle of raspberry syrup with a gigantic stone, shattered it to pieces, did not spoil the fun, but rather added to it.

3 A.

The best results of last Quarterly Exam. were gained by J. Robertson, E. Bennett, T. Glover, and L. Symonds. This is the second time Robertson has been dux of his class, and he thoroughly deserves the honour.

Others who did very satisfactory work were—J. Crowe, W. Ralston, E. Powell, D. Marks, C. Cross, and R. Brukary.

M. Hodge gained a word of praise for his Nature Study Book.

2 B.

The class has now finished its examination, and we are glad to note that N. Bergmin came out with high marks. Many others did well.

Our garden is going to be a great success in the near future, and many boys have brought nice plants and seeds—for which we thank them.

UPPER SECOND.

The quarterly exam. is now over, and although the results disappoint a little, it is very pleasant to see that some boys are working hard for promotion to Third Class at Christmas.

R. Smythe kept top place, 362 marks, closely followed by G. Hildebrand, 356; H. Green, 337; H. Hardman, 330; and R. Malcolm, 324.

The dictation was well done, eight boys each getting 100 marks. Their names are: G. Hildebrand, H. Green, H. Hardman, R. Malcolm, C. Taylor, G. Pinder, N. Edwards, and H. Cohen.

R. Smythe was top in arithmetic, with 80 marks; whilst C. Poulsen and M. Henry each scored 75 marks for reading.

R. Smythe was top for writing, with 72 marks; and in composition T. Pressfeldt and H. Hardman led the way with 70 marks each.

Sports' Union Notes.

Congratulations to E. Reboul, who won the 100 yds. Running Championship of All Schools at the recent P.S.A.A.A. Sports. Well done!

We have two present All Schools champions in the school now. G. Hansel is the other winner of the 100 yards All Schools' Championship and the Keiran Memorial last year. Frank Mason, last year's champion, is also a pupil.

The cricket season is in full swing. We have three grade teams in the High School competitions. Our trouble is a ground for practice, etc.

Mr. W. A. Selle has been unanimously appointed Hon. Treasurer of the Sports' Union, in place of Mr. Parker (removed). Our membership will no doubt approach the record this year in such capable hands, if not surpass it.

Mr. Selle is also back again as Hon. Sec. of the Swimming Club. He will have something to do to excel last year's Carnival, but he means to do it.

In the football arena this school did well during the winter. We finished a hard-fighting second in the first grade, won the second grade, and got first and second places in the third grade. We wish the cricket the same success.

The trip to Wagga by the footballers was a fine one educationally. We inspected the Wagga Farm, under the guidance of the Manager, Mr. McKeown. A report of the trip will be found in our columns.

Is the Rowing Club to remain defunct?

Sports' Union tickets must be produced on Wednesdays now before material can be given, etc., for organised games. Have you obtained yours yet from the new Hon. Treasurer?

Nominations will be received shortly for Honor Caps for the school year 1912.

We hope to be able to record in our next issue the formation of the Life Saving Squads in connection with the Swimming Club.

The Annual Meeting of the Sports' Union was held on Monday last, the 14th instant. The Annual Reports of the Swimming, Cricket, Football, Baseball, Camera, Tourist and Hockey Clubs were read. Mr. Kilgour presided.

The footballers desire to thank Mr. J. Murray, Mr. S. Cantrell, Mr. K. Hannay, and Mr.

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The Sports' Union wish to place on record their appreciation of the kindness of the Sports' Ground authorities (Mr. Harvey, Secretary) in allowing the school the use of the Sports' Ground on numerous occasions during the year 1912.

Mr. R. K. Scott, B.A., having returned from his voyage to England, has again taken up duty. We welcome him back to the school. Mr. James Macnee has been removed. It is to be hoped that the interests of the rowing enthusiasts will not suffer by the removal of their able coach.

The Intermediate Examination takes place on the 28th inst.; the Senior follows on the 11th November. We wish all success, and hope that a number of the scholarships to be awarded will fall to the lot of our representatives.

Girls' Page

THE STAFF.

During the month Miss J. Boeking was removed to Balmain. The teachers presented her with a dainty gold clasp set with pearls as a small token of esteem.

We extend a hearty welcome to Miss O'Reilly, of the Primary staff.

SENIOR LIBRARY.

Some valuable books of reference have been supplied by the Department. As each subject is represented, the collection should be of great value to the High School course.

GIRLS' REALM GUILD.

Owing to the Guild being formed rather late in the year, the girls have not been able to do much for the cause.

But a commencement has been made.

Sacks of clothes have been sent to Miss Burrows to be distributed amongst the poorer classes.

Many of the girls helped in the Flower Show on the 5th by selling programmes and presiding at the tea tables.

The names of financial members will appear in the next gazette, and intending members are requested to pay their subscriptions to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

THE GIRLS' LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The last meeting of the above Society was held in the sewing room on Friday, September 6th. The subject was, "Who is the greater novelist, Scott or Dickens?" Emmie Gulliford, ably supported by Elsie Morris and Trixie Durie, upheld the cause of Dickens, whilst Dorothy Struthers, ably supported by Florrie Gibbs and Daphne Burton, upheld Scott. Marks were awarded for literary merit and delivery, the upholders of Scott gaining the majority by one.

2 A and 2 B.

On Friday, September 13th, 2 A and 2 B held a debate. The subject was the comparison of Treasure Island and Last of Mohicans. Papers

were written by several girls chosen from either class on the different styles, lives of authors, and also comparing the two heroes, Jim and Uncas, and the two villains, Silver and Le Renaid.

The papers were written by the following girls:—

Edie Overend and Olga Davis (2 B), "The Life of Robert Louis Stevenson."

Queenie Fraser and Edith Newcombe (2 B), "Fenimore Cooper's Life."

Maud Turtle (2 B), "The Characters of the two Heroes, Jim and Uncas."

Doris Todd and Olive Storey (2 B), "The Villains."

Enice Martin (2 B), "Stevenson's Style."

Dulcie Metcalfe (2 B), "Fenimore Cooper's and Stevenson's Style."

Unice McGee (2 B), "The Style of the Two Authors."

Maud Turtle (2 B) won the laurels of the day.

2 B won the debate.

First year D. and E. Literary Debating Society held a Geography Afternoon on Friday, 27 September. Each class was represented by a team of six girls, the captains being Jessie Alexander, 1 E, and Blodwyn Campey, 1 D. On the whole we spent an enjoyable afternoon, 1 E team, headed by Jessie Alexander, winning by one point.

EXCELSIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, 23rd September, our debate was postponed, but the same subject will be discussed at the next meeting. The subject is, "Who does the most for his country, the statesman, the writer, or the soldier?" Gladstone, Dickens, and Lord Roberts are chosen as representative types.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

1 A.

Lizzie Anderson, Kathleen Ohlson, Florrie Littlejohn, and Maud Jensen distinguished themselves in Science at the recent test, while Pauline Tierney, Lila Morton, Mary McMillan, and Agnes Lee headed the English list.

Faith Paterson came second in the 100 yards

Championship of the School, bringing 1 A to the fore again.

1 B.

During the month some good work has been done.

The results of the Silence Exam. were:— Isabella Cruickshanks 36, Myee Cureton 33, Dorothy McClemens 32, and May Bell 30, out of a possible 40.

1 C.

1 C distinguished themselves at the Sports' Carnival yesterday, especially D.F.

Three of our girls (May Corbett, Dorothy Greatorex, and Carrie Biddulph) have lately developed a failing for "mob-caps, aprons, and lavender ribbons," and made sweet little waitresses at the Wild Flower Show.

Muriel Nowell kept up her reputation by winning the French prize.

1 D.

Another Science test was given in Third Class, Minnie Wade and Clare McMahon heading the list, and Lily Jamieson coming second. Also an English test was given, with Viola Smythe heading the list, and Frances Langford and Freda Hall second.

1 E.

This class is forging ahead with the hope of being the best second year class next year.

E for Ever, so they say, and you would have thought so if you had seen its members striving for first place in the various races on Wednesday.

2 A.

As a whole the girls of this class entered enthusiastically into the sports on Wednesday, and one or two carried off some of the laurels.

CLASS NOTES.

2 B.

The top marks in the last Geometry test were gained by Cassie Fink, Amy Jowett, and Elsie Segart. Let us hope that these results will continue.

It has been noticed that O.S. has been turning over a number of new leaves lately, but at last it seems as if the last leaf is going to remain down. She deserves to be congratulated.

Last, but not least, comes Sadie O'Brien, the winner of the 100 yards Championship of the School at the recent Field Day.

EX-JUNIORS.

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more!" We feel that apprehension, and a general sense of incapability in the face of the demand of the near future (experience has rendered the symptoms familiar), are waiting to creep upon us. While recognising that they are like to damp the accustomed ardour of our spirits, we may yet be heard to murmur: "Things must be as they may, and that's the humour of it."

September 21st brought fair weather and the day of our proposed "Junior" picnic (arranged as the result of encouragement from the maxim: "Better late than never"). We chose Bronte for our picnicking ground (excellent example of false bedding to be seen in the neighbouring cliff), and our best hopes for a pleasant day were realised, one of our party being, indeed,

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Since 1908, in these examinations, they have won top place five times in succession.

At the last Shorthand Theory Examination, held at the Fort Street School, and conducted by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia, our Students in competition with Students of all the other Sydney Business Colleges were placed:—

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towards the close, to use a well-known phrase, "Too full for words." Our occupations were many and varied, ranging from meditation "by the sad sea waves" to the paces of the waltz and the two-step in a gloomy but spacious hall, where once "the little fishes swam securely"—not "down below," but round about.

A number of our Science students took advantage of a bright Wednesday afternoon lately and made an excursion to Dundas, where several good botanical and geological specimens were obtained. The quarry and dyke were examined, a few of the party, more daring than the rest, descending for some little distance into the former.

Despite a certain weariness and thirst occasioned by much walking and a merciless sun, we realised that the cause of Science was great enough to override these petty inconveniences, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES.

5 B.

Bird Day was observed by pictures of the denizens of the forest glades—a keener observation of the birds singing and hopping about in the Moreton Bay fig trees, songs and poems relative to birds, and stories relating to birds. A rozella and galah parrot received much notice.

5 A.

The girls displayed great interest in their talk on "Bird Day." The paintings of the live joey, who sat for his portrait, but seemed a little shy at times, was well attempted, Rose Ping doing the best work.

4 B.

4 B girls are very interested in "Honour Tickets." In each subject the girls who have put forth the greatest amount of effort receive "Honour Tickets." These they cherish in little boxes, for at the end of each month they show who are the persevering girls.

Next "Fortian" will contain the names of the top six.

Winnie Hales distinguished herself by coming top in the "Quarterly Examination," while in both our "Weekly Examinations" she stands out as top girl.

Vera Collins, Edith Wells, and Elsie McKay

always delight us with their very careful and neat writing, while Louie Hack surprised us all by being top girl for the month.

CLASS 4 A.

Doris Bergman has done the best work in this class. She gained 100 per cent. in Mathematics, Geography, and Dictation at the Quarterly Exam.

Dulcie Matthews is the most original girl in this class. Her imaginative drawings and compositions are splendid.

The children of 2nd and 3rd Classes had a most enjoyable time on "Bird Day." Two compositions, those of Kitty Daley and May Giles, were published in the "Daily Telegraph." Helen Partridge distinguished herself in the play, "Why the Cuckoo Wails," as the Cuckoo in the Tomtit's nest.

THE GIRLS' FIRST SPORTS' MEETING.

Most of us feel inclined just to call it a "Field Day," but you might wonder what that is, so we copy the boys, as usual, and call it a Sports' Meeting.

Mr. Selle refereed for us, and opened his eyes at the running and jumping powers displayed by the girls. My! how they did jump, 4 feet when only $2\frac{1}{2}$ were needed.

The final of the 100 yards Championship was something to see, the whole line of 14 girls almost kept together from post to finish. There were 70 entries for this race.

No doubt about the Steeplechase—Elsie Shorter cleared the last hurdle just before Ettie Warden, and held her distance up to the tape.—3 hurdles and 2 gates.

The 220 yards Walking Championship was a good race also; but the girls are apparently not quite sure yet what a walking race is.

The other events were also tip-top, the Flag Relay Race being undoubtedly the prettiest from a girls' point of view.

Sadie O'Brien, our 100 yards champion of the school, ran a splendid race, and we must compliment her, and also our walking champion, Poppy Brooks.

The Committee desire to thank the officials and all the school staff for their help and interest.

The final results were as follows:—

I. 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP OF SCHOOL.

- (1) Sadie O'Brien.
- (2) Faith Paterson, Dorothy Greatorex.

II. STEEPLECHASE.

- (1) Elsie Shorter.
- (2) Ettie Warden.

III. WALKING RACE.

- (1) Poppy Brooks.
- (2) Ruth Hindmarsh.
- (3) Una Wilson.

IV. EGG AND SPOON RACE.

- (1) Edith Blackwell.
- (2) Laura Briggs.

V. FLAG RACE.

- (1) Ettie Warden.
- (2) Ena Drake.
- (3) Rene Cliff.

VI. POTATO RACE.

- (1) Nessie Davidson.
- (2) Olga Reeves.
- (3) Ena Drake, Brenda Richardson.

HOCKEY.

The return match, Boys versus Girls, resulted in a draw, each side scoring two goals.

The season's results are:—4 inter-club matches played, 2 won, 2 lost; 18 goals scored to 4 against.

Looking back on the season we can say, "Oh bother the weather," but also "How well we did." Not so many wins as in past years, but not so many losses either, as so many matches had to be abandoned.

Many of the girls who showed great promise in the early part of the season fell off afterwards, and the new players of the first XI. were Olive Storey, Gladys Bramley, Eva Miller, and Hazel McEacharn.

The seconds were a splendid team, and over and over again they came to the help of the firsts, and played excellently in hard driven matches. In the last match against the boys, two half-backs of the seconds had to play on the forward line for the firsts, and "nobly did they do it."

Altogether we may congratulate ourselves on a very creditable season.

The Hockey Tea will be held in November. We hope to see many "old girls" at it.

The competition resulted in a victory for

the Trojans. Cambowie were the runners-up, and Arcadians quite out of it, being hopelessly defeated in the first round.

There was more fun apparently in being an Arcadian than one would imagine—the team just laughed its way through all its losing games. However, they did not impart the huge joke to the other teams, and we still wonder why they laughed. The Trojans played splendidly, and Cambowie also showed real good hockey.

The second match against the Boys' 1st XI. resulted in a draw. The boys played very hard, but as they did not combine their play, they lost all the points their hard hitting and fast running should have given them. The girls combined splendidly, and although outclassed in running, their passes and across-field hits were greatly superior to any play of the boys.

It takes eleven on each side to play hockey; no one brilliant player can win a game, so combination is entirely necessary. The score, 2 goals all, hardly shows the vast amount of hard work done on both sides.

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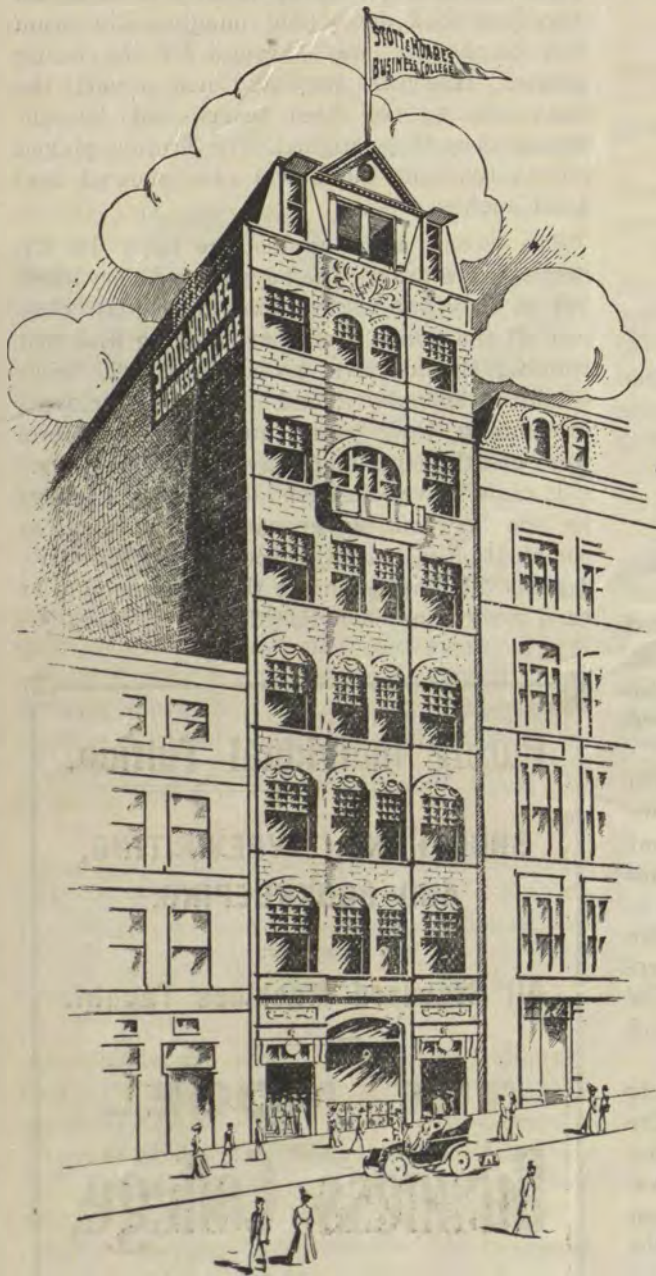
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OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

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By "Cavendish."

October is now with us again. Now, as a month, October has many interesting points. Firstly, it is, to all intents and purposes, the first month of the cricket season. For this it is justly famed. Secondly, the first day of October generally forces the student, who sits in December, to begin counting the weeks. In August we said there was still four months to run—plenty of time forsooth. In September's early and bright days we still had a quarter left. And a quarter was not to be despised. But October warns us that we can no longer hug our months comfortably to ourselves. It is now "eight weeks to go!"—and soon we will be counting in days.

Lastly, October, 1912, sees the annual elections for several of the Unions. The Christian Union and the University Union elect their executive and directors respectively. The latter body has just completed its first twelve months after reorganisation by the Senate. It is a representative body, and will be always increasing in importance. Its functions deal with the social side of University life, and it is the union which is playing no small part in lessening the gap between the undergrad. and the teaching staff.

But it is quite a distinct body from the Undergraduates' Association, into whose affairs no professional eye has yet been able to peep. This body looks after the rights of students—arranging for festival, procession, theatre nights, garden party, and the like.

The Scouts have broken camp, and the hoarse cry of "Mess orderlies, double up!" is no longer heard on the rocky peninsula to the north side of Botany Bay. The camp was a huge success, many old Fortians participating. Perhaps the one who distinguished himself more than all others was Jack Ridley, who was in the seniors several years ago. He was equally great as soldier, orator, mess orderly, or "premier chanteur." His "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" moved stones to tears, in addition to moving every individual in the immediate vicinity.

So far, the only two Fort St. men playing grade cricket are W. K. Flook and H. V. Evatt; the latter has been chosen to play for the Freshers' Eleven. It certainly seems a pity that such batsmen as H. Symonds and C. Wallace, as well as many other old boys, are not playing with the "flannelled fools." Samson, is rowing for the Boat Club in the Maiden Fours.

First term class exams. in first year showed that Fort St. was holding her own. Of the results of the second class exams. only Chemistry are as yet available. Lawrance again secured first place.

Reference was made last letter to a projected Handball Club at the 'Varsity. Since then it has been found that there is every likelihood of a strong club springing into existence for next season. For schools other than Fort St. have played this most noble and ancient game, and have not failed to be seduced by its bewitching charms.

Lieutenant McKinnon, of the S.U. Scouts, may be remembered by some of the present seniors as having taught at the School some years back. He has recently qualified for the position of captain. There is to be another camp at Christmas, and the usual Easter event at Liverpool.

In concluding this month's remarks one must wish (on behalf of all Fortians at the University) the best of success to the 1912 Seniors. They have a record year (1911) to beat. But that they will do it one is sure.

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CADET NOTES.

The School rifle team shot fairly well in their matches at the N.R.A. meeting last week, Cadet Hearne getting second top score in the State in the All Schools' Challenge Shield match. A Newington College boy got first place.

The non-coms' exam. has been completed, and everybody concerned is awaiting the posting up of the results with the positions gained.

Another examination will have to be made after Xmas to fill positions made vacant by the cadets who leave after the vacation. We will, of course, be receiving non-coms. among the new cadets coming into the school then.

The smartest non-com's. and cadets should remember that this school may be called upon any time to furnish guards of honor to the Governor, etc.

We will be right in the thick of the Battalion Championship competitions shortly. Every Company must this year furnish a team. Will G. Company keep the championship for 1912-13.

The cry of the winners: When do we receive our Battalion Championship Badges and Marksman Badges won last year?

The number of extra subjects on which Junior Cadets have to pass besides physical work and marching has now been reduced to one. Our choice is, of course, organised games and swimming.

It is expected that a weighing machine, etc., will be installed in the Junior Cadet room shortly. Weekly records in height, weight, and chest measurements can then be taken to test the results of the physical work.

Our miniature range is as far off being inspected and passed as ever. When is it intended to do something in this respect?

Most of the new Senior Cadets at this school have been fitted out with uniforms. The combined parades should be more soldierly now.

The Rifle Club is a live institution now. Excursions are made each Wednesday to the Randwick Rifle Range. We should win many more Marksmen's Badges this year, and also render a much better account of ourselves in competition matches, etc.

New Senior Cadets are advised, and old Seniors are reminded, that the following defects were noticed by the District Commandant lately: (a) Belts darkened with stain and the end of the belt without the buckle turned to the right instead of the left. (b) Puttees turned down at the top. Our battalion also have to put two folds in their puttees. (c) Uniform not worn on parades. (d) Pouches and numerals missing. (e) Brass work dirty. (f) Words of command poor.

Senior Cadets should see that their parade attendance cards are signed each parade now as a check on the company roll.

Cadet W. Tebbutt gained first place in the State in the Junior Match at the Miniature

Rifle Association's Meeting last month, winning £2 prize money. Hearne got third place. H. E. Edwards and Laethart also won prizes.

Two whole day parades for the School Companies have come and gone. The Musketry Course has not yet been commenced. The N.R.A. Meeting monopolised the range this month.

Life on a Training Ship.

By R. K. Scott.

To the student at Fort St. who, regardless of wind and wave and weather, pursues his studies in calm enjoyment, free from any care beyond that of "preparation," school life should be an unmitigated pleasure. But to him who studies where school is entirely subservient to the violence of the gale and the height of the sea; to the scrubbing down of decks and the hauling in of yards and sails; who works with his desk performing alarming evolutions, and his form emulating its example midst a clatter of inkwells and books, to him school life suffers so much interruption and appears to be so greatly at variance with the main interests and problems of his work and life, that to face it under conditions like the above, as the boys on the "Mersey" have to do, requires more than average perseverance and courage.

The "Mersey," a steel ship of about 1500 tons, is the training ship of the White Star Company—that is to say, all the officers of that company are trained in her. The course extends over four years; each year one group (the fourth year students) leave, and sit for their second mate's "ticket"; their places being filled by new chums—boys generally about fifteen—who take up straight away the usual watches and work of the sailor, with the exception of going aloft and taking the wheel. The fees are fairly high—£60 per annum, exclusive of uniforms and books, and the sundry expenses attached to the life of a sailor.

There are, as a rule, sixty cadets on board, divided into three watches. On these boys the whole task of sailing the ship depends—that is their work primarily; the ship first and their

studies next. Six sailors only are carried for odd duties and emergencies.

After the nautical part of their work is finished, the boys have about three hours a day for school. For instance, "A" watch rise at noon, have lunch and attend school from 1—3.45. From 4 till 8 this particular watch is free to indulge in any recreation except "going below" to sleep; from 8 p.m. to 12 they sleep, and at midnight are roused to keep their watch on deck till 4 a.m., when they again "turn in" till noon, and so with the other watches. Hence, although they spend nearly as much time in school as ordinary scholars, they are up and about, working hard for many hours when landsmen are asleep. The "watch on deck," running the "eastward down" (technical term for making eastward down south) is a cold, strenuous and, to the outsider at least, miserable time—no shelter and often no rest, working at ropes and yards (five minutes of which is enough to exhaust the beginner), or bending and furling sails, the boys the whole time often being washed by seas. But do not imagine that they are an unhappy lot. Good old sailors' "chanties," raucous appeals to "heave ho," "Oh-hah-yay," "O come down," and other sweet sounds wake up the sleeper long ere the morning star, and provide much mirth for the workers.

Every day includes washing down decks, squaring of yards, bending sails, sailmaking and repairing, painting, polishing and scrubbing, boat and fire drill, and then school, so that there is no such thing as "spare time," and school is the easiest part of the life, though even there little opportunity for rest presents itself, as will be seen from the subjects studied.

The school work is carried on by two masters, one for theory and practice of navigation, the other for general subjects—mathematics, French, English and geography; while the executive officers train the lads in seamanship, signalling and physical culture—all this out of three hours' school per day.

The introduction of the general course is a very good idea, the "Mersey" being the only training ship in which subjects outside the actual work are taught. It provides not only a pleasant change, but an excellent mental dis-

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LADY TYPISTS.

- N.S.W. Govt., Nov., 1908. **1st** place, and half the total passes. Of the 104 candidates we presented only 15, yet half the *successful* candidates were ours.
- N.S.W. Govt., Oct., 1911. **1st** place and 10 out of the 12 passes.
- Commonwealth Govt., Oct., 1909. **1st**, 3rd and 6th places (registered list for permanencies); **1st**, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th (registered list for temporary employment).
- Commonwealth Govt., Nov., 1911. **3rd**, 4th, 5th and 8th places.

MALE TYPISTS AND SHORTHAND WRITERS.

- N.S.W. Govt., Sept., 1910. **1st** and 3rd places (three appointments made, of which *two* fell to our students).
- Commonwealth Govt., April, 1910. **1st**, 3rd and 5th places (three out of five passes in New South Wales).

PLEASE NOTE.—Metropolitan Business College Students have won top place in Government Shorthand Typewriting Examinations **five times in succession since 1908**. We have been careful to show all dates in the above record. No Shorthand Typewriting Examinations, other than those shown above, have been held since 1907 by either the State or Commonwealth Government.

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The school-room is naturally very different from the usual type met with on shore, and is inferior in light, ventilation and equipment to the worst of our Sydney schools. This, however, can scarcely be avoided on so small a vessel. It is, moreover, no uncommon thing for the serenity of the class work to be interrupted by a "dollop" (another technical term for breaker) which causes a sudden adjournment till the water has run away.

Strict discipline is maintained on board, whether at port or at sea, and though many of the cadets are over twenty years of age, one meets with uniform courtesy and respect. Corporal punishment is never inflicted in school, but for those who are caught in any serious misdemeanour on deck, a rope's-end administered several times in the same place is indignity enough to prevent repetition.

There is plenty to relieve the so-called monotony of life at sea. A piano is provided, and never could one hear an instrument played so rapidly, loudly and consistently as was the unfortunate piano in the "Mersey" school-room. The music period was from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and during that time, it is safe to say, that not for one minute was there a cessation of choruses and cakewalks, all admirably rendered by a score of lusty and husky voices.

Saturday night was always the occasion of a concert, in which some very very fine vocal and instrumental items were contributed. This combined with cricket, football, hockey, and swimming, formed a considerable portion of the leisure time on board. Swimming was possible only in the Tropics, when the ship lay literally "as idle as a painted ship." Then, when the blistering decks became too tedious to endure, the captain's heart melted—a lookout was stationed at the masthead, boats lowered, and orders given to have a dip, the rail of the ship forming a satisfactory diving platform.

Hence it is clear that very hard work is done by the cadets during the thorough course of training on board, and if the safety of vessels depends on the skill and resource of the offi-

cers in charge, ships commanded by ex-"Mersey" cadets should hold a very high place in the favour of the sea-going public. On the other hand, the boys are not overworked, nor are they merely crammed for their examinations, as many officers are by the multitude of "crammers" residing in Liverpool and other ports.

Last, but not least, the food is plentiful, nutritious, and, to judge by the appearance of the lads at mess, thoroughly appetising; while the sleeping quarters are spacious, well-ventilated and scrupulously clean.

SOME "HOWLERS."

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Sententiae Seniorum.

Being a series of more or less inconsequent sketches, which are produced by the Jerdan-Robinovitz Combine, this being No. 1, entitled

VALE, H. J. M.

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He is gone!...

Let myriad cherubic, celestial voices proclaim the dread fact to the uttermost corners of the Fortian realm. Let ashes and sackcloth be arrayed about us, as a lasting, an undying tribute to an irreparable Loss.

He is gone!...

No more will he wield with such dexterous agility, such light deftness of touch, the Chalk—that Diadem in the Coronet of Scholasticism—along (or rather, about) the broad expanse of blackness, that Inky Way of the School-room's Firmament.

He is gone!...

No more shall we behold in awed amaze, that classic stance—head forethrust, eye (index of the mind) roving in imagination, with famed Archimedes on the Peiraeus, arms back-stretched, delicately, expectantly—nay, 'twould o'er-task even the wondrous Vandyke, the quaint Holbein to picture him....

He is gone!...

No more shall we, humble Lazari, crave crumbs from his Dives' Feast of Wisdom. No more catch the pearls of priceless worth will we assemble beneath his gaze, his keen, kindly-stern gaze. . .

He is gone!...

Alas! as he went a whisper (did I say a "whisper"?) came that he was dissatisfied. A mere rumour that he was not flattered was wafted to our ears. Ah! Have we lost his esteem? . . .

"Que nous sommes misérables!" Let our Future achievements in the Domains of Brilliance atone for the pettinesses of the Wretched Past.

But he is gone!...

As we write, lo!

"The field,
Strewn with its dank yellow drifts
Of wither'd leaves, and the trees
Fade into dimness apace,
Silent; hardly a shout

From a few boys late at their play!
The lights come out in the street,
In the school room windows—but cold,
Solemn, unlighted, austere,
Through the gathering darkness, arise
The Chemistry Room, from whose bound
Thou, our mentor! hast gone."

He is gone!...

From among us has drifted a MAN. Ah! my masters, this oblate spheroid containeth among its physical phenomena few enough true specimens of the Genus homo. Here is one. One whose inherent "force" of character, whose mental "power," whose assiduous devotion to "work" enabled him ever to "oercome the pressure" of circumstances (as so ably represented by the Seniors!).

He is gone!...

Young Time's "harmonic wave-length hath swept him remorselessly from among us. Far off, we sight him, on the next "crest," separated from us by an abysmal "hollow." Other ears will he delight, other minds will he enlighten, other eyes will he cause sparkle, and other hands will he grasp.

Peace to the shade of H.J.M.!

Abiit! Excessit! Eripuit! Evasit!

October, 1912.

FAREWELL TO INTERMEDIATE CANDIDATES.

On the 25th instant the main room was the scene of one of our historic functions, the whole of the High School assembling to wish good luck and au revoir to the 180 candidates for the first Departmental Intermediate. A short programme of music formed the first course. Paradise, on behalf of the candidates, then presented the masters in charge of the second-year work with some small tokens of appreciation, and then the Headmaster, on behalf of the school, offered the candidates the best wishes of all for their success in the examination. "The Fortian" desires to repeat the expressions of good-will spoken on that occasion.

Primary School News.

5 D.

This month we publish the names of the boys whose names were held over for want of space last month, together with some additional names next in order of merit.

Dictation: Hall 82.5, Mills 82.5, Hellstrom 80, Murphy 80, Whitehead 80.

English: Cotterill 67.3, Herbst 65.6, Hall 64.3, Tonkin 62.3, Illingworth 61.3, Broue 61.3, Evatt 60.

Mathematics: Ayers 63, Furness 61.2.

Geography: Mills 63.3, Murphy 62, Caldwell 62, Coleman 62, Rea 62, Bastian 60, Tonkin 60.

History: Furness 69, Hall 67.5, Thornburn 67.5, Tonkin 66.6.

5 C.

During the past month it is pleasing to state that this class has been doing very satisfactory work, many boys are putting forward their best efforts to win scholarships at the forthcoming examination. The following are worthy of mention:—

Science: G. Williams, G. Morris, H. Hililger, W. E. Clark, E. Cramp, and J. Cable.

The above names are in order of merit.

The boys whose work has shown the greatest care and improvement are: S. Roberts, F. Day, S. Stoddart, H. Lewis, and C. Brown.

Great interest is taken in the organised games, and the tug-of-war competition last Friday was very keenly contested, resulting finally in victory for this class, although the boys did not equal their opponents in weight.

It is a noteworthy fact, too, that those boys who seem to get most enjoyment from these games are also the best workers in the class.

5 B.

The manual work prize will be awarded shortly for this class. Some boys are doing good work in iron, fretwork and chip-carving. The number and quality of the models made counts. J. Taylor and S. Dickers did two very fine maps during the past month. They should go close to winning the geography prize at Christmas.

5 A.

An essay competition on Gray's "Elegy" was won by Roy Perkins, 89 marks; whilst K. Kilgour obtained 85. Both essays were well written and contained admirable word pictures. The best science book for this month was that of D. Mackenzie. A. Magee has the neatest note-book; but many other boys have done very creditable work.

Greater care should be taken with homework, and a few embellishments would be found very effective.

4th CLASS.

Frank Bailey is doing best work at present in manual training, and is likely to win the prize for this subject at Christmas. Others are close up, however. On Friday afternoon, October 25th, Fourth Class played Fifth A, and were only beaten by 12 runs.

THIRD CLASS.

Outdoor work, gardening, etc., and organised games are among the popular features of this class work. On Friday, 18th October, the greater part of the class attended, when tug-of-war was introduced, and eclipsed all the other games. The number of contributors to "The Fortian" could be greater; also to the Sports' Union.

On Friday, the 25th, our Sports' Union members played Second Class, and the match did not prove the cakewalk we expected.

2 A.

Everyone is working hard for our coming inspection, and striving for the class prizes.

Garden work is going on at a great rate, and we have to thank Ted Evans, Ernie Quinn, Willie Ramsland, Arthur Murray, and Fred Fong for bringing plants, pots, etc.

2 B.

Both classes, 2 A and 2 B, were very sorry to hear of the sad death of their dear friend Dick Everett, and forwarded a beautiful wreath to show their remembrance and sympathy.

We are all hard at work now, and trying hard to secure Christmas prizes.

Since the arrival of nice garden tools we hope to make fine show in our section of the grounds. The work has proved very popular.

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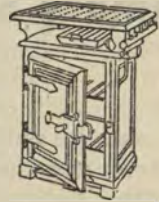
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LOWER SCHOOL NOTES.

The selected quotation for this month is from Harold Begbie's "Open the Window":—

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No matter how the wind may blow,
Tho' doors should rattle, chimneys roar,
And slates be whirled to Jericho—
If you'd be splendid, strong, and bright,
Keep open windows day and night.

No use to you the throne of kings,
The wealth of Ind, the gift of tongues,
Nor bracelets, watches, chains and rings,
If you've got only rabbit lungs;
Health's the great source of joy and might,
Keep open windows day and night.

The Qualifying Certificate exam. for admission to the High School, etc., approacheth. Be ye well prepared!

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Enlightening lectures on Abstruse Sociological Questions of the day:—

J. Morgan, E.A.S., etc., and G. Staff (not to mention Barry), will address the public daily. Apply German Class.

Ere this hath appeared we shall have lost our Science Mentor. No more will sound those dulcet tones that thrilled us so, when telling us mournfully we were a hopeless mob. No more will we flinch at the stinging cracking tones that herald the loss of a milligram weight. We have lost a friend—and a good one. We have lost him who toiled for us, and who goes out beyond, far unrequited. Friends are so scarce! Remember, oh, remember!

High School Class News.

S II.

A few days ago wild excitement shook us to our souls. We had just become members of that august body, the Upper Seniors. In other words, we had shifted our uncomfortable standing quarters on the historic square several paces to the left, as one faces the observatory. But this did not cause that wild fluttering of hearts; this did not cause those tightly compressed lips—nay, it was that we were drawing for seats. Two hats (historic headgear!) were filled with names, and numbers respectively. 'Midst a death-like stillness we heard our fates. Alas! Price was relegated to a back seat. Jerdan was ruthlessly shown to an insignificant position in the rear, from which discussions were entirely out of the question. By a system of graft and corruption to which an American politician would be a mere novice by comparison, he has, however, obtained a strategic position in the front rank. "Bill" was unceremoniously hurled to the left wing. "Fuzz." was buried to blush unseen 'mongst a herd of minor lights in a central position. "Dad" Firth for the nonce has usurped the Cap.'s position, pending the election. Eligibles have been announced for that important event, by the way.

Now that we have the Senior Room to ourselves we can take our time to complete history tests in leisure.

A rustic item—Met-calf(e).
A financial item—Price.
A watery character—Firth.
Very misty—Hayes.
A matter of guns—Vickers.

Smell and foggy—England.

The latest in shoes—Dudley.

Weary Noel!!

Day of writing heralds the farewell of the Intermediates. All and sundry are kept in mind of that fact by various shrieking instruments, and by miles of red and white bunting.

There has been evidenced a sudden rush of activity on the part of the Sphinx. Beware ye who sleep! The exam. approacheth ever nearer.

Our Debating Society is certainly progressing favorably, despite the mere half-hearted enthusiasm of several members. Last week an "Australian day" saw a fierce word-contest between various members re the presence (or absence) of Australian literature. Mr. Mackaness gave us a few illuminating remarks, in addition to some words on the subject by the chairman, Mr. Kilgour.

Jerdan has discovered how to trisect an angle by a horribly abstruse method involving sundry tangents of fearsome size and possibilities.

Some genius has worked out that (1) since private coaches get 5/- an hour for imparting instruction, and (2) since we have 16 members taking French, Mr. Murphy is entitled to £4 4s. sterling per lesson. Good luck to him, if he gets it!

Open anarchy! Red Socialism! Nihilism Rampant!

Dramatic Interlude in Senior Room—E. A. S. J. refuses to work. We do not doubt that the influence on the sincerest form of flatterers that constitute our class will be demoralising at least, presiding genius (Ah! hard-worked term!) seems to regard it so.

Staff has reformed! Witness, ye gods, and see, oh! ye hearers, Staff has reformed!

S. III.

"And merrily ran the months, three months of work and toil,
At trig., at history, physics, and the law of Boyle."

The last month, yea, one of noise and solitude. We are still awake, however, to the fact that there are enough scholarships for each of us to gain one. 2 E can, therefore, rejoice that we are so kind as to leave some for them—will they get them?

Through midnight sittings at his arduous preparations the "Premier," T. C., has been slightly indisposed; his return, therefore, was greatly welcomed. We were also pleased to see our devoted friend R—e back again.

Our work must be tiresome, or else the handful of "commercial" do not get enough exercise. They enjoy a game of hand cricket to show us that they can sweat—poor things. They were struck by the "howlers."

Sport is dead in the class at present, but cricket will liven up after the Intermediate. "There is no place like home" is our motto. "In presentia non autem in futura."

Cart-horse is 14, we have 'bus-horse 15.

Some are glad that they will not have to sit in the Macleay Museum surrounded by the weird-looking creatures in it, but yet would rather be at the Uni. on another account.

We can never be in want of a sergeant-major while our colour-sergeant Bertie is about.

We wish all our fellow-rivals success on their first adventure.

2 B.

A cricket club has been lately formed in this class, G. Wilkie and H. Latimer being elected captain and vice-captain respectively. A match was played at the Domain, and, on the whole, the class showed good form. W. P. Gallagher and H. Latimer batted excellently, obtaining 26 and 30 (both not out) respectively. Among the bowlers F. Evatt, A. Furness, and S. Asher obtained wickets; while W. Chapman proved himself a good "all-rounder," and Wilkie did well behind the "sticks." Owing to swimming, the game has been abandoned, but after the Intermediate Examination we intend to arrange a match with one of the other classes.

Our class has been studying hard for the examination, and it has even been rumoured that H. L—r works till 2 a.m., using, of course, a wet towel. It is hoped that he will not suffer from brain fag. Steembhom has not yet acquired the General Quadratic, while "Trig" proves too much for the ever-smiling "Mac."

Cyril Smith has given up his position as "Fortian" correspondent, and Ken Griffiths has also resigned. The present correspondent are F. S. Evatt and A. S. Furness. The latter

desire from the class any news thought suitable for publication in this magazine.

1 F.

Brailey and Roberts must have departed this life, for we have not seen their cheery (?) faces since the holidays.

We have just finished "Marmion." All will agree with me when I say that it is a stirring poem. When one reads it he can hear the clashing of swords, the yells of victory, the groans of despair, and the snorting of the fiery battle steeds. And—but we leave the rest to our English master.

A number of fine essays have been written by boys of this class. The lads of 1 D write good essays, but, of course, our boys "walk away" from them.

The other day Strange took a photo. of the articles made in manual training. But so absent-minded was he that he told the objects to stay still and watch for the little bird. He is still wondering why the boys laugh at him.

We have some very original little lads here. They are thinking about School Reform. Their ideas are: No detention classes, two half-holidays, private study, and no examinations. Dear me! The degeneracy of the rising generation.

Shearman and Twigg ask us to notify the public, i.e., schoolboys, that they have a number of articles for sale. They are thinking that they will soon carry on business every Friday afternoon at the top of the avenue.

The correspondent of this class wishes to tell boys that they ought to join the Sydney Municipal Library. This institution is free. But, all the same, many good books can be got. Henty, Cooper, Kingsley and Verne should be attractive to most boys. Then there are biographies of the lives of authors and other men who are connected with the literature at the school. These biographies would be very useful to boys going up for examinations that will shortly take place.

I am sure that Mr. Parsonage will be pleased when I tell him that some lads from this class have greatly benefited by the morning exercise. We first thought that some boys with large calves had been stuffing cotton-wool down their socks. Other boys with large chests were found to have, not floorecloths as was first sup-

posed, but the real thing, a fine chest. Certainly the exercises are very beneficial.

Doubtless the boys of this class are unaware of the fact that our cricket team is gradually falling asunder and disbanding. But alas! even so! yea, brother est.

Visions of pellucid (?) waters that lie coolly awaiting the swimster's dives, thence to shield him from the tropical sun while he plays "being a fish" in its bounds (probably also to make him take down the cocoanut oil bottle, too) completely outclasses all thoughts of dusty pitch and hot fielding.

However, let us even entertain a faint hope that during the cooler season at least eleven boys will not be found wanting

To take on them the task so swift
Of giving the leather a mighty lift

To old Dom's farthest bound;

And make the fielders here and there

To run, while we, in a regal chair,

Shall watch them cover ground.

Quite Marmionistic, isn't it?

(NOTE.—When reading aloud, groan loudly when one comes to "regal" to emphasise the Swiftie wit.)

Two little green-boys have been so naughty lately. So sad! Both small artists in a way too. Extremely fond of caricaturing boys in their own (the boys', of course) books. Rough on books and boys, isn't it?

The natural talent of one member of the class has lately earned him special distinction in a subject not given to matric. classes. Good boy E. L.!

Some expeditions to German boats have been thoroughly enjoyed by certain members of this class. It is feared that the Nord Deutscher Lloyd pass-signer will have to "close down" if he wishes to stop himself from being pestered to death by some youths.

We also would like to add that should any member of the class come across any special instance that he considers deserves special mention in these pages would he kindly send a small notification, in writing to the correspondents, so that the news will not consist of only a few formal lines, but be such as to give a greater enjoyment than the usual casual patronising glance.

I. E.

Science is becoming quite an interesting subject of late, and some are wondering how much hydrogen would be freed by one gram of Christmas pudding acted on by dilute sulphuric acid.

A cricket match played against I.B. had a rather peculiar ending. I.B. say that they won it, while we say that we won it; but there can be no doubt as to the winners, for we scored one run more than they.

Although none of the members of this class's cricket team are in any of the grade teams, we have some very promising cricketers.

I. D.

We all regretted the departure of Mr. Monro. He was a teacher that took the greatest interest in advancing our shorthand capabilities.

This class is great on quotations from "Marmion." It is rumored that between us we can say the whole book off by heart. Mr. Taylor must feel proud of us.

Amongst us a great poet has come to light, in the person of R. Cheal. We congratulate him.

Great is the sporting spirit of this class. It had six football representatives in the Wagga touring combination—Ross, Wolfe, Thorn, Rabone, Winkworth and Tom—and has no less than five of the School's first grade cricketers—all top-notchers (Ross, Rabone, Kortlang, Winkworth and Hooker).

Music hath its charms. At the Intermediate farewell, Flanagan's cultivated voice was in evidence; "Susa" tried to play a "squeaker," but our comedian, L. A. "Bud" Holmes, brought down the house with his comic songs.

In a few weeks this class will be holding its second series of quarterly picnics to National Park. A good roll-up is expected.

I. C.

Mr. Scott recently remarked on events which would be remembered 1000 years hence.

Certainly Mam's great batting in the match against I.A. will be among these.

We obtained a victory in this match in spite of the fact that I.A. had the lead in the first innings.

Bos's express bowls have earned universal recognition, and also a position in the first

eleven.

All the members of the class are looking worn and worried. This is perhaps owing to the burning the midnight oil, or rather gas, in preparation for the coming exam.

Even Fatty has decreased in weight, and S—y Jim has lost his gay smile.

I. B.

Motto for month: "All things change, and we change with them."

Yes, it is true, as time goes on we are all changing. Even I.B. is changing from what it was, to the best class of learned youths, in the first year, where all renowned "Fortians" have begun their strenuous climb up the ladder of fame.

Under the stern, yet skilful, tuition of Mr. W. Selle, the ambitious boys—and there are many—of I.B. are progressing excellently in algebra.

Rumor, "the messenger," hath it that the fateful week will make a tragic appearance on the eighteenth of this month. By the time the "Fortian" will be going to press we first year boys shall be trying to solve almost unanswerable questions and problems on paper. But as the "Fortian" is not a magazine printed for the purpose of recording exam. woes, we shall take a peep into other matters.

As this season is Spring, that unparalleled period of beautiful, budding flowers, sweetly singing birds, and "Fortian" picnics, the pupils of this class have not been backward in preparing one of the latter, to take place at National Park on the twenty-sixth proximo, under the direction of Mr. Scott.

Since the publication of last issue, the "sports" of this class have awakened to the fact that swimming and tennis are not the only good and healthy pastimes. We—the cricketers—gained our first victory at cricket over I.E. yesterday, the scores being 164-160. For the winners the following were some of the scorers: Paterson, 81; Biddulph, 23; Davis, 10; and Lloyd, 8. Paterson took eight wickets, Biddulph six, Stafford two, and McAdam one.

Even while you are reading the contents of this issue, our 21 candidates are sitting for the Senior Examination. We wish them all sorts of luck and the best of passes.

Girls' Page

STAFF NOTES.

Miss Tearle is taking a much-needed rest. It is hoped that the month's holiday may restore her health and greatly benefit her eyesight.

On Friday, the 25th instant, the Girls' High School assembled in the old main room to wish good luck to those sitting for the Intermediate Examination.

Miss Partridge opened the meeting by emphasising the necessity for success in this undertaking, which, being the first of its kind, must establish a precedent for succeeding years. The teachers were also congratulated upon the keen interest which they had evinced in the pupils, and the pupils upon their diligence in preparation for the examination.

Miss Evans then gave the girls the customary advice, but this centring mainly around French verbs, Mr. Christmas was afforded an excellent opportunity for the retort mathematical, in which he misconstrued the High School motto into "Factors not verbs."

The afternoon's entertainment took the form of a dialogue from the "Tale of Two Cities" by the children of 4th Class, and different items rendered by the pupils of the High School.

In due time the meeting broke up, when all joined in singing the National Anthem and the grand old Scotch melody which has rendered the name of Burns immortal.

FAREWELL TO 2 D.

On the same afternoon a "Book Afternoon" was given by the First Year Probationers to the Teaching Staff and to the girls of 2 D who are leaving school to complete their training as teachers. The party was a very happy one, in spite of the "sweet sorrow" which belongs to farewells, and its management spoke well for the social skill of the hostesses.

The entertainment kept everyone very busy, and the guessing was brisk. It was not hard

to discover that a woe-begone individual with unstarched linen and un-mended clothes must stand for "When a Man's Single," and Winston Churchill himself could not have guessed more readily than we did that "The Intermediate Examination, 1912" meant "The Crisis." The girls showed that over-much study had not dulled their brains by the rapidity with which they solved the riddles presented to them. The prize was won by Linda Kenny (2 D). After tea had been handed round Mabel Cruickshank, on behalf of the second-year students, gave Miss Partridge an exquisite bouquet of dark-red roses and white carnations, and afterwards presented the teachers with some handsome presents as tokens of the good feeling of the girls.

CLASS NOTES.

SENIORS.

Amongst the books and papers to be found in the desks of the senior room there appeared a worn and dilapidated parchment, upon which were inscribed numerous hieroglyphics and other cabalistic characters. The philosopher decides that "Galleotti secundus" has arisen to cast the senior horoscope and reveal the mysteries of the hermetical science.

Now we learn with Leuconoe that it is not wise to essay Babylonian calculations; but who can restrain curiosity—surely not a woman?

In the mathematical sky had appeared a comet with seven tails. The classical atmosphere had been denser than "Stygian caves forlorn," modern languages had faded into N-sonian nothingness; but what makes us question whether the supernatural be natural or unnatural, science as illustrious as ever, had eclipsed the lesser lights.

From the fact that Saturn was "combust" we are stricken with melancholia.

The Ladies' Surveying League has been busy as usual, three excursions being made to Hornsby, Dundas, and Bondi. These were not without their adventures; but work—a speciality.

Quoth one at a recent lesson:—"There's a kick in the old horse yet."

Quoth eight:—"There are a few sports yet." Now that the fatal time approaches we would

look with a prophet's eye through the portals of the future, and sing with the voice of the Bard:—

“How dulce to vive, oecelt from mortal eyes,
Dorme on the herbe, with none to supervise;
Mange of the berrie, crescent on the vine,
Bibe of the flow of longicaudate kine.”

2 C.

Hour by hour, minute by minute, the fateful Intermediate approaches us. We are reminded that “Time and tide wait for no man.”

One lucky member of this class has contracted measles at this singularly happy moment. Why do some people have all the luck?

However, we can console ourselves with thoughts of the brilliant passes we are “certain to gain,” and when she sees us stalking by as full-fledged third-years, tears of sorrow will overflow from her eyes, and her query and ours will be identical.

If we remember the several thousand things we are not to forget next week—the week—we may certainly congratulate ourselves on possessing remarkable memories and an appreciable share of “native wit.” But, whatever happens, we can exclaim with the poet:

“’Tis better to have tried and failed (honourably)

Than never to have tried at all.”

1 B.

During the last month 1 B has progressed favourably, especially in science. In the recent examination no girl obtained less than half marks. The results were: Isabel Cruickshanks 39, Doris Hatfield, Dorothy McClemens, Mildred Dicken, and Hilda Bamford, 38.

We all hope that the results of the coming examination will give us a good position among the second-year classes after Christmas.

1 C.

Beryl Hollamby, Carrie Biddulph and Muriel Nowell obtained high marks in the science test.

Many of the girls say they have had sleepless nights for the past weeks, worrying over the approaching examination. It is hoped that the results will be satisfactory.

1 D.

In this great class nearly all the girls have taken up swimming, and in time we hope to have some expert swimmers. M. H. is making great progress under the tuition of a certain girl (who, by the way, cannot swim herself). In our recent science test, Laura Briggs, much to her own surprise, came top, with Minnie Wade, Bessie Crick, and Lily Jamieson a good second.

1 E has been very hard at work preparing for the coming examination. We are striving hard to beat 1 C at French. We hope the examination will prove we are the better. We are very sorry that our art teacher (Miss Teale), through ill-health, will not be with us for a month.

PRIMARY CLASS NOTES.

5 B.

The pupils of this class have made much progress in their history, and readily seize on any facts or incidents in the life of Napoleon, Nel-

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1st Fact. On 30th April this year an examination was conducted at the Fort Street School by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia in Elementary Shorthand Theory, Shorthand Theory and Shorthand Advanced Theory (three separate examinations).

The **FIRST** place in EACH section was filled by students of the Metropolitan Business College.

In the Shorthand **THEORY** section, the Metropolitan Business College students filled the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th places in order of merit.

2nd Fact. On the 7th September last, a precisely similar set of examinations was held at the same school by the same society. The **FIRST** place in **EACH** section was again filled by Metropolitan Business College students. The parallel so far is remarkable enough, but still more remarkable is the fact that in the Shorthand **THEORY** section, our students again came in almost unbroken succession in order of merit, filling:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th places—just a little better than the previous brilliant results.

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son and Wellington. Trafalgar Day was remembered. Their interest in contemporary history is quickened, and here and there one is supplied with cuttings relative to subjects of interest.

We wish to thank Hazel Cooper, Mabel Ramsbotham and Jessie Evans for their kindness in bringing flowers for the children in the Moor-cliff Hospital. We shall be pleased to receive flowers for this object every Friday morning.

The annual prizes are now in the minds of the pupils. Visions of "Chatterbox" and "Girls' Own Annual" come before the mind's eye.

5 C AND 5 D.

In the recent test examination the highest marks were obtained by Ida Digby, Linda Magee, Ethel Rosenthal, Millie Levy, Hilda Turner, Mollie Cummins, Effie Stevenson, Edna Hatton, Marie Frankish, Esther Smith, Annie Brennan, Annie Casey, Phoebe Millar, Trixie Dixon, Lily Taylor, Gladys Davies, Edna Norman, Doris Byrne, Kathleen Hildebrand, Elma Kirwan, and Mary McGilchrist.

4 A.

The following girls are the best at solving mathematical problems:—Maggie Johnston, Gladys McCann, Nelma Anderson, Alice Young.

Kathleen Burns does excellent maps, and has improved during the quarter.

4 B.

The following girls obtained top places at the weekly examinations:—

Week ending October 11th: Tonie Stack.

Week ending October 18th: Miriam Michaelson and Muriel Wainwright.

Week ending October 25th: Miriam Michaelson and Winnie Hales.

We are very sorry to state that Cathie McKenzie's name was omitted for the month of August as "top girl of class."

Elsie Brennan and Florrie Isberg deserve mention for their writing.

SECOND CLASSES.

In monthly examination of arithmetic, Mona Dose and Marjorie Millar tied for top in upper division; whilst May Giles gained the honor in lower division.

OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

By "Cavendish."

At the last meeting of the N.R.A. the Scouts did very well indeed. Besides securing the blue ribbon in the "King's," a team from A Co. were second for the Lady Rawson Cup. The latter service match has been won twice already by A Co., and so the cup was dangerously near to becoming the property of the University. Many other minor events were successfully participated in. Cecil Wallace (Senior, 1910) has developed somewhat precociously into a very fine marksman.

The second round of grade cricket has, at the time of writing, been concluded. The Firsts suffered defeat at the hands of Balmain. It was a most unique match on a still more unique pitch. The latter, in addition to being "dead slow," prevented even Stack from turning the ball more than an inch. And for an hour and a half early in the innings Lane kept him on bowling with the wind! The match showed indeed that the 'Varsity eleven needs a dangerous fast bowler, and the shade of Percy Penman is, accordingly, being invoked.

The crews in the Balmain Regatta numbered three—Samson rowing in the Junior and Donald in the Senior fours. The light and senior four secured second place, but the junior was nowhere. Rowing will retire for a time now till after the New Year.

The 'Varsity reps. in the Dunn Challenge Shield (Athletics) are expected to do well. Among them are E. G. Leask, C. B. Cockett, and T. K. Potts. The boxing championships, conducted by the Athletic Club, were successfully held, though entries were again small.

The Old Boys' dinner is to come off on November 23rd (Saturday). There should be a record roll up. It is to be hoped that the annual cricket match—School Past v. Present—will take place early this year, and not be relegated—as is usual—to the short and cool hours of April.

The University annual exams. begin on December 2nd. Di omnibus faveant! And while I am in this classical frame of mind, let me whisper one word more in your collective ear—Valete!

CADET NOTES.

All cadets who are leaving school must remember to return their belt, pouch, chevrons, bugles and numerals, and advise the Area Officer in writing, at the same time applying for a transfer to their own area.

The C.O. Battalion has called for an individual report on all applicant non-coms., particularly as regards their conduct on parade and attendance. The examination will, of course, show their ability to command.

The order of merit in the second lieutenant's examination was: Col.-Sgt. Berman, Col.-Sgt. Cuthbert, Sgt. G. Stafford, Sgt. L. Duff, and Sgt. E. Jerdan. All these have now been appointed temporarily as subalterns in the school companies. All passed well.

The order in the Col.Sgt.'s examination was: Sgt. Jenkin, Sgt. Sillar, and Sgt. Ferns.

The order in the Sergeant's examination was: Corp. G. Hansel, L.-Corp. W. Pether, L.-Corp. Braund, Corp. H. Hughes, Corp. T. Ross, Corp. Arnott, Corp. D. Musgrove, L.-Corp. Maude, L.-Corp. Anderson, and L.-Corp. Hayes.

The order for corporals is. W. Treloar, R. Nalder, D. Wilkinson, O. McGibbon, C. E. Chapman, L. Scott, R. Aekland, R. Webb, V. Flanagan, W. Young, N. Wilson. A Krefft, R. Mansley, A. Dickinson, R. Hill, Adams, P. Le Quesne, V. Palazzi, B. Champion, A. Jennings, and R. Costello.

The order for lance-corporals is: E. Reboul, A. Kench, G. B. White, E. Green, J. Paterson, A. Watts, H. Porter, J. Humphrey, W. Anderson, S. Gentile, J. Hughes, A. Allum, R. Wolff, E. Jones, H. Illingworth, H. Schmidt, R. Cheale, R. Hudson, D. Mitchellhall, and W. Chapman

There will be another examination held shortly for more lieutenants, col.-sergeants, sergeants, corporals, and lance-corporals. Intending applicants should note. The syllabus may be had from Capt. Parsonage.

The following cadets won musketry badges for the military year 1911-12:—Lieut. W. Paradise, 141; Cadet H. Wykes, 131; Cadet D. Thomas, 128; H. C. Barry, 126; E. Moss, 123; K. Wright, 121; J. Spark, 121; G. Ferris, 120; R. Aekland, 119; C. Chapman, 119. D. Wilkinson, 118; N. Tom, 118; C. Turbet, 117; R. Pon-

ton, 117; Corp. Brindley, 115; Corp. Musgrove, 115; D. Kennedy, 115; Sergt. G. Paekham, 115; L.-Corp. W. Pether, 114; N. Hobden, 113; C. Raymond, 112; R. Webb, 112; A. Perry, 112; M. Nield, 111; A. Bond, 111; Sergt.-Bglr. J. Lenehan, 111; Sergt. G. Holmes, 110; Sergt. G. Stafford, 110; J. Crawford, 110; H. H. Edwards, 110; Sergt. Servetopholus, 110; and Cadet C. Hearne, 110. The necessary total was 110 for the two parts (qualifying and instructional courses).

The dates set down for the musketry this year are: E Company, November 6; F Company, November 13; G Company, November 20; and H. Company, November 27. The leaders in the first part (qualifying course), which is to be fired on those dates, will be notified in "The Fortian." Those who wish to wear a marksman's badge on their arm for this year must remember and qualify on those dates.

There is an increased briskness noted on parades of the school companies lately. The new non-coms. will bring new life into the

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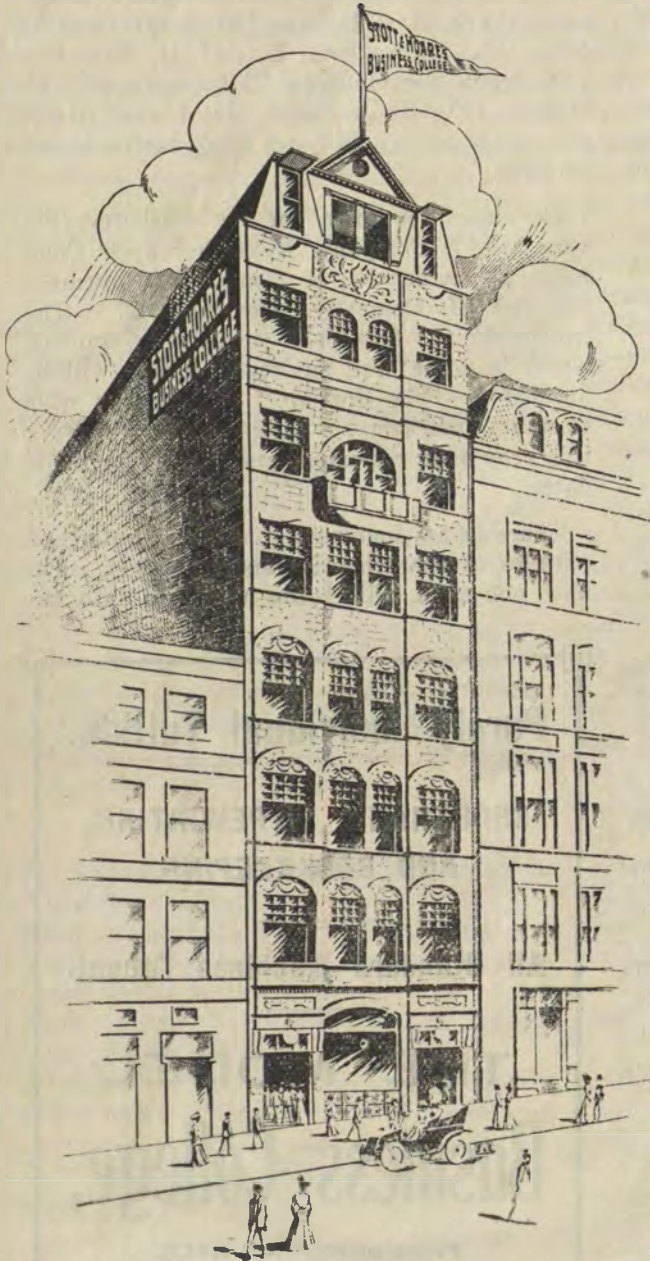
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movement if backed up well by the lieutenants and O.C. companies.

The C.O. Battalion Captain Digby having resigned, Captain A. W. Parsonage has applied as senior officer in the Battalion for the position, and also for promotion to the rank of major, he having passed for that rank some time ago.

We are pleased to note that Lieut. R. Taylor has passed his examination for confirmation of rank; also that Mr. R. Scott is taking up the work as lieutenant in the school companies.

Captain W. A. Selle will most likely apply to be brought back on the active list from the unattached after Christmas next.

EXCHANGES.

We desire to acknowledge receipt of a number of contemporary school magazines, among them being the "Novocastrian (the first issue of the magazine of the Newcastle High School), the "Record," "Cooee," the Cleveland-street "Echo," the South Coast "Bunyip," the Hawkesbury College Magazine, the "Torch-bearer."

In place of Mr. H. J. Meldrum, B.A., B.Sc., the new science master is Mr. Malcolm McKinnon, B.A., B.Sc., lately on the staff of the Training College for Teachers. A cordial welcome is extended to Mr. McKinnon by both staff and pupils, and also to Mr. Edwin Bergin, who takes Mr. Monro's place.

A photo. of the candidates for the Intermediate was taken by the "Town and Country Journal" and appeared in that paper on the 30th ultimo.

We are pleased to see that the Girls' High School has adopted a distinctive hat-band. The combination of the well-known maroon and white looks very pleasing. We hope to see the hat-band universally adopted by the girls.

The election for captain of the school for 1913 will be held on the 8th instant. The franchise is restricted to the Upper Seniors.

It turns out now that the University Manual for 1913 (containing the 1911 Senior results) is to hand, that Bert Evatt, in addition to his other long list of honours, was also proxime accessit to the medal for English. There was no mention of this in the published results.

SPORTS UNION NOTES.

The annual meeting of the Sports Union was held in the main room on Monday, October 14. Mr. Kilgour presided over a big muster. Mr. Selle is hon. treasurer this year, and Mr. Parsonage again hon. secretary.

Summer games are in full swing, both swimming and cricket being well patronised by Sports Union members.

Arrangements are being made for a practice wicket in the Domain for the grade teams. The Sports Ground was not available. Mondays and Fridays will be the practice days.

The Lower School swimming has not started yet, there being some trouble over the allotment of a day. Every Sports Union member is wishing for an early settlement. Mr. Millar and Mr. Hardman will commence their life-saving classes almost immediately.

The High School life-saving classes will not commence till after the Christmas vacation and the coming of the new pupils expected then.

The Rifle Club get busy this month with musketry. Whose will be the honour this military year of having his name engraved on the Venour-Nathan Shield in the main room?

The very fine photo. of the Fort St. section (37) of the Coronation Contingent, kindly presented by Mr. Mater, of Braidwood, adorns the main room. It looks well. A history of the tour for future reference has been placed in the back.

It may interest our readers to know that Mr.

Mater is a one-time champion swimmer of this State.

The new game in the junior cadet section of the Sports Union is tug-of-war. Mr. Montgomerie's class (5 C) at present are the champions, although not the heaviest team. Little and good they were. May they do as well in the Qualifying Certificate exam. They certainly have the necessary pertinacity.

It is most likely that the venue of the Lower School organised games will be changed to the Domain from Centennial Park if permission be granted.

It is proposed to instal a weighing and measuring machine in the school, when monthly records of the physical development of pupils interested could be made. It will want to be a fairly strong one, someone suggested.

A lot more interest is being taken lately in the physical work of the school by both teachers and pupils.

We have been asked which is the finest game for an all-round bodily development. Mr. Selle answered "Swimming," and with the very best of reasons. Try it!

Mr. S. Lasker, late of the school, had a look at the physical work last week. The marching earned some complimentary remarks.

Our Headmaster having given permission for some of the senior cadet rifles to be stored inside the armoury, it is not quite as crowded as before. It is yet too small.

The Drum and Fife Band are again doing good work under Hon. Instructor H. Cutler. It is proposed to model them after the Guards' style, with Guards' side-drums, as soon as the tunes are prepared.

Buglers, drummers and fifers now parade on the same day as G Company for combined instruction in their several branches.

LOWER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB.

In several weeks it is intended to hold a tournament at Balmain. There will be doubles and singles championships, and so all will have a chance of competing. The winners will receive silver shields for their racquets. In the doubles match handicaps will be added, but not in the singles, the latter being a championship event.

"THE MILL ON THE FLOSS."

Some Points For Students.

1. One can hardly imagine anything in its way more perfect and finished than the pictures of society in a small country town and on a farm in the middle of the nineteenth century, which form the background to "The Mill on the Floss." They were largely written by the aid of the imaginative memory which revived George Eliot's early life and kept her portraits absolutely natural and unstrained. The characters are not, with one exception, likenesses from real people, but the atmosphere was so vividly remembered and reproduced that the figures came into their right focus without apparent effort. Maggie, a startling piece of self-portraiture, is, of course, the exception: here George Eliot deliberately drew on her unfading remembrance of childish days for the studies of a little girl's inner life with its struggles, ambitions, and failures; they are portrayed with marvellous truth and power. The outer setting and machinery are entirely invention. This part of the book is a valuable contribution to child knowledge. In this connexion, the poem "Brother and Sister" is well worth reading. Compare George Eliot's other child portraits—Eppie, Lizzie, Totty, Nelly,

The uncertain duration of life seems to be troubling a certain tradesman, who gives public notice: "After the expiration of fourteen days I shall, unless previously removed, sell the goods of the following person, warehoused with me, to defray expenses." One may well wonder, too, what dark and tragic story is connected with this poor person "warehoused to defray expenses."

Pattie. She draws each with a firm sure hand and without sentimentality.

2. George Eliot had always intense sympathy with and understanding of the rather commonplace people of the lower middle class whom she draws with such realism and kindness: the Pullets, Gleggs, and Tullivers in this novel; Mr. Macey and Mrs. Hackett, Mrs. Bede, Mrs. Winthrop, and many charming groups of neighbours in the other books, have permanently enriched our literature.

3. "The Mill on the Floss" abounds in a deep, unspoilt humour. Many of the delightful conversations are dramatic rather than narrative: they could easily be read aloud, the members of a circle taking parts.

4. The book seems to divide itself into two parts, the second half being less "alive" than the first and not perfectly welded into it; George Eliot felt this herself: "My love of the childhood scenes made me linger over them," she says, "so that I could not develop as fully as I wished the concluding 'book' in which the tragedy occurs and which I had looked forward to with much attention and premeditation from the beginning."

5. "Her women are unerringly drawn," says Leslie Stephen. "We are convinced at every point of the insight and fidelity of the analysis; but when she draws a man she has not the same certainty of touch." Do you agree with this? Apply it to Tom Tulliver, Stephen Guest, and Philip Wakem. George Eliot means us to see in Tom the characteristic strong-natured Englishman, with much love of natural rectitude and unconquerable prejudices. Is he not unnecessarily brutal? Stephen seems to have so small a nature that it is difficult to see his attraction for a character like Maggie's. It is an artistic error, too, to introduce such an important character so late into the story.

6. Do you think it likely that Maggie would

have accepted so tamely Tom's attitude at the quarrel in the Red Deeps? Sir Edward Lytton thought her too "passive." George Eliot partly admits that the scene needs expanding, and that the final tragedy was not "adequately prepared for."

7. "The author had tied her characters in a hopeless knot. There was nothing for it but to kill them." Could you have invented a better ending?

8. Which do you think the most humorous scenes in the book?

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CRICKET.

The High School competition has not yet begun, owing to the fact that it has been decided to play the cricket in years—that is, the competition begins in February and ends in December—with a break, of course, during the football season.

Last Wednesday the Firsts began a friendly game against the Technical High School. Barry, our captain, won the toss, and decided to bat; a total of 150 was reached, mainly owing to the efforts of Ford 32, Kortlang 28, Eady 24, Ross 23, Firth 13. The Technical High responded with 250—Selkirk scoring a splendid 102. We lacked variety in bowling, the absence of fast-bowler Bosley being greatly felt. The best bowling was done by Easy and Rabbone, each of whom secured three wickets.

In the batting, the two midgets, Kortlang and Ford, are to be congratulated on their determined play; Easy also deserves great credit for his display. Constant practice should make three excellent batsmen of them. Ross batted well after a rather shaky start. He is, however, too reckless between the wickets, and, after several attempts, at last succeeded in running himself out. Frivolity in any form has no place on the field of play. Our fielding was very weak; Hooker will have to wake up considerably; Winkworth, however, an emergency, worked splendidly.

SWIMMING.

Swimmers are requested to note the following orders to be carried out at the weekly practices:—

1. No boy must leave the baths before 2.30 p.m.
2. The practice of "ducking" is strictly prohibited.
3. Any boy caught pushing another off the platforms will be disqualified from further participation.

icipation.

4. The practice of throwing tights and towels about must not be indulged in.

5. At the call-bell each boy must instantly leave the water and dress himself. Ten minutes after the bell has been rung, all boys should be clear of the baths.

6. No. boy is allowed to enter club rooms while under the school's direction and discipline.

Weekly races will be instituted next week with a 50 yards handicap for second-year students.

As good prizes are forthcoming, splendid entries should be received.

The life-saving classes will commence operations in a few days. Those desirous of gaining an award will kindly hand their names to the secretary.

Swimmers are notified that they may enter for any number of awards at the same examination—the higher examination includes the lower.

With the Award of Merit (silver medallion), however, an exception is made, as this examination is only held on certain dates.

The carnival will probably be held in March, 1913.



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Sententiae Seniorum.

being a series of more or less inconsequent papers by the Jerdan-Robinsons Combine, this, the second, being entitled "The Possession of Books."

It is—is it not?—a most remarkable truth that one, instinctively, does not like merely to read a book. Therein lies but the superficial enjoyment. In the great incontrovertible force that we would call the "will to possess" lies the true joy. . . . To the real book-lover the veritable "browser among old tomes"—like the urban Izaak, our Elia—a circulating library is a continually irritating institution. One borrowed a volume, priceless—"out of print"—and the temptation really to possess well-night overcomes

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“A glass of wine, a book of verse—and thou
Beside me singing in the wilderness,
And wilderness were Paradise; enow!”

Next him, we find “The Autocrat.” Oh! loving, peaceful Oliver! How admirably he chatters the long hours away. And “The Professor”! “The Poet”!! How we would spend hours, hours in his ever-entertaining company—pass the sugar please. How he will startle our urbanity with such as “I'll trouble you for the salt—life is a great bundle of little things.” . . . And then “Sesame and Lilies.” What noble ideals are embodied in “King's Treasuries” and “Queen's Gardens.” Ruskin is at his best. In those lectures has he poured forth the whole of a soul whose devotion in its entirety was to mankind. . . . And then “The Blue Bird”! Never, never can the whole meaning of that immortal allegory flash upon us. Each reading only sends us deeper into the delightful mazes of conjecture. Such are the books that we have on our real inner book-shelf. When care would arrogantly demand our whole attention, in these retreats we baffle his pursuit; in these glorious realms we wander unmolested. . . . But

after all, the poet is right:

La vie est brève;
Un peu désespoir
Un peu de reve
Et puis; Bon Soir!
La vie est vaine,
Un peu d' amour
Un peu de haine,
Et puis; Bon jour!

Our University Letter.

By “*Cavendish.*”

Reference was made in last letter to the fact that C. B. Cockett and T. K. Potts were representing the 'Varsity in the Dunn Shield Metropolitan Athletic Championships. Although none of these men were successful, yet Cockett put up a particularly fine pair of races in the mile and three miles. He is a strong natural walker, and should be heard of again.

One noticed that the last of the Senior farewells lacked one great feature—a feature which it has had quite as far as the oldest inhabitant can look back. For fear of blushes, and the attendant confusion, the writer will not say what that feature was. It was fairly plain, at any rate, without the word being at all incompatible with the obvious beauty of the missing feature.

After recovering from the previous sentence the writer feels that he had better continue.

At the last University Union elections there three candidates not unknown to Fortians, viz., Mr. W. A. Selle, H. V. Evatt, and F. D. Stafford. When it is remembered that the franchise for the Union extends to every graduate and undergraduate of the University (matriculated or not in the case of undergraduates), it is something worth noting that Mr. Selle just missed gaining a place on the Board of Directors, polling over 200 votes, and that Evatt and Stafford scored 179 and 142 respectively.

This brings me to another point. Much discussion takes place at Senior dinners and farewells anent the place of Fort St. men (and women) at the University. Now, although many a brilliant speaker has dilated upon the ‘glorious heritage’ waiting for Fortians when they cross the Matric. threshold, yet it is about time to look matters fairly and squarely in the face. As far as the nominal work of the Uni. is concerned,

Fort St. is, I think, first ahead of all other schools.

But this part of University life is not the most characteristic, nor can it be maintained that the sporting and social elements in a man should not be brought to light as soon as possible. What is Fort Street's position here? It is hard to say. Till a few years back Fort St. had no say in the government and control of undergraduate life. To-day her voice is much stronger than then.

But one thing should, and must be emphasised. The position at the University is not of the best at present. It is full of hope. And on the ability of boys who come from school to keep the school flag flying here depends everything. There is no reason why men from other schools should control as much as they do. Let Fort St. boys in the near future recognise that they have representatives amongst themselves in every way capable of leading.

The writer is firmly convinced of the importance of this. It sounds very pretty. But when one sees men from the school up her doing their final years—men who have not so much as been proposed for any office of importance—it is time to put things as straight as possible.

All of this applies mostly to freshmen. After the first year school influence is somewhat on the wane.

There is no doubt that there are many men of most excellent parts at the helm of the Sydney undergrads. The present executive of the Undergraduates' Association is an excellent one. But that is no reason why first-year men from Fort St. should not make an endeavour to have their representative elected as Year Rep. If this is done in the future—all will be well.

Of course, one does not like to speak so warmly on such a subject, but it avails nought to take a keen delight in placing our head in the sand.

I have almost forgotten that the Engineers wish a little more prominence in this letter. But I would remind them that the writer has a man in that department whose duty it is to report items of interest. I am given to understand that the P.N.R. School is still standing, that instruction is still being imparted in the several lecture subjects, and that the lunch of the department is still being served in that little compartment in the basement. I am also informed on good

authority that some of the men are taking copious notes in Physics, and that some of them are working hard; that they find the walk from the Department of Mathematics to their "home" a very trying one at 10 a.m. each day.

And lastly, it has been told me that the department may one day become a full-blown Faculty. But this final statement the writer is unable to verify.

The results of the December Exams. will be available by next issue of this paper. The writer may have something to talk about then—even more interesting and enlightening than the present epistle contains.

With best wishes that the School may enjoy a good old Fort St. Christmas, and recover in time to have a prosperous and flourishing New Year, etc., etc.

Primary School News.

5 D.

Examinations! When will they cease? We hope now to have a little respite. Since the Qualifying Certificate Exam. on the 18th instant we have thought of many things we might have written. However, we are living in hope that we will reap the reward of our efforts at the beginning of next year.

The Annual Exam. is also a thing of the past. The Inspector was very pleased with the work of the class. We must congratulate Wallis Furness and Ernest Herbst on their good work in mental arithmetic. The former got special praise from Inspector Parkinson.

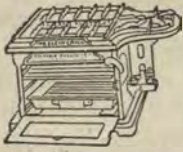
We are now looking forward to our Christmas holidays, which seem to come so slowly, and hope to have a good time before we enter on our studies in the High School.

5 C.

This class has been in the midst of examinations during the past two weeks. On 13th November the Inspectors paid their annual visit to the School, and several of the boys acquitted themselves very creditably at the examination, the work of MacDermott, Frewick, Schmidt, Williams, Chapple and Humphreys being praised by the Inspector.

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written work—homework, science books, tablets, etc., and stated that this work reflected great credit upon the boys, while Mr. Parkinson also said that the science books showed very careful and good work.

On November 18 a considerable number of the boys sat for the Qualifying Certificate Examination, and we hope to see their names placed high upon the result list.

5 A.

Neat Class Note-books: W. Simpson, K. Williams, A. Magee, D. Mackenzie, S. Pitt, H. Hynes, A. Slocombe, R. Hunter and S. Crackanthorp.

Homework: S. Shineburg, C. Brewer, S. Pitt, A. Cooper, H. Hynes, A. Magee, K. Kilgour, D. Mackenzie.

Writing: S. Crackanthorp, L. McLelland and W. Simpson.

Dictation: H. Hynes, D. Mackenzie, M. Round, S. Crackanthorp, and E. Wagner.

Arithmetic: E. Rose, D. Mackenzie, and P. Rheubens.

Composition: S. Crackanthorp, R. Perkins.

The best work done during the Annual Examination of 5A was done by S. Crackanthorp.

FOURTH CLASS.

During the Annual Examination by Mr. Parkinson the following boys were noticed to be working well:—Sid Cooper, Arthur Bridges, Walter Drane, Eric Lane, Thes. Conigbeare, Charles Riley, Spencer Steele and Leslie Caldebeck.

In the ordinary class work in nature study, geography and history we find the names of Reg. Ferguson, Edmund Price and Arthur Bridges well to the front.

All the boys who went to the Domain on Friday say they enjoyed the organised games

immensely. Unfortunately, the cricket match was not finished. "Like numbers run" caused intense excitement, the game being won by the "Reds," while the "Pinks" were the conquerors at tug-of-war.

3 A.

The following list contains the names of boys who can be considered as possible prize-winners: General Proficiency.—J. Robinson, E. Bennett, T. Glover, L. Symonds.

Writing.—S. Jacobson, J. Cassin, M. Hodge, R. Brukarz.

Dictation.—G. Powell, D. Marks, C. Lewis, J. McIntyre.

Best Natural Study Book.—M. Hodge, L. Symonds, S. Jacobson, H. Lemmon.

Good Conduct.—R. Stobo, G. Powell, F. Wilkinson, W. Chapman.

2 A.

The class inspection is just over, and on the whole we are very pleased with the work of some of our class friends. The following are boys who show out in class work:—

Special mention for answering.—E. Willey, Fong, Quinn.

Best work in class.—I. Brodski, E. Willey, Fong, Quinn.

Reading.—MacDonald, E. Willey, Fong, Quinn, I. Brodski, A. Brodski, Bergman, Ashworth.

Arithmetic.—E. Willey, Harte, Thorbysousen, Peech, Evans, Davis, Bergman, Burford, Burden, Brodie.

Dictation.—Wilson, MacDonald, Evans, Rowley, Quinn, I. Brodski, Bergman.

UPPER SECOND.

This class has just undergone a very strenuous time in connection with the annual inspection

by Mr. Parkinson, and most of the boys did satisfactory work.

J. Cartlidge was one of the best workers in every subject, and in arithmetic R. Smyth, G. Pinder, H. Hardman, L. Parrett, W. Lacker, and J. Murphy had all the written sums correct; and C. Taylor came top in mental arithmetic.

The best readers were J. Williams, C. Poulson, H. Hardman, R. Smythe, B. Borchard, A. Morgan and A. Morgan.

In dictation the following boys had no mistakes: R. Malcolm, L. Trueman, E. Harte, W. Giddins, C. Taylor, J. Williams, H. Hardman, M. Henry, D. Moore, G. Pinder, L. Petersen.

We hope these boys will keep up their work so that they may be promoted to Third Class at the end of the year.

High School Class News.

SENIORS I.

At date of writing (24-11-12) the Quarterly has become a horrible reality. Geometry (where the Sphinx committed a terrible offence—an arc divided into unequal segments, etc.), English, Chemistry (an unknown quantity), and Algebra are things of the past.

I believe, too, that Comcs. has also transpired, with the usual results:—

—99, 98, 97, etc., etc.

Present scribe can only describe the "Conics-Art" arrangements as exacting.

The seniors diminish fast. . . . This term sees the loss of Alexander Jarvie Hood, Stobo (alas! all the *great names* are going), Thomas, Dudley (of the shoes), and the genial Bill; Noel also threatens to depart. Think, seniors, of the faces that go. No more shall the ever-placid, ever-pleasant countenance of the immortal "Bill" shed its pleasant air upon us. In losing him we lose one who is admired by and popular with all who know him. Farewell!—may success attend your footsteps in the battle you have commenced. We have spent many a happy hour together.

The banquet was attended by all. The same banquet as of yore—all Fortians know it. The tables—the ribbon—the attack—Schweppes'—the King—pipes—the School and Staff—"Jolly Good Fellows"—"Hunting we will go"—Schweppes' again—the "Seniors"—farewell—

"Jolly Good Fellows"—thanks—"Vos you dar, vos you dar, vos you dar"—visitors—*more* Schweppes'—thanks—"Auld Lang Syne"—"God Save King"—"Where's my coat?"—"Good-night old man; and the best of success."

You all know it, and will never forget it.

These are nights of mixed sensations—joy but sadness, but the sensations which are most mystifying for this scribe are those, not of the departing or of the remaining seniors, but the sensations beneath those white shirt fronts along the top table there. How do they feel year after year as crowd after crowd pass out of their hands?—I wonder.

The only variation from custom was in the musical work. Instead of the ever-glowing P—who so oft has swayed the keys, this year saw the imperturbable at the instrument, and by a new touch were the dulcet strains of "He's a Jolly," etc., wafted across the festive board.

Visitors were few—letters of regret at non-attendance.

However, the well-known face of Mr. Smith was found in its accustomed place, and proudly did that gentleman tell that he had never missed a function.

Many of the departing ones made themselves heard.

The late premier, with his usual quiet manner and usual restraint, expressed thanks; the football captain also occurred, while Messrs. Reed and Mason briefly bid farewell. William Ballantyne proposed "The Visitors" in characteristic vein; and Ireland was not without a representative.

The captain, Briggs, occupied the chair. (By the way, the new captain has been elected.)

According to custom, on the day of farewell the 1913 captain was chosen. The unanimous choice of the seniors fell on H. C. Barry, who will fill the position of honor from that date.

Prefects are to be arranged for at an early date.

SENIORS II.

Another ordeal is over, and everyone smiles again. "To pass or not to pass?" that was the question, but the comparatively easy papers seem to have cast all fears to the winds. In fact, we suspect that each of the 182 candidates is certain in his own mind that he will gain one of the 50 scholarships.

Some of our mathematicians have discovered that since there are in all 50 scholarships, and 38 boys sat from this class, 12 scholarships will be available for the rest of the State. We hope they will be contented.

We all admire art, even in its rude state; we are probably all interested in drawings, lighting sketches, printing, and neat descriptive phrasing in epithets, but we prefer to see the board reserved for its proper use.

The study of the customs of the old-time Maoris is very interesting, and doubtless many people at different times have wished their customs more widespread. At least the boy who has suffered from the effects of a quince-rod has often wished his back and hands "tapu"; while the Turkish troops would not object to their custom of supplying a starving enemy.

Some members of the class seem to have realised that it is the early worm that is caught by the early bird, and accordingly arrive in time to miss a good deal of work. We would advise these proverb reformers to cling to the original one.

S II.

A substance is hard when it is difficult to scratch. Water cannot be scratched, and is, therefore, "hard." But we know it is not always so. The "hardest" kind of water is ice, which is easy to scratch. Chemistry is "hard" to believe; physics is difficult.

We hear Kinner scored over fifty against Cleveland Street. It behoves some of our other stars to reach that goal instead of trying to improve their eyesight with "specs."

To find out French idioms one wants to sit for a University exam. We saw that recently in our paper. Our much-talked-about friend "Si" appeared again, but no one could "see" why it took the "subjonctif."

2 E.

On Monday, 11th instant, our class held a picnic at National Park which was pronounced to be a great success despite the forbidding weather.

We would like to remind 2F that there is a limit for inflation; after that the article bursts. Perhaps this accounts for the influx of new and larger sized hats.

We are now sitting down to hard work, so that third year work will not be so very difficult.

We will most likely publish, next edition, a copy of a sonnet by an illustrious genius of this class, for our English master thinks that a stray "Cowley" might be unearthed.

We congratulate L. Duff on obtaining his commission in the senior cadets, and also we wish those who have just left School the best of luck.

2 D.

Many of the (famous) boys of this class have left, and are already making their own fortunes—or on the road to them. We greatly regret their departure, and wish them every success.

"Now the exam. is over,

Holidays are drawing night;

We're all expecting scholarships—

Oh! my!

We are at work again, and tests, etc., are being piled upon us, so we are seriously thinking of passing another "Test Act"—much different from the previous one.

We must all be poets, because we have been asked to write sonnets. Write what?—A real sonnet each, one of which might, if good enough, appear, "by permission of the author," in the next "Fortian."

One of our pugilistic champions will have to retire from the ring owing to a slight mishap to his hand.

Our friend Edwards is going up for the Military College Exam., and another is going on to a station "away back."

2 C.

We are waiting in a state of suspense for the results of the Intermediate, and we wonder whether we will be "seniors" if we gain the certificate.

As we have now to compose sonnets instead of writing essays, we are all hoping to have a ride on Pegasus, and even to get a feather from his wing. If we fail to do this we have still another string to our bow. For we have a Shakespeare in our midst. "Will he inspire us?"

Talking about sonnets, we suggest that the Editor should set aside a column for the growing poet. If this is done, the "Fortian" may be able to boast of some famous poems.

It has been proposed that there should be an "inter-class championship relay race." We think that this class would be among the favoured ones if the motion happened to be carried.

"Shew! Shew!" This sound filled our room a few days ago, like the gliding of mystic ghosts with their long gowns rustling o'er the littered floor. But no; it came from human lips, signifying atmospherical heat. There was a scuttle for the windows, and as the cool air bathed our wrinkled brows, the "shew!" departed half-dusted. "Who was it?"

The notes of this class were late in being sent to press on account of the potent anger of a certain correspondent becoming active and destroying—as he termed it—"worthless rubbish."

"We watched that worthless rubbish

As it fluttered on the breeze,

As he 'pushed it through the window,

To set him at his ease.'"

2 B.

Now that the Intermediate Exam. is over, much more time is devoted to sports by our class. Owing mainly to the suggestion of several members, a third grade cricket club was formed, several members of 2B being represented, including the captain of the team, Hugh Latimer, and five others—W. Chapman, Gallagher, Asher, Evatt and G. Ryan. The form of this class in the first match was very poor. More regular practice should be held during the week. We fear that this sudden cricket craze will slowly vanish as the hot weather approaches.

We regret to announce the departure of Jack Peters and several other esteemed class-mates who have left or are going to leave us and start business. Good wishes for the best of success in their new life!

1 F.

At last the exam is over. Are we sorry?—NO! But many of our dear lads are feeling "shaky" over their papers. Some say that they will get 100 per cent., others dolefully murmur that they will get exactly $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the total marks.

Just before the exam. Master W. . . . gave us some amateur acting up at the —er Science Room. Mr. Hatfield, however, was not pleased, and our dearly beloved friend used up two exercise books and a writing pad afterwards for different things.

1 D.

This class was successful in a Wednesday afternoon cricket match against 1C. Herbert Winkworth (a very dark horse) retired at 25.

Others prominent were: Ross, Rabone, and Wolfe. In the bowling, Rabone obtained the best average. For the losers, Allen and a few unknowns performed creditably.

We are pleased to see Ross upholding the honour of the class in first grade cricket. Last Wednesday, against Cleveland Street, he obtained the bowling average, besides clean-bowling Kippax, Cleveland Street's best bat.

Can 1D write essays?—Yes!

Can we outclass 1F?—Yes!

Are we the joy of Mr. Taylor's heart?—Yes!

Do our essays make him blush with pride?—Yes!

Do we stand above all others?—Yes!

Then, by last "Fortian," why are 1F so cool as to profess to be up to 1D standard in essays?

N.B.—On apology will be accepted.

Everyone hopes to pass the half-yearly exam. being held at the present time, and if any fail, it will not be for the want of trying. Kortlang, who has proved himself dux of the class by heading the list in the last two exams., vows to do so again. Others in the running are: McKech-

PUPILS OF FORT STREET SCHOOL WILL APPRECIATE THIS.

It is NOT a Coincidence.

1st Fact. On 30th April this year an examination was conducted at the Fort Street School by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia in Elementary Shorthand Theory, Shorthand Theory and Shorthand Advanced Theory (three separate examinations).

The FIRST place in EACH section was filled by students of the Metropolitan Business College.

In the Shorthand THEORY section, the Metropolitan Business College students filled the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th places in order of merit.

2nd Fact. On the 7th September last, a precisely similar set of examinations was held at the same school by the same society. The FIRST place in EACH section was again filled by Metropolitan Business College students. The parallel so far is remarkable enough, but still more remarkable is the fact that in the Shorthand THEORY section, our students again came in almost unbroken succession in order of merit, filling:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th places—just a little better than the previous brilliant results.

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nie, Winkworth, Ackland and Rabone. Norman Wyree Tom may have had a chance, but he was unfortunate (?) enough to get the "gripe:" the day the exam. started.

Some Wednesday afternoon this class would be pleased to meet any first year class in a friendly relay swimming race, with five or six members a side.

I B.

"Everything comes to those who wait"—if they wait long enough.

We are all waiting—patiently and nervously—for the exam. results; and the boys of 1B are beginning to consider the above proverb false, as they think that they have already "waited long enough." The beginning of every lesson is opened with the query as to whether the master-in-charge has marked the batch of papers allotted to him.

Just preceding the exam. certain youths were noticed to have become pale and fatigued and to have lost their exuberant spirits. But this in no way applies to S. H.—I, however. Since the fateful week all have regained their mental and physical composure.

The boys of 1B are patiently awaiting the expected gas strike as an excuse for failing to do the vast amount of homework which has fallen to their lot.

The late picnic at National Park was a huge (?) success. Six of us turned up, minus the "officer-in-charge." Nevertheless we had a grand time. Boating was freely indulged in—half-an-hour being wasted in trying to exhort funds out of each other for the purpose of satisfying the boatman.

We arrived at the National Park station in time to see the lights of the 7.45 train to Sydney disappearing in the distance. In no wise sorry at missing it, we adjourned to the nearest refreshment room. We arrived at the Central Station at 9 o'clock, after having a really exciting and enjoyable picnic.

LIVE WIRES.

With this issue we publish the first of a series of articles designed for the betterment of the knowledge of electricity amongst the readers of this journal.

THE SENIOR BANQUET.

The senior banquet was held on Friday, the 8th ult., at Sargent's Market-street rooms, and was in every sense a huge success. Eighty sat down to the tables, which were decorated with the School colors in red in white carnations. In addition to the members of three senior classes, there were present: Messrs. Kilgour, S. H. Smith, Mackaness, Cantrell, Cusbert, Meldrum, Smairl, Davies, J. Taylor, Scott and Selle. The toast list was as follows:—"The King," the Chairman—George Briggs: "The School and Staff," Briggs, O'Grady; reply, Mr. Kilgour: "The Departing Seniors," Jerdan and Robinovitz; reply, Bennett, Reid and Holmes: "The Visitors," Simpson; reply, Mr. S. H. Smith. A fine programme of music interspersed the speeches, Mr. S. W. Cantrell proving an able accompanist.

The "Fortian" desires to offer its best wishes to the whole contingent of Fort Street Old Boys and Girls who are sitting for their University Examinations during the next few weeks.

THE SCHOOL CAPTAIN.

On the 8th of November the annual election for Captain of the School for 1913 took place. There was but one candidate, Charles Barry, whom the Headmaster declared unanimously elected, and escorted to the Captain's desk amid the cheers of his fellows. "The Fortian" offers Barry its heartiest congratulations on attaining to the highest honour which can befall a Fort St. boy while at school.

NOTICE.

The annual speech day and distribution of prizes will be held at the school on the 12th December, at 2 p.m. The parent and friends of students and Old Boys and Girls are cordially invited to be present.

It may be stated that the question of a new hat-band has not been forgotten. A well-known lithographic artist has been asked to prepare designs. We hope that the badge will be ready by the end of the vacation.

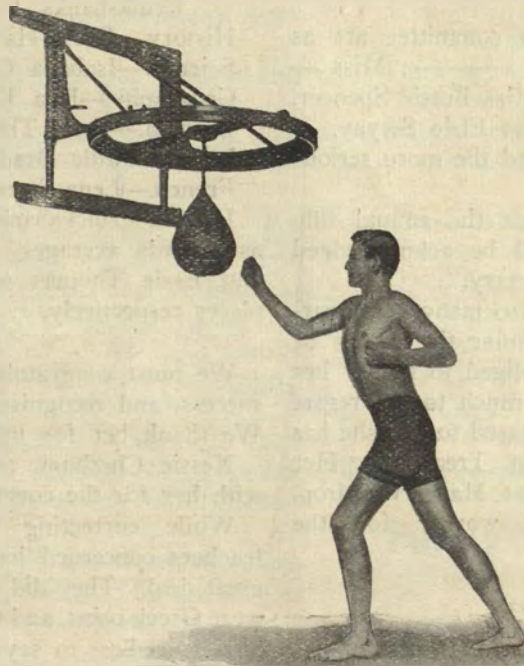
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Girls' Page

FORT STREET OLD GIRLS' UNION.

On Saturday, 16th November, the annual meeting of the above society was held. The annual report was read and adopted, and office-bearers for the ensuing year were elected. Miss Partidge was unanimously elected President, Mrs. Adrian, Mrs. Spencer, and Miss Evans being elected vice-Presidents.

The members of the new committee are as follows:—Miss Tearle, Miss ———, Miss ———, Miss Jennie Mostyn, Miss Bessie Spencer, Miss Laura Woods, and Miss Elsie Swyny.

Light refreshments followed the more serious business of the afternoon.

Members are reminded that the annual subscriptions are due, and will be acknowledged on receipt by the Hon. Secretary.

Miss Nelson, who has for so many years carried out in a very able manner the duties of Hon. Secretary, has been obliged to tender her resignation of this position, much to the regret of the Union, but we are pleased to say she has accepted the position of Hon. Treasurer. Her place has been filled by Miss Maud Wardrop, who is another enthusiastic worker for the Union.

THE STAFF.

After a lengthy absence, Mrs. Buchanan has returned to duty; and Miss Maynard, who temporarily filled the position, has been removed to Darlinghurst Girls' School.

Miss Beeby, formerly of Broken Hill, has been appointed First Assistant of the Primary Department. We regret to state that Miss Arnott has also been removed to Kegworth.

I A.

What suspense! But now the exam. is over we are pleased to note that F. Littlejohn gained the highest average in all subjects, followed closely by M. McGregor and P. Tierney; E. Murdoch and M. McPhee also distinguished themselves in Geography and English respectively.

The Germans and French—that is, the people who take those subjects—have been “acting.”

In the French class, Winnie Hope took the part of teacher. The rest of the class were

pupils.

In the German class, “Red-Riding Hood” was acted, but the wolf's attempts to devour “Red-Riding Hood” were in vain.

Several of the IA girls have tried again for a scholarship. We hope they will succeed.

I B.

The results of the half-yearly examination were as follows:—

English.—Hilda Bamford.

Mathematics.—Essie Thomas and Isabella Cruickshanks.

History.—Doris Hatfield.

Science.—Isabella Cruickshanks.

Geography.—Ena Kneebone.

German.—Essie Thomas and May Bell.

Latin.—Birdie Brady.

French.—Lena Streeb.

Isabella Cruickshank carried off all the honors as regards averages, in all subjects, May Bell and Essie Thomas securing second and third places respectively.

I C.

We must congratulate Muriel Nowell on her success, and recognise her as dux of the class. We thank her for upholding the honor of IC.

Nessie Cherbury and Rosie Harrison vied with her for the coveted position.

While correcting the history papers, the teachers concerned have really been learning a great deal. They did not know that the Gracchi were Greek coins, and that Alexander died gradually. Needless to say, these “History Howlers” (note alliteration) did not occur in IC papers.

In English, Hilda Proctor has done very good work, and Vivienne Gullick has carried off the honors in German.

I D.

The results of the recent examination awaited so anxiously are now to hand.

Viola Smythe headed the list, closely followed by Minnie Wade, Beryl Morice and Nellie Norman. Lily Jamieson deserves special mention for her work during the year in chemistry.

Only one more week to the Christmas holidays. Hurrah!

But we must not forget to mention the splendid work done by Beryl Morice during the year in German.

I E.

The girls of this class are glad that the holi-

days are so close, as they will be able to take a well-earned rest after the strenuous efforts made in striving to gain a prominent position in the recent examination.

Special mention must be made of the work done by Jessie Alexander, who started in the first division of the High School, and who has worked so well that she has succeeded in carrying off the laurels in the highest division. We will watch her career with great interest.

Mona Melville, Thelma Bevan and Edith Blackwell also have done very creditable work during the year.

Owing to the different measures learnt in this class, the girls are beginning to introduce, unintentionally, a certain musical accent in their speech.

2 A.

The annual picnic in connection with this class was held at Balmoral on Saturday, 23rd November. In spite of threatening weather, the event proved a great success—games, racing, and swimming forming portion of the day's amusement, to say nothing of the more substantial part of the programme.

The girls were delighted to have with them once more their former teacher, Miss Newling, who was accompanied by a very faithful four-footed friend.

The dreaded results of the recent examination have not yet been published; but we all join in saying: hurrah for the holidays!

2 B.

After our strenuous efforts at the Great Hall, 2B feel like having a well-earned rest.

These days we cannot say, like Shakespeare, "Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky," but rather, "Shine, shine, thou boiling sun," so that several of 2B may indulge in a swim and a few in a paddle.

2 C.

"Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more."

These lines accurately describe the feelings of 2C, for after the much-needed week's rest, we are now hard at work preparing for next year's final struggle. Three weeks hence will herald the Christmas vacation, and as this is the last edition of the "Fortian" this year, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2 D.

Since the Intermediate Examination the sixteen students who studied with us have left to engage in the noble occupation of teaching, joined by eight girls from 2C, so they are now scattered in all directions. We wish them luck.

Ex-JUNIORS.

The Charge of "The Valiant Ten."

Was there a fear betray'd?
Was there a heart dismay'd?
E'en when the fatal day
Hovered before us.
Ours not to reason why,
Ours but to do and die,
Face it with ne'er a sigh,
And let nothing awe us.

Three more weeks, three more weeks,
Three more weeks nearly,
Then for a holiday
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Unless perhaps now and then,
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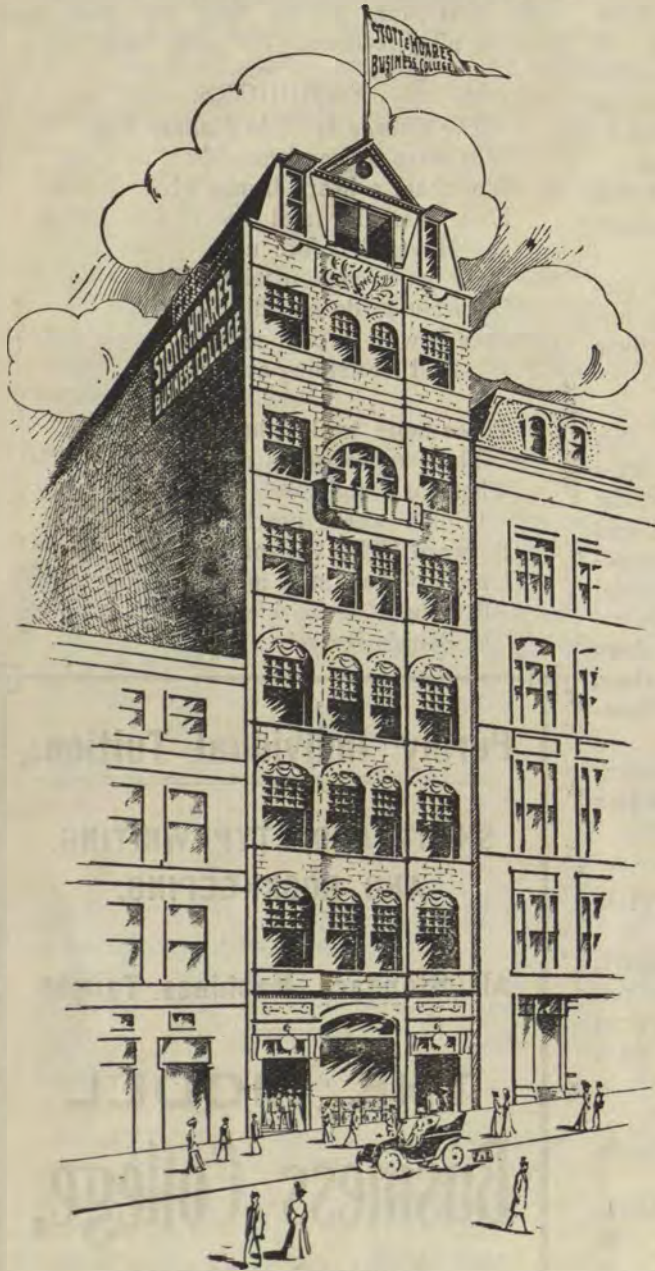
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EXEUNT.

The members of the celebrated Senior Class have seen the last of school days although there is still one representative left, to say nothing of a certain tall person who still goes round the old familiar haunts with lingering steps.

When the results of the Senior Examination are published we feel assured that their names will be among the successful candidates, and we will follow with great interest their future successes.

We would also like to mention the able way in which Mona McMinn has carried out the duties of captain of the School.

This position is the greatest honor that can be conferred on any girl in the School, and we trust that future captains of this "grand old institution" will carry out the duties of his office as conscientiously as the captain of 1912 has done.

The new captain will be elected before the vacation.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES

2nd. CLASS.

In the Quarterly examination Annie Everitt, Emily Milne, Kitty Daley, Gladys Piddell and Olive Raymond deserve special notice for composition. Annie Everitt and Emily Milne gained highest marks for writing.

3rd CLASS.

In our Quarterly Examination the following girls are worthy of mention:—

Reading.—Joan Bluett, Isobel Roberts, Eva Lapin, Jean English, Avril McKellar, Janet McKenzie.

Writing.—Gwen Dawe, Lois Milham, Betty Stanlake.

Dictation.—Eva Lapin, Emma Wade, Vera Anderson, Isobel Roberts, Gertie Peterson, Gillian Arnot, Helen Partridge.

Composition.—Janet McKenzie, Betty Stanlake.

All the girls tried very hard, but the following must be specially mentioned:—Betty Stanlake (dux of class), Emma Wade, Joan Bluett, Francis Williams, Gillian Arnot, Janet McKenzie, Gwen Dawe, and Mary Cox.

4 A.

The above class is doing splendid work, and regret losing their capable little teacher—Miss Maynard.

4 B.

Last month's "Fortian" contained a mistake in one of our names—Louie Hack was our top girl for our weekly examination ending 11th October.

At present we are very busy with our Quarterly Examination. Next month's "Fortian" will contain the names of our top girls.

The teacher of 4B wishes all her girls, of whom she is very fond, a Very Merry Christmas and a Year 1913 Crowned with health, success and happiness.

5 A.

Examination has just passed, and the girls are anxiously awaiting the results to see who tops list.

We are very sorry to hear that our little classmate Vera Seeland is ill in the Sydney Hospital, and hope she will soon be with us again.

We thank the kind girls who bring flowers for her.

Little Elsie Douglas has been working well in arithmetic. Connie Bacon still takes the lead in her homework.

5 B.

The pupils of 5B Class had their Quarterly Examination this week. All did not go "as merry as a marriage bell." Undigested facts were instanced by many remarkable statements: Napoleon's inspiring words at the Pyramids have received such a remarkable rendering that only by special request we refrain from publishing them.

The pupils of this class wish all readers and contributors to the "Fortian" a hearty Christmas greeting.

5 B AND 5 C.

The Senior Fifths had a splendid send-off prior to their examination on Monday, 12th November. Some excellent songs, violin and piano solos, and recitations were given. A fine chorus written by Edie Shaklow and set to the music of "Will You Not Come to the Ball?" was a great feature of the afternoon. The whole School gave cheers for the girls sitting for examination. Miss Partridge made an excellent speech, which undoubtedly helped the girls on the great Monday.

SENIOR FAREWELL.

On the afternoon of Friday, November 8th, the High School assembled to say good-bye to

its first and last seniors.

The Headmistress bade the girls farewell in the name of teachers and School, speaking appreciatively of the good influence exerted by the class and captain, and wishing the seven candidates success in the examination for which they had prepared by faithful study work.

Poets haunted by nightmares, in which loomed darkly figures of romantic poets and geometrical problems, vowel triangles and Russian Czars had composed songs describing their hopes and fears for the next week's ordeal, and these songs set to popular tunes were sung with feeling by the whole School.

The girls of Miss Harder's German classes rendered a short German play, and caused great amusement by their spirited representation of a scene in a German school. Miss Gombert's French class amused the audience by rendering a morning in a French doctor's consulting-room. Recitations and songs completed the programme, and the party broke up, to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

Sports' Union Notes.

We have three cricket teams in the grades in the High School trial games, and we hope to have the same in the competition, which commences after the Christmas vacation.

As everything in the High School is run on the yearly system, it has been proposed to run the High Schools' cricket competition on the same idea, with one series of rounds before the football season and the other series after the football season.

The Lower School swimming day has been fixed for Thursday, and each week now the Sports Union Primary School members indulge in a dip. It has been specially welcome lately, on account of the very hot weather we have been having. It also counts as an hour's voluntary junior cadet parade.

Mr. Millar, who, by the way, is now Assistant Hon. Sec. of the N.S.W. Amateur Swimming Association, and Mr. Hardman have commenced their life-saving classes.

Musketry is proceeding apace. Lieut. Paradise and Cadet Hearne are a tie at present, with 79 each, in the qualifying course. A medal awaits the winner, as well as the honor of having

his name engraved on the Venour Nathan Shield.

Every second Friday the junior cadets hold their organised game parades. The venue has been changed to the Domain. It is a popular form of the physical work.

Swimmers will be sorry to hear that most likely the Public Schools' Championships will be apportioned to district carnivals similarly to last year. The Kieran Memorial race will be decided at the State Championship carnivals. The distance for this latter is, this season, 440 yards. It may be remembered that the School gained the three places last year, George Hansel being first, Frank Mason second, and Les Duff third.

Class handicaps will be held for the Lower School as well as the High School classes this season.

Senior Cadet News.

The highest scorers to date in the musketry are Lieut. Paradise, 79; Serg.-Major Uren, 79; Cadet Hearne, 79; Corp. G. B. White, 77; Corp. C. Chapman, 76; Cadet A. Edwards, 74; Serg. Thompson, 74; Cap. Wilkinson, 74; Cadet McLaren, 74; Col.-Serg. Jenkin, 73; Cap. Parsonage, 72; Cadet Porter, 72; Lieut. Stafford, 71; Cadet Cork, 71; Cadet Mitchell, 71; Cadet A. Lupton, 71; Cadet G. Thompson and Cadet Crawford, 70.

Cadets have to score 120 points total to gain a marksman's badge for the year.

The top scorer in both parts of the musketry will receive a medal, as well as having his name engraved on the Venour Nathan Shield this year.

The shooting in the musketry this year has been a lot better than last year. The second part will be gone on with immediately after the Christmas vacation.

Specially good work has been done lately by Lieut. Duff with his ammunition party at the butts. He has fully justified his promotion. Also the work benign done by Lieuts. Berman and Stafford and Col.-Serg. Steel is of first-class quality. They also have justified their promotion.

Non.-Coms. should note that a report on their work, attendance, conduct, etc., is to be called for after three months' work. Their squad and section rolls will be called in also. Failing good reports, they will be called upon to show cause why they should not be reduced in rank.

We are pleased to be able to report that only four non-coms. failed to sit for the last exam. for promotion. All that sat qualified, and have been promoted.

The next exam. for promotion will be held just one week after the School quarterly examination is completed, to allow intending applicants a chance to study. The syllabus may be found on the notice-board.

Non-coms.—have you commenced your squad or section rolls? They may be called for at any time on parade. Colour-sergeants must keep a private one of the company.

The Battalion Championship badges are not to hand yet nor the Marksmen's badges for the military year ending 30th June, 1912.

The competition for the Battalion Championship will be held on Wednesday afternoon, December 11th. Will the championship be taken from G Company this year? Lt. R. Taylor is our representative on the Battalion Committee.

It is proposed to hold a commissioned officers' and non-commissioned officers' dinner before the Christmas vacation. Who will make a move?

A photo. will be taken of the whole of the School companies on Wednesday afternoon, December 11th. Separate groups will also be taken of the commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, buglers, drummers, etc.

Attention is again called to the fact that when senior cadets leave school they should return their belt, pouch, numerals, bugles, chevrons, and pull-throughs to the Area Office, at the same time making application for a transfer to the area in which they reside.

The 303 rifles have arrived at the School. The distribution is to be made to the rifle club regular attendants only.

The new non-coms. are doing good work, but will do better work still, as soon as they insist on their orders being carried out to the letter. The non-coms. are the backbone of the army. The recent downfall of European power is attributed to faulty work on the part of non-coms. Now then, we want your very best effort, so that we may furnish an excellent report. Your O.C. Company is behind you in seeing your orders are carried out.

The non-com.'s exam. as now conducted at the School is a searching test. A cadet who passes earns his place, but must keep it by his

good work.

Some of the top names in the Sergeants' exam. were omitted from last "Fortian." The order should have read, in merit: Corp. R. Steel, L.-Corp. O. Mater, L.-Corp. A. Wilson, L.-Corp. H. Steel, Corp. G Hansel, etc.

Corp. R. Steel has been appointed Col.-Sgt. of E Company, and has already justified his appointment by good work. The others have been appointed sergeants.

Buglers, drummers and pipers must show on parade with their own company, reporting to their O.C. company that they paraded with G Company, and show their card where they were marked present by Col.-Sgt. O. Mater, of G Company. Buglers are required to blow the "fall-in," etc., always for their respective companies.

Lieut. J. Tate having found a place for the storage of H Company rifles, the lower armoury has been much relieved thereby.

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Cadets are on no account to visit the Area Office at dinner hour.

JUNIOR CADET NEWS.

Captain Murray, our Brigade Major, inspected the School miniature range and appliances last week. He reports favorably. The ammunition is expected daily. The Fancotte rifles for use on the range are in the Junior Cadet Armoury.

Mr. Senior-Inspector Parkinson examined the junior cadet work for the year ending 30th June, 1912, and passed 317 juniors.

Each junior cadet must, according to the Defence Act, put in 90 hours per year at physical work, marching squad drill and organised games. Parents should note as well as juniors. A record of each cadet's attendance at each of the above branches of the cadets' work is being kept, so that the efficiency test as far as it relates to attendance may easily be made out.

A prize is to be given for the best essay on "Our Physical Work and its Effects." The essays should be handed in to Capt. Parsonage this week.

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Also:—

The weight of the individual and strength of the current are inversely proportional to each other.

Ampere's Law.—The more current you take from "behind" the meter the quicker the council will have you arrested.

From this the following law has been worked out:—

The stronger the magnet which you place on or near the meter the less your monthly bill.

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Our University Letter.

By "Cavendish."

In another column of this magazine is appended a list of Fort-street's successes at the University December Examinations. Some very fine results have been gained indeed. Lawrance, as was anticipated, secured the Renwick Scholarship in Medicine, and many others secured high honours. As usual, Fort-street has done very well in physics. We know a certain gentleman now located at the Teacher's College, who is highly delighted and as for others, they are not surprised.

In March examinations will again present themselves in the shape of fifth year medicine and law finals, as well as of arts and engineering honors. It is to be hoped that the results

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achieved in August and December last will even be eclipsed.

Vacation is on at present, and undergraduates are roaming the length and breadth of the country, endeavouring to recuperate. When one comes seriously to view the matter, this is the worst part of examinations. They leave a nasty taste in one's mouth, as it were. They are not unlike patent medicines, except that they lack the gilded coverings of the panacea. Not even the most hardened of us can like the big hall with the past and present great ones looking down at you from the lofty walls. At most, there is a feeling of relief when it is all past and done with; and that is a negative feeling.

One sometimes wonders, too, if some genius might not find a substitute for written examinations. In physics I, for instance, some sixty lectures are delivered in the course of the year, and the examination in December consists of but one paper. It is certain that this three-hour's traffic can not altogether eliminate the element of chance.

The University Christian Union has just concluded its visit to Tasmania. In the conference at the "tight little island" all the Universities of Australasia were represented. There are immense possibilities in this movement if only from the point of view of social study, and it is strictly undenominational and almost wholly secular.

The writer was fortunate enough to read in Sydney "Bulletin" of January 23, a letter not without interest to Fort-street. It was herein suggested that the grounds of Government House should be used for the purposes of the leading school of Australia. I do not hesitate to agree. The conditions under which the school has had to labour for years are most disheartening. That there has been success not only in scholarships, but in the realms of sport is little short of marvellous, and what success.

The school wants new premises and a large ground for cricket and football. Who can say what heights will not be scaled if such is granted? I earnestly hope (and all old boys whether at the University or not are with me) that the letter referred to may have its effect.

The 1912 Seniors were the last of a famous line, and they are to be congratulated on their excellent showing.

The only sport alive up here at present is cricket, although inter-Varsity tennis will take place in March. K. W. Flook and H. V. Evatt are at present in the 2nd XI., who are running third in their competition. It is good to read that this pair saved their side from outright defeat at the hands of Waverley II. But it is certainly surprising that there are no others representing the seat of learning, and, incidentally, Fort-street. It is not that there are no Fortians up here besides these, who play cricket and who play it well. It is a fact that several play for their districts without even attending practice on the Oval early in the season; thereby making themselves unavailable for University teams. It is all very well to speak about "cliques," and there is always a little truth in the insinuation, but if a sporting light gives any radiance at all it will not be long hidden under the proverbial bushel. When some men think a little more of the University and are a little less inclined to imagine the worst, it will be better. Cliques have been, are, and must ever be. But that they are confined to sport at Sydney University is an absurd notion.

Those coming up to the Uni. in March or April as freshmen might remember what was said in December's letter about year representatives. Choose a good man and let not the fact that he is one of yourselves weigh against him.

Let me conclude by congratulating Mr. George Mackaness, M.A., on his appointment as second in charge of the "grand old institution," as Mr. Turner is so delightfully wont to put it.

OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'s FIRST ANNUAL DINNER.

On the 12th December last the officers and non-coms. of the school met at the Burlington Cafe to have their first dinner.

The committee consisted of Lt. Berman, C. Sgts. Steel and Mater, and praise must be given to them for carrying things out so smoothly.

The guests were Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Mackaness, Capt. Hughes and S.S.M. Uren, while the remainder of the company consisted of Capt. Parsonage (chairman), Capt. Baldock, Lts. Taylor, Berman, Paradise, Stafford, Cuthbert, and 37 non-coms., making a total of 48.

A very effective programme was carried out, and the usual toasts honored.

The Intermediate Examination.

The following is the list of Fort Street pupils successful at the Intermediate Certificate Examination held in October last.

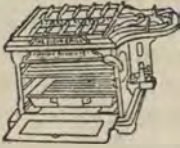
The numbers in the lists refer to the following sections:—(1) Mathematics I., (2) Mathematics II., (3) English, (4) French, (5) German, (6) Latin, (7) History, (8) Elementary Science (Chemistry and Physics), (9) Geography, (10) Geology, (11) Botany, (12) Zoology, (13) Business Principles and Practice, (14) Agriculture I., (15) Agriculture II., (16) Drawing and Manual Woodwork, (18) Practical Agriculture, (19) Drawing and Manual Metalwork.

The mark (a) indicates that the candidate has passed in the subject concerned at the University Junior examination.

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 Best, John William, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9.
 Bowler, Douglas K., 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9.
 Chapman, Clarence, 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17.
 Chapman, William S., 1, 3, 4, 6.
 Clarke, Edward W., 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9.
 Connelly, Thomas J., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8.
 Cramp, Cedric, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Cutler, Harry McG., 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Day, Eric William, 1, 2, 3, 8, 13, 16, 17.
 Edwards, Alan S., 1, 2, 3, 8, 13, 16.
 Evatt Francis S., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Ferns, Oliver C., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8.
 Ferris, George T., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Fraser, Malcolm B., 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.
 Furness, Albert S., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Gentile, Salvatore, 1, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Green, James C., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Hales, Geoffrey M. B., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Hall, James V., 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 13, 16.
 Hardman, Clifton L., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8.
 Hargreaves, Norman C., 3, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17.
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 Higgins, Kenneth B., 1, 7, 9, 13, 16.
 Holland, Llonzha, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8.
 Hudson, Harold L., 1, 2, 3, 4, 8.
 Hughes, John, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Illingworth, Harold, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Jay, Edgar, 1, 4, 6, 7.
 Jennings, Arthur Y., 1, 3, 4, 6.
 Kemmis, Thomas S., 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 13, 16.
 Kench, Albert George, 1, 3, 6, 7.
 Kennedy, Donald E., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8.
 Kinnimont, Halcyon, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9.
 Lenehan, John A., 1, 2, 3, 9, 13, 16.
 Leslie, Angus Neil, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9.
 Lupton, Alfred S., 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.
 Lush, William Henry, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Lyon, Sydney Clice, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7.
 Mackenzie, Robin K., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.
 Maude, Jack D., 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 McLaren, Nicol E., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Mostyn, Robert, 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 16, 17.
 Mulhall, Thomas L., 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 16.
 Muston, Keith W., 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.
 Noble, William J., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7.
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 Pudney, Claude B., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8.
 Quigley, Reginald, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 13, 16, 17.
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 Schmidt, Herbert R., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Schwartzkoff, Harold, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7.
 Schwartzkoff, Leslie, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Scott, Leslie J., 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Segart, George, 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 13, 16.
 Sargeant, Arthur G., 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17.
 Shakspeare, Arthur, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Sherwood, James S., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Smith, Charles B., 1, 5, 6, 8.
 Spender, Percy C., 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7.
 Steel, Hugh Ernest, 1, 3, 5, 7, 8.
 Steel, Robert Stanley, 3, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17.
 Swan, Lenox A., 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16.
 Tebbutt, William A., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7.
 Thompson, George A., 1, 3, 6, 7.
 Thompson, John Cyril, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Tulloch, Robert G., 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Walton, Frederick, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Watt, Charles, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
 Webb, Robert E., 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.
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Bregenzer, Flora M., 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 16.
Brooks, Mary M., 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 16.
Broughton, Florence E., 1, 2, 3, 7, 16.
Brown, Mary M., 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 16.
Browne, Elsie May, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10.
Burton, Daphne, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 16.
Campbell, Annie C., 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 16.
Clifford, Sadie M., 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 16.
Cochrane, Sylvia R., 1, 4, 5, 8.
Collins, Rosalie H., XI, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11.
Cousins, Amy Aileen, 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 16.
x Ten and 11 counted as one subject.
Crakanthorp, Margaret, x2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 16.
Cowie, Mary Sarah, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 16.
Cruikshank, Mabel, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 16.
Darcy-Irvine, Dorothy, XI, 3, 4, 6, 10, 11.
Devitt, Josephine A., 1, 2, 8, 9, 16.
Dexter, May F., XI, 2, 8, 9, 16.
Dodds, Hilda, 1, 3, 7, 8, 16.
Dorsett, Ruby P., 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 16.
Drake, Christina, 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 16.
Durie, Ethel Beatrix, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
Edwards, Pearl Lav., 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 16.
Gallagher, Edna L., 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 16.
Gibbs, Florence P., 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 16.
Gulliford, Emma K., 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 16.
Harvey, Edna Florence, 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 16.
Heckenberg, Violet, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 16.
Hirsch, Bertha A., 1, 3, 7, 8, 16.
Jay, Gladys Dorothy, 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 16.
Jones, Annie M. E., 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 16.
Mansley, Margaret, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 16.

Martin, Ella Lois, XI, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 16.
M'Rae, Jessie B., 1, 2, 3, 4, 16.
Metcalf, Winifred D., 1, 2, 3, 6, 7.
Mewkill, Mary A., 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 16.
Millar, May Eleanor, 1, 3, 7, 8, 16.
Morris, Elsie Vale, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 16.
Overend, Edith S., 2, 3, 5, 7.
Payne, Sarah Dorothy, XI, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11.
Pegum, Mary Catherine, 1, 3, 5, 8.
Quigley, Leila, XI, 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, 16.
Rivett, Doris Mary XI, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11.
Rowohl, Rosalind, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.
Segaert, Elsie Mary, 3, 4, 7, 9, 16.
Short, Madeline E., 1, 3, 7, 9, 16.
Slatter, Gwendoline S., 3, 4, 6, 8.
Storey, Olive Dulcie, 1, 2, 3, 4, 16.
Struthers, Dorothy C., 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 16.
Swan, Margaret, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 16.
Taylor, Millicent I., 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 16.
Thurston, Vera B., 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 16.
Walkley, Iris Irene, 1, 2, 3, 9, 16.
Waraker, Mary C., 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 16.
Watkinson, Jessie S., 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 16.
Webb, Elsie May, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 16.
Wright, Winifred D., 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 16.
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Second Year: S. K. Dwyer, G. H. Godfrey,
E. G. Leask.

Third Year (B.A.): J. R. Blanchard, C. B.

Cockett, Mr. K. Hannay, Mr. J. E. Murray, Mr. W. A. Selle.

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Pass: Mr. R. C. Taylor, B.A.

Faculty of Medicine.

First Year: G. A. Lawrance, Renwick Scholarship for Proficiency; High Distinction, physics; high distinction, chemistry; credit, biology. C. R. Wiburd, credit, biology, chemistry and physics.

C. Davis, distinction, chemistry; credit, physics.

V. Asher, credit, chemistry; credit, biology.

W. H. Roberts, credit, chemistry.

C. V. Crockett, credit, chemistry.

C. A. Mitchell, credit, biology.

Pass: C. R. Alexander, J. A. Gruen.

Fifty per cent. of all the candidates for First Year Medicine failed. *Not one Fort-street man failed.*

Fourth Year, Materia Medica: Pass, N. M. A. Alexander, W. H. Donald, J. Malcolm.

Department of Dentistry, 3rd Year Pass: A. A. Goodall.

Faculty of Science.

First Year: Ellice E. P. Hamilton, credit, biology; credit, chemistry. Dorothy G. Perry, distinction, geology.

Department of Engineering.

First Year: D. T. Smith, high distinction, geology; distinction, physics; credit, chemistry. E. O. K. Green, distinction, physics; distinction, geology; credit, chemistry; credit, engineering drawing. W. C. Stafford, distinction, geology; distinction, physics; high distinction, engineering drawing. A. H. Wright, distinction, engineering drawing; distinction, physics; credit, chemistry. J. L. Wright, distinction, engineering drawing; distinction, physics; credit, chemistry.

Second Year: Civil Engineering—C. D. Wallace, credit, geology I. Mechanical and Electrical Engineering—E. H. Booth, F. D. Stafford, H. H. Thorne

Department of Agriculture.

Third Year: H Stephens, distinction, agricultural chemistry; high distinction, agricultural botany; distinction, veterinary science.

THE SENIOR RESULTS.

(Boys.)

- (m) Bennett, C. E., 2b, 4b, 5c, 7b, 10b, 11c, 14a.
 (m) Biggs, F. E. R., 2c, 4a, 5c, 7c, 9a, 10a, 11b, 14a, 17c.
 (m) Briggs, G. H., 1b, 4a, 5b, 9a, 10a, 11a, 12a, 14b, 17a, 23c.
 (m) Crowe, H. H., 2c, 4c, 5c, 7c, 9c, 10c, 11c, 25b.
 (m) Esserman, N. A., 4c, 5c, 9a, 10a, 11a, 12a, 14b, 17b, 23c.
 (m) Holmes, G. W., 2a, 4c, 5c, 7c, 9a, 10a, 11b, 14c, 17c.
 (m) Hudson, H. G., 1c, 4a, 5c, 9b, 10b, 11b, 14c.
 (m) Hunter, H., 4b, 5c, 9a, 10a, 11a, 14b, 17c, 21a, 22a.
 (m) Kennedy, G. L., 1b, 4c, 5c, 7c, 9c, 10c, 11c, 14c, 17c.
 (m) Lewis, A., 1c, 4a, 5b, 9c, 10a, 11a, 12b, 14b, 17a, 23c.
 (m) Liggins, W. F., 1b, 4c, 5c, 9b, 10b, 11c, 14b.
 (m) McKee, J., 2a, 4a, 5b, 7b, 9a, 10a, 11a, 14b, 17b.
 Mason, F. M., 4c, 9b, 10b, 11b, 12a, 14b, 17c.
 (m) Mitchell, R. S., 4a, 5c, 7b, 9b, 10a, 11b, 14b, 17c.
 (m) O'Grady, B. E., 4c, 5c, 9c, 10c, 11c, 14c.
 (m) Packham, G. B., 2b, 4c, 5c, 7c, 9b, 10a, 11b, 14b, 17b.
 (m) Reed, E. B., 2b, 4b, 7c, 9c, 10c, 11b, 14c.
 (m) Sillar, R. A., 2a, 4b, 5b, 7b, 9b, 10c, 11b, 14c, 17c.
 (m) Simpson, W. B., 1a, 4b, 7c, 9c, 10c, 11c.
 (m) Tunks, O. G., 4b, 7c, 9c, 10b, 11c, 14c, 17b.

The following also passed the special paper for engineering candidates:—Briggs, Esserman, Lewis, O'Grady.

(Girls.)

- (m) Collins, Marjorie I., 1b, 4a, 5c, 7b, 9b, 10b, 11c, 19b, 21b.
 (m) Hindmarsh, Ellen M., 4b, 7b, 9b, 10b, 11c, 12b, 19b, 21b.
 (m) Knight, Isabel M., 1a, 4a, 5c, 7c, 9a, 10a, 11b, 19a, 21a.
 Reeves, Olga V., 1c, 4b, 5c, 19c, 20a, 21c.
 (m) Rothschild, Dorothy V., 4c, 5c, 7b, 9b, 10c, 11b, 12c, 14c.
 (m) Wright, Jessie K., 1b, 4a, 5c, 9b, 10b, 11b, 14c, 21c, 24a, 25a.

The numbers indicate:—1, History of Europe; 2, Ancient History; 4, English, 5, French; 7, Latin; 9, Algebra; 10, Geometry; 11, Trigonometry; 12, Conics; 14, Mechanics; 15, Applied Mechanics; 16, Chemistry; 17, Physics; 19, Geology; 20, Physiology; 21, Botany; 22, Zoology; 23, Geometrical Drawing and Perspective; 24, Freehand and Model Drawing; 25, Drawing in Colour.

(m) indicates that the candidate has matriculated in all faculties.

HONOURS AT SENIOR EXAMINATION.

(Boys.)

Geo. H. Briggs: Medal, physics I.; first-class honors, mathematics; second-class honors, English; second-class honors, French.

Hugh Hunter: Medal, botany; medal, zoology; first-class honors, mathematics.

John McKee: Medal, ancient history; first-class honors, mathematics; second-class honors, mathematics; second-class honors, Latin; second-class honors, English; third-class honors, French.

Eric A. Biggs: Medal, mechanics; first-class honor, mathematics; second-class honors, English.

Roy S. Mitchell: First-class honors, English; second-class honors, mathematics.

Angelo Lewis: First-class honors, mathematics; second-class honors, French; third-class honors, English.

Norman Esserman: First-class honors, mathematics.

Roy A. Sillar: Second-class honors, French; third-class honors, English; third-class honors, French; third-class honors, Latin.

Geoffrey B. Packham: Second-class honors, mathematics.

Herbert G. Hudson: Second-class honors, English; third-class honors, mathematics.

Gordon W. Holmes: Second-class honors, mathematics.

Chas. E. Bennett: Third-class honors, Latin.

Eric B. Reed, Third-class honors, English.

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William B. Simpson: Third-class honors, English.

Fredk. Liggins: Third-class honors, mathematics.

High School Class News.

SENIORS I.

The Twenty-eighth of January, 1913!

How coursed with untiring steps the Eternal Youth towards that fatal day. In the grip of the Inevitable we saw the holidays—all too short despite their vaunted length—leading us impotent towards—

The Twenty-eighth of January, 1913.

To field and fen, to railway train and motor car, to mountain gorge and sunny slope, to camp and "babbling brook," to roaring surf and placid bath—to where'er were spread the—for the nonce—respective units of our scholastic fraternity, there insinuated itself a noiseless but arresting whisper:

"The Twenty-eighth of January, 1913."

It came!

They came!—all but one! One familiar face—how hard to be lost! was not!

William Archibald Anderson!

Time and again have we revelled in the glories of the being that is attached to that name.

Diminutive in person, colossal in intellect, magnanimous in disposition, Scotch in feature and name!

Such he was when he used to come to us! Alas! cometh he no more!

Swallowed is he by the voracious all-devouring, implacable, gaping maw of the world!

In silence do we mourn.

He who has gone was—averred let it be unto the furthestmost limits of our realms—a friend. Know ye what meaneth a friend?

Knew ye W. A. Anderson?

Ye knew a friend!

Owing to the vacation the J-R. Combine is reluctantly obliged to deprive its admirers of their monthly literary luxury.

J.-R.

SENIOR II.

Christmas has come and gone. The Christmas pudding, the cake, the fruit, the castor oil are all gone—gone but not forgotten. For six long weeks the grounds of the old school were deserted, and the wind sighed in the fig-trees with a low hollow moaning as "in a waste land where

no one comes or has come since the making of the world."

"Then came a change, as all things human change," and once again came "whining school-boys creeping like snails unwillingly to school."

But as far as the boys themselves are concerned, "there passed a weary time (we can assure you), a weary time, a weary time, how red each cheery nose."

We are pleased to see that comparatively few of this class have departed, but as for those who have gone we wish them every success in the line of business they have adopted. "Let the wing of friendship never moult a feather."

We must make mournful mention of the fact that we were cast into a state of utter dejection and despair on seeing two of our worthy members on the sick list the very first day. Let us hope that they will soon be restored to us.

In spite of the fact that we have not experienced the pleasure of six "long" weeks, we still remember Friday afternoon as a veritable "box where sweets compacted lie" (viz., history test, French test, and impromptu speeches).

I.E.

The majority of the class have passed the recent examination. We had several candidates in the "Post Mortem" in Latin, which must have been a very depressing vision to those unhappy students.

We desire to thank the representatives of 1D and 2B for their kind but useless assistance on 29th January in a cricket match against 1B. Unfortunately our team was easily beaten.

I.C.

On Saturday, 7th December, 20 boys of the class went to National Park. Cricket and swimming were indulged in in the morning, and boating in the afternoon. We returned at 8.30, tired but not downhearted.

All the boys, with the exception of one, turned up on Tuesday. Many questions regarding "Sonny Jim's Hat" were asked.

Most of the sports in this class have taken to swimming. Cricket has gone to a standstill.

I.B.

"Once more unto the breech, dear friends, once more."

Once more we come back to hard work, after having enjoyed an interval of six weeks fresh air and holiday. "The collar" still feels a trifle

stiff, but with a bit of elbow grease this difficulty will soon be overcome. (Observe the bull.—Ed.)

Most of us have been promoted to the second year.

Swimming and cricket are the chief features of the sports of 1B. Last Wednesday our "Trumpers" and "Bardsleys" repaired to the Domain, and played a match against 1E, who included in their ranks a few boys from 2B. We, of course, were the victory.

The holidays must have livened up the team, for they all showed good form, with both bat and ball. Paterson was again our best man, scoring 89. 1E showed good (?) form, but failed hopelessly against the brainy bowling of 1B, who scored 117 runs for two wickets, against a total of 50 scored by 1E. The chief factors of 1B were: Patterson, 89, not out; Stafford, 14 not out. Paterson took 3 wickets for 3, Bid-dulph 3 for 4; Lloyd 3 for 16, and Stafford 0 for 17.

[The classes referred to here are those so named before Christmas.—Ed.]

PUPILS OF FORT STREET SCHOOL WILL APPRECIATE THIS. It is NOT a Coincidence.

1st Fact. On 30th April this year an examination was conducted at the Fort Street School by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia in Elementary Shorthand Theory, Shorthand Theory and Shorthand Advanced Theory (three separate examinations).

The **FIRST** place in **EACH** section was filled by students of the Metropolitan Business College.

In the Shorthand **THEORY** section, the Metropolitan Business College students filled the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th places in order of merit.

2nd Fact. On the 7th September last, a precisely similar set of examinations was held at the same school by the same society. The **FIRST** place in **EACH** section was again filled by Metropolitan Business College students. The parallel so far is remarkable enough, but still more remarkable is the fact that in the Shorthand **THEORY** section, our students again came in almost unbroken succession in order of merit, filling:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th places—just a little better than the previous brilliant results.

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1A.

Once again we meet. Except for a few fellows, late in turning up after their long holidays, this class is as strong and as merry as every.

We have just heard the uncommon news that part of the class is "dead." Whether they are dead to the world or dead to their lessons is the question. We come to the conclusion that it is the latter. Great joy is being experienced by nearly all, as we have just received the welcome news that we are to be promoted to the second year. That is all except a few tired ones.

Each boy has his own bit of important news concerning their well-spent holidays. One of our mates tell us of the splashes he used to have in the deep. He says that flathead were so plentiful at this spot that they could be seen scampering away from underneath his feet every minute or two. Whether he is a flathead and it was his own shadow that he happened to see we do not know, but we have a good idea.

1F CLASS NEWS.

A certain class in the first year—1F says that it is 1D—actually insulted us by saying that the essays written by that class were better than any others. But let me inform that erring class that Mr. Taylor and Mr. Mackaness both said that F. Braund's stories and Harper's humorous autobiographies are absolutely THE BEST. We would just like to advise 1D not to give way to petty jealousy when they are beaten. Why can't they be sports?

Among the prizes presented on breaking-up day there were some for those who had made the greatest progress during the year.

Lindqvist—known as "Linky" to his mates—carried off a "progress" prize for this class. The getting of a prize of this kind is a great honour—so good luck, Linky.

1D.

As a result of the recent examinations, every lad in this class was promoted to the 2nd year.

The honour of dux falls to Fred McKechnie, and he must be congratulated for obtaining such splendid results.

Positions in class: McKechnie, 1; Ackland, 2.

No less than seven familiar faces of this class have departed from us to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow.

L. A. "Bud" Holmes, our famous class comedian, has gone cattle ranching on the prairies of North America, and not joined "Bud" Atkinson's Circus as was first surmised.

Norman "Wiry" Tom has departed to the Hawkesbury Agricultural College to study farming. May he live happy and die long, for he was a good sport.

Wilshire makes the third of our brawny sons of toil, for he is farming in the backblocks of Queensland.

Kortlang—Little Bill—is now studying wool classing.

Playing cricket for the Firsts against the Mersey, our three representatives—Ross, Hooker and Wolfe—did very creditably.

"Haroldina," who is being trained by Ross, Wolfe, and Thorn for the 440, has been putting in some good work.



PRIMARY SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB.

At the close of last year a tournament was held, and all the members competed in the singles championship. The first prize was won by H. Hynes, S. Crackanthorp being second. Keith Williams received a special prize for most improvement shown during the year.

New members who can play are invited to join.

Practice will soon begin again.

THIRD CLASS.

Another year's work is now well under weigh. Swimming and organised games, in addition to the regular class work have commenced in earnest. The Sports' Union is not nearly sufficiently patronised by third class boys, less than one-third being members. Quite a number of boys seem to think that the Sports Union is only for swimmers—others that it is only for non-swimmers. Of course, neither is the case. If a boy cannot swim, he will be taught; if he can swim a little, he will be taught to swim better, and perhaps have a place in the life-saving classes.

2A.

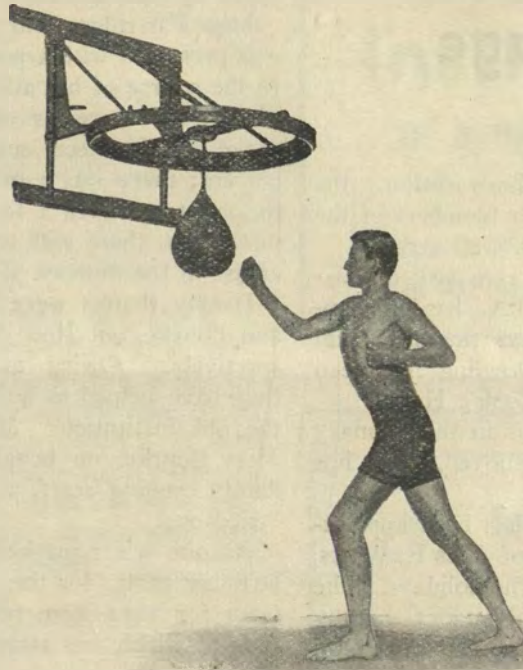
We are all back again after a most enjoyable time. Many of our class friends went away to the mountains or surf beaches, and had a fine time. We hope to spend a year in good work,

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and so be ready for another Christmas holiday. We are glad to say that we have over twenty of our old infant school friends with us now. They came up last week, and say that they will take all the prizes from us this year. We will have to take care.

Promotion to 3rd class: Olsen, Parsons, Rae, Thorbjornsen, Abbott, Wilson, Bergman, Quinn, T. Moran, Harte, Pearch, Brodie, N. Rae.

Girls' Page

THE STAFF.

On resuming duties after the vacation, the absence of several of the former members of the staff was noticeable.

Miss O. Barnett has been removed to Lismore. Mr. C. H. Christmas, B.A., has been appointed mathematical master at the Technical High School, and Miss R. Dowling has been appointed First Assistant at Cook's Hill.

Mrs. Foley, sewing instructor in the Primary Department, has also been removed, and her place taken by Mrs. Anstey.

Miss F. E. Campbell, B.A., has been appointed mistress of English in place of Miss E. Watts, B.A., who was married during the holidays. The latter has been a member of this staff for many years, and leaves many friends behind who all combine in wishing her every happiness and prosperity in the future.

As a token of esteem the teachers took the opportunity of presenting her with a handsome silver hot water kettle on the eve of her departure. Miss E. Innes-Campbell, B.A., Miss O. Mott, B.A., and Miss Atkins have joined the High School Staff. The new members of the Primary Staff are Miss M. Huxley and Miss L. Kidd.

We trust that our old friends will carry away pleasant memories of the days spent in our midst, and we offer a hearty welcome to the newcomers. At the same time we would like to express our deep sympathy with Miss Simpson in her late sad bereavement.

Miss M. Mansley, a Fort-street Old Girl, has been appointed to the Kindergarten School.

HOCKEY TEA.

Late in November the Fortian Hockey Club held the annual "At Home" in the recess. A committee elected by the members of the Club arranged the decorations and the tables, the school and club colours predominating. Among the guests were members of both the girls and boys' staff, and old girls who still take an interest in the Club.

An enjoyable musical programme was rendered by "our artists."

Miss Partridge, our enthusiastic president, was presented with a posy of the school colours. In the course of her address, Miss Partridge reviewed the successes of the past season, and spoke of the keen enthusiasm shown by the players; there was a membership of 45, and as the sport has been a favorite one here since its institution, there will probably be a further increase in the number of devotees next season.

Hearty thanks were due to Misses Maloney and Bourke, our Hon. Secretary, and Coach respectively. Owing to their untiring energy, they have helped to build up a Club worthy of the old institution. Miss Partridge presented Miss Bourke, on behalf of the girls, with a dainty evening scarf, which was immediately "tried on."

As one wit remarked, it appeared to be a birthday party, for the 1st XI. and the premier team for 1912 were presented with medals, to each of which was attached a favor of blue and white.

Later in the afternoon the prizes won at the field day were awarded to the successful competitors, most of whom, it was noted with pride, were hockey girls.

NOTES.

Doris York has been elected Captain of the School for the ensuing year, with Ella Martin and Grace Botting as Prefects.

We sincerely trust that the new hat bands and badges will be in evidence before our readers scan these pages.

In connection with the Committee of the Old Girls' Union, the following names were inadvertently omitted:—Miss Cohen, B.A., B.Sc., Miss Turner, B.A., Miss Mouldsdale, Miss I. Millar and Miss N. Hooper.

GIRLS' REALM GUILD.

The members of one branch of the above organisation decided that the Xmas effort on behalf of the work of the Guild should take the form of the dressing of dolls and their distribution at the Free Kindergarten School.

A number of dolls were dressed by members, and the funds held by the Treasurer expended in the purchase of suitable toys.

About eighty of the latter were taken by the girls on December 12th to the Kindergarten, and there distributed by them among the little ones. The remaining few were sent to our own Infants' Department.

We will be glad to welcome new members for 1913, that the year's work may be more efficient and extensive than is possible with a small membership.

Will any desirous of joining the Guild give their names to the Secretary as soon as possible?

EXCELSIOR DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Friday, 29th November, the 1A, B and C classes met in room 3. The subject of the debate was "Who did the most for his country, the soldier, the statesman or the writer." 1C took the writer, 1B the soldier and 1A the statesman. The men selected were Charles Dickens, Lord Roberts and William Ewart Gladstone. Edie Murdoch, of 1A, was the winner.

CLASS PICNICS.

The Seniors.

Although busy with their final effort the seniors set aside Saturday, November 9th, for a meeting at National Park.

Neither Birotteau nor Cicero were invited, and all thoughts of "Senior" were utterly banished. The sky was very overcast, but for once the elements were favourable. Boats were procured immediately upon arrival, and were put to good use.

The lunch was one of the events of the day. It really looked as though preparations had been made for a siege, and remarks were passed upon the tendency to become epicures like Horace; a pleasant seasoning of reminiscences was supplied which incidentally enlightened some inexplicable past conduct.

The afternoon was spent in boating, and a rather tired party of picnickers minus the senior

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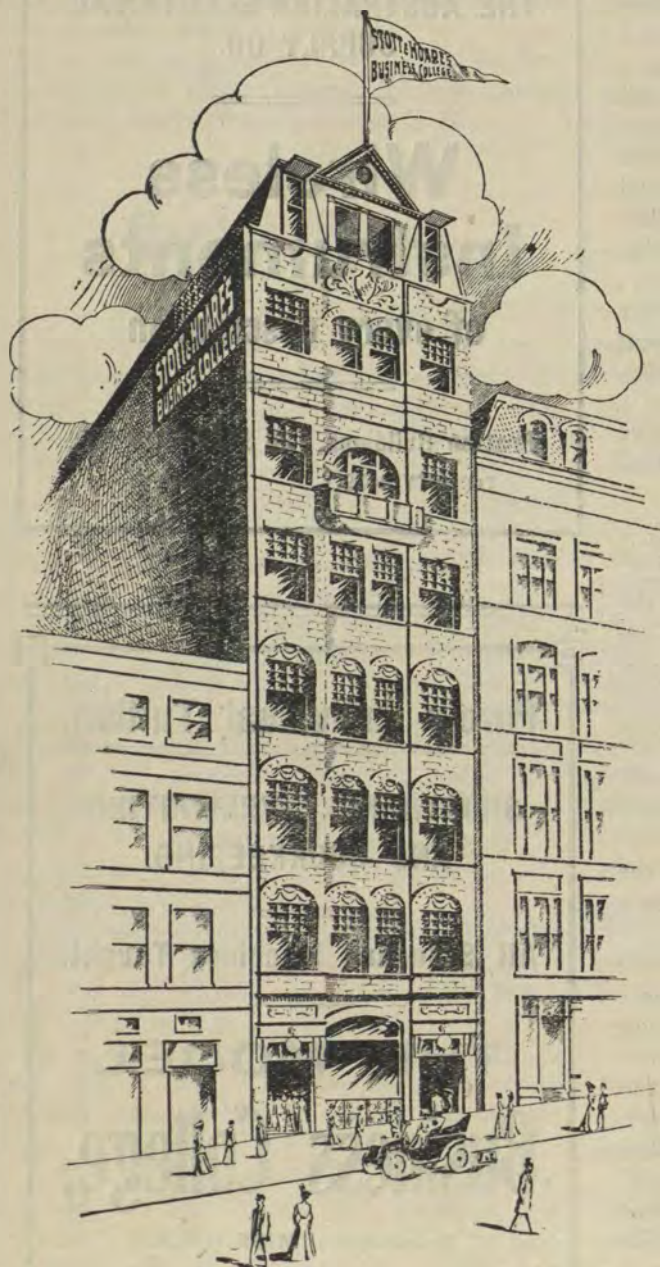
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element returned to Central late in the evening.
2C.

We have to thank the ex-probationary students for a very enjoyable picnic at National Park on Saturday, December 8th. The morning was spent in games. The afternoon was passed on the river. Many novices were pressed into service as rowers, and before the afternoon was ended they were able to rival the professionals. But all good things must end, so, sunburnt but happy, we all trudged up to the station just in time to catch the 7.45 train to Sydney.

CLASS NOTES—2B.

On Friday, December 13th, 2B girls held their annual picnic to Narrabeen.

Owing to the dull weather only 13 girls ventured out.

The trip to Manly proved very exciting, as the water was very rough, but the greatest enjoyment of all was perhaps the return trip. The wind, which was even stronger than in the morning, was against us, and it was difficult to keep a footing on the "Bulleubera." The day proved a very bright finish of a year's work at school.

1B.

The class picnic was held on 17th December at Balmoral. Swimming and games were the order of the day, and everyone seemed to enjoy the outing. To show the enthusiasm of this class, two members of the picnic party came from Liverpool and Thirlmere respectively.

SPEECH DAY.

Primary School.

Miss Beeby presided at this function, and presented the prizes to the happy little folk.

Cookery certificates were also presented. Only one girl failed to gain the desired certificate.

A few excellent recitations were rendered by Thelma Mitchell.

The girls of 5D and 5C presented Miss Bourke and Miss Green with delightful Christmas boxes and bouquets.

PRIZE LIST.

Dux, Ida Digby; 1st prize for proficiency, Hilda Turner. Prizes for special subjects: Mary Arnot, Millie Levy, Marie Frankish, Trixie

Dixon, Lily Taylor, Esther Smith, Ethel Rosenthal, Doris Byrne, Madge Wilmshurst, Mary McGilchrist, Frances Mostyn, Martha Thompson, Florence Thompson, Edith Shaklow, Annie Casey, Phoebe Millar, Edna Norman, Edna Tunks, Alice Herbst, Mona Cobb, Eva Coates. Special Prize for sewing, Alma Hayes. Miss Bourke's prize for loyalty and popularity, Ethel Rosenthal. Prize for courtesy, presented by Miss Bourke, Kathleen Hildebrand.

5C.

Dux, Mollie Cummins; 1st prize for proficiency, Linda Magee. Prizes for special subjects: Sylvia Murdoch, Edna Hatton, Pearl Levy, Elma Kirwan, Monica Mahony, Belle Pymble, Neta Burrow, Minnie Weston, Becky Lapin, Heather McKinnon; Sadie Cambridge, Ulah Campbell, Eileen Cotterill, Ethel Collison.

5B.

Dux, Ulah Valkenburg; general proficiency, Hazel Cooper, Thelma Mitchell, Essie Thomas, Hilda Rosenthal, Dulcie Lawler. Prizes for special subjects: Leolin Jorgeson, Jessie Connie, Naomi Brukarz, Nancy Ferguson.

5A.

Class Prizes: Connie Bacon, Isabel Barnes, Connie Bacon, Elsie Douglas, Thelma Petersen, Lena Esserman, Norma Brodie, Norma Brodie, Rose Ping.

4B.

Prize-winners: Louie Stack, Cathie Mackenzie, Phylis Ford, Elsie McKay, Miriam Michaelson, Elsie Brennan, Edie Wells, Winnie Hales, Marjorie Julian, Chrissie Thompson, Dolores Meani, Alice Spender, Eileen Flood, Edie Frankum, Mary Ryan, Beatrice Whykes, Marjorie Aldington.

4A.

Pearl Ping, popularity; Jean Smith, dux. Other prize-winners: Dulcie Matthews, Doris Bergman, Elsie Johnson, Ethel Latta, Mabel Dorratt, Gladys McCann, Millie Smith.

3rd CLASS.

Dux, Emma Wade; dux, Janet McKenzie. Other prize-winners: Gwen Dawe, Betty Stanlake, Joan Bluett, Kathleen Kane, Winnie Howe, Eva Lapin, Dorothy Millar, Frances Williams.

3A.

Dux, Isobel Roberts. Other prize-winners:

Gillian Arnot, Ada Downer, Grace Pinder, Dorothy Wulf.

2nd CLASSES.

A. Weinberg, dux. Other prize-winners: Bertha Rigden, Marjory Millar, Jean Arnott, Birdie Rosenthal, Annie Everitt, Mona Dose, Myra Roberts, Queenie Peterson, Ruby Buchan.

LOWER DIVISION.

Kitty Daley, dux; Other prize-winners: Olive Raymond, Winnie Weston, Zounie Lyons, Marjorie Orr, Doris Curtis, Lizize McDougall.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Champion of School: Ruth Coates. Winner of Handicap Singles: Edna Norman.

HONORS AT SENIOR EXAMINATION.

Isabel Knight: Medal for geology; prox. acc., European history; first-class honors, English; third-class honors, mathematics; 2nd place in botany.

Jessie Wright: First place, drawing in colour; fifth place, freehand drawing; third-class honors, English; third-class honors, mathematics.

Marjorie Collins: First-class honors (third place), English.

Nellie Hindmarsh: Third-class honors, English; third-class honors, mathematics.

Dorothy Rothschild: Third-class honors, mathematics.

Olga Reeves: Second place in physiology.

Marjorie Collins, Isabel Knight and Dorothy Rothschild have been awarded University Bursaries.

OBITUARY.

It is with the very deepest regret that we have to announce the death of one of our old girls, Lucia Rost, who died on the 3rd ultimo, aged only 18 years. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to her family.

Swimming

(By Natator.)

The School's 23rd Grand Annual Aquatic Gala will take place this year at the Municipal Baths, Domain, on Saturday, 15th March, the first

event commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Already the officials are being affected with pessimistic utterances concerning the number of entries, and the lack of support from the members generally, but your correspondent sincerely hopes that all fears will be brushed aside, and that the gala will prove a worthy successor to all foregoing displays. It is an essential fact that each member of the school has placed on his shoulders a certain duty in regard to the school's most important public appearance, and that duty should from this very day be most apparent to all. Every boy is expected to take some share in furthering the interests of the Swimming Club, and there are many avenues by which this may be brought about. There will be no lack of competitors, officials, bandmen, or willing workers, and the one concern of the executive is that the boys of the school will not be blind to the fact that a goodly crowd of an interested public is the only other item to be considered. The programme bristles with interesting items, ranging from the School Championship to the tub race.

Interclub swimmers will be in evidence in two handicap races—440yds and 100yds., and also in the high diving competition, while past champions of the school will compete in the 100yds. Old Boys' Race. W. Longworth, A. Wickham, E. Wickham, S. Smith, G. Page, and Tas. Jones represent the pick of the interclub swimmers who will compete. Albery Barry will concede many seconds to hosts of old Fortians in the Old Boys' event, and the best of the Sydney divers will contest in a unique display. The prices are within the range of all. Adults, 1s.; school pupils, 6d. Gentlemen to reserve, 1s. extra. All school pupils from Fort-street or any other school will be admitted to any portion of the bath enclosure (reserve excepted).

NOTES.

Albert Barry has been recording wonderful times for the 100yds. this season. His best achievement in leaving that distance behind him was 56 3-5 seconds. The writer predicts that Albert will be the 100yds. Australasian champion this year, the event taking place this month at Melbourne.

The Kieran Memorial Medals (2) again come to the school this year. Geo. Hansel (1st) and

L. Duff (2nd) gained the honors for the school last month at the State carnivals. Hansel's time for the distance, 440yds. in 6min. 12secs., is distinctly good.

The 220yds. School Championship was contested in December, after that month's "Fortion" was published. Hansel proved an easy winner, L. Duff and R. Howell-Price filling the other places respectively.

Life-saving classes commence operations this week. Candidates kindly enrol and bring subscriptions along to the Secretary without delay. The school expects to qualify at least 150 lads this season.

The number to date belonging to the Sports' Union totals 450. As this includes the Primary Department, it will be seen that many boys have given this matter little consideration. Let the numbers be doubled please before this short month elapses. The best class in the school re membership is Seniors II., in which class all on the roll are paid up members.

This cannot be beaten, but it can be equalled. By which class?

Harold Hardwick, past champion of Fort-street, is establishing a school of Physical Culture in Sydney shortly. Among many subjects in his curriculum is that of swimming. Intending champions please note.

Swimmers are again reminded that no one must enter the bath on Wednesday afternoon unless his name is checked beforehand, and that the earliest time of departure is 2.30 p.m.

The Half-mile Championship will be swum after the carnival. All competitors in this event who finish within a reasonable time will be awarded merit certificates.

NOTES AND NEWS.

For the last time Fort-street candidates sat for the Senior Examination. Twenty were presented and all were successful. This constitutes a record for the school, and was by far the largest number passed by any school in the State. The medal gained were:—Ancient history, John McKee; mechanics, Eric Biggs; physics, George Briggs; zoology, Hugh Hunter; botany, Hugh Hunter.

The chief prizes at the annual distribution in

December last were gained by the following:—The Bridges' Prize for the boy who brings the greatest honour to the school during the year: George Briggs, Hugh Hunter, aeq. The Turner Prize for science, Hugh Hunter. The Dr. Bohrsmann Prize for mathematics, George Briggs. The Old Boys' Prize for English literature, Roy S. Mitchell. The Headmaster's Prize for best Junior pass, R. Bowler, F. Brindley, C. Cramp, aeq. Special Senior Prizes, J. McKee, E. Biggs.

Mr. G. Mackaness, M.A., has been appointed Deputy Headmaster of the Boys' High School, and Miss S. Evans, B.A., Deputy Headmistress of the Girls' High School, Fort-street.

Our heartiest congratulations to Messrs. W. A. Selle, B.A., J. E. Murray, B.A., and K. Hannay, B.A., on having gained their degree at the University of Sydney.

We have also to congratulate Mr. C. R. Collins, B.A., for some years on the staff of Fort-street, on his marriage a few weeks ago, and also Mr. J. Leaver, B.A., who has also joined the ranks of the Benedicks.

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The new hatbands and school caps have been approved and ordered. They should arrive within the next few weeks. All boys in the High School will be expected to wear one or others. They will be procurable only from Messrs. Peapes & Co., George-street, City.

No Fort-street Old Boy, as far as the Editor can ascertain, failed in his University Examination in December last.

Mr. R. K. Scott, B.A., has been removed to the North Sydney Intermediate High School. Mr. W. Roberts, B.A., has been appointed an Assistant English Master.

Mr. Justice Ferguson, a Fort-street Old Boy, has been elected a Fellow of the Senate of the University of Sydney. We offer him our congratulations.

Senior Cadet News

The following have qualified to shoot in the second part of the musketry course. The order is in merit as near as possible: Lieut. Paradise, 79; Cadet Hearne, 79; Serg.-Major Uren, 79; Corp. G. White, 77; Corp. Chapman, 76; Cadet A. Edwards, 74; Sergt. Thompson, 74; Corp. Wilkinson, 74; Cadet McLaren, 74; Col.-Sgt. Jenkin, 73; Capt. Parsonage, 72; Cadet Ponton, 72; Lieut. Stafford, 71; Cadet Cork, 71; Cadet Mitchellhill, 71; Cadet Lupton, 71; Cadet G. Thomson, 71; Cadet J. Crawford, 70; Cadet C. Raymond, 69; Cadet W. Tebbitt, 69; Corp. Pallazzo, 68; Lieut. Berman, 68; Cadet Cutler, 68; Cadet Higgins, 68; Cadet Dennis, 68; Lieut. Cuthbert, 68; Cadet E. Bennett, 68; Col.-Sgt. Steel, 68; Corp. Treloar, 68; Cadet Schmidt, 67; Sergt. W. Pether, 67; L.-Corp. Paterson, 67; Bugler Travers, 67; Sergt. H. Hughes, 66; L.-Corp. A. Jennings, 66; Corp. Mansley, 66; Cadet C. Smith, 66; Cadet F. Rinaldi, 66; Cadet Wright, 66; Cadet McLean, 66; Cadet M. Kinnimont, 66; Cadet E. Vickers, 66; Cadet E. Moss, 66; Lieut. Taylor, 65; Serg. Wilson, 65; Corp. G. Hansel, 65; Corp. Scott, 65; L.-Corp. E. Green, 65; Lieut. Duff, 64; Sergt. Mater, 64; Corp. Nalder, 64; L.-Corp. Kench, 64; Cadet Falconer, 64; Cadet H. Hudson, 64; Cadet Turbet, 64; Col.-Sergt. Arnott, 63; L.-Corp. Champion, 63; Sergt. Maude, 63; Cadet K. Griffiths, 63; Bugler Leathart, 63; Cadet G. Ferris, 63; Cadet W. Rigney, 63; Cadet McNamara, 63;

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Sententiae Seniorum.

(being a series of more or less inconsequent sketches by Jerdan-Robinovitz, this, the third, being entitled:
IMAGERY CUT IMAGERY.)

Hail, Reader! Come, enter! Be not afraid! We shall be but two, but I'll warrant you we will form a pleasant gathering. . . .

Come! Try the weed of solace, the fragrant messenger of soul-peace, the downy couch upon which the tired palate can recline when the foul odours of the day have rendered it needful of repose within thy folds—the famous growth that earned noble Raleigh an unexpected bath! . . . Glory to My Lady Nicotine! . . . To the feast, Friend! Let us send to their last happy hunting grounds this brace of grouse—forward!

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. . . Now, what struck thee first, Reader?

. . . The Imagery, sayest thou? . . . Good. . . Thou hast struck it, Friend. Our Elia, our entertainer, our friend in need, our whiler away of the stray odds and ends that our hasty young friend Time droppeth by the way—our Elia, say I, hath an incredible command of imagery—in multitudinous ways he placeth the same thought before us enticingly—in wondrous divers manner he clotheth the self-same conception, again and again—with cunning skill the pen of Elia traceth the lines of the erstwhile mentioned actor as differently disguised as though a fairy godmother gave him occult power, Proteus-like, to change his appearance at his will.

Lo! He discourseth on ears. His facile pen, with wondrous, inimitable dexterity, presenteth them as “twin appendages,” as “hanging ornaments,” as “handsome volutes to the human capital,” again as “conduits,” still again as “ingenious labyrinthine inlets,” and eventually as terrible and grande finale, our reeling consciousness is dealt a death-blow with ‘indispensible side-intelligencers.’ . . .

Oh! Rapture! What expression! How lovingly lingereth the congenial soul over such voluptuous luxury of expression—what joy encircleth our appreciating heart. Reader, at such fecundity of apt phrast, such judicious hacking of vocabulary, such admirable contortion of the vernacular, such clothing of quaint conceit in the fantastic, such polysyllabic phraseology, such polyglot diction, such physician-like probing for the elusive small-shot of ingenuous repetition in the riddled anatomy of our hackneyed tongue; ay! and what ingenious extraction of well-nigh invisible needles from colossal haystacks of language! But vale! Reader! lest we too inhale the dreaded odour of imagery, and be tainted with the plague of fruitless reiteration, diseased with the fever of vague re-expression, lost, damned, unclean for evermore! *Vale! Cave!*

J.-R.

Our University Letter.

(By “Cavendish.”)

The year 1913 will see many changes at the University. The new Act is just coming into operation, and this means that the new Senate

will be a more representative and more democratic body than heretofore. The daily papers have been speaking of a movement amongst the graduates directed towards the re-election of the old fellows. This “movement” has little to recommend it except that it would ensure evolutionary rather than immediate changes in University control. Even this is doubtful, for the old senators would outnumber the fresh nominees. The former seem averse to any change.

The whole point centres around the relation of the University to the schools. Continuity in the organisation at the 'Varsity may be desirable. What is absolutely necessary is continuity in the scheme embracing primary, secondary, and higher education. Certainly, the Senate has recognised the leaving certificate. But even this is conditional. Candidates for the certificate are not eligible for Matriculation scholarships, which are still restricted to the Senior examination in November.

Not only must the Senior examination go: the whole courses at the University must be remodelled on the basis of the examination at the end of the fourth year of High School work.

This is only a portion of the work which the new Senate will have to consider. There are terrible anomalies in the various degree examinations which have been sanctioned by tradition. Such things as the degree fee of £10 in Law and Medicine, as the restriction of evening students to one science subject a year, must be remedied.

One is glad to note that a genuine movement called “progressive” is afoot to secure a change in the senatorial ranks. Mr. P. R. Watts, B.A., LL.B., a Fort St. old boy, is the secretary.

Most prominent in recent examination lists were Fort Street's successes at the Intermediate, Bursary and Scholarship examinations. The school is indeed to be congratulated.

Mr. W. A. Selle, B.A., is the representative of the evening students on the House Committee of the Union. As ever, he will be a great success in that position.

Keith Flook has recovered that old “Bosie” ball to some effect, recently taking eight wickets in an innings. He has not struck form with the bat this year. There is no doubt that he is a better batsman than a bowler.

Old Boys' successes in big cricket this year are very good reading.

Charlie Macartney tops the Interstate averages, after showing phenomenal form. H. L. Collins represented in all matches, scoring a record 282 against Tasmania. S. G. Moore, of North Sydney I. has played for the State, and also done some phenomenal hitting in club cricket. The two Newtons have been doing well in grade cricket; Arnott, Dupain, and a host of others have distinguished themselves. "Darky" Webster has been resting after the effects of his English trip.

It is to be hoped that Dr. Maclean and "Johnny" Hunter, as well as the gallant leader of the Mawson expedition, are safely homeward bound. Dr. Mawson's journey after the loss of his two companions must have been a frightful one. All of us wish them and the rest of the Australian expedition God-speed and a safe return.

The S.U. Scouts' camp will commence on 20th March. This time the corps will not be on its own, but merely a unit in the great Easter Camp. Captain Mackinnon has recently been appointed to the school.

Term begins on Monday, March 10th, lectures on the 31st, after the return of the Scouts. Welcome to the Freshmen!

High School News.

SENIORS I.

Several events of importance have tended, in the last month, towards the enlivening of the generally so immobile waters of Life. Of these the most important by far was the departure of a personage of the highest social standing—none less than a Baron. We are now sunk in the depths of social depravity. Hitherto have we looked on "less happier" youths with disdain—they were not the consorts of a Baron. . . . But he went!

What have we to console us?

This! . . . We are a democratic people. What care we for the "idle rich"? What need have we of the "pampered scion"? None. Let our war cry be

"Up Demos! Down Aristos!"

Our Captain, H. C. Barry, has accepted a new appointment, one of a more onerous nature and of the highest moment in these days of scientific thought. In a word he is Meteorological Expert-

in-Chief to the Seniors—Keeper of the Privy Barometer—Chief Draughtsman to the Nursery of "Natatorial Champions of New South Wales." He is experiencing continued difficulty in contriving graphs with huge abscissal and minute ordinates—in fact, microscopic ordinates. . . .

The Senior Library is in a most flourishing condition. Its purposes are most admirably executed. It affords the maximum of opportunity for intellectual gain. "Father" is also one who does not complain loudly of the admirable administration. The other 16 members of the class are not in it at all. Yet they take no action. Simply sit still and see their rights trampled on by the small minority. Their day will come some day.

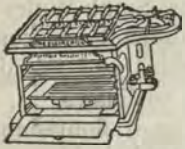
The class has the appearance of being on the verge of taking a cheap sea-trip. Everyone has his mental luggage carefully labelled.

Reader! led on by the spirit of the immortal Elia, knowest thou not what a delight there is in stocking thine own shelves with the vested interests of the nearest circulating or class library. I confess I am, in this limited sense, a bibliomaniac. The soul of the book collector is my soul. I batten upon books, even though I read them not. My shelves—alas too bare!—are at the present moment stocked with borrowed tomes—tomes that I nibble at now and again, but the whole of whose bones I shall never pick. Man's days are but as grass, Life, alas, far too short for the literary feast which day by day comes piping hot from Caxton's oven.

But the delights of possession—if indeed only temporary, or rather as long as the limits of a long-suffering class or public will permit—is as nothing when compared with the delights of the miser of books. "Mine, mine, all mine!" I cry. Price cannot get it, desire he it ever so earnestly. It is as a hoard of gold to me alone, as securely hidden as the treasure of the Incas. Think, too, of the pleasure of circumventing the librarian by a specious excuse, exculpating oneself by the Baconian theory that it is only the lie which passeth through the mind and therefore can do no hurt.

But the pain of yielding it up at last. It is even as a limb torn forcibly from one's body, as a finger—nail pulled out by the roots. Fortunately such is a rare happening. Wherefore take courage, oh, ye bibliomaniacs!

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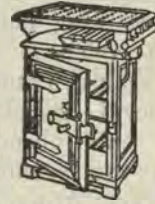
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Why is the rest of the class so very jealous of those favoured few who hold His Majesty's Commissions?

SENIORS II.

"Time and tide stay no man's pleasure," and already he has caught us on the March. A busy month has passed. February was short, sweet, and hot.

Campbell speaks of "Sydney's matchless shade," but while appreciating the poet's compliment, we would wish the said shade even more extensive than at present.

March, of course, brings with it, besides Easter and the holidays, the 23rd annual carnival, and it is to be hoped that we will not be found lacking in patriotism.

"Breathes there a boy, with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is our own great carnival.
Whose hopes have ne'er within him soared
When he beholds the notice board
To raise the sum by leaps and bounds,
Until it reaches forty pounds."

We have indeed a very fine selection of poems in Laureata, and it is a pity that we do not take them to heart. For instance, Barry Cornwall almost suggests

"We're all at sea, we're all at sea,
We are where we should never be,"

while there is a very evident suggestion to many in the refrain of Scott's hunting song, "Waken, waken."

In the Zoological Circle.—The points to be noticed here, are (1) marked degeneration of the canine species; (2) lack of energy in

bushorses.

In the Political Circle.—A ponderous encyclopædia and a small boy secured a victory for the opposition on Friday, 28th inst. Profound indignation prevailed among the members of the ministry, who are still inclined to think that some error must have been made.

In the Physical Circle.—Owing to the careless manufacturing of vernier calipers, correct results are unobtainable. As an interview with the manufacturers is out of the question, we must put up with our hard lot.

In the Tennis Circle.—Love-sets are being played off weekly by our numerous enthusiasts.

3A.

3A wish to announce that they are keeping up to their usual standard for a large number of Scholarships and Bursaries have come to members of our class. We have lost many old classmates, amongst these being "Bill" Burrows, Barnes (and his smile), and Lupton.

We are now settling down to work, in earnest, finding that the work is perceptibly harder, therefore requiring more attention.

Sport is very much at a standstill as there are no competition matches; but swimming still draws its devotees.

Our class wishes to congratulate all scholars, having a number of them among ourselves.

L. Mulhall showed great form as a diver, for he won a diving competition at North Sydney on 15th February.

The work of 2E is progressing favourably. As is only natural, we are ahead of the rival second year classes in almost all subjects. Harper has forwarded some good humorous essays since the reorganisation of classes. In this class were put the most successful passes in the late yearly exam.

One of the "ancients" of 2E, viz., Walters, has taken his departure into the cold, hard world.

Time's ever-sifting hourglass again brings a fresh event.

Another of our classmates has gone forth into the world; one who showed himself at sport and in class to be amongst our foremost; one whose character was admired by us all, and who was amongst the first in the old 1B and 1F. W. Walters left this term and with him goes many a sincere wish for success and happiness in his new sphere.

We all regret his going, but desire to express as a tribute of our affection, our warmest hopes that he will be foremost amongst those Fort St. boys who have also left, and are proving themselves worthy of the confidence and trust of those above them in other walks of life.

2D.

This class showed up well at the baths last Wednesday, 19th, and Thursday, 20th. Servetopulos won his heat in the Musical Life Buoys, and Macnamara won his heat in the Tub Race.

We also have representatives in cricket, Ford and Easy in the firsts, Paterson in the seconds, and Biddulph and Ireland in the thirds. We are also settling down to work, especially in Latin, being weak in that subject. Many of the class get rather tongue-tied with our new French verbs, such as "s'en aller," but all the same we are getting on famously with our tests.

2C.

Last Friday a member of the class and his curly-haired friend received a mysterious letter which caused a considerable amount of excitement.

Members of 2C seem to have realised the proximity of the Intermediate Exam., and all are working diligently.

A certain "sonny" person of this class prefers stockriding on holidays to studying German.

2B.

"To be, or not to be," that is the question. Well, we mean "to be," for are we not now in the midst of the most heart-breaking of all the verbs in the French language.

We have in this class some budding cricketers (names best not mentioned). Sometimes Mac. misses a few catches, but that is because he is too slow (?). Are we good at Geometry? — Ask Dene. Are we good at Shorthand? Well, we

can write (100 words per week) already.

1E.

A new class has been formed, which is now called 1E. During the past few weeks great progress has been made. We are well represented in sport.

A Lacrosse Club is being formed, and it is hoped that the members of this class will take an interest in this sport.

2A.

The gas strike seriously affected the members of this class, for they were not able to study as diligently as they would like to.

Ross and Thorn live in hopes of breaking 40 seconds for the 50 yards at our swimming gala. May they succeed!

Hooker is showing good form with the willow amongst the school's first-graders.

1D.

The present class of 1D is composed of a few lower school boys and boys who gained Bursaries, Scholarships and Qualifying Certificates from different suburban schools. We are, then, practically all new-chums. In the class are several of the smartest boys in the first-year classes.

Our masters tell us that ours is the best class in the school, and that they expect a great deal from us. Our opinion is that they say that to every class in the first year, but only mean it in our case.

I think it is the intention of every boy in 1D to do his best and show his gratitude to the masters who take such an interest in us.

1C.

1C played 1B a cricket match at the Domain on Wednesday, 26th February. After an exciting game, it resulted in 1C winning by 5 runs (55-49). Boyle, our captain, played the best game, taking 6 wickets for 28 runs, and also made top score—16 runs.

1B.

Since the reorganisation of the classes 1B have started with their year's work before them, and are progressing favourably. We hope to see 1B top of the list when the examinations come round.

Hansman and several other new boys seem to be doing famously in French.

This class is well represented in cricket, having D. Lloyd as captain. They played a draw with 1C on Wednesday, 3rd inst., but the majority

of the boys patronize swimming.

1A.

Our class has lived up from their "dead" feeling, and has settled down to solid work. At present it is ranked as one of the best in first-year classes.

On Wednesday the 5th instant, our cricketers repaired to the Domain and played a match with 1C class. The result ended in a victory for 1A by 94 runs. Altogether our team scored 193 runs, of which E. Vandenberg made 47. N. Achurch 40, E. Glenn 21, and H. Edmonds 14. E. Glenn captured 5 wickets for 30. H. Edmonds 2 for 20, and N. Achurch 2 for 23.

The Intermediate Scholarships and Bursaries.

FORT-STREET'S PHENOMENAL SUCCESS.

Just before the Intermediate Certificate Examination was held in October, of last year, it was announced in the daily journals that the Minister for Education would award 20 Bursaries (£15 for the 3rd, and £20 for the 4th year), and 30 Scholarships to the candidates who passed highest on the list, and open to all the schools, State and non-State, which were competing. The result as far as Fort Street is concerned has been in every sense a remarkable one. We practically "scooped the pool." Of the 19 Bursaries awarded, *Fort Street secured* 15 (12 boys and 3 girls); and of the 30 Scholarships, *Fort Street gained* 24 (23 boys and 1 girl). That is, out of the 49 Bursaries awarded, Fort Street succeeded in securing 39, or 79 per cent. of the whole. It has been said that comparisons are odious. Let us leave it at that.

The complete list of results is as follows:—

Winners of Intermediate Bursaries:

Charles J Watt, Nicol E. McLaren, Herbert R. Schmidt, Doris M. Rivett, John Hughes, Clive I. Paine, Sara D. Payn, Rosalie H. Collins, Francis S. Evatt, Oliver C. Ferns, George T. Ferris, Harold Illingworth, Geoffrey M. B. Hales, Llon-dha Holland, William H. Lush.

Winners of Intermediate Scholarships:

Ronald G. Ponton, John M. Paling, Cedric Cramp, Ella L. Martin, William H. Anderson,

Walter R. York, James V. Hall, James S. Sherwood, Frederick Walton, Clifton L. Hardman, Norman C. Hargreaves, Walter A. Rigney, Donald E. Kennedy, James C. Green, Harold Schwartzkopf, Halcyon Kinninmont, Thomas L. Mulhall, Edward W. Clarke, Gerald Ryan, Albert S. Furness, Gavin B. White, Sydney C. Lyon, William E. Paradice, Leslie T. Scott,

We beg to offer our heartiest congratulations to all these students. Their outlook is indeed, a very bright one. They should have not the least difficulty in securing one of the two hundred University exhibitions which will be awarded as a result of the Leaving Certificate Examination in 1914.

In justice to several boys it is only fair to state that a number who were eligible for Intermediate Bursaries signified that circumstances would not permit them to hold them, even if awarded. These boys were:—

Reginald I. Young, Leslie Schwartzkopf, John W. Best, Clarence Chapman, Claude B. Pudney, Douglas K. Bowler, Angus N. Leslie.

The majority of these boys intend sitting for the next Public Service Examination.

It must be distinctly understood by all scholars that the tenure of their scholarships is absolutely dependent upon their passing the Intermediate Examination at the end of their second year.

Boys' Primary School.

The following boys have been mentioned at the staff meetings of Primary Department for putting forth their best efforts and doing particularly good work:—Hanthorn, Johns, Hodder, Carter, S. Smith, Clark, A. Smith. This list should grow larger each month. Watch each "Fortian" and see if your name is in this column. If not, ask yourself Why not?

5D CLASS.

The work is now progressing, and the following boys have distinguished themselves in the various subjects:—Reid (History); Green (Scripture); Stone (Grammar); Dufty (Geography); Hunt (Geometry); Flemming (Measurement); Bickford (Composition); Rea (Writing).

SECOND CLASS.

We are feeling rather proud of our class boys

who are in the Sports' Union and learning to swim so well. These boys are Fong, Ferguson, Martin, Mares, Penze, Curtis, Warburton, Coston, and Williams.

Some boys are doing very good class work this month. Best were: S. Smith, A. Smith, and H. Clarke.

Best homework for month: Ramsland, Hamilton. Some fine specimens were brought in for us to talk about. Fred Mares brought a lovely carpet snake-skin, measuring 9ft. 6in., and Jack Seaforth brought a tiny bat in spirits.

Best work done in Nature Study: Penze, Evans, Willey, Cox. Writing Examination: Colin Ferguson did best work in class.

LOWER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB.

Last Friday we had our first afternoon's practice for this year. In spite of the fact that it was a very windy afternoon all had a good time. The play does not show any lack of interest, and in fact, seems to be all the better for the long spell we have had. The chief feature of the afternoon was an interesting game of "singles" between Keith Williams and Harold Hynes. Williams' service was remarkably good, considering that he has had no practice for the last three months. Later in the afternoon he took P. Hurt down for 6-1, although the latter plays a fairly good game. Russel has shewn promise of "coming on" and has only been playing a short time.

E. Rose will also be one of our best before long—that is, if he does not hit quite so hard, and uses a little more care. Sinclair and McKay are advised to stick at the game and give less time to ginger beer. Undoubtedly a boy can learn a great deal by watching the game. R. Stobo, C. Coleman, and M. Heath have joined the Tennis Club. All are good workers in class, and ought to make good players.

A. Cooper is still as interested in the game as ever. He wants to get a little more practice in serving, and should take his time when returning a ball and not hurry.

We miss Schwartz very much. He was one of our best players.

THIRD CLASS.

It is very pleasing to note that more boys from this class have become members of the Sports' Union, and are participating regularly in the weekly "swim." Still, a good third of the

class have not joined yet, and in consequence are missing one of the many big advantages of Fort St. We hope to see more still as members of the Sports' Union.

In the cricket match held last Friday Pressfeldt's team were the victors. Pressfeldt and T. Moran were the chief scorers on one side; while Carter batted right manfully for his team. Carter is a thorough-going "sport," and his advance in his class work and his general behaviour is very noticeable and very pleasing to note.

Third Class has lost a good boy in Norman Edwards, who has been promoted to Fourth Class. We wish his every success there.

CLASS 4A.

The three boys who have done the best work lately are: H. Hardman, C. Coleman, and W. Hodder.

Heath and Hodge are, as usual, doing good work in art, especially brush work.

Homework: Hardman, Jacobson, Coleman, Smythe, Monro, Botsford, Hodge, Heath, and Cassin.

Note Books: Anderson, Jacobson, Monro.

PUPILS OF FORT STREET SCHOOL WILL APPRECIATE THIS. It is NOT a Coincidence.

1st Fact. On 30th April last year an examination was conducted at the Fort Street School by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia in Elementary Shorthand Theory, Shorthand Theory and Shorthand Advanced Theory (three separate examinations).

The **FIRST** place in **EACH** section was filled by students of the Metropolitan Business College.

In the Shorthand **THEORY** section, the Metropolitan Business College students filled the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th places in order of merit.

2nd Fact. On the 7th September last, a precisely similar set of examinations was held at the same school by the same society. The **FIRST** place in **EACH** section was again filled by Metropolitan Business College students. The parallel so far is remarkable enough, but still more remarkable is the fact that in the Shorthand **THEORY** section, our students again came in almost unbroken succession in order of merit, filling:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th places—just a little better than the previous brilliant results.

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CLASS 5B.

The boys in this class have just been promoted from the Fourth Class, and it behoves them to put extra vim into their work if they intend to qualify at the end of the year. There are some, however, among the class who are the remnants of the 5th Classes which qualified last year, and it is to be hoped that they may so improve in their work that their names may appear at the head of the list of successful ones this time.

Among the boys whose names are worthy of mention for improved work are: Costen, Holmgreen, Lane, Hamilton, Steel, Smith, and Wride.

Next month will be published the results of quarterly examination which is just about to begin.

5A.

The majority of the class are working hard and good progress is being made. The palm for improvement must be given to James Robertson, who has only recently been promoted from Third Class. Other boys promoted from Third are doing well, but one or two are not realising expectations. Albert Dawson has produced the best homework book; but Charles Riley is also doing well in class. All are making a great effort to improve the standard of neatness displayed in the class tablet work, etc.

CLASS 5C.

The work of the boys in this class, with one or two exceptions, is not encouraging. There is a want of attention and application; spelling and tables are much below the average, and work is not set out or done as neatly in many cases as it should be.

The result of last examination proved beyond doubt that success came only to those who worked consistently throughout the year, both at home and at school.

The following are those who have shown most careful work in mathematics:—Fennell, Fraser, Hynes, Macmullan, Pointing, Shineberg, and Watson.

Cadet Yews

A route march through the City of Sydney of all metropolitan cadets will be held early in April. The champion company of the 27th

Battalion, viz., G. Company, will lead the Battalion.

Lieut. Stafford, of G. Company, has an unique record, and one that will require some beating. While still an acting lieutenant he put G. Company through their facings and won the Battalion badges against teams much older, etc., in the service. He has done well indeed.

At present Fort St. is favoured in having such good non-coms. The work done by our Col.-Sgts. is excellent in every way, to say nothing of good sergeants, corporals and lance-jacks. Their efficiency is assured with such fine records behind them.

All new seniors who have entered the school since Christmas have been drafted to H. Company under Lieut. Tate. Col.-sgt. H. Ferns is busy licking them into shape and getting an idea as to their state of efficiency, etc., for report.

By the fifteenth of May written reports of squad and section commanders, colour-sergeants' reports, and half-company commanders' reports on each individual cadet in the 27th Battalion must be in with the O.-C. of each company. Efficiency of cadets for the military year ending 30th June, 1913, will be judged as far as possible on these reports.

The camp to be held at Michaelmas is now a certainty. Twenty of the most efficient cadets in each company will be taken, including non-coms. and all members of the School Brigade Competition Team. The cost will be nominal.

It is proposed to have a day's outing during the Easter vacation on the same lines as last year at Yarra Bay. Military games, attack and defence, will be played.

Who is the most efficient non-com. in the school at present? is something that will require a lot of judging for the medal to be given at the end of the year.

Lieut. W. Paradise will be presented with a medal shortly to commemorate the winning of the School Shooting Championship for the military year 1912-13.

Some suggested entertainments for the camp at Michaelmas: A camp-fire concert; a mock court-martial; a night attack; guard and sentry all night.

All new cadets whose term of senior cadet training commences on July 1st, 1913, will be drafted into a new company, called E. Company,

on that date. The twenty smartest will go into camp at Michaelmas.

The Present E. and F. Companies will be amalgamated on the 1st of July next, and called F. Company.

Captain Parsonage has been gazetted Major, and has been given charge of the 27th Battalion of senior cadets.

Captain W. Roberts has taken charge of the champion batallion company, G. Company. We are looking forward to seeing the company forge further ahead under such a leader, who has had thirteen years' practical experience in the militia.

The juniors have a test also to pass before June 30th, 1913. Some of the new boys will probably have trouble about completing their time (90 hours) judging by the returns we are receiving from other schools.

Questions in ceremonial work at next non-coms.' examination will include questions on a court-martial or court of inquiry.

Swimming counts as a voluntary hour parade for the Primary School junior cadets. It is held from 3 to 4 p.m. every Thursday afternoon at the Municipal Baths, Domain.

High School juniors have their organised games on Wednesdays, and the Primary School cadets on alternate Fridays. Each attendance counts a two hours' parade. The physical work every morning, Primary School at 9.20, and High School at 10.30, is a 20 minutes' parade.

It is proposed to instal a full-length mirror in the Junior Cadet Armoury so that physical defects admitting of correction may be pointed out individually to pupils of the School.

"FORTIAN" CORRESPONDENTS.

The following boys have been appointed class correspondents for 1913:—

Seniors I.—Jerdan, Robinovitz.

Seniors II.—Ponton, Watt.

Seniors III.—Kench and Gentile.

2E—F. Braund, V. Kirwan, and Orr.

2D—S. Easy, G. Macnamara.

2C—Martin and Gosper.

2B—R. C. Ackland, A. Murphy.

2A—Thorn and Ross.

1E—W. Jones, R. Vaughan.

1D—J. Sheed and R. West.

1C—W. Humphreys and C. Morgan.

1B—R. E. McIntosh, Bowling.

Classes which are not satisfied with the quality of the class notes submitted by the correspondents should help the latter by suggestions and contributions. Make your own class notes the best and liveliest in the paper.—Editor.

NOTES AND NEWS.

S. G. Rowe (O.B.) has passed the first examination for Articled Clerks (Legal History), being placed first in order of merit. Our congratulations.

Many of our O.Bs. are sitting for their Final and Honours Examinations at the University this week. They have our best wishes for their success. It is now fourteen weeks since the new hat badges were ordered from England. They should arrive any mail now.

Mr. Lasker has visited the school several times lately. We are always glad to see him. He is still in charge of the Braidwood district, along whose roads, we understand, he has already made some records as a motorist.

The "Fortian" desires to convey the thanks of all concerned to Mr. Selle for his valiant work as organiser of the School Carnival. No man could run such a big show more successfully.

We regret that New was prevented from sitting for the Senior through illness. This reduced our quota of candidates to 20, the largest contingent ever sent up.

Grave dissatisfaction is expressed from all quarters at the style of papers set in Languages at the recent Intermediate Examination. They showed no signs of being an advance on the old Junior papers, nor an appreciation of the new methods advocated by the High School syllabus.

The best wishes of the School and Staff were conveyed to the 1912 senior candidates by the Headmaster, while the usual customs were carried out as fully and enthusiastically as of yore.

As a result of the Senior Examination, the following Senior Boys have won University Bursaries:—McKee, Hunter, Esserman, Biggs, and Holmes; Marjorie Collins, Dorothy Rothschild, and Isobel Knight.

Girls' Page

THE STAFF.

When the girls of the Technical High School were transferred to this school they were accompanied by their teachers, Miss L. Geer, M.A., and Miss L. Leontine Marks, B.A. Miss M. Joseph, B.A., B.Sc., is also a new member of our High School staff.

We trust the newcomers will soon find themselves at home in our midst.

The Teachers' Staff would like to take this opportunity of expressing sympathy with Miss Atkins in her late sad bereavement.

FORT STREET OLD GIRLS' UNION.

A meeting of the above Union was held in the schoolroom on Saturday, 15th February. The attendance was somewhat interfered with by the weather, but several important movements were under discussion, namely, the necessity for hiring a suitable sports ground, and starting a clubroom for the use of members. The foregoing will largely depend on the number of new members that can be induced to join. For this purpose recent pupils of the High School are cordially invited to attend the next meeting, which will be held on the premises on Saturday, 10th May.

The meeting was presided over by Miss Partridge, and a note was received from Miss Nelson regretting her inability to attend the meeting on account of the recent death of her father.

The members of the Union extend their deepest sympathy to their former enthusiastic secretary.

SCOLARSHIPS.

As a result of the Senior University results, Marjorie Collins, Dorothy Rothschild, and Isabel Knight were fortunate in securing University bursaries. Marjorie Collins, Joyce Mitchell and Jessie Wright have been awarded Training College scholarships.

It is pleasing to note also that Lottie Scharfstein and Joyce Mitchell will also help to swell the list of Fort Street girls at the University this year.

The following pupils were successful in obtaining scholarships for entrance into the Training

College:—Daphne Burton, Sadie Clifford, Mabel Cruickshank, Edna Gallagher, Emma Gulliford, Violet Heckenberg, Margaret Mansley, Dorothy Struthers, Vera Thurston, Olive Waraker, and Winnie Wright. Ruby Dorsett also received a scholarship, but decided to continue her studies in the High School for another year.

As a result of success at the Intermediate Examination the following pupils have received Probationary Student scholarships tenable at this school for a period of two years:—Elsie Webb, Maggie Swan, Chrissie Drake, Ena Drake, Mary Cowie, Olive Storey, Jessie McRae, Maud Turtle, May Millar, Edith Whitton, Elsie Segart, Catherine Pegum, and Lorna Jenkins. Poppy Brooks obtained a second year Probationary Student scholarship.

Rosalie Collins, May Rivett, Sara Payn have been awarded Intermediate bursaries, and Ella Martin an Intermediate scholarship.

1A.

The class editors for 1A are Edna Tunks, Vera Bennett and Millie Levy.

The girls in this class have settled down in real earnest for hard work.

We extend a hearty welcome to the many new girls who are in this class.

1B.

This class has settled down to the year's work. We soon hope to do great things in French and other subjects.

The new element of the class are fast becoming enthusiastic "Fortians."

1C.

Both in sports and work this class is determined to stick fast to the school motto.

The members of the French Class have just come through a drawn battle between the two towns of Orleans and Domremy.

Muriel Robertson and Dorothy Kelso have undertaken the duties of class editors for the "Fortian."

1D.

Our class has been divided against itself, for a desperate battle in French conversation took place quite recently, with the loss of one man on each side, Brets beating Toulon by three points. Hence we hope to surpass all others in First Year French.

The "Fortian" editors for this class are Thelma Alcorn and Ruby Wise.

1E.

The girls of 1E are determined to make their class the very best this year. If they continue to work as they are doing at present, they will certainly come out on top.

Doris Paterson and Elsie Hunt are taking notes for this class, so we will anxiously look for the names of successful pupils in our next issue.

TECHNICAL A.

The Technical Class have been transferred to Fort Street where they are specialising in Domestic Science to fit them for their future careers. Their teachers, Miss L. Geer, M.A., and Miss L. Leontine Marks, B.A., were appointed at the same time, thus adding to the comfort of the girls in their new environment. The girls were very glad to meet again their former teacher, Miss Atkins.

TECHNICAL B.

The girls who were at the Tech. last year are now installed here, to their delight. We are going to try and work hard this year.

Only a few girls are representing this class in the swimming carnival, and it is hoped that their performance will be to their credit.

2A.

News! We have actually received our badges, and they are already adorning the hats of most of the girls in the class.

This class is now eagerly looking forward to the swimming carnival, but will probably leave some trophies for the other girls.

2B.

This class is composed of girls from the different first-year classes of last year. We have several geniuses in this class who, we hope, will show good results through this year's work. Nothing startling has happened since we were last represented in the "Fortian," but we hope to record many wins for this class in the coming swimming carnival, in the next issue.

2C.

The girls of this class are working very hard for the Intermediate Exam.

We were all very pleased this morning when the arrival of our badges was made known.

Many girls of this class are working hard to make the carnival a success, which is to take place on 17th inst.

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2D.

The suspense at last is over—the long-expected hat badges have arrived, and are much admired by all.

Eunice McGee and Ena Pratt are acting as class editors for this paper.

3A.

3A have settled down to hard work, but nothing deserving special mention has happened yet.

There are many new faces in our midst, and we wish to extend to them all a hearty welcome, and trust they will soon become enthusiastic "Fortians."

3B.

We are very pleased to see that most of the girls of this class have purchased the new hat-bands and badges. We hope more will do so in the near future.

Two of the most promising members of the class have left us for "fresh fields and pastures new," but they will find many "Fortians" at the Training College.

Many girls belong to the Girls' Realm Guild, and they earnestly invite others to join them in the noble work being carried out by this society.

3C.

We are pleased to notice that five members of this class have been successful in becoming probationary students, while four others have gained Intermediate scholarships.

Four of our number have taken up the study of German, with the intention of taking that subject in the Final.

Throughout the summer nearly all the members of this class have taken an interest in swimming. We are proud of the fact that one of our girls, Ena Drake, came third in the 300 yards Championship of N.S.W., of which event Miss Fanny Durack was the winner.

There is every prospect of the 3C championship being one of the most interesting events in the coming carnival.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

5C.

Kathleen Hildebrand has distinguished herself by her intelligent work. Hazel Cooper, Meran Campbell, Annie Christie, Essie Thomas, Thelma Mitchell, Isabel Henderson, Naomi

Brucarz, Eva Coates, Doris McKenzie, Monica Mahoney, Annie Anderson, have all done good work. Many others are just on the verge of being mentioned.

5B.

This past six weeks 5B have been striving to excel in the care of their subject note books—English, mathematics, history and geography. The great majority have succeeded very well, but, alas! a few (a big few) are not up to the mark! The following is the order of merit to the 6th March:—Lena Small, best; Connie Bacon, Emily Hutchison, very good; Rose Ping, Lena Esserman, Thelma Pederson, Gwen Lotze, Isabel Barnes, Illima Hanrahan, good.

5C.

The pupils of this class are very enthusiastic in their work, poetry being their favourite subject. We particularly wish to mention Elsie Brennan, whose lightning sketch of the "Two Stray Dogs" on the stand was keenly appreciated by teachers as well as pupils. Other artists whose work is worthy of special mention are: Florrie Isberg, Muriel Henry, Muriel Wainright and Miriam Michaelson. Our readers deserving special mention are Dorothy Smith and Kathleen McKenzie.

The poems of the Australian women writers engage our attention, and have a great popularity, especially "Marri'd" when read by Edna Egmond.

4B.

Class 4B have started a collection of shells, coral and seaweed. Some very good specimens have been brought. Annie Wegner, Elsie Shallow, Lily Burford, and Letty Ingham deserve special mention.

The girls in this class are taking great pains with their class notes. Mabel Dorrat, Violet Paxton, and Nellie Moran should be specially mentioned. The girl who shows most improvement during the month is Winnie Westernhagen.

A Spelling B given to this class was won after a hard struggle by Nellie Schmidt, with Jessie Moran second.

Quarterly examination took place this week. Jean Arnott came top of 3A, and Isobel Roberts of 3B. Violet Vyse also did very good work.

SECOND CLASS.

Second Classes were examined by Miss Beeby. Kitty Dally topped the list in 2B, having gained

100 per cent. in each subject. Doris Harley came top in 2A. The attendance in 2A Class has been very good.

Fort Street Carnival.

BARRY'S FAST SWIMS.

The annual swimming carnival of the Fort-street Boys' High School, held in the Domain Baths on Saturday afternoon, maintained its reputation as one of the leading annual events in the swimming world. The weather was fine, and a large attendance witnessed the proceedings. The programme was exceptionally large, and passed off without a hitch.

The championship of the school was won by G. Hansell, a young swimmer, who is not altogether unknown. Among his recent wins will be remembered the all-schools championship and the Keiran memorial. H. Kinninmont followed, a good second, with L. Duff very close behind. The previous holder of the title was E. Hurt, but he left the school recently, and so was unable to compete.

A. W. Barry's fine showing in the Old Boys' Handicap proved the feature of the afternoon as far as fast swimming went. Conceding 20 sec. in the first heat, he finished third, making the 100 yds. in the fast time of 56 1-5 sec. The second heat was won by R. Gowins, with H. H. Hardwick second and J. Dexter third. The final resulted in R. Morgan winning from R. Gowing, and C. Thomas filling third place. Again Barry put up a fine performance, negotiating the lap in 56 1-5 sec., thus twice making faster time than the record standing in his name, of 56 3-5 sec. As no provision had been made to start him at the word "go," however, his time could not be entered as a fresh record.

A tribute to the handicapping was paid in the 440 yds. inter-club handicap final. T. Rowell (St. George) proved the winner, though he was closely pursued by E. C. Fox (N. Sydney), who finished a couple of seconds ahead of G. Levy (Sydney). At the finish 10 yards would have covered the whole of the competitors, showing a remarkably close handicap for such a long race.

Novelty events provided plenty of amusement, and selections by the Rozelle Champion Band enlivened the proceedings. Results were as fol-

low:—

Second and Third-class Handicap, 50 yds. Final: W. Horder 1, D. Williams 2, J. Youngein 3. Time, 51 2-5 sec.

Fifth-class Handicap, 50 yds.—Four heats were run, starters in the final being W. Schmidt, W. May, W. Connie, W. Dufty, M. Ridwood, S. Dibbs, J. Russel, and S. Stoddart. Final: W. Connie 1, W. Schmidt 2, J. Russel 3. Time, 41 2-5 sec.

First Year Handicap, 50 yds.—Two heats were contested, starters in the final being L. Ridley, C. Crackanthorpe, R. Clantier, K. McCarthy, S. Hale, and H. Meers. Final: L. Ridley 1, C. Crackanthorpe 2, S. Hall 3. Time, 39 4-5 sec.

Second Year Handicap, 50 yds.—First heats were run, starters in the final being H. Golding, K. Griffiths, E. Thorn, E. Bennett, A. Deane, H. Rabone, C. Macnamara, R. Thompson, T. Ross, and R. Nalder. Final: T. Ross 1, E. Thorn 2, H. Rabone 3. Time, 33 sec.

Third Year Handicap, 50 yds.—Two heats run. Starters in final were: R. Mostyn, L. Mulhall, F. Eyatt, V. Hall, C. Smith, and R. Webb. Final: R. Mostyn 1, L. Mulhall 2, V. Hall 3. Time, 35 1-5 sec.

Senior Class Handicap, 50 yds.—Three heats were run, the following starting in the final:—C. Green, G. Ferris, L. Firth, J. Hughes, W. Rigney, and B. Berman. Final: W. Rigney 1, G. Ferris 2, C. Green 3. Time, 36 sec.

Twelve Years' Championship, 50 yards.—P. Hurt 1, J. Lyons 2, H. Sinclair 3. Time, 40 sec.

Ten Years' Championship, 50 yards.—R. Stobo 1, A. Conybeare 2, J. Youngein 3. Time, 51 sec.

Thirteen Years' Championship, 50 yards.—Starters in the final were W. Schmidt, A. Furness, W. Connie, C. Crackanthorpe, A. Neville, and J. Cato. Final: C. Crackanthorpe 1, W. Furness 2, W. Schmidt 3. Time, 36 2-5 sec.

Chasing the Bellman.—Final: L. Andrews 1.

Fifteen Years' Championship, 50 yards.—G. Lyons 1, H. Cutler 2, L. Mulhall 3. Time, 1 min. 10 4-5 sec.

Eleven Years' Championship, 100 yards.—S. Crackanthorpe 1, J. Lyons 2, W. Furness 3. Time, 39 sec.

Fourteen Years' Championship, 100 yards.—

G. Lyons 1, R. Whitehead 2, W. Jolly 3. Time, 1 min. 13 3-5 sec.

Wrestling on the Springboard.—E. Bennet, 1. Diving Competition (Fort-street boys).—L. Mulhall 1, E. Boone 2, C. Crackanthorpe 3.

Musical Lifebuoys.—Final: R. Griffiths, 1; L. Firth 2.

Inter-club Handicap, 110 yards.—A. Gowing (Sydney) 1, L. Stewart (North Sydney) 2, T. Rowell (St. George) 3. Time 1 min. 24 3-5 sec.

Inter-club Diving Competition.—C. Bell (Randwick and Coogee) 1, W. Sweetman (Rose Bay) 2.

Three-oared Race, 50 yards.—H. Kinnimont, W. York, and L. Firth, 1; H. Cutler, E. Rutledge, and A. Rabone, 3.

Tub Race, 33 yards.—Starters in the final were M. Redwood, H. Schmidt, L. Firth, and A. Nalder. Final: L. Firth 1.

Handicap Relay Race, 200 yards.—E. Thorn, A. Rabone, F. Rinaldi, and H. Smith, 1; L. Duff, G. Hansell, R. Howell Price, and T. Ross, 2; B. Berman, C. Hardman, G. Ferris, and C. Green, 3. Time, 2 min. 30 3-5 sec.

Clothes Race, 50 yards.—L. Duff 1, H. Porter 2.

THE CARNIVAL.

(By "Natator.")

"The best ever" was the appropriate phrase from the lips of an enthusiastic spectator at the 23rd Annual Swimming Gala held in the Domain Baths on the 15th inst.

From a spectacular point of view, as well as from a racing standpoint, things were fine, and the results augur well for the successful competitors.

I don't think there are as many here as last year," remarked an occupant of the grandstand reserve, but "Natator" had noticed the crowd seated round the bath itself, where seating accommodation had been provided this year. Fully 2,500 people watched the afternoon's proceedings with keen interest, and the fact that everything went off smoothly reflects great credit on those responsible for the carrying out of the numerous and varied events. 'Twill be seen that, as in former years, the success of the day depended almost wholly on the efforts of the members them-

selves, and thanks again to those youthful loyalists, the pessimists were out-manceuvred and undone. The results to date show a happy state of affairs, for already a huge gross total of over £70 has found its way into the Treasurer's coffers.

After Easter the Secretary will have a busy time eliciting information as to the exact requirements of each competitor regarding his trophy, and no doubt satisfaction will prevail on all sides.

The School will always back up those who support the functions of the institution so heartily, and here word might be mentioned of the eager and enthusiastic manner in which the Old Boys add their quota. Numerically, as regards competitors and onlookers, the past members of the School who were present were well up to the average, and this speaks volumes for their zeal and enthusiasm. The Club is deeply grateful to them.

The School extends its best thanks to all (including the staff), who worked so diligently to make the 1913 Carnival the big success it was.

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SPORTS' UNION NOTES.

George Hansel is again the All Schools' swimming champion this year. Les. Duff filled second place. It may be remembered the places were filled in like manner last year. Hansel won the 100 yards in the excellent time of 1min. 4secs.

G. Hansel again won the Kieran Memorial Race this year. The race was for 440 yards. Les Duff was again second.

Les. Duff turned the tables on G. Hansel in the 440 yards School Championship, just defeating him by a touch after a very fine race.

Gordon Lyons won the 14 years Championship at the P.S.A.A.A. Carnival (Bondi).

Thos. Ross has been making some good scores lately in the First Grade of the High Schools' Competition. Besides being a good bat, he is a likely Bosie bowler.

K. Griffiths has done very well with the ball for the School's First Eleven. He bowls fast off stuff, and will do better work still.

The days for practice on the wicket are Mondays and Fridays in the Domain. Any new boy who can play cricket is welcome either of these days on reporting to Mr. Murphy, Mr. Gale or Mr. Teasdale. The batting fee for practice is one penny per day.

The annual cricket match, Old Boys v. Present School, will take place at Waverley Oval on Wednesday, April 30th, after the High Schools' Comp. has been completed.

The matter of providing badges for those selected to represent their school Firsts in cricket, football, swimming, etc., is only in abeyance till the arrival of the new badges, which are expected any day now.

The question of allotting honor caps for the year 1912 is also hung up till the new badges arrive.

The prospects for the winter in football are very good indeed. We have more than ten of last year's first-grade team. The question will be—Will they pay more attention to practice than they did last year? Mr. Guy Harden's services will again be available, and we will be glad indeed to avail ourselves of them.

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You should be thinking of forming your class

football teams shortly. Centennial Park will again be the venue. There will be a meeting of class captains shortly to arrange the competition. Of course, the rule about players being selected to play with any of the school grade teams not being eligible to play with a class team will be enforced just as rigidly as ever.

Cricketers should keep in mind the question of playing baseball during the winter. They are allied games. The annual meeting of the baseball will be held shortly.

The hockey club will be getting busy shortly. The annual meeting will be held this month. Those test matches with the Girls' Hockey Club may increase the membership.

This year's first football fifteen should be one of the best seen in the school for years. A team which comprises H. Kinnimont, H. Barry, G. Hansel, J. Morgan, L. Firth, K. Spence, T. Connolly, H. Winkworth, L. Duff, to say nothing of K. Griffiths, R. Allen, J. Maude, Thompson, T. Ross, Hudson, and others too numerous to mention, should take some beating. Will they commence practice early? is the question.

Our congratulations to Guy Lawrence on winning the Renwick Scholarship in first year medicine.



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THE MARCH HONOURS EXAMINATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

It is with feelings of pardonable pride that we draw attention in another column to the splendid achievements of our boys in the Honours Examinations of the various Faculties of the University, inasmuch as we attribute their success in very large measure to the thorough and conscientious training that they received while pupils at Fort Street.

It is almost invidious, where all have acquitted themselves with such distinction, to select any for special praise. We might, however, mention Collins (Medicine), Mason (Law), Crockett (Arts), Thorne (Engineering), and Evatt (Arts), the latter having put up a unique record for a Freshman. What is intensely gratifying is the very large number of our old boys who are in the very front

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rank in the various faculties. Six or seven years ago the Fort Street boys who were attending the University were small in number. Now they approach a hundred, and we look forward confidently to this number being very materially increased from year to year.

We are glad to say that the successes of these old boys are an inspiration to the boys of the present, who are as proud of them as we are ourselves.

OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

By "Cavendish."

Lectures have begun once more. Freshmen (and freshwomen) are gradually losing their delightful innocence, although they only succeed a little in trying to affect the senior air. We have a good lot of freshers this year from the school. This is not only the case in numbers (a record), but to a large extent in quality. The results of last Senior disclosed a better average ability than usual.

The Great Hall is at last empty of examination tables. What has been the result of those severe March tests? Fort Street has once more come through with flying colours.

In Final Medicine Archie Collins secured second place and first-class honours. In Final Arts Fort Street supplied two first-class honour men—Cockett and Blanchard. In first year Arts, Evatt topped his year in all four subjects, English, Philosophy, Mathematics, and a record pass. In second Science, Thorne took two firsts in Maths. and Physics, also heading his year. In Law, the school met with no failures—what more is necessary? In all Faculties, therefore, the school has representatives worthily upholding the great traditions of Mawson, of Wellisch, of Ferguson. That is saying a great deal. Those traditions have been hard won; they now are very dear to all Old Boys. It is remarkable success that Fort Street is attaining and has attained. The past is glorious—the present glorious—the future bright. Let every present member of the school realise what a heritage he has. Let him guard it zealously. If her sons are true to Alma Mater that bright future will outshine the splendid past!

Men are settling down to the routine. The

fee for the Union building has been paid—it only remains to take possession of that building. It might be mentioned that some difficulty has been experienced with the latter during the heavy rains. But experts are here now, and everyone will presently be enjoying the privileges of membership. The Union has a great destiny, one feels sure. In the past it has stood for little more than a debating society. Now it will embrace the whole body of the University body.

The Senate elections are at hand, and re-organisation will proceed apace whoever may be elected as fellows.

Meanwhile the Chancellor has given the Undergraduates' Association an assurance that no opposition will be raised by the august Senatorial body to the holding of this year's Students' Festival in the Town Hall. This is certainly necessary if the function is to be the success of last year. The Great Hall is not sufficiently great for Sydney University undergraduates.

Cricket is approaching the end. We understand that the O.B. match will be played on the 30th of April. Flook and Evatt will probably be the two University representatives among the select crowd of Old Boys.

A meeting of undergraduates was held in the second week of Term, at which it was decided to form a University Handball Club. Several old Fort Street men hold office in the new club.

The Teachers' College and the Department of Agriculture building are in course of erection. It is quite likely that they will also be in course of erection some years hence.

Dr. Tasman Lovell, an old teacher at Fort Street, has recently been appointed lecturer in Philosophy.

Most of the annual meetings of the Sports Clubs are over. Preparations are being made for football, rowing, hockey, and baseball. At time of writing the cricket premiership seems likely to go to North Sydney. *Di omnia ver-tant!*

Mr. H. J. Meldrum, B.A., B.Sc., is lecturing in Mathematics to the evening students, and Mr. J. G. Hunter, B.Sc., has returned from Polar regions to the cloisters of St. Andrew's College.

High School News.

SENIORS I.

Several of our members (since the last time we delighted our readers) have been the guests of Vice-Royalty. . . . No; they were not invited to the table of the Governor-General; nor did they partake of the hospitality of the Darlington institution for evildoers. So far your conjectures are wide of the mark. So as to save you any further brain wear, we will explain. They have been the recipients of Vice-Royal fare at the Military Camp at Liverpool. In other words, they did their (compulsory) attendance at the yearly (or half-yearly) encampment.

Some have not yet recovered.

Blistered hands well attest to the entrenching exercise indulged in; similarly afflicted feet are able witnesses of the marching.

Our "golfer" took a day or two to "recover." Such is life—or at least camping life. On the whole, though, the camp was a success, and our little party enjoyed itself well.

Back at school, we found things much as of yore. The Sphinx still retained his inscrutability. Some of us fondly hope to break it. Vanity! Vanity! who shall wear the smile of the Sphinx?

Bible classes (of olden time so well known) now give way to Baconic discussions. "Revenge" is a wild kind of justice that some of us would well wish to inflict on the assayer, whose "simulation and dissimulation" has too wracked (or failed to) so many of us.

Science pursues its accustomed inflexible path. Last practical lesson was a record—No test-tubes broken! Wonders will never cease.

It is truly wonderful how punctual the Senior Class is (at any rate on Thursdays and Fridays). We set an example to the whole school. No Junior can point the skinny finger of scorn at a Senior for "coming late."

(N.B.—Friday and Thursdays see Science first lesson. Of course this note is not pertinent to the question under discussion.)

But they can say with a certain famed personage, "Twas not ever thus." In fact the "late-book" well shows it to be but lately so.

French lessons are still vivid. "Le Cid" is causing much perturbation; but, on the whole, matters continue as usual.

The usual discussions on life, morals, and letters continue daily in the German room. It has been whispered that half an "author" was actually done in six months. But the libel has been repudiated with scorn. Nine months is supposed to be the minimum.

The old Senior square is no more!

It has given way to a younger generation, and becomes henceforth the site of a girls' class-room, or teachers' common-room, or some such degraded position. How these old places do come to nought! Without a word of protest it passed out in nothingness.

Reader, drop two tears:

One for the Square that is no more.

One for the Seniors that are worse than no more—for they are in the Slough of Apathy—the opium of terrible carelessness.

A tear for the Seniors that are not—and a cheer for those that were.

SENIORS II.

Again the heat of March has "perced to the roote" and February has given place to April's frosts, and with the coming winter there is the ever-increasing danger of rain spoiling our little weekly cadet gatherings.

The "Old Curiosity Shop," our dear friend and companion for many weeks, is now a thing of the past; it is gone and forgotten; in fact, when the final exam. comes we will probably look on the book as something in the nature of an old curiosity, a relic of by-gone days which, of course, like all relics, will be very much more valuable on that account (to the examiners).

Likewise has great Caesar gone; he vanished in a whirl of victory, glory, and tests. Then comes Virgil, with his five hexameters, who must be complimented, like Coleridge in the Ancient Mariner, on the remarkable clearness and simplicity of his verse. It is a credit to him.

We have heard lately that French writers are very clear in their thought and argument, but from our experience of them we regret to say that we cannot altogether agree with this statement, as we find them far from clear,

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The Debating Society.—On Friday the 14th of March, a very interesting contest took place between the Ministry, led by Berman, and the Opposition, led by Ferns, the chairman giving the casting vote for the Ministry. The subject under discussion was the comparative greatness of the British and the Roman Empires.

The business on Thursday, the 20th of March, was Impromptu Speeches, and there were many very heated discussions on Strikes and other problems of the day, some very creditable speeches being made.

The art room was again the scene of a debate on April 4th, when the Opposition, under Ferns, defeated by a large majority the Opposition who affirmed that Federation was a mistake.

On Friday, April 11th, the editors of the Manuscript Journal, Watt and Porter, read the first issue of the "Echo," which was a very fine one indeed. The editors and subscribers deserve the greatest credit for the high standard of their work. Sherwood must also be complimented on his interesting and original opposition journal.

SENIORS III.

We offer our most hearty congratulations to Lieutenant Paradise on obtaining a marksman's badge when shooting with the A.M.P. Rifle Club.

Our Debating Society has just been formed, and the following officers have been elected:—Premier, H. Kinnimont; Leader of Opposition, W. Rigney; Hon. Secretary, W. Paradise. The oratorical powers of our class is unlimited, the masters say; hence we expect great things.

Mr. Mackaness has caused some humour by allotting parts in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," to different members of the class. His selection was most appropriate. John Maude (6ft. and a half) is a fairy; while our budding commandant has the role of Bottom, the weaver—a part for which his voice is especially suitable.

A member of the class who has been studying history rather deeply, has come to the conclusion that the "Diet of Worms" did not agree with Luther, and Mr. Smairl declares the conclusion to be absolutely correct.

SECOND YEAR CLASS NOTES.

The swimming season being now over, other sports claim our attention. Football would appear to be the winter game par excellence, though hockey, baseball and lacrosse all have their votaries.

In football, 2A rely on Ross, Thorn, Wolfe, Paterson, Spring, Stitt, Pearce, Whitney and Crackenthorp to carry their colours to victory; but 2D, 2E, and 2F also have their champions, equally able, ready to dispute the premiership against all-comers. 2C hope to repeat at football their recent success in swimming. At the last carnival G. Lyons won the 14 and 15 years' championship, E. Bennett obtained first place in "Wrestling on the Springboard," H. Smith was one of the winning team in the 220 yards Relay Race, while F. Boone was second in the Diving Competition.

There are indications, too, that the healthy rivalry shown in the field of sport is being carried over into the more serious part of school life. 2F, who claim to include "the cream of the First Year scholars," as well as twenty of

those who have already had experience of Second Year work, are confident that the results of this year's "Intermediate" will settle the pretensions of 2E, notwithstanding that many of the latter would consider "Secundus Nulli" a suitable class motto. 2B, on the other hand, appear to have borrowed a motto, "Facta non verba." According to their correspondent, "howling, wolfish mistakes" in French are on the decline; and during the present term not one member of the class has failed to prepare History. We know of some other Second-Year classes who are following, and others who might with advantage, follow 2B's quiet effective lead.

The summary of last year's scholarship results published in the last issue of "The Fortian" made excellent reading. Seventy-nine per cent. of all scholarships and bursaries were won by Fort Street. A great record, truly! This year competition will be much keener, but our Second Year classes will have had longer time for preparation. Can they equal last year's record? The reputation of the school lies largely in their keeping.

1A CLASS.

Since our last report 1A Class has been steadily progressing. But—

"What would the class be to us,

If Wh—ler were no more?

We should dread the desert behind us

Worse than the darkness before."

On Saturday, the 19th April, our class is going to hold their picnic at National Park. The boys are keenly interested, and a very enjoyable time is anticipated. May it be a success!

1B.

On Wednesday, 2nd April, we played 1D cricket and won by 12 runs. While Akhurst scored 14 runs, Edwards, our bowler, bowled 7 out for 23.

With the change of the seasons, 1B will not be behind in football. We have several good players amongst us, and hope to have a tip-top team.

Our class teacher has arranged a picnic at Cowan for Saturday, 12th April. We mean to have a good time, with hampers of provisions and two boats, and if we are blessed with fine weather we may have many very interesting things to tell when "The Fortian" again

comes around.

1C.

The cricket season has come to a close and all things are being prepared for the coming football season. During the past cricket season 1C played 5 games, won 3, drawn 1, lost 1.

Our most brilliant players are Munro, Holmes, Ferris and Hopkins; Holmes securing in the last match 8 wickets for 12 runs.

In football we should figure well. Ferris (captain), Morgan (vice-captain), Connors, and Adams should play well; to say nothing of "Crassus" and "der Lange mann"—the two extremes of our class.

1D.

The present class of 1D now comprises a number of the smartest boys from 1B who have lately been promoted.

The present Class of 1D is making splendid progress. The class has practically been reformed, and the greatest enthusiasm prevails.

1E.

The majority of this class are working favourably, and good progress is being made.

Some of our members are also making promising parliamentarians.

We ask our critics, Mr. B—t, S—son and Co. to hand us anything they think worthy of being edited.

A cricket meeting was held last week, and L. Ridley was elected captain.

The swimming season will finally close on Wednesday, April 23rd, when the several candidates for life-saving awards will be examined at the Domain Baths by officials of the Royal Life Saving Society.

The swimming prizes won in connection with the Annual Gala will be presented in May.

Certificates will be awarded to those who successfully competed in the 440 yards Championship. 'Tis a grand achievement to record that all contestants completed the distance within standard time.

G. Lyons has been disqualified by the P.S.A.A.A. from holding the 15 years' Championship as he already holds the 14 years'. His case, however, is being tried by the N.S.W. A.S. Association, to which body the secretary has made appeal.

Girls' Page

THE STAFF.

An interesting function took place on Monday, 31st March, when Miss M. Woodlands, B.A., was the recipient of a hotwater kettle, presented by the staff of the Girls' department.

Miss Woodlands has resigned from the department in view of her approaching marriage. Congratulatory speeches were made and wishes expressed for her future happiness.

Miss L. Rourke, B.A., from Newcastle High School, has succeeded Miss Woodlands at Fort Street High School.

"Welcome the coming, speed the parting
'Alumni of our Alma Mater'."

We tender our congratulations to Miss F. Cohen, B.A., B.Sc., on obtaining her M.A. degree in Mathematics.

The University,
7th April, 1913.

The recent Honours List shows that Ellice Hamilton, Alice Nash and Dorothy Perry have been keeping up the reputation of our grand old school admirably.

Ellice Hamilton obtained Distinction in Mathematics, and Dorothy Perry High Distinction in Geology. Kitty Glasson is now in her Second Year Medicine and in residence at the Women's College.

This year, however, marks an epoch in the annals of the Girls' School, for no less than nine old girls have taken up their various branches of study at the University.

Science has, by far, the most adherents, which, after all, is only natural.

Heather Kilgour, who was a successful candidate at the recent "Matric." and Lottie Scharfstein have entered the Faculty of Medicine, Ellen Hindmarsh, Jessie Wright, Isabella Knight, Dorothy Roth-Schmidt, and Marjorie Collins, the Faculty of Science; Joyce Mitchell and Dorothy Struthers the Faculty of Arts.

Work has, as yet, by no means laid his hand heavily upon our brows, since some time is necessary to adapt ourselves to environment. Our hopes mainly centre around the glory of Fort Street, and, although the first and last of

our "species" under the old regime of the Senior Examination, we are not aiming at becoming an extinct "genus."

The new life only binds us closer to the old, for we are now frequenting the precincts made famous by our teachers before us, whose example has quickened the impulses directing us towards the continuation of our educational career.

All the old girls now at the University have joined the Old Girls' Union, thus strengthening the ties between them and the school, and are looking forward to the meeting on May 10th.

On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., we were welcomed, along with other "Freshers," at an afternoon tea in the Women's Common Room by the members of the various Unions, and on the 10th instant entertained in the Fisher Library at an At Home. This welcome is tendered to newcomers by the well-established students so that each one may be made quite comfortable and happy in the new surroundings.

All the Old Girls send heartiest congratulations to both teachers and pupils on the late brilliant achievements.

GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL.

5C.

Quarterly Examination results for 5C will appear next issue.

Elsa Rost, Meran Campbell, Hazel Cooper, Thelma Mitchell, Thelma Downing, Kathie Hildebrand, Essie Thomas, Nadine Brukarz, Doris McKenzie, Violet Rapoport, Olga Smith, Alma Hayes, Jessie Connie, have worked well. Altogether 5C is displaying a laudable desire to progress.

5B.

At the March Quarterly Examination by Miss Beeby 5B did very good work. The names of those who gained 100 per cent. in any subject—

Reading, 100 per cent.: Margaret Haste, Bessie Freeman, Lena Esserman, Ruby Hanretty.

Writing, 100 per cent.: Emily Hutchison, Isabel Barnes, Connie Bacon.

Dictation, 100 per cent.: Maggie Fokes, Thelma Pederson, Vera Sealand, Lena Small, Clara Smith, Illima Hanrahan, Eileen Tierney, Gladys Hunter, Eileen Cornish, Bessie Freeman, Clarissa Ackerman, Maggie Naulls, Emily

Hutchison, Isabel Barnes, Connie Bacon, Mabel Ramsbotham.

Composition, 100 per cent.: Lottie Digby, Lena Small, Clarissa Ackerman, Winnie Bennett.

Arithmetic, 100 per cent.: May Gansman, Ruby Grey, Deborah Rappeport.

Geometry, 100 per cent.: Violet Dalby, Maggie Fokes, Rose Ping, Deborahh Rappeport, Lena Small, Vera Taylor, Illima Hanrahan, Gwen Lotze, Eileen Cornish, Connie Bacon, Elsie Douglas, Marjorie Hanthorne, Clarissa Ackerman, Irene Young, Alma Graham, Emily Hutchison, Isabel Barnes, Winnie Bennett.

5A.

At the Quarterly Examination 5A Class did good work. Subjoined is a list of the names of those gaining 100 per cent in subjects given.

Geometry, 100 per cent.: Winnie Hales, Marjorie Julian, Catherine McKenzie, Esli McKay, Vera Collins, Beatrice Wykes, Edith Wells, Edna Egmond.

Dictation, 100 per cent.: Bertha King, Marjorie Aldington, Muriel Simmons, Ruby Wickenburg, Edna Egmond.

Reading, 100 per cent.: Muriel Henry, Dorothy Smith, Lyndal Ferguson, Mabel Stevens, Doris Lockridge.

Composition, 100 per cent.: Muriel Henry, Miriam Michaelson, Beatrice Wykes, Doris Lockridge, Edna Egmond.

Writing, 100 per cent.: Gladys Crowe.

4A.

In the recent Quarterly Examination the following girls obtained the highest marks:—Annie Wright, Janet McKenzie, Christine Smith, Betty Stanlake, Jean English, Emma Wade, and Winnie Howe.

4B.

Quarterly examination was given to this class before the holidays. Hilma Anderson topped the list. Other workers were: Jean Smith, Kathleen Burns, Mabel Dorratt, Lily Burford, Blanche Komoll, Laura Miller.

Since the holiadys Alice Young and Blanche Komoll have distinguished themselves by their intelligent work.

THIRD CLASS.

A spelling B was won by Eileen Madden.

Florence Coulter, Sadie House, and Myra Roberts are doing good work.

SECOND CLASSES.

Our quarterly results were published in last issue. The Honor Board holds first place for the ambitious, Olive Raymon topped the lost with first place for Maths.

The Spelling Bee was won by Doris Harley. Laura Spence shows special ability in composition.

SPORTS NOTES.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

The 16th Annual Carnival of the Girls' Swimming Club took place at Elkington Park Baths on Monday, 17th March, and was, as usual, a grand success.

Times for the long races this year show a vast improvement—3m. 40s. for 220 yards Championship, and 1m. 21s. for 100 yards.

Thanks.—The committee desire to thank J. M. Dempster, Ltd., Mr. Selle (Hon. Sec. Fort

PUPILS OF FORT STREET SCHOOL WILL APPRECIATE THIS.

It is NOT a Coincidence.

1st Fact. On 30th April last year an examination was conducted at the Fort Street School by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia in Elementary Shorthand Theory, Shorthand Theory and Shorthand Advanced Theory (three separate examinations).

The FIRST place in EACH section was filled by students of the Metropolitan Business College.

In the Shorthand THEORY section, the Metropolitan Business College students filled the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th places in order of merit.

2nd Fact. On the 7th September last, a precisely similar set of examinations was held at the same school by the same society. The FIRST place in EACH section was again filled by Metropolitan Business College students. The parallel so far is remarkable enough, but still more remarkable is the fact that in the Shorthand THEORY section, our students again came in almost unbroken succession in order of merit, filling:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th places—just a little better than the previous brilliant results.

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220yds. Championship.—E. Drake, 1; R. Esserman, 2; M. Dexter, 3. Time, 3m. 40s.

70yds. 3A Class High School Championship.—M. Dexter, 1; O. Storey, 2.

100yds. School Championship.—E. Drake, 1; M. Dexter, 2; S. Cambridge, 3.

50yds. Primary School Handicap.—J. Stewart, 1; L. Esserman, 2; L. Small, 3.

50yds. High School Handicap.—Final: L. Flower, 7s., 1; A. Brennan, 5s., 2; J. Ross, 9s., 3.

Second and Third Class Championship, 25 yards.—A. McKellar, 1; A. Downer, 2; K. Daley, 3.

Fourth Class Championship, 25 yards.—F. Williams, 1; M. Burke, 2.

Fifth Class Championship, 50 yards.—J. Stewart, 1; L. Esserman, 2; D. Hart, 3.

First Year, E Championship, 50 yards.—J. Strong, 1; D. Paterson, 2; M. Nicholson, 3.

Second Year, A Championship, 50 yards.—M. McMillan, 1; L. Taylor, 2; J. Ross, 3.

Second Year, B Championship, 50 yards.—E. Trousdale, 1; M. Stark, 2; R. Smith, 3.

Second Year, Technical Championship, 50 yards.—R. Esserman, 1; E. McLaughlin, 2.

Second Year, C Championship, 50 yards.—F. Langford, 1; J. Valkenburg, 2; G. Pendered, 3.

Third Year, C Championship, 50 yards.—E. Drake, 1; D. York, 2; J. McCrae, 3.

Beginners' Scratch Race, 25 yards.—Heat-winners: B. Stanlake, D. McDougall. Final: D. McDougall, 1; L. Miller (second in heat), 2.

Fifty Yards on Back, handicap.—M. McMillan, 4s., 1; R. Esserman, 1s., 2; J. Stewart, 11s., 3.

Wading for Non-swimmers, 20 yards.—Final: B. Meyers, 1; C. Head, 2.

Fifty Yards Breast Stroke Handicap.—M. McMillan, 1; R. Esserman, 2; D. Stewart, 3.

Age Championship, 11 years, 25 yards.—J. Stewart, 1; L. Esserman, 2; F. Williams, 3.

Age Championship, 12 years, 25 yards.—M. Weston, 1; O. Smith, 2; R. Kelly, 3.

Age Championship, 13 years, 50 yards.—S. Cambridge, 1; Y. Stewart, 2; S. Small, 3.

Age Championship, 14 years, 50 yards.—R. Esserman, 1; M. McMillan, 2.

Age Championship, 15 years, 50 yards.—M. Dexter, 1; D. York, 2.

Age Championship, 16 years, 50 yards.—E. Drake, 1; F. Langford, 2; E. McLaughlin, 3.

Fancy Costume Parade.—R. Coates (Lubra), 1; D. Matthews (Mary and her little lamb), 2.

Relay Handicap, 160 yards.—S. Cambridge, R. Esserman, L. Flower, J. Stewart, 8s., 1; E. Drake, G. Pendered, L. Esserman, J. Ross, 9s., 2.

Cork Scramble.—E. Drake, 69 corks, 1; R. Collins, 30 corks, 2.

Rescue Race, 50 yards.—R. Esserman, 1; E. Drake, 2; D. York, 3.

Neat Diving.—J. Strong, 1; R. Esserman, 2.

Follow-my-leader (Leader, Miss Bishop).—G. Pendered, 1; D. York, 2.

Musical Lifebuoys.—F. Langford, 1; J. Valkenburg, 2.

P.S.A.A.A. CARNIVAL.

"Fortian" success at All Schools' Carnival:—

Senior Relay Race, 200 yards.—Fort St. A. Team (E. Drake, D. York, F. Langford, M. Dexter), 1; Fort St. B. Team (R. Esserman, O. Storey, A. Brennan, J. Stewart), 2.

Fifteen Years' Championship.—May Dexter 1.

Thirteen Years' Championship.—Sadie Cambridge, 1.

Eleven Years' Championship.—L. Esserman, 3.

Rescue Race.—R. Esserman, 1; E. Drake, 2.

Fifty Yards on Back.—R. Esserman, 1; M. McMillan, 2; D. York, 3.

100 yards Championship of All Schools.—E. Drake, 2; M. Dexter, 3.

100 yards Breast Stroke Championship.—R. Esserman, 2; M. McMillan, 3.

Cork Scramble.—E. Drake, 2.

Diving Championship.—E. Drake, 2; R. Es-serman, 3.

HOCKEY.

The sixth season of the Fortian Hockey Club will commence at Birchgrove Oval on April 16th. Miss Maloney resigns her position of full back in the first eleven, and will instead act as hon. coach.

Applications for position of right full-back by competent players will be thankfully received. Other vacancies may occur and will be filled by the best members of the Second XI.

Competition will start in June. Matches with other clubs should commence early in May.

Miss Bourke is unable this year to act as coach. Her absence will make a great difference to this sport, and the members deeply regret it. They, one and all, tender their heartiest thanks to Miss Bourke for past services.

CROQUET.

A new departure in Girls' Sports' Union is the formation of a croquet club—not the old-fashioned croquet, but the newer and more exciting game. A first-class set is being ordered, and we hope to be able to compete with outside clubs, besides having competition among teams selected within our own ranks. Members wishing to join this club will kindly hand in their names to Miss Moulds as early as possible.

BASKET BALL.

Basket ball is now in season, and this favourite pastime should secure a large number of adherents. It provides plenty of fun with plenty of exercise.

SCRIPTURE EXAMINATION.

The annual C.E. examination in Scripture took place in November last, and the results have just come to hand. The first prize, a gold medal, was awarded to Ella Martin, and another prize to May Millar.

The medal awarded in this examination has been won by candidates from this school five times in seven years.

1A.

Several of the girls of 1A were successful in the All Schools' Carnival.

Sadie Cambridge captained the winning team in the Junior Relay Championship, and first in the Thirteen Years' Championship of All Schools. Dorothy Stewart was also in the winning team in the Junior Relay Championship.

The following girls won a name for the class in the School Carnival:—Sadie Cambridge, 1st in Class Championship; Dorothy Stewart, 2nd in Class Championship; Edna Norman, 3rd in Age Championship and in Class Championship.

1B.

The class has settled down to real hard work for the coming examination, when we all hope to prove real Fortians.

In the recent Latin examination Joyce Allan gained highest marks. In the Botany examination the work, on the whole, was very good. Barbara Grieve, Hilda Mackaness and May Watkins gained full marks.

At the Fortian Swimming Carnival, Anna Brennan won the Championship of the united 1B and 1C, with Jessie Meldrum second, and Minnie Weston third. Anna Brennan also came second in the High School Handicap.

1C.

The girls of 1C are working hard for the half-yearly examination. A couple of the girls have joined the Glee Club. They intend to make themselves heard.

The French class 1A and 1B is also working up to prepare for Mr. Lasker. We have just had a Botany examination. Ida Digby, Nona Moore, Myra Frankish, Mollie Cummins, Edna Hatton Hatton, and Jessie Moulds gained full marks.

1D.

The annual swimming carnival was held last month, May Bourne winning the championship of this class. In the recent Botany examination Thelma Alcorn and Mercia Byron headed the list. Vera Oliver came top of the Latin class.

1E.

1E girls have shown how proficient they are at Mathematics.

We regret to hear that our class champion swimmer has met with an accident, and trust she will soon recover.

Our English class has developed a debating tendency as regards favourite characters in "The Talisman."

"Kell" is our budding Melba in the Glee Club.

2A.

2A was not without representation in the recent swimming carnival. Mary Macmillan carried off many honours, including the class championship. Leila Taylor, Irene Ross, and Edith Blackwell were also successful.

The girls of this class are busy, contracting their brows, thinking of suitable ideas for original essays.

2B.

We are all glad to see our class teacher, Miss West, back at school after her recent illness.

In the late Botany examination Mesme Stark took the lead with 41 marks out of 50, while Agnes Lee followed as a good second with 39. Clarice Thomas and Myee Cureton were third, having gained 36 marks.

Edith Trousdale holds the swimming championship of this class, with Mesme Stark and Rita Smith second and third.

2C.

We are frequently reminded of the approaching Intermediate Examination. We have some good sporting enthusiasts in our class, and hope to obtain distinction among the various branches at Birchgrove.

Frances Langford and May Wagner have been appointed "Fortian" correspondents for this class.

2D.

Now that the Glee Club has been organised let us hope that no member of this class will become so enthusiastic as to let any harmonious melody interfere with her studies. The first practice was held on Wednesday, 9th inst., when considerable progress was made.

TECHNICAL A.

A picnic for both Technical classes, to include former school mates who were taking the same course at the Technical High School, will be held at Como on the 12th instant.

TECHNICAL B.

Miss Atkins has started out on a voyage of discovery. She is trying to ascertain how many Madame Melbas and Clara Butts there

are in this palatial educational building. For this purpose she has organised a Glee Club. The majority of our girls have joined so as to continue the training of their vocal organs that Miss Atkins started at the Technical High School.

We are making good progress with our work, and are on quite familiar terms with "Julius Caesar" and "Rob Roy." Lockhart's "Life of Scott" is very interesting. We are also being initiated into the ways of Paris through "Un Petit Voyage a Paris."

3A.

Illness has made havoc in 3A, one teacher and two girls having been away for a week and more. Unfortunately one of the girls is the class editress, so allowance must be made for the notes.

In the recent History test several of the girls obtained good results. All 3A are most enthusiastic over the Glee Club, the first practice of which "moved" all the teachers.

3B.

Most of the girls of this class have come back from their holidays ready to work their best to prepare for the examination for entrance into the Training College, to be held in October.

Some of our aspiring members even meditate going for the Matric. in March. It is to be hoped they will succeed in their attempt; they will if our good wishes can make them.

3C.

We take this opportunity of expressing our regret at the loss of our Latin teacher, Miss Woodlands.

We are pleased to note that one of our girls, Ena Drake, won both the 100 yards and the 220 yards championships of the school.

The majority of the girls of the class will be able to supply information to applicants wishing to know a short route from the Herbarium to the school.

Edgar Booth (O.B.), who is now in his third year of Engineering at the University, has been appointed a Junior Demonstrator in Physics there. Old Fortians will remember his vigorous speeches on the White Australia Policy when he was a member of the Senior Class.

BOYS' PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS.

Names of pupils handed in at staff meetings for special mention:—Reid, Rea, Dawson, Weston, Wells, A. Harte, S. Johnson, Hitchings, Marks, Humphreys, Greig, Warburton, McKenzie, Wilkinson.

5D.

There has been a marked improvement in the composition of this class.

The following boys have earned praise since issue of last "Fortian":—Reid (History), Rea (English), Hurt (Geography), Dingle, Stone, Hocker (Home Study), Elliott (neatness in work).

5C.

The results of the Quarterly Examination are to hand. The following obtained the highest marks in individual subjects:—

Reading: Lord, Magee, Round.

Writing: Cooper, Hitchings.

Dictation: Fennel, Hotten, Lord.

Composition: Cooper, S. Johnston, Lord.

Mathematics: Cooper, Hanthorn, S. Johnston, Rheuben, Rose, Williams.

Home work and diaries, with a few exceptions, are neat. Next month we will publish the names of those with the neatest books. Competition should be very keen.

5B.

The boys who distinguished themselves at the late Quarterly Examination are mentioned below:—

Mathematics: D. Mackenzie, N. Wilkinson.

Reading: J. Alexander, E. Marks.

Writing: T. Conybeare, E. Lane.

Dictation: O. Anderson, J. Wienert.

Composition: E. Marks, J. Wienert.

5A.

Steady progress in class work is still being shown, though one or two are not making that persistent effort necessary for the honor of the class.

Albert Dawson still produces a very neat exercise book. Another boy doing well is Leslie Weston; on the last two occasions he has headed the list in the class examinations. Simpson also is showing marked improvement in mathematics.

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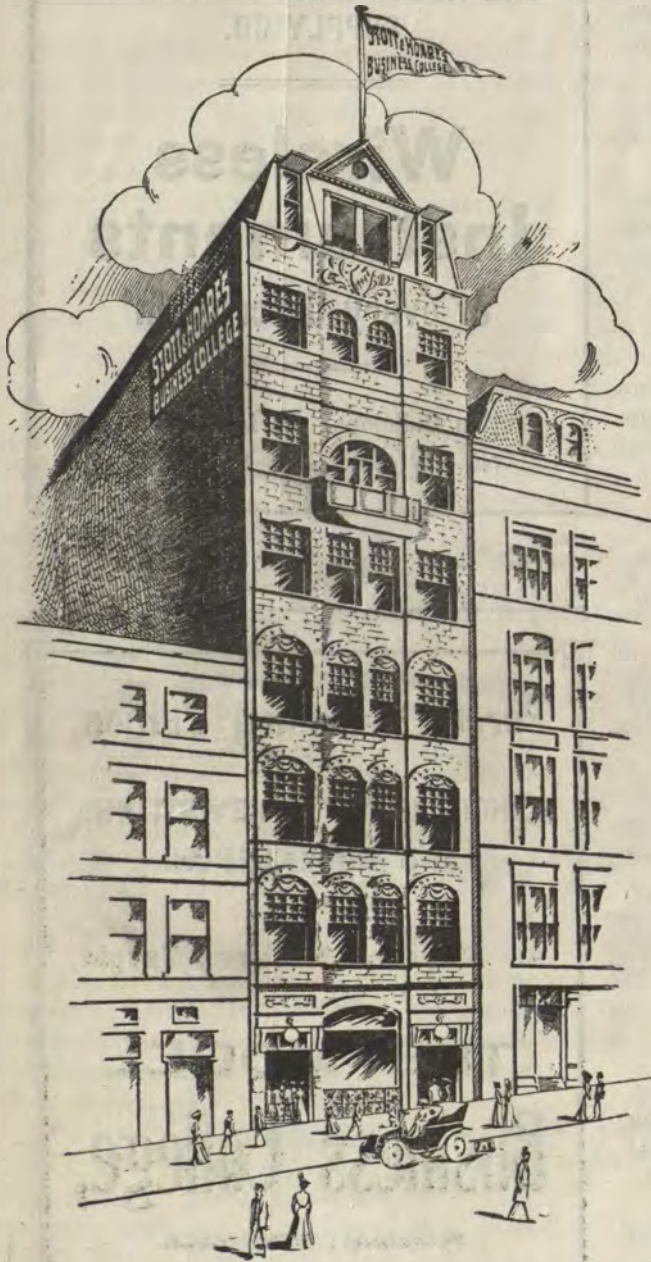
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FOURTH CLASS.

The following are mentioned for good work:—

Arithmetic: D. Marks, J. Cassen, R. Brukarz, J. Butler, H. Levy, J. Munro, S. Anderson, M. Hodge.

Composition: D. Marks.

Neatest class notebooks: P. Humphreys, H. Bickle, S. Jacobson.

Neatest Homework: R. Stobo, P. Humphreys, J. Butler, H. Hardman, S. Jacobson, J. Cassin, J. Monro, M. Heath, M. Hodge, J. Botsford, H. Levy, C. Coleman, J. Crowe.

The nature study sketches of Petersen and, in fact, the nature study and manual work of the whole of this class has been a source of pleasure to the teacher of these subjects.

THIRD CLASS.

The work for this term will be solid, as a fair amount of new work will be undertaken, besides a large amount of revision, which to most will come as quite new and strange.

The cricket season is practically over, and football, along with other winter games, is coming into vogue.

Our garden is now in quite good order. After the frequent turnings over that the soil has had and the abundant supply of manure, it would be a poor soil indeed had it shown no results. Soon we hope to see it a mass of blossoms.

Arthur Wells and Albert Harte are worthy of special mention, both for their general conduct and the advance made in their class work.

SECOND CLASS.

In general class work we are glad to note the following boys:—

Reading: Fred Fong, J. Seeland, Roy McDonald.

Writing: Griffin, Fletcher, Childs.

Arithmetic: Greig, Evans, Willey, Naulls.

Paper Folding and Drawing: Warburton and Williams.

Nature Observation: McGrath, Williams, Willey.

Special Mention: Bolton, Penge, Avery.

Conduct: Hamilton, Cobb, Greig, Fong, Naulls.

Neat Tablet Work: Griffin is doing very good work.

George Tyler, Simpson and Penze are doing very good work.

Lower Division: Heat, Warburton and Chiles excel in reading and arithmetic.

FORT STREET OLD BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Faculty of Arts.—First Year Examination, Honours:—

H. V. Evatt: Professor MacCallum's prize for English; High distinction in English; Wentworth Medal for English Essay; George Allen Scholarship for Mathematics; High Distinction in Mathematics; Lithgow Scholarship for Philosophy; High Distinction in Philosophy; Professor Anderson's Prize for Philosophy; Struth Exhibition for General Proficiency at First Year Examination.

(It might be noted that this is the first time the Wentworth Medal has been won by a Freshmen.)

Mr. W. T. Fraser: Distinction, History I.

S. K. Dwyer: Distinction, History II.

Faculty of Arts.—Third Year Examination (B.A.), Honours at Graduation:—

J. R. Blanchard: First Class in History; Distinction, Philosophy.

C. B. Cockett: Second Class in History; First Class in Philosophy; Professor Anderson's Prize for Philosophy.

Second Year Examination, Honours:—

B. F. Telfer: Credit in French.

E. G. Leask: Distinction in English; Distinction in History.

G. H. Godfrey: Distinction in Physics; High Distinction Mathematics II.

Faculty of Science.—Department of Engineering, Second Year Examination:—

H. H. Thorne: Deas Thompson Scholarship for Physics; High Distinction in Physics; Barker Scholarship No. 1. and Norbert Quirk Prize for Mathematics; High Distinction in Mathematics; Distinction in Engineering Construction.

C. D. Wallace: High Distinction in Mathematics; High Distinction in Engineering Construction.

E. H. Booth: Distinction in Physics.

F. D. Stafford: Credit Engineering Drawing and Design; Credit in Physics; High Distinction.

tion in Mathematics.

H. V. Brett: Second Year Pass; Credit Mathematics II.

G. B. Harden: Second Year Pass.

First Year Engineering:—

D. T. Smith: High Distinction Mathematics.

Ellice E. P. Hamilton: (Science) Distinction Mathematics.

E. O. K. Green: Credit Mathematics.

W. C. Stafford: High Distinction Descriptive Geometry; Credit Mathematics; Professor Barraclough's Prize for Descriptive Geometry.

J. L. Wright: Credit Mathematics.

Peter Nicol Russell Scholarship:—

John B. Degotardi.

Faculty of Science.—Third Year Examination, Engineering:—

A. R. Edwards, Credit Mechanical Engineering II.

Four Year Examination, B.E. (Mining):—

R. W. Adamson (Pass).

Faculty of Medicine.—Degree Examination (M.B., Ch.M.):—

Archie J. Collins: First Class Honours at Graduation, and Credit in the Subjects of the Fifth Year Examination.

Pass: Colin C. Ross.

Fourth Degree Examination:—

Pass: C. H. Armitage.

First Degree Examination:—

Guy Lawrance, Renwick Scholarship for General Proficiency.

Faculty of Law.—Intermediate LL.B. Examination:—

Section I.—Roman and Constitutional Law. Pass:

T. E. Bradshaw.

S. Redshaw.

Roman Law:—

B. F. Telfer.

G. H. Godfrey.

Section II.—Public International Law and Jurisprudence. Pass:

G. L. Baldick.

P. H. C. Burns.

Final LL.B. Examination.—Section I. Pass:

C. T. Collier (First Place).

J. R. Ranson, B.A.

H. W. McLelland.

H. V. Chedghey.

W. Makin.

Of the six students who passed in this section, five were Fort-street O.B.'s.

Final LL.B. Examination:—

H. H. Mason, B.A.: First Class Honours and University Medal at Graduation.

A. V. Maxwell, B.A.: Pass.

CADET NEWS.

The following were the results of the last examination for lieutenant:—W. Paradise, 869 marks; Col.sgt. R. Steel, 763; Col.-sgt. C. Ferns, 604. For colour-sergeant, O. Mater, 711; and R. Nalder, 678. For sergeant, A. Jennings, 735; W. H. Anderson, 708; R. Ackland, 692; L. Scott, 679; R. Webb, 643; G. B. White, 635. For corporal, H. Schmidt, 640; G. Hales, 612; E. Steel, 609; McLean, 606; W. Lush, 586; G. Ferris, 569. And for lance-corporal, Cdt. McNamara, 521; R. Lessing, 504; Cdt. Hansman, 499. Kindly note for seniority.

Lt. W. Paradise won a rifleman's marksman badge with the A.M.P. Rifle Club this year. He is shooting well, as well as being a keen man on his drill, etc.

Those who qualified in the first part of the senior cadet musketry will shoot shortly for marksmen's badges for the year.

The six days' camp will be held in June at Richmond. Plenty of blankets, etc., will be served out, as the numbers to be taken are limited to 100. It is proposed to take 20 of the new seniors. Lt. Paradise and Lt. Stafford are busy with the selection of these now. The cost will be 1s. a day for food and 1s. 9d. fare.

Lt. Stafford went into camp at Easter at Liverpool with the University Scout Company under Capt. McKinnon. This is the company to which our militia boys are detailed. They all spent a very enjoyable time.

The medical examinations for the year are now over. About 100 new juniors were put through and 150 new seniors. The standard was generally very good, although in one or two individual cases, for health's sake, breathing exercises, more fresh air, and physical work were apparently required. The boys examined for the militia were good physical specimens, two of the number, K. Spence and

B. Thompson, being over 6 foot, while several were close up.

G. Company, under Lt. Stafford and Lt. W. Paradise, Battalion champion team for two years in succession, leads the 27th Battalion.

All cadets who have been seniors for two years will be supplied with a new issue of uniform in the early months of the new military year.

It is extremely likely that our militia boys who transfer to the University Scouts under Capt. McKinnon, in July next, will do all their training (96 hours) in two camps, one at Michaelmas and one at Easter. In that case they will not do their drill at school, but if they have to do so, they will retain their commands.

The new juniors from other schools are, we are pleased to be able to state, carrying themselves much better and are steadier in their ranks than formerly. It is a real pleasure to see the march round of a morning now. Some will be short in time for their efficiency, but their good work will count, as the time lost is not their fault. Most of the juniors will pass their efficiency test.

Can you expand your chest more than half an inch at the second attempt? Imagine a growing boy not being able to do this!

Suggestions for the camp are still pouring in. One col.-sgt. is going to visit the site so as to have been over the ground before the attack and defence scheme is planned out. He want some mates. Heavy boots are required at camp for route marching. It is proposed to have a bivouac one night. There will be a parents' visiting day, when we will be glad to see all parents, friends, etc.

Bugle-major J. Lenehan has the buglers in good condition for the camp; also the drummers. There is to be an examination for bugle non-coms. in the Battalion shortly.

The physical work given each morning is a part of each militia and senior cadet's training for the military year, and as such will be reported on when efficiency tests are made. Please note this.

The Rifle Club is in active operation again, although the attendances are small. The very lads who cannot shoot will not go out. You will be taught to shoot. Will we win any

points in the N.R.A. this year? Can we wrest the silver bugle from the present holders—Ultimo High School? Lt. R. Taylor thinks so.

Senior cadets are again warned that this is the last quarter of the military year, and that if they fail in efficiency either because of shortness of time put in or poor work in company drill, rifle exercises, semaphore, physical, skirmishing, etc., they have to do an extra year after they turn 26 years of age.

O.C. companies, subalterns, col.-sgts., section and squad companies, are again reminded that written reports on each cadet, giving turn out, conduct on parade, and efficiency in each of the above branches of their military work must be in to the C.O. Battalion Major Parsonage by the 15th May.

The circulating library in the Main Room Recess has now been taken over by Mr. Parsonage, of the Primary School, and will be open to both High School and Primary School boys from 12.30 to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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The following interim financial statement of the recent Swimming Carnival may be of interest to the members:—

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Sale of Tickets	50	6	3
Gate Receipts	9	11	6
Reserve	1	2	0
Entry Fees	6	10	0
Entry Fees (Inter-club)	3	7	0
Sale of Programmes	1	12	9
Donations (cash)	2	2	0

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Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Hire of Bath	11	0	0
Attendants	2	15	0
Band	5	0	0
Printing	4	10	0
Cartage	0	10	0
Ribbons	0	7	6
Caps and Flags	2	0	0
Petty	2	0	0

£28 2 6

This shows an excellent return, for the net profit from the fixture is at once seen to be £46 9s. The statement is not quite complete, as there are still a few small returns to come in and some incidental expenses to be met.

SPORTS' UNION NOTES.

Winter sports have gradually ousted the summer games altogether, and football, lacrosse, hockey, baseball and tennis are again in full swing at the school.

The provisional committees have selected the teams in each grade of the different sports. Competition to represent the school is keen. Who will win the first badges for the winter sports, 1913?

April 30th we play the Old Boys cricket on Waverley Oval. We are having a rather lean cricket year.

All fixtures set down in the High Schools' competition, any branch, must be carried out in future by the schools, or the fees paid. Even

in wet weather an appearance must be made by the teams.

Prospects for the football season are even better than was anticipated. The boy who gets into the firsts will need to be a good player and in good condition, etc., to remain there and earn his football badge, as there will be keen rivalry for places.

We will have three good forwards over 6 feet high, and one or two within an inch of it. Is the Australian schoolboy degenerating in physique? It would appear not, judging by this. Our First fifteen should average over ten stone.

Two good forwards' names in N. McLaren and C. Green were omitted last month.

We will have two teams again in the Third Grade. It may be remembered we were first and second in this last year. This season these teams must not average more than 8 stone 7 lbs. in weight.

Jerdan is again the Hon. Sec. of the "Ball" Club, and says there will be something doing this season in this branch of the winter sport. Now, then, ye smart, quick-thinking Fort St. youths! Here is your game. Size does not count. Look at Billy Ford and Chapman.

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SENTENTIAE SENIORUM.

Being a series of more or less inconsequent papers by Jerdan-Robinovitz, this being entitled

"EXAMINATIONS."

With the half-yearly daily reaching forth its menacing hand, it will probably be deemed not altogether impertinent to say a few words on the above subject. Its history is obscure. Doubtless it has been one as torn as that of the most warlike, the fiercest of the world's nations. Paradvantage its days are stained with "salt waters," and its air resounds with cries of dolor. One can imagine its eventful course. But, alas! the recorder has refrained from chronicling its days (and nights), and leaving trace of its vicissitudes and adventures. This is to be deplored. Such a subject, one

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to stir and harrow the soul of all the realm of youth with its direful echo, would be of the intensest usefulness. But as we say, it is not! Let us then see how the present age of enlightenment (so vaunted as the Age of Science) has borne itself in this regard.

We fear there is much to be demanded.

What a farce!

What a pitiful, rending piece of humour!

For years at a stretch fond happy lads will toil to burden themselves with vast accumulations of undesirable knowledge.

For years they will assiduously pursue the elusive "cosine," or lay in wait for the unwary "Binomial"—they will strive, store their treasure-houses with dust, deny themselves what they crave, and as a climax enter an examination room! Here in a few paltry hours all flies. For what are examiners?

Examiners are tricksters—clever, aye! but none the less tricksters.

Carefully the gleeful torturer threads his way through some ancient unknown "trig." book. He unearths some villainous problems, enough to make a Senior Wrangler quake. He hurls them upon us. We writhe, struggle. Time drags us from them. We are beaten. The labour of the years has passed off into the Nothingness that is peopled by disappointed hopes, broken illusions and useless knowledge! Such are examinations.

But what would we have?

Ah! there we can allow our fancy to run freely!

What would we have?

After the usual ecstatic breath-drawing (a subterfuge used for the purpose of stealing a march on Time), we burst out with the following ideals of examinations:

Firstly, each paper in each subject should be split into several parts and doled out at intervals. Then there should be a surplus of time.

Examinations are at present to the nimble.

Let them be, we say, to him that "has the goods." Some are slow; some are quick. Bring all to the same level. Examinations far from being handicaps are intended to be (ideally) tests of knowledge.

Are they? The very echo shrieks back its horrified negative. Woe! Woe!

AN APPRECIATION OF SHAKESPEARE.

The work of Shakespeare has been adjudged "above all praise and criticism," and for the pen fitly to trace out the magnitude of his genius is a well-nigh impossible task: "the prince of poets," he extends his sway over all the world, and that sway will endure for all time.

Shakespeare is to be classed as a subjective poet, and the creations of his brain, be they fact or fancy, live and breathe when clothed with the magic of his genius. In character creation he is unrivalled, and here his greatness chiefly lies. By this student of human nature all classes of society are portrayed, all the varied workings and impulses of the mind analysed, and embodied in characters which are frequently thrown into prominence by contract. Portia, the intelligent and noble woman, is placed side by side with Jessica, the weak, loving girl—Beatrice the witty and headstrong with Hero, the gentle and dutiful.

Shakespeare's works, like the "Fairy Queen" of Spenser, are reflections of all that was noblest in the age. In the 17th century, when the drama was on the decline, and the sensual and artificial were gaining pre-eminence. Shakespeare preserved the "natural passion, the simple tenderness, the sweetness, grace and fire of the youthful Elizabethan poetry."

It is not alone his wonderful creative faculty which has helped to render his name immortal, but the immense versatility of his genius. Comedy and tragedy are depicted with a like masterly touch—humour and pathos, passion and tranquillity, all find a place in the Shakespearean drama, and are not infrequently reflections of the poet's own state of mind.

His work may be divided roughly into four periods, each marked by certain characteristics due in part, as has been suggested above, to the circumstances of his life.

The first period includes such works as "Love's Labours Lost," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and "Romeo and Juliet." The first two show a light and delicate touch; the second is a delightful mingling of fact and fancy, prose (in a figurative sense), and poetry, of the practical life of the English artisan, the graceful fairy world, and the

beautiful legends of Greece, that romantic land of long ago. The patriotic sentiment then stirring the hearts of all true Englishmen, found an echo in a great series of historical plays, which merge into the second period, and culminate in the magnificent production of "Henry V."

There is a short return to comedy, and then a period of gloom and passion, during which Shakespeare attains to the highest perfection of his art. Sin and sorrow, love and hatred, remorse and bitter punishment are all voiced in this series of tragedies, of which "Hamlet" is accounted the greatest. The poet seemingly acknowledges the smallness of human existence in:

"We are such stuff as dreams are made on,
And our little life is rounded by a sleep."

Gradually the unrest and passion passed out of the poet's life, and his later plays, such as "Cymbeline," "The Winter's Tale," and "The Tempest" are marked by a calm and tender beauty.

No other writer has been so universally read and quoted—surely the best tribute to the immortal character of Shakespeare's work.

It may, then, be fitly said of him: "He shall not wholly die: a great part of him shall escape the Queen of Death. He has raised a monument more enduring than brass, and one which neither time nor storm can destroy."

ELLA MARTIN.

OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

By "Cavedish's Understudy."

Without much flourish of trumpets, the University Union has sprung into existence. The well furnished rooms of its building are now the haunt of many a weary undergrad. The reading room in particular is magnificently furnished, and one has only to look about to notice the results of the aesthetic eye of Mr. Selle and the rest of the house committee.

The Union debates have begun successfully. It should be noted that, on the motion of another ex-Fortian, Gordon Godfrey was appointed "Opposer" for Lent Term. Many other old boys have spoken at the various debates.

The Undergraduates' Association is now

steering for the questionable haven of festival this year. There will be no festival week, accurately spaking, and at time of writing, it is understood that permission for procession may be refused. But the Town Hall has been procured for May 24, so that Empire Day proceedings in Sydney for 1913 will, in all probability, be a little less flat than has been the case for the last two years.

Among the year reps. for 1913-14 are: N. Esserman (Eng. I.), J. L. Wright (Eng. II.), G. Holmes (Med. I.), F. D. Stafford (Eng.), and H. V. Evatt (Arts II.). Mr. W. A. Selle is Vice-President of the Association.

Mr. Selle is also President of the new Handball Club, and of the Evening Students' Association. He and Evatt are also on the Central Board, managing festival.

We forgot to note in last month's letter that Harold Mason topped his final year in Law. He was recently called to the Bar.

All ex-Fortians note with the greatest pleasure that a movement is on foot to recognise the services of Mr. Turner to the Commonwealth generally, to technical education, and to Fort-street School.

The Old Boys' Cricket match was not a huge success, owing to the lack of support received from those ex-students who are prominent cricketers. I should like to suggest that during 1913 a sub-committee from the School Sports Union should, along with a similar committee from the O.B.U., constitute a Board of Management of Sports. It should then be possible to link up the Past v. Present football match, say, with the O.B. dinner. To the latter the captain of the school and the fifteen or eighteen might be invited.

The various winter sports have begun. In football G. Harden, J. Ridly, A. M. Langan, H. V. Evatt, K. Flook, E. Harrison, and R. Noble have been playing. Guy Harden has quite recovered from the fracture of last season.

In lacrosse, C. Bennett is distinguishing himself with the 1st XII., while Wiburd, Bradshaw and D. Smith are at present in the 2nds.

In hockey Morgan, Silberthau, and Samson are crying "sticks," and baseball is beginning to boom.

The Handball Club will have commenced

operations at the Barracks' courts when this letter meets the eye of the anxious reader. We understand that matches have been arranged with the schools, and that a handicap and championship meeting is to be held later in the year.

On "Commemoration Day" we noticed Messrs. W. A. Selle, B.A., K. Hannay, B.A., C. B. Cockett, B.A., J. R. Blanchard, B.A., and J. E. Murray, B.A., with the hood of white. Our congratulations.

The Senate elections resulted in an apparent victory for the "Conservatives." But five of the ten men elected were on the "Progressive" ticket, and certainly two more have decided leanings towards Radical reforms.

On the whole then the campaign has done a great deal of good for the University, both in riveting the public eye on the University as the seat of learning, and in guaranteeing that the new Senate is favorably disposed towards Reform.

Christian union work for 1913 began in the Freshers' welcome, and is continuing with equal success. A splendid list of speakers are dealing with the greatest problems of life the student has to face in his University and after career. But this is not all. Scope is being given for active social service.

Amongst the "freshmen" at St. Andrew's College are, we understand, Bennett and Lillar. All present Fortians should consider the advisability of residign in College during their University careers.

Amidst the turmoil of the political campaign the University remains calm. Until, perchance, you visit the Union debate on Friday evenings and listen to the great army of democrats. All teachers at the School should be members of this Union, and active debaters on these Friday evenings. Unless more graduates join the ranks, the Union will become an entirely Undergraduate body. It is just this that should be avoided if the Union is to become anything like home organisations which bear the same name; if, in a word, it is to become a true University Holme!

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS.

H. Morgan and H. Williams, of 5 D, each gained full marks in the arithmetic test this month. The examination in history was responsible for a few "howlers" and was satisfactorily uniform in results. H. Smith and Alan Green obtained top marks with 45 out of 60. E. Rutter (44), R. Bickford (43) and W. Eagar (41). In home studies G. O'Connor, R. Stone, C. Hocker, F. Dring, E. Eliot, and N. Quinn are standing out. P. Hurt, S. Bowyer (Australian History), R. Reed, N. Mallam, R. Stone (geography), are doing fine work.

H. Levy, of Class 4, has his name entered in the special record book for making a very ingenious model of a windmill. Cross (4th) for good nature study book, and Jacobson (4th) for manual work.

In 5B Class the boys whose work during the past month reflects great credit on them are Anderson, Sbith, Hudson, Preece, King and Lane in composition; Wilkinson, Lane, Nelson, Lewis and Alexander in homework; Drane, Parrett, Wilkinson, and Hunt in mathematics; Marks, Coxon and Lane in reading; Lewis, Hunt, Nelson, Wilkinson and Wienert in science; and in writing Wilkinson, Conybeare and Lane. The class spirit is developing in 5A Class. Boys are now beginning to work well indeed. The best homework book in the class is held by Albert Dawson. The neatest tablets by W. Chapman, J. Lyons and Jacobson. J. Lyons has made the greatest improvement in mathematics, and Robertson in geometry.

The arithmetic prizes for the half-year in fourth class have been won by M. Heath and J. Cassin. The Following boys are doing good all-round work in the class: S. Jacobson, J. McBride, H. Levy, H. Hardman, J. Murray and H. Heath. The best class note books are in the possession of B. Borchard, C. Cross, J. Botsford, H. Neal and L. Parsons. David Marks is doing the best work in the class. He is also taking a keen interest in history.

Third class have lost three good scholars, and "sports" in Hector Reid, E. Harte and his brother. They have left the district. We wish them all success. Our organised games are now in good running order, Centennial Park being

a finer place for the games than the Domain. Each boy is being catered for now and there is no reason why each boy cannot select his own game. Wet weather has interfered with the attendance of this class. Sickness has also been prevalent. Norman Begman is to be congratulated on his good work in this class this month, his general proficiency being high, and the nature and extent of his reading excellent. Richard Moore and Charles Taylor run him close in general work.

In second-class Griffin Naulls and Hamilton are doing very good work, so let their class friends see if they can beat them for top place in next exam. Griffin, Hamilton, and Naull have best results in dictation. Warburton, Griffin have the neatest class tablets. Ferguson and McGrath in composition have done good work, while for conduct Greig, Seeford and Clarke have been distinguished, also Hamilton, Griffin and Naulls for good work and progress.

CLASS NOTES.

SENIORS I.

Out of eternity has limped another month on the puny crutches we designate days. As he unfolded himself he appeared somewhat more decently clad than have his immediate predecessors. Events have strode with their majestic unconcern of the rank and file of humanity over us. Nearer and nearer come the days of the exam. Quaking youths (surely not the careless seniors of yore!) see the day approach which will sound their doom.

June 2nd! That is the fateful day!

Meanwhile, life is made bearable by the pleasant diversions afforded in what were science lessons by weekly tests. These happy little farces are admirably enacted by the seniors on each alternate Monday and Thursday. The profound depths of ignorance displayed are as fearful as they are alarming. Alas!

In French we have periodical visits to the pleasant fields of happiness, represented by tests also. These wonderful little imitation exams. "cannot wither, nor can custom stale their infinite variety." Of such are the kingdom of exams. (For surely such refinements

of torture can be no abstractions. Surely somewhere outside the ken of our poor five senses there lurks a fiendish Soul of Exams. that plays us pranks to see us dance, we, alas! all unknowing of its glee.) In mathematics the horizon is clearer. The sphinx has taken unto himself a new hobby—namely that of collecting stray questions worked at the tail portion of a lesson and of marking them carefully. There is no accounting for taste. It has even at times been hinted that he likes it. One can never tell. The riddle of the Sphinx remains a riddle. He is an equation in "x," where "x" is unknown. What is "x"? Ask the Sphinx. Apart from his paper collecting hobby, though, we have been given by this impassive knight of the Quadratic an introduction to the fair realms of the Calculus.

Mathematics has been defined as learning how to do what you know already how to do by an easier method.

We have for the last 6 or 7 years worked like American slaves to master the elements of mathematics, and here by this calculus we find how to take all mathematics by the hair and forcibly eject its difficulties through the Senior door. The Calculus is the great destroyer. It wipes up maths. like a cloth.

What we waiters want to know is "Why did we not know it first, and thus save learning all our superfluities?"

The Sphinx returns no answer. We are mere voices in the wilderness. Our voice is heard in Ramah, but there is none to comfort us! Let us weep.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are the seniors days "at home." We then manual train!

Well, that's all till next month.

Gooy-ble!

J. R.

SENIORS II.

For some weeks past S II. has been dreaming as far as English is concerned; at least, it has been having a great dream—"The Midsummer Night's"—and there is no hope of awakening for some time to come. We have unanimously adopted the motto of Kenneth of the Couchant Leopard, namely, "I sleep, wake me not."

The humour and novel interest of Fumafuti should be greatly appreciated as being a change from the more classical studies of the older

world. We are glad to learn something about our Southern Hemisphere at last.

3A DEBATING SOCIETY.

The M.S.J. held by our society showed that all members take an interest in its proceedings; some very witty articles were written.

The editorial was an English masterpiece.

The following week the Ministry affirmed that "A man is justified in giving his life for the cause of science." This proved intensely interesting, the speeches being well prepared and delivered.

The Ministry won by one vote.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

2A lament the loss of a good sport and class-mate in Wolfe, who carries with him to his new sphere of life the good wishes of all his fellows.

Before this issue goes to press Callingham will have left school to take up engineering.

"And our fancy pictures Cally in some wild and rugged valley,

Making Fort-street's reputation by his engineering feats."

All 2A boys are doing their utmost to "make good" in the forthcoming half-yearly examination. It is also pleasing to note that nearly every member of this class represents the school in some branch of sport.

2B pursues the even tenor of its way, confident that the motto, "Work, Wait and Win" will justify itself in this instance also. Darch and Dyce have been elected captain and vice-captain respectively of the Hockey team. The initial match of the season against an eleven from the Girls' School was won by the boys' team.

2C have become so interested in their German authors that the nightly "prep." is eagerly looked forward to, while "vocabs." are their daily delight. But Latin calls forth even greater enthusiasm. Why shouldn't 2C prove the best Latin scholars? Some say one thing, some say another, but what would they say if 2C gained all the intermediate honours!

There are some hopeful scientists too in this class. If any reader should be inclined to doubt the fact, let him just ask the question, "What is carbon bisulphide?"

The learned ones of 2C have a grievance.

Why didn't Oscar Asche ask them for quotations from "Julius Caesar?" They had no chance to show their dramatic talents. Some day, perhaps; but there—

Space does not permit us to acquaint the general reader of our prowess in mathematics, nor the startling results of "scratch" history tests. The minimum number of hours nightly devoted to algebra, for instance, is three—"Ist dass die Wahrheit?"

Nor let it be supposed that 2C forget the claims of sport. What class can show football champions like "Prince" and E.B.? The class humorist having taken to Soccer, one is tempted to ask "Has he hard shins?" Has David also hard shins? Ask them.

2D are such modest lads that they refrain from flaunting their scholastic triumphs before less gifted rivals. They are well represented in the arena of sport—from "Smiler" in the Stay-at-School division to "Half-penny" in the Hockey team. Skating is catching on, and no wonder when Mac., Servy, and Gouldson set such an excellent standard.

Ask Servy if he can spell "imitation."

Oh! for the gift of words to sound the praises of 2E! Some members of the class may have lost some of their assurance, but the class displays a consistent solidarity (!) in work unequalled by any other second year class. K—and L—still enjoy the reputation of being skilled mathematicians. However, we have no time to discuss their undoubted genius.

"Squib" has lately been under an operation for the removal of an obstruction in his breathing apparatus. (Note the scientific touch.) After enjoying eight days of "Peace, perfect peace," the class was disturbed by the return of this young firebrand. 2E will once again be represented at Detention.

People who make a hobby of visiting fires ought to keep out of the glare, or at least they should not disclose the names of others who do not. Ask Steenbohm.

2E claim to share with 1D an intimate knowledge of the Real Siberia. Events move there more quickly than is generally supposed. Dust-storms are said to be by no means infrequent.

Most of the members of 2F are doing well in class work. The rest detest the weekly test,

but recognise that it is a necessary evil. Report has it that — studies all day and night and will not think of sleep till the midwinter vacation arrives. Keen interest is felt as to the result of the contest between the second year classes for the History prize.

“C'est magnifique . . .” These words may have been correctly applied to Saturday's march, as we hear that we easily succeeded in maintaining the honour of the old school. Acting on certain advice, some of the cadets did not feel very footsore on returning home on that memorable evening.

Much interest was aroused by the arrival of the new hat-hand and cap. The badge is now to be seen on nearly every hat.

Hansel, our champion swimmer and leading footballer, has recently left us. He has our heartiest good wishes.

A candidate for the laureateship sends the following, challenging all comers to “go one better” in our next:—

There is a race for pride of place
 'Mongst all the second year;
 2F, 2E are in the lead,
 2C is in the rear.

2B, 2D? Well, we shall see
 A little later on;
 Remember, B, remember, D,
 No race is lost till won.

Up, A! Up, C! Outrival E,
 Catch F (you surely can!).
 Thus shall we keep as formerly
 The old school in the van.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

The first year classes report very good progress in their studies. Each correspondent declares enthusiastically that his particular class is “still the best among the first year classes.” Since they are all so sure we must conclude that this is an all star year. It is to be hoped that the examinations tell the same tale. There are some smart boys among them, and it behoves each class to justify the claims of its correspondent.

April seems to have been the month of class picnics. 1A, 1B, and 1C all report enjoyable

outings of boys and masters at National Park and Cowan. Boating swimming and gatronomical feats seem to have been the order of the day, and “a real good time” is the judgment in each case. 1A spent their day on April 19th at National Park, accompanied by Mr. Roberts and Mr. Burgin. Boats were engaged, and proved the most fascinating form of enjoyment. Judging by the enthusiasm of the boys, Arnst and Pearce had better keep in form. Still, some fine healthy crabs were caught. One party went on a small voyage of discovery, during which the valiant Hilliger was rescued from fully two feet of water. A fine grassy spot was made a depot, but even swings and cricket could not lure the boys from the boats. It was only when the billy boiled that a full muster on land was held. What valiant trenchermen these chaps are! Each boy brought food for three, but it all went. Fatty reckons it was a gorgeous day. The party formed themselves into a glee club on the return journey, and departed for home tired but happy, after a grand day.

PUPILS OF FORT STREET SCHOOL WILL APPRECIATE THIS. It is NOT a Coincidence.

1st Fact. On 30th April last year an examination was conducted at the Fort Street School by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia in Elementary Shorthand Theory, Shorthand Theory and Shorthand Advanced Theory (three separate examinations).

The **FIRST** place in **EACH** section was filled by students of the Metropolitan Business College.

In the Shorthand **THEORY** section, the Metropolitan Business College students filled the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th places in order of merit.

2nd Fact. On the 7th September last, a precisely similar set of examinations was held at the same school by the same society. The **FIRST** place in **EACH** section was again filled by Metropolitan Business College students. The parallel so far is remarkable enough, but still more remarkable is the fact that in the Shorthand **THEORY** section, our students again came in almost unbroken succession in order of merit, filling:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th places—just a little better than the previous brilliant results.

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1B spent a most enjoyable day under the care of Mr. Porter at Cowan Creek. A fine clear day and plenty of boating and bathing made the time pass merrily. Three boats were engaged, and a furious pirate fight was held in a secluded spot. Only one man was rendered "hors de combat," however, and he soon recovered. Shark fishing was a failure, but several terra firmas were caught. Two enormous meals were provided, to which, in the words in the words of the correspondent, "we did full justice." The boys returned in the evening "tired but happy," fully convinced that it had been a day of days.

1C spent a similar day of boating, bathing and feasting at National Park.

The class competition in football has provoked keen interest.

1A has defeated 1E, 1C and 1D have played a drawn game, 1D has defeated 1A and 1B have defeated all comers so far.

Moss, Wilson, Krafft, and "Chidley" show up well in 1D; Cloutier, Bowling and Mankey are the strong men of 1D team; and Morrow, Glenn and "Van" are the stars in 1A. Still, with all these stars, more combination is urgently wanted. Many of the boys play in a haphazard fashion that only hinders the good players. Each class has a good "coach" among them, and he should instruct the others in the rules of the game. The best play of the mouth is that of Cloutier, Mankey and Co.

SHAKESPEARE.

What form is this among the sons of song
O'ertopping all the masters of that throng?
'Tis he who showed what music lay enshrined
In England's tongue for Shakespeare's art to find.

What bubbling wit and houmours genial
stream,
And wisdom deep and fancy's lofty fancy's
gleam!

He made the human heart responsive beat,
In those rare plays where mirth and feeling
meet,

Where in a mirror true of life are found
Both gilt and worth, now crushed—now
triumph crowned.

There nature's page in flower, sky, stream we
see

Idealised by poet's fantasy.

She watched for one to sing her charms in
vain

Till Shakespeare showed her beauties in his
strain;

Three centuries since Shakespeare wrote his
plays,

We seek him still for thought in noblest phrase;
His rich bequest to our unfruitful days

Demands some monument of thanks and praise.

J. J. Quinn (Old Boy).

HONOR CAPS.

Conditions of Award.

1. Honor caps shall be awarded only by the General Committee of the Sports Union, acting on the recommendation of the Honor Cap Sub-committee.

2. Candidates for honor caps must have been attending Fort-street School for a minimum of two years.

3. Candidates for honor caps must have passed the intermediate or leaving certificate examination.

4. In awarding the honor cap regard shall be had to—

(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 schoolmates.

5. In awarding honor caps the committee shall take into consideration the number of sports the candidates have taken up and success in each.

6. Honor caps shall be awarded annually at some time prior to the annual meeting of the Sports Union.

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

Girls' Page

SHAKESPEARE DAY.

The function of Fort-street High School marked off the 23rd April with distinct emphasis. The girls repaired to the Boys' School to take their share in the reception given to the distinguished visitors of the day. A bouquet of red and white roses—the school colours—was prepared for presentation to Miss Lily Brayton, who was expected to accompany her husband, but as she was unable to be present he was requested to take them to her.

Subsequently the girls gave a Shakespearian entertainment, which passed off with great éclat. Among the most successful items were two choruses by the Glee Club, which made its first appearance in two Shakespearian songs—"Blow, Blow, thou Winter Wind" and "I Know a Bank." Miss Violet Ponder, an old Fortian, showed marked talent in her rendering of the scene between Arthur and Hubert in "King John", and the applause which burst forth at the end of each of the three scenes from Shakespeare that were presented by our budding "artists" showed the keen appreciation of the audience.

The High School wish to thank Miss Bourke for her interesting account of her visit to Stratford-on-Avon, and also those members of the Primary School who contributed to the programme.

Financially also the concert was a success, as a result the sum of £4 10s. was handed over to the committee of the Shakespeare Memorial Fund. At the request of Mr. Kilgour, the girls repeated their programme on the following day in the Boys' School.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.

The contributions from the Girls' High School towards the above fund totalled £2 8s. 4d. This amount, together with two guineas voted by the Sports' Union, was forwarded to the Committee.

THE GIRLS' LIBRARY.

This institution, which has been in prepara-

tion for some time, will be opened shortly, and will be a decided assistance to the school work. It has been decided that the contribution of an approved book may be substituted for the sixpence entrance fee, and one penny to be paid for each book borrowed.

The managing committee consists of the Misses Blume, Geer, Marks, Morley, and Turner, who will be assisted by a committee of girls.

It is expected that all the girls will show their interest in the library by becoming members and continuing to be regular borrowers. The committee expect to be able to add new books to the shelves almost immediately.

3rd YEAR.

SHAKESPEARE DAY.

Several of our girls took part in the Shakespearian recital on the morning of the 23rd April, and their rendering of scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and "Henry V." was heartily appreciated by the audience.

The scene of "Pyramus and Thisbe" excited much merriment, the actresses entering into the spirit of the characters impersonated, and truly "more merry tears the passion of loud laughter never shed." The fury of the lion and the tragic bearing of the unfortunate lovers were realistic in the extreme. The part of Catherine was vested with an entirely French character, and that of Alice in her role of English maid to the foreign princess ably filled.

SECOND YEAR.

The botany examination in 2A resulted in Isabel Cruickshanks coming first. At the Shakespearian recital the girls of 2B acted a scene from "Julius Caesar," Jessie Cargill and Edith Trousdale taking the parts of Brutus and Anthony respectively.

In the French examination for the whole of second year Muriel Nowell and Dulcie Pearce, of 2C, tied for first place, obtaining the splendid result of 98 per cent.

The half-yearly examination is now very close, and the quotation from "Julius Caesar"—"Out of the teeth of emulation"—can be well applied to all second year classes.

The best of the manuscript essays from each

class were bound, and now adorn the wall of Library 2, in a dainty cover painted by Eunice McGee.

The winter sports are now being organised at Birchgrove, hockey, tennis, basket-ball and croquet being the chief games.

FIRST YEAR.

All the first year classes are looking forward to the great event looming ahead—the half-yearly examination.

Lately there have been several tests in which the following girls have distinguished themselves:—Barbara Grieve (1B) gained full marks in Latin, and also first place in geology, while Molly Cummings headed the latter subject in 1C.

The 1E German girls wish to mention Gladys Humphreys and Vida Abernethy for gaining top marks in their class. Thelma Alcorn was first in geometry in 1D.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of Fort-street Girls' High School Sports' Union.

Season 1912-13.

The Sports' Union consists of eight affiliated clubs—Swimming, Tennis, Basket-ball, Hockey, Cricket, Camera and Naturalists'.

Swimming.—The season has been, as usual, most successful. Approximately 250 girls attended the class, the majority learning to swim. A life-saving class of 25 members did excellent work in supervising and instructing non-swimmers. The carnival was a great success, and a good sum is in hand for prizes. The P.S.A.A.A. Carnival gave our girls a fine chance of showing off their excellent swimming. They secured first places in 13, 14 and 15 years championships, championship rescue race, and swimming on back, junior and senior championship teams' races, second place in 100 yds. championship of all schools, and 100 yds. breast stroke championship. At the Annual Carnival of N.S.W. Women's Swimming Association Sadie Cambridge won the Junior Championship of the State.

Hockey.—Membership, 50. Played eight interclub matches—lost 3, won 3, drawn 2. The Club Competition for the School Badges was also played by three teams, giving seven well-

contested matches. We remain the largest hockey club in the State.

Tennis.—About 100 girls take part in this sport, some being quite adept at the game. Ten courts are kept fully occupied. No interclub matches were played, with the exception of those with our own School Boys' Club.

Basket Ball.—This is a very popular and easy game, and provides a splendid training.

Camera.—Great interest in this hobby is displayed by a few girls, and good work is being done by them. Miss Tearle would be pleased to see greater interest on the part of more members. A Sketching Club, confined to a limited number each week of 3rd year students, and members of the Camera Club, will combine on Wednesday afternoons.

Cricket.—The interest shown in cricket has increased greatly. The girls' bowling is much improved, and some very respectable scores were put up during the season.

Naturalists.—The work of this Club is done principally in connection with geology and botany, excursions being taken to Bondi, Dundas, Hornsby, Botanical Gardens and Narrabeen.

This season the committee intend to form a croquet and a rounder club, introducing the new rules of playing both.

Class competition in tennis and basket will also be played.

FORT-STREET GIRLS' SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

Balance-sheet for Season 1912-1913.

	£	s.	d.
Receipts	50	16	6
Expenditure	45	19	5
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Balance	5	17	1

Since the above balance sheet was drawn up the Sports Union has contributed £2 2s. to the Hospital Saturday Fund, and also 10s. 6d. for the purpose of purchasing a new first-aid outfit.

HOCKEY.

2nd XI. matches have been arranged with the following clubs:—
Burwood Ladies' College I., Saturday, 17th

May, at Birchgrove Oval, 10 a.m.
 Wandah H., Wednesday, 21st May, Birchgrove Oval, 3 p.m.
 University H., Wednesday, 16th July, Gladesville Oval, 2.30 p.m.
 Culwulla H., Wednesday, 23rd July, Birchgrove Oval, 2.30 p.m.
 University H., Wednesday, 6th August, Birchgrove Oval, 2.30 p.m.
 Culwulla H., Tuesday, 12th August, Rushcutters Bay, 4 p.m.
 Burwood Ladies' College I., Wednesday, 18th June, St. Luke's Park, 3.45 p.m.

We played our first match against Fort-Street Boys, Wednesday, 30th April, and lost by 9 goals to nil. The boys showed excellent form, and vast improvement in their knowledge of the rules of the game. The girls will find it necessary to work up their form to what it was last year.

FIRST GRADE CRICKET.

The first half of the First Grade High School Competition has just ended, and Barry's team has not covered itself with glory. Five matches were played, of which two were won, two lost and one drawn. It is our bowling rather than batting, which is at fault. Bosley certainly bowls well, but if he would cultivate a spin, and pitch the ball up farther than is his wont, he would be a great deal more effective. Let him therefore make up his mind at once to attend practice regularly when cricket recommences.

Ross has a good leg-break, but his length is uncertain. He must "keep them well up on the leg side," so that the batsman may be unable to cut him through the almost undefended slips. In Hooker, Griffiths, Barry, and Rabone we have four fairly good bowlers, one of whom can generally be relied upon to break up a partnership.

Our two best bats are Hooker and Kinninmont, both of whom can be relied upon to offer a stubborn resistance when runs are wanted. Hooker's 135 not out against Petersham was a fine effort. Ross started off well this season, but lately he has not been able to sight the ball with the usual result. However,

he has the ability—a little heart and plenty of practice will raise him in the list of averages to be pasted at the end of the season.

Other batsmen to shape well are Barry, Bosley, Easy and Ford.

Easy has plenty of cricket in him, but seems to be afraid of a ball in the leg stump. A little determination will enable him to overcome this defect. Ford has a nice free style and has played some very useful innings. When he is a little taller he should score a great many runs—his keenness certainly deserves a reward.

The fielding on the whole is effective. Those deserving of special mention in this respect are Ford, Ross, Barry, Bosley, and Kinninmont. The last-mentioned is a fast runner, a sure catch, and one of the few boys who seem capable of anticipating a stroke.

Let the others follow his example! One great defect in the team is the placing and altering of the field.

The captain and bowlers are of course to blame in this matter. A batsman should be studied from the moment he plays his first ball, and the field should be altered to suit his style of attacking the bowling. There should be no hesiatncy in this matter, for a batsman makes his weakest strokes before he has "his eye in."

Also the captain should see that his fast runners are placed in positions where speed is required. Slow movers like Hooker and Easy should not be asked to make lightning dashes round the boundary to "save the fourer."

It must be remembered, too, that regular practice together is essential for success, and it is to be hoped that the Domain nets will be freely used, at the end of the football season, by every member of the team.

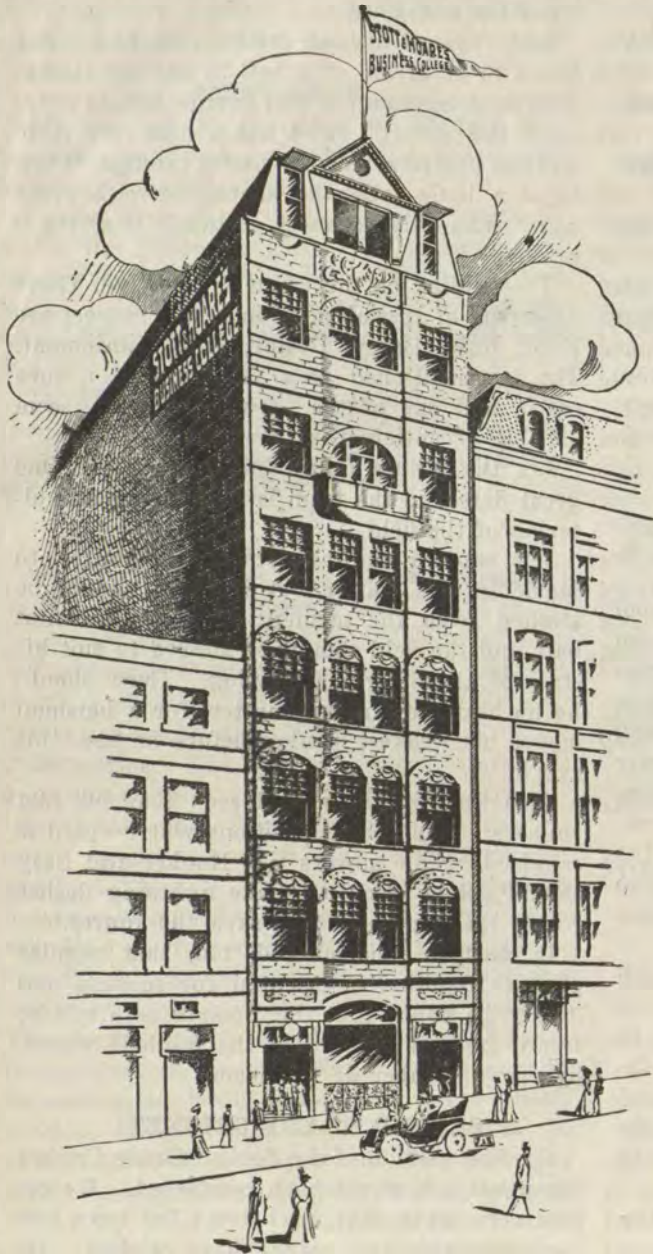
SECOND GRADE CRICKET.

The first section of the Second Grade Cricket Competition has just been completed. We regret very much that Fort-street has been less successful than we might have wished. Of 4 games played one has been won, and three lost. The games and their results were as follows:—

Lost to High School by 7 wickets.

Beat Petersham by 2 wickets.

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Lost to Technical High School by 10 wickets.

Lost to Cleveland-street by one innings.

Our most consistent batsman was E. Cook. His best innings was probably one of 40 against Petersham. This young batsman displays plenty of vigour in his strokes, and by paying attention to a little weakness of stepping away from the wicket to a well-pitched ball, should make a fine batsman. McGibbon also batted well on occasions. He has a good style, and should develop into a good batsman if he strives to overcome that fatal impatience at the beginning of an innings, which has spelt ruin to many batsmen.

Hopkins, Patterson and McLean also batted well at time, especially the former. Hopkins is the most promising player of our new boys. He plays on sound lines, holds a straight bat and has evidently been well coached. With greater strength and height, he will probably develop into one of the best batsmen in the school.

Of the bowlers McGibbon heads the average. He bowled well at times, but has a distinct liking for the full toss, which is greatly appreciated by the opposing batsman.

Cork, as in batting, was again the team's mainstay. His length was always good, and commanded respect. He is the great all-round player in the team. He has a rival for this honor in Hopkins, who besides being a good batsman is also a leg break bowler of promise. His 6 for 17 against Petersham was about the best bowling performance in the competition. The loss of Mostyn early in the season considerably weakened the bowling strength of the team. He gave promise of easily winning the average.

The fielding of the team could be much improved. Nothing appeals more to the onlooker than to see the fieldsman keenly watching the strokes of the batsman and endeavouring to intercept them. Our players at times became distinctly tired, with the result that many runs were obtained by opposing sides that could have been stopped.

There were, however, some notable exceptions. Patterson, behind the wickets, always worked well. The team should in future pay attention to catching, and practice this impor-

tant part of the game.

It is to be hoped that next season Fort-street will regain the laurels that it has lost in this grade. Great attention to practice is required to gain this end. It is to be regretted, moreover, that the desire for cricket in our school is not as great as the grand old game deserves.

HANDBALL.

The tournament is gradually passing through the seven ages of a handball tournament, which by the way are quite different to the seven ages of man, and present records show Porter and Illingworth on top. Illingworth wishes everyone to know that he plays handball by applied mechanics, whilst Fuzz plays by applied physics. Doesn't matter how they play, they are winning. "Worse luck," say the other teams. The "also rans" are Paling and Hughes, Connelley and McLaren.

(S II.).

The attention of many scholars and teachers has lately been attracted to the S II. handball court, on account of the weird positions of some, the woe-begone expressions of others, and spontaneous outbursts of hilarious laughter from all. Perhaps, reader, you do not know the cause of all this commotion. Well! let me tell you. We are having a tournament and the critic now lifts up his pen to criticise.

Illingworth-Porter have been a nut too hard for many good teams to crack. In fact, they are a pair of "knuts."

Hughes-Paling have, by some unknown means, been defeated 3 times. They were like the Armada, invincible until other teams met them.

Connelley-MacLaren.—All one wants to say to them is why did they want 2 start?

The two teams, Holland-Ferris and Leslie-Young, are just in the running. One applies the following old saying to them:—"Better have one sure trick than seven others of which you are not sure."

Lush-Mackenzie struck form just a little too late. Never mind, better luck net time.

The Watt-Sherwood team is now only composed of Watt, who thus had to forfeit.

Hales-Paine also ran.

So far so good, but the final has yet to be played, so the critic drops his pen until then.

LACROSSE NEWS.

The Lacrosse Club has now been reformed for this season. The boys are taking a great interest in the game and a goodly number of the new first year boys are beginning to get some idea of how to play.

We have had two friendly matches with the Ultimo High School, and won both of these after a fast game each time. Mr. Teasdale and Mr. Baldock are assisting with the teams.

OLD BOYS' CRICKET MATCH.

The annual cricket match against the Old Boys gave a close victory to the latter. For the school Hooker, Easy and Kinnimont (42 retired) showed the best form with the bat. The lastnamed succeeded in hitting two sixers, and gave an all-round display of good cricket. The most successful bowler for the Old Boys was Squire Morgan, who now is one of the best all-round players in the Sydney District First Grade Club. He was ably supported with the ball by Tedger, who secured an excellent average. For the Old Boys the highest scores were obtained by Wallace, Moran, Morgan and Symonds, all of whom batted very confidently, and at times made a fieldsman work hard. Our bowling was carried on most successfully by Bosley, Ross and Barry; the first-named had the distinction of clean bowling Squire Morgan. Our team was ably assisted by Mr. Parsonage with the bat and with advice on important points of the game.

The match was witnessed by Mr. Kilgour, who expressed his delight at meeting so many old loyal faces once more, and at witnessing the prowess of the school team, which, he said, worthily upheld the honour of Fort-street.

SOCCER FOOTBALL.

There is now another branch of sports since the inauguration of the Soccer Club. Mr. Porter has kindly consented to watch the interests of this new club.

The election of officers resulted as follows:— Captain, J. Hughes; Vice-captain, G. Martin; Selection Committee, J. Hughes, Martin, and J. Watt.

There seem to be some very good players amongst the many followers, judging on the play shown at the first practice. Remember,

size does not count in this game, and also remember that there will not only be one club run. "The more the merrier" is the club's motto. Two teams at least will be entered for the competition, and judging on the increased number of members, the number of teams will not be limited to two.

LIFE SAVING.

The following awards were gained by several pupils at an examination held at the Domain Baths last month by Mr. Geo. H. Williams, Secretary of the Royal Life-Saving Society:— Silver medallion and award of merit: Rupert K. Arnott.

Bronze medallions: C. Hardman, B. Berman, W. York, H. Ashby.

Proficiency Certificates: A. D. T. Nevill, M. J. O'Dea, J. Hughes, J. Melville.

The life-saving classes will in future begin in October of each year, so that the examinations for the various awards may be held prior to the midsummer vacation. This will enable every swimmer who wishes to compete for an award an opportunity to qualify.

The membership roll of the Sports Union now totals 668. There are still some pupils in the school whose names do not yet appear among the treasurer's list.

At future swimming contests it would appear that competitors in age championship events will only be allowed to compete for one event, that one being the age championship for the ages as stated.

This will not apply, however, to competitors at our own contests as any pupil below the age will not be debarred from competing in an event for higher ages than his own.

CADET NEWS.

A parade is to be held some Saturday morning shortly to allow those who qualified some time ago to win a marksman's badge for the military year 1912-13, and have it recorded in their record book.

We expect some of our marksmen now that Wednesday afternoon shootings at Randwick are being held regularly under Lt. R. Taylor to win some prizes at the miniature rifle meet-

ing shortly, and the N.R.A. meeting. The camp, which was set down to be held during the midwinter vacation is cancelled on account of the few cadets offering. We wish to thank Capt. W. Roberts for the trouble he went to.

H Company have been tipped as the probable winners of the battalion badges for next military year. Their smartness, general turn out, etc., lately has been a great credit to the school and their O.C. Look out G Company!

The battalion badges for the military year 1911-12 have been distributed to G Company. Some of the same company also won one for this year. Third time proves it!

Get it entered in your record book.

Sgt. Maude and Pte. K. Spence were selected during the month as representative senior cadets to be photographed, also Bugler Bickford and Drummer H. Edwards.

The stand-at-ease and halt and slope arms as done by the school companies at the corner of Hunter-street on the occasion of the route march through the city on May 3 was a great credit to the old school.

Written reports on each cadet for this year have been handed in, and will now be considered for the year's efficiency in conjunction with the attendance.

Nearly twenty boys transfer to the militia companies in July next. Capt. McKenna will get some good material this time.

Col.-Sgt. G. Hansel, of G Company, of Coronation Contingent fame, has transferred to the Technical College, where he is to learn engineering. We are sorry indeed to lose such a promising young officer, and good sport. He was a double swimming champion of all schools 1912 and 1913, and twice won the fine gold medal presented by the Education Department for the Kieran Memorial Trophy. He won the school 100 yards this season. We wish him all success in his new venture.

The issue of new uniforms for all those commencing their third year of military work will be distributed shortly.

The junior cadets' efficiency will be made up shortly. Although some are behind in time it is not their fault.

The general keenness in the physical drill parade each morning is increasing. "Sana mens in sano corpore" is what we are aiming at. Do

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There is a half-day compulsory parade (the last of the year) on Friday, May 23, in honor of Empire Day. The companies will march past and salute the "Jack." Juniors will also do the same.

The juniors beg to offer their congratulations to Mr. Murray on winning the travelling scholarship of N.S.W. They will miss his keen interest in their quarter hour physical parade each morning. We hope to have him back on his return.

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(W. E. J. Paradise.)

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It is with the greatest pleasure that we note the success of Mr. Alan Chisholm, B.A., who has succeeded in gaining the Diploma in Phonetics at the University of Paris with first-class honours. Mr. Chisholm, an old boy of Fort Street, is a Departmental Travelling Scholar. At graduation he gained first-class honours in French and in Latin, the Nicholson medal for Latin Verse, and the Frederick Lloyd Memorial Prize for a Latin Essay.

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OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

(By "Cavendish.")

This month sees men with August finals hard at work. Of July this can always be said—July, 1913, or July, 1931—all Julys are alike to the med. who takes "vivas" in the following month, and to the engineer who doffs his dungarees and enters the Great Hall in the same August.

For other faculties there are term exams. In First Year Fort-street men have, as usual, done well, Mitchell in particular. Although it must be confessed that the question is not worrying many of us at present, it is certainly possible that someone is wondering whether Forst-street will again pull off the Renwick in 1st Med. for the third consecutive time.

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ocean. And on the latter there are at present deep sea waves in the person of the New Zealand Universities' team. These visitors arrived on Tuesday, July 1st, and are at present the guests of the whole University. Entertained at a carnival on the Oval, theatre parties, harbour excursions, and dinners, one hopes they will return to the Dominion impressed not only with our hospitality, but with our football.

Guy Harden is playing with the same delightful abandon as characterised his play for the school some years ago. Langan, Noble, Evatt, Hook, Brett, and others are still propelling the ball around the very sticky Oval.

In a class exam. in Chemistry, 2nd Year, one noticed that the names of Green, Smith, and Stafford figured prominently.

Those playing in the various sports at present:—

Hockey—Morgan, Silberthau (1st XI.), and Samson.

Handball—Evatt (1st IV.), Sinclair, Smith, and others.

Lacrosse—Bennett, D. Smith (1st XII.), T. Bradshaw, and others.

Several Fort-street men are in the Freshers' Fours, and others will row in the challenge and open events late in term.

In tennis Moran has played well in the tournament, but he is not representing the Varsity in badge matches, although playing in B Grade. Athletics is at present dormant. In the Rawson Cup events, St. Andrew's have got one leg in by defeating St. Paul's 6 to nil.

Amidst a whirl of dancing feet, the social life of the University continues. Of course there are Science Society meetings and Union debates, but these occupy at present the dim background. From this background the Dramatic Society stands out a little as we creep up the Union stairs after peeping in at rehearsal. But the life of the University on July 14th (on which day I write) may be summed up in the words Dance and Work! And the former of these two is the greater.

As my ink runs dry I pen one late note. The Medical School is happy again. The Great Ika has returned!

Mr. Murray leaves for Europe on the 9th of next month.

FORTIAN NOTES.

FIRST YEAR.

"Once more unto the breach" seems to be the cry of the First Year lads just now. After the fortnight's vacation everybody seems fresh and full of vigour. The Great Event—the half-yearly exam.—has run its course, and the Fortian "Who's Who" could practically be compiled at any time. Many dark horses have come to the front and astonished everybody, including themselves. The fancied favorites have proved sadly wanting when put to the cold, calm, callous test of exam. Of course, this has not been the general rule; many lads, whose consistent good work throughout the term has won approval, have added to their fame by a good showing in the test.

However, the results have been good on both sides. The good ones seem anxious to do even better in the coming term, while the careless have thrown off their indifference, and seem to be "bucking up" with all their might. There is much food for gossip just now. Little groups can be seen on the playground in every corner. All the mighty deeds, accomplished on "my uncle's station," or "up at Jim's place," have to be told to each admiring circle. The difficulty seems to be that each one wants to relate his doings before the others get a chance.

This topic has finally to give place to a review of the exam. results. Order must be enforced while Jack explains how he would have gained 99 per cent. if only, etc., etc. Then—or perhaps it should have first place—there is the all-absorbing theme of vaccination or fascination or intoxication or whatever other label the would-be wit fixes to a serious business. There is very little jostling on the stairs these days. Boys seem to have a predilection for walking up crab fashion. "Mind my arm!" is the watchword in every class. And the questions!! The comparison of experiences! A leopard would surely be the greatest of top dogs, judging by the superior manner of the chap with these spots who condescends to hobnob with the poor unfortunate who went to the Public Health Office and only has one spot.

However, all are unanimous in hoping that the dread disease soon disappears.

IA.

Our class claims the honor of having two champions at least. Hilliger gained 100 per cent. in German at the recent examination, and Fraser the same in Geography. Vaccination is all the rage in this "unhappy age," and even "Daisy" had to get goggles, owing to the smallpox score. Detention has been voted as being out of date, and the boys favor the new form of penance, illustrated in History—i.e., that the monks walked about barefooted with pebbles in their boots. Friend Murday breaks into poetry with the following extract on Balder Dead:

So on the floor lay Balder dead,
The spears stuck all around him,
A piece of mistletoe in his head,
And this is how they found him.

Such was the death of Balder,
In the midnight and the snow;
Oh, save us all from a death like this,
From a branch of mistletoe.

IB.

The major portion of IB have come back to school with the fixed determination to "do or die" in this half-year. Nevertheless, pen and pencil are still a trifle difficult to handle.

In sport, lacrosse seems to be greatly patronised, although it has not by any means ousted Footy.

An Art class was instituted for the purpose of illustrating, by various sketches, our Latin lessons. Since illustrating the Crocodile and the Tiger, it has been thought best to discontinue this class.

IC.

This class is progressing favorably, and a full attendance after the holidays is a good record.

Our long distance travellers are all back and busy recounting their prowess. "Poeta" has again qualified to visit the shearer. He did well during vacation, and wrote a poem entitled "The Old Black Cat." We are not, however, in a position to state what happened to the cat, but probably, like the other songster's cat, it came back.

Crassus has also done some famous deeds during the holidays.

"Greenleaf Whittier" has not yet got over his American ways.

Some of this class have been drafted into G

Company cadets, and are going to do all they can to win that competition.

ID.

The correspondent is in a jubilant mood. He writes that the old proverb, "Time will tell," has been proved by the deeds of ID in the exam. They gained the highest class average in every subject. ID also boasts of having in its ranks the champion First Year man in every subject except Science.

The following is the Honors List:—

Mathematics—Head, Cloutier, Bryant.
History—Frew, Cloutier.
English—Frew, Bryant, Kearney.
French—Lloyd, Elson.
Latin—Ashby, Frew, Lloyd.
Science—Haggett.

Roy Head is the head of the class in fact, as well as in name.

Homework is again going strong, and the "grey tints of morning" oft see ID boys doing homework. Perhaps this is a specimen of Poet's License.

In addition to the records in learning, it must be chronicled that ID also shine in the football field. In the last match we defeated IA by 11 to 6.

Truly a pæan of praise goes up from the poetic Nectar. Let us hope that his confreres will see to it that this standard of achievement is maintained at its highest during the ensuing six months.

IE.

We are all refreshed after the vacation, and are now settling down to work in real earnest, although the collar still pinches. We come back determined to do battle to recover our lost supremacy. The dreaded smallpox, though, seems to be unsettling some of our members.

The weekly debates are in full swing again, and our members are again showing their oratorical powers.

We take this opportunity of expressing our sincere hope that Mr. Murray, our Latin teacher, will have a pleasant holiday, and will return to Fort-street when he completes his European tour.

The competition for Poet Laureate is still undecided. Hobden (who also shines in drawing) is first favorite. K. Burnett, Shepherdson,

and C. Asher Smith are also in the running.

The footballers of this class have now combined with 2D, making a fairly strong team. Just prior to the vacation we defeated 1B.

Boyd and Hobden played very well, and were the best of our representatives.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

Correspondents lament the dearth of news for this issue owing to the holidays. Perhaps they have been too busy studying during the vacation to collect "copy," or maybe the vaccination craze has driven all other matters into the background.

2A are all glad to be back at school again, in the hope of redeeming the name of the class. They wish to show that, although the results of the half-yearly examination did not cover them with glory, 2A has the ability to occupy a leading place. "Work" is the motto of this class, as future results will show.

2B claim that, although they are a commercial class, their results, on averages, compare quite well with those of the vaunted classical students. Having got well through the "half-yearly," they recognise that the "intermediate" is all the closer, and accordingly are trying to settle down to solid work. It is not always easy to work from seven till ten o'clock without falling a victim to slumber, under the influence of the glowing fire which winter weather renders necessary.

Vaccination? "Everybody's doing it." "Fluff" passed away an afternoon in this manner lately. Incidentally, he missed a French lesson, to his everlasting sorrow.

2C finds certain members wearing long faces since the postman brought home the blue papers. But by the virtue of the holiday work they did they hope now to be on the way to redeem past failures. Let D, E, and F beware!

Members of this class still figure well in the realm of sport. Arnold, Smith, and Hills have just returned from a successful trip to Brisbane. Soccer and hockey claim their votaries among us, and "Porpoise" proposes to form a tennis club. We hope he may succeed.

Look out in next issue for our poet.

2D, like other classes, are taking preparation for the Intermediate seriously. As we prophesied, our representative got the History prize. Hearty congratulation, Logan. We extend the same to Andersen, of 2F, who ran a dead heat with our

own champion.

We join 2E and 2F in lamenting the departure of Mr. Davies, our Latin teacher, who has gone to England and the Continent for the purpose of further study.

Certain members of this class have heard tales of the vaccination process, and are now by no means eager to undergo it. We imagine that their courage might reach the sticking point if they were allowed to attend at the Town Hall at 2 p.m. Ask G—n, S—r—y, and several other heroes who have been "fascinated."

2E, having wrestled nobly with the great exam. bogey (not Trust bogey, Gallagher), arises victorious once more. Jacobs is our champion, and deserves some hearty claps on the back. We advise him to pad his coat, though, lest enthusiasm should rise too high.

The comic opera company—Caesar, Calpurnia, and Co., Unlimited—has died a natural death. No more shall we see Marcus Antonius shedding (crocodile) tears over the still warm body of the Great and Only Caesar.

Mr. Davies, our late Latin master, carries with him our best wishes, also their tangible expression in the travelling bag which all his classes joined in providing.

"The old order changeth, giving place to the new."

Alas! how true this is. It speaks of the spirit of the age—and of this class. The old correspondents have been deposed after months of industrious quill-driving on behalf of an ungrateful class. Yes, we know now what Abdul Hamid II. felt like when deposed by the young Turks *Hinc illae lacrimae*.

2F emerges victorious from the stress of examination. The results came as a shock to some perhaps, but 2F still holds the premier position among the Second Year classes. Andersen secured first place, followed by McLean, Booker, and Willard in that order.

The usual fresh appearance of this class after holidays has been marred on this occasion by the news of the smallpox outbreak. On many countenances one sees "the native hue of resolution, sickled o'er with the pale cast of thought," so that the "enterprise" which prompted certain individuals to join the vaccination crowd has in many cases "lost the name of action."

SENIORS I.

Mind my arm!

Ah, time of woe! From all sides, from all persons, comes this shriek into mine ear. The left arm has developed a bewildering ubiquity. At every angle of the body is an arm that has to be avoided.

Thus the condition of the immortal eighteen.

The fortnight's work being over, the Seniors are back again on vacation. The old pleasures fill each hour.

The Seniors who all that fortnight were still are jubilant anew.

Jubilant! Uproarious rather. The uproar arises from the study of life in a diving bell.

Me for a diving bell!

Reader, know'st thou the vagaries of these submarine "ateliers" submerged pleasure resorts? opening of soda water therein? Reader, make this thy life's precept—"Never open soda water in a diving bell." Picture Rupert or Father, when the longed-for hour of 10.30 arrived, at which they are wont to dine for comestibles, being restrained by the risk of their containing vessel moving upwards with a thrust p.a.

Handball proceeds apace. The handicap doubles tournament continues. What Homeric struggles do we see! Firth and Morgan, Vickers and Spence, Barry and Cuthbert, Jerdan and Price, partake of the conflict. Firth and Morgan have so far held their position, and appear invincible. But all things are possible. Incidentally, if thou would'st view handball at its fulness, betake thyself to the corner now hal-
lowed as the Senior court.

Which reminds me. How many thousand pupils sit in the yellow pile known as Siberia? They consume hours in leaving it.

SENIORS II.

Once more do we meet, dear friends, once more, after a well-earned rest, of which

"Sport did, not learning, entertain the light,
And sleep, as undisturb'd as death, the night."

But now we have been only a few days returned, and what a host of matters have joined forces to dispel the pleasant thoughts which the above example of English verse conjures up! Already "Macbeth doth murder sleep," to say nothing of his assistants Trig, Cicero, and others too numerous to mention, for their number is legion.

S II. has again emerged from winter quarters and returned to the Old Place refreshed and invigorated. Its longing to return to work is at length satisfied, and this quarter it will find what work means. In addition, the advantages and disadvantages (mechanical or otherwise) of that wonderful piece of mechanism, the wheel-barrow, will be expounded unto us. Who knows but that the future may have other joys also?

Latin, as usual, is progressing favorably. We unanimously declare Cicero's first speech against Catiline a masterpiece, and as a masterpiece it naturally reveals much of the orator's character. For example, the following unmistakably suggests his views on the No-License question:—

" noctem illam superiorem
hic ubinam gentium sumus? in qua
urbe vivimus? hic, hic. . . ."

To compensate in some measure for the untold horrors that the postman lately brought us, or rather brought in spite of us, and for the dreary fortnight of leisure devoid of all honest toil and of the satisfaction that work doth bring, we heard ere yet we had separated the second Manuscript Journal of our joint editors, who must again be complimented on a journal quite equal to their first production. The editor and contributors to the opposition paper must also be congratulated on their journal.

SENIORS III.

There has been far greater interest and increased effort in the work of this class during the past weeks. Whether it is a new desire for work—that is, a "second Reformation"—or the spurring on given by the results of the recent half-yearly exam., one cannot rightly say.

Just before the holidays the long-expected Intermediate certificates "turned up." Some were disappointed in them, but one in particular thought that they should have been framed.

"What's a Convention?"

Dr. Neville Griffiths (O.B.) has for some months past been resident medical officer at Balmain Cottage Hospital.

We notice that there are still several boys who are not wearing the school hat-band. The headmaster hopes that they will soon repair this omission.

Boys' Primary School.

The organised games are being better patronised than ever, we are glad to say. The Park looks a picture with each group going through their games under their respective teachers every second Friday afternoon.

"Mind my arm" has been heard on all sides lately in the playground (called so only out of courtesy) and outside.

No one has come forward to challenge our champion chest development. The challenge is still open.

Have you read what the Director of Physical Training in New Zealand said about our primary school drill and physical work? His letter will appear in our next issue.

We intend to issue a challenge to any of the First Year High School classes for a game of Rugby football at the end of the season, and are practising.

FIFTH C.

During the month two boys have shown an ability to express their thoughts which is very gratifying. Their names are J. Dring and K. McKenzie. The homework of Stone and L. Duffy gives evidence of great care and attention. Boys who devote themselves to their home studies are the ones who will do well in the High School. P. Hurt, Hocker, Rutter, L. and R. Bickford, and Rea are also worthy of mention for the progress and interest they are taking in our school.

FIFTH B.

This class, formerly 5C, has been increased numerically by 11. Of the new boys Wilkinson, Riley, Russell, and Robertson have shone out, and should give a good account of themselves at the end of the year. As far as the old boys are concerned, it is becoming more evident every day that some are not doing their part, "An hour's study each night after written work has been completed." As a consequence, they are much behind in their work, and their chance of gaining Q.C.'s is almost as remote as that of a certain individual known as Mr. Buckley. However, if they still desire to be in the running consistent hard study for 1½ hours at least each night, with plenty of application at school, should be their daily resolution.

FIFTH A.

This class has had its name altered from 5B, the old 5A now being absorbed among the other Fiftths, and the remainder getting an Irishman's rise in name. N. Wilkinson, our champion worker and driller, has been promoted, and will no doubt, if he keeps on as he has been doing of late, win his Q.C. We wish him good luck!

FOURTH CLASS.

Most of the boys in this class are making very earnest efforts, and a commendable class and school spirit is being shown. Another Wilkinson (must be a good name, this!) is at present our best boy, his conduct, work, etc., being consistently very fine. Cassin also is another lad whose written work and conduct are most praiseworthy.

In Nature Study Humphreys, Lemmon, Heath and Hodge are out in front.

THIRD B CLASS.

We have been promoted, and are now Upper Third, if you please! Our attendance has not been as we should wish it lately. Certainly there are several cases of enforced absence owing to illness, injured limbs, etc., but some of our lads are remaining at home oftener than they should do. "Buck up," Third Class, and see if we cannot put up an attendance record for old Fortstreet. One of our boys, Norm. Bergman, is very ill, we are sorry to say, but we hope to have him back with us soon, as the late reports have been all favorable. Every boy who stays away should do as Dick Moore does, and write to his teacher telling him why he is away and when he will be back. We do enjoy our organised games. The football contest between two teams picked by Oxley and Peech proved quite exciting, and resulted in a draw—3 all—Hanneman and Pressfelt each scoring a try. By the way, have you seen these two at drill work? Pressfelt's football effort was a particularly good one.

With regard to class work several boys are trying real hard for Xmas prizes, and of these Andy Anderson (composition), Foster, Peterson, and Chas. Taylor (physical work), and Lionel Parrett (oral work) are worthy of mention.

We are advising all our class mates to "get vaccinated," so as not to throw away any chances.

THIRD A CLASS.

The greater number of us came up from Second Class last week. We were sorry to leave some of our mates behind, but hope to have them up with us again shortly.

On Friday afternoon last we went for a Nature Study winter walk with our teacher and Mr. Parsonage to the Botanic Gardens. Mr. Parsonage told us many interesting things about the plants, and we learned a great deal more than we ever knew before of our Australian trees.

In class work Griffin and Cartlidge are running each other very closely in all written work. Alf. Young has the best results in dictation, and Philip Costin in arithmetic.

SECOND CLASS.

A number of boys have been promoted into this class from the Infants' School. They have made a good start, and are expected to do well. Among the best workers so far are W. Gibson, G. Scott, and G. McLelland, P. Young, and H. Smith.

All new boys must remember to keep their note-books clean, and to learn their tables every night, keep their eyes open for their weekly Nature Study observations, take a keen interest in their art work, not forgetting to buy good crayons as soon as possible.

Cadet News

The new organisation is complete, and we have commenced our parades for the new military year 1913-14.

Cadets must remember that reports are to be made on each individual cadet as was done last year. Some cadets being inefficient according to reports received last year, have been warned to attend at the Orderly Room on the last Thursday in July.

Please note that all defaulters must now appear at the Orderly Room the last Thursday in each month, instead of the last Friday.

The results of the non-coms. exam. are expected by the next issue. There are quite a number of vacancies.

Capt. Baldock is transferring to the militia. This will leave a vacancy for an O.C. Company. By the regulations he must be a master.

Capt. McKinnon has arranged musketry lec-

tures for the new militiamen at the school the early part of the new military year. The reports on this branch of the compulsory service were unsatisfactory last year, only one militiaman being satisfactory. The reports have been forwarded.

Our Juniors in the High School only total about fifty at present. We expect an influx after Christmas again with the new boys.

New cadets are reminded that they must return their belt, pouch, and numeral when transferring to another area.

See that your parade card is marked each parade you attend, compulsory or voluntary. There was some trouble last year about this.

Lt. Paradise has had his medal presented to him for topping the musketry score for both military years 1911-12 and 1912-13.

The want of a decent place to put the rifles is being keenly felt by all companies. Capt. Baldock has a scheme for tagging the rifles which will help in the distribution.

Some cadets have won their marksman's badge and battalion badge for each year of their senior

PUPILS OF FORT STREET SCHOOL WILL APPRECIATE THIS.

It is **NOT** a Coincidence.

1st Fact. On 30th April last year an examination was conducted at the Fort Street School by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia in Elementary Shorthand Theory, Shorthand Theory and Shorthand Advanced Theory (three separate examinations).

The **FIRST** place in **EACH** section was filled by students of the Metropolitan Business College.

In the Shorthand **THEORY** section, the Metropolitan Business College students filled the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th places in order of merit.

2nd Fact. On the 7th September last, a precisely similar set of examinations was held at the same school by the same society. The **FIRST** place in **EACH** section was again filled by Metropolitan Business College students. The parallel so far is remarkable enough, but still more remarkable is the fact that in the Shorthand **THEORY** section, our students again came in almost unbroken succession in order of merit, filling:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th places—just a little better than the previous brilliant results.

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A SMALL BOY'S IMPRESSION OF "SENIORS."

One day, just after I had come to Fort-street and before I knew anything about the place, I was just getting round the playground on my own when a chap they called Crassus or Cassius, or something like that, saw me going on to a little bit of asphalt at the top of the yard, and pulled me away. I was going to ask him whom he was dragging about when I noticed a scared look on his face, so I just said, "What's up?" "You can't go there," he said, "that's the Senior square—only Seniors go there." "Seniors," says I, "who are Seniors?" "You're a new kid, aren't you?" says he. "Well, wait a bit; you'll soon get to know a Senior when you see one."

I thought Seniors must be something big, so I watched the square to see if I was right. Sure enough, I saw about a dozen of them. They looked just like big boys, only they didn't act quite like us others. Most of 'em stood with one hand in a pocket, or with a thumb in their vest, and waved the other hand about when they talked. I didn't have time to see any more just then, 'cause the bell rang, but I noticed that they didn't form lines, but just went straight upstairs. I asked the chap next me why, and he said it was because they couldn't keep step on the stairs—the stairs weren't wide enough for Seniors' feet. I noticed afterwards, when we went to Science, that the stairs are narrow, so I s'pose he was right.

I got to school early next morning, and watched the Seniors come. What big bags they carry! Don't believe I could lift 'em. The Seniors all went upstairs, and I saw 'em afterwards at the windows. They seemed to take a great deal of notice of the rest of the school coming up the avenue, and I thought it very nice of them to take such an interest in small boys like us; but I didn't feel quite sure

whether that was why they stood at the windows, or whether they just wanted to get cool, fresh air—'cause those big bags must make 'em hot to carry. I noticed two rooms the Seniors were in upstairs, so I asked a chap how many lots of Seniors there were, and he said, "There's Seniors I. and Seniors II. now, and I'm not sure there aren't Seniors III." Just then I saw a fellow with a big bag, and I noticed he had a chain coming out of his waistcoat and into his trousers' pocket. So I says, "Is that one?" "No," he said, "he's only a 'Would-be.'" I saw the same one again; he had two keys on the end of the chain, and when I asked Pudden Brown what the keys were for he said one was the key of the big bag and the other was the key of the drawer at home where the chap locks up his military cane and the sharp penknife he tries to shave with. But I don't think Brownie likes Seniors, so I don't know whether to believe him. I did hear that Pudden wanted to play handball once and asked for a game—he had to sit down for a long time before he could remember what was the answer they gave him. You see, it's only Seniors play handball. I believe some of 'em play golf sometimes, too—but mostly handball.

The train was late the other day, and when I got to school I had to go to the office and sign the late-book. A Senior who made me stand aside for him on the stairs went into a classroom. P'raps there's a special late-book for Seniors? I asked a chap called Fatty if Seniors didn't have to sign like us, and he said they were s'posed to, but they tried to dodge it. He says they come early the mornings they don't think they can do the book in. Seniors don't like drill, either, I think; and Fatty says that's 'cause they don't think they need it—it's only growing boys that need drill.

They made me "Fortian" correspondent for our class last week. I asked what I'd have to do, and they said I'd have to write up the class news and any thoughts of my own if I liked. So I thought if I looked at what Seniors wrote in the "Fortian" I might be able to beat all the other First Year fellows. But I don't think Seniors have thoughts, 'cause they only write things they call "sententiae seniorum"—(I copied it out)—all about Sphinxes, and

things like that. I asked a chap in 2C what "sententiae seniorum" meant. He said it was really Latin for "the opinions of older people." (I s'pose they must crib out of books what they put in the "Fortian," or p'raps their mothers tell 'em what to put down.) But he said he didn't think anyone knew what the Seniors meant by it.

THE EXAM.

Yes, they come back like the proverbial bad pennies, these half-yearly exams., but even more regularly. How I smile as I reflect on the great trial through which we all have passed (or either failed). How I smile at the calm appearance which some carried about with them, although inwardly they boiled with wonder mixed with awe, with horror, mingled with fear and timidity, closely associated with a forced smile and a catching breath. I was surprised at the timidity shown on the taking up of those awful papers for the first time, and the stage—or rather brain—fright displayed for the first few moments. "Ten minutes more for this paper" rattles on the muddled brain, and munching fingernails, just when we think we are in the way of getting a pass. And at the end of the period we hand in our papers thinking, "That's one off my mind." But Shakespeare's "When shall we three meet again" rattles through our mind, and we have to wait in fear and trembling—that is, those who have not worked during the term until after many inquiries of "Hav' y' marked the papers yet?" We hear whispered, "He's got the marks." We listen as they are read out, and a pleased smile spreads over the "Premier's" face. Others say, "I've passed; good luck." "I did better than I expected," and "Where am I." "I" comes in the failures, and it is best to leave out the words thus caused, while a ghastly grin trembles on the "Last Man's" face, who tries to hide.

On writing this I wonder if the cap fits many; it will, I am sure, fit most, and many new pages are turned over for the next term, and so on until the volume is completed.

R.S.S.

3A DEBATING SOCIETY.

Last session finished well, the occasion being a memorable one, for by the co-operation of all

we were able to draw up an "Australia Day" programme, which lasted a couple of hours.

The first effort of this half-year took the form of "A Manuscript Journal," and the second issue of our paper was published.

The editor has made an addition to his paper. "Answers to questions asked by correspondents."

The paper should have a bigger circulation on account of this interesting addition, although it would have been just as well to add, "Only impossible questions desired." This would not have barred the majority sent in.

"A Mock Trial" will be the subject of our next meeting.

Judge Lenehan will preside, and we are hoping for an hour's enjoyment.

W. PARADICE, Hon. Sec.

STAFF DINNER TO MESSRS. DAVIES AND MURRAY.

The A.B.C. Cafe was the scene of a very pleasant function on Wednesday, the 18th ultimo, when the whole of the Boys' High School staff met at a complimentary dinner given to Messrs. E. J. Davies, B.A., and J. E. Murray, B.A., on the eve of their departure for Europe. Among those present also were Messrs. S. Lasker, M.A., and H. J. Meldrum, B.A., B.Sc. Mr. Kilgour presided, and proposed the toast of "Our Guest." This was supported by Messrs. Lasker and J. Taylor, and responded to by Messrs. Davies and Murray.

A fine musical programme contributed largely to the enjoyment of the evening.

OLD BOYS' UNION.

Will all Old Boys please take careful note of the following:—

The Old Boys and Girls' Dance will be held on 1st August at Sargent's Market-street rooms.

On the 26th July will be held a Complimentary Smoke Concert in honor of Mr. John Hunter, B.Sc., on his return from the Mawson Expedition. The meeting place is, on this occasion, Hart's Burlington Cafe, the hour 7.30 p.m., and the price of tickets two shillings.

A good attendance of O.B.'s is earnestly requested on both occasions.

Mr. Davies' successor is Mr. J. W. Cornforth, B.A. (Jesus College, Oxford), who has lately been classical master at the King's School, Paramatata. We tender him a very hearty welcome to Fort-street.

Girls' Page

NEW FORTIAN COMMITTEE.

The preparation of articles for the "Fortian" has been placed in the hands of a newly-appointed committee, which includes a secretary and two representatives of each Year. The latter will be responsible for the preparation of the combined class notes of their respective Years, and will be glad to receive items of interest from the class representatives.

All contributions for the "Fortian" must be handed in to the secretary before the last week in each month.

The following girls have been chosen as "Fortian" representatives committee:—

Secretary—Ella Martin.

3rd Year Representatives—May Rivett, Trixie Durie.

2nd Year Representatives—Dorothy Rothwell, Frances Langford.

1st Year Representatives—Sheila Rainsford, May Bourne.

Class Representatives:—

3C—Sarah Payn.	2A—Chrissie McRae.
3B—Edna Harvey.	1E—May Corbett.
3A—Alma Puxley.	1D—Beryl Hollamby.
Technical—Lila Lindsay	1C—Edith Hickey.
2D—Rose Harrison.	1B—Rebecca Lapin.
2C—Celia Bright.	1A—Annie Gilmore.
2B—Carrie Biddulph.	

OBITUARY.

With intense regret the members of 1B class heard of the death of their former companion, May Watkins, whose sweet disposition and bright nature had specially endeared her to her teachers and fellow pupils. She contracted diphtheria during the vacation, and died at the Royal Alexandria Hospital for Children on the 10th instant. We wish to convey our deepest sympathy to the members of her family.

1E.

A unique luncheon party was given by the members of 1E German class just before the midwinter vacation. The guests included Miss Partridge, Mr. Inspector Elliott, and Mr. Inspector Lasker. The girls carried out in detail the drama "Bei Tisch." The invitations also had been issued in German, and a special souvenir menu was presented to each of the guests, who expressed themselves as highly gratified with the whole function—which reflected great credit on all concerned.

The members of 1E class wish specially to thank Mrs. Rowohl and the girls of Technical A and B forms for their help in the preparation of many of the dishes.

SPORT.

The hockey competition among the girls has commenced. There are four teams, which shows that our members have increased. Most of the new players are promising, and take a lively interest in the matches. The following matches have been played:—

June 11th.

Bandits (Capt. Ettie Warden, club colours) v. Romans (Capt. Edith Overend, brown). The Bandits won by 9 to nil, Ettie Warden scoring 6 and Elsie Shorter 3 goals.

Trojans (Capt. O. Storey, scarlet) v. Canberra (Capt. Olga Reeves, nattier blue). The Trojans won by 5 to nil. Mary Cowie shot 2 goals and Olive Storey 3.

June 11th.

Bandits v. Trojans. Bandits won by 3 to 1, Ettie Warden scoring for the winning side, and Olive Storey for the Trojans.

Canberra v. Romans. Canberra won by 2 to nil. Olga Reeves scored for the winning side.

LIFE-SAVING.

The hon. secretaries of the Girls' Swimming Club take this opportunity of recommending to your notice the First Annual Ball of the Royal Life Saving Society, and ask you to mention it to all old members of the club. Tickets may be had from the hon. secretaries.

THIRD YEAR.

After a fortnight spent in the dreamy realms of fiction and idleness, we reluctantly return to the inevitable "text books." Yet on revisiting

the gloomy plains of Dis in company with Aeneas our hopes of finding some seeds of romance even in these outwardly uninteresting volumes revive. Alas! they are deeply hidden, and only by constant perusal is the weary student enabled to rescue them from utter obscurity.

The term being yet in its infancy no interesting adventures have yet fallen to our lot, but one fact is worthy of note: During the recent vacation a Cicero has budded—nay, even blossomed—and weekly (not weakly) does her eloquence hold her colleagues in 3C spellbound.

We wish to compliment various members of 3B upon their vocal talents, for a certain afternoon not far distant is still keen in our memory. Strains of wild melody floated out upon the balmy air, and many a heart (or was it head?) throbbed painfully—with emotion, of course—ere the youthful choristers ceased their trills.

The motto of 3B is "Deeds, not words," and as we dare not waste precious time in sounding our own trumpet we are deeply grateful to those who are so willing to perform that office for us.

The production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was a dream of delight to those of us (the majority) who are poetically inclined, while those who appreciate the highest (?) form of wit were charmed by Monsieur Bottom and his worthy comrades.

To return to common everyday topics, Mary Mewkill still retains her position as dux of 3B; Millicent Taylor and Ruby Dorsett are closely in the rear.

Some of our girls lately took a brief trip to the Mountains to revive their flagging spirits, and in spite of unfavorable weather they had an enjoyable time.

Heartily patting ourselves on the back for the brilliancy displayed by members of our company during the recent half-year, and calling upon the world at large to do the same, we say farewell, and—

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

Here we are back at school again, and ready for hard work!

Whilst walking in the playground now one frequently hears, "Mind my arm!" which gives testimony to the disturbed state of the atmosphere when smallpox and vaccination are the order of the day.

The examination is over, and shows Jessie Alexander, of 2D class as dux of Second Year.

The rearrangement of the classes was the result of the recent examination, and all new members of classes are heartily welcomed.

We all consider "Macaulay's First Chapter" the most interesting of our English texts, and that it needs to be taken with "a glass of water" instead of "a grain of salt."

Nellie Denham, of 2A class, sails for England next Saturday. We wish her "bon voyage," and hope to hear later on her safe arrival in the Mother Country.

All the classes are settling down now to hard work, which will continue (we hope) until the vacation.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

The long-dreaded yet longed-for half-yearly examination is now a thing of the past, and once more peace spreads its glorious wings amidst a hushed solemnity, hushed because of the suppressed excitement in the hearts of First Year girls—the holidays!

Some members of 1A class have appeared in the honor lists, and all scholars have become enthusiasts. M. Gors and W. Hansford seem to be the "Alphas" in the class. M. Gors heads the list in Geology and German, and also Botany, together with V. Bennet. W. Hansford particularly excelled in Geography, and heads 1A in Mathematics, gaining 95 per cent. We extend our hearty congratulations to these successful scholars.

All the First Year classes wish to congratulate Annie Gilmore, who headed the First Year in three subjects.

On the whole, the half-yearly examination was done very well by 1B class. We are pleased to know that Barbara Guilve topped the list.

Several girls of 1C distinguished themselves, G. Clifford being dux of the class. Phyllis Swain did very well, and also M. Winkworth in Mathematics, and M. Robertson in French.

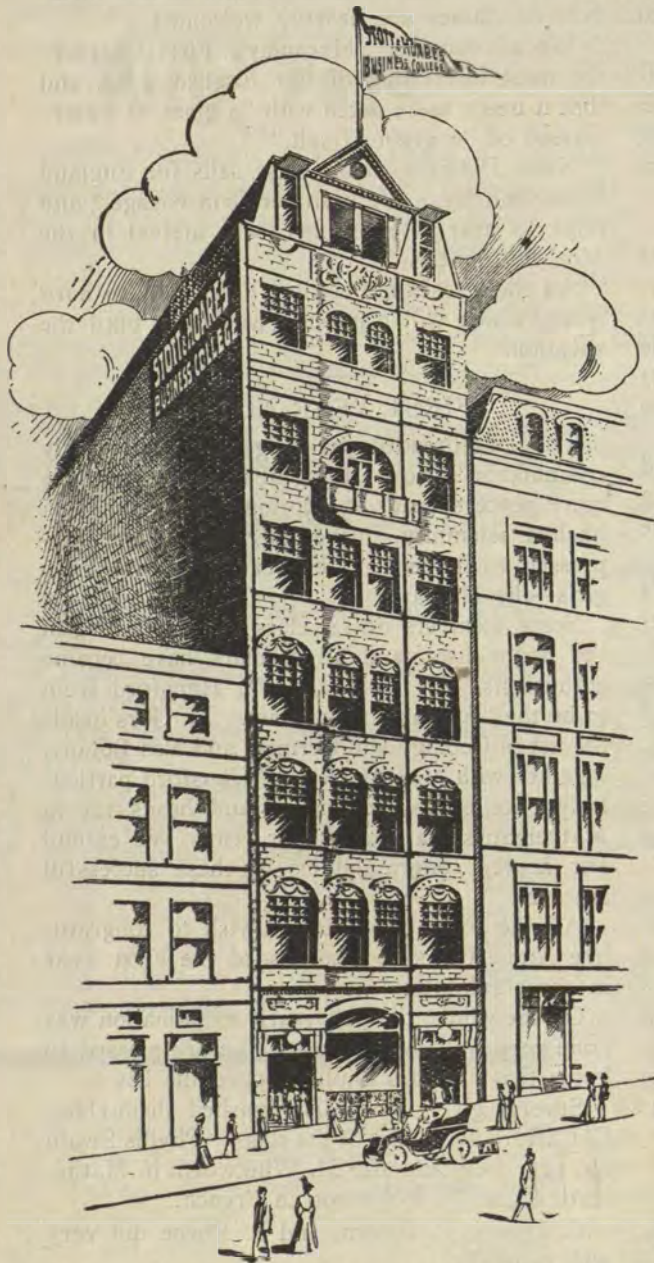
C. Dyson, P. Brown, and S. Roche did very well generally.

1C girls are now fully determined to work strenuously during the coming half-year.

The girls of 1D congratulate Vera Oliver on being dux of this class.

1E is still the top class of First Year, and

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will retain its position by the look of things. Faith Paterson has the honor of being top, followed by B. Medd and M. Nicholson.

The worst part of examinations is the "prep.," but if this is done faithfully one need not look forward with quaking heart to the whistle of the postman with the report.

The detention list may possibly remain unwritten if the following lines of Longfellow are heeded:—

Alas! alas! Whatever hath been written will remain;

Nor be erased, nor written o'er again.

The unknown future still remains to us,

Take heed and ponder well what that shall be."

The majority of girls have returned in the best of spirits, and with extra long tongues, as the teachers have already discovered. Some of the girls declare that they have done marvellous things during the holidays. For instance, "Pato" has made herself useful by chopping wood.

5C.

Hazel Cooper won the prize for "Research" essay on "Historical Sydney." Other girls who received the mark "excellent" were:—Elsa Rost, Kathleen Hildebrand, Doreen Morrison, Margery Cook, Alma Curtis, Ruth Coates, Meran Campbell, Agnes Murray, Annie Anderson.

Class 5C is waking up to a sense of its responsibility as the "top" class of the Girls' Department is showing more intelligent work and aptitude for private study. There is a healthy spirit of emulation for class-places which the results of the quarterly examination (not quite ready) will decide. Next issue of "Fortian" will give the results and also the six highest names. The class motto is "The best that is in me."

J.B.

5A AND 4B.

We regret to state that the teachers (Miss Mitchell, Miss Green) of these classes are both ill. However, the girls in both classes are trying hard, and I am sure will be loyal to their teachers by doing their very best during their absence.

5A results not yet ready.

5B.

During the month of June great interest was taken in the teachers' half-yearly prize for the best oral worker. This prize was won by Mag-

gie Naulls, a little girl who works hard at every lesson. The class were allowed to nominate the eight best workers, and then each had two votes for the prize winner. Maggie gained 20 votes and Connie Bacon and Thelma Pedersen 12 each. Next came Gladys Hunter with 11 votes. The prize for the best set of note and exercise books will be awarded also this month. Many of the girls in this class are really good workers, but alas! a few lazy girls can always be found.

4A.

This class was examined last month. The girls who deserve special mention are Eva Lapin and Christine Smith, 1st. J. Lee, D. McDougall, C. Dahm, W. Howe, J. English, J. Bluett, J. McKenzie, F. Hammond also deserve to be mentioned. A number of girls have been promoted to 4B.

4B.

4B was also examined. The girls who deserve special mention are:—K. Burns, L. Burford, M. Dorratt, L. Miller, J. Smith, A. Young, B. Komoll, and D. Falk.

3A CLASS.

Five girls—Gillian Arnot, Jean Arnot, Sadie House, Mabel Barham, and Birdie Rosenthal—were specially promoted to 4A Class as a result of the quarterly examination.

The following girls obtained 100 per cent.:—Reading—Dorothea Porter, Ivy George.

3B CLASS.

Girls who gained 100 per cent.:—Reading—Amy Ford, Avril McKellar, Violet Vyse. Writing—Isabel Roberts. Spelling—Vera Anderson, Doris Batman, Madeline Elston, Avril McKellar, Violet Vyse. Composition—Isabel Roberts. Arithmetic—Vera Anderson, Jessie Morton, Florence Jones.

In the quarterly examination for second classes the following girls gained 100 per cent.:—Reading—N. Gerdes, D. Hines, Y. Lyons, M. Orr, O. Raymond, M. Broomfield, L. Spence. Arithmetic—M. Avery, R. Daley, O. Raymond, R. Brodie, R. Frederickson, M. French, D. Harley, H. Johnson, B. McKenzie, F. Ridsdale, D. Smith, P. Strathopolus. Dictation—D. Harley, D. Curtis, K. Daley, L. Downer, N. Gerdes, D. Hines. Writing—F. Frankum. Composition—F. Frankum.

In 2A Florrie Frankum gained highest marks. In 2B O. Raymond gained first place.

Sport.

LACROSSE—SECOND GRADE.

(By Lally.)

The second grade team, which consists chiefly of new players, is very successful. The team has good players, and some very good sprinters. The passing is, on the whole, good, but in one or two cases it is patchy. However, we will alter that as we gain experience.

R. Vaughan was elected captain and A. Bradshaw vice-captain.

We have played two matches, received one forfeit, and we have had the bye.

On the first occasion, Technical High School forfeited. Were they frightened? The next match we played against High School, and it was "lacrosse in the mud."

The ground was extremely wet and slippery, and a drizzling rain fell. We outclassed our opponents, some of whom were much heavier. The passing was good, and there was no selfish play, so that it helped a great deal in securing the verdict for us. We won the match with the scores 9 to 4, a substantial margin of goals.

The next Wednesday we had the bye, and the following Wednesday we met Petersham. We went down to our opponents, and were beaten 8-4 after a very fast game. The reason for our defeat was that the Petersham players have had a little more experience, but this can be improved by further constant practice. We mean to turn the tables next round, and see if we can run out as the 2nd grade champions.

The players must turn up to practice or else we will not win. The following players are worthy of note:—Bradshaw, Vaughan, Bannister, Husband, Robinson, R. Acland, Boone.

TENNIS CLUB.

Our last afternoon for games turned out to be fine, although we had expected rain every day. Those who played tennis had some good sets, and were quite satisfied with the day's play. Keith Williams, E. Rose, and several other players were back in the club again, now that they have had their turn at football. They will soon get back their old form after a few afternoons' practice. We have one advantage over many clubs—our court does not take long to dry,

so we are not greatly inconvenienced by bad weather.

BASEBALL.

Since our last disaster has attended the efforts of the school teams.

In the A team there is great possibility, but the members are afflicted with detention, shooting, or other hindrances to their all appearing on the ground. Baseball cannot be played with emergency teams, and this must be rectified. Also there is crying necessity for organised practice.

The lack which all sport suffers at Fort-street, on account of no grounds, is especially felt in this department. But taking this for granted, still a great deal more can be done than has been done. A little more attention and organisation and above all making baseball the first, instead of the last, consideration on Wednesday by members, will bring us to a state where we shall play something like this great game.

HANDBALL.

S II.

The approach of a handball competition is signalled by the secretary's desire for entrance fees. Yes, at length it has been arranged, and now we stand with bated breath waiting to see who will gain the laurel wreath.

The committee has kindly consented to make it a handicap. How considerate of them! What is that I heard you say? That one of them is trying to obtain 2 start for the second time, whilst another, who plays by applied mechanics, desires much more than 2 start. Yes, it is to be a handicap, but I feel sure that the winner will be a scratch man, if the scratch men are composed of Paling, Connelley, Ned, and Holland, for the committee must not forget that Holland has beaten Illingworth, and must thus be put back with the "knuts."

These will not be the only players, for such great players as Porter, Hales, Paine, and Watt will give a display of contortionists' tricks in their absolutely vain attempts to get any ball.

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5. In the competition allow yourself to be beaten just a sufficient number of times to allow you to get in the first four.

Illingworth is still anxiously awaiting any offer for his "tactics."

3A HANDBALL NEWS.

For a long time past our club has been thrust into the dark depths of oblivion by the blinding vividness of our rival club. But now their shining beacon is being rendered not so apparent by our outstanding light. "Why have they been so suppressed?" our reader asks himself. "Are they not worthy of note?" Ah! dear reader, not so, for in fact some of our members have attained the most dizzy heights of fame, which has caused them to be regarded with awe, while honors have been showered down upon their worthy heads.

A most remarkable feature of our club is that it is a cosmopolitan society, for have we not members from many nations of the globe?

We have passed through a most memorable epoch in our career, namely, we have held a tournament. Yes, a tournament, with all its knee-shaking and tremulous heart-beating. But after having struggled through various vicissitudes we arrived at length to final decision, and found Gentile and Fryer had waded through gore to victory. But, however, we have to indicate and bring before the notice of our readers the forcefulness of our winning members' volubility and great combination, to both of which factors we attribute their victory. But now we yield up our pen to more able and congenial contributors, as both time and space suppress our eloquence.

FOOTBALL. 2nds B.

To date the 2nds B have played 4 matches, winning 1, drawing 1, and losing 2. The results are: v. Cleveland-street, 9-5; v. Tech. H. School, 9-9; v. Ultimo H.S., 3 to 24; v. Hurlstone, 3-6.

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Storey, Griffiths, and Bennett. The team is unfortunate in losing Griffiths and Hardman, who have left the school. Griff's tongue will be missed in the rucks.

3rd GRADE.

The competition has been considerably delayed by the continued wet weather of the past few weeks. This is unfortunate, as it prevents that improvement in form that match playing should bring to every team.

Our third grade team has performed very well all round. Of four matches played, three have been won. The results are as follows: v. Cleveland-street, won by 16-6; v. Technical High School, won by 26-0; v. Parramatta, won by 11-0; v. Sydney High School, lost by 16-6.

The weak features of the team are scrum work and defence. The forwards do not heel the ball smartly enough to give the half-back a chance to set the other backs in motion. This defect could be remedied by a little regular practice.

Among the backs best form has been shown by Warden, who has played excellently. His fielding and kicking have been of a very high order, and his tackling an example to the team. Bosley, at centre, and Roddy have performed well at times, but the latter is rather weak in defence. This applies to the whole back division, with the exception of Warden. The backs of every team must go down on the ball when the opposing team begins a dribbling rush. This defect was the chief cause of the loss to Sydney High School. The defence was too often left to two or three players. Ferris has played well, but should try to remedy the serious weakness of trying to run through a whole team. He should make one of the best players in the team. Our little skipper, Collins, has performed fairly, but has not been well supported by his forwards, thus lessening his opportunities. His captaincy has been excellent. Of the forwards, the bright star is a recruit, Cloutier. He is in every rush, tackles and runs strongly, and does not forget to back up the backs in the defensive work. He will certainly make one of the school's best forwards.

Of the other forwards, best form has been shown by Jolly and Morgan. So far the others have shown themselves to be fairly good on a winning side, but are inclined to shirk the hard

work necessary in a match where teams are well matched.

SOCCER FOOTBALL.

Wednesday, June 4.—Cleveland-street A defeated Fort-street A by 2 goals to nil. At half-time the scores were nil all; but at length size and weight told on our men, and Cleveland-street scored 2 goals. Storey again shone out in this game, and but for his hasty temper would make a fine player.

Wednesday, June 18.—Technical High School defeated Fort-street by 4 goals to 3. At half-time the scores were 4 to nil, but after their respite our men lost fear of the Tech's diminutive full back. Our 3 goals were scored in rapid succession, those scoring being Lush, Storey, and Martin from a penalty kick. Everyone of our men played a fine game, but those who must especially be congratulated are Martin, Lush, Clarke, and Mogridge.

Two old boys, H. H. Weston and D. Stinson, have passed the Intermediate Accountancy Examination of the Institute of Incorporated Accountants of New South Wales.

Guy Harden played a fine game in the Rugby match between the Universities of Sydney and New Zealand on the 5th inst.



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"SENTENTIAL SENIORUM."

Being a series of more or less inconsequent sketches, by Jerdan-Robinovitz, this, the fifth, being entitled,

"SMALL BOYS."

There be, among the submerged tenth of this historic pile, that delight in wild surmise and unreasoning criticism of a race of beings far above them as are the everlasting stars above the poor lights of this inundane sphere. The Seniors, to whom we have thus referred as the bright luminaries of our little cosmos, have been the object of the so-called attack of a presumptuous "small boy" yclept—what? His very name is in that dark obscurity through which his person drags its miserable existence.

There exists, we repeat, a mortal—or is he merely an elfish goblin?—that dares raise his

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voice against the beings who are so generous as to allow him a small portion of this establishment in which to eke out a miserable pittance from the scraps thrown from our feast of knowledge. Poor foolish child! A sad fate shall be his! Such a one is destined, can be destined, for nought but—the gallows, or (worse) oblivion! He is too childish-foolish for this world.

His very attack is redolent of ignorance. For instance, he does not distinguish between the legitimate Seniors, the original and only holders of the title, and certain children who make bold to assume it, but, not inhabiting the Senior Room, are the merest imitators of our glory. In this, indeed, they do insult us, for imitation is the sincerest form of insult . . .

But to return to our little man! This budding and anonymous aspirant for literary honours, who dares bite the feeding hand—him do we declare unworthy his training . . . Alas for him! The fiat has gone forth. Let him beware lest he again attempt such ambitious objective.

THE SMALL BOY ON "SENIORS."

Dear Editor,—As an interested person, I desire to express my regret at the injury done to the dignity of the Seniors by your article of last month. It is hard enough for the Senior not yet long-breeched to be dignified as it is, but to have the small boys of the school alluding in jocular terms to our razors—unfortunately many of us are compelled to use these tonsorial implements—as penknives, insinuating we have fallen so low as to play golf when more manly sports are available, forcing a joke about the size of our heads—quite natural under the circumstances—and such like matters is not consonant with the high standard of intelligence, earnestness of work, and nobility of dispositions of the cream of the school. Like Caesar's wife, to modify the dictum a little, we are or should be, above discussion.

Yours, etc.,

3AB.

We desire to express our deep sympathy with Kearney, of 1D, and Lecocq, of 1A, each of whom lost his father last month.

"FORTIAN" NOTES.

FIRST YEAR.

Vaccination and its results have made sad havoc of the attendance among the first year classes during the past few weeks, and consequently the correspondents find a dearth of news. Sport has gone by the board temporarily as those warriors, who sat with the head bowed down and innumerable banners tapping on the backs and tops thereof, didn't seem to care which horse won the boatrace. Those who had recovered from this form of the cure were carefully nursing inflated arms, and the glories of a good serum didn't appeal to them at all. Gradually the lads are creeping back and by the time this number is published we hope to see all the familiar faces back. What heroes we all are! There is not one who has not a magnificent tale to recount—how the doctor gave him enough lymph for six, how his arm swelled up as thick as ———. Well, you know the story. It has been told and retold so many times that when the arms all regain their normal state, we will have to cast round for subject matter to keep our tongues going at the accustomed rate.

One person has insinuated that never in the history of first year classes has there been such a rattling good excuse for the non-production of home work. We are pleased to state that he was greeted with howls of derision.

Yet, in spite of vaccination and its attendant illnesses, it is gratifying to note the improvement in the work of the classes. In each class of course there are still some "passengers," but quite a lot of those who did not exactly shine in the half-yearly list are making headway, and will do better at the end of the year. There seems to be also a strong aspiration to oust 1D from their leading position, and to lower the colours of so many cracks. Fortunately 1D are just as keen on keeping there, so there is every prospect of a good tussle.

1A.—This class is making great strides, and the lads show keen earnestness in their work. Schm——t and McK——y are plugging away at their maths. still. In this subject also we have had an excellent illustration of "still waters run deep." Our friend Dow has come

out as a thinker of the first order. He strikes the "clue" in splendid fashion, and is not to be terrified even by that problem of the smugglers and their cave.

Robert Burns had no opportunity of excelling in shorthand. His line was poetry, but his descendant in our class is quite a genius in the Pitman art, and is considered the best in the class (?). We seem to have a happy knack of discovering facts in history that are not mentioned in the ordinary text book. One lad reports that Lady Jane Grey was crowned King of England, while another states that Wolsey was born at the age of 15. Friend Church, too, though not much of a public speaker, is making up for his deficiency in that line by filling with great success the post of leader of the choir in the German class. His clear soprano rings out even unto the welkin, and he has completely outclassed John S. C. as a singer.

1B.—Like most of the other first year classes we have been without a good football team, owing to the vaccination. Not only have our arms been affected, but the microbe or bacillus or whatever they call it has gone to the head. One particularly quiet child, for instance, has taken to writing poetry. We wish him no malice, but refrain from publishing his pieces. Our long friend, Wh——r, though a really bad sufferer from the calf extract, has not lost his perennial smile. It must have been a real Ayrshire that contributed his lymph, for he is livelier than ever. The first shall be last and the last shall be first. The slow will be first and the swift shall be last—that is if he doesn't come back soon and get after Freddy.

Ake is quite prepared to take Mr. Murray's place for a while, but would not care for a permanent position.

Art is once more to the fore. We thought that time was long and art was only fleeting, but she has reappeared and assists us mightily in Latin.

1C.—Our class is working very hard, and are determined to be the best first year class at the end of the year.

Vaccination is still on the board, but Willie Scones prefers small-pox. He has, however, now taken up compulsory training, and our human hat-pin will soon become known.

Colonel Humphreys and Poeta unfortunately came to blows, and poetry is now out of stock. All our footballers have been vaccinated, but we intend to challenge 1D at the end of the season. We prefer to wait till we can get our players from the grades. Fisho still carries his basket, but needs more attention to his school work. Chidley has not yet thrown off his winter shell.

Our class premier is Holmes still, although White is pushing him close.

We are sorry to state that we have quite a number of passengers. We won't mention names, but would like to point out that they hinder the progress of the class.

1D.—Our correspondent writes:—Eheu! (note the classical touch) the vaccinatus magnus craze is over at last, and most of our boys have enjoyed (?) a short holiday. Sam seems to have a personal grudge against the medico down at the Public Health Department. On the other hand, Tracy smiles louder than ever.

Upper Siberia has been thoroughly explored, and chalk deposits seem to point to mortal combat between the two tribes, called 1D and 2E, that inhabit that region. (Extract from additional notes to Meiklejohn's Geography.)

Our great and only election has taken place, with the following results:—Roy Head (Labor), 21; Chas. Kearney (Liberal), 11; Madame Clarke (Suffragette), 3; Chas. Frew (Socialist), 3.

The election caused quite a thrill of excitement, the results being received with deafening applause. No word from Mr. Holman has yet been received.

Our poet breaks into melody when considering the deeds of 1D in the half-yearly exam. Hear him:

The heights by 1D reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while other scholars slept,
Were home-work toiling in the night.

Balder Dead is at present very animated in 1D room, and the great men of the class have taken up the study of little women. The fact of having finished the first Latin course is occasioning much expression of joy.

The Beauty Competition is occasioning great interest. The beauties exercise their legs as

a result of too much exercise given to the tongue.

1E.—All our lads are working strenuously, and are certain of passing the next half yearly exam. We regret very much, though, that we are losing our Latin teacher, Mr. Murray, and hope that he soon returns, after a pleasant and profitable trip. We wish him all success in his future undertakings. Still another regret have we. No more debates will enliven our weekly toil. Mr. Hannay's debates were most interesting, and were carried out with great enthusiasm.

Burnett maintains his lead in the class. Boyd and Shepherdson are following him up closely.

The football has gone right down, mainly owing to vaccine, but Boyd and F. Lessing still shine. In lacrosse Jones seems to be one of the leading lights. So that with leading lights and shining ones, we are truly an il-lustre-ious class.

Our poets have been exceptionally busy lately, and the scientific side of our abilities also has been favorably mentioned. Great interest in the effort of our poets is evinced by all the members of the class. The competition is exceptionally keen and a number of excellent compositions have been submitted.

BOYS' PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS.

5 C.

The tests during the month have been somewhat less valuable than usual as sickness has lowered the average attendance.

Rae, Williams, Hurt, Mallam have shown intelligent study. Elliott has developed a good style of hand writing, while the mathematics of Dufty, Robertson, Chapman, and McKay have averaged over 70 per cent.

L. Bickford, Hoeker, and Fleming are giving satisfaction with home exercise, while Bridges, Fleming and McKenzie are working well.

5 B.

The following boys show promise in individual subjects:—

Arithmetic.—Hawthorn, Watkinson, McMullan, Kilgour, S. Johnston, Crakanthorp, Fraser and Robertson.

Geography.—Watkinson, Shineberg, Round,

Frazer, W. Russell and Williams.

History.—Wilkinson, Hawthorn, Magee, Cooper, Hotten, and Eldershaw.

Dictation.—Watkinson, Crakanthorp, Court, Lord, Hotten and Riley.

We were proud to see Crakanthorp's photo in the "Town and Country." We have heard favourable comment in the street as well as school. He is 10 years and 8 months old; chest expansion, 4in. Wilkinson, 14 years and 3 months, can expand 5 inches. We are pleased to say they are not the only two in the class who show good expansion due to deep-breathing exercises.

5 A.

It is pleasing to note that several of the boys are doing very good work. These boys are Price, Arnold, King, and Hamilton, of whom Price is easily first. Last week Drane was transferred to 5 C class on account of his good work. The best book in the class is Conybeare's, and it reflects great credit. Others that are worthy of mention are Price, Lane, Arnold, Ramsland and Bailey.

4th CLASS.

Steady progress is being made here. Wilkinson is still doing solid work. Cassin leads the class in mathematics, and does very neat work. His home-work book is excellent. McClelland is the best reader.

3 A CLASS.

One thing we are very proud of just now, and that is that A. Griffin has done so well that he has gone on to 4th Class.

Just see who will be the next to join him up there!

Special mention for class work: A. Hamilton, Willey, Rowley, Costen.

Homework.—Ramplin and Hamilton are doing the best work. Willey, Carthidge, Young, McGrath, and Meaney are next.

Manual Work.—The best books are those of Hamilton, Carthidge, Williams, Young, Meaney, Ramplin, Naulls, Cox.

Arithmetic.—Penze, Cederberg, Ramsland, A. Smith, Burford. Hamilton, Roy McDonald, Curtis, Young, Clarke are doing well.

Writing.—Carthidge, A. Smith, Seeforth, S. Smith, Bolton.

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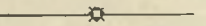
In spite of the few present we had a fine afternoon's sport on Friday last, when Pinder and Lapin were the captains. Pinder's team proved too strong for its opponents, though both sides played well. Eddie Robbins deserves mention here for the sportsmanlike way in which he plays the game. He does not lose his temper, never boasts, and always plays his best, even when his side is being beaten. Eddie is a genuine "sport" in every way.

Our physical work is very much on the mend too of late. Most noticeable is the improvement of Parsons, Olsen, and Oxley in this direction.

SECOND CLASS.

This is a new class and most of the boys are doing good work. The physical work is improving much, especially the deep breathing exercises.

W. Gibson, W. Langford, P. Young and H. Smith are the best writers in the class. The work of the two McDonalds is improving considerably. J. Doze has been a real good boy in his conduct. Mr. Fox has been away at a school of physical culture for a fortnight. We are looking forward to his return.



CLASS NOTES.

SENIORS I.

At the moment of publication there remains but one of us who has not succumbed to the worship of the calf. To one alone has the lure of the lymph—nay, 'tis not nymph—been repulsive. With fair words, she wooed us. She turned the shield and showed the horrible nether side—the side of disease and horror—

then she swerved it on its pivot to the other side, and we saw the momentary sorrows of vac. by contrast dwarfish. We fell—"all, save one, who, stout as Julius Caesar, swam across the turgid waters of temptation and rises—unvaccinated.' "

Conics.—It was a much ridiculed dictum of one member of the combine that there existed a humorous element in mathematics, but, yea, the Sphinx himself received the statement with bland, static incredulity. The advent of Conics, however, has proved the statement beyond dispute. Not only is now the dreary waste of mathematics relieved by oases of humour, but its whole stretch becomes a land flowing with the milk and honey of shrieking absurdity.

The theory of light fades into absolutely insignificant **honesty** beside such utterly wild statements as that we can conceive the sq. root of -1 indeed, that we can graph it. Marvel, ye Seniors-to-be! Marvel! One day will ye graph—an absurdity, an incomprehensibility, an imaginary quantity.

English.—What memories that word calls up. One visions rows of seated, cowering Seniors, writhing—and writhing very justly—'neath a lashing tongue, registering solemn, silent vows to go and sin no more. One visions rows of scrambling, hurrying Seniors writing out tests interminable, in expiation of their recent apathetic lethargy. One visions, finally, rows of bland, smiling Seniors, handing up magnificent expositions of the character of Richard III. or discussions of Stevenson. Oh! happy day.

Science—poor maid—hath retired into the obscurity of uneventfulness. She has no history. But, "is not that people happy that

hath no history?"

French?—Pray, a finger on your lips!

History is furrowing her thorny way through the serfs of Russia, and half the class already are nihilists, revolutionists and republicans.

Alas for Wilson! Wood contorting has gone the way of all things carpentic. To their happy hunting grounds have gone—draught boards, shelves, brackets—

"and all their vile coterie of evil."

Stop Press News:

Latest advices report that the one unvaccinated member of us is being coerced by luxurious lures to that happy insomniacal land where after the purgatory of a short cleansing pain comes the heaven of the fearless undiseased.

J. R.

SENIORS II.

The Political Circle.—Torrential flows of language have conclusively demonstrated that sport is not detrimental to the interests of the Australian youth. All men err slightly from the truth sometimes. Such is human.

Scientific Circle.—All machinery has been discarded as useless. Why make a machine and then be unable to get as much work out of it as you have put into the making of it? By several formulae, e.g. (P—Q), etc. it may be proved useless.

Literary and Dramatic Circle.—Invitations are cordially tendered to all desirous of appearing in our morality (?) play, to be held next week. This play is entitled "Work." All particulars from T. C., stage manager. Tickets on sale.

Seat 5. Row 3.

Our handball competition has got well under way, both in A and B Grades. In the former Porter seems to have the lead as yet, while in the latter McLaren appears to be supreme. We are hoping that the "also-rans" will wake up so as to make the competition an enthusiastic one and full of life.

Vaccination is the order of the day, and every day some members of the class are away with this painful malady. Our tennis enthusiasts have decided to retire from the competition on account of the lack of formidable opposition.

NOTE.—Any Seniors desirous of joining the Senior Tennis Club please communicate with

G. Ferris, Hon. Sec.

Handball Circle.—Balls, words, abuses chase one another in profusion.

"Stand not upon the order of your going."

"But get off the court," cries lusty J., in despair. "Miracles" are being performed daily in this circle. Aye, "miracles."

Classical Circle.—Farewell, ye groves of Avernus; Farewell, friend Cerberus, descended from no mortal. Farewell, good Aeneas, a long farewell.

Thus speaks S. II. with gushing tears of grief and sorrow on parting from loved Aeneid, Book VI.

SENIORS III.

It is with great sorrow that we have to announce that Mr. Murray, our much respected French master, left for Europe on the 6th inst. Most of our class have known Mr. Murray for three years and more, and have always found him to be a "sport" of the "first water." We all join then in wishing him "bon voyage" and an excellent time abroad.

A rival manuscript journal, "The Bugle Call," has been published, and we hope that it will be a great success, though of course it will come second to the paper of the "Metallic Twins." At all events it will promote great competition between each other, and this is, of course, needed.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

"Vaccinitis" is the reason given by all class correspondents for the dearth of news. When many boys are absent ill, and the majority of those present are "convalescents," with but one care—"My arm"—things don't seem to happen. Even sport fails to provide the usual material for vaunting class prowess, for it, too, has had to give way before the prevailing malady.

2A, now resuming its normal strength numerically, claims to be working and steadily redeeming its want of success at the last half-yearly examination.

Hooker, of this class, has been selected to play in the combined schools baseball fixture, to be staged before the interstate game at Waverley next Saturday.

Games have been slack with 2A as with other classes, but all hope that next Wednesday will bring the resumption of the competi-

tion games, as our representative "Ercole" is going stale.

2B, working steadily and conserving all its energies for work, can scarcely find time to attend to "Fortian" correspondence. As with other classes, vaccinitis has impaired both attendance and work, but the damage is only temporary and lost ground will soon be made up.

2C—illustrious 2C—is praised at last! It is rumoured that the 2C boys are kings at Latin when compared with certain other second-year fellows. A startling incident occurred recently when some of the pretty, sleeping beauties awakened from their long dream of peace and rest (perhaps because one master is keen on "twisting their little tails").

The curious ones of 2C are at last satisfied—the observant "new kid" has revealed the secret of the terrific noise we sometimes hear on the stairs when we are at science. But perhaps the Seniors' single file on the stairs has lately been due to "vaccinitis."

At last our poet shines forth:—

"Twelve months there are in all the year,

I think I do remember,

But the pleasantest month of all, we hear,

Is to be the next November."

(Note.—There was a second stanza, but the poet couldn't get it to run properly by the time we went to press.)

Nearly all of 2C have recovered from the effects of vaccination—only two (Bradshaw and Smith) being down with it now. They have the sincere sympathy of the entire class.

2D.—The last lap has come, and we are working harder than ever, and, we hope, to some purpose. Beware, 2C, E and F. Sports have dropped altogether, but we put the sad calamity down to overwork and think 2D boys need rest on Wednesday afternoon. Is this so? Ask L-p-n, G Ln & Co. The class poet is trying to compose a suitable ode to present to Mr. Murray on the eve of his departure. We hope he succeeds. Anyway, the class hopes Mr. Murray may have a good voyage and enjoy himself, notwithstanding 2D correspondents request class members to hand in matter for publication as early as possible.

Public opinion in 2E holds that the vaccination wail is played out. But some dear lads

have discovered that they are too ill to attend school just now. We hear with deep regret of the dangerous (?) illness of "Albus" and "Calpurnia."

"Mac." has departed this life—class, I mean—and we are dreadfully sorry. Our wail goes up to the heavens. Sad, is it not?

The unwonted air of tidiness which pervaded the room recently came as shock to certain members of the class. The chalk and duster were actually ready for use. Just fancy!

Sparke still sparkles brightly in the science room after buisness have been lighted.

The "poems," in conjunction with "Julius Caesar" have inspired us to such an extent that St. —m. is busy writing parodies on extracts from both books.

Our advice to this poet is:—

"Let him be a sacrificer, not a butcher.

Then we shall call him

A purger, not a murderer."

2F.—A member of the class is seriously thinking of going on the briny deep. "Blue" has been getting into hot water lately, and

PUPILS OF FORT STREET SCHOOL WILL APPRECIATE THIS. It is NOT a Coincidence.

1st Fact. On 30th April last year an examination was conducted at the Fort Street School by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia in Elementary Shorthand Theory, Shorthand Theory and Shorthand Advanced Theory (three separate examinations).

The FIRST place in EACH section was filled by students of the Metropolitan Business College.

In the Shorthand THEORY section, the Metropolitan Business College students filled the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th places in order of merit.

2nd Fact. On the 7th September last, a precisely similar set of examinations was held at the same school by the same society. The FIRST place in EACH section was again filled by Metropolitan Business College students. The parallel so far is remarkable enough, but still more remarkable is the fact that in the Shorthand THEORY section, our students again came in almost unbroken succession in order of merit, filling:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th places—just a little better than the previous brilliant results.

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has been advised to bring a "comforter" to school.

Sport has been delayed owing to vaccination, and the football fiends are going mouldy for want of practice.

CADET NEWS.

The "Town and Country Journal" last week printed some photos of our junior cadet work. The boy with the chest is S. Crakanthorp.

Photographs of all the school companies are being done at present.

The non-com. results are not yet to hand, but are expected almost immediately.

The finest work during the past month perhaps has been done by the new Company E, under Lt. R. Taylor. They will take some beating in the battalion competition, which will be held very shortly.

Each company officer is appointing an orderly sergeant and corporal for each month, to do the clerical work of the company. Method of keeping the books, cleanliness, etc., will count in their efficiency for the year.

The senior privates and emergency non-coms for the month of August for E Company are W. Robinson, A. Twigg, S. Hall, A. Boyle. These have been chosen for their smart bearing, work, etc., on parade.

The O.C.'s. companies reported that there were no cadets for the orderly room last month from the school. We are glad to be able to record that everybody's work is so perfectly satisfactory.

Rifle drill has been suspended for the month on account of "vaccinitis." Musketry duties, semaphore, have been the subjects of lectures.

Belts, pouches, pull throughs, and numerals must be returned before transferring to another area. Make your application for a transfer in writing, and send it to the Area Officer, Upper Fort-street. Do not forget to also notify any change of address at any time to the same authority.

Most of the new cadets have secured their uniform and lectures on how to wear and clean the same.

Have you had those battalion championship badge and musketry badge records entered in your record book? Do not neglect this, you

may regret it later.

More boys are carrying themselves upright now than was the case some time ago. A big change for the better has been noticed in the newer cadets.

Have you entered for the miniature rifle meeting? Entries are free for cadets. We won a number of prizes last year in this meeting.

Col.-Sgt. G. Hansel has again been put on the strength of the school companies. We are glad to have the benefit of his experience, etc.

Do you do any physical work at home for a refresher with breathing exercises? Try it.

The junior cadets and Sports Union members will be indulging in swimming parades again shortly, judging by the weather lately.

Do not be afraid to offer any good suggestions you have for the benefit of your company to your O.C., who will be glad to consider same and adopt if suitable.

How many bugle calls can you whistle? Do you know when your company is meant and when all the school? This is a tip for exam.

Another: Can you describe the Union Jack and the Australian flags?

Another: How would you make out a test group for signalling?

The following cadets qualified for marksmen's badges for the year 1912-13:—Lieut. Berman, 154; Lieut. Stafford, 136; Lieut. Steel, 142; Lieut. Paradise, 174; Col.-Sgt. Nalder, 158; Sgt. Arnott, 127; Sgt. Anderson, 115; Sgt. Hayes, 129; Sgt. Hughes, 149; Sgt. Scott, 135; Sgt. Thompson, 146; Sgt. Webb, Sgt. Wilson, Sgt. White, Corp. Costello, 123; Corp. Hill, Adams, 122; Corp. Palazzi, 152; Corp. Cameron, 132; Cadet Allum, 126; Cadet Bennett, 151; Cadet Haslam, 129; Cadet Moss, 126; Cadet Ponton, 160; Cadet Powell, 129; Cadet Meers, 126; Cadet Swan, 116; Cadet Stitt, 132.

Capt. Baldock's scheme for quicker distribution of rifles is complete. Many thanks are due for his trouble. An alphabetical index of all cadets in the school and the rifles issued to each has been prepared, and a numerical index of the rifles is also under way.

Thus every cadet has his own rifle for the care and labelling of which each cadet is strictly responsible. There is a proper place for each section's rifle. See that your rifle goes in the

correct place.

Cadets are again reminded that all sight protectors and pull throughs are Government property, and if lost must be paid for. If the cord wears out, new cords will be issued on the return of the brasses.

A SCHOOL CHANT.

November is approaching, and exam. time comes apace,

We hear it, feel it, dream it night and day;
And exam., our masters tell us, we can only hope to face,

Just by graft, graft, grafting all the way.

But exam. will soon be over and the waiting time will come

(Results so slowly reach the light of day),
Then we'll count the school's successes, both in detail and in sum,

Won by graft, graft, grafting all the way.

We can look abroad around us in the wider sphere of life,

We can hear of Fort-street Old Boys every day,

As they climb Fame's ladder surely (they began in schoolday strife),

Just by graft, graft, grafting all the way.

So when schooldays are behind you and you join the workers, too,

Take care that you, as they, may truly say.
"I have served the old school fairly, will continue so to do

Just by graft, graft, grafting all the way.

H. D.

FLOATING DOWN TO CAMELOT.

See where the rushes downward bend,
And mingle with the swirling tide,
Where eddying shallows linger still,
Where broad-leaved water-lilies glide.

Here shadows lengthen o'er the stream
That glistens where the long reeds sway,
While on the bosom of the tide
A lonesome bark glides on its way.

It trembles where the willows weep,
Where deeper fall the shades of night;
But, see, the ling'ring light reveals
A vision fair in robes of white.

H. D.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING,

To be held in the Sports Ground on Wednesday, 1st October, at 2 p.m.: Events:—

Age championships, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 years.

Championship of the School, 100 yds.

Class Handicaps, 3, 4, 5, first year, second year, third year, seniors.

440 and 880 yds. championships.

Senior and junior relays.

Senior and junior relays.

Sack race and three-legged race.

Senior and junior hurdles.

Kicking the football, 3 short and 3 long kicks drop and place.

Throwing at wicket from cover point, mid-off and bowler's end.

Senior and junior walk.

Old Boys' 100 yds. race.

Tug-of-war, teams; 60 stone limit.

High and broad jump.

Victoria Cross in uniform.

Fancy costume race.

Entries close 17th September, 1913. Admission 1s. School pupils, 6d.

Who wrote the article called "A Small Boy's Opinion of Seniors"? was the great topic of conversation on the day of publication of last issue. The identity of the author still remains an editorial secret. We publish, however, in this issue a spirited response from one of the seniors. We are glad that it excited so much interest.

Mr. J. E. Murray, B.A., who has been awarded the 1913 Departmental Travelling Scholarship, left for Germany by the German mail steamer, "Seydlitz," on the 6th inst. We wish him bon voyage and the best of times on the Continent. Prior to his departure, the boys of his classes presented him with a handsome travelling rug.

THE LATE MR. W. J. TURNER.

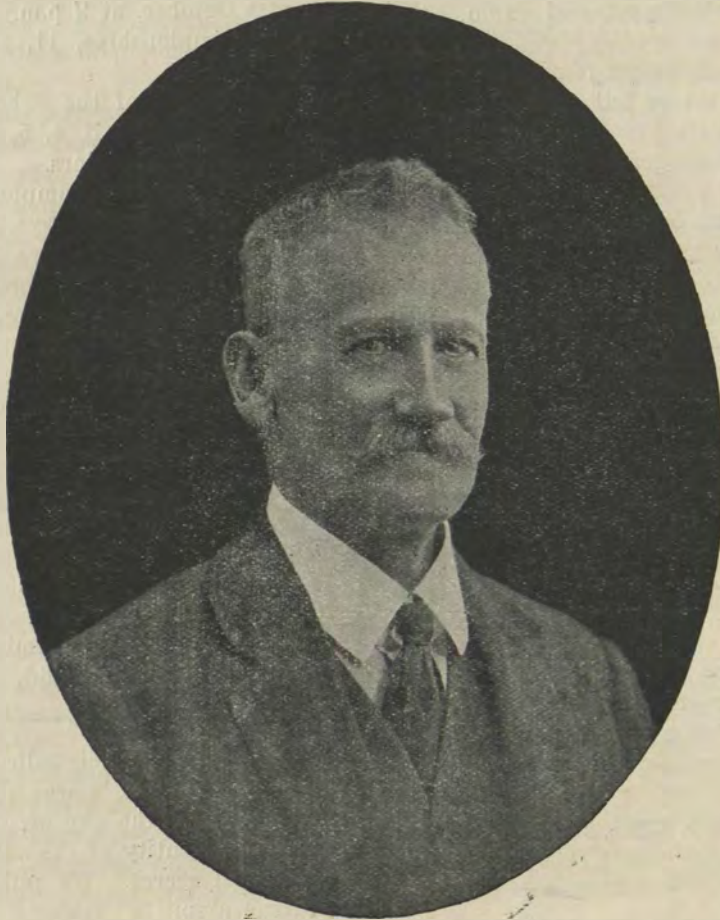
The news of the death, on the 24th ultimo, of Mr. W. J. Turner, for 15 years headmaster of Fort-street, and lately Superintendent of Technical Education, was heard with regret by thousands of pupils who had come under his influence.

The chief incidents of his career are well known. In this connection suffice it to say

promoted to that which he occupied up to the time of his death.

We will not be far out, however, when we say that it was as headmaster of Fort-street that Mr. Turner won his name, and by which he will chiefly be remembered. He was possessed of unbounded enthusiasm, and that faculty for hard work which goes so far in making for efficiency.

In so far as Fort-street itself is concerned,



that in 1889 Mr. Turner had won such a name for himself as an organizer, disciplinarian and teacher at Blackfriars that he was selected to fill the dual position of headmaster of Fort-street, and Principal of the Teachers' College. After acting in conjunction with Mr. G. H. Knibbs as special commissioner appointed to investigate educational matters in Europe and America, Mr. Turner was appointed Assistant Under-Secretary, from which position he was

the school owes many things to its former chief. It was he who first saw the value of secondary education, and commenced preparing pupils for the public examinations. It was he who first made Fort-street famous in the sporting world. In fact, it was while headmaster of Fort-street that swimming was first introduced as a school sport. Some of his older old boys also will remember the concerts that he promoted, for he was an ardent

musician. It was he, too, that founded "The Fortian," some sixteen years, in whose success he was an earnest well wisher.

Just prior to Mr. Turner's death, arrangements were being arranged for a public testimonial in recognition of his 50 years' public service. This alas! must now take the form of a memorial. We hope that it may take the form of a portrait to be placed in the school, together with a school scholarship, two things which would perpetuate the memory of one who did so much to Fort-street, one of the greatest public schools in Australia.

"The Fortian" desires to express the school's deepest sympathy to Mrs. Turner and her two daughters and to Dr. Trevor Turner, one of our distinguished old boys.

SWIMMING.

The swimming trophies for last season were distributed last month by the headmaster in the art room.

The many recipients expressed by word and action their pleasure on receiving such valuable prizes. Each prize-winner was given the choice of picking the trophy he most desired and strange to say the majority went for medals. Fountain pens were, however, very numerous, and other articles varied from a set of boxing gloves to watch chains.

The headmaster, in a short introductory speech, congratulated the winners, and put forward a suggestion that the prizes should, in the future, be distributed immediately after the carnival.

That, however, is a matter which requires to be handled gently, for the full statement of carnival receipts and disbursements can in no way be prepared until at least several weeks have elapsed. Still next year the school hopes to reward the successful competitors much earlier than heretofore.

As soon as the swimming season opens in October this year, the Secretary wishes to obtain the name of every non-swimmer in the school. The beginners' class will receive first attention from the staff and proficient swimmers.

Boys desirous of obtaining life saving

awards will do well to acquaint the Secretary as to their needs from the opening of the season.

An examination for proficiency certificates and medallions will take place during the last week of the school year.

HANDBALL.—SII.

Again the handball enthusiasts of SII. flock to the handball court, "glad in the freedom of school let out," for once more there is a competition. Yes, the singles competition has at length commenced. The question of the day is "Who is going to win?" or rather, "Who are going to win?" for the committee has made two competitions, A and B. In the A competition I tip the winner as Connelley or Paling, and in the B MacLaren.

Porter is doing exceedingly well, having beaten Holland and Sherwood, both games being exciting from beginning to end, but notwithstanding these victories, I am sure he cannot surpass "those ever brilliant and surpassing players," Connelley and Jock.

B. Grade.—Watt beat Hales (21-18), after a game which proved more interesting than was expected.

MacLaren beat Paine (). "George" needs great practice at backwork.

MacLaren beat Young (), the game proving both fast and furious.

Young defeated Hales (21-16).

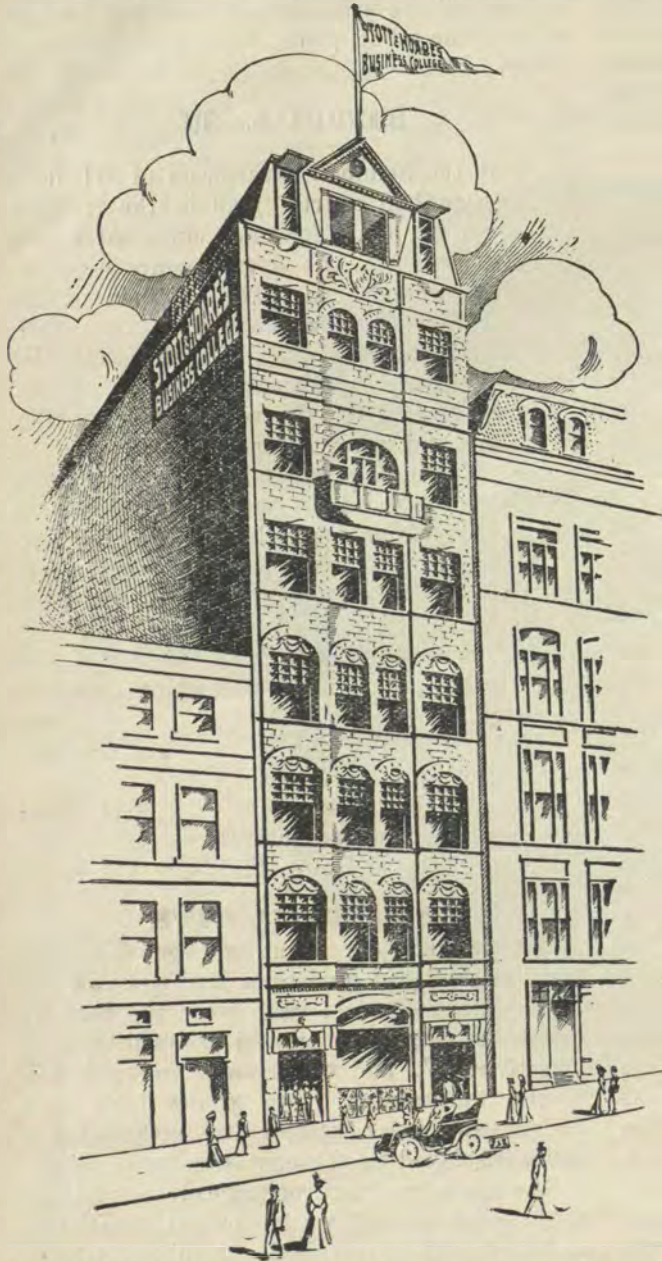
3 A HANDBALL NEWS.

Having made our debut, we now feel more familiar, and can give some real news of the Club. Since our last issue went to press we have once more been carried to the breach, as was Henry V., and we are now engaged in a singles tournament. Two grades have been defined and great interest and enthusiasm is being displayed in the contests.

Our Club has now commenced to swell its ranks, even though we are as yet practically unfamed, and have raised our subscription.

Everyone has his own special wishes and hopes for the tournament, but let us attribute honour to whom honour is due, and let us express our wish that the best player and sport amongst us will win.

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Girls' Page

GIRLS PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES.

5 C.

Vaccination being over, once more to work in earnest, 5 C!

Jessie Connie has made marked progress, especially in writing.

Monica Mahony gave very intelligent answers in history and geography. Elsa Rost, Jean Croaker, Jessie Cameron, Hinda Rosenthal, Connie Smithson, Annie Coyne, Nellie Roberts, Duleie Lawler, Essie Thomas, Alma Hayes, Doreen Morrison, Naomi Brukarz are all trying hard and showing intelligence.

In the last quarterly examination (a thorough qualifying certificate test) the following girls did best:—K. Hildebrand, Monica Mahoney, Elsa Rost, Hinda Rosenthal, Dorothy Clarke, Naomi Brukarz, Essie Thomas, Jessie Cameron, Jean Croaker.

5 B.

The girls who distinguished themselves in the quarterly examination were Connie Bacon, Margaret Harte, Winnie Bennett, Isabel Barnes, Gladys Hunter and Alma Graham.

Girls whose class work has greatly improved are Gwen Latze, Eileen Cornish, Lenah Esserman, Jean Stewart, and Ruby Kelly.

5 A.

Winnie Hales and Cathie McKenzie are decidedly the brightest girls in the class.

The "English" books have improved somewhat.

Mabel Stevens is a steady, earnest worker. But on the whole, 5 A needs to aim higher, and try to catch up to the class ahead.

CLASS 4 A.

Jean and Gillian Arnot, Enid Ramsden, Mabel Barham, and Violet Vyse deserve to be specially mentioned for good work. Betty Stanlake might also be mentioned for her history.

4 B.

Miss Nolan has been teaching 4 B during Miss Green's absence. Kathleen Burns is a good worker, so is Eva Lapin. The other girls who have given Miss Nolan satisfaction are Esther Rapoport (promoted from 4th),

Laura Miller, Christina Smith, Ethel Latta, Gladys Falk, Doris Falk, Mollie Black, Gladys McCann, Emily Benecke and Lily Burford.

Hilma Anderson is the best at composition. Mabel Dorrat is the best at ornamental lettering.

THIRD CLASS.

Dorothy Smith's written work attracts attention, both for neatness and writing.

Ivy George, Kitty Daley, Mona Dose and Eileen Madden have given most satisfaction in dictation.

Dorothea Porter and Roma Giannotti did their physical exercises very creditably.

May Avery has been specially noted for arithmetic.

Olive Raymond and Marjorie Orr do their work satisfactorily and behave nicely.

SECOND CLASSES.

In 2A Dorothy Smith is showing great promise by her intelligent answering. Clair Buchan and Margery Ramsden are doing good work.

In 2 B Laura Spence, Martha Neumann, Pascora Strathopolus, Marjorie Broomfield, Hilda Johnson, Maud Roberts, and Bessie McKenzie are trying very hard for first place in arithmetic. Reby Brodie is showing marked improvement in writing.

THE GLEE CLUB.

Our Glee Club made its first public appearance under auspicious circumstances at the Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday, 30th July. They were invited to contribute to the programme which preceded the formal meeting in connection with the seaside camps for women and children. Under Mr. Tearne's conductorship the girls sang "Jolly Winter," and Mendelssohn's "I Would that My Love," the latter quite charmingly, and reflected great credit on Miss Atkins, who had prepared them. Grace Botting contributed several pianoforte solos very acceptably. Mr. R. R. S. Mackinnon, on behalf of the committee, publicly thanked the performers.

The University, 30/7/3.

Since we sent in our last letter some examination results have come to hand which show that the Fort St. Old Girls are still to

the fore. These were the 2nd year crystallography finals, in which Ellice Hamilton gained High Distinction—coming second, and Dorothy Perry coming third with Distinction.

The coming events are the Glee Club concert on the 31st, the Women's Sports on the 2nd August.

In Sports, Dorothy Struthers, Dorothy Perry, Ellice Hamilton and Joyce Mitchell are playing up well for the Singles Championship. The final results have not come to hand yet, but will be ready for next issue.

Time flies by—so much so that we can hardly turn without hearing of term exams.; therefore all Fortians oppressed with the "exam. bogey" have our heartfelt sympathy.

The Science students might be pleased to hear that some fresh discoveries were made at Narrabeen. These took the form of a vein and pebbles of barium sulphate, rock oil in the basalt of the dyke rock, and some fossil leaves entirely replaced by metallic copper.

HOCKEY.

The Fortians met Wyreepi Hockey Eleven on Saturday afternoon, 7th June, at Moore Park. The very evenly-contested match resulted in a win for our girls by 1 goal, Capt Ettie Warden scoring.

University B Team played Fortian 2nds at Ruscutter's Bay on Wednesday, 9th July. Unfortunately our opponents had only eight players on the field, and our win, 3-0, cannot be considered too glorious. We are looking forward to 6th August, when the next match occurs.

The result of the match against University 1st XI. was a walk-over for the students, 9-1!! The 'Varsity girls played "real good hockey" and their combination and true hitting was a splendid lesson for the Fortians.

BASKET BALL.

On Wednesday, 30th inst., this Club was fortunate enough to secure the assistance of Miss Booth, a prominent member of the Hunter-Baillie Basket Ball Club, who is thoroughly conversant with the rules of the game. The girls are very grateful for the interest taken in their game by Miss Booth.

FORT ST. OLD GIRLS' UNION.

The quarterly meeting of the Fort Street Old Girls' Union was to have taken place on Saturday, 26th June; members met, but owing to the death of their former headmaster, Mr. J. W. Turner, the meeting was adjourned.

Reference was made to the character and great public work of the deceased gentleman by Miss Partridge (president), who worked for some years side by side with Mr. Turner at the then Model School, Fort Street.

Mr. Turner by his great loving sympathy had endeared himself to all, and the girls present who were personally known to him felt keenly the death of their dear old friend.

A vote of sympathy for the widow and family in their great bereavement was duly recorded, and it was proposed that a letter to the same effect be forwarded by the Secretary, Miss Wardropp.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

Our numbers have been sadly decreased since our last contribution appeared in these columns, and whilst offering our sincere condolences to those of our number who have been suffering from the unpleasant effects of vaccination, we are pleased to have already been able to welcome back most of them in renewed health and spirits.

The regular course of work has been somewhat broken on this account, but matters are straightening themselves out once more, and we are ready for work and sport.

The results of recent tests reflect honour upon several of our girls, and should spur others on to further efforts. In 1D Heather Somerville, Sheela Rainsford, and Beryl Hollamby headed the geology list, and Vera Oliver gained highest marks in geometry. S. Archer of 1C class distinguished herself in German, and M. Cummins, J. McDowell and G. Clifford in science. In 1B B. Grieve came top in geology, and I. Cunningham in botany.

An unkind fate has seemingly decreed that Wednesday afternoons, with almost unflinching regularity, shall be wet. We look forward hopefully every week to our afternoon's recreation, but it is seldom that a bright sun greets our gaze upon these occasions. The girls of 1D are eager to finish their tennis

match with 1E, and so have an additional reason for desiring fine weather.

1D scholars are all very interested in "springs," and P.B. announces that during her next stay on the Blue Mountains she will keep her eyes open for a briny, iron, sulphuric or Epsom salt spring. In the event of her discovering such she is to bring back a specimen therefrom, for the edification of the young ladies of this class.

The dux of 1A, Annie Gilmore, has left us for a short time to escape the doubtful blessing of vaccination, and to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Blue Mountains. We wish her a pleasant holiday.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

"Poeta nascitur non fit"—from this it is evident that the girls of 2C have recently had a Latin test.

Tests have been much in vogue lately. Vivienne Gullick secured first place in a recent German examination, and Muriel Nowell and Dulcie Pierce gained good marks in French. In the mathematics test, Chrissie McRae headed the list.

Fortunately our hopes regarding "Macaulay" have somewhat revived, although the dictionary is indispensable whilst studying this work.

The recording geniuses of each class are kept busy, and when she daily makes her appearance we quake with fear (?).

The girls of the Technical class wish to express their deep regret at the death of the late Superintendent of Technical Education—Mr. J. W. Turner, who took a great interest in their work at the Technical College.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

"Of the making of books there is no end." The veracity of this statement has lately become apparent by the appearance upon the scene of a vast number of blank folios swathed in the ever-useful brown paper. To what end their production? Alas! the chronicling of the hourly efforts of the student, thirsting for knowledge, yet receiving thereof such abundance that she has much ado to swallow it all. What mean the names of fair maidens inscribed in the last column of the spacious pages of these folios? These are they, alas,

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It is said that geniuses do not experience the same feelings or weaknesses that affect ordinary mortals. Nevertheless, the recording genius of this class is an exception to that rule. She deigns to partake of the "poms and vanities" of this school world, in common with those whose names are recorded in her book, and she enters into their fun with the greatest of enthusiasm.

The ardour of the members of the Sports' Club has been somewhat damped (not to say soaked) by so many weekly showers.

We all hope that in future the sports' days will be more enjoyable than they have been for some time past.

LACROSSE.

"A" GRADE.

Fort-street "A" was well represented this year in the N.S. Wales interstate team against Queensland, having had more in it than any other school. Those from Fort-street were A. Edwards, H. Edwards, T. Simpson, A. Acland, A. Yates, E. Hills and H. Smith. The results of this season are:—

Fort-street A v. Ultimo, draw; Fort-street A v. Technical H. School, win, Fort-street; Fort-street A v. Petersham, win Fort-street; Fort-street A v. Ultimo, lost Fort-street; Fort-street A v. Technical H. School, win Fort-street; Fort-street A v. Petersham, win Fort-street; Fort-street A v. Ultimo, Fort-street forfeited; Fort-street A v. Technical H. School, win Fort-street; Fort-street A v. Petersham, to be played.

SOCCER FOOTBALL.

Wednesday, July 9.—Ultimo High School defeated Fort-street by 1 goal to nil, after a very slow and uninteresting game. At half-time the game was nil all, and, owing to the shocking combination of the halves and for-

wards, our team was defeated. The backs and goal-keeper played an excellent game.

Wednesday, July 16.—Petersham A forfeited to Fort-street.

No other games have been played owing to the predominant complaint "vaccinitis."

Honor Caps for the year 1913 have been awarded to H. Kinninmont, J. Morgan, G. Holmes, and L. Firth.

In consequence of the death of Mr. J. W. Turner, on the 24th ult., the Old Boys' Smoke Concert, in honour of Mr. John Hunter, B.Sc., set down for the 26th inst., was postponed to a later date. Mr. Turner was the Patron of the O.B. Union.

A number of the staff and several boys have received post-cards from Mr. Davies, sent from the various Australian ports at which he touched.

There are 101 candidates from Public High Schools for the first leaving certificate examination, to be held in November next.

Mr. J. W. Cornforth, B.A. (Jesus College, Oxford) has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Davies' trip to Europe. We extend to him a very hearty welcome, and hope that his stay with us will be a very pleasant one.

We also desire to welcome Mr. A. D. Fraser, B.A., who has taken Mr. Murray's place on the modern language side.

Fort Street First Rugby Team defeated the Ultimo High School on the 13th instant by the fine score of 17 to 3.



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We meet in the old school day by day,
In the rooms that are linked to the past:
We manfully strive in our work and pray
That her honour and fame may ever last,
And her lustre ne'er decay.

The storied walls have for us their tale
Of the boys who have toiled and won,
Whose hearts were tuned in our cloisters pale,
To ring right true in the race to be run,
The good and the fair to hail.

We are boys as yet, and our spirits high;
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J. H. S.

OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

(By "Cavendish.")

Since our last letter many things have happened; with one exception, however, they might well be termed small things. The one "great" event which one has to chronicle is the August examination which engineers and med. had perforce to face. Some of the results of these tests appear elsewhere in this issue. At the time of writing, however, they have not come upon the scene.

It is some time since the Dramatic Society gave its performance of "Anchored," a play dealing with college life at the seat of learning. While it was admirably written and admirably produced, there is one lesson to be learnt from it that is not so admirable. It is the fact that the colleges form too small a part of Sydney undergraduates. At Sydney one-tenth of the University lives in college; at Oxford one-tenth lives out of it. The reason is obvious, and it is doubtful whether Sydney could ever become a "University" city. One of the chief faults of the University Amending Act was that no provision was made for the extension of the sphere of usefulness of the affiliated colleges. They remain at the goodwill (or mercy) of private benefactors.

The Glee Club has held the first of its two 1913 concerts. We shall merely say that many of the audience were disappointed.

One of the features of University life towards the close of last term was the series of addresses given in the Union Hall on the social problem. The Premier of the State made the inaugural address, referring to the well-worn fact of the absence of leading University graduates from public life. Whether or no some of our young barristers were present, the fact remains that not a few budding (perhaps "just buddeu" is better) bachelors of law have commenced a search for Parliamentary honours.

There is little doubt that the University Union has come to play an enormous part in the moulding of the ordinary undergraduate. Last edition of "Hermes" contained photos of the main features of the new building, alongside a view of the old Common Room. There is no need for one to draw the only too obvious contrast. Let it suffice to dwell on the brighter side of the picture. The Union will soon have completed the second year since its reconstruction, and the first since the furnishing commenced. The Board has had some difficult jobs to face, and has come through with flying colours. The elections will probably be held some weeks after the beginning of Michaelmas Term (Monday, September 15). It is to be hoped that all the University will keep these in view.

The Undergraduates' Association came through festival with a considerable credit balance, and this is one of the reasons why the garden party will be held next term. The fighting platform of the Association now includes "Restoration of the old commemoration with recognition of Undergraduates' interests." The new Senate seems not unfavorable.

The evening students have held their second smoko of the year, this time in the Union Hall. With Mr. Selle's weather eye on them, the Association must proceed "swimmingly."

The dancing season over, the University mustered in force at the Women's College on the last night of term, determined to enjoy the semi-dramatic mask, written by Messrs. Brennan and Brereton and produced by the students. There was no determination needed. The piece went without the slightest hitch.

The old Common Room has gone, but not (alas!) for ever. It seeks pastures new, but not so very far from its former position. It will continue to be an eyesore. But the eyes will be the eyes of the engineering students, and not the somewhat more aesthetic and sensitive ones that gaze in awe at the professional desks in the main building.

Those old boys continuing to play in the various sports—Football: G. B. Harden (1st XV.), A. M. Langan, H. V. Evatt, K. W. Flook (2nd XV.), and others in the thirds.

Not only in football, but in baseball, hockey, tennis, handball and lacrosse, no new Fort-

street men have appeared on the scene. Freshmen have practically taken part in no sport at all. There are one or two exceptions to this, notably Bennett, but the others have evidently not shaken off their stage fright. It rests with those coming up next year to remedy this. It should be impossible to say this of any detachment of seniors from the old school.

The University Scouts will go into camp on Sunday, 7th September, for a week, and the undergraduate will be a strict disciplinarian for that time, returning to the Union freedom with the new term.

FORT STREET BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

The following results are announced:—

Military Science II.—Distinction: H. S. Ormsby.

5th year, M.B., Ch.M.—Pass: L. W. Featherston, A. M. Stanton.

4th Year.—I. Morgan (High Distinction and Parkinson Memorial Prize), S. A. Railton (Distinction), R. Silberthan, T. Potts, B. Carruthers (Credit).

Pass: C. Samson, H. Wall, N. Zions.

Medicine—2nd Degree Examination.—Pass: G. A. Lawrance, C. R. Wiburd, G. A. Murray, W. H. Roberts, C. R. Alexander, V. Asher.

3rd Degree Examination: John Harris Scholarship for Anatomy and Physiology: Eric W. Frecker.

High Distinction: E. W. Frecker.

Distinction: R. C. S. Buss.

Credit: C. O. Hellstrom, H. Symonds.

Pass: C. W. Bray, J. L. Harrison, A. M. Langan, C. W. Murray, C. M. Samson.

Engineering, 2nd Year.—

Civil Engineering—Pass: E. O. K. Green, D. T. Smith, W. C. Stafford.

Mechanical Engineering—Pass: A. H. Wright.

3rd Year.—Surveying—Pass: E. H. Booth, H. V. Brett, G. B. Harden, F. D. Stafford, C. D. Wallace.

BOYS' PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS.

In connection with Wattle Day on the 1st inst., one boy from each class was selected to plant a wattle tree in the garden. In all eight healthy trees were planted, and if they do well will be extremely beautiful in early Spring.

Class 2A reports an anxiety to work after the vacation. Art work is particularly popular, Rassmussen, Rose, Langford and Hughes having several little pictures which do them credit. We have received no report from 3A, but 3B notes that cricket practice started last Friday. Abbot, Cohen and Ragen are mentioned for the fine specimens of wattle provided on Wattle day, while Parret, Anderson, Robbins and Taylor are commended for fine class work.

In 4A Hodge, Smith and Coleman are commended for class work; Edwards for his exercise book; Berry and McLellan for reading; and Humphreys for Nature Study.

The results of the last quarterly examination are to hand. The following are the names of those who did the best work in each subject in 5A:—

Reading: Marks, Arnott, Arnold, Berry, Ralston.

Writing: Lane, Smith, Price, W. Lewis, Conybeare.

Dictation: Conybeare, Gordon, King, Wienert, Ramsland.

Composition: Wienert, Marks, Ferguson, Price, Bailey.

Mathematics: King, Ramsland, Hamilton.

Grammar: Arnold, King, Ramsland, Steel, Parrett.

Geography: Wienert, Cohen, W. Lewis, Steel, Lane.

For 5B, Hanthorn still continues to hold the honour of being best in his class. His work all round is splendid. Other boys in the class whose work is very satisfactory are Wilkinson, Cooper, Shineberg, Fraser, Lord, Fennell, Crackanthorp, Court, and McMullan. Hines, S. Johnson, Magee and Daniel are not far behind, their work not being quite so uniform.

5C.

The results of work have been pleasing, the following boys being worthy of praise:—

Rea, excellent in conduct and good in com-

The "Fortian" desires to express its deepest sympathy with the family of the late Miss Ruby Jerdan, an old Fort Street Girl who died a few days ago.

position; the English of R. Beckford and Thomson was good; Stone, Hocker, Fleming, Hurt, Mallam, Elliott, Dufty and Carter bring very neat home exercises, and are little inferior in this respect to O'Connor, whose exercise book is very well kept. Dibbs and Bennett are working thoughtfully and cheerfully; while Thompson, Dingle and Williams averaged 80 per cent. in their test in arithmetic.

Boys' High School Class News.

SENIOR I.

I.—Things Scholastic.—The whole Senior class has at present but one obsession: When they are in their houses, and when they walk by their ways, when they lie down, and when they have risen up, one horrible figure pursues them. It is the mystic sign of the parabola (the secret badge of the "Combined Societies of the Harmonious Firsts and Co-Ordinate Geometricians"); it is the fearful flowing swerve of the endless curve. This nightmare pursues our tormented imaginations relentlessly. Even the Sphinx wears a worried look as Last Lesson Thursday approaches.

English.—The unending flow of tests continues to whirl down the rapids of The Room. As Friday succeeds Friday, "a voice is heard in Ramah"—and the decree goes forth: "Sit ye to your tests"—'mongst horrid shapes, and shrieks and sights unholy" there evolves obedience.

To return to Maths.—our beloved ridiculous old Maths. Our return is for the purpose of recording a remarkable physical property of the "avenue." One of our number (whose initials might be X. Y. Z., but are not) discovered, with his usual—er—perspicacity, that by carefully selecting Moreton Bay figs of certain size and ripeness, the adept can trace down the side of the avenue a perfect example of simple harmonic motion. Eagerly the class has leapt to the call of Science, and now at the hour of recess (glad moments!) may be seen wildly careering down the avenue myriads of figs. By applying the well-known adepts, the enquirer after knowledge may have for his benefit a representation of waves of any convenient dip, and with any wave-length re-

quired. It is rumoured that tables are being carefully prepared, with the aid of the recently acquired knowledge of the sine and cos expansions, by which to produce a given wave-length and given dip, the momentum necessary will be given to the experimenter, and careful statistics (the results of one A. W.) show how to allow for friction—that thorn in the rose of scientific exactitude.

In Science we have just learned that green is not made up of blue and yellow, and that colour is not colour, but something else. As to what it is no information is hereby supplied. For all enquirers, the Science Room is open 9 to 4 Mondays to Fridays, Wednesday, half-holiday.

French is the "x" of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$. Who can find it? Someone suggested using the discriminant equal to zero, whence $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$, where "b" equals Firth's knowledge of French, and "a" that of the rest of the class, "c" being the coefficient constant of knowledge as it is pulled up the path of necessity, by the force P.M.

II.—Things Sporty.—**Golf:** Our golf club has been very active of late. In fact, it was heard to have an argument with itself only the other day on the rival beauties of the "Arch Colonel" or "Colonel White." In fact, during the discussion, the club got considerably mixed up with itself, and proposed to itself an adjournment to consult "Nesbit's Golf Year Book."

But, apart from the above frivolities, good work appears. At the annual meeting of the Fort Street High School Seniors' Golf Club there was much enthusiasm expressed by the member. The president (Mr. England) read the year's report, and told of the many pleasant Wednesday afternoons spent by the club. In reply, the secretary (Mr. V. England) expressed the happy state of mind he was in at the prosperous condition of the club. Its membership was unprecedented. The only trouble encountered was the recent strike of caddies. The secretary added sorrowfully that these depraved beings were striking for one cigarette an hour more. (Sorrowful groans.)

On the rising of the Treasurer (Mr. Vivian England) there was prolonged applause from the other members (whose numbers, I might mention aggregate something like the recipro-

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cal of infinity in strength), and proudly conscious of his dignity, the treasurer read the balance-sheet. Its purport is too lengthy to be inserted here. It is left over till next issue. To wind up the pleasant gathering, the oldest member (the Venerable V. England, Esq.) suggested whisky and soda, and with all good will the annual meeting adjourned. As the passed out the door the assistant secretary (Vivian England, Esq.) audibly remarked to the sergent-at-arms to the annual meeting (the hon. Vivian England) that "the club was in a most prosperous state—aha!—and the club heartily applauded Mr. England for the sentiment.

Handball.—The Old Boys' match eventuated on Friday, 22nd August.

The Old Boys were weakened by the non-arrival of two members of the team, which left Briggs, Liggins and Holmes (1912 Senior) a hard task. The School won every game, 4 doubles and 4 singles.

The Senior Singles Championship is at date of writing in full progress. Firth defeated Jerdan, Cuthbert and Morgan without any difficulty, but Barry gave him a splendid fight, and finished at 17—21.

Cuthbert absolutely outplayed Jerdan for two games after losing the first, and thus scored the first point, 21—9, 21—11.

Morgan and Jerdan had a fine game, resulting in the former's favour, 22—20, while he himself was routed by Barry, 21—2.

Though Firth's position as winner is assured, the competition for second place is full of possibilities. Meanwhile titanic conflicts are waged daily from 3.30 till 5.30.

J. R.

SENIORS II.

In the Classical Circle.—Our Free Lending Library is now open again after the smallpox scare. For further particulars refer to the librarian, the honoured Wilfred. Mr. Cornforth has taken advantage of our large stock, and has already signified his intention of spreading our fame. The enterprising financier who is at the head of this library venture has made a new departure in the way of second-hand handballs.

In the English Circle.—"The Foure PP" appear daily in "our demi-paradise," the art room. They are all very interesting characters well known in this seat of learning. Some time ago a dispute between three of them arose as to which was the most useful. Paine said that though he was but little he was necessary, as it was not good for mankind to have too much pleasure. Paling's argument was that man needed a protection for his property, and as he was both tall and thin, what better than a paling. Porter then entered the discussion, saying that when men looked onto his frothy curls and light-brown face they forgot

"dull care and loathed melancholy."

He also remarked that in another guise he carried (or rather wheeled) everything before him, so the judge, Mr. Ponton, had no choice but to let him carry this matter before him too.

Ah, well! time creeps slowly on (particularly when one has not prepared the author); some are industrious and "weary se'nnights nine times nine, they do dwindle, peak and pine," but others again—well! they just prefer to sit and listen.

Such was the case, we must be careful to re-

mark but this even has changed. Something in the face of the "listener" appeals to the master. He puts his name down.

In Geometry there have lately been startling developments, phenomenal even. Someone has discovered an alternative proof for Theorem 3, perhaps a little longer than the old method, but quite as good. It is probable that this will benefit future generations if they find it hard to memorise the older method. And anyway, there is nothing like originality in these progressive times.

Occasionally one finds the financial details of history hard to grasp. £1,000,000 is a vast amount of money, but although it is in plain round figures, it is very hard to realise; in fact, some of us cannot grasp it at all. It seems strange. Yet does it?

SENIORS III.

Scientific.—One finds it hard nowadays to "hold the eel of science by the tail"; but yet we progress in concocting matters strange and wonderful. We wonder if Coleridge learnt chemistry when he said:

"I counted two and seventy stenches,
All well defined, and several stinks!"

Algebra.—"As dry as the remainder biscuit after a voyage."

Latin.—The stamp of learning is on our brows as the "orations" (sincere apologies to "Frankie") of Cicero slowly unfold themselves before our awed and wondering gaze.

French.—We have already found an able successor to Mr. Murray in the person of Mr. Fraser. As for work—!!!

Mechanics.—Just learn that if it were not for the fact that we are met by an equal and opposite force when we sit down on a chair we would go right through. Awful to think of, isn't it?

General Knowledge.—What we have learnt lately:

(1) Toffee is a very viscous fluid.

(2) That to osculate is not the same as to oscillate.

In Lighter Vein.—We have just held an international handball match, Italy versus Australia, Australia just winning. Keep it up Australia!

Gay's "Whence is thy learning? hath thy toil

O'er books consumed the midnight oil?" has lately been rendered

"What schoolboy would be such an ass

O'er books to waste the midnight gas?"

And yet further modernised with

"What poor, hard-working, helpless wight

O'er books doth waste th' electric light?"

Well, farewell till next month!

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

With the vaccination boom on the wane, and the return of its erstwhile victims to their places in class, conditions are again tending to approach the normal. But our space this month is limited, so that correspondents, budding poets and small boys are alike constrained to curtail their flights of fancy and keep their "fine frenzy" within the limits demanded by an Editor whose mandates are as immutable as the laws of the Medes and Persians.

2A are pleased to welcome the return of Whitney, and congratulate him on his recovery from a long illness. The class work appears to be on the up-grade, giving promise of satisfactory results in the "Intermediate."

Ross and Thorn of this class are members of the football team which won the Senior grade of the High Schools' competition.

2B is steadily forging ahead—"Dogged does it." "Attitude is distance east or west of Greenwich." "Rubber."

The following burst of eloquence is probably still ringing in the ears of a certain member of this class:—"The Oracle hath spoken, and when he speaks, it soundeth as the burst of a cabbage-head." French irregular verb tests are increasingly popular (ask D—e). In the latest of these Bramley scored 100 per cent., while Lyon followed close "a ses trosses" with 97 per cent.

Where are 2B poets?

2C finds its ranks further thinned. R—e "demovetur" (?). Things are beginning to assume a bright aspect in this class, as most of the members have begun "graft-graft-grafting all the way."

2C is profoundly interested in the opening lessons in Physics, especially in "absolute rest"—a state in which B—e has remained for many "moons." He also appears to possess a great quantity of the property of "inertia."

2C's. poet has again found inspiration, but

as space is limited and 2D's poet is due for a turn, we hold the lucubrations of the C-er over.

2D for ever! Our poet laureate has at last composed a poem! We hope it will not be the last from his able pen, but Exam. approaches, and we have little time to spare to wander in the Delphic grove or scale the heights of lofty Parnassus.

Little & Co. have started handball in the afternoons, and we hope that it will revive Smiler's warlike spirit.

Of all the classes in the School
2D stands out the best;
And every master should admit
It's far above the rest.

Now, Mr. Hannay talks a lot
About the French we do;
He says we write a "lot of rot"—
Which surely can't be true!

Now tests—we have them every day,
In Maths. and English too;
And—taking Mac and Smiler out—
We nearly all get through.

And so throughout this 2D class
Let every boy try hard—
Where'er it be—at work or play,
In football field or yard;

And if he does his little best,
That best will better grow;
And on through a successful life
'Tis certain he will go.

2E indignantly repudiate the suggestion that that the author of the article on "Seniors" is a member of the class. Their criticism, they claim, would be far more trenchant, could they demean themselves so far as to enter the lists.

"Spim Jarky" has vanished—silently, mysteriously. Yet rumor hath it that you shall come upon him in a country orchard. (No, dear reader, not with intent to commit a felony, but as an honest tiller of the soil.) The old 1F contingent has decreased by one!

2F correspondents affirm and declare that the approach of the Annual Sports Meeting has set its members training for all sorts of events, from jumping in sugar-bags to running the

"hundred," and that in consequence the usual hebdomadary sports have somewhat lost interest.

We have now come to another section of practical science in which we no longer break test-tubes, but merely roll pulleys down wires, and marbles down the inclined plane. But there is a Spanish proverb which says: "Science is madness, if good sense does not cure it."

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

1A.

Our class has been improving greatly during the last few weeks, and every one seems to be working with renewed vigor. Some, however, are looking forward to the Michaelmas vacation as a slight spell before the final lap.

In football we achieved a great victory, and honors "fell thick upon us," but unfortunately there came a frost, and made matters even again. Still, we have the honor of having defeated the champions, 1D, by 9 to nil. Those worthy of mention are Morrow, Vandenberg and Glenn, all of whom scored tries. Helliger

PUPILS OF FORT STREET SCHOOL WILL APPRECIATE THIS.

It is NOT a Coincidence.

1st Fact. On 30th April last year an examination was conducted at the Fort Street School by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia in Elementary Shorthand Theory, Shorthand Theory and Shorthand Advanced Theory (three separate examinations).

The FIRST place in EACH section was filled by students of the Metropolitan Business College.

In the Shorthand THEORY section, the Metropolitan Business College students filled the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th places in order of merit.

2nd Fact. On the 7th September last, a precisely similar set of examinations was held at the same school by the same society. The FIRST place in EACH section was again filled by Metropolitan Business College students. The parallel so far is remarkable enough, but still more remarkable is the fact that in the Shorthand THEORY section, our students again came in almost unbroken succession in order of merit, filling:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th places—just a little better than the previous brilliant results.

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also played a fine game.

The following riddle has been propounded for some of our class:—

Watts the name of the Dean of Achurch in one of the Scottish Glens, who was Wise enough to prefer a Van to a four-Wheeler when carrying the 3 Macs to the Hall, so that their Burns might be attended to on the Morrow?

The Sardine contributes the following stanza in response to Mr. J. T.'s pressing request:—

Odin was the Father,
And Frea was the Mother;
Hoder was the Blind God,
And Balder was his Brother;
Loki was the Villain,
And Angerbode his wife;
Hermod was the Trusty God
Who rode for Balder's life.

There is much more of it, but the metre has given way under the strain.

1B.

Talk about a good time! Why, the 1B boys never experienced such fun before. A picnic at Cowan! What better could be wished for?

So, on Saturday, 23rd ultimo, when we held our class picnic, our Maths. teacher illustrated the benefits of "Punctuality" by getting the tickets in time to catch an "early train." (?)

Accordingly, poor old "Daddy's" company was greatly missed during the day's events.

Nevertheless, we arrived at the boatsheds where Mr. P—r and one of our number were anxiously awaiting our appearance, with the news that the "ship money" had been increased.

We were out for a day of enjoyment, and so, settling this financial difficulty, we obtained three boats and sallied forth. The day was one of instruction as well as amusement, for "Chid." On the "outward" voyage he tried his strength at rowing, and, owing to his ability in "catching crabs," nearly succeeded in upturning the boat two or three times. But, as persuasion would not move him from his post (and no other means could!), not only did this boat arrive last at our destination, but everyone aboard were drenched. Was it a wonder that they were asked to "state their reasons"?

A dip in the water, thought cool, must have strengthened the appetites of some boys, for,

when the dinner was ready, many packets of biscuits, cakes sandwiches and other good things disappeared as if by magic.

The afternoon went quickly and pleasantly, and the various boat-loads of happy youths returned slowly to the railway.

In sport, 1B lately defeated 1C by 8—2 at Soccer, and also played a draw with them; but, owing to the Weekly Latin Tests, many lads spend their Wednesday afternoons in "The Black Hole of Calcutta."

1C.

The class still progresses in a steady way, and detention lists are getting smaller.

Some of our mathematicians, though, like the grounds and spend many afternoons working problems.

Our Soccer team played a draw with 1B; but another match has been arranged to decide who really is champion.

We intend having a picnic shortly, but do not wish to go too near the water, as Fisho may be lost. Our progress in English has been so rapid that our pet submits the following as being more like a High School standard:—

Mary was the undoubted possessor of a diminutive juvenile mutton, whose exterior hirsute adornment, in immaculateness, the congealed watery particles mated, and everywhere the aforesaid maiden, indisputably wandered. The aforesaid mutton likewise most certainly perambulated.

1D.

Owing to a plethora of homework, one of our clan developed consumption (?) and while we are working a "stiffener" in simple interest his heart-rending cough grates upon our ears and stops progress. It is nearly as hard to bear as Pearson's jokes.

"Little Women" is now a thing of the past and "Golden Deeds" are in full swing. It is tolerable, but not at all interesting.

Balder Dead is lingering on his last lap and will soon be gone for a time, at least until the Yearly comes along.

Part II. Latin course has now developed into reality, and lovers of Caesar are in great demand. We have also left the pursuit of Cincinnattus and all the other Greeks and Romans in a dusty corner and are now delving into the

doings of such quite modern people as Francis Drake, etc. It is an improvement on Creighton, to say the least.

Colonel Clark is too young yet for the exalted rank that he craves. One gets older every day though. Further explorations in Upper Siberia point to a diet of meat and fruit being the main sustenance of the natives. The class extends its deepest sympathy to Cedric Davis, who has lost his father this month.

1E.

Our weekly debates are still popular, and are going along with great "eclat" (I'm not quite sure of this).

Owing to the inability of Sulla, our last debate was rather a failure.

I am sorry to relate that the interest in sport in this class has diminished very perceptibly. We will all be glad when the time for swimming comes round again.

A gentleman visitor last week was delighted with our oratorical powers. He even stated that Kirk was a second "Willis." Needless to say K.H. was delighted.

We received a card from Mr. Murray at Fremantle. He is having a good trip and wishes to be remembered to all 1E.

THE SMALL BOY AGAIN.

Dear Editor,—The Sententiae Seniorum in last "Fortian" puzzled me a bit, but I managed to make out that the "Seniors think I'm a goblin dragging out a miserable existence on what falls from their table!" Oh, Mr. Editor, how I have laughed? Fancy such a small boy as myself getting so much notice from them! And yet they say I'm obscure! But what big words they had to use to call me names! I had to look 'em up in the dictionary. I own I was a bit scared at first when Seniors said I'd come to a bad end; but the Scripture teacher told us that story about the beggar who got the crumbs from the rich man's table, and he said it wasn't the beggar who came to a bad end; so I s'pose I'm all right. The Seniors forget the story perhaps, or perhaps they never were small boys, and didn't have to learn it.

Pudden Brown's got a poem called "Squeal-

ing Seniors," which goes to the tune "Everybody's Doing It," but it won't be finished for this "Fortian," 'cause he had to alter it. You see he made it end up: "Elephans non capit murem," but he wasn't sure whether Seniors would know what that meant, so he left it out. He's looking in Scott and Jones to see if he can't get another one easier to rhyme. I hope he'll send you the poem, Mr. Editor. Pudden Brown always get A for his English, but Mr. Joe Taylor never gives me more than B. Perhaps I'll do better when I'm a Senior—that's the great hope of your

SMALL BOY.

SENIORS III. LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

We are all highly satisfied with the first edition of Hall's paper "The Bugle Call."

The Editor announces that among his many contributors he has the renowned "Kinna," the poet. Perhaps this accounts for the fact that the editorial was written in blank verse.

At our next meeting several good speeches were delivered against the destruction of incurables, the best being that of Rigney.

The question of vivisection was discussed on the following Friday, and when a division was taken the society unanimously agreed that "Vivisection is justified for scientific purposes."

A "mock banquet" took place the 22nd, some good speeches being delivered.

Mr. Morton H. Moyes, B.Sc., scientist with the expedition to Antarctica under the command of Dr. Douglas Mawson, and a well-known Australian athlete, has accepted the position of headmaster of the University Coaching College.

Mr. Moyes is a champion high and broad jump athlete of Australia, and is prominent in the cricket field, the football ground, and the tennis court.

The Moyes family are well-known athletes in South Australia, his brothers, Rev. J. S. Moyes, M.A., and A. G. Moyes being both famous in cricket circles.

Girls' Page

Primary School News.

5C.

The good results in mapping make it difficult to decide the best. Results next issue.

Essays on "Australian Flora" arrived on Wattle Day. Skill, originality—difficult to choose the best. Decision next issue.

Following are average results for August examination:—Jean Croaker, 86 per cent.; Olive Ferguson, 82 per cent.; Thelma Downey, 80 per cent.; Elsie Thomas, 79 per cent.; Eva Cootes, 78 per cent.; Hazel Cooper, 77 per cent.; Hilda Rosenthal, 77 per cent.; Queenie Rooke, 77 per cent.; Elsa Rost, 73 per cent.; Rita Hill, 73 per cent.; Jessie Cameron, 72 per cent.; Jessie Connie, 72 per cent.; Ula Valksberg, 72 per cent.; Dulcie Lawler, 70 per cent.; Kathleen Hilderbrand, 70 per cent.; Monica Mahoney, 70 per cent.; Dorothy Clarke, 70 per cent.; Ruby Quayle, 70 per cent.; Olga Smith, 70 per cent.

5B.

Thelma Pedersen was the winner of Miss Bourke's prize for good set of note books, kept during six months; Emily Hutchinson and Vera Seeland next in order of merit.

Those gaining highest marks at Quarterly Examination are:—Lena Esserman, Margaret Harte, Gladys Shorter, Ruby Harnetty, Bessie Dreeman, Norma Brodie, Isabel Barnes, Connie Bacon, Elsie Douglas, Ruby Grey, Maggie Noulls, Mabel Ramsbotham, Lena Small, Violet Dalby, Rene Young.

5A.

Edith Wells stands top of the class with excellent. Others who deserve mention are:—Elsie Brennan, Lyndal Ferguson, Dorothy Smith, Winnie Hales, Bertha King, Muriel Wainwright, Marjorie Aldington, Edna Egmond, Catherine McKenzie, Dorothy Smith, Muriel Simmons, Christina Thompson, Mary Ryan, Marjorie Julian, Mona Edwards.

4B.

Are keenly interested in their History and Geography note books.

4A.

Enid Ramsden has given most satisfaction this month.

Jean Butler, Jessie Klapsdor, May Norman, Elsie Pedersen, Avril McKellar, Betty Stanlake, Mabel Barham, Gwen Dawe, Dorothy Bates deserve mention.

3B AND 3A.

Ivy George and Sarah Macguire good in Composition; Annie Everett, Nellie Behrke, Kitty Daley, Mona Dose, Doris Curtis, Dorothy Smith, Dorothy Shea, Younie Lyons deserve mention.

2nd CLASS.

In dramatisation of reading lesson Renie Pascora Strathopolis, Bessie Groves, Marjory Ramsden; while Ruby Brodie, Flora Frunkum gained highest marks last month.

HOCKEY.

The following are the results of matches played since last issue:—

2nd XI. beat Culwulla 2nd XI. at Rushcutter's Bay by 2 goals to 1. Elsie Segært and Rose Esserman scored for winners.

2nd XI. lost to University, 0—1.

Valkyrie beat 1st XI., 2—1. Ettie Warden scored for Fortians. This was the most interesting and enjoyable match played during the season.

Amazons beat 1st XI. at Chatswood Oval by 11 goals to 2, Elsie Shorter and Olive Storey scoring.

The School XI. were defeated by Burwood Ladies' College by 5 to 1.

In this, the return match, the Fortians were surprised at the marked improvement in play shown by the Burwood girls. The combination was excellent, and our girls would do well to follow their example.

COMPETITION MATCHES.

On Wednesday, 27th August, Romans defeated Canberra, 3—1. For winners Elsie Segært shot 2 and Doris York 1 goal. Sadie O'Brien scored for Canberra.

Bandits were beaten by Trojans, 4—3, Olive Storey scoring 2 and Ena Pratt 2 for the latter, and Dulcie Pierce 1 and Ettie Warden 2 for the former.

Competition point scores: Trojans 4, Bandits 4, Romans 2, Canberra 2.

EX-PUPILS' ANNUAL DANCE.

The annual dance of the Fort Street Old Boys and Old Girls' Union was held at Sargents, Market-street, on Friday, 1st August. The function was decidedly a success, and reflected great credit on the organisers. The ballroom looked particularly beautiful, and the supper gave cause for great satisfaction.

Among those present, as well as Miss Partidge, president of the Old Girls' Union, who is always with us, we were pleased to note several of the parents of former pupils, and some of the more recent pupils of the school.

We hope to welcome them again at our future social gatherings.

MATINEE MUSICALE.

The innovation of an entire afternoon's programme from a modern foreign language proved highly successful in the Matinee Musicale et Dramatique given by the High School girls on Wednesday aftern, August 20th. That the function was entirely interesting and enjoyable was conclusively proved by the enthusiastic applause. The library funds will benefit in the result by the sum of £3 10s., the gross proceeds—expenses having been reduced to the vanishing point. The programme was as follows:—

Premiere Partie.—1. Pianoforte, Valse, Op. 36 (Chopin), Mlle. Grace Botting. 2. Deux Chansons, Partant pour la Syrie, Ma Normandie, 1D and 1E. 3. Recitation, Le petit Savoyard (Guicard), Mlle. Gladys Jay. 4. Chanson de Florian (Godard), Mlle. Hilda Dodds. 5. —Comedie, La petite fille Gatee, 1C. 6. Trio—La Serenade des Paysannes (Faust) (Gounod), Mlles. Taylor, Jay, et Whitton. 7. Pianoforte—Ouverture, Le poete et le Paysan (Suppe), Mlle. Marjorie Graham. 8. Violin—Ave Maria (Bach-Gounod), Mlle. Pauline Tierney. Interval—Cinq minutes de causerie.

Deuxieme Partie. 1. Chanson—Mignon (Guy d'Hardelot), Mlle. Edith Trousdale. 2. Morceau—A quatre mains (Schulhoff-Delorme)—Grand galop de concert, Mlles. Whitton et Townend. 3. Recitation—Hel la bonne Aventure, Mlle. Connie Dyson. 4. Violin—Scenes de Czarde (Hubue), Mlle. Pauline Tierney. 5.

Scene Dramatique—Le Medecin chez lui, Classe 1E. 6. Madrigale—Le jet d'eau (Deslibes), Les Classes Techniques et la Classe 2D. 7. Pianoforte—Polonaise en A (Chopin), Mlle. Grace Botting. 8. (a) La Marseillaise; (b) L'antheme Nationale, Toute la Compagnie. Accompagnatrices, Mlle. L. Leontine-Marks, Mlle. Grace Botting.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

We are called upon once more to recount our experiences through the medium of these columns. What, then, have been the excitements of the last month, which have tempered the monotony of study, and the anxieties occasioned by those "oft-recurring tests"? Ah, yes! a Matinee Musicale, to take the place of our usual Wednesday's sports. We thoroughly enjoyed the whole performance, and appreciated the two songs "Partant pour la Syrie" and "Ma Normandie" rendered by the 1D and 1E French girls. Would it not be as well for all the girls to learn the last verse of the latter song?

A short time ago, the 1B girls made an excursion to the Botanical Gardens for the purpose of viewing leaves and plants of all descriptions. They were accompanied by their class teacher, Miss Atkins, and spent a very enjoyable time, but looked rather blank when they discovered that a long essay had to be written upon the subject. However, they all mean to do it, and do it well, too.

Several of the geologists of 1C are intent upon discovering drowned river valleys which may serve to swallow up the unsatisfactory results of some of the geology papers.

The girls of 1D are glad to know that D. F. and W. O. are now better, and able to attend school again.

Most of the girls are still working strenuously for good results in the next "half-yearly," and 1E Class is endeavouring to retain its position as head of First Year.

We are glad to mention some girls who have done good work in recent tests.

N. Gors, of 1A, has come top of her class in Geology. In 1B, B. Grieve, E. Murdock, A. Blair, H. Turner, L. Magee, and N. Cates distinguished themselves in Latin; and Isabel Cunningham in English. B. Grieve still retains her position as head of this class in Geo-

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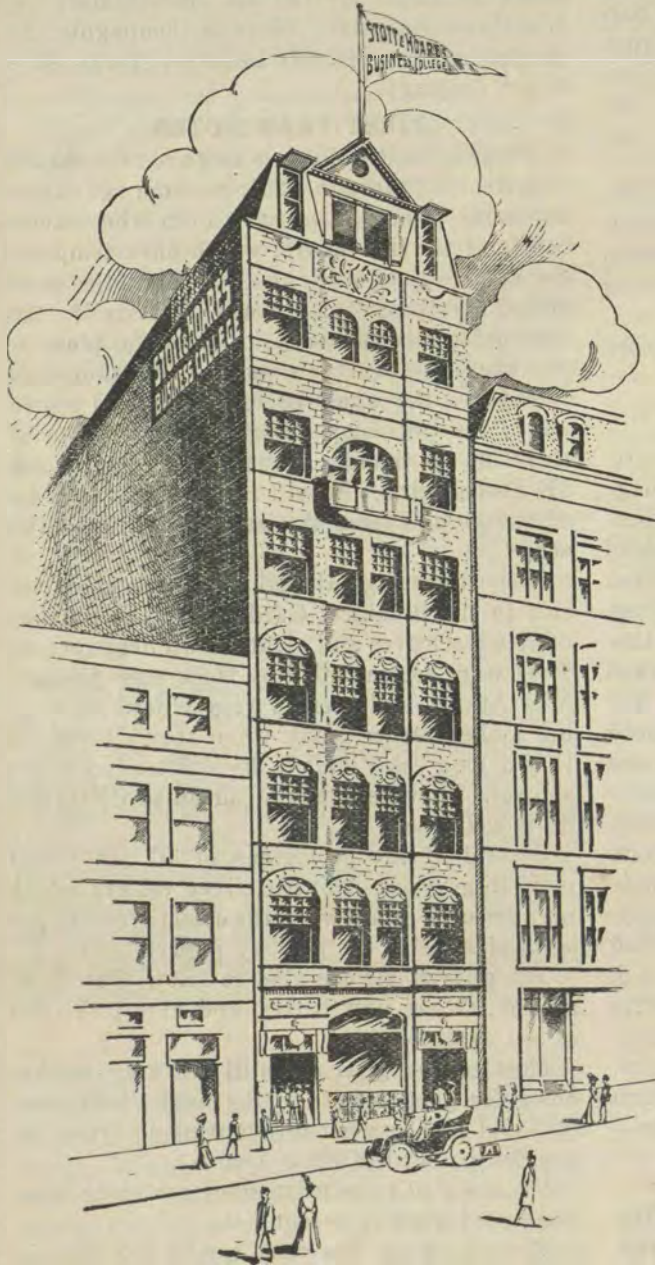
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logy. T. Moore, M. Winkworth, G. Clifford, E. Hickey, and C. Wilkinson are evidently the mathematicians of 1C; P. Brown gained good results in Botany and Geography. 1D list stands as follows:—

Latin: May Turkington.

Geology: Mercia Byron, May Turkington.

Geometry: Vera Oliver, Sheila Rainsford.

In 1E Irene Kelly and Phoebe Turner have done good work in French; Nita Brukarz in Science; M. Lamb in Mathematics I.; and Doris Tydeman in English.

SECOND YEAR.

Since the wee cry of "Mind my arm, please!" has died out, girls of 2B have been crying out about toothache, and have been obliged to pay many visits to the dentist. One of their number especially has had her leisure time so occupied for a very considerable period.

This class still holds its high position in Mathematics; but, sad to say, not in English. One poor girl becomes overwhelmed with fright whenever one chances but to utter the words "English test."

On Wednesday many girls in 2C had the pleasure of being witnesses of the fine musical entertainment arranged by the modern language teachers. They wish to tender their hearty congratulation to them and to the performers.

2D botany students are prepared to feel a sudden increased interest in this branch of study when succulent fruits are discussed. Coconuts themselves are interesting when large and fresh.

Tests are still the order of the day in this class, and members will feel relieved when this weary week is over. Freda Frederick and Grace Pendered obtained highest marks in the last German test.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

The latest organisation instituted within our circle of 3C is a society for the promotion of a fitting appreciation of the matutinal bounties of Old Sol. We assemble at the portals of Parnassus and, owing to limited chair accommodation, all despising desks, are forced to put into practice such examples of permutations and combinations as the following:—

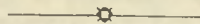
If Tim persists in occupying one chair (of which there are but two), and if a combination of Baby Bliss, Wee Macgregor and Sport repose upon the residue, in how many ways may the remaining maidens comfortably dispose themselves without resorting to Mother Earth as a resting place?

With joyful anticipation do we look forward to the imminent prospect of wallowing in grease (Greece) during our forthcoming French lessons, in spite of the fact that, as a rule, we are most immaculate in all appurtenances, even fountain pens—as at least one person could testify.

We called upon the members of 3B for the monthly budget of news, and with joyful countenance they cried: "Tell to the world tidings sublime! The long-dreaded sword of Damocles (otherwise the students' examination) has been mercifully removed to a safer distance than before, at least for a time; and the extreme (?) tension at which they were working when trying to prepare for the ordeal is slightly relaxed." By this, they do not mean that they are neglecting their work, and having a lazy time; for they know that the "sword" must fall at some not very distant date, but they do not now feel the need for such close application.

Another reason for their relief is that they may now reasonably hope to enjoy their postponed Michaelmas vacation.

With regard to sports, we may mention that some of our members played a tennis match against some Petersham Intermediate High School girls, and the Fortians emerged victorious from the struggle.



We beg to offer our hearty congratulations to Dr. Arthur M. Stanton and Dr. L. Fetherston on passing their Fifth Year examination and consequent admission to the medical profession; also to John Malcolm, C. Armitage and Marcus Alexander on passing another section of the Fifth Year examination. We also note with pleasure that our erstwhile natatorial champion—to borrow Mr. Selle's favourite term—Albert Barry, has passed the 3rd section of the Final Solicitor's examination.

CADET NEWS.

Some questions for the next non-com's. examinations: (a) Give the correct order for a squad to step forward three paces and back three places. (b) Name three articles besides clothing a senior cadet should have on parade with him. (c) Give the procedure carried out when three cadets in line pass an officer, and when 3 officers pass a cadet. (a) What brand of belt and sling cleaning material do you recommend, and why. (This is not asking for a testimonial.)

Some catchy ones: (a) When does an officer salute a private first? (b) When do you start off marching with the right foot? (c) When does a soldier turn left about in turning about?

Sgt. W. Anderson's last paper on semaphore work was a dandy. He gained 95 per cent. for it. This boy was one of our old smart volunteer junior cadets of the Major Dove and Col. Paul days. He is doing fine work.

Major F. Dove, D.S.O., whom all cadets still like to remember, is very ill with hydatids on the spine. He is at present in Sydney Hospital. He has the earnest wishes of all Fort Street Cadets, past and present, for a speedy and complete recovery.

Splendid papers were also handed in for the last exam. by Cpl. Scott (Semaphores) and L.-Corp. Watt (Semaphore and Ceremonial).

How many non coms. or cadets in the school know: (a) how a soldier on horseback salutes? (b) the different subjects each cadet must be efficient in to pass his tests for the military year besides time? (c) colour of naval semaphore flags? (d) how you would fold up signalling flags (e) correct methods of opening a squad for signalling and for physical work? The above are tips for exam. Your Col.-Sgt. will tell you.

Pouches must be worn at all times by senior cadets of the Australian Defence Force, and sight protectors must never be removed from rifles. These are standing regulations for senior cadets in the Commonwealth only.

Some, very few we are glad to say, of our non-coms. would not feel highly flattered if they were to read the reports on their work, etc., for the past military year. "Slack in his company work," "No military bearing on parade,"

"No control over squad section, etc.," "Should revert to ranks," "Unfit to command," "Not a pattern to his squad," are some of the expressions used.

Remember that if no change is made you will be called upon to show cause why you should not be disgraced. Again, we repeat, these remarks apply to very few, but should apply to no cadet in Fort Street, let alone a non-com.

Senior privates and emergency non-coms., E. Company for September, are: Jacobs, Pollack, Enderby, Herbst. These cadets have been chosen for smartness and good work on parade and will hold the position for this month only.

The battalion competition will be held early this year. Be up and doing! Will G. Company do the trick the third year in succession?

How many bugle calls can you whistle now with the school and company calls in?

The annual dinner of the officers and non-coms. will be held again this year. We are giving this advance notice so that musical items and recitations may be prepared.

The following 23 High School Junior Cadets on the military year ending 30th June, 1913, were not "time" efficient. If they have medical certificates, or any reason for same, such as living in an exempt area or no records taken, they should see Major Parsonage at once:— Junior cadets Thos. Law, Horace Davidson, Wm. Kitt, Gibb, Berghofer, Cecil Morgan, Ernest Schwartz, P. Gow, Cliff Terrell, Ron. Fraser, Jas Marshall, Frank Boone, Jack Prior, Clarence Orr, John Elliott, Roy Head, David Justice, U. Parker, Cecil Boden, Herbert Pollock, S. Robinson, N. White, Bruce Edwards, and Edw. Kenemore.

FOOTBALL NEWS.

Hitherto little has been said in these columns of the deeds of the Fort Street Firsts, but they have shown that they deserve some recognition.

This season has been very successful, for they have gone through the competition without once being defeated in it. Fort Street Firsts have been runners-up each year since 1910, when they last won the competition, so that we can rightly congratulate them on their success this year.

First of all, they were handicapped by a weight limit; next they greatly felt the need of somewhere to practice—but they carried all before them.

Cleveland Street was defeated by 29—0; Technical High School 25—0, and Petersham by 71—0. This match, although a soft one, was noted for the splendid goal kicking of Barry. Our rivals of last year from Hurlstone College were this year beaten by 19—0. Penalties against us in this match were far too frequent, but was that our fault?

Although the Ultimo High School beat us in an exhibition match at Uni Oval in a perfect mire, we, however, outclassed them on a dry ground, winning by 17—3. This match registered the first score against us; but still our record was a good one. This match gave us the lead in the competition, so that we had to meet them again in the final. After a very close and hard game we ran out victors by 14—13, Kinninmont, McLaren and Allan scoring, and Barry kicking two fine goals. Every man in the team played excellently; but the ground was rather hard, so that bruises were frequent. "Jock" Morgan must be congratulated for his team's success, and played excellent games. Kinninmont also played well throughout the season.

The team greatly missed Tom Connelley who, through an accident, has been unable to play.

The total points scored by the team was 175 against 16, so that it is a record of which any school can be proud. This would, perhaps, have been better had not the B Team forfeited.

The photo. of the winning team will very likely appear in the next issue of "The Fortian."

The team hopes to go away, as last year, to try a game with a country team. It will very likely be to Bathurst, and may the same success greet them.

SOCCKER FOOTBALL.

Wednesday, June 13th.—Tech. A defeated Fort Street 3 goals to 2, after a fast match. The home team has had very bad luck against the Tech., being defeated by the odd goal in each case. Against this team the School plays better than against any other team.

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Saturday, June 16th.—Fort Street A played a scoreless draw against the Combined Western Suburbs' School Team—the team that represented New South Wales against Queensland. The following played a splendid game for our side:—Porter, Watt, Rigney and Richards.

Wednesday, June 20th.—Fort Street B defeated Tech. B by 1 goal to nil, yet after the School team had played a hard and strenuous game they found that, for some unaccountable reason, their game had been forfeited. Are they downhearted? Yes!!!

After this game the B team played Tech. A, but were defeated 4—3 (again that unlucky odd goal). In this game the following played excellently:—Patterson, Willard and Lush.

3A HANDBALL NEWS.

“Oh, the times, the times!” as Cicero says. Yes, dear reader, we have experienced another change in our constitution; but we must be content, for we are told constitutions are not made, but grow. Our treasurer, Hansman, has resigned, and we can say that we have lost a valuable committee man.

We held a stormy meeting, and as a result we appointed the duties of secretary and treasurer to one man, while two others were selected to settle “disputes,” which we are sorry to say are numerous.

Our tournament is progressing favourably in both grades in the A Grade. Allum is leading, while Gentile and Webb are close runners-up. In the B grade Hunter is leading, with Fryer, Evatt and Schwartzkoff runners-up.

HANDBALL—S. II.

How did it happen? What? Why, have you not heard? No, what is the matter? Don't you know that that mighty, miraculous, marvellous man, ay! that man with the tactics—our Ned—has just failed to get into the first four! The critic, sympathising from the bottom of his heart, went up to the immortal man early in the day and asked what was wrong. “Oh,” said Ned, “I didn't have my shoes”; later in the day, “Oh, I didn't feel well”; and still later, “Oh, the barrackers irritated me.”

Well, well! Either the boys are an irritating set or Ned is an awful—Sh! he's like Tartarin.

Porter got a place in the first four, but, as

the critic prophesied, he succumbed to the mighty Tom. Paling, notwithstanding the critic's tips, has been beaten by Ferris, so that the final will be between Ferris and Connelley—of whom I tip Connelley as the winner.

In the B grade Maclaren easily defeated Hughes, thus placing himself in the final. I consider his opponent will be Young, and the battle between these two will indeed be worthy of notice.

Porter wishes it to be known that he—yea! he—Fuzz Porter—beat Jock; and also that he is not to be classed as an “also ran,” for he walked, and did not run to get defeated.

We have received a message from the orators of the O.B. Union. They would like a challenge debate with the present Seniors. Does the L.C. examination loom too largely to allow the 4th year to accept the challenge? If so, the O.Bs. are willing to send a team of younger men to engage in gladiatorial combat with the 3rd year. Here's your chance. Ferns, Berman & Co.

The new parallel bars are a source of great attraction. The Seniors seem to have a great liking for them. We noticed our “Small Boy” correspondent watching open-mouthed the gyrations of Firth and Morgan a few afternoons ago. Perhaps he will have something to say on the subject later.



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SENTENTIAE SENIORUM.

Being a series of more or less inconsequent skeepches by Jerdan Dobnavitz, this, the sixth, being entitled
THE TEACHER.

Her doting parents saw that she was a prodigy. To afternoon callers, to casual visitors, to all the coterie of scandal-mongers that gathered in the dingy sitting-room—to all these she was held up as a child marvel. She recited "The Ancient Mariner" and "The Wreck of the Hesperus" without a break. Her poor little mind was choked with pages of rhythmic drivel. Undoubtedly she was bright, but they traded on it. . . . She dreamed. As she strolled—long, thin, unhealthy-looking child—down the avenue, she dreamed daily the dreams a child will dream—no less than a man or

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I watched her walk round to the kindergarten. She was broken, she was disillusioned, she was tied. For what?

OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

By "Cavendish."

The results of the August examinations have shown Old Boys to the fore once more. Morgan, Railton, Frecker and Buss have all done splendidly in Medicine, as also have most of our Engineering men. The record of Frecker in Medicine must be unique, as this is the third consecutive time he has topped the year. The exams. that are next on the academic bill of fare are the Xmas Finals in Arts and Science. Behind them loom up indistinct images of law students and sundry others cramming for March.

The University Union has just completed its second year after its reconstitution by the Senate. Whilst a comparatively small credit balance is shown on the workings since March, yet the fact that the lean portion of the year year (the Long Vacation) is at hand, and that there is urgent need of a permanent secretary, induced members to agree to the increase in subscription from ten shillings to one pound per annum.

Mention of the Union reminds one of the work of Mr. Selle on the House Committee. Attending practically every meeting, he was singled out for special praise by Professor Holme at the annual meeting. This will be no surprise to those who attend Fort Street Swimming Carnivals, but it is good to record.

At a dinner to the retiring President on October 3rd one noticed him, and Evatt of 1911 Seniors, amongst the hosts (who were the Union office-bearers). The Union elections take place on Thursday, October 16th, and are fraught with great possibilities for strong undergraduate representation on the Board.

Garden Party comes off on Friday, October 17th, followed on Saturday by a University Regatta, where the inter-collegiate and faculty races will be rowed.

The conclusion of the football season leads us to consider the position of Sydney in this year's inter-'Varsity events. Melbourne have repeated their successes of last year in athletics and rowing, winning very narrowly, however, in the former. In addition, lacrosse and hockey victories stand to the credit of our Southern rivals. As against this, Sydney has been successful in cricket, tennis, and handball. There is no doubt that the most keenly contested matches of the year are the contests between the two Universities.

With the advent of Spring, cricket has come; and with it has come the rain. This latter has spoiled a good deal of the practice so necessary at the commencement of the season. However, the University elevens will, very probably, render a satisfactory account of themselves at the end of the cricket year, when the bowlers cease from troubling and the scorers are at rest.

The new President of the University Christian Union is an Old Boy in the person of R. A. Noble (Senior Class, 1909-10). Noble is doing Medicine, and one wishes him success in his new office.

If a word of well-meant advice be not found out of place, one would like to suggest to the School Sports' Union the advisability of increasing the annual subscription to at least ten shillings a year. This would enable the High School to work independently of the Primary department, and would help the Union to strike out into fresh ventures, and, maybe, to develop the capacities that some of the more youthful sports of the Upper School undoubtedly possess.

The University, October.

Boys' High School Class Yews.

SENIORS I.

"Requiescat in Pace" has been reverently inscribed over the last mortal remains of Handball. To these enquiring fiends to whom "reasons" are as the breath of life, it has been replied that the causes of the demise of the King of the Asphalt were twain. In the first place, the pockets of the devotees yawned daily wider, as the output for balls increased; secondly, a certain inconvenient arrangement of certain erudite gentlemen—known to the uninitiated as "examiners"—has rendered a close attention—or apparent attention—to certain interesting volumes, known as "authors."

Hence the death of Handball.

In perspective, may it be said, no such class of handballers had ever graced the area fronting "Siberia." Classes hitherto have produced their vaunted handballers, but they were as children when their deeds are compared to the mighty feats of "Dad," "E.S.J.," "Noel," "Chawles," and the rest of our coterie of heroes.

And now it is finished. To the potent deity of the examination room has given way the sportive god of Handball. The grief was so great that "Dad" is reported to be in the throes of an "Elegy to Handball."

Our scientific contemporary, the blithe W. (of wood-chopping fame), has now settled down to the serious business of life.

His latest work is the production of a vast cyclopaedia of scientific knowledge. He has just reached the index, and a few entries culled at random from this index will serve to illustrate the vast learning here displayed:

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It will be seen from the above representative collection, with what breadth of knowledge this famous scientist is compiling his masterpiece. It is considered in high quarters that Watson's "Physics" will now fall into disuse.

Oh! Woe! Woe!

For the Sphinx in a moment, overcome by an access of unaccountable zeal, actually hurled forth upon us a—"test." Without a moment's warning we were floundering—drowning. In fact, most of us were drowned. But enough!

Woe! Woe!

The usual victories were gained at the Sports by our stars in the athletic milky way, and that fixed star (or is it flashing meteor?) "Dad," has, as usual, gathered in his modicum of kudos.

In the N.R.A. shoot of Wednesday, 8th instant, a fragrant whiff of camp life was again wafted to the starving erstwhile campers, when sundry uniformed persons appeared to shoot.

SENIORS II.

Like Cicero, the class was lately delighted to find that a small band of "citizens" had gone, "ad illa castra," where they had been summoned to perform their eight days' hard labour. And there for eight days they were entertained as at a royal banquet, with music, too, the charming peaceful strain of the "Reveille." There were, of course, martial exercises to vary the monotony, but the general verdict was all in favour of the camp.

The sporting element in S. II. seems very large, and only the other day several of its members were seen careering along at a break-neck pace to try and reach a small thread as soon as possible. Some were successful in their efforts, and among them we must congratulate Allum on winning the Senior Walk, and McLaren on his general prominence in the second and third places.

Scientific.—To dry nitrogen pass it through a towel.

History.—Poor Mr. S. Our essays must be the burden of his life. It is a well-known

fact that one of our members, who does not overburden himself with work, presented 1100 pages of closely-written matter as an essay on the French Revolution. But do not be amazed, reader. The pages were counted in the scale of 2.

SENIORS III.

Once more we assemble together after a brief week of bliss to the dull routine of our daily school life. Some complain of the shortness of the time; but those who look into matters more will seen see that

"If all the year were playing holidays
To sport would be as tedious as to work."

Nothing much has been done in the way of learning since we assembled after the holidays; but our dazzling victories in the way of sport, etc., are worth mentioning.

English.—The principle of osmotic pressure has been applied to the formation of such words as swing—swang, bow-wow, etc., by a youth bearing the high-sounding appellation of "Tommy."

The "Yo heave ho!" theory was put into practice by the more philologically inclined teams in the tug-of-war last Wednesday.

Trigonometry.—For the enlightenment of readers interested in this subject we give the following formula for the tan of 3A (p. 174 Borchard and Perrott):—Plenty of surf bathing, sun baths, and cocoanut oil, to be applied freely until the desired effect is reached.

Algebra.—Concerning this subject there comes

"On all sides, from innumerable tongues,
A dismal universal hiss, the sound
Of public scorn."

French.—The Djinnns have departed after a fierce struggle lasting fully three French lessons. 3A wants no more female aboriginals forced upon them—even by Victor Hugo.

Physics.—The majority of our number are progressing as usual according to the equation $3x$ plus 6 equals 7 plus $2x$ minus 1 where x equals progress made.

The rest

"By the glare of false science betrayed
That leads to bewilder, and dazzles to blind"
still plod on through a medley of spherometers, Atwood machines, inclined planes, etc.

Chemistry.—Our well beloved "stenches

and stinks" are gone—at least for a while, to give us time to have some experience with things called "indicators." We can imagine with what joy our well-known instructor looks forward to the money rolling in towards the "breakages" fund, and with what sorrow he closes the book after an uneventful afternoon.

Mechanics.—Practical demonstration of the retardation due to friction, was evinced in the recent sports, especially in the case of A.G.T.K.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

Like their classmates, correspondents have been busy holiday-making, training for the Sports, and preparing for the arrival of the Fleet—"our Fleet" as one correspondent puts it—so that class-notes are this month marked by their brevity.

2A was well to the fore at the Sports Meeting. Ross won the 100 Yards Championship of the School; Thorn occupied second place in the Senior Walking Championship; while a tug-of-war team drawn from 2A and 2B won that event, beating every other team in record time, notwithstanding that the "Butcher," the best member of the team, was unable to pull owing to illness. Undoubtedly the "Heads" proved themselves.

2B found its laurels safe in the keeping of Bramley (a very "dark horse") and Winkworth. The latter performed brilliantly, winning the 880, the three-legged race (not by himself, of course), and also filling second place in the high jump. Had the 440 been run in two heats our champion would probably have shown to better advantage, as he was hampered at the finish by the large field.

2C has returned from the vacation fresh and ready for anything (even Latin). Rumour has it that during the vacation "Gully," while boating on the lovely waters of Berowra, had the luck to fall in, and the misfortune to rise again. He also broke an oar—ask him how.

The special feature of 2C's sport entries is that "Porpoise" has entered for the Junior Obstacle Race, and requires an attendant to help him under and through the obstacles.

From 2D there comes the sigh "So near and yet so far!" That is, of course, as regards a pass in the Intermediate. Can they do it? Of course!

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2D was well represented in the various athletic events at the Sports Ground, Allen showing particularly well, and Smiler and Co., Unlimited, taking a most active part (in looking on). It might be said of Smiler, "Venit, vidit, consedit."

2D's poet has not yet reached the end of his resources, and announces a second grand poem for next issue.

2E Class Picnic was held during the vacation **Four** (!) actually turned up, and Manly was honoured as the venue of the gallant enterprise. Having inadvertently wandered within Quarantine boundaries, the four were summarily and forcibly ejected. It required all the solace afforded by a restaurant and a picture palace to restore their nerves and dignity.

1D's feeble joke anent tribal fighting in Siberia met our eye as we glanced casually through last issue. We would remind them that even such a classic as Dr. Jolliboy's "Book of Jokes" contains more up-to-date jests than this hoary example.

2F's correspondent congratulates himself and classmates on the fact that "we all find ourselves at school again after the holidays, but we have at least had time to recognise that the holidays have begun." Many would like an extension of them.

The class has settled down again, but any energy it at present possesses is strictly "potential." It is hoped, however, that, "inertia" having been overcome the members will get into motion again and develop sufficient energy of the kinetic variety to carry them safely over the difficulties of examination.

Together with the return to school comes

the old familiar cry of "Rooty Hill," much to the annoyance of "Thommo."

The arrival of our Fleet is the current topic of conversation, and all members of the class hope to witness its entry to the harbour.

FIRST YEAR.

Even the week's vacation and the glorious Spring weather have not counterbalanced the effects of that quarterly exam. Events came so quickly, and the results brought so many surprise packets, that many of the erstwhile jovial spirits among the First Year lads have not yet recovered their equanimity. However, the vacation and sports meeting have soothed the troubled minds somewhat, and the lads are now preparing to put forth their best efforts in the last lap.

1D have added further laureis to their collection, and have shown that they can produce weight and muscle, as well as brains.

Much good work is being done generally by the First Year boys, but there is still a much too long tail of "passengers" in each class.

1A.

Since last report our class has been steadily progressing, and we claim to be ranked as one of the best first year classes. Smith is still our great mathematician, and has been placed at the end of the class! One or two of the clan have left us. They did not return after the vacation, so we presume they are now earning an honest living in the city.

On Thursday, 11th September, we held a cricket meeting. Van was elected captain, and Glenn, Achurch and Edmonds are his advisory committee. With Van in the van we hope to be A1 all the time.

1B.

The holidays over, we again resume work, determined to do or die in the final exam. which qualifies for second year work.

We are all sorry that we have lost one of our brightest stars in the person of Freeborn, who has been removed to 1D. Accordingly, D. Fayle has been elected to the position of "Fortian" correspondent in his stead. We finished the football season by defeating 1A by 28 to 8.

It took McIntyre, the coming Hallett, to run through 1A. Our other two stars, M—s and Pankey, have joined the ranks of the swimmers. Poor old Dad seems to be always in the wars. He held the record for the worst vaccinitis arm. Now he goes and breaks the other one. Thank goodness! he only has two arms. The third time would prove it. Still, he "keeps on smiling," and even attempts his beloved Algebra with his left hand.

Brucey—dear little Brucey—needs no comment! Just ask Mr. J. T. about the manner in which he shines at English.

It would be wrong to omit our congratulations to Dreamy on his brilliant success in the recent exam.

1C.

This class came through the exam. well. White proved to be our champion, with Bealin a close second. Holmes evidently did not devote enough time to his studies, and so lost his position. We held a picnic a little while ago at National Park, and had a very enjoyable time. Mr. Cornforth acted as friend and adviser, and gave us some very useful hints on rowing. We spent a good day, rowing, playing games, etc. Fisho had his usual dip, and Crassus his annual banquet, and we all returned "tired but happy." "Little Women" has become quite a favourite with us. Sport does not seem to be one of our strong points. Cricket claims some followers, but there are quite a number of non-swimmers. Let us hope that at the end of the season they are all experts in the natatorial art. "Scones" has attained his majority and now sports "long 'uns" and a buttonhole. Seems a peculiar thing that he always has a "bouquet." Truly he is a great lover of flowers.

Ferris is, without doubt, the crack athlete.

He entered for everything, and won quite a number of events, not to mention seconds and thirds. Unfortunately for 1C, or fortunately for 1D, our tug-o'-war team did not compete, as one of the Sampsons did not put in an appearance. We had two or three representatives in the Junior Relay winners, so 1C is not altogether dead.

Simpson is quite a swell now, and has discovered a lost sheep.

The class wishes to convey its congratulations to White for scoring so well for his class in the exam.

1D.

A great revolution is taking place in our sports. The old footy has been carefully stowed away, and knights of the willow are now oiling their staves. A few weeks ago we received the awful shock of preparing for an exam. in two days. Nevertheless, our class came up smiling and carried off no less than three 100 per cent. passes. Paxy scored full marks in Geometry, and Brigden did the same in Algebra and Arithmetic.

We have started revising our English books in order to make a certainty of the yearly exam. Britain's Sea Story is as good as a sleeping draught. Charles I. and his "playing up" has become confused with the French Revolution with some of us.

Freeborn, of 1B, has joined our ranks, and we are willing to pass out some of the "passengers" if they don't hustle a little.

Mixing teas has quite a lot of points in it, and we are studying these on an economic scale. We have adopted a new motto, "Labor omnia vincit," and are acting up to it with a vengeance.

1E.

The holiday has refreshed us exceedingly, and already preparations for the yearly exam. are on foot. There has been a great contest for this month's tickets, as a book is to be given to the winning member each month.

Mr. Higgins has been appointed as assistant to Mr. Kirkland in the matter of Debate Tickets.

The sports proved quite a record of 1E performances. The following members of the class scored places:—Boyd, Vaughan, Tuckwell, Stephen, G. Asher Smith, Pinkerton.

We are sure also that big Asher would have won many races if it had not been for his sore feet. Jones seemed very disappointed that he was not able to enter in the races on account of his recent accident. Hobby, too, shone out well in his race, but it was at the wrong end.

Boden disappointed us all. He came to school with yards and yards of ribbon, as we thought to supply the class. He has kept it all for a necklace after the yearly exam.

Swimming holds out great attractions for nearly all the class. We must class it as a science since science is our strong point. IE obtained the highest average in this subject at the recent exam.

THE CAMP AT LA PEROUSE.

The boys of Fort Street who, either this year or last year entered the Citizen Forces, spent eight days last month in camp with the Sydney University Scouts, at La Perouse.

Most of them were attached to C. Company, in charge of Lieutenant Mackinnon, also of Fort Street, so that they were able to show what Fort Street possesses and how she is managing her junior and senior cadets.

Some of them went out on the previous night, but owing to the soft bed—mother earth—and the change in air, sleep could not be induced to come to them.

Work began in earnest on Monday, 8th, with the early morning parade, 6.30 a.m., but many had not arrived to enjoy the drill. After a good day's work we were informed that we would provide the guard for that night, and oh! how we felt. We all now, I think, know what it is like to do sentry duty; but it is worse to have to do it double when you are not relieved to time. Having to sleep in one's clothes all night, and to be prepared at any moment, gives little opportunity for sleep. Those who were on guard the next day had the best time.

Reveille, which went at 5.30 a.m., was always welcomed, but with groans, to remain in bed, although it was hard. Coffee, or rather what was meant for coffee, was given at 6 a.m. Parade 6.30 a.m. till 7.30 a.m. Breakfast at 8 a.m. Parade 9.30 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. Dinner at 1 p.m. Parade 2 p.m. till 4.30 p.m.

Swimming parade 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Lecture from 7 p.m. till 8 p.m. After a day's marching about and drilling, this, I think, was a good hour's sleep for many, though the lectures were very good. At night there were generally "sing songs," both in the recreation tent and in the company tents.

First post 9 p.m. Last post 10 p.m. Lights out 10.15 p.m. When "Lights Out" blew, "silence reigned supreme," but where?—not in the S.U.S. camp. Some found that the ground was hard, that blankets were scarce; some tried to commit suicide by falling out of bed, when they heard a voice "Put out that light" or "muffle that noise," for the guard tent at once flashed into their mind.

The "in-lying picket" duty, though short, was not sweet, and not relished at 10 p.m.

The food was not the best, though substantial. Bread and jam, meat and vegetables and porridge (?) puffed up with baking soda—a substitute for salt—was the entire menu, except pineapples for dessert.

On the Friday of the camp sports were held and several of Fort Street boys were picked to

PUPILS OF FORT STREET SCHOOL WILL APPRECIATE THIS.

It is NOT a Coincidence.

1st Fact. On 30th April last year an examination was conducted at the Fort Street School by the Incorporated Phonographic Society of Australia in Elementary Shorthand Theory, Shorthand Theory and Shorthand Advanced Theory (three separate examinations).

The FIRST place in EACH section was filled by students of the Metropolitan Business College.

In the Shorthand THEORY section, the Metropolitan Business College students filled the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th places in order of merit.

2nd Fact. On the 7th September last, a precisely similar set of examinations was held at the same school by the same society. The FIRST place in EACH section was again filled by Metropolitan Business College students. The parallel so far is remarkable enough, but still more remarkable is the fact that in the Shorthand THEORY section, our students again came in almost unbroken succession in order of merit, filling:—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th places—just a little better than the previous brilliant results.

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In the former, C. Company beat B. Company and tied with A. Company, which was formerly undefeated. After further drill C. Company were given the decision, so that after three days' drill together under Mr. Mackinnon they did well.

On the Sunday night before quitting the camp we had a 12-mile route march, and, although "it was a good chance of breaking in our 'teddy-bears'"—our velvet boots—it was no treat, and having to rise at 6 o'clock the next morning was worse. But, however, we were joyful, for it was the morn of our departure, and after a morning of range-finding and an afternoon of "striking camp," we set out for the long-looked for soft bed, a decent sleep, and a sumptuous meal.

N. McLAREN (3B).

FORT ST. HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS MEETING.

The Fort Street High School's fifth annual athletic carnival was held at the Sydney Sports Ground yesterday. The weather was fine, and the attendance good. Several fine performances were recorded during the afternoon. L. Firth had a most successful time. He was first in the broad jump, high jump, and 440 yards championship, and second in the hurdles, 880 yards, and 100 yards events. He is leading easily in the point-score for the title of champion of the school. Results:—

440 Yards Championships.—L. Firth, 1; N. McLaren, 2; R. Nalder, 3. Time, 58 2-5sec.

Primary School Handicap, 100 Yards.—J. Munro, 9yds., 1; C. Martin, ser., 2; N. Wilkinson, 3yds., 3. Time, 12sec.

First Year Handicap, 100 Yards.—C. Ferris, 7yds., 1; C. Tuckwell, 5yds., 2; H. Meers, ser., 3. Time, 11 7-10sec.

Second Year Handicap.—M. Hoffman, 6yds., 1; W. Jacobs, 7yds., 2; H. Bramley, 4yds., 3. Time, 11 1-5sec.

Third and Fourth Year Handicap.—J. Morgan, 4yds., 1; G. Ferris, 5yds., and W. Anderson, 6yds., dead-heat, 2.

Junior Hurdle Race.—N. Boyd, 1; R. Vaughan, 2. Time, 18 1-10sec.

Eleven Years and under Championship, 75 Yards.—J. Munro, 1; E. Francis, 2; C. Riley, 3. Time, 10sec.

Twelve and 13 Years Championship, 75 Yards.—C. Gosper, 1; R. Enderby, 2.

Fourteen Years Championship.—W. Jacobs, 1; R. Miller, 2. Time, 9 1-5sec.

Senior Hurdles.—R. Nalder, 1; L. Firth, 2; C. Ferris, 3.

Fifteen Years Championship, 100 Yards.—C. Ferris, 1; H. Meers, 2. Time, 12sec.

Sixteen Years Championship.—R. Allen, 1; H. Kinnimont, 2. Time, 11sec.

Seventeen Years Championship.—R. Nalder, 1; T. Ross, 2; N. McLaren, 3. Time, 11 1-10sec.

High Jump.—L. Firth, 4ft. 11in., 1; H. Winkworth and R. Nalder, dead-heat for second, at 4ft. 10in.

Junior Flag Relay.—C. Johnson's team, 1.

Old Boys' Race, 100 Yards.—G. Hansell, ser., 1; C. Paterson, 2yds., 2. Time, 10 2-5sec.

100 Yards Championship of School.—T. Ross, 1; L. Firth, 2; L. McLaren, 3. Time, 11 1-5sec.

Sack Race.—Roddy, 1.

Junior 880 Yards Walk.—G. McNamara, 1; R. Woodcock, 2; R. Vaughan, 3.

Senior 880 Yards Walk.—A. Allum, 1; E. Thorpe, 2.

Senior Relay Race.—R. Allen's team, 1.

Broad Jump.—L. Firth, 17ft. 6in., 1.

Junior Obstacle Race.—W. Ford, 1; F. Robinson, 2; W. Moggridge, 3.

Senior Obstacle Race.—Morgan, 1; Storey, 2; Edwards, 3.

880 Yards Championship.—H. Winkworth, 1; L. Firth, 2; J. Thompson, 3. Time, 2min. 21½sec.

Tug-of-War.—Ross's team, 1.

The One-mile Championship of the school was won by L. Firth, with E. Thorne second, and H. Winkworth third.

One of the pleasing features of our fifth annual Sports' Meeting was the large number of Old Boys who were present, among whom we noted Evatt, Leask, Crowe, Alexander, Mitchell, Reed Patterson, McKee, Hunter, and many others.

Girls' Page

High School News.

"WHAT TO DO WITH OUR GIRLS" EXHIBITION.

Several of our girls, assisted by Miss Maloney, added another item to the numerous list of occupations and hobbies of girls by giving an exhibition of life-saving on the opening day, Wednesday, September 17th, and also on the following Tuesday.

The opening speeches of Lady Cullen, Professor David, and Rabbi Cohen, all of whom pointed out the main aim and purpose of the Girls' Realm Guild—to help those in need—were heard with great interest. Professor David particularly spoke of the benefits a poor girl may derive from this society: should she so desire, she is taught some occupation or perhaps a profession.

Of the various exhibits, those which excited the keenest interest were the millinery, dress-making, cooking, fancy work; the two rooms as the nurses often find them (one showing poverty united with filth, the other poverty and cleanliness), and the model bungalow.

The exhibition given by our girls showed the methods used in releasing, rescuing, and resuscitating a patient, and they illustrated by their prompt actions the quickness with which a genuine case would be treated.

HOCKEY COMPETITION FINAL.

Anyone standing in Birchgrove pavilion last Wednesday, 24th September, at about 3.30 p.m., could have seen Bandits and Trojans approaching from all directions. Everyone was in the best of fighting spirits, although two of the Trojans preferred to spend the day in bed.

The whistle blew, the game commenced. Was there ever such excitement! Hockey one, hockey two, hockey three, and the Trojans winning the bully, almost shot a goal—but not quite.

Before halftime the Bandits were leading by 3 to nil. But after our well-earned rest the blood of the Trojans rising to boiling point, they gave vent to their feelings by shooting a

goal. Another goal for Bandits; another goal for Trojans; still another goal for Bandits, and the game came to an end. The Bandits won by 5 to 2. The goals were shot—for Bandits, Ettie Warden 3, and Elsie Shorter 2; for Trojans, Mary Cowie 1, and Olive Storey 1.

We could not but admire the brilliant play of the defenders, one of whom, in her eagerness, almost shot a goal.

The Sports' Union congratulate the Bandits, the winners of the competition.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

For nine blissful days we dwellers on Parnassus have lived by Omar's philosophy—

"Unborn to-morrow and dead yesterday,
Why fret about it if to-day be sweet?"

But now, alas! brought face to face with stern realities once more, we denounce the maxim as a fallacy; for "dead yesterday" threatens to take unto itself a new lease of life, and the ghosts of Little Nell, of Alexander, and of the fair Hermia must, we fear, assume definite shape again. And, before many "unborn to-morrows" have resolved themselves into to-days, we will methinks be singing with Byron "Most glorious night, thou wert not sent for slumber."

Sometimes a patient sigh would fain escape us, prompted by the minute and particular knowledge displayed by a certain writer (who deserves to rank with Boswell) concerning the career of "honey James." But we bear our trials with that "mute" fortitude—hush! did I hear a smile?—which has ever distinguished this noble line of Juniors—I crave pardon—Seniors.

Friends, a word of advice in passing. One can arrive at a far truer appreciation of fine descriptive passages in an author, if a visible as well as a mental picture of the scenes is before one. At least, we have found it so. And to illustrate these passages serves the double purpose of developing any latent artistic talent, and of rendering the descriptions more graphic. How the interest is quickened and the enthusiasm fired when the majestic gods and goddesses of the days when the world was young beam down upon us from a blackboard, and the noble Charlotte plunging

her assassin's knife in the heart of the enemy of France, meets our gaze!

"Once more unto the breach dear friends" is the cry with which we of 3B met together this first week after the holidays.

We are now confronted with the sad fact that "time and tide (and examinations) wait for no man," and are endeavouring to collect our thoughts and prepare for the forthcoming ordeal.

Everywhere we hear warnings bidding us make the most of our precious time, so we are doing our utmost (or should be doing it) to concentrate our efforts for the great event.

The warmth of summer will not be much greater than the warmth with which we will attack our "lesson book" foes, for we are looking forward to brilliant feats and glorious rewards (there is nothing like hope to keep us up to the mark).

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, September 16th, 3A Literary meeting. The subject of debate was "Is Caesar greater than Alexander?" May Dexter, the leader of the Ministry, opened the debate. The others who spoke for the Ministry were Maud Turtle and Chrissie Drake. The leader of the Opposition was Elsie Segart, supported by Persia Campbell and Jean Whatmore. Points were given by the chairman, Miss Turner, the Ministry winning by three points.

May Dexter is to be congratulated upon her manner of delivery, and the speeches of the other members also deserve notice.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

Here we are back at school again after a week's holiday, although we returned reluctantly. Needless to say we would have wished for a longer vacation, but we hope that all intend to work hard for success in the coming examination. The holidays came at the right time to enable the girls to recover from their nervous prostration, following upon the last week of the term.

Perhaps some were very industrious and read "Macaulay's First Chapter" and "Rob Roy" three or four times! But most of them, we have reason to believe, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Some scaled mountains, others went for long walks—all in the interests of Botany. (?)

The girls of 2A held a debate on Friday afternoon, the subject being "The respective claims of Caesar and Brutus to be the titular hero of 'Julius Caesar.'" After a heated discussion of forty-five minutes, the case was settled in favour of Caesar. Leila Taylor, supported Caesar's claim, and Irene Ross that of Brutus, whilst Dorothy Oldman filled the office of chairman.

Three results of the recent examination are now to hand:—Muriel Nowell, of 2D, gained first place in the year in French; whilst Mabel Graham, of 2D, and Essie Thomas, of 2B, tied for highest marks in Mathematics I.; Mona Melville, of 2D, headed the year in Mathematics II.

The Technical Cookery Class had their term examination, Elsie Webber and Doris Edwards gaining 99 per cent.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

After nine joyous days of holiday-making we are afraid that it is in vain to ask us to cast our thoughts back and recall incidents of our last school quarter. But we have tried to put the pleasing memory of the past week behind us and, having returned in the best of spirits, are now ready to recommence earnest work.

A spirit of emulation is evidently stirring amongst us, for we are bound to declare that a budding poetess of 1D has burst into rhyme in this strain:

"The girls of this class
Are anxious to pass
The exam. that is shortly to be;
What with Factors and Verbs,
Volcanoes and Herbs,
You'd better 'go at it' 1D."

1B have been making good resolutions and mean to keep them. One fixed ambition is before them—to pass with honours.

Their star, Barbara Grieve, has been distinguishing herself brilliantly of late; as have also a good many others. In the following subjectes there are a few names especially worthy of mention:—

Geology: Myra Francis, Barbara Grieve, Minnie Weston.

Latin: Barbara Grieve, Edna Murdoch.

Geometry: Barbara Grieve.

French: Isabel Cunningham.

P. Swain, I. Pecket and G. Clifford gained high marks in 1C Botany test, and M. Winkworth in Mathematics I.

In 1A Class N. Gors headed the list in Botany, and J. Mitchell in French (gaining 96 per cent.). W. Hansford still excels in Mathematics. M. Lee has advanced wonderfully in art work, E. Norman in Mathematics in general, and D. Byrne and F. Mostyn have greatly improved in Algebra. Lastly, C. Keith still retains her position of head at English summaries.

F. Pattison gained highest marks in French in 1E, and G. Sharpe in Latin.

With the termination of the quarter, the girls of 1C completed "Britain's Sea Story," and hope to enter a different sphere of literature in "The White Company."

The member of 1A Class not long ago went for an excursion to the Botanical Gardens, accompanied by their science teacher, Miss Burne, and spent a very pleasant, interesting and beneficial afternoon.

GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES.

5C PRIZE WINNERS.

Mapping: Olga Smith, Leoline Jorgenson.

Essays: Hazel Cooper, Eva Coates.

Excellent in Mapping: Olive Ferguson, Alma Hayes, Dorothy Clarke, Marjory Cook.

Excellent in Essays: E. Rost, M. Cook, J. Connie, A. Rooke, O. Smith, I. Henderson, A. Curtis, T. Downy, N. Roberts, N. Ferguson, D. Lawler, N. Brukarz, E. Thomas, D. McKenzie, A. Murray, J. Croaker, R. Coates, D. Clarke.

QUARTERLY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Over 85 per cent.: Maval Renberg, Dorothy Clarke.

Over 85 per cent.: Jean Croaker, Essie Thomas, Isabel Henderson, Hazel Cooper.

Over 75 per cent.: Olga Smith, Nancy Ferguson, Naomi Brukarz, Kathie Hilderbrand, Rita Hill, Leoline Jorgenson, Queenie Rooke, Hilda Rosenthal, Jessie Cameron, Jessie Connie, Dulcie Lawler.

Over 70 per cent.: Doris McKenzie, Annie Coyne, Elsa Rost, Alma Hayes, Sylvia Eastman.

5B.

Special feature of this class, History and Geography notebooks. At present a competition in Mapping, N.S.W. Excellent work being done. Winnie Bennett best work, Violet Dalby comes next.

5A.

Great improvement in Arithmetic, as evidenced in Quarterly Results. Edie Wells, Edna Egmond, Mona Edwards, Bertha King, Catherine McKenzie, Elsie Brennan, Winnie Hales, Phyllis Ford, all deserve mention.

Good work in painting scenes in Germany, copied from illustration in "Peeps in Many Lands."

Carefully written essays on "Theatres and Music in Germany," "Christmas in Germany," "The Black Forest," "The Children of the Poor." Those deserving of special mention are: Dorothy Smith, Elsie Brennan, Mona Edwards, Mary Ryan, Miriam Michaelson.

4B.

In the recent Quarterly Examination those obtaining highest marks were, in order of merit: Lily Burford, Mabel Dorrat, Thelma Anderson, Kathleen Burns, Pearl Ping, Gladys Clark, Christine Smith, Eva Lappin, Doris Falk, Alice Young, Jean English, Emily Benckeke, Winnie Howe, Jean Smith, Dulcie Mathews.

4A.

Quarterly Examination results show, in order of merit: Betty Hanlake, Isobel Roberts, Sadie House, Jean Arnot, Gertie Peterson, Elsie Pederson, Enid Ramsden, Jean Butler.

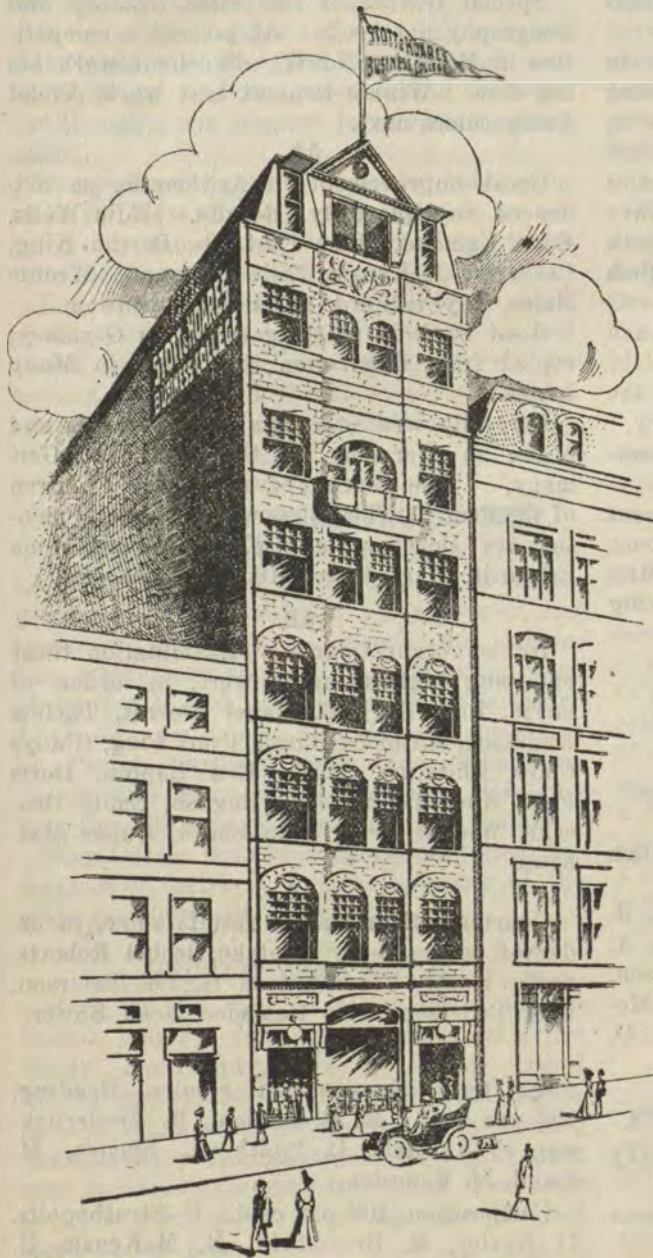
2nd.

Quarterly Examination results.—Reading, 100 per cent.: M. Broomfield, R. Fredericksen, F. Ridsdale, D. Smith, L. Spence, M. Small, M. Ramsden.

Composition, 100 per cent.: P. Strathopolis, D. Harley, M. Broomfield, B. McKenzie, B. Graves.

Dictation, 100 per cent.: C. Bachan, D. Harnetty, D. Round, D. Smith, A. Salmon, M. Ramsden, T. aBrker, M. Broomfield, F. Frankum, M. French, B. Gustafson, R. Fredericksen.

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son, L. Spence, F. Thomas, D. Harley, B. McKenzie, F. Ridsdale, O. Smith.

Arithmetic, 100 per cent.: M. Numann, L. Spence, C. Buchan, F. Thomas.

3B.

Quarterly Examination Results.—Reading, 100 per cent.: Nellie Behnke, Florence Coulters, Emily Hort, Marjory Millar, Queenie Pedersen, Dorothea Porter, Ivy George.

Spelling, 100 per cent.: Eileen Madden.

Composition, 95 per cent.: Ivy George.

Arithmetic: Ivy George.

3A.

Reading, 100 per cent.: Dorothy Smith, Nellie Gardes, Olive Raymond.

Spelling, 100 per cent.: Doris Curtis, Olive Raymond, Mona Dose.

Composition, 90 per cent.: Mona Dose.

Writing, 90 per cent.: Olive Raymond.

A SECOND-YEAR PLAINT.

I should like to know the questions in November's dread exam.,

How many weary, toilsome hours I'd save!
Then English in my morning bath, and trig.
upon the tram

No more as my companions I should have.

For I breakfast every morning with old Nepos
by my side,

I lag at props. beneath the fig-trees tall,
I have a go at Caesar's wars upon my home-
ward ride,

Nor yet forget my History withal.

And at night I dream of Lockhart (and at
times Macaulay too),

And gabble over French irregulars,
I graft away at Science while the grass is wet
with dew,

When the sun has not quite banished yet the
stars.

While my bat and rod be idle and my swim-
ming togs forgot

The field, the surf, in vain send out their
call,

I haven't time to notice that the weather's
beastly hot,—

That helps examination not at all.

How I long to pack my Euclid with my Nepos
and my Tout,

Macaulay, Lockhart, trig. and algebra,
Forget quadratic formulae and cast old Siep-
mann out,

The wonder is I've borne with them so far.

O midsummer's blest vacation, for its advent
how I long,

To roam the fields with rod or gun in hand,
To breathe the scent of wattle and to list the
wild birds' song,

And join the throng of surfers on the strand.

—D.A.H.

CADET NOTES.

Representatives of all companies were among the volunteers for the Guard of Honour at the Demonstration. G. Company was well to the fore again.

Second Lieutenant L. Duff, having left school, is transferring to an Area Company. Our remaining Coronation cadets are now few. May their notably good influence long remain in their old units.

Cadets are reminded that in travelling by tram or train as a party, the senior N.C.O. or cadet is responsible for the order of that party.

A new and very "stiff" set of Physical Exercise is laid down for this year's competiiton. Get hold of them.

If the Battalion Championship is to again come to Fort Street, no time must be lost. Open order and physical work lost some of the Companies many marks last year.

Are you practising your rifle shooting? The service conditions troubled us last year. This time we should be prepared.

Les Firth undoubtedly had a day out at the Sports. He won the broad jump the high jump, the 440 yards championship, and was second in the hurdles, 880 yards, and 100 yards events. He is undoubtedly the champion athlete of the school.

Among the others who attracted our attention were Ross, Ferris II., Nalder, and Allum, the walking of the latter being particularly good.

BEHIND A MOB OF STARVING CATTLE.

(By Lenoy Swan.)

Owing to the drought in the winter months of 1906 in and around the Bogan River, in the west of N.S. Wales, stock had to be shifted to different parts of the State for grass, there being no water or feed. The stock routes being bare, drovers refused to take charge of stock, and consequently it fell to the lot of the ordinary station hands to take starving stock along the roads.

About the beginning of June one hundred and fifty head of starving stock were started on the road from Canonbar to Eurimirine, ninety-eight miles distant, in charge of a "jackeroo," a former banana planter on the Fiji Islands, together with a mug from Sydney and a camp cook, who was a veteran of the track, and knew the roads well.

The camp outfit consisted of a dilapidated buggy falling to pieces, two tents in which the mice had been playing hide and seek, a water cask, a cracked oven to cook the dodger (bread) in, two kerosene tins, three tin plates, three tin forks, knives and spoons, three pannikins, and a chaff bag in which to keep the "corn junk."

The cook was one of the roughest, and the food much rougher, consisting mainly of corn junk and damper (dodger), jam, potatoes, onions, and sometimes "spotted dog," which is the equivalent of cake made from fat. The rations are served out from the station, so much per man. If you asked for butter or milk you'd be laughed at. The cook, or rather "poisoner," only cooked till he got on the road, and then it was take what you get or starve. The wages are low, and you bring your own blankets, and if you haven't a tent you sleep in the rain.

When travelling with stock a watch has to be kept at night to see the cattle do not stray away, and anyone of a frightened nature would not be any good. If you come into camp in the dark you can't see to pitch your tent, and if rainy you find the driest spot and pull your tent over you.

The best account of the trip is given by the "mug" from Sydney. He says: "The road we went was from Canonbar to Eurimirine, over near Condobolin, through a scrubby, rocky, flat country. The journey lasted a fortnight. A

start was made about nine o'clock, about the beginning of June, and having no dog things were pretty lively. The first day out six cattle got bogged in a five thousand yard ground tank, and had to be pulled out by the tail with a piece of wire and a horse. The cattle stampeded at dark and it took half the night to find the camp and a nice tea composed of stewed tea, corn junk, and damper. Next night we camped in a mallee scrub so thick that you had to light matches to see the cattle. Here it rained in torrents, and with a holey tent over us we got wet through. We expected the cattle to stray away, but being in a starving condition they did not give much trouble. Things went alright till we reached about 30 miles this side of a place called 'Overflow,' and the cattle, not having had a feed for three days, wouldn't stay on the camp, so we had to give them pine scrub, which made things very much worse. We got off the camp about daylight, but dropped one cow and a calf. About the place we dropped them there wasn't a scrap of feed or a drop of water, so they must have died.

"Six miles from the 'Overflow' the 'jackeroo,' 'kidding' himself a bit of a dandy, thought he 'would have a shave, and looking in his bag found he had no glass. This didn't daunt the banana planter, and he shaved without a glass. While he was shaving the cattle stampeded, and I had to catch a horse and set out to bring them back. The cook, taking a hand, mounted the jackeroo's horse, and went out also. Presently the horse came racing back to camp, but no cook. When he was found walking along the road a little later he said he would rather walk than ride that horse. By this time the painful shave was over.

"About the same time one cow, feeling very cold, lay down and wouldn't get up, a handful of chaff being of no avail in coaxing her. A fire was built at the side of her, and when it became too hot she got up and for our kindness chased us.

"After leaving the 'Overflow' the only feed about was a few paddy melons and nettles, and cattle won't eat either. About the tenth day out we got to the Nangeebone boundary, another large station, and having missed a cow two miles back we started out after tea to find her. With a butt of chaff on our back we found the cow,

and gave her two mouthfuls, because we couldn't waste it. The cow followed us to camp. This station was mostly rocks and pine scrub, and any amount of foxes, which would come right up to the camp.

"It is a bad thing to treat cows to chaff on the road, as they also like straw beds. The cook had a straw mattress, made from chaff bags filled with straw, and the cow who had the taste of chaff tried the bed by catching hold of it and tipping the sleeper out and clearing away with it. It is nice to be waked up with a cow snorting at your head and pawing the ground.

"From Nangeebone the cattle had a little feed, being kurrajong. The scrub on either side was so thick you couldn't whistle in it. Nothing more of account happened till near the destination, when the food was getting worse owing to baking powder giving out, and we had to eat 'box on the coal.' The cattle were delivered a fortnight after starting, with the loss of one cow and a calf, and were put on grass up to their knees."

THE REPLY OF SENIORS III. TO "THE SMALL BOY."

In reply to the base, vile, slanderous accusations of a small boy, one of the members of our class writes the following:—I laughed and I laughed, and I laughed, and then I laughed again when I read a small boy's impressions of Seniors. I always laugh when I read a person's opinion of those older and more sensible than himself. It is indescribably ludicrous to see a small boy dabbling in things which he can never hope to understand. These opinions are seldom, if ever, complimentary, so we know what to expect, and regard them simply as a feeble-minded person's weak attempt at retaliation, on one whom he, in his darkness of mind, imagines to be his worst enemy. This particular small boy, for there are many such, admits that he wrote his opinions before he knew "anything about the place." What he wrote he got from others. From time immemorial the custom of "pulling the new boy's leg" has been practised in every school, and this only adds one more case to the already tremendous list of these perpetrations. We are not angry with him for what he says. We only

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pity, and hope as the years go by that he will learn to appreciate the Senior, who is, unknown to him, the new boy's best friend. With regard to the accusations brought against us, they are absolutely false. The "sharp pen-knife" our correspondent speaks of is—perhaps he has never heard the name before—a razor. Someone once said that the first and second year classes spend half their time in trying to grow moustaches, and the third and fourth years spend half their time in trying to keep them from growing.

As for the "Senior" he says he saw coming upstairs when he came late, it was probably a teacher, and he couldn't tell the difference. As to the not marching into class, if the Seniors have big feet, they also have big feats in sport and learning to their name—feats which we have a right to be proud of. In conclusion, I would say, with the late Mr. Lyly (if you know who is), if he had been alive: "As the wicked do abhor the just, as the fool doth disparage the just, as the fool doth hate the teacher (?), as the unprivileged doth envy the privileged," so doth the small boy think on Seniors.

DR. ROBERT BRIDGES.

The original remuneration offered to the poet laureate was a tun of canary wine, with prerequisites of a like nature. The modern laureate, whose appointment is the only one in recognition of literary merit made by the British Government, receives a salary as different from this in kind and amount as the work of Ben Johnson differs from that of his more recent successors.

The essential qualification for the laureateship, since the beginnings of the office in the court minstrelsy of olden days, has been the faculty of singing the heroic deeds of the nation, and commemorating in verse events of local significance. To literary productions of this nature Dr. Bridges has rarely directed his art, and only in his poem on the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, the odes for the tercentenary of Henry Purcell, and in the ninth secular of Eton College Chapel, have we evidence of his ability in this direction. The outstanding features of his works are an utter disregard of either social or religious questions of the day,

and the treatment of those moods by which humanity is swayed throughout the ages.

It is in the realm of lyric poetry that Dr. Bridges has secured his highest reputation. His masterly command of language and his faculty of seizing upon the most salient features of a scene and presenting them realistically in diction as simple as it is dignified, mark him a true poet.

The best known of his lyrical works are "The Growth of Love," a series of sonnets, "Prometheus the Firegiver," "Eros and Psyche," and numerous shorter poems of which the best known is the "Elegy on a Lady."

As a dramatist Dr. Bridges lacks the spontaneity and freedom which constitute the chief charm of his lyrics, and though the same skill in rhyme and blank verse as in his shorter poems is evident, the striking realism in presentation of character and incidents is not apparent. The dramatic works of Dr. Bridges are: "The Return of Ulysses," "The Feast of Bacchus," "Nero," and "Achilles in Scyros."

MAY RIVETT.

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: Editorial :

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Commencing with the first issue of this paper next year the "Fortian" will be issued, as a general rule, to subscribers only, that is, each boy and girl in the school will be expected to pay his or her annual subscription of one shilling in advance. Single copies will be two-pence. The object of this new arrangement is to save the worry and loss of time incurred each month in the distribution of "Fortians" and collection of monthly subscriptions.

Will all boys please note carefully that the Headmaster wishes it to be distinctly understood that they must return to school immediately the Intermediate Examinations are over.

All Old Boys are earnestly requested to make a special effort to be present at the O.B.U. Dinner, particulars of which will be found elsewhere. Many Old Boys are becoming apathetic. This should not be. It is hoped that

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SENTENTIAE SENIORUM.
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Being a series of more or less inconsequent sketches by Jerdan-Robinovitz, this, the seventh (and last), being entitled "Morte d'Arthur."

"The sequel of to-day unsolders all
The goodliest fellowship of famous knights
Whereof this world holds record."

Two years ago two score callow youths, of all sizes, ages, creeds, shapes, colors, and editions, set forth on the Journey Perilous, which lies between the "Junior" and the "Senior."

Friends who set forth at our side have faltered, were lost in the storm which is the outside world; "we, we only are left." (Careful students will note here influence of M. Arnold.)

Eighteen less callow youths of more uniformity of size and age, broader in creed, wider of shape, more harmonious of colour, and indeed editions "de luxe" have reached the end of the Journey Perilous—though the great slough is still at their feet.

To tell the truth, the Journey has been a pleasant one. We have wandered through the blissful gardens of the Palace Beautiful of Culture, have erred on the broad byways of Science—have been guided past the allurements of Vanity Fair—in fact, have followed the Syllabus of Instruction in High Schools (1911, W. Applegate Gullick, Government Printer.)

Standing at the end of the road before we plunge into the last slough we cannot refrain from looking back over the road travelled.

It has been a pleasant, as well as instructive, journey, not so much for the mere learning garnered, but for the atmosphere in which the whole journey has been passed.

Friendships have been formed on the way; characters proven; minds which were then unformed have budded beneath the benign influence of this intellectual spring time; and the eighteen survivors find themselves in a pleasant little band so bound as to make parting painful.

More especially parting from those tireless guides through this long way, who, alas! must

leave us on the bank to take this last plunge alone.

And those guides—can we leave them without a tribute to the zeal and enthusiasm with which they have brightened our path? A thousand and tiny grottoes of sparkling wonder, they outlined by the side of the road. The stones at their potent words grew to mossy plats, the hard places passed unnoticed—and ahead they showed the wonder of the glowing lights to which we must aim. They pointed with fingers of fire to the glittering spires of the City of Our Hopes, to the Chimaeras which shone like will-o'-the-wisps ahead, to the Eldorados they created!

There they stand.

The Sphinx, imperturbable as ever, with his delightful, inspiring reminiscences of how D — of 19— proved that (e plus 1) over (e minus 1) equals something or other; the Saxon, fair of form, impressive of voice, "driving home" the "mighty lines of Marlowe"; the Socialist, with his tales of the outer world and his grimly sensitive humour; the Scholar, with his dreams and his actions, living realisation of the wedding of Literature and History; the Scientist, with his calm diplomacy and fearful inevitability of result; the Genial Cynic with his lithe interspersions of German verbs and caustic satire; the Man of Mystery with his delightfully apt wealth of quotation and his sonorous delivery of Latin hexameters; the Geographer with his irrigation schemes and tales of fabulous roses.

There they stand as we take the final plunge—or rather, as we enter the Boat of the Three Queens to embark for the Vale of Avilion (though 'tis murmured that Alma Mater is no Avilion!)

But it is not this, nor the instruction, nor any of these, but the atmosphere, as I have said, which has been created round us during these years, that has engendered such a liking in us. The literary air has taught to appreciate the finer joys of life; it has brought us to a realisation of the possibilities of life; it has given us our dreams, and our hopes; it has made us men.

Yea, we go to the Vale of Avilion! (nor shall we forget to return to our home, if she need us, valiant as Arthur at his fall)—we go to the

Vale of Avilion, but it is the Round Table that has taught what that Vale holds for us; and even as the band breaks and though the knights be scattered yet in the strifes of that heaven (for Avilion, like true heaven, is a land of strife and care and struggle and overcoming)—in that heaven shall we conduct ourselves “like valiant gentlemen.” But alas!—

J.-R.

Cadet News

The results of the last examinations are as follows:—Sgt. W. Anderson passed for Col.-Sgt.; Corp. J. Watt, Corp. H. Porter and Corp. E. Steel passed for Sergeant; L. Corp. A. Easy, L. Corp. J. Paling, L. Corp. J. Hughes, L. Corp. O. Palazzi, L. Corp. Lupton, L. Corp. Hansman, L. Corp. Asher-Smith passed for corporal, and Cadets C. Paine, J. Hunter, C. Smith, S. Lyon, S. Gentle, B. Overend, L. Swan, H. Illingworth, R. Sheppardson, F. Evatt, and M. Roddy passed for Lance Corporal. Get it entered in your record book.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Annual Officers' Dinner, to be held immediately after the exams. on the 10th Dec. The executive officers are Lieut. Berman, hon. sec., and Lieut. Paradise, hon. treas. The arrangements are practically the same as last year, and it is expected to eclipse last year's successful function. Militia officers and men are to be made welcome this year.

Some applicant non-coms. did not know that a cadet on leaving school must return his pull-through as well as his belt pouch and numeral before applying for a transfer to another area.

Your company, section or squad roll should contain, among other things: (a) name and address of each cadet in your command, with your own; (b) No. of his rifle; (c) remarks on his work, conduct on parade, punctuality, etc., made after each parade; (d) name and No. of the command on top; (e) attendance of each cadet.

The Battalion competitions will be held in the second week in February. This school has held the Battalion badges since the inauguration of the scheme, G Company winning twice. Will they do it this time?

Complaints have been received lately about the time taken in falling in the companies. The company “fall-in” blows at 3.40, and no cadet is in future to be allowed to join his company after this call has blown.

Col.-Sgts. of companies are reminded to make out their half-yearly attendance reports on conclusion of the quarter's parades, and also to collect individual reports for the half year's work. These reports will be required, as a number of cadets will be leaving school after Xmas.

All non-coms. and commissioned officers are asked to pay particular attention to each individual cadet in their command during the next year for reports.

Squad and section are to be given more time to exercise their own commands. Squad drill is the basis for all company and battalion drill. Some of our non-coms., through lack of practice, have poor words of commands. This can easily be remedied.

We would advise all cadets going into the militia to keep a record of those text books recommended for the non-coms. exams. It will be useful later.

We pride ourselves on the thoroughness of our non-coms' exams. A boy who passes at this school earns his promotions.

L. Corp. H. Cutler is arranging a fine musical programme for the Officers' Annual Dinner. He does not intend to bar outside performers.

Musketry for the military year 1913-14 has been completed, and the results will be posted shortly. Some cadets have already won a marksmen's badge each year of their training. Have they had it entered in their record book?

Our University Letter.

(By “Cavendish.”)

The Union General Elections for the year 1913-14 have resulted, as predicted, in an increased undergraduate representation on the Board of Directors. Of more interest to the school is, perhaps, the fact that—of the plethora of candidates nominated—Mr. W. A. Selle, B.A., and H. V. Evatt were successful—Mr. Selle polling particularly heavily. There is not the slightest doubt that the latter is as

popular at the seat of learning as he is at the old school. Evatt has also been elected Arts representative on the House Committee.

Garden Party came off on Friday, October 17th, under the auspices of the Undergraduates' Association. It was—except for one small thing—a huge success. The "small thing" one has to chronicle is the absence of the great majority of University women from the annual function. Some slight hitch evidently occurred in the arrangements.

On the Saturday following Garden Party St. Paul's was successful in the Inter-College boat race, rowing an eight much stronger on paper, but only a little on the water than the Andrew's crew. St. Andrews, however, has retained the Rawson Cup for the year. In the faculty race, Medicine was successful.

In the realm of cricket the first and second elevens are unbeaten, and the thirds have been moderately successful.

As the days lengthen it is a fact worth noticing that the nights of those with December finals also begin to grow longer. Old boys here should give as good an account of themselves as usual, when the Great Hall once more opens its portals to the brain weary undergrad.

The Smoke Concert in honor of Mr. J. Hunter, B.Sc., was a pronounced success. It would have, one thinks however, been improved by the attendance of those older ex-students, for whom the younger generation looks when social events are in the air.

The Old Boys' Dinner is the next event to which one looks forward. Let the slight defect of the last evening be remedied here!

As this hasty note is penned one re-enters the toils!

NURSERY RHYME (Adapted).

Sing a song of Seniors
Strolling lordly by
Hands in pockets thrusting—
Gaudy socks and tie—
Uppishness apparent
In their "Sententiae
Seniorum" articles;
Forgive and pass them by.

Forgive them, O forgive them,
They know not what they do;

They criticise their juniors
And eke their elders too—
Nor kindergarten teachers
Are safe from their attack;
They cannot praise in others
The traits themselves do do lack.

LUCY GRAY.

Notes and News.

The annual election for Captain of the School will take place as soon as the results of the 3rd year examination are made known.

Candidates for the Intermediate Examination should keep in mind the facts that on the results of this examination a number of Intermediate Scholarships and Bursaries will be awarded. The value of the latter is £15 for the 3rd year and £20 for the 4th year.

We beg to congratulate one of our old boys—a constant member of the O.B.U.—Arthur te Kloot, on his marriage, which took place on the 15th of last month, at Waverley.

Clem. Kirke has left Australia and taken up a position in the Government Surveyors' Department in Singapore.

The "Fortian" begs to extend its heartiest good wishes to the Fort Street contingents at the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate Examination to be held this month.

Mr. W. A. Selle has been elected one of the Board of Directors of the Sydney University Union. Of fourteen candidates he had the honour of being placed third on the list.

The farewell to the Seniors and Intermediate candidates will take place on the 21st inst., at 2 p.m. Old boys and girls are invited to assist.

Through an unaccountable error, the Boys' Primary School News was omitted from last month's issue. The error has been repaired this month.

A notice appeared in last month's issue announcing the holding of a Combined High School Sports' Meeting next month. This has now been abandoned.

Cleon Dennis, B.E. (Old Boy), is now an Engineer Lieutenant on board H.M.A.S. Sydney.

Good luck and best wishes to all our old boys at the University who are sitting for their exams. next month.

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The above arrangements can be varied to suit special cases.

The time of festivities is approaching. There will be three dinners next month, one in honour of the departing Seniors, the second given by the Officers and N.Co's. of the School Companies, and the third by the O.B.U. Many of the staff also intend being present at the University Evening Students' Dinner on the 21st Nov., at which function the High Commissioner for Australia, Sir George Reid, will be the chief guest.

Mr. H. L. Brown has been appointed Secretary of the O.B.U. in place of Dr. A. J. Collins, resigned, and Mr. G. H. Briggs a member of the Committee in place of Mr. Bryce Thomas, resigned.

The Annual Old Boys' Dinner will be held on the 13th December next. Old Boys please remember this date.

Boys' High School Notes.

SENIORS 1.

As readers of exceptional insight and great powers of erudition will have gathered from the verbal chaos which thrusts itself upon the eye in the first article of this issue, this month registers the departure of 1913 Seniors.

Consequently the Immortal Eighteen who have so pleasantly amused the staff for two and a half years are—actually—working! In fact, we live a maze of formulae, facts, quotations, critiques, coefficients, constants, Metapheses, Grimm's Laws, Bayle's Laws, and Federation Laws; "Father" staggers in daily beneath quires of French Comps.; the Gold Club arrives EARLY!! TWICE a week; "Arthur" fairly exudes learning; "Jock" wears an habit-

ual, worried look; "Noel" seems less weary; Hayes, less misty; "Fuzzy's" front locks are looking awfully pulled about—in fact, WORK!

Amidst all his stress of mind the sphinx alone maintains his sphinxlike imperturbality—now immortal.

Amidst a frenzied riot of paper, pens, text books, voices raised in anger; amidst the "crash of worlds" the calm figure takes his seat; slowly, quietly proclaims Page 492; despite all furore continues. No. 4. Expanding the right hand side, we get—etc. . . . Compels attention!

Nothing can stop that remorseless voice. At 2 p.m. the lesson commences; no matter in what position the Seniors are—the lesson commences.

Hail O Riot dispeller!

"Si fractus illabatur orbis
impavidum ferient ruinae."

—giving a trig lesson!

Amidst all the stress of mind above alluded to; amidst all the maddening attempts of the Seniors to grasp the fearsome expansions of "e" or "e," or even epsilon; amidst all the gnawing doubt of whence the paper for the next test may be purloined; amidst "all the infernal roar," there is nevertheless one feeling at least which is clear—and that is regret that it all ends.

Yea! when you read this, Seniors that have been, and Seniors that will be, the Seniors that are, will have become—Seniors that have been—and they become so with what reluctance, who can gauge!

As we pen these, probably the last Class Notes which will emanate from the collective pen of J.R., we wish to bid our admiring circle

of readers farewell and to thank them for their heroic toleration of our inconsequent but mild critique on the "gesta Seniorum."

No more will these founts of liquidation pour forth in fierce abandon and bombastic phrase upon an indulgent, if not appreciative, public.

J-R. is no more.

No more will we feelingly refer to the mild vagaries of our foolish contemporaries. J-R is no more.

No more will we demolish paper and brain tissue in a frenzied attempt to force facts from a slow-moving mechanism of ideas. J-R is no more.

But, mark ye! before we be no more, shall we keep up our old traditions and lightly flicker o'er the "soft errors" of these around.

It has been reported that a new part has been written to Wilson's great scientific work. We can merely indicate the titular suggestions here:

PART X.

"Bodies I have discovered."

Pot Holes, Games played around, 64390.

Youngsters,—their value to the community 73896.

Arriving in Time, V. England and the Art of, 13486.

Epsilon, Half-hours with, 30001.

Bondi Cliffs, The Romance around, 21,005.

Arthur Wilson, Further Appreciation of, 10000—13485.

Scientific Genius—Its Development, 10000—13485.

Great Men in their Youth, 10000—13485.

Lieutenancy, Stafford and the Art of, 61043.

Leaving Certificates, How to Obtain, 60001.

American Hobo, "Fuzzy" and, 10000.

Jerdan, Co-efficient of Expansion of Jaw of, 1-10.

Noel, Father Christmas and, 73.

Robinovitz: See under Literary Pseudonym of Dabinovitz, 2-3.

Pfeiffer, Pronunciation of Initial P. and, 700—7000.

Argumentation: See under Price, p. 24.

Judging from the magnificent receptions given to the former IX volumes of this wonderful work by the press of the world, this wonderful growth of the school will yet one day make his mark

on the scientific world. Perhaps like Signor Ulivi he will experiment in F rays (or W rays?) and perfect a patent to blow up battleships or countries, or something as fearsome.

And with this recognition of genius, and this happy patting of the back of precocious science, we finally depart for the depths beyond.

J-R. is no more.

SENIORS II.

Again return the chill November frosts, and with their coming the old question as to whether the school should be artificially heated is revived. But after deep consideration we are inclined to think that while "Sol" beams on us and his neighbour continues to be so fashionable, artificial heating in November is not only superfluous, but quite out of place.

In spite of the work of the Debating Society some of us are still inclined to pause and "er" in translating. These "er"-ings are fortunately not common except in translating, in which most of our worthy members may be 'eard "er"-ing and erring, clearly demonstrating that "to 'er' is human."

Something to make your mouth water: Allum.

A substitute for Omar Khayyam's proverbial "glass of wine": Porter.

Extremely useful in interrogations: Watt.

The home of canals, wide pants, and Dutch cheese: Holland.

A good motto for some of the tired seniors: Muston.

A branch of the crytogamous plants known as Filices: Ferns.

Well known to Maid Marian; Little John and Friar Tuck, the subject of many ballads: Sherwood.

Very close to Lancashire: York.

Strikes once more on the horizon! This time the "Fortian" correspondent is out demanding shorter hours and less work. Oh, well, we'll have to lock the door on him next time.

In the realms of knowledge fair we have been progressing so favourably that it has at last been impressed on us that the Bramah Press can be used for pressing things. Some members of the class would be greatly benefited

if they were (sup)-pressed by its means, especially our learned friend, "Dutch."

Debates still flourish, as does the flowery language of some speakers, and for three weeks the *Manuscript Journal* has been such a bone of contention that it has been figuratively torn to pieces, and three well-deserving editors have been deprived of their position and thrown on the charity of the reading public. On the subject "Individualism or Co-operation," it has been ascertained that one supporter of the premier wasted an hour and a whole page in preparing notes, and the opposition were so terrified thereby that they declined to contend the argument.

Our tennis players played the Old Boys' team last week and won the match by five sets to one—not so good as we expected, certainly, but very well considering the players who opposed them—Liggins, Mitchell, Holmes, and Biggs—and the fact that the fourth year players and Bertie have deserted the club. Paling seems to play better every time, and it won't take much for Ned to become a first-class player.

SENIORS III.

Looming black in the distance, out of the mist of conjecture and discussion, comes that supreme object of terror to the heart of every schoolboy, that fiendish torture, that unerring detective of knowledge, or deficiency of knowledge, the inevitable yearly exam. More awe-inspiring, more fateful, more awful than its predecessors, the pin-prick, mosquito-bite quarterly examinations, it slowly wends its way through the short distance which separates it from us, like a terrible, fascinating serpent, slowly but surely creeping on us, holding us spellbound, until we are coiled round in the throes of a struggle to the death, till some emerge triumphant from the fray, while others are cast down into the slough of despond, doomed to another year of school life. Everyone professes to know nothing about the subjects for examination; some, perhaps sincerely, but there are some dark horses, some un-honoured geniuses in every like assembly, and who knows some of the seeming dunces may carry off the laurels at the end of the year.

On an average, it must be confessed, the standard of knowledge shown by the class is

appallingly low, but yet the time is not entirely wasted, some are being fitted for professions which are at present only in their babyhood, e.g., the soda-fountain expert (see under "Chemistry"). By the time this is in print the second and fourth years will be passing, yet a more decisive ordeal, the intermediate and leaving certificate examinations respectively. Seniors III. wishes them all luck, congratulations to those who do well, consolation to those who fail, and "better luck next time." Having briefly discoursed on the frivolities of school life, let us now get down to more solid matter.

Scientific Chemistry.—The profession of soda fountain expert seems to have attracted a very large number of this class. Many are now adepts, some being even able to colour the solution with 1:10,000 of indicator (which, by the way, pans out much cheaper than the genuine article, costing approximately .00043612d. per quarter fluid ounce.)

Physics.—Measurements and calculations are becoming painfully exact. It was stated by one of our confreres a short time ago that there

Now's the time to Decide!

And probably the decision rests with you. You might talk it over with your parents but if you're really anxious to follow some definite pursuit they'll probably be glad to help you to what you want.

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But suppose you do a year at the M.B.C. THEN you commence fairly well up on the ladder; you get a decent salary from the outset and you have the business knowledge that makes advancement rapid. You know things for yourself and are not dependent on others. You are ready when the opportunity for something better comes along.

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were now 395,001 people in Sydney—(note the one)—for the evening paper of the day before stated the population to be 395,000, and his great aunt had arrived from New Zealand that morning.

Economics.—"Economics in School Life" a delightful little treatise by Thomas Lindsay Mulhall, K.C. (Casey), points out the fallacy of expensive history books, exposes ruthlessly the dearth of ink-wells, and deals generally and severally with the economic problems of Seniors III.

Book-keeping.—A new method of keeping books has been pointed out—NEVER LEND THEM. The same genius has pointed out that balancing the books is best done by an juggler.

Business Principles.—The theory of advertising success has been tested univrsally for the past few days. Notices, "Watch this space," or "Watch this blank," have appeared everywhere, sometimes most unexpectedly. One youth had one of the latter pasted on the back of his head recently.

Boys' High School Class News.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

"Nothing doing" is the report of all class correspondents. Nothing but work, that is; and work is such a monotonous pursuit that it affords very little "copy."

2A. report that the "Suffragettes" have lost another of their adherents, Whitney having departed. "Sylvia" threatens to seek recruits from "those 2B louts."

Members of the class generally are out on the warpath, and intend to capture or die in the attempt all the scholarships and passes (out) at the Intermediate.

Rumoured that Ere's. hat (ein Stroh hut) met with an accident at the hands of the enforcers of the "Five Minute Act." To complete matters Ere. nearly met death by drowning at the hands of Bangell, who used rapid "acceleration" to bring about the "resultant."

Milne's marvellous "Modern Method of Mathematics" makes many men (?) mythical mathematicians. Q.E.D.

It is surmised that "Fairy" intends visiting the rice-fields of Burma. We wish him luck.

Definition.—"He who never makes a mistake is a Myth."—Discovered, 4002 B.C., by Costellerr.

2B have not quite worked themselves to a standstill yet. Some energetic individual either in this, or the neighbouring class, in his study of the Reform Bill, was struck with a mania for Reform—hence the Anti—League, the chief results of which to date are a few bruises and a revival of vaccinitis.

"Only four weeks!" is the wail of many pessimistic members of the class.

Metaphorically, this is the position:—The present—a hard gravel path; the "Intermediate"—a high brick wall; the Vacation—a beautiful, grassy meadow. Oh! to scale that wall and be at rest, exultations (in the form of figs) whizzing in the air!

To 2C has realisation at length come. How close is the examination! The class can now take interest even in "Nepos," and work generally. Taking a motto from one of the masters, 2C now makes "Fide et Fiducia" its motto. To any class whose register should unfortunately (!) disappear, detention is recommended as a sure means of discovery.

2D correspondents complain of an utter dearth of news, but console themselves with the reflection that by the time these notes are published (or shortly after) all 2D will have passed the examinations—at least, such is their present hope. The class poet regrets that stress of work prevents him from fulfilling his promise of last issue, nor does he hold out much hope of meeting his obligation in our next number. But a Christmas poem of extra length is promised after the festive season. We suspect that he hopes to draw inspiration from the dreams consequent on a large consumption of plum duff.

2E appears to have more energy than its contemporaries, and its correspondents have more news than usual. Nalder—beloved Nalder—captured quite a number of trophies at our grand Sports Meeting. "'Rah, 'Rah, 'Rah.'" Again has old 1F shown that its spirit is not departed; and what is more, it is their intention to show 1D (after the Intermediate) that they are very much alive.

"Whereas a certain class, to wit 1D, has had the impudence, impertinence, etc., to thieve, steal and maliciously and feloniously intend unlawfully to appropriate to their own use our duster, board-eraser, and chalk wiper—also, on sundry occasions, our weapon—now, therefore, take notice that we intend to employ all our strength, might and mlsce, utterly to rout them if they do not hereafter cease to be troublesome to US!"

Liberal and Labor feelings run rather high in this class. Fierce political debates have taken place under the fig-trees, and occasionally it takes the united efforts of three teachers to separate the excited Labs. and Libs. Willy and Granddad occasionally astonish an admiring (Oh!) audience with bursts of horrible eloquence.

2F describe their condition as "ventre a terre." All members of the class, including S—y, have commenced to "burn the midnight oil," and there is grave danger that ere the next four weeks are up, they will all be "smelling of the lamp." Another section of the Science Syllabus has now been reached, in which the main concerns are boiling point and freezing point. This latter somehow suggests ice-cream, and one cannot help thinking that even to aspirants for Senior dignity a supply of this commodity would be welcome at 11.30 p.m., after wading through Macaulay and a couple of Latin unseens.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

1A.

There are few accounts of sport, picnics and such frivolities at this season. The youth seem quite obsessed by the approach of the end of the year, and even the most irrepressible ones are now to be seen at any hour diving into the various Books of Knowledge. Quite an atmosphere of work prevails in our class. Last week every member of the class had prepared his work—not one defaulter in home work! The strain upon our master's credulity was terrific. The steady worker still pursues the even tenor of his way unruffled, but the casual ones are now straining every nerve to make up for lost time. Van and his fellow devotees of cricket were sorely tempted to go for a swim on Wednesday last, but their loyalty to the old game prevailed. If the weather continues of the

same character as we have lately, though, the seduction of the cool, green water will prove too strong, even for Robinson. We held a meeting last week to consider the question of another picnic, and have decided to defer the date till after the yearly exam. Then, with a mind free from all care, we can lay ourselves out to enjoy the day thoroughly.

1B.

Quite a lot of old faces are disappearing from our ranks. Some of the redoubted "tail" have left us, but this week it was with deep regret that we received the news that the genial McIntosh had left school. Mac has been "Fortian" correspondent for the year, and had endeared himself in many ways to everybody. We looked to seeing him as Dux at the end of the year. His sage advice and friendly counsel will certainly be missed. Old Mac was always ready to give one a hand in any matter, from the best means of laying out expenditure to the latest advance in wireless works. The whole class wish him "good luck" in his work. Val Fayle and Stubbs will wear his mantle as correspondents. Our class is doing great things in Latin and French, and the midnight oil has been burning for quite a long time. A clean sheet in the matter of home work is becoming daily more common.

In sport, swimming claims our favor now. Hansman can get a lot of practice for his sprint, and Brucy is progressing wonderfully in English. Dad will soon be able to write again—his arm is improving rapidly. Dad is looking forward to having a decent tussle with that Algebra then. He enjoys problems, and it is annoying to be handicapped with a broken arm. Still! you ought to see how smart he has become at doing things "in his head."

Class work on the whole is improving, and if it were not for a few "old duffers" we would be a "champion class." Two of our most popular class mates, Adams and Gilmore, have retired from our happy band, and are now deep in the dizzy whirl of "business," or as they call it, "self support." Frank Offer has suddenly come out of his shell, and now ranks as one of the smart ones.

We express our intense sorrow with Ellis Munro, one of our semi luminous stars, who failed to apply the brakes at the right time.

His head proved harder than one would expect though. Pommy Law still gossips interminably about affairs "over the water," while Connor reports an adventurous time "in the water" at Manly. It is with deep pain that we admit of the jealousy that still exists between two of our most ambitious youths. We hope Fritz and Granny will soon settle their differences. We have been told that our work in one department at least is excellent, and we expect to be in the ruck kicking hard and following on closely till we secure that goal.

1D.

1D received with great dignity the attempt of 2E correspondent to be funny in last issue. 2E couldn't be funny if it tried. When it does not try its specimens of unconscious humour are worth putting in the "Sunday Sun," e.g., the translation of "salvete" as "to sit down." The commercial classes, which do not take Latin at all, know better than this. At present 1D is suffering a wholesale slaughter in Geometry, while Caput 32 in Latin has been classed as past a joke. One great source of annoyance is that we possess three "Clarkes," each being always painfully ignorant as to which one is addressed—especially when he is also ignorant of the correct answer to a question. 1D extends a friendly challenge to 1E. It will back its class average at the Annual Examination against that of 1E, and also that the top boy in 1D will have a better average than the top boy of 1E. There is a rush in 1D every Monday morning to put up the school flag since no one neglects to bring his English Essay. Can any other first year class boast as much.

1E.

The whole class is working hard to keep up its supremacy, and we hope to shine out at next examination. Already some of our members have taken to wet towels for the head, and sit up till the "wee small hours."

We all extend our congratulations to our newly appointed monitor, and hope he will be successful in his undertakings.

Cricket and swimming take up our attention in the little leisure that we have. The approach of summer has quite withered our budding poetical geniuses. Hobby has become so enamoured of strolling round with his hands in his pockets that they—his hands—have nearly lost their usual dexterity.

Boys' Primary School.

CLASS 5B.

Mr. Inspector Walker has finished his exam. of the class, and expresses himself as being satisfied with the wrk. Honthorn proved himself a "tower of strength" to the class, and Wride deserves special mention for his efforts. The art-work was much admired, and the writing was favourably commented on.

5C.

The annual examination and inspection of the school took place last week, and the efforts of the majority of the boys were pleasing.

Among others, the following distinguished themselves:—

Neat Tablets.—Hocker, Stone, Dufty, Hurt, Elliott.

Home Studies.—Thomson, Stone, Rutter, Fleming.

Geography.—Smith, Bickford.

Mathematics.—Spence, Morgan, Bridges, Dingle, Williams, Wilkinson, Chapman.

English.—Bennett, Albery, Rae, Robertson, McKenzie.

History.—Mallam, Ivens.

3B.

We are all working hard now for the annual examination by our Inspector. We are hoping that we may all do well, though some of our work, especially the arithmetic, is not quite as our scholars wish it. The swimming season commenced last Thursday, and a goodly number availed themselves of the chance. Remember that it is the boy who cannot swim that ought to go.

Norman Bergman and Willie Jones did a very good composition on the Story of Latona this week; Arthur Wells, G. Ponder, R. Abbott and A. McIntosh brought specimens for our nature study; L. Parrett and F. Petersen deserve mention for their physical work, while Parrett also shines in his mental work.

SECOND CLASS.

The work of this class is much neater, and some of their special tablets are really good to look at. The following boys have very nice writing books: Doze, Meaney, Palfrey, Gibson, Rowe, McLelland, Thomas, Milne, McDonald, Pate, Hansen, Scott, Smith, and Rose. We have a collection of crayon drawings hanging in

Second Class room, and among the young artists are Rowe, Gibson, Pate, Scott, Rasmussen, Rose, Langford, and Young. These little pictures are the best that have been drawn by this class during the last three months, and are very creditable. Jack Doze and Jack Milne are specially mentioned for good conduct.

Hansen and Palfrey have done good work in paper-folding. Some weeks ago we planted seeds in boxes, and placed them in the window. We have been watching with interest the effect of shade and sunlight on the little plants. Each boy also took some seeds home and planted them for himself.

3A.

By the time we get this "Fortian" our inspection will be over. Let us hope that each one of us, and each one of every other class, has done well. Following boys are deserving of praise:—

Best Boys in Class.—Hamilton, Burden, Avery, Young, Penze.

Writing.—Avery, S. Smith, Willey.

Reading.—Penze, R. McDonald, Williams.

Dictation.—Avery, Hamilton.

Home Work.—Ramplin, Willey.

Drill.—Seeland, Willey.

Specimens for Nature Study.—Hamilton, Tyler.

Swimming.

The swimming practices have up to the present not been attended by the number of participants necessary to forecast a successful season. Surely the primal summer pastime needs no words of praise to induce pupils to a participation in its exercise. The highest number present at the baths on one occasion was 140, which, when compared to an attendance of 400, is almost a minimum.

The Secretary wishes to gain the names of all boys in the school who are unable to swim, so that by the end of the year sufficient progress can be marked down by the record-keeper for use in compiling the annual report to be furnished to the Department each year. For the specific purpose of guiding those not conversant with the rules under which the practices are carried out, the Secretary again

draws attention to the following:—

1. No boy can be admitted to the bath enclosure until his name has been checked outside by a teacher.

2. Valuables, e.g., watches, tickets, money bags, books, etc., should not be left in the bunks. They may be left at the counter on the payment of one penny.

3. No running along the platforms can be permitted.

4. Malpractices, such as "ducking," pushing-in, throwing V's into the water, towel-battles, throwing sand, must on no account take place: offenders will in each case be summarily reprimanded.

5. The practice of shouting across the baths, whistling, and yelling at swimmers is also forbidden.

6. At the ringing of the bell, each swimmer must at once leave the water, and proceed to dress. Several boys have still the habit of delaying this final order. As the Secretary must be the last person connected with the school to leave the baths, it is imperative that this injunction be promptly obeyed.

The 220 yards Championship of the School will be contested at the Domain Baths on Wednesday, November 12th, at 2.15 p.m. Entry fee 6d.

The Club's Annual Carnival has been fixed for Saturday, March 7th, 1914, subject to the ratification of the N.S.W. Swimming Association.

The Life Saving Classes are at present in full working order. Candidates will be examined during the last school week prior to the Midsummer Vacation. A new class will be formed immediately after that vacation for the benefit of the new pupils entering the school. It is hoped to send up then a class of teachers for various awards. Mr. E. Rowbotham, a past pupil of the school, has been selected as the Life-Saving Instructor at Cronulla by the Sutherland Shire Council. It will be remembered that Rowbotham, when attending the school, participated in an heroic rescue at Cronulla beach, and although unsuccessful, gained warm encomiums for himself and his co-worker for their plucky attempt.

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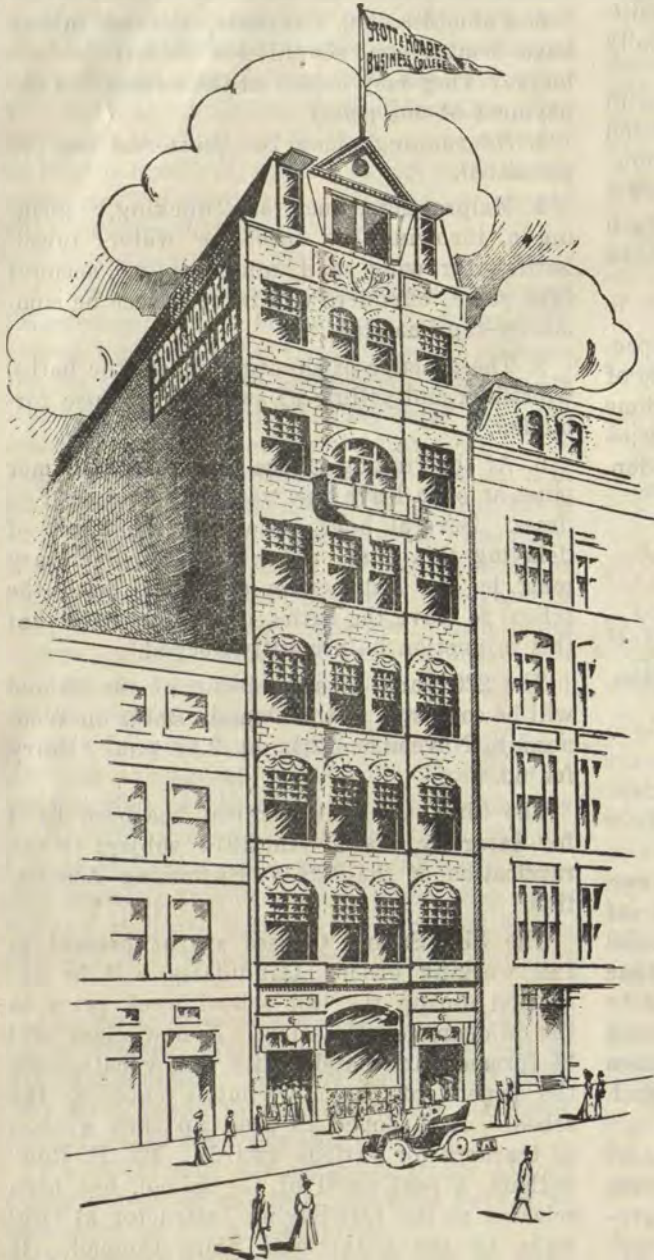
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Girls' Page

Primary School News.

5C.

Bird Essays are now in, and promise much pleasure in the reading. Marked progress has been made by the following girls this month:—Edie Essenhig, Jean Smith, Maggie McKenzie, Annie Coynes, Doreen Morrison, Noline Lane, Ruby Quayle, Essie Dawe, Ruth Coates, Sylvia Eastman, Mollie Gillard, Maria Jones, Violet Rappeport, Dorothy Younger, Mollie Gillard, Nellie Roberts, Mary Jenkins.

5B.

The following are in order of merit for last quarterly examination:—Connie Bacon, Isabel Barnes, Gladys Hunter, Norma Brodie, Thelma Pedersen, Lottie Digby, Winnie Bennett, Maggie Stokes, Eileen Cornish, Lena Esserman, Violet Dalby, Jean Stuart, Ilma Hanrahan, Gwen Lotze, Margaret Harte, Eileen Tierney, Clarissa Ackerman, Ruby Kelly, Vera Seeland.

The mapping prize this quarter was gained by Winnie Bennett for the best map of N.S.W., showing the mining districts.

5A.

The girls who did very good work in their quarterly examination are:—Edie Wells, Mona Edwards, Winnie Hales, Mary Ryan, Edna Egmond, Marjorie Aldington, Phyllis Ford, Dorothy Smith, Elsie Brennan, Chrissie Thompson, Esme Batty, Muriel Wainwright.

In Art Work Elsie Brennan holds first place.

On Bird Day Marjorie Julian did best coloured drawing for birds.

4B.

The honour list for this month contains the following names in order of merit:—Alice Young, Lily Burford, Mabel Dorret, Kathleen Burns, Gladys Falk, Emma Wade, Dulcie Mathews, Maggie Johnston, Doris Falk, Doris Thompson, Gladys Clarke.

4A.

The girls who show most improvement this month are:—Ada Bonner and Mary Cox, Jean Arnot, Lillian Arnot, Enid Ramsden, Isobel

Roberts, Florrie Jones, Jean Butler, Kathleen Rane, Violet Vyse, Mabel Easby.

3B.

During the Annual Inspection during this week Ivy George distinguished herself.

3A.

Girls who are good in all work, especially written work, are:—Mary Christie, Mona Dose.

2nd.

The Honour Board is a great incentive for the ambitious. Dorothy Smith gained first place for Composition. Spelling Bees are mere play to Doris Harley.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

3C were the privileged few chosen to visit H.M.A.S. "Australia." They spent a highly edifying afternoon in climbing sundry precarious ladders and in inspecting the various parts of the ship. Particularly were the girls impressed by the indefatigable courtesy and frank kindness of the officers and crew in enlightening them as to the intricacies of the ship's mechanism. They departed feeling their nautical knowledge had been augmented to a considerable extent.

A fuller description of this enjoyable expedition will probably grace these pages at a future date.

Although it has long been recognised that Parnassus is inhabited by muses, yet were we ignorant that in our midst dwelt a modern prototype of Atlanta, who runneth with "head erect, elbows back, and a long, free, swinging stride from the hips"—to quote a leading daily. We do not count renown, yet it springeth upon us unawares—from the hands of the paper-boy.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

The second Annual Sports Meeting of the Girls' Department of this sport loving institution was held at Birchgrove Oval on Wednesday, 15th inst.

The Committee and competitors were very pleased to see that the boys, girls and visitors patronised the sports so well, and heartily thank all concerned for the liberal support that the refreshment stall received.

The races proved very interesting, and brought to light some splendid athletes; particularly the winner of the 100yds. championship of the school. This event was splendidly won by Jessie McRae, of 3C, and it has been said that her long swinging stride, head, back, chest out, suggested a model for Atlanta.

The 220 yards Walk, after some close heats, resulted in a dead-heat between Poppy Brooks, of 3C (the former winner of this race) and Olive Storey, of 3A.

The Teams' Relay Race was won by the Old Girls, but the latter were closely followed by the 3C team.

The Old Girls' Championship was won by Ettie Warden, Captain of the Hockey Club, with Elsie Shorter a good second.

The Three-legged, Obstacle, Orange, Egg-and-spoon, Hurdle and Sack Races were also keenly contested.

The girls of the school wish to congratulate Miss Partridge (President), Miss Maloney (Secretary), Miss Mouldsdales (Treasurer), and the rest of the Committee for their grand and untiring assistance in rendering the afternoon a thorough success.

Again we offer our sincerest thanks to the Refreshment Committee, and those who responded to their appeal for contributions. We congratulate them on the success of the undertaking; the selling of tea, cake, soft drinks, and sweets realised six guineas, which will contribute largely to the amount to be expended in prizes.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

Three weeks or so will herald that long looked for, yet much dreaded, examination—the Intermediate Certificate—which will decide the fate of so many. Great rivalry is existing between all second year scholars, and the girls are all working very hard, for they intend to uphold the reputation of the grand old institution, and from the depths of our hearts we wish them all success.

The remainder of the examination results are now at hand, and are as follows:—

German.—First, Muriel Nowell.

Latin.—First, Jessie Alexander.

History.—First, Essie Cargill.

Geography.—First, Essie Thomas.

Art Work.—First, Jessie Alexander and Rita Young.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

The recent sports and the coming examination seem to lay claim to the greatest share of interest at present.

With regard to the latter, there are doubtless not wanting good resolutions, for the coming test will decide those of us who may hope to enter second year after the holidays. 1A girls declare that they are all studying hard for the exam., especially M.B., and we hope that their energy will be sufficiently strong to carry them through the next few weeks, until the delightful word—"holidays"—with its reviving influence, is spoken in joyous tones.

Recent tests reveal the fact that Portia Bennet, of 1D, and J. McDowell and C. Wilkinson, of 1C, have done good work in geology.

The muse of 1B, stirred by a spirit of emulation, bursts forth into song in this wise:

"Life is short,

Death must come,

So go it 1B

While you're young."

In the recent annual sports at Birchgrove 1A had reason to be proud of Edna Norman, who proved herself a young athlete. She was the winner of the Orange and Obstacle Races, and came with Annie Gilmore in the Three-legged Race.

1D also had many enthusiastic representatives in the sports, but unhappily one of them was caught fast in the Obstacle Race, and was heard to declare afterwards that she felt like a caged bird.

Everyone is delighted that the swimming season has recommenced, and many of us will not see Birchgrove again for some time.

Notwithstanding the heat of Wednesday two of the 1D girls gallantly practised for the forthcoming tennis match with the boys, which is to take place next Wednesday.

Evidently one of the 1D girls has a strong leaning towards home, or a strong resentment towards school; for this said person, on reaching the Quay on a Friday morning a fortnight ago (Fleet Week), and learning that it was a holiday, turned round and fled straight home again—we could not see her heels for dust.

1E girls are very pleased to welcome back their friend, Aurie Lane, and also to receive into their class Lily Price, from "Redlands," and Mary Irvine, from Glasgow (Scotland).

OFFICERS' AND N.C.O.'s. ANNUAL DINNER.

Arrangements are now well under weigh for this, one of the most enjoyable functions of the military year.

The only point of difference from last year's arrangements is that Lieuts. Mackinnon and Baldock, of the Militia, with the men of S.U.S., who attend school, are invited to be present. The dinner should prove even a greater success than our first.

LIEUT. BERMAN, Hon. Sec.

LIEUT. PARADICE, Hon. Treas.

ROWING CLUB.

(By Stroke.)

Is the Rowing Club to remain defunct? This was a question asked in the "Fortian," October, 1912, and since then the Club has been defunct; but on the advent of an able coach (Mr. Cornforth) the Club has been reformed, and is now in a flourishing condition, the members totalling twenty-two (22).

The Club has returned to its old quarters, those of the Balmain Rowing Club.

The following were elected Club officers:— Mr. A. J. Kilgour (President), Mr. Cornforth (Coach), B. E. Berman (Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treas.), J. Maude 3rd year representative), and H. Winkworth (2nd year representative).

On the occasion of our first practice the water was very choppy, due to a strong wind, but notwithstanding these drawbacks good work was indulged in.

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On the following Wednesday some heavy work was put in, and a marked improvement on the previous performance was noticed.

If the members kept these points in mind they would do better:—

(a) Always watch the stroke, not your own oar.

(b) Keep your oar pressed against the poppet-head.

(c) Look out for the time—"fetching" together and "coming out" together.

(d) Use the whole weight of your body, not merely your arms.

(e) The blade must leave the water square and clear.

(f) The hands must have a light, firm grip, the thumbs be underneath, and one hand breadth of space between the two hands.

However, the only way to become proficient in the art is to practise, for "practice makes perfect." Here is your chance, heavyweights! Join the Rowing Club, have your worth, and get into the school eight. Let us see if you cannot add fresh laurels to the long list of school victories!

Club members must observe these following rules:—

1. All members must pay 6s. per quarter whether they attend or not.

2. No member to resign from the Club before he has ended the quarter.

3. All boats taken out and brought in must be under the supervision of Mr. Cornforth, or the Committee.

4. No boat to remain out for more than a quarter of an hour.

Any member wilfully breaking these rules will be struck off the Club Roll.

SENIOR TENNIS CLUB.

On Wednesday, 22nd ult., the above Club played a match with the Old Boys, thus bringing to a close a most successful season. The Old Boys were represented by—F. Liggins, G. Holmes, E. Biggs, and R. Mitchell, and the School by J. Paling, H. Illingworth, G. Ferris, and A. Allum.

The match resulted in a win for the School by 5 sets 41 games to 1 set 28 games. The Old Boys were, however, somewhat handicapped by the absence of G. Briggs.

During the season the Club has played a large number of matches, only one of which was lost.

HINTS ON HEALTH.

1. Keep your vaccination wounds dry. Do not use ointment, vaseline, etc., on them. Do not allow anything at all wet, even lint, cotton wool, etc., to touch same after wounds begin to suppurate.

2. Before vaccination was discovered one-tenth of all the deaths in the world were due to small-pox, and one-third of deaths of children under the age of ten years.

3. The Berlin Board of Health states that "Vaccination renewed or attempted to be renewed at periods of from five to seven years renders the individual as safe from death from small-pox as if that disease had been survived, and almost as safe from attack."

4. Do not bind your shield too tightly, or you set up inflammation. Do not use a heavy shield; in fact, Dr. Paton, of the Sydney Board of Health, advises persons not to use any kind of shield.

5. If your arm is very itchy, bathe it with methylated spirit, dabbed on, and it will be relieved. Soap should not be used.

6. Tincture of iodine painted on the badly swollen part of the arm will reduce the swelling almost immediately.

7. Keep your hands off people's arms, be careful of hurting others' arms by pushing, etc., for the benefit of your own feelings and perhaps health.



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