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: Editorial :

"EXAMINATIONS AND EFFICIENCY."

Just as many newspapers advertise special "sporting," "agricultural," or "cable" editions, so we may call this first issue for 1914 our "examination" issue. The school has reason to congratulate itself. It has proved itself the premier great public school of the State. The Editor had the pleasure, during the vacation, of meeting two high school masters from our sister State of Victoria, and had the additional pleasure of discovering that the fame of Fort Street was as well known in Victoria as in the Mother State.

The record established this year will be a hard one to beat. All the 18 Leaving Certificate candidates were successful. Some won the very highest honours. Over 200—122 boys and 87 girls—passed the Intermediate. The margin of failures was very few. This is not the place for statistics and comparisons with the work of other schools. The curious can make these for themselves. But if examinations, and especially those conducted by an external body, are to be considered as a test of efficiency, then Fort St. must be efficient. As the "Sydney Morning

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Judged in the light of this extract, the very fact that over 90 per cent. of our boys and 80 per cent. of our girls passed the Intermediate, and that all our boys passed the L.C. examinations, leads us to assert with pride that at no time was Fort Street High School in such a high state of efficiency as at present.

As announced in our last issue of last year, the "Fortian" will now be issued to subscribers only, that is, each boy and girl in the school will be expected to pay his or her subscription of one shilling in advance. Single copies will be twopence each. The Editor has no doubt that this arrangement will appeal to all and that the response will be unanimous.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Debating Society was held on the 30th inst., the Headmaster presiding. It was announced that during 1914 arrangements had been made for the Society to meet every Friday afternoon at 2.30. The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President: The Headmaster; Vice-Presidents: Masters of the High School; Secretary: Paradise; Student V.-P.: Paling; Editor of MS. Journal: Sherwood; Sub-Editor: Watt; Premier: Ferns; Leader of Opposition: Rigney.

THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY.

At the annual election for Lord Mayor of Sydney during 1914, the choice of the City Councillors fell upon Alderman W. R. Richards, M. Inst. C.E., a well-known Sydney engineer. Of greater interest to Fortians is the fact that His Worship is a very old Fort Street boy, having spent the interval from 1875-1878 at the

old school. We take this opportunity of congratulating Alderman Richards on his election to the chief magistracy of the city, and hope that his period of office may prove fruitful in those civic reforms which seem so urgently needed. Alderman Richards has been described as a man with a civic sense. This, added to his professional skill and his long experience of municipal affairs should make him an ideal Lord Mayor of Sydney.

FIRST LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

The results of the first Leaving Certificate examination held by the Department of Public Instruction were announced on the 20th of January. It is with great pleasure that we have to intimate that the whole of our 18 candidates were successful. They have our very best wishes and congratulations. The list of passes is as follows:—

The numbers indicating the subjects in which the candidates passed, viz.: (1) Maths I., (2) Maths. II., (3) Mechanics, (4) English, (5) French, (6) German, (7) Latin, (8) History, (10) Physics, (11) Chemistry, (17) English & Geography for Engineering students. H signifies honours, A first class pass, B second class pass.

Arnott, R. G., 1B 5B 7A 8B 10B.
 Barry, H. C., 1A 2A 3 pass 4A 6H 7A 8B 10A.
 Cuthbert, N. M., 1A *2A 4A 5B 8B 10B.
 England, V. T., 1B 2A 3 Pass, 4H 5H 8A 10B 17 Pass
 Firth, L. R., 1A *2A, 3 Pass, 4B 5H 8B 10A.
 Hayes, E. W., 1A *2A, 3 Pass, 4A 5B 7B 8B.
 Hill-Adams, R. F., 1A *2A 3 Pass, 5B 8B 10A 11H, 17 Pass.
 Jerdan, E. A. S., 1A *2A 3 Pass, 4H 6H 7A 8H.
 Kennedy, J. E. S., 1B 2B 4B 5B 8B 10B.
 Metcalfe, A. J., 1B 2B 3 Pass, 4B 5B 7B 8B.
 Morgan, J., 1B 2B 4A 6A 7B 8H 10B.
 Price, W. L., 1A *2A 3 Pass 4H 8H 10B 17 Pass.
 Robinovitz, S. N., 1A *2A 3 Pass, 4H 5A 8H 10B.
 Spence, K. K., 1A 2A 4B 5B 8B 10A.
 Pfeiffer, G. H., 1A *2A 3 Pass 4A 5B 7A 8H.
 Stafford, A. F. G., 1A *2A 3 Pass 8B 10A 11B 17 Pass.
 Vickers, W. E., 1A 2B 5A 7B 8B.
 Wilson, A., 1A 2A 3 Pass, 5B 8B 10B 11B 17 Pass.
 *Honours in mathematics.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION. HONOURS.

Order of Merit.

MATHEMATICS.—Firth, Hayes, Cuthbert, Hill-Adams, Jerdan, Pfeiffer, Price, Robinovitz, Stafford.

ENGLISH.—Jerdan (1st place), Price (2nd place), Robinovitz (4th place), England.

FRENCH.—Firth (4th place), England.

GERMAN.—Jerdan (1st place), Barry (2nd place). Only two honours awarded in German.

HISTORY.—Jerdan (2nd place, Robinovitz (4th place), Price, Morgan, Pfeiffer.

CHEMISTRY.—Hill-Adams (2nd place).

THE INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

The results of the Intermediate Certificate examination were announced on the 3rd inst., and showed that Fort Street easily topped the poll in passes—122 boys and 87 girls being successful. The finest passes were obtained by Percy Anderson, 7 A's, and Jessie Alexander, 8 A's. The "Fortian" desires to congratulate heartily all on their success.

The numbers in the list of successful candidates published below refer to the following sections:—(1) Mathematics I., (2) Mathematics II., (3) English, (4) French, (5) German, (6) Latin, (7) History, (8) Elementary Science, (9) Geography, (10) Geology, (11) Botany, (12) Art, (13) Manual Work (wood work), (14) Business Principles, (16) Shorthand.

Ackland, Rupert Clarence, 1A 2B 3B 4B 7B 8B 9B 15B
 Acland, Arthur, 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 8B 9B 15B 16B
 Allison, John Robson, 1B 2A 3B 4B 6B 7B 8B
 Allsopp, Frank Leslie, 1A 2A 3A 4B 7B 8B.
 Anderson, Percival N. W., 1A 2A 3A 4A 6A 7A 8A.
 Anderson, Robert Henry, 1B 2B 3A 5A 6A 7A 8B.
 Andrewes, Lancelot, 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A 7B 8B.
 Arnold, Edwin Charles, 1B 2B 3B 5A 6B 7B 8B.
 Asher, Samuel, 1B 2B 3B 4A 6B 7A 8B.
 Baker, Ernest Edward, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Bannister, Henry Keith, 1B 2A 3B 7B 8B 9A 15B.
 Barry, Reginald Willis, 1B 2B 3B 7B 8B 9B 16B.
 Beehag, Frederick Wm., 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Biddulph, Arthur Remington, 1A 2A 4B 8B.
 Booker, Royston George, 1A 2A 3A 4B 6A 7A 8B.
 Bosley, Marcus William, 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A 7B 8B.
 Bradshaw, Albert Edward, 2B 3B 5B 7B.
 Branley, Henry G., 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 9B 12B 13B 15A.
 Braund, Fredk. Sydney, 1B 2B 3B 5B.
 Broadbent, Aubrey Henry, 1B 3B 5A 6A 7B 8B.
 Buckland, Edward Brownlow, 1A 2A 3B 4B 6B 7B 8A.
 Burton, Cyril Herbert, 1B 2B 3B 4B 6B 8B.
 Casey, William, 1B 2B 3B 4B 9B 15A.
 Cameron, Alan Robert, 1B 2B 3B 4B 6B 7A 8B.
 Chapman, William James, 1A, 2B, 3B 4A 6A 7B 8A.
 Cheal, Ralph, 1B 2B 3A 5B 7B 8B 9B 15B.
 Chiplin, Theo. M., 1B 2B 4B 7B 9A 12B 13B 15B.
 Christie, Malcolm Campbell, 1B 2B 3B 8B 9B 15A.
 Cieland, Alfred Barclay, 1B 3B 5A 6B 7A 8B.
 Collins, Thomas Edward, 2B 7B 9B 12B 15B.
 Cork, Ellis Eric, 1A 2B 3B 4B 7A 8A 9A 15A 16B.
 Crackanthorp, Hereward H., 2B 3B 5B 8B 9B 15B 16B.
 Cumming, Eric Edmund, 1B 2B 3B 5B.
 Curtis, Roy Courtney, 1B 2B 3A 5A 6A 7A.
 Darch, William F., 1B 2B 3B 7A 8B 9A 12A 13B 15B.
 Dart, George Reay, 1A 2A 3B 5B 8B.
 Deane, Albert Wm., 1B 3B 7B 8B 9A 15B.
 Donovan, James Carl, 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 8B 9B 15B.
 Dyce, James Alan, 1B 2A 3B 4A 7B 9B 12B 13B 15B.
 Easy, Edmund Sydney G., 1A 2B 3B 4B 7B.
 Edwards, Henry Herrick, 1B 2B 3B 7B 8B.
 Farthing, Frank, 1B 2A 3B 4B 6B 7B 8B.
 Ford, Daniel Joseph, 1A 2A 3A 4A 6A 7A 8B.
 Ford, William Charles, 1B 2B 3B 7B 8B.
 Fryer, Clive Martin, 1B 2B 3B 4B 6B 7B.
 Gallagher, W. P., 2B, 3B 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Getting, George Alexander, 1B 2B 3B 5B.
 Gilchrist, Arthur G. S., 1A 2B 3B 5A 6A 7A 8A.
 Gill, Stuart Fredk., 1B 3B 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Golding, William Harry, 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 8B.
 Gormly, Kevin, 1B 2B 3B 4B 6B 7B 8B.
 Grant, Edgar Ernest, 2B 3A 5B 7B 9B 15B.
 Hildebrand, Cavers G., 1B 2B 4B 7B 9B 12B 13B.
 Hills, Edgar, 1B 2B 3B 5B.
 Hoffmann, Maximilian B., 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B.
 Hooke, Arthur William, 1A 2B 3A 5A 6A.
 Hooker, Halford, 1B 2B 3B 4B 7A 9B 12B 13B.
 Howell-Price, Richmond G., 1B 2B 3B 7B 8B.
 Hughes, Henry Stokes, 1B 2B 3B 4B 6B.
 Hutchinson, R. F., 1B 2B 3B 4B 6A 7A 8B.
 Ireland, Ernest Hopton, 1B 2B 3B 4B 6B 7B 8A.
 Irvine, Francis Leslie, 1B 5B 7B 8B.
 Jacobs, William Vincent, 1A 2A 3B 5A 6A 7B 8B.
 Johnston, Reginald Sydney, 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 9B 15A.
 Jolly, William Douglas, 1B 2A 3B 6A 7A 8A.
 Kershaw, Albert Oliver H., 1B 2B 3A 4A 6B 7B 8B.
 Kirwan, Harrie Vere, 1B 2B 3A 5B 6A 7B.
 Lansdowne, Milford V., 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B.
 Little, Dudley Wm., 1B 2B 3B 7B 8B.
 Logan, Cedric James, 1B 2B 3B 4A 6A 7A 8B.
 Lyon, William, 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 8B 9A 13B 15B.
 Macintosh, Charles Rae, 1B 2B 3B 7B 8B 9B 12B 15B.
 Macnamara, William H., 1B 2B 3B 4B 8B.
 Martin, George Livingstone, 1B 3B 5B 7B 8B.
 Mater, Otto Waldemar, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6A 7B 8B.
 McGibbon, Oswald P., 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 9B 15B.
 McKechnie, Fredk. A., 1B 2B 3B 4B 7A 8B 9A 15B 16A.
 McLean, Ivan Alexander, 1A 2A 3B 4A 6A 7B 8B.
 Mealey, Arthur Russell, 1A 2A 3B 4B 6A 7B 8B.
 Melville, Jack Campbell, 1B 2A 3B 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Miller, Ralph Thomas, 1A 2A 3B 4B 7B 8B.
 Milne, John Wrangham, 2B 5B 7A 8B 9A.
 Mitchell, Roy K., 1A 2B 3B 4B 7B 8B.
 Morphett, Melville Alexander, 1A 2A 3A 5B 6A 7B 8B.
 Mulholland, H. K., 1B 2B 3B 7B 8B 9B 12B 13B 15B.
 Muller, Martin, 1A 2B 3B 4B 6B 7B 8B.
 Murphy, Algernon, 1A 2A 3B 4B 6A 7B 8B.
 Murphy, Allan Aubrey, 3B 4B 7B 9B 15B.
 Nalder, Robert Austin, 1A 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Nevill, Arthur, 1A 2B 3B 4B 6A 7B 8B.
 Norman, Henry Cecil, 1A 2B 3B 4B 6B 7B.
 Owen, Alan, 1B 2B 3B 4B 6B 7B 8B.
 Pallazzi, Joseph Victor, 2B 7B 8B 9B 12B 13B 15B.
 Paterson, Fergus, 1B 2B 3B 7B 9B 15B.
 Paterson, Thomas Mills, 1B 2B 4B 6B 7B.
 Peacock, Randolph Harold, 1A 2B 3A 4B 6B 7A.
 Porter, Norman Crampton, 1A 2A 3B 4B 6A 7B 8B.
 Powell, Frederick Rupert, 1B 2B 3B 7B 9A 15B.
 Prior, Jack Norman, 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 8B 9B 15A.
 Rabone, Harold, 1B 2B 3B 7B 8B 9A 12B 13B 15B.
 Rickards, Redvers Ernest, 1B 2B 3B 4B 6A 7B.
 Roddy, Michael, 1A 2A 3B 4B 6B 7B 8B.
 Rundle, William, 1A 2A 3A 4B 6A 7A 8A.
 Saunders, George S., 1A 2A 3B 4B 6B 7B 8B.
 Shoebridge, Aubrey Gladstone, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B 8B.

Simpson, James Thomas, 1A 2A 3A 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Sky, Douglas Hastings, 1A 2A 3A 4A 6A 7B 8B.
 Steel, Ernest M., 1A, 2A 3B 4B, 6A 7B 8B.
 Steenbhom, Harold, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B.
 Stitt, Edmund Theo., 1B 2B 3B 7B 9A 15A.
 Thompson, Roy William, 1B 2A 3A 4B 6B 7B 8B.
 Turbet, Charles Rupert, 1B 2B 3B 7B 8B.
 Turner, Claude Arthur, 1B 2B 3B 4B 6B.
 Warden, Walter Ronald, 1B 2A 3B 4B 6B 7B 8B.
 Watts, Arthur Joseph, 1B 2A 3B 4B 7B 8B 9A 15A.
 White, Richard Frederick, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Willard, Frank Trenerry, 1B 2A 3B 4A 6A 7A 8B.
 Wilson, Noel James, 1A 2A 3B 5B 7A 8B 9A 15A.
 Winkworth, H. C., 1A 2B 3B 4B 7A 8B 9A 12B 13B 15B.
 Woodward, John Wylie, 1A 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B.
 Yum, Walter, 1A 2B 3A 4A 6A 7B 8B.
 Solomon, Joseph, 1B 2B 3B 4A 6A 7B 8B.

FORT-STREET GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Alexander, Jessie Eleanor, 1A 2A 3A 6A 7A 9A 11A 12A.
 Anstey, Doreen, 1B 2B 3B 11B.
 Bell, Ellen May, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 11B.
 Bentivoglio, Marie, 1B 2B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Bevan, Thelma Esme, 1B 2A 3B 4B 5B 7B 11B.
 Biddulph, Carrie T., 1B 2B 3B 5B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Bingham, Mary Margaret, 1B 2A 3B 4B 9B 11A 12A.
 Blackwell, Edith C., 1B 2B 3B 6B 7A 9A 11B 12A.
 Bourne, Hilda Florence, 2B 3B 5B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Brodie, Cecelia Grace, 1B 3B 4B 7B 11B.
 Brown, Eileen De La Mont, 1B 3B 4B 7B 11B.
 Card, Phyllis Mary, 2B 3B 5B 7B 11B 12B.
 Cargill, Jessie Nina, 1B 2B 3A 4B 7A 9B 11A 12B.
 Charlier, Ida Wilhelmina, 1B 2A 3B 9B 11A 12A.
 Cherbury, Christina Agnes, 1B 2B 3B 5B 7B 9B 11B 12A.
 Clarke, Ida Maude, 1B 3A 4B 6B 7B 11B.
 Crawford, Eleanor Jessie, 1B 3B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Cruickshanks, Isabella, 1B 2B 3A 4B 7B 9A 11A 12B.
 Curtis, Una Eileen, 2A 3B 4B 5B 11B.
 Dickin, Mildred Louisa, 2B 3B 9B 11B 12A.
 Donald, Katie Blackwood, 3B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Duhig, Eva, 1B 2B 3B 6B 7B 9B 11B 12A.
 Edwards, Amy Lydia, 3B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Edwards, Doris, 1B 2A 3B 7A 9A 12A.
 Edwards, Dorothy E. M., 1B 2A 3B 6B 7B 9B 11B 12A.
 Esserman, Rose, 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 9B 12A.
 Field, Rita Mary, 2B 3B 4B 7B 9B 12A.
 Friederich, Freida Frances, 2B 3B 5B 7A 9B 11A 12B.
 Graham, Mabel Lilian, 1A 2B 3B 6B 7B 9B 11B 12A.
 Griffin, Pearl Eleanor M., 2B 3A 6B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Gullick, Vivienne, 1B 2B 3B 5B 7A 9B 11B 12A.
 Huckstepp, Violet Mary, 1B 2B 3B 7B.
 Hahn, Kathleen, 1B 2A 3A 7A 9B 11B 12A.
 Hall, Freida Fortune, 3B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Harrison, Rosa Helie, 1B 2B 3B 4B 6B 7B 11B.
 Harward, Doreen Sadie, 1B 2B 3A 6A 7B 9B 11A 12B.
 Hatfield, Doris, 1A 2A 3B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Humphrey, Maggie McMuldrough, 2B 3B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Hutchinson, Olive, 1B 2B 7B 9B 11B 12A.
 Irvine, Constance Kathleen, 2B 3A 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Jensen, Maude Florence, 2B 3B 4B 6B 7B 11A.
 Kneelone, Pathena Charlotte, 3B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Littlejohn, Florence Alma, 2A 3B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Lockley, Clare Lenore, 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 9B 11B 12A.
 Matthews, Edna Doris, 1B 2B 9B 11B 12B.
 McClemens, Dorothy Mary, 2B 5B 7B 11B.
 McFlinn, Dessima Agatha, 1B 2B 7B 11B 12B.
 McGee, Eunice Frances, 2B 3B 7B 9B 11B 12A.
 McGregor, Maggie Mitchell, 2B 3B 7B 9B 11A 12A.
 McMillan, Mary Louise, 1B 2B 3B 7B 9B 11B 12B.

McRae, Mary Christina, 1B 2A 3B 9B 11B 12B.
 Melville, Mona Blair Ker, 1A 2A 3B 6B 7B 9B 11A 12A.
 Moorcroft, Ruth Olive, 1B 2B 3B 4B 9B 11B 12B.
 Morris, Melba Elizabeth, 1B 2B 3B 7B 9B 12B.
 Morton, Lila Mirian, 1B 3B 4B 11B 12A.
 Moylan, Veronica Evelyn, 1B 2B 3B 7A 9B 11B 12B.
 Murdoch, Edith Ferguson, 3B 6B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Norman, Nellie Ruth Amer, 2B 3B 4A 7B 11B 12B.
 Nowell, Frances Muriel, 1B 2A 3B 4A 5A 7B 11A.
 Ohlson, Kathleen Merrill, 1B 2B 3B 7A 11B.
 Oldman, Dorothy Agnes, 3B 4B 9B 11B 12B.
 Peirce, Dulcie G., 1B 2A 3B 4B 6B 11A.
 Pendered, Grace, 1B 2A 4B 5B 11A.
 Procter, Hilda Mary, 1B 2B 3A 5B 7B 11B.
 Ratcliffe, Daisy Hunter, 1B 2B 3B 4B 11A.
 Ritchie, Dorothy May, 1B 2B 3B 4B 9B 11A 12A.
 Ross, Irene, 3B 7B 9B 11B 12A.
 Rothwell, Dorothy Lilian, 1B 2B 3B 7B 9B 11A 12B.
 Sandon, Alice Margaret, 1B 2A 3B 4B 7B 9B 11A 12B.
 Smith, Grace Alison, 1B 2B 3B 9B 11B 12A.
 Smith, Rita Mildred, 3B 5B 7B 9A 11B 12B.
 Smythe, Eileen Viola, 1B 3B 4B 6B 7B 11B.
 Stark, Mernie Eva Varley, 2A 7B 9A 11B 12A.
 Stephen, Doris Hay, 3B 5A 7B 11A.
 Streeb, Helena Georgina, 1B 2B 3B 4A 9B 11A 12A.
 Thomas, Esther Alma, 1A 2A 3B 5B 7B 9A 11A 12A.
 Tierney, Ursula Pauline, 1B 2B 3B 7B 9B 11A 12A.
 Valkenburg, Ina, 2B 3B 5B 11B 12B.
 Wade, Minnie, 3B 4B 6B 7A 11B.
 Webber, Elsie May, 1B 2B 3A 4B 7B 9B 12A.
 West, Naomi Cooper, 1B 3B 4B 9B 11B 12B.
 Weston, Annie, 2B 3B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Wicks, Nancy, 1B 2B 3B 7B 11B.
 Wild, Irene Alice, 2B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Wilson, Una L., 3B 4B 7B 11B.
 Witte, Dorothea Ellena, 1B 2B 3B 7B 9B 11B 12B.
 Young, Rita Essie, 1B 2B 3B 7B 9B 11A 12A.

QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE

At the Q.C. examination held in November, 1913, the following boys and girls from Fort Street Primary Schools were successful. We offer them all our congratulations: —

BOYS.

Stanley G. Bowyer, Thomas Alan Cooper, William Jas. Court, John S. Crakanthorp, Geoffrey S. Dingle, Jack Dring, Wallace M. Dufty, William Thos. Eager, George Alfred Fennell, Jack Burt Fleming, William Alan Green, Robert George Hawthorn, William Gladstone, Hitchings, Cecil M. W. Hocker, Harry G. T. Hotten, Ronald James Hunter, Percy Hurt, Harold John Hynes, Sydney Gordon Johnston, Keith Kilgour, Alfred Henry Lord, Douglas Roy Mackenzie, Eric D. Macmullan, Alfred Magee, Laurence Fred Mallam, Cyril E. Martin, Leonard McKay, Henry Morgan, Bede Reginald Madigan, Granville O'Connor, John Alexander Pate, Noel Leonard Quinn, Malcolm Taylor Rea, Percy Edward Rheuben, Stuart Robertson, Ernest Douglass Rose, Charles E. Rutter, Solomon Shineberg, Harrie Oliver Sinclair, Aubrey A. Slocombe, Henry Smith, Charles T. O. Spence, Raymond P. Stone, Rankin K. Thomson, Neville D. Wilkinson, Reginald E. C. Wegner, Henry Chas. Williams, Keith B. Williams, Raymond I. Watkinson.

GIRLS.

Naomi M. Brukarz, Victoria C. A. Bacon, Isabel M.

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PROBATIONARY STUDENTS' EXAMINATION.

The following candidates have passed the examination entitling them to Scholarships at the Sydney Teachers' College:—

Men—Arthur J. Metcalfe, Lenoy A. Swan.

Women.—Mary A. Mewkell, Ruby P. Dorsett, Gladys D. Jay, Madge Blatchford, Jessie Watkinson, Millicent Taylor, Alma I. Patterson, Elizabeth A. Hirst, Elizabeth Botting, Edna F. Harvey, Annie C. Campbell, Vera A. Hagggett, Florence Broughton, Leila R. Ashworth, Hilda Dodds, Annie M. Jones, Pearl L. Edwards, Elsie G. Prescott, Josephine A. Devitt, Madeline E. Short, Stella A. Brown, Amy B. Hirsch, Alma R. Bray.

THE UNIVERSITY: ANNUAL EXAMINATION RESULTS.

FORT ST. EX-STUDENT' SUCCESSE.

Faculty of Medicine.

First Degree Examination: Passed.—F. E.

Biggs (Credit, Botany), H. H. Crowe (Distinction, Botany), S. K. Dwyer, N. M. Fox, G. C. Holmes (Credit, Zoology), H. Hunter (Distinction Botany, Credit Chemistry, Credit Zoology, Credit Physics I.), F. W. Liggins (Credit Botany, Credit Physics I.), J. McKee (Prof. Lawson's Prize for Botany, Credit Chemistry, Distinction Physics I., High Distinction Botany), R. S. Mitchell (Prof. Haswell's Prize for Zoology, High Dist. Zoology, Dist. Botany), G. B. Packham (Credit Chemistry I., Credit Zoology, Credit Physics I., Dist. Botany), E. B. Reed (Credit Chemistry), R. A. Sillar (Credit Zoology), O. G. Tunks (High Dist. Chemistry, Credit Zoology, Credit Physics I.).

Fourth Degree Exam.: *Materia Medica and Therapeutics*, Pass.—B. M. Carruthers, W. Fenwick, I. Morgan, T. K. Potts, S. A. Railton, R. J. Silberthau, H. A. Wall, N. Zions.

Fifth Year Exam.: *Public Health*, Pass.—F. L. MacQueen.

Faculty of Science.

First Year: Passed. — Marjorie I. Collins (High Dist. Geology, Dist. Botany), Isabel M. Knight (High Dist. Botany, Credit Zoology), Ellen Hindmarsh (Dist. Botany), Dorothy V. Rothschild (Credit Botany), Jessie K. Wright (Passed in Botany with Credit), Dorothy G. Perry, (Dist. Geology I.), M. B. Welsh (Slade Prize for Practical Physics, High Dist. Chemistry, Credit Zoology, Credit Botany, Dist Physics).

Second Year: Passes.—Ellice P. Hamilton (Dist. Geology II., Credit Chemistry II., Credit Maths. II.).

Veterinary Science.

Third Year Exam.: Passed.—W. J. Ridley.

Agricultural Science.

Fourth Year Exam. (B.Ag.): Passed. — Harry Stephens (University Medal, Mr. Maiden's Prize for Forestry, 1st Class Honours at Graduation).

Department of Engineering.

First Year: Passed.—G. H. Briggs (Dist. Geology I., Credit, Eng. Drawing & Design, Credit, Chemistry I., Dist. Physics I., Credit Maths. I.), J. B. Degotardi (Credit Chemistry I., High Dist. Eng. Drawing & Design), E. S. Rowe (Credit Eng. Drawing & Design), N. A. Esserman (Credit Physics I., Credit Maths. I.), A. Lewis (Credit Maths I.).

Second Year Exam.: Passed.—E. O. K. Green (Dist. Eng. Drawing & Design, Credit Maths. II.), D. T. Smith (Dist. Eng. Drawing & Design, Credit Maths. I.), W. C. Stafford (Dist. Eng. Drawing & Design).

Fourth Year Exam.: Pass.—A. R. Edwards.

Faculty of Arts.

Owing to the abolition of the "year" system in the Faculty of Arts, we are unable to give the complete lists. We, however, notice that the following have done well:—

Third Year Exam.: Pass.—E. G. Leask. English I.: C. E. Bennett, W. J. Edwards, G. L. Kennedy, Edith M. Roulston. English II.: H. V. Evatt, Mr. W. T. Fraser. French I.: Edith M. Roulston. French III.: B. F. Telfer. History I.: C. E. Bennett. History II.: Mr. W. T. Fraser, E. G. Leask, E. M. Roulston. Philosophy I.: C. E. Bennett, W. J. Edwards. Philosophy II.: Mr. W. T. Fraser, J. V. Gallagher, E. M. Roulston. Philosophy III.: H. V. Evatt, E. G. Leask. Maths. II.: Credit, H. V. Evatt. Maths. III., A. and B.: G. H. Godfrey, H. H. Thorne, P. W., Hallett, B.A. Maths. II., A. and B.: H. V. Evatt, E. O. K. Green, P. W. Hallett, B.A., E. P. Hamilton, D. T. Smith, W. C. Stafford. Maths. I., A and B: G. H. Briggs, J. B. Degotardi, N. A. Esserman, E. M. Hindmarsh, Isabel M. Knight, A. Lewis, D. V. Rothschildt, E! S. Rowe, M. B. Welsh, Jessie K. Wright. Chemistry I., Pass: C. E. Bennett, Mr. S. W. Cantrell, B.A., Mr. W. T. Fraser, J. V. Gallagher.

Education.

Diploma in Education.—Mr. W. Roberts, B.A. Pass.—Mr. W. E. Porter, B.A. Principles

of Teaching: Miss Marie F. Joseph, B.A., B.Sc.; Mr. W. E. Porter, B.A., Miss Margaret H. Taylor, B.A. Economics and Commerce I.: Mr. E. Burgin. Accountancy I.: Mr. E. Burgin. Business Principles and Practice: Mr. E. Burgin. Economic Geography: Mr. E. Burgin (Credit), Economics and Commerce III.: Geoffrey Dale (Chamber of Commerce Prize and Professor Irvine's Prize for proficiency in the three years' course. Mr. F. A. Russell's Prize for Commercial and Industrial Law: G. Dale. High Distinction: G. Dale. Pass: T. H. Bosward.

Our University Letter.

By "Cavendish."

A good deal of water has passed under the academic bridge since our last letter. Of course there were December finals implying the inevitable despair followed by the inevitable joy of vacation—a joy which has not yet passed away. And of course there were results which the editor has, no doubt, carefully removed from the dailies.

But, in all probability, the most important event one has to chronicle, is the appointment of Mr. Walter Selle, B.A., to the post of Clerk of Examinations at the University. Fort St. Old Boys lose him from the school only to see him again at their second alma mater. And the school's loss is the 'Varsity's gain. There has been no more popular man at the University. Mr. Selle had the tremendous disadvantage of being an evening man in the Faculty of Arts. But it is probably due to him that the Evening Students' Association is in its present flourishing condition, as is most certainly the general harmony which exists at the present moment when the sons of eve and the sons of the morning dance in joy together as once before.

Mr. Selle was congratulated by committee room and board room and common room and tea room and billiard room. And we doubt not that he was also the recipient of most friendly greeting in senate room. It is a far cry from such places to the columns of this letter. But we do sincerely congratulate him on his great success and hope that the old school will secure a mathematics master as conscientious, a sports master as keen, an organiser as sound, and most of all, a man as sincere as the one they have lost.

Perhaps the only 'Varsity graduate one would dare to couple with Mr. Selle at the present moment, is Mr. H. A. Henry, the recently elected Rhodes scholar. There has been no more unanimous support than that the undergraduate body has given to the selection of the latter. We should like, therefore, to extend to him also our best wishes as representing the Fort St. men who are his fellows.

The Old Boys' dinner, coming between the two weeks of Christmas exams., was not supported as it might well have been by the school's representatives up here. Apart from this, the function was a great success, and the performances of Mr. Donald and Dr. Griffith before, during, and after dinner were consistently brilliant. It was an evening of fair speeches, enlivened by unrehearsed items from the so-called noisy corner of the room. (We often wonder whether our distinguished graduates were ever undergraduates.)

There was a glee-club concert after examination fortnight. We noticed Vivian Crockett, Alan Wright, R. J. Silberthau, amongst the performers. It may be doubted whether the audience was at all representative of University life, and whether the chorus justified such support. This without any criticism of the above artists who did splendidly, especially Silberthau, who had to contend against the disadvantages of open-air singing.

The results of Xmas exam. were, as usual, satisfactory. And it might be mentioned here that the success of Fort Street men in the academic sphere only is disproportionate to that of other schools. We are not going into any "odorous" comparisons, but that such is the case a keen observer of the calendar will easily agree.

This granted, we desire here to place on record the lack of interest which most of the old boys evince in University life in general. We are not going to say that the educational realm is not the most important one. But we do affirm that there are very many mansions at the 'Varsity where Fort Street men are unknown. We do not think that the Fort Street man is looked on as merely an "academic" person. But we do say, here and now, that if such a charge were made, there would be reasonable grounds for making it. Far too many cases have come under notice of men who, in their way, were excellent sportsmen at school, aban-

doning the oval for the library once they are comfortably ensconced in one or other of the faculties.

For instance, there are only two men from the school who have played with the cricket teams of the University during the present season, and there were not more than half a dozen footballers, let alone the other sports.

To what is this to be ascribed? If it is to fear of University cliques and coteries, it is an unjust fear. And in saying this, we have positive grounds and positive knowledge. There is no more of that sort of thing in University sport, than there is in school sport. In all human organizations, there must be some slight prejudice against "intruders," and more than this there is not amongst the various clubs. We speak strongly on this subject and we feel strongly.

But can we look for this "modesty" of our men as far as sporting ability is concerned, to an increasing tendency at the school to emphasize the "mens sana" at the expense of the "corpus sanum"? If we could, then a grave charge could be laid at the door of the present educa-

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tional scheme. We have noticed that the best critics seem agreed that the new high school course constitutes a tax on the average boy which had not to be paid before. And it may be that the best critics are right.

If the latter is the case, we have an explanation for the phenomenon, which is noticeable on the boys leaving the school, not for the fresh playing fields but for the more or less happy hunting grounds which are to be discovered in the musty tomes of the Fisher.

But we do not think personally that the education scheme is to blame. We would rather ascribe the non-success of Fort Street University men as sportsmen, to the lack of convenience which is only too glaringly apparent at "the institution." This was the point in an interjection at the O. B. dinner—"Is there going to be an oval?"—when the Deputy Head was enlarging on the beauties of the new site at Peter-sham.

However, we hope that the men coming up this year under the new auspices of a Leaving Certificate exam. will remedy the matter which we have given some length. We wish the school further laurels in the examination room, but we trust that such laurels will never be considered as the only ones. Nor is it likely that the school will forget that it is as much on the cricket and football grounds that opportunity is afforded for real moral grit than in the study at home. We consider that the School Sports Union has made a move in the right direction by increasing the annual subscription.

Meanwhile, we offer a word of congratulation to those who have succeeded in obtaining the new Leaving Certificate. Jerdan did exceptionally well, but further comparisons would be almost invidious. A word of congratulation we utter now. And, in our next letter, we may offer a word of advice to the guileless "freshers."

A DIALOGUE OF MOMENT.

"My dear Percy, how d'ye do?" said Ivor McAnderson Jolly to his friend Percy Solomon-Stokes, as they met at the end of the avenue. "Yes—thanks, old man—glad to know they're mutual; but, of course, there never was any doubt in your case. Have a good time in the

vac.? Glad to hear it, dear boy. Oh, yes, a perfect time, thanks. By the way, when did you come down? Friday? Yes, so did I. It takes a man a day or two to get settled in his diggings—doesn't it? As you say, Friday was none too early. So many thinks a man has to purchase at such a time. You see, I didn't bring any stockings down with me this time, so I really had to provide myself with a stock of half hose. Such a bother, don't you know! All the distinctive designs were sold out in the Christmas rush they tell me—scarcely anything but plain navy cashmere to be had. Spent two solid hours over the business and only succeeded in getting some very mediocre stuff—emerald green with sunflower pattern and vermilion border was quite the brightest thing to be had until Easter. Like them? Yes, as you remark, we Third Year men must be distinctive—even "un peu distingué," n'est-ce pas?

Did you really? A "Gillett" or a "Daisy?" Mine's an "Autostrop." Yes, a great deal of care is necessary in the choice of a razor. Every morning? Yes, of course, indispensable—but such a bother getting the hot water so early when not living at home, isn't it? Really, I have almost decided on a spirit lamp—rather a good idea, don't you think?

Ah! here they come! Morning, boys. Congratulations! Be with you anon.

Here's the old third year crowd. D'you think they'll try to put on "side" with us new men? Not much matter, I suppose. We can hold our own I should say. Ah! here come Mr. Kilgour and Mr. Mackaness. I suppose we had better go up. We'll be in the Art Room no doubt. Not too much room, as you say, but still a man will not be so cramped as in the Main Room.

These will be the new second year lads here. Seem rather small and childish compared with our year—what?

Lines? No, of course not! Yes, they'll be the new first year kids, I expect—"small boys" and such other "canaille." If they presume to write about *us*, as some youngster did about the Senior men last year, we shall know how to deal with them! Ah, there's the bell! "Once more unto the breach, dear friends!" The seat next the front window? Yes, mine's the next. Lovely view—what!

Girls' Page

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

THE STAFF.

It is with sincere regret that we announce the departure of Miss F. Campbell, B.A., who has been promoted to the position of Headmistress of West Maitland Girls' High School. We wish her every success in her new sphere. Her place as English Mistress has been filled by Miss E. Collings, B.A., late of the Girls' High School, Elidabeth Street, Miss E. Bowie, formerly of "Abbotsleigh," Wahroonga, has also been appointed to the school on the science staff. We extend a hearty welcome to the newcomers.

GARMENTS SENT TO ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.

In response to an appeal made some time back to the girls through Miss Partridge by the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, it was decided to purchase material for a number of nightdresses to be made and sent to the Hospital.

The sum of £4 was collected for the required flannelette, and a number of the girls volunteered to take charge of the garments cut out by Miss Simpson, and have them made up.

Forty-three night-dresses were completed, and the following letter of thanks was received after the Hospital had been notified:—

"Royal Alexandra Hospital for
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29th Oct., 1913.

"Miss Partridge, Principal, Fort St. Girls'
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"Dear Madam,—I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 27th inst., informing me that 43 flannelette nightgowns are now available at your school for the use of the little children at this Hospital. This, I understand, is in reply to an appeal for assistance made to your scholars through you some weeks ago. I may state that I am sending for these gowns on Friday morning.

"I have been directed by the Board of Management of this Institution to convey to you and also to those of your scholars who have so

kindly assisted by making the gowns, an expression of their grateful appreciation for these very valuable gifts. The garments will enable the Hospital to meet the great demands made by the children for clothing.

"This tangible expression of the sympathy your scholars have shown in the work this Institution is doing for little children is very pleasing to us, and each one who has helped must realise that she has assisted to bring the sunshine of health into many little darkened lives.

"Yours faithfully,

"CLARENCE R. MOSS,

"Secretary."

SWIMMING.

The Life Saving Competition for the Ladeis' Challenge Cup will be held at the Coogee Aquarium Baths, on March 5th, and a team from Fort Street will compete.

The Annual Swimming Carnival of our Girls' High School will be held about the third week in March.

FIRST YEAR.

We have come back, fresh and eager for work after our long vacation. To the girls who have been successful in the first year examination we tender our heartiest congratulations. We all give our good wishes to the new girls who have entered our High School and wish them every success in their career. We hope that those who are left behind will distinguish themselves brilliantly and be the presiding geniuses of the coming year.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

"Once more unto the breach dear friends, once more!" Christmas has come and gone as well as the pudding and the fruit—gone, but not forgotten.

Most of our girls have returned in the best of health and as the Intermediate Examination looms head of us, good steady work is required of all.

One would certainly think that during the recent holidays some of the "lilies" had turned into "Maoris," the surf having exerted its tanning power to some purpose on the fair bathers. A large number of the old first year girls have been promoted, and are now beginning the second year.

As a result of the past year's work, Gldays Clifford gained the distinction of being dux of the whole of first year, and the girls of her class feel proud to possess her in their class.

We are sorry to lose our old mate, Dorothy Hassall, who is now on her way to San Francisco.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

After six joyous weeks of holiday-making we are afraid that it is almost vain to ask us to cast our thoughts back and record incidents of last year, so that class notes of this month are marked by their brevity.

We regret having lost our English teacher, Miss Campbell, and extend a welcome to Miss Collings, who has taken her place.

When the Intermediate results were known, we were proud to see Jessie Alexander's name heading the list for the State with her splendid pass, eight A's.

FOURTH YEAR NOTES. THINGS OF THE PAST.

A mystic haze spreads itself before the weary eye of the student. A distant clock chimes the hour of midnight, and even as the sound of the last stroke dies away, the hazy curtain before that drooping eyelid falls to shreds and unveils a host of mysteries. But lo! what familiar forms are these? First comes an orator with eyes ever casting back a look of scorn on the miserable creature, who, following at a safe distance, looks as if he has just heard many truths from the lips of the orator. With one last look do Cicero and Cataline bid farewell to the student. Close after them comes a hero, pious and erect, who, muttering a few soft words beneath his breath, gives one long lingering glance at the student, and thus Aeneas takes his leave.

After a pause another group appears, of which the leader is "une belle Frisonne." Clasp- ing her hand, and walking by her side, Cornelius comes, and bears along with him a tulip large and black, of wondrous beauty, fine, and, thus they pass away. Two striking forms next make their appearance. Their air resembles that of martyrs, and even as the latter bows her handsome head, the background changes, and a guillotine appears, borne by a rough crowd, which follows close upon her heels.

A few more moments pass and then appear

two kinglike forms of men. Each strives to pass by first, and thus in rivalry for pre-eminence in the student's eye, Alexander and Caesar pass on. But as they go the student stirs, and in excitement cries, "Farewell to Caesar!" "but rather think of me as not lost but gone before, for wait—I shall come again!"

Next comes a crowd to say one last farewell, led by a royal hunting party. Close after follow men and maids, and next a figure fair and round to see. This last, a form of no mean dimensions, gazes round in wonder, feels his ears, as if to make sure of some puzzling fact, and with one fond good-bye, Nick Bottom rushes on with leap and jump.

During the pause which follows, a distant rumbling is heard, and at last in formidable array a gorgeous crowd appears. Kings, queens and emperors of many different lands—statesmen, generals, and soldiers rush on in one great body. Towards the end of this large mass one figure stands out above all others. One moment the crowd around him gazes up in awe, the next it turns away quite unconcernedly, and with one bitter sigh Napoleon bows his head in shame. Even as the last figure fades away from the view, the shreds of the curtain close over one again, the space where hidden mysteries were disclosed. The student stirs, and wakens to look stern reality in the face, and to wonder at times, may be, over the characters of her dream. Characters gone! but not forgotten.

PRIMARY GIRLS' SCHOOL NOTES. 5A CLASS.

5A, now the Q. C. Class and highest class of the Primary School, commenced work in earnest this week. Much interest has already evidenced itself in the anxiety to begin the special work. The word "examination" has a music to these inexperienced ears which will probably vanish as Time steals away the moments and months. But—"Nothing achieved without effort" is to be the finger-post to success.

4B.

Those especially distinguishing themselves for good work in this class are: Nellie Behnke, Ivy George, Kitty Daley and Olive Raymond.

3B.

Olive Raymond, Mona Dose, and Kathleen Daley were especially promoted to Lower 4th Class.

THE STAFF.
BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Removals.—Mr. J. H. Smairl, M.A., to be English Master at Boys' High School, Ultimo. Mr. P. L. Murphy, B.A., to be Modern Language Master at Newcastle High School. Mr. F. V. Teasdale, B.A., to be Assistant Mathematical Master at Bathurst High School. Mr. W. A. Selle, B.A., to be Clerk of Examinations at the University of Sydney. Mr. J. W. Abell to be Manual Training Master at Petersham Day Continuation School.

Appointments.—Mr. J. W. Greaves, B.A., to be Assistant English Master. Mr. A. B. Colville, B.A., to be Assistant Mathematical Master. Mr. R. J. Jonas to be Junior Mathematical Assistant. Mr. L. C. Mote, M.A., to be Assistant Modern Language Master. Mr. A. W. Parsonage to be teacher of Manual Training and Physical Work. Mr. H. McQuiggan, B.Sc., to be Junior Science Assistant.

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. A. SELLE.

To mark their appreciation of the estimation Mr. W. A. Selle is held in at Fort-street, the staffs and pupils of all departments united in one big presentation to that gentleman on the 10th December last, on the eve of his departure to his new position at Sydney University. The whole school was assembled beneath the rostrum in the girls' playground, and seldom in our experience have we seen such enthusiasm displayed at a gathering like this. The presentation, which was made by Mr. Kilgour, took the form of a cutler desk and a quantity of silverware. Mr. Kilgour, in making the presentation, referred to Mr. Selle's long connection with the school, to his interest in everything pertaining to its welfare, and above all to his success as an organiser, particularly in the natatorial world. But Mr. Selle's prowess in these realms is too well known to be dilated upon.

In his reply Mr. Selle, in an emotional and heartfelt speech, thanked all, staff, boys and girls, for their expressions of appreciation of his services to Fort-street. He recapitulated the main features of his long service at Fort-street, and expressed his deepest regret at severing his connection with "the finest school on earth." Par-

ticularly he regretted leaving the world of sport, his interest in the swimming of the school being an overpowering one. He concluded with expressing his sincerest thanks for the visible exhibition that Fort-street had given him of its appreciation of the work he had done there.

NOTE AND NEWS.

It is with regret that we have had to announce in another column the loss of several of our staff. As in many cases it has meant promotion we can only offer our heartiest congratulations, especially to Miss F. Campbell and to Messrs. Smairl and Murphy. The other High schools are the gainers, we the losers. We wish them all well in their new positions.

At the same time we bid welcome, a hearty welcome, to the new arrivals, and hope that their stay at Fort Street will prove just as pleasant as that of their predecessors. It is worthy of note that two of the gentlemen are old Fortians, Messrs. Mote and Jonas. Mr. Mote will also be remembered as one of our well-known city musicians, and an organist well known to music-lovers.

Two Old Boys have lately achieved distinction in the sporting world. These are Charlie Macartney, who scored 201 in the N.S.W. v. Victoria match on the 24th instant, and Albert Barry, who won the 100 yards Swimming Championship of N.S.W., and the 100 yards Australian Championship, beating Longworth on both occasions. Our congratulations to both.

At the State Championship Swimming Carnival, held last month, the 500 yards Kieran Memorial Race was won by a Fort-street boy, Gordon Lyons. The "S.M. Herald" said: "He showed the most promising form at the carnival. His easy, graceful stroke should make him prominent in future championships." G. Howell-Price was third in the same race.

"The Fortian" desires to congratulate Jerdan on his fine L.C. pass, and Anderson and Jessie Alexander on their maximum pass in the intermediate certificate examination.

In 1904 there were 5 boys in the Senior Class; to-day there are 138 (43 in 4th year and 95 in 3rd year). This speaks volumes for the interest the people of N.S.W. are taking in the higher education of their sons and daughters.

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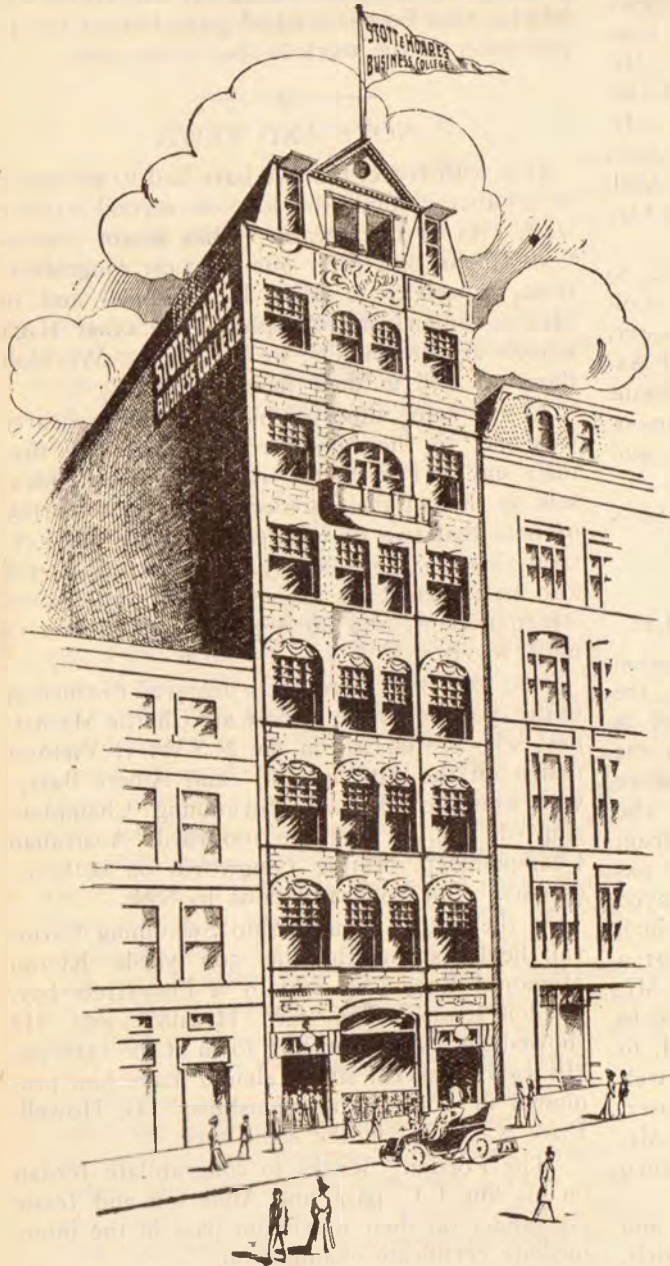
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Beseems it not that Seniors should appear;
Nor tender youth by virgin cheeks display,
Lest the presumptuous Small Boy should again
His libels publish or should seek to make
Himself their equal. Wherefore, come, O Blade.
And lend thy gen'rous help to these and those—
To these, that they by smooth, well-shaven cheek,
May give the lie to him who casts a slight
On blade wherewith they use to shave them-
selves.

To these that when, in answer to their prayer,
A beard on them hath Mercury bestowed,
Thou may'st the downy hairs' incipient growth
By pruning strengthen and to bounds confine—
Thus coming manhood on the visage stamped
Shall dignity and honour give; nor shall
The base traducer, melancholy worm,
Dare cast his slough across the unsullied field
Whereon is blazoned their escutcheon.

—Milton's Understudy.

(The old razor discovered by Mr. Smairl in the Senior Room after the departure of the 1913 Seniors is to be presented to the 1914 Seniors at an early date.)

SPORTS UNION NOTES.

Bosley made a century against Hurlstone on Wednesday, February 4, and also got 6 wickets for 12 runs. Well done!

It is proposed, now that more funds are available, to revive the idea of giving a small school badge for blazers to those who represent their school in a certain number of matches in all sports.

Remember that your Sports Union fee—5s. per year—is now overdue. Show this to your parents.

H. Kinnimont is our new Sports Captain, and well deserves the honour. He has represented the school in swimming, cricket, and football (Rugby and Australian), and besides is an honor cap holder (1912).

Nominations for honor caps for the year 1913 are now due. The conditions are as follows:—

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).

R. Howell-Price got third place to Gordon Lyons in the Kieran Memorial Race this year. We offer our congratulations to both.

The burning question—Who will win the School Championship, 100yds. this year? H. Kinnimont, R. Howell-Price, Gordon Lyons have a good chance. Who are the dark horses we hear about?

How are your tickets selling for the Carnival? Tell all your parents, relations, sisters, etc., to

come along and see how we manage things at Fort-street. New boys' parents are specially invited. The old school is worth backing up.

Harold Hardwick (old boy), Albert Barry (old boy), Wm. Longworth, Tom Adrian (old boy), Percy Hurt, Geo. Hansell and Cliff Furness have all promised to swim, and show the young blood how to do it. All the present and future champions are competing. The divers have promised a good display this year. Have you seen those clowns?

We will be glad indeed to renew acquaintance with any old boy at the Carnival after the Old Boys' 100 Yards Race.

Do not forget cricket practice Mondays and Fridays on the Domain. You pay for the wicket—use it.

It is extremely likely that the High Schools' football competitions will be divided into years this season, e.g., a competition for first and second years, and one for third and fourth years, with a representative match or two at the end of the season.

Fort-street won the First, Second, and Third Grade last season.

SWIMMING.

Over two hundred boys now attend the swimming practices regularly. This is most encouraging. Do not forget to have your names checked going in and coming out of the baths. All boys unable to swim should give their names to Mr. Parsonage, and be taught. A report is furnished to the Education Department each year.

For the benefit of new boys the rules for swimming practices are repeated:—

1. When the lists are made first lesson on Wednesday morning, be sure your name is on the swimming list only if you are going.

2. Get your name checked by a master when going into the baths and again when coming out.

3. Valuables should not be left in the bunks. They may be left at the counter on payment of one penny. Private lockers may be had at the baths.

4. No running, ducking, pushing-in, throwing V's and towels into the water, throwing of sand, towel battles, etc., must be indulged in. Malpractices such as these will be punished severely.

5. The practice of shouting across the baths, whistling, etc., is strictly forbidden.

6. On the signal being given and the sign hung out, all Fort-street boys must leave the water instantly, as they have then only 15 minutes to get dressed, have their names checked and get out of the baths.

Fort-street Old Boys covered themselves with glory at the late Championship Carnival. Albert Barry won the 100yds. State and Australian Championship, besides breaking the 100 metres Australasian record. Frank Mason won the Championship of Country Districts, he being now with a surveyor at Mudgee. T. Adrian also pushed Longworth hard in the half-mile championship. Gordon Lyons won the 500yds. Kieran Memorial, and Cliff Furness in the President Cup did well. Fort-street boys are keeping up the name of the old school in games as well as intermediate and leaving examinations.

The back and breast-stroke championship is to be decided almost immediately.

The events for the School Carnival, to be held on March 7 at the Domain Baths, are as follows:—

Primary School Handicap, 50yds.

First Year Class Handicap, 50yds.

Second Year Class Handicap, 50yds.

Third and Fourth Year Handicap, 50yds.

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11 Years Championship, 50 yds.

12 Years Championship, 50yds.

13 Years Championship, 50 yds.

14 Years Championship, 100yds.

15 Years Championship, 100yds.

Championship of School, 100 yds.

Rescue Race. Back and Breast Stroke.

Class Relay Race, 4 in team, each to swim 33yds.

Fancy Costume Parade.

Chasing the Bellman.

Wrestling on Spring Board (Senior and Junior).

Musical Lifebuoys.

Throwing Polo Ball.

Diving Display by Fort-street Boys (Prizes for Winners).

Greasy Pole.

Old Boys' Handicap, 100yds. Prizes, £2 2s.
£1 1s., 10s. 6d.

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Interclub Diving Competition. Prizes, £2 2s.
£1 1s., 10s. 6d.

School Entries close on February 14th, and Interclub February 28th, with W. W. Scott, Hon. Sec., N.S.W.A.S.A., Sports Club, 10 Hunter-street.

The diving at the Carnival is expected to be of a high-class quality this year, all the champions having promised to perform.

CADET NEWS.

The following is the result of the last examination:—Passed for Lieutenant: Col.-Sgt. H. Steel, 876; Col.-Sgt. R. Nalder, 839; Col.-Sgt. L. Scott, 818; and Col.-Sgt. G. Hansel, 817. Passed for Col.-Sgts.: Sgt. W. Anderson, 787; Sgt. H. Schmidt, 871; Sgt. R. Costello, 779; Sgt. J. Maude, 737; Sgt. G. Hales, 716; Sgt. T. Ross, 716. Passed for Sergeant: Corp. J. Watt, 706; Corp. J. Paling, 708; Corp. W. Lush, 688; Corp. H. Porter, 685; Corp. E. Steel, 674; Corp. J. Hughes, 673; Corp. G. Ferris, 651; Corp. V. Palazzi. Passed for Corporal: L. Corp. S. Easy, 631; L. Corp. L. Lupton, 568; L. Corp. F. Hansman, 564; Cadet C. Paine, 513; Cadet J. Hunter, 512; Cadet B. Smith, 487; Cadet S. Lyon, 482; Cadet S. Gentile, 485; Cadet B. Overend, 477. Passed for Lance Corporal: Cadet L. Swan, Cadet H. Illingworth, Cadet R. Shepherd, Cadet F. Evatt, Cadet Mulholland, Cadet M. Roddy.

The annual non-com.'s dinner was a great success, the musical programme being one of "some" quality. Much of the success was due to the energy of Lieut. Berman and Lieut. Paradise and L. Corp. Cutler. This dinner should never be allowed to drop out as an annual school institution.

General Ian Hamilton inspects the cadets at Centennial Park on Saturday, 28th February. We hope to make our usual good showing. Col.-Sgts. and Lieutenants are reminded to have a look at their battalion drill, especially quarter column wheeling.

Your roll should contain—(a) names and addresses of all cadets in your command; (b) number of rifles issued to them; (c) their record in musketry; (d) remarks on each cadet, made after each parade; (e) attendance up to date; (f) whether the cadet is a member of the battalion team; (g) date of parade and duration; (h) name of company section squad, etc.

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In your next ceremonial examination more questions will be given in the physical section. If great attention is paid to the orders, instructions, etc., given at 10.30, no trouble will be experienced.

The miniature range at the School was opened on Wednesday, 4th February. Regular practices will now be held there under Lieut. R. Taylor. Competition squads should note.

Will G Company win the Battalion Championship for the third year in succession. Strenuous efforts should be put forth to retain it in this school.

All new boys should keep visiting their old Area Office till their transfer is sent on. In the meantime, so as not to miss parades, they must parade with the company they have been attached to at school.

Next quarter's list of parades will be a short one. Remember that your efficiency will be made up at the end of the military year, 30th June. Those failing either in attendance or quality of work will be classed "non-efficient," and will do another year when they are 26 years old.

ROWING CLUB.

(By Stroke.)

With the new year the Rowing Club has again started, and judging from rowing practice, it seems as though excellent oarsmen are to be produced within the year. On Wednesday, 4th, some heavy work was put in, and from the "finish" the rowers put to their work against a heavy wind, and in a choppy sea, they must be commended for their efforts.

However, it will be some time yet before that clockwork rhythm can be obtained, but excellent strides are being made towards the attainment of that state of efficiency, and the time when our members can be termed "finished oarsmen."

To obtain this state of efficiency, remember that you must be "moulded" by your coach, not by yourself, and that you must put a finish to your work, which will in time be a pleasure—not a drudgery.

Above all, get plenty of practice! Do not come rowing one Wednesday, and leave it off for a month before recommencing. By such a process you do yourself no good, but you upset

Club arrangements, and a member who does not conform to the Club Rules will be promptly struck off the Club roll.

Already a good four has been arranged, and with the advice of our excellent coach (Mr. Cornforth) this four should do a great deal in the racing events. The crew consists of Berman (stroke), Maude (3), Connelley (2), and Wilson (bow). This crew is a heavy one, and thus good weight can be utilized in the rowing. In rowing the whole weight of your body should be brought into play, because the stroke's weight can be added to skill.

As the Club is one of the recognised school sports, a little assistance from the School Sports Union, in the way of a subsidy, would be greatly appreciated, for at present the Club has no funds from which prize money could be given in the event of club racing. The members pay their 6s. per quarter to the Club Secretary (Berman), and he pays all this money to the Balmain Rowing Club, so that by the time all accounts are squared nothing remains for Club use.

Will the Sports Union assist our Club, and make existing affairs easier for the members?

OBITUARY.

We regret to have to announce the death of one of our Primary School boys, Herbert A. Wiederberg, who passed away on the 20th ultimo. We beg to extend our sympathy to his family, whose grief has been doubled by the sudden death, on the following day, of Mr. J. P. Widerberg, the father of our pupil.



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NOTICE.

The Annual Speech Day and Presentation of Prizes will take place at the School on Friday, the 3rd April next, at 2 p.m. Parents and friends of pupils and old Fortians are cordially invited to be present.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARSHIPS.

As a result of the Intermediate Examination 17 of our boys have been awarded Intermediate Scholarships. Twenty-eight boys altogether were announced as eligible, but the remaining eleven had either left school or already possessed scholarships or bursaries. The Intermediate Bursaries had not been announced when our columns closed.

The successful boys were:—P. Anderson, R. G. Booker, W. Sky, W. Yum, A. Murphy, H. Hooker, H. K. Bannister, H. G. Bramley, F. A. McKechnie, W. J. Chapman, J. A. Dyce, A. G. Gilchrist, W. V. Jacobs, W. D. Jolly, W. Lyon, J. N. Prior, E. M. Steel.

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Our University Letter.

By "Cavendish."

Freshmen from the School will do well, in the first place, not to place too much reliance in the authority of the Calendar (1913, 8vo.), even though the latter is an annual publication. They will find that lectures do not begin on the 23rd March, 1914, at 9 a.m. They will find that no gowns are worn by undergraduates within the University precincts. They will find that many things happen which are hardly consistent with the spirit, and certainly not with the letter of the revered Statutes.

The fresher (one gets to prefer the word "fresher" to "freshman" despite the formal inverse ratio between connotation and denotation. It is a great thing, anyhow, to be able to bring another gender within one's sweep), the fresher, we were saying, will soon realise that there are, in general, two views of the University lecture. The first is the ideal one he has before tip-toeing into the sacred chamber. On this side, all is as it should be. The student will assimilate all knowledge, and will not need to worry about August or December, as the case may be. The lecturer will be as sympathetic as the finest teachers that ever graced the Senior form room. This is the first view.

The second is supplied by the practice actually in vogue at the seat of learning. There is no need to say much more here except that the word of a Senior man is not merely to be taken; it is to be sought for high and low, and, when once found, duly worshipped.

But there is, I know, a third possible way of regarding the University lecture. This view of the latter is to be had from a respectable distance, and it is probably the most enchanting of the lot. Perhaps one should mention at this point a regulation to the effect that no undergraduate is permitted to absent himself from more than ten per cent. of the prescribed course of lectures.

All this by way of introduction. But the fresher, as well as ourselves, will find it difficult to plunge at once in medias res. We wish him, if possible, to disguise his innocence, as much as is compatible with the "inevitable"

appearance of the first year man. We wish him to make a great endeavour to assume the unconscious dignity of the lordly senior of two or three or ten years standing. In short, we wish him well.

For he is a very great person, is the fresher of 1914. The way to the "shop" is no longer the via dolorosa of times—centuries nearer us than the mediaeval. Voluptuous garden roses bestrew the path now and a highway has duly replaced the ladder (as Mr. Mansbridge was so fond of saying).

Moreover, Alma Mater herself has thrown out her loving arms (as it were) to embrace him. For the union is no longer the idle dream of a lazy day, but the accomplished ideal of a Holme. The fresher will be faced by the rooms of the largest club in Australia, possessing a membership of well over a thousand. Christian Union and Undergraduates' Association, Sports' Union and Dramatic Society, Glee Club and Scouts—will look anxiously for him—and his annual subscription! All the professors will delight to do him honour—in the shape of class exercises and term exams! Mr. Craddock and Mr. Timbrell—with memories stretching back into remote antiquity—will tell him how X.Y.Z. of 18—, obtained his triple first and quadruple "blue"! It will only remain for our freshman to look to his pocket, as the various societies' secretaries are on the warpath; to deserve well of their teachers; and never—by any means—suspect the "authenticity" of X.Y.Z., B.A., B.E., LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.S.

Of course there are other things that one should mention. But, like other good things, the University life must be experienced before one can form a true and proper idea of what it really means. It will be as well for our Fort Street freshman (who is fast becoming as ideal an abstraction as the "Barbourous" "sweet girl undergraduate" not to look disappointed, even if he feels it. But, that the latter will be the case, I doubt very much.

Turning to another subject, the cricket XI. is at present leading in the grade premierships, while the second and third teams follow, "faint but pursuing." The Rowing Shed has resumed its many activities. The tennis courts will soon be open for grade matches, and the oval itself seems to anticipate football as much

as the keenest undergrad.

Meanwhile March exams. are just beginning (on March 9th). Lectures commence on Tuesday, 24th; but there is to be a break at Easter to allow for the military camp. But the examination room is in the immediate foreground—and it is in this minor key that my epistle closes.

March 7th, 1913.

Boys' High School Class News.

Mathematical Phenomena.

By the mere insertion of several "ifs" many remarkable mathematical phenomena have been recently forthcoming. Prominent among these is the gross stupidity of aeronauts for strapping themselves to their aeroplanes when "looping the loop." By a process of syllogistic reasoning it has been proved without doubt that all such aeronauts are arrant cowards. But, alas!

"What boots it with incessant care, to help the airmen on?"

Aeronauts cannot be induced, mathematically or otherwise, to fly properly.

Scientific Research.

A new society is to be formed in this connection, viz.:—"A society for the encouragement of bubble blowing in the senior class." As a certain member was also discovered one day blowing a "wreathed horn" a nursery will most likely ensue in the near future.

Stay and behold!

A new era of intellectual activity dawns within the sacred precincts of the senior room. Rejuvenated minds refresh the heavy atmosphere. But—

Gone are our predecessors, never more to return.

"Coldly, sadly," tolls out the mournful bell. Gladly did they come, but sadly bade farewell.

x x x x x

But why now grieve we so?

The seasons come — and go.

x x x x x

Rejoice rather, ye seniors of immemorial fame! Seniors whose worthy name shall fill the mouths of all posterity. Let your example

stimulate noble feelings in the rising generation. Conjure up visions of your immortality. Oh worthy Seniors of 1914,

Stay and behold!

Literary Diversions.

Under the capable guidance of a certain very well known instructor, we are gradually becoming connoisseurs in the noble arts of "pig-driving" and "murder." Of the two, the latter

"Sweetly recommends itself
Unto our gentle senses."

Foreign Correspondence.

In this section we have a new patron, a certain Mr. M. who, we are pleased to say, is acquainted with vocal organs and otherwise. This being the case, he may yet have the unique distinction of being elected fellow "de cafe chantant," that nest of never silent er-singing (?) birds.

Miscellaneous Pastimes.

Owing to the frequency of parades lately, it was suggested that the school might temporarily be converted into barracks, but through the meat-strike this suggestion was totally impracticable.

Classical Comments.

"O cives, cives, quaerenda pecunia primum est; virtus post nummos";

Why is there such a revived interest in this ancient branch of literature?

Be not misguided. It is not what Horace said that is imbuing so many ardent enthusiasts with an intense desire for further (rather hopeless) research, but his charming little personality.

On the historical side of this classical circle fanatics and anarchists reign supreme.

Modern Historical Research.

Note the word "research," in this case a very significant one. Modern history is merely a matter of search and search again. Historical documents (to the number of the sum of the series 1 plus 2 plus 3 plus—to 999 terms) are affixed daily to a certain board.

A person, "P" takes page 3 home where, rather unfortunately, he loses it. On the next day he tries page 4 with the same result. Thus the remaining members of the class are left to search and research in vain for the missing sheets.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

3C indignantly deny the assertion that, since the Intermediate Exam. the average size hat worn by the members of this class is $7\frac{1}{2}$. It is a fact, however, that certain of them have joined tonsorial clubs.

One member of 3A has been passing a week or two in enforced silence, "tongue-tied" by a cruel fate. "Now," says our hero, "fancy such a misfortune happening to me, one of the very quietest of Seniors. If it had beenor..... one could have understood, but such is luck."

It is reported that a week before the Carnival, one member of 3B had decided to select a silver watch, a fountain pen, and a safety razor, as his prizes in the Carnival.

3B also, we are told, is following the example of a certain master, and now spends all its spare time translating Latin prose, hoping in time to become interested therein.

The success of the third year debating soey. is assured. Hugh Steel has been elected secretary, than whom no one could be more energetic. At the opening meeting many maiden speeches were successfully negotiated.

3B class has come to the conclusion that the Second Year Children who occupy a room in the same building and on the same floor as themselves, "regard them with awe." We cannot distinguish whether the remark emanated from the whole class or from K...r...n. Query: Which of the three third year classes has the pre-eminence, and how is it to be estimated. 3C, relying on examination tests, suggests attainments. 3A, led by Martin, suggests sporting ability, while we have heard a whisper that A... of 3B, considers that his division is the only one which has a "look-in," where good looks is concerned, Which do you think is the criterion, dear readers?

Percy Andersen assures us that he did not write the article signed Ex 2F which appeared in our last issue. At any rate, the writing of the M.S. was quite as good as Percy's. In future M.S.S. will not be accepted from the third year unless the author's finger-prints are attached for identification purposes.

One of 3A whose head has been slightly turned by his elevation to the realm of the gods, has tasted the Pierian spring. The linotype will not stand the strain of more than a stanza or

two, for "'tis the very false gallop of verses." Here goes for a sample:—

"There is a well-known saying,
That "majority rules the day."
So, since we win in numbers,
You can listen to our lay."

which means to insinuate that 3A is a better class, say, than 2A, or 1A or 9A, since it has a larger number of luminaries in its galaxy.

In conclusion, we append a list of fixtures for April next, compiled by Partridge of the Senior Class. He tells us he hopes to continue this feature every month.

April 1st—All Fools Day! Day of Universal Rejoicing proclaimed in the Senior Class. It is to be noted that on this morning H.....d will be 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ minutes late.

April 3rd.—S...C...t will win "bantam" championship of 4A, H.....d will again be late.

April 5th.—H... S...l, and B. B...n, and C. F...n, will receive commissions as Majors. Several third year boys will receive stripes.

April 6th.—Meeting of the Senior Highland Society will be held. N. Me.... will preside. T.C. will be elected Vice-President.

April 10.—P...t...n will win the Singles handball tournament.

April 11.—Great oratorical contest will take place. Y...k will win the long endurance and volubility tests.

April 12th.—The Senior Library fee will be raised to sixpence per week on the unanimous vote of the fourth year.

April 12th.—Secretary of the Sports Union will discover that owing to an error 1E class should have been credited with another pound for Carnival tickets.

April 15-20.—Easter Vacation will take place. S...r K...y and H...l, will state that they studied fourteen hours a day all the vacation.

April 22.—Senior Class, having now had sufficient practice on the organ, decides to buy a pianola for their room.

April 25.—N...d...r declared the "boy orator" of the third year.

April 26th.—Seniors will form a trades union.

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The above arrangements can be varied to suit special cases.

April 27th.—All the members of the Senior class will be early for school. the millennium will arrive.

April 28th.—The identity of the "small boy" will be discovered. M...t...r will win the 1000 miles swimming race. New life by H...s will be published.

April 30th.—Month of April will end.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

Back again to work, with fresh records to break!

Fast as is the pace set us by last year's Intermediate candidates, we are ready to congratulate them on their result, as we form an inward resolve that we, too, will break and make records! It is thus that the School shall retain her premier position.

When we have borne our part in the Carnival and done with battalion competitions for the year, we shall set out in earnest to prepare for the November examinations.

2A has already begun to make headway, all teachers alike giving it a fine reputation. French appears to be the strongest subject at present G...l...n being the most prominent member of the class in this subject.

The class has been very grateful to Mr. Bauer for the "encouragement" he has given it in the matter of heading the Carnival barometer! It was expected that Clarke of this class will place several events to his credit on Carnival day.

Information has recently been conveyed to us that the island of "Marry-Joe" has been found in the bosom of the Amazon. We wonder if it is a pleasant spot.

A recent arrival in our midst, hailing from

the country, has already, by reason of his good nature, enshrined himself in the hearts and minds of our teachers. In a burst of compassion for our ignorance, he has informed us that plums grow on vines!

Hilliger's "Oh!" is becoming quite a strong feature in the class.

A class meeting will be held shortly to arrange for a picnic.

The new 2B are anxious to emulate the success of their predecessors of last year. Mr. T... has already begun drumming "Henry V." and "The Man Born to be..." (Most of us would wish that the individual had been destined to a sterner fate!)

We have a large class, but that will only make all the more passes for the future.

2B possesses one of the best swimmers in the School, and we hope that the Carnival will show him to be the best. The class will be well represented in all sections at the Carnival. Our "Furno" is the champion back and breast-stroke swimmer of the School.

We shall have more to say of the scholastic side of our class life in the next issue. We cannot find space in this number to traverse the highly interesting results of a recent Maths. test.

2C have already begun to prepare in earnest for the next "Intermediate." Steady work is th order of the day. Several of our masters are of the opinion that 2C is quite capable of outclassing 2D—2D had better look to its laurels!

There were some good results in the recent Maths. test, but there shall be a marked improvement next time.

The Battalion Competition has interfered with sports somewhat, but matters are again

settling down into smooth running.

Crackanthorp of ours gained third place in both the 440 yds. and the 220 yds. championship of the School.

2D (old 1D) having been successful in last year's examination, claim to be the premiers among Second Year Classes—or, as one master has it, "the aristocrats." We are determined to maintain this high standard and pass the Intermediate with flying colours.

We have discovered a remarkable French scholar who obtained 97 marks in the last test. It is "Mog." Science appears to have been neglected lately for our great science student, H.B.S.M., did not understand a vernier the other day. What are things coming to? Oh, Henry!!!

Some new blood has been introduced into our class recently. Four boys from Cleveland St., and some from old 1B, have joined us and are maintaining the pace. A couple of the "tail" of last year were "fired," one left, and one transferred voluntarily to 1B.

Nearly the whole class goes swimming on Wednesday afternoons, and we have several likely champions in the Carnival events.

FIRST YEAR.

Things are settling down well now and the new faces are fairly familiar, though "still they come." The host of freshmen are beginning now to grasp more freely the meaning of the term, "Fort Street boy. They are a capable lot, these newcomers, and give promise of worthily upholding the standard of the old school. One feature is very apparent, i.e., the interest that they display in the Honor Boards in the Main Room. This is good. Let us hope that all their names will appear on lists just as distinguished. One class discovered a number of names that are to-day prominent in educational, political or commercial circles. Dr. Mawson returns this month from his sojourn in Antarctic regions. Yet he too was once a first year Fortian.

We are told of the great Bismarek that he always raised his hat in the presence of a class of schoolboys. When asked, he gave his reason, as follows: "I may be in the presence of a great statesman of the future, before whose fame mine may be of small account." So every first year chap should remember that

the opportunity has been given him, and that great possibilities are before him.

There is a host of these new chaps, too. The yard at drill and dinner hour seems quite crowded. We have the same old diversity in age and stature. Giants of 6 feet are to be seen good-humouredly putting up with the airy boasts of lusty youths of 60lbs. We are glad to know that most of our novices are fond of sport. Have you seen the crowd of swimmers in the Dom. lately? Just try and count the heads next Wednesday. We had 269 boys there the other week. The other sports, too, have their quota of recruits, and there are already rumours of some good footballers among the new arrivals. Looks as if we will have some good class contests in a month or two.

Some of our new chaps are still a little doubtful as to the identity of all the masters. Compliments through mistaken identity are quite common. It would save a lot of bother if the master you want had grey hair or a large build, or some distinguishing characteristic like that.

You should hear the description of Mr. X. as given by the old stager of 3 weeks standing to the chap who came yesterday, while every master with a moustache has chaps bothering him about scholarship books. However, that's only a detail, and we wish all our new boys a good start in their new school.

1A.—This class has a distinct pull over the other first year classes in cricket, as Macartney and Armstrong and McAlister are all here. In English, too, we have the presence of Greenleaf Whittier to assist us. While we are on the job we must not forget to chronicle the fact that the meat strike has not affected us, for we have always had a Crum and plenty of Salmon, and now R.A. has eaten the Milky Way. All of our chaps are keen on work—well, nearly all—it is a bit early to point out the duffers yet.

The Rustics are progressing favourably and when the class settles down properly, we intend to hold a picnic.

Quite a lot of our members have a broad tongue—we get quite a breath of the Home Country when they have the floor.

1B carries the commercial flag this year and are bustling along in French with it. There is a big sprinkling of old boys here, but that



won't hurt us any more than we can help. They will act as the stiffening of regulars in a recruit army. We are sorry to hear that Wilson and Jeffreys started off the year with illness, but are glad to see them back again with us. The class was well represented in the Carnival entry list, and we want to see some of the prizes coming to 1B. Some of them are fast swimmers, while others are looking for the novelty events. In football, too, we have gained some champions from other Primary Schools, and when the season starts we'll shake things up. Stubbs and Edwards look after our news, and Ruddy and Quig give promise of being two excellent monitors. Hansy has charge of the Record Book, so we have quite a staff of officers.

1C.—This is quite a happy family. We are all pretty well acquainted now and are running together in top-top manner. We were sorry to lose our quiet little home in Siberia—it was nice and cool over there, “far from the madding crowd.” Little Parker is a grand little man. He and Thorman look after rolls and chalk and all those worrying things splendidly, and never seem so happy as when they are fixing up some details. We are getting a name as workers. One teacher thinks that if he had a few Moore Heaps it would be a wonderful Hill. Poor old N.... and W.... need to hustle if they are going to keep in our class. The whole class is endeavouring to become the best first year class. Already we can see a big advance in all our subjects, and even Rufus can get his mouth round to say “i.”

1D.—This class has settled down to work well, and intends to keep at it. 1D last year had a great name, and we mean to secure the same for this year's 1D. We have made Storey captain of the class, and already have had occasion to pass a vote of thanks to him. He has arranged a class picnic on March 14 to National Park or Como. It should be a great success, as nearly everyone intends to come, rain, hail or shine. There seem to be some good eaters amongst us. Viles brings half a fowl every day, so he says, and Murray has his two bottles of milk and water. Spag seems to get smaller every day, but he reckons he'll show us what he can do at the picnic. Our friend Hill-Adams, is scoring a big success at Latin, and actually seems to like it.

Steel is a hard case, or at least his head is. Says he has a sister with 42 letters in her Christian name. Der lange Mann—that's German for Muston—has a bad habit of parting—we think it a good thing that Mr. J. T. doesn't come into contact with it. Roberts is quite a common name in this class—we have two permanent residents and a visitor by that name. The visitor has a peculiar title of his own that doesn't fit either of the residents. Mr. R. disclaims any relation, but one of our Roberts' is mighty keen on military matters, so we may have a corporal as well as a captain.

In appreciation of Storey's work, we are thinking of presenting him with 1lb. of steaff—rather acceptable just now. Magee is our shining light when it comes to pen and paper work.

1E.—This class is getting on splendidly. Every day one of our masters praises our work. We claim one highest place among the first years, and that is in the Barometer. As sellers of tickets for our Carnival we certainly are the ones. No one could touch us till the last week, when the 4A chaps really could not see

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us beat them. They must have hustled. One of our chaps tries to hide his appetite under the plea of too much homework. He says that he was unable to get any breakfast on account of his great stack of homework. Consequently he has a surreptitious meal in school. Fame cannot long be hidden, and we are now proud to proclaim Sir William Parle as one of our scholars.

Champion, G. Greenlees, Kirkpatrick and "Glasgow" are getting the name of the best workers, with several others close runners-up. It is not true that Green answered two questions in one day, three is the correct number. Why must we devour two English books at once? Just now we are swallowing large mouthfuls of *Treasure Island* and the *Lay of the Last Minstrel*. The result is that in our dreams at night, we see the aged minstrel just about to strike the harp, when a terrible death shriek interrupts him. The next scene shows us the marriage of Ben Gunn with the Lady of Branksome, in the Admiral Benbow Inn, with the Aged Minstrel and John Silver as groomsmen. Watch our column next month—we'll know more about our chaps then.

IF.—We are still new to our surroundings, and have not yet found the recesses of the school nor the qualities of our comrades. We are a big class and it takes quite a time to know everybody. But when it comes to work we are going to shine. IF intends to head the list of first year classes in action as well as in alphabet. Parker, Egan, Pearce, Hart are our best workers, but there are several more close on their heels. We are going to hold a meeting to elect captains who will lead the various teams in sport. Already we have 2 out of 4 competitors from Fort Street in the All Schools Swimming Gala, and in our own Carnival IF was well represented. We are quite confident that some of the prizes will be annexed by our representatives.

BOYS' PRIMARY SCHOOL.

CLASS 5C.

During the past month a dictation test was given, when Lyons, Linden, Frederickson, Munro, Coleman, Crebbin, Molloy, Simpson, Ferguson, Cassin and Anderson had no errors.

The arithmetic test was most intelligently performed by Berry and Chapman.

Among the best exercise books are those of Ivens, Bennett and Borchard.

Mathematics have been well done by Fraser and E. Daniel.

Anderson, Thompson, Thomas, and Humphreys are progressing.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The annual election of prefects resulted in the selection of Green, Porter, McLean and Hugh Steele. These, with Paling, Kinninmont and Berman, now constitute the Prefectorial staff of the School.

Mawson is back! The "Fortian" desires to congratulate Drs. Mawson and McLean, two old boys, on their safe return from Antarctica. In the case of Dr. Mawson himself, we understand that he is shortly to be married to Miss Delprat, daughter of the manager of the Broken Hill Proprietary Mine, so that he is to be doubly congratulated.

Both Mawson and McLean, we understand, are shortly to leave for England, where the former's book will be published. The story of the "Mawson" Expedition is so well known to Fortians that we need not repeat all that has been published in the daily press.

The "Fortian" is very sorry to have to announce that Mr. D. A. Haddock, our popular History Master, has been compelled to take three months off through illness. We sincerely hope that the rest may restore him completely to health.

In a speech delivered some few days ago the Minister for Education (the Hon. C. Carmichael) stated that the cost to the State for each pupil receiving secondary education in his State was £15/10/6 per annum. If the State is willing to spend such a large sum of money on its children, then it behoves our youths to appreciate the benefit they are receiving. In this connection we would like to bring before the notice of some of our new boys (and of their parents too), that it is their bounden duty to attend school every day it is open. Some of the new first year boys have shown themselves decidedly by remiss in this matter.

Girls' Page

Primary School News.

OLD 2C CLASS.

The following girls, who gained Qualifying Certificates, also gained entrance to High Schools: N. Brukarz, I. Barnes, W. Bennett, A. Curtis, J. Connie, D. Clarke, A. Coyne, E. Essenhig, S. Eastman, L. Esserman, N. Ferguson, M. Gillard, A. Graham, G. Hunter, M. Jenkins, D. Lawler, D. McKenzie, M. McKenzie, N. Roberts, O. Smith, U. Valkenberg, H. Rosenthal, H. Cooper, E. Thomas, M. Mahoney, L. Jorgensen, A. Murray, R. Hill, N. Lane, T. Mitchell, C. Bacon, E. Rost, O. Ferguson, R. Quayle, and D. Morrison.

Scholarship winners were: E. Thomas, N. Ferguson, H. Rosenthal, and A. Coyne.

We wish them all the greatest of success in their High School career.

We were glad to see Kathie Hildebrand (Dux of Primary, 1913) win a first place and regret that she could not accept it.

5B.

Blanche Komoll is particularly noticeable for good all-round work.

The best writers are: "The Twins," K. Burns, M. Dorratt and D. Matthews. In Arithmetic, B. Komoll, D. Falk, G. Falk, H. Anderson, K. Burns, M. Dorratt, P. Ping, and A. Young are all good.

4A.

These girls are doing steady work in following subjects:—Mathematics: E. Ramsden, J. Arnot, F. Jones. History: B. Rosenthal, M. Easby, G. Arnot, G. Cox, B. Henderson. English and General Information: V. Vyse, S. House, A. McKellar, M. Victor.

4B.

Girls who deserve mention are.—Arithmetic: I. George, N. Devitt, A. Weinberg. Writing: O. Raymond, W. Round, N. Winter. Reading: D. Porter, N. Behnke, M. Millar. Dictation: I. George, K. Daley, O. Raymond. Improvement: R. Buchan, D. Simpson, M. Morris.

3A.

M. Orr, M. Christie, A. Everett, deserve mention for neat work. Arithmetic: J. Elston, D.

Smith, G. Piddell, M. Christie, and D. Shea have done good work. R. Williams shows marked improvement.

3B.

L. Spence, H. Johnson, P. Strathopoulos have improved in Arithmetic. Dictation: F. Frankum is best. Writing: L. Spence is best.

2A.

C. Buchan, D. Smith, A. Salmon, D. Harnetty, M. Ramsden, show great improvement. M. Small deserves mention for good writing.

2B.

B. J. Halliday, G. Wulf, B. Thorbjornsen and M. Goldsmide are the best workers.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL. SPORT.

Our Annual Swimming Carnival will take place on April 3rd.

There will be a 50yds. and 100yds. Old Girls' Handicap, and competitors are requested to send in their entries at least fourteen days before the date fixed for the Carnival.

ELECTION OF "FORTIAN" REPRESENTATIVES.

Owing to the re-arrangement of classes, and the advent of newcomers, it has been necessary to appoint new "Fortian" representatives in First, Second and Third Years. The following girls have been elected:

FIRST YEAR.

1A.—N. Matthews, Dulcie Lawles.

1B.—J. Connie, M. O'Sullivan.

1C.—E. Nerman, E. Tunks.

1D.—N. Hunt, H. Johns.

Year Representatives.—G. Clifford, A. Gilmore.

SECOND YEAR.

2A.—Frances Gibbins, Annie Lane.

2B.—Brenda Richardson, May Corbett.

2C.—Violet Cook, Clarice Thomas.

Year Representatives.—Gladys Clifford, Annie Gilmore.

THIRD YEAR.

3A.—Edna Matthews and Freda Hall.

3B.—Carrie Biddulph and R. Esserman.

3C.—Kathleen Ohlson and M. Wade.

3D.—Mona Melville and Jessie Alexander.

Year Representatives.—Jessie Cargill and Edith Blackwell.

FOURTH YEAR.

4A.—Maud Turtle and Brenda Souter.

Year Representatives.—Rosalie Collins and Doris York.

FIRST YEAR.

The girls of 1A are becoming enthusiastic Fortians and are also hoping to prove themselves worthy athletes in the coming Carnival, and at Birchgrove.

The old girls of 1B wish to convey a hearty welcome to the newcomers and hope they will work hard to keep up the honour of the old 1B.

They are making good resolutions, and also the members of 1D, who are mostly new girls.

“Treasure Island” and French Phonetics are objects of universal interest, but the record book is likely to be dreaded by one or two idlers.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

The girls of this year have all returned from the holidays, (which, by the way, remove all tendencies towards work and study), with many good resolutions for the coming year. We hope to maintain the reputation won last year by the successful Intermediate candidates, who gained so many good passes.

With reference to sport, 2B class hopes to arrange for tennis matches early next month.

We miss some of our friends who have been transferred to the North Sydney Girls' High School on account of its being nearer to their places of residence.

The prizes offered some time back in the Church of England Scripture class for the best essays on “The Lord's Prayer” were won by

Clare Lockley, silver medal, and Gladys Clifford, volume.

F. Gibbins and A. Lane were elected “Fortian” representatives for 2A, and any inspired member of this class is requested to send in her contribution, poetic or prosaic, humorous or otherwise, to one or other of these girls.

2C girls are asked to send
Poems, parodies, that tend
To increase our zeal for work,
Lest our studies we should shirk.

And remember this our call,

“Contributions due from all.”

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

Upon the results of the Intermediate, third year classes have been so arranged as to enable girls to compete for honours in the Final. All the students are ambitious and diligent; many are candidates for our “Alma Mater,” while others have the Training College in view as their goal.

Fort Street has proved that it is still, indeed more than ever, worthy of its former name, “The Model School,” having obtained the best percentage of passes in the Intermediate, while Jessie Alexander heads the State with 8 A's. Several girls have become Probationary Students, and they have our congratulations.

We extend a hearty welcome to all those who have joined our ranks since the holidays and wish them every success in the future.

FOURTH YEAR SONNET.

The midnight oil once more shines out and glows,

The hours of night most rapidly fly by,
The light of stars wanes slowly from the sky,
Ere weary students go to seek repose,
Not one the secret of her future knows,
Not one to find it out doth wish to try,
But rather to the present turns her eye.
And lets the future, what it will, disclose,
Ambition, if it were by all possessed,
A heap of wealth untold to all would give,
And views of life would then not be the same,
So may all prefects henceforth do their best,
Noble, honest, and upright lives to live,
And thus uphold the honour of their name.

DR. MAWSON'S RETURN.

A civic welcome was given to Dr. Douglas Mawson on Thursday morning, the 12th inst., at the Sydney Town Hall, the school being represented by Mr. Kilgour. The Lord Mayor (Alderman Richards) presided, and there were present also Dr. Archie McLean and Mr. J. G. Hunter, B.Sc. (ex-Fortians), members of the expedition.

The following remarks by some of the speakers will interest Fortians:

The Lord Mayor (Alderman R. W. Richards), in proposing the health of Dr. Mawson, said that he understood that he was an old Fort-street schoolboy, and he was delighted that a scholar of the school where he himself had graduated had shown that he had a heart to resolve, a head to contrive, and a hand to execute. He extended him a most cordial welcome to the city.

Mr. Carmichael, Minister for Education, who apologised for the absence of the Premier, said he was especially pleased to be present, and he hoped the fact that Dr. Mawson was an old Fort-street boy would have the effect of still further consolidating the traditions that were growing up around that institution, it was fitting that Dr. Mawson should have a very hearty welcome from the citizens of Sydney.

OUR CARNIVAL.

Our Carnival held at the Domain Baths on the 7th instant was a decided success. The weather was fine, the attendance greater even than our expectations, and the contests as exciting as could be desired. The organization of the whole show with the alternation of ordinary race and humorous event keep the interest from flagging even for a second. Mr. Selle in his old position of a starter sent off event after event with record punctuality. The whole executive is to be congratulated on the continued success of this great annual function. The honour of 100 yards champion of the school fell to Hal. Kinninmont, who beat Lyons by almost a yard, the time being 64 seconds.

The complete results are as follows:—

12 Years Championship (50 yds.).—S. Crackenthorpe, 1; W. Furness, 2; J. Jackson, 3. Time, 38 2-5sec.

11 Years Championship (50 yards).—J. Thomson, 1; H. Russell, 2; S. Myers, 3. Time, 41sec.

Throwing the Polo Ball.—C. Green.

Senior Handicap (52 yards).—Final: Ferris, 1; Green, 2; Storey, 3. Time, 30.2-5sec.

Pillow Fight.—C. Turbet.

Third Year Handicap, 50 yards.—Final: W. Lyon, scratch, 1; F. Paterson, 5sec., .; K. Banister, 5sec., 3. Time, 35sec.

Second Year Handicap, 50 yards.—Final: L.

Ridley, 3sec., 1; H. West, 6, 2; R. Cloutier, 5, 3. Time, 31 4-5sec.

First Year Handicap, 50 yards.—Final: W. Schmidt, scratch, 1; A. Stubbs, 4sec., 2; H. Freeman, 10, 3. Time, 31 3-5sec.

Primary School Handicap, 50 yards.—Final: A. Dawson, 13sec., 1; E. Watts, 6, 2; J. McBride, 10, 3. Time, 34 2-5sec.

Walking the Greasy Pole.—B. Watts.

Thirteen Years Championship, 50 yards.—R. Gay, 1; P. Hurt, 2; J. Lyons, 3. Time, 36 3-5sec.

Fort Street Boys' Diving Competition.—S. Crackenthorp 1, S. Evatt 2, C. Crackenthorp 3.

100 Yards Championship of School.—H. Kinninmont 1, G. Lyons 2, R. Howell-Price 3. Time, 1min. 4sec. Won by a yard, after a splendid race.

Chasing the Bellman.—R. Wooller 1.

Old Boys' 100 Yards Handicap.—First heat: S. Beck, 10sec., 1; E. Hart, 5sec., 2; C. Lemaire, 10sec., 3. Time, 1min. 4 4-5sec. Second heat: T. Adrian, 8sec., 1; J. Dexter, 6sec., 2; A. W. Barry, scratch, 3. Barry's time was 58 2-5sec. Third heat: B. Page, 3sec., 1; E. Thorn, 15sec., 2; K. Wright, 6sec., 3. Time, 1min. 4-5sec.

Final: Beck 1, Adrian 2, Page 3. Time, 1min. 5 1-5sec. Barry did not do so well as in the heat, taking 60 1-10sec. to take the course.

Fifteen Years Championship, 100 yards.—G. Lyons 1, W. Jolly 2, W. York 3. Time, 1min. 10 2-5sec.

Musical Lifebuoys.—H. Kinninmont.

Inter-Club Diving.—Provan 1, Wann 2, McCarthy 3.

Wrestling on Springboard (Juniors).—R. Fergusson 1.

Wrestling on Springboard (Seniors).—E. Bennett, 1.

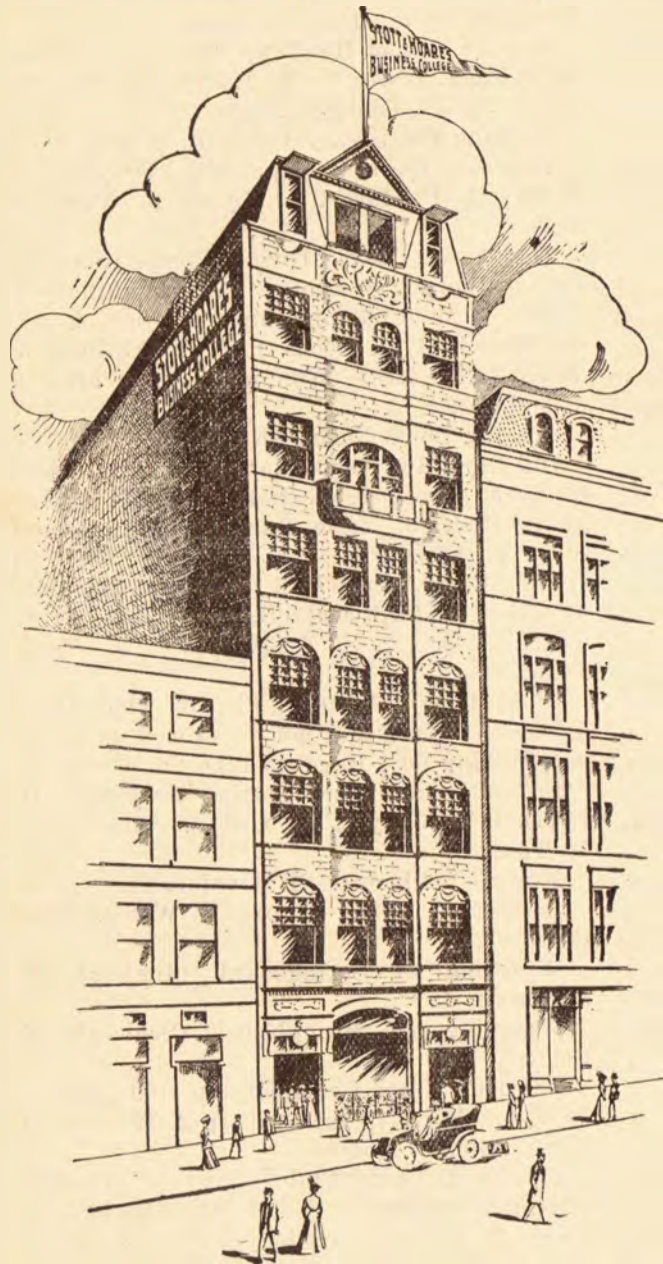
Fourteen Years Championship, 100 yards.—W. Schmidt 1, C. Crackenthorp 2, W. York 3. Time, 1min. 15 2-5sec.

440 Yards' Inter-Club.—Final: P. Coulson (Pymont), 47sec., 1; N. Cluett (Abbotsford), 39sec., 2; G. Levy (Sydney), 4sec., 3. Time, 1min. 39 4-5sec.

Class Relay Championship (Senior).—Senior A. (H. Kinninmont, Ferris, Green, Cutler), 1; 2B Team (Bennett, Lyons, MacNamara, Ferris), 2. Time, 1min. 14 1-5sec.

Clothes Race.—H. Cutler 1, J. Hughes 2.

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220 Yards Back and Breast Stroke Championship.—W. Furness 1, A. Furness 2, C. Ferris 3. Time, 4mins. 34 2-5sec.

We offer our congratulations to Miss Maloney and members of the Girls' Life Saving Team, who defeated all-comers and gained 96.8 per cent. of total marks in a life-saving competition lately. Well done!

Over three hundred high school boys attended swimming practice last Wednesday.

Any boy unable to swim should give his name to one of the teachers at swimming, when he will receive a lesson each swimming day.

Are the Life Saving classes defunct?

Has any school in the world produced so many top-notch swimmers as Fort Street?—was asked at the Sports Club during the week.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN.

The Captain of the School for the year 1914 has been elected. The honour this year has fallen to the lot of John Paling. He has our hearty congratulations. This notice was inadvertently omitted from last month's issue.

Haleyon Kinninmont has been elected Senior Prefect, and Maude and Green Senior Librarians.

The following is the list of "Fortian" Clsas Editors for 1914:—

1A.—Salmon and Spencer.

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1C.—Walker and Anderson.

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1E.—Newman and Step.

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2B.—Allen and McNamara.

2C.—Burnett and Shepherdson.

2D.—Bryant, Cloutier and Paxinos.

3A.—Martin and McNamara.

3B.—Mater and Nalder.

3C.—Steele, Andersen and McLean.

4A.—Porter, Sherwood and Watt.

CADET NEWS.

A non-com.'s exam. is in operation at present, and Major Parsonage is examining the ceremonial and semaphore, Capt. Roberts the company drill, word of command, and guard and sentry duty, Lt. R. Taylor the rifle exercises and musketry, and Lt. Tate the extended order and regulations.

For the first time since the compulsory training movement commenced, we have lost the battalion badges. Next year practice should commence earlier and much more shooting should be done. We offer our congratulations to Ultimo High School.

The parade of metropolitan Senior Cadets set down for February 28 was postponed till March 28, when the Senior Cadets and militia will be inspected at Centennial Park by General Hamilton, Inspector-General of Overseas Forces.

All Fort Street Senior Cadets who appeared at school ready to fall in on February 28, were marked for a half-day voluntary parade.

Next quarter will be a very short quarter as far as parades are concerned. Annual reports are to be sent to C.O. Battalion by 15th May for efficiency tests.

It is expected that another company of Seniors will have to be formed at Fort-street on the 15th of July. This means more commissioned and non-commissioned officers will be required.

The Medical Officer has been busy examining the new seniors and new juniors. We are glad to be able to report few exemptions on account of physical defects.

New boys are reminded to keep on worrying their local area officer to send their transfer along to 82 Upper Fort-street. In the meantime they should not neglect their drills here.

Corp. Hansman has passed the examination for sergeant.

SPORTS UNION NOTES.

Over 400 boys in the High School now belong to the Sports Union.

The annual meeting of the Winter Sports—Rugby football, baseball, hockey, soccer football—should shortly be held.

Mr. Hatfield is organising a Naturalists' Club for Wednesdays. Intending members should communicate with him.

The winners of the 1913 honor caps will be announced in our next issue.

A report will also be submitted to the Sports Union Committee on the questions of badges for school representatives, a school flag, etc. These questions are at present under consideration.

Our annual athletic sports meeting will be held much earlier this year—the latter end of July perhaps.

E. Hooker scored a century against Technical High on Wednesday, 11th March, S. Easy scored 62 in the same match.

We offer our congratulations to our Sports Captain, H. Kinnimont, on winning the blue riband of the school, swimming the 100yds. Championship in 1min. 4secs.

We were glad to notice so many Old Boys at our Annual Carnival. It was a great pleasure to grip them by the hand.

Harold Hardwick was away in New Zealand, representing the State, and so was unable to compete in our Old Boys' race at the carnival.

Application has already been made for football grounds on Centennial Park for the winter. We will be getting busy there soon!

Boys representing their school must appear in correct uniform on the sports field. New boys, please note this especially.

Mr. Bauer will be pleased to hear from boys wishing to do some camera work during the winter.

We wish to thank the staff and pupils who contributed so largely by their help in making our late carnival the great success it was.

THANKS.

The Committee desire to thank the following for assistance, donations, trophies, etc., in connection with the Swimming Carnival:—Wm. T. Kerr, Esq., Carbury Bros., Ltd., W. H. Paling & Co., Ltd., Wm. Brooks & Co., Ltd., Harold Murray, Esq., Walker & Hall, Collins Bros., & Co., Ltd., Peapes & Co., Ltd., McMillan, Deery & Co., Ltd., Jas. Searle, Esq., W. Lyon, Esq., Angus & Robertson, Ltd., Wm. Rockwell, Esq.

SENIOR LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

If the enthusiasm displayed at our inaugural meeting, and the other meetings held during February, prevails throughout the half-year, without a doubt the results achieved will surpass by far those of the past half-year.

Several of our members, if their oratorical eloquence continues to improve at its present rate, will do credit to the school in this sphere of pleasant pastime.

The meetings held so far were as follows:—

Friday, Feb. 6.—Debate: "Reading is more beneficial to mankind than observation."

Friday, Feb. 13.—Debate: "The sword is mightier than the pen."

Friday, Feb. 20.—Debate: "A counsel is justified in defending a client whom he knows to be guilty."

Friday, Feb. 27 was devoted to reading of "Literary Humour."

Of these meetings the first proved most interesting, but all were extremely entertaining, a marked feature being the evidence of keen preparation by all concerned.

"ECHO" ALMANACK, WEEK ENDING FEB. 28.

Monday 23rd.—Mr. Kilgour starts "lateline," 1914. Ten boys late, 1914. B.B. unanimously declared "hot-socks" champion, 1914. Rome founded 999 B.C. "I have spoken" (Georges le roi) passes down to posterity, 1914. Horace exclaims "Quaerenda pecunia est," 607. F. Mason wins 440 yds. champ., 1914. Policemen strike, 1902. Five Days Watch Race commenced, 1914.

Tuesday 24th.—Twenty boys late, 1914. "Sol" unanimously declared "razor" expert, 1914. T.C. rides a winner at Randwick, 1919. F Coy. win Battalion Competition, 1914. Commanding officer faints, 1914. Lad accused of having a key to Horace, 1914. Lad faints amid laughter, 1914. Leigh Hunt dies—great rejoicing, 1859 L.L.H. with a Swiss leads by 1-5sec., 1914. S.W.C. informs Seniors "Quaerenda pecunia est," 1914.

Wednesday, 25th.—Forty boys late, 1914. Mr. J. appointed custodian of room, 1914. Mr.

J. late, 1914. Mr. M. unanimously declared "quick-speaking" expert, 1914. Horace dies, 608. "Have you got a note" (Wilfred) passes down to posterity, 1914. Henry VII. exclaims "Quaerenda pecunia est," 1714. The organ breaks down 3 times at one session, 1914. L.L.H. increases his lead to 5 sec., 1914.

Thursday 26th.—Fifty boys late, 1914. Mr. M. unanimously elected expert lecturer, 1914. Debating Society formed at school, 1896. Debating (?) Society formed at school, 1914. Tommy Burns exclaims "Quaerenda pecunia est," 1903. Meat strike still proceeds, 1914. Cramp's life said to be in danger, 1914. Hannibal orders his soldiers to cut their hair before battle, 688. Officer of H Coy. orders his comp. squal to shave and hair cut, 1914. Sol decides to give organ best, 1914. Several others decide to give physics best, 1914. L.L.H. leads by 1-5 sec., 1914.

Friday 27th.—Sixty boys late, 1914. Five teachers late, 1914. Mr. J. still late, 1914. Mr. Kilgour declares the new idea is working famously, 1914. Sixty boys think so too, 1914. G.M.B.H. unanimously declare "lives" expert, 1913. Strike still continues, 1914. Nothing heard of Cramp, 1914. Mr. Parsonage says "Quaerenda pecunia est." *Six Days 'Talk' Race commenced, 1914. H. Coy. loses the competition, 1914. Officer blames the Fates, 1914. L.L.H. is 10sec. behind, 1914. Saturday 28th.—Fort Street Carnival a huge success, 1913. Ned wins 100 yds. Champ. of School (?) 1913. J. H. wins small boys' champ., 1913. End of Six Days Watch Race, 1914. Fuzz gets home by ½ sec., 1914.

*Result of Talk Race: (1) F.H., (2) L.L.H., (3) J.H., (4) S.U.G., (5) V.H., (6) D.K. It is recorded that the winner averaged 133 words per minute. The other competitors were always handy.

UNIVERSITY EXHIBITIONS.

The year 1914 marks the inauguration of the new system of Public Exhibitions tenable at the University for periods ranging from three to five years, and awarded by the Minister for Public Instruction on the results of the Leaving Certificate Examination. This year 100 exhibitions were available, next year the

HELD OVER.

An important article, entitled "The Dream of Maximus Minimus," unfortunately, through lack of space, had to be held over till next issue.

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Our successful candidates were:—

Faculty of Arts: E. A. S. Jordan and J. Morgan.

Faculty of Law: E. W. Hayes.

Faculty of Medicine: R. G. Arnott, H. C. Barry, G. H. Pfeiffer, S. N. Robinovitz, K. K. Spence, W. E. Vickers.

Faculty of Science: N. M. Cuthbert, A. J. Metcalfe.

Dept. of Engineering: V. T. England, R. T. Hill-Adams, A. Wilson.

Dept of Dentistry: L. R. Firth.

Dept of Economics.—J. F. S. Kennedy.

In addition to the exhibitions awarded above the Department of Public Instruction, as a result of the Leaving Certificate Examination, has awarded University Bursaries (£20 per annum to those pupils living at home, and £50 per annum for those residing away from home) to the following:—J. Morgan, E. W. Hayes, H. C. Barry, G. H. Pfeiffer, A. J. Metcalfe, R. T. Hill-Adams, A. Wilson and W. L. Price.

This means that out of our 18 candidates at the L.C. Examination, 17 have secured University exhibitions and scholarships or both. The only other candidate has yet to pass the Matriculation Examination in Modern Languages.

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And glory waits for those who die for country
and for king,

But, if we have to face the guns of foes who
come to loot,

It might be just as well to have some rifles
that will shoot.

A soldier hasn't got the time when shells are
screaming by,

To set his rifle by the rules of Trigonometry;
He allows three feet for windage, aims a little
to the right,

But clean forgets the eighty-six for that skew-
wiff old sight.

The enemy comes marching on, he hears the
cordite crack;

The shots don't seem to find him, for he keeps
his onward track;

And far beyond his furthest flank, an errant
ball is sped

To hit some unsuspecting goat, and drop the
beggar dead.

And the young Australian soldier, when the
enemy attacks,

Will get it where the chicken got the dirty
little axe;

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With a crazy Lithgow rifle lying useless by
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Speech Day at Fort Street.

"Mr. Carmichael has promised us a new building. We want it very badly. That is why we are out here in the open air."

Mr. Kilgour gave the above reminder in welcoming the Minister for Public Instruction, Mr. Carmichael, at the ceremony of the annual distribution of prizes at the Boys' and Girls' Public High School, Fort-street, which took place in the grounds of the school on the 6th inst. There was a large attendance of pupils, parents, and friends.

Miss A. Partridge read a report of the varied activities of her department, in which the annual enrolment totalled 411. A wholly successful year had been passed on the Academic side, the requirements of the most modern High School courses being provided for.

In the intermediate public examination a high percentage of successes was placed to the credit of the institution, Jessie Alexander of this school, and Percival Andersen (Boys' High School, Fort-street) obtaining the two best passes in the State—both gaining A's in all their subjects. In addition, 56 intermediate scholarships and 23 Training College scholarships were awarded:—

Girls' Prize List.

The girls' prize list was as follows:—

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Dressmaking: G. Botting. 3A proficiency prizes: E. Middleton, 1; P. Campbell, 2; M. Turtle, 3; C. Drake, 4.

Second Year.—Dux: J. Alexander. Art: R. Young. English Literature, History, Botany, and Latin: J. Alexander. Mathematics, Arithmetic and Algebra, and Geometry: E. Thomas and M. Melville, equal. French and German: M. Nowell. Geography: D. Edwards. Domestic Science: D. Edwards, 1; E. Webber, 2. Dressmaking: M. Stark.

First Year.—Dux: G. Clifford. English History and Literature: A. Gilmore. Mathematics: Arithmetic-Algebra: J. Allen. Geometry: A. Gilmore. French: A. Gilmore and E. Langton, equal. German: N. Gors, H. Mackness. Latin: B. Grieve. Science.—Botany: P. Swain. Geology: N. Gors. Geography: J. Allen. Art: P. Bennett. Dressmaking: P. Bennett.

Popularity Prizes.—Form 1E: R. Cliff. Form 1D: B. Hollamby. Form A1: V. Bennett.

The Headmaster presented the annual report of the Boys' High School. The enrolment to date was 546. The report of the Inspector of Secondary Schools, Mr. Elliott, showed that the school had attained a high standard of efficiency. At the first examination for the leaving certificate 18 pupils who had completed the full course of secondary instruction were presented, and were all successful. The best pass—an A in every subject—and with all the honors possible to attain at this examination was gained by Jerdan. The honors list was as follows:—

English: Jerdan (first place), Price (second place), Robinovitz (fourth place), England. French: Firth (fourth place), England. German: Jerdan (first place), Barry (second place). Only two honors awarded in German. History: Jerdan (second place), Robinovitz (fourth place), Price, Morgan, Pfeiffer. Chemistry: Hill-Adams (second place). As a result of this examination 16 of these boys were awarded exhibitions and bursaries to enable them to proceed to the University, which they have now entered.

For the intermediate examination 136 boys sat and 123 passed, this being the largest number from any school in the State.

The best pass of any boy in the State was

obtained by Percy Andersen, a country boy born and bred on the borders of the Dorrigo, where two years ago he won a scholarship from the little school in that place, whose total number of pupils was under 20. Twenty-three others of the successful pupils were also country boys. As a result of the intermediate examination, scholarships were awarded to 17 of the candidates.

As an instance of the striking advance and appreciation of higher education, there were now 107 pupils doing the third year course, and 43 the fourth year. This was an increase of at least 200 per cent. on the previous year, when only six exhibitions offered for the whole State to carry a boy to the University. Three boys passed the matriculation examination in March last, and two of our old boys gained the Peter Nicol Russell Scholarship, namely, Sims and Mann.

Last year 97 old boys were students of the University in the various faculties, and fully upheld the credit of their school.

It was very gratifying to all the present and past pupils of the school to know that the Lord Mayor of Sydney (Alderman R. W. Richards) was an old Fortian, having been a pupil from 1875 to 1878.

They were all pleased that Drs. Mawson and M'Lean and Mr. J. Hunter had returned safely from Antarctica.

Boys' Prize List.

4th Year.—Leaving Certificate Examination.—Bridges Prize for best pass: E. A. S. Jerdan. Old Boys' Prizes for English: E. A. S. Jerdan, W. L. Price. Old Boys' prizes for history: E. A. S. Jerdan, S. W. Robinovitz. Dr. Bohrsmann's Prize for Mathematics: L. R. Firth. Prizes for honors at leaving certificate examination: Mathematics, E. W. Hayes; French, L. R. Firth, V. T. England; German, E. A. S. Jerdan, C. Barry; chemistry, R. F. Hill-Adams.

Prize for Effort.—J. Morgan.

3rd Year.—3B: Dux, C. J. Watt; English, C. J. Watt; history, C. J. Watt, R. Ponton, J. Hughes; French, F. Walton; German, L. Holland; mathematics, C. J. Watt; physics, R. Ponton, C. J. Watt; chemistry, C. J. Watt; Latin, C. Cramp. 3A: Dux, A. Furness; English, H. Kinninmont; history, S. A. Gentile, J. Storey, J. Maude; French, S. Gentile; Latin, S. Gentile, J. Storey; mathematics, A. Furness; science, A. Furness; geography, H. Kinninmont; business principles, J. V. Hall; economics, R. A. Quigley.

Intermediate Examinations.—Bridges' prize for best pass: Percy Andersen.

Prizes for Excellent Passes.—General course: W. Rundle, D. Ford, A. Gilchrist, D. Sky, R. G. Booker, M. Morphett, W. Yum, W. Chapman, F. Willard, I. M'Lean, W. Jacobs, R. H. Anderson. Commercial course: F. A. M'Kechnie, J. Dyce, H. Bramley, W. Lyon, H. Bannister, H. Hooker, E. Stitt, J. Prior.

Prizes for Effort.—Second year classes: A. Cleland, C. K. Logan, E. Buckland, N. Porter.

First Year Classes.

1E: Dux: R. K. Burnett. English: R. K. Burnett. History: R. K. Burnett. Latin: A. E. Saxton. German: R. Shepherdson. Maths.: J. O. Taylor, C. Gardiner-Garden. Science: R. K. Burnett.

1D.—Dux: R. Head, English; C. Frew. History: R. Cloutier, C. Frew. Latin: H. Ashby. French: A. Bryant. Maths.: G. Noble. Science: E. Haggett.

1C: Dux: E. Cramp. English: N. White. History: H. Holmes. Latin: E. Cramp. German: W. Kilpatrick. Maths.: E. Cramp. Science: H. Holmes.

1B: Dux: W. Furness. English: D. Fayle. History: W. Furness. Latin: J. Goodman. French: A. Leocq. Maths.: C. Chapman. Science: C. Chapman.

1A.—Dux: C. Fink. English: N. Achurch. History: K. Davis. French: S. M'Carthy, D. Watts. German: E. Glenn. Maths.: N. Achurch. Art and Science: H. Murday. Geography: J. M'Andrew. Shorthand and Business Principles: C. Fink.

Prize for Scripture: C. W. Gardiner-Garden.

Mr. Carmichael then addressed the gathering. Having listened to the reports, he could only say that they had worthily upheld the traditions of Fort-street. There was no greater hero-worshipper than the normal, healthy boy, with the single exception of the normal healthy girl, and a school boy had no greater hero than the man who has achieved eminence, simply because he happened to be an old boy of the school. Much of the well-deserved fame that has haloed Dr. Douglas Mawson was due to the fact that he was a Fort-street boy, and as the years rolled on, and they looked upon present day Antarctic explorers in the same light as they now looked at Peary, Ross, and Franklin, one fact that would stand out in regard to Mawson is that he was a Fort-street boy.

The Minister concluded: It has been already announced that as far as the High School is concerned we intend before long to transfer the Fort-street High School to a different site, but

wherever the old school goes it will carry with it its traditions. These traditions are not born of locality, but of character, and Fort-street will carry with it the traditions of the last fifty years when it is transferred. The traditions of a school are as continuous as the traditions of a nation.

Boys' High School Class News.

SENIORS I.

Literary Diversions.

If T.C., with the embodiment of all the learning and instruction to be imparted to the senior class in his bag, continues to arrive after the appointed hour, desperate measures will have to be resorted to in the near future.

Eloquence—Forensic and Otherwise.

A certain G.B.W. has formally declared his occupation as that of a market gardener. Owing to his cart being in custody, however, vegetables are at present at a premium.

T.C., on eloquently describing himself as having been a member of the bath for 25 years, was, not unnaturally, accused of perjury and immediately convicted. To describe the language of the immodest washerwoman and general servant herein would be quite out of place. It defies imitation and repetition.

Research—Ancient and Modern.

"Sterne says that, if he were in a desert he would love some cypress." This does not account for our dislike of deciphering dark symbols off white paper on a green board.

Miscellaneous Pastimes.

"Gi' us a wang" is winged across the court daily by the inimitable B.B.

A certain dark "horse," n.i. (for further reference see phonetic dictionary of Neddus) has proved theoretically, to his own satisfaction that one good player can beat two bad ones.

Puny External Taunts and Trivialities.

A certain juvenile section of 3A, although the remainder of that class hold us in majestic and sanctimonious awe and reverence, has dared to criticise us, one of the most ideal sections of the community. "O, tempora, more-sque," what schemes of unpremeditated folly emanate from the youthful breast ever unoccupied, unsatisfied, and envious. Envy not your elders! Rather bow down to them in humble servility, ye too youthful members of 3A. Imitate our actions, catch up our falling words, and re-echo them from mouth to mouth! Blow not your own horns, for you will thereby

produce frightful discord! Labour to gain even the slightest smile of approval from us. Speak not of "All Fools' Day," "Highland societies," and bad harmonium organs. Rather, extol *our* mighty literary and artistic institutions, our vocal organs, and our individualities, not our unions. It is enough!

Profit by precept! Summon up your youthful blood, disguise (insofar as is possible) your juvenile trivialities, and

"Keep up appearances; there lies the test;
The world will give the credit for the rest."

SENIOR ALMANACK, WEEK ENDING MARCH.

Monday, 23rd.—Motto for week: "Dulce est desiperi in loco," 1914. Several lockers are transported to Senior Room, 1914. Several locks are transported, 1914. G.M.B.H. discovers E-S-S-E-X, 1914. Oxford beat Cambridge, 1911-12-13. Brukaz beats Ned, 21-7-1913. The loser says it was a chester, 1913. The Knights of Round Table still going strong, 1914. Tenders called for position of water, 1914. The Pilgrim Players arrive in Sydney, 1913. "Several" youths purchase tickets, 1913. Interrogatum est a Mote-on-the-floor ubi sunt P. Players? Et responsum est. Non sunt inventi, 1914.

Tuesday, 24th.—The French master sings? 1914. Sherwood says he does not feel well, 1914. Mr. Mote exclaims: "That's right; move your brains about," 1914. Paling Brukarz beat Storey Hansman, 21-19-1914. Mr. Kilgour tells all the boys to prepare to live 64, 1914. He also forbids the lads to remove his sheets from the board, 1914. Another sheet of the Renaissance of Wonder emerges, 1914. Willie says he felt tired and could not mark any of the Latin papers, 1914. "Who shook the boots" passes down to posterity, 1914. Interrogatum est a Crams-in-the-fronze seat ubi sunt claustra? Et responsum est non sunt inventa, 1914.

Wednesday, 25th.—All the class become zealous? 1914. All decide to remain at school, 1914. Mr. Fraser's bounty overcomes their zeal, all decide to have a game, 1914. Bob Burns is resurrected, 1914. The first Triumvir brings a white coat, 1914. Bertie says, "Gosh, I'll bring my blazer," 1914. Mr. Fraser says, "You won't get the privilege again," 1914. "Who shook the braces?" 1914. Interrogatum est a Ponto II., ubi est illa translatio? Et responsum est—non est inventus, 1914.

Thursday, 26th.—Very cloudy, 1914. Mr. M. says the library is not suiting all, 1914. Several others think so, 1914. A vote is taken on whether the subscription shall stay at 3d. or not, 1914. The ayes have it, 26-16-1914. Tommie says, "I said no at first, and I still say "No," 1914. Hear, hear! is heard from 4 others, 1914. Mr. M. says "On a tué mon agneau favori," 1914. L.L.H bursts in loud tears of sorrow, 1914. The note to "Heroes" arrive at last, and lesson is continued, 1914. Interrogatum est a Paling on the court "ubi est handball." Et responsum est—non est inventus.

Friday, 27th.—Victor is described as an ardent disciple of Burke and Hare, 1914. Alexander's Feast rips along well, 1914. T-R-I-P-E, 1914. Hunter is told he could compose a dictionary full of mistakes, 1914. "Who shook my lock?" becomes proverbial, 1914. Mr. M. lends his notes on "Heroes" to Mr. Burgin, 1914. "I am very sorry for you commercial boys" passes down to posterity, 1914. Several small boys towards rear of class emphatically say, "No," 2.45 p.m., 1914. Interrogatum est a Parsonagé ubi sunt praemia natatoria? Responsum est non sunt inventa.

Saturday, 28th.—Review at Centennial Park—'Nuff sed, 1914.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

3C scribes report that the downy cheeks of Ivan and W. Jo—y had given place alternately to either a velvet-like surface or a field of stubble. 3C—so they say—is undoubtedly the leading class in everything except vohibility. They have decided to yield the palm in this to the fourth year. Do you eat liquorice? Ask Mealey. There is some fine literary talent latent in 3C. Evatt has the lilt of Longfellow. Fraser cultivates the more classic music of Milton. Percy Andersen essays to occupy the chair of Wordsworth and Shakespeare. Well—he's Shakespeare.

In 3B, Baker (E.E.B.), the poet—what a number of literary men's names commence with B! There were Byron and Browning and Borrow and Besant, and now we have Baker. It is announced that 3B now has the tidiest room in the school. Why? They say that Farthing is so much in love with verse that he actually wrote a science test in rhyme. By the way, 3B, what do you usually finish up a meal with? You should try liquorice. Fine for greasing the jaws. In regard to the competition suggested last month regarding the comparative capabili-

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The above arrangements can be varied to suit special cases.

ties of the third year classes, 3A took a vote recently, and unanimously decided that the average size of their feet being greatest made them the doyens of the third year. 3B vote resulted also in favour of themselves, the criterion being largest average size of stomach. 3C went one better. Their contention being largest average superficial skin surface. What will next month bring forth?

SECOND YEAR NOTES (BOYS).

2A.

2A reports that Galvin was unanimously elected football captain. Their poet, Deane, has sent us in a poem, but since some of the lines were bipeds, some quadrupeds, and some other sorts of peds, we have had to pass it out. The class editors of 2A are to be censured for the poor notes sent in this month.

2B.

The arduous labours of the first quarter are now at an end. With renewed energies we hope to put forth our best efforts during the coming term. However, several members of the class have not come up to the expectations of their teachers, who frequently give them a cordial invitation to renew their acquaintance after 3.30 p.m.

2C.

All second year classes will be pleased to know that this class maintained its supremacy during the quarterly tests. Budding poets have now ample opportunity to exercise their talent. Many poetic effusions have received warm commendation, whilst others have received rather scanty praise. Our history studies are now under the direction of Mr. Roberts.

The great parade was more in the nature of a swimming carnival than a military review. The "swim past" was completed in record time.

(The Editor wishes to congratulate Bennett, of this form, for the fine poem he wrote on

"The Man Born to be King." It was too long for publication.)

2D.

After the strenuous exertions of the quarter, we are all looking forward to the well-earned rest at Easter. Lately tests have been very frequent. Too frequent, alas! for several of the fraternity. French, science, and Maths. tests create a mild sensation, but the mere mention of a Latin test is sufficient to cheer up the saddest heart.

The poetic aspiration of our class is well known, but, as yet no one has commended the excellent chanting of the Latin verbs.

Apparently, 3B is laboring under a delusion. We really do not look upon them with awe, but on the size of their hats. No wonder the hat-peds can not accommodate them.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

IA.

We have now become fairly well acquainted with the peculiarities of most of our members and find quite a lot of amusing little touches of genius.

Jussy and Andy have shown their ability in English by correcting several mistakes much to the approval of our English master.

In Shorthand, Watty has developed speed remarkably and does six exercises per night quite easily.

Harry is an able professor of geometry and his clear definitions cause much amusement to those who can understand them.

In sport, too, we received a shock when our quiet and staid friend Alex. Fraser showed us all how to "wield the willow."

Still waters run deep evidently.

When winter sports are going, we intend to show our football qualities, especially in Soccer. By that time, too, we will have held our class picnic, which we intend holding after the quar-

terly exam.

Our king of the Dyrocks has resigned his position and S—r has taken his honorable seat, with a number of powerful advisers.

1B.

We have some promising athletes in our class. Schmidt has shown his swimming ability by annexing the First Year Handicap and 14 Years Championship at our Carnival. And again at the All Schools' Carnival won the 14 Years Championship. Hurt and Stubbs also secured second places in the 13 Years Championship and First Year Handicap respectively. Stubbs, Wilson and Edwards have been appointed Football Captain, Vice-Captain and selector respectively, and they have some good material to work on. It seems peculiar that we should have Adams in the same class as Eve, and it has already been the cause of some horrible puns.

Fennell has returned after having a severe eye trouble, and we are glad to know that he is better again.

Talking of illness reminds us that C—y seems to be quite strong again. He has not complained of being ill for quite a long time.

The famous Hausman sprint was left too late again at the Carnival.

A number of our boys participated in the Bath Parade on Saturday, but have shown no ill effects as yet.

1C.

Again we have moved and are now domiciled in the second main room. Is it because we are visibly swelling that we have to find a larger room each time. At any rate, little B—D— and M— have been so studious lately that their hats are too small. Rumour has it that they are studying methods of making their bodies increase at the same rate. Our particular aim just now is to show 1E that we are the crack first year class. R—s is helping in this very promisingly. He has already been congratulated on his quickness in French. We had a stroke of bad luck at cricket the other day, and lost our match by 10 runs.

Only S—n was made for a cricketer, the others were too busy with text-books.

Poor old McC was bowled while he was thinking how to spell "Quelquefois."

K—e also was trying to reason out the "radius of curviture" and the "force of gravitation" when his vision was obscured by illuminated spheres. There was a sickening thud—he hit the dust—he had been hit on the head by the cricket ball.

Soccer is going to be our favourite winter

sport, and we anticipate some good class matches.

1D.

This class is progressing favourably, especially in German and Science. In Maths. we are told that we *ought* to be the best in the first year classes.

We are still located in South Siberia—quite a cosy little room it is and we don't like leaving it on Fridays.

The class picnic was held on March 14 at National Park and despite the small number proved a great success. Mr. F. is a good sport and proved it in many ways. Boats were hired and races run, both on fresh and salt water. No. 1 boat proved the best all round. Later on, a swim in the baths was tip top. When tea was over—and it took some time, as Cox will tell you, the picnickers held races and games, and later on returned "tired but happy."

Soccer is claiming our attention now and we expect to put a good team in the field. Our class is not very strong in sports though. Only 18 so far have expressed any keen desire to play any game. Still it was a lucky thing for 1C that it rained last Wednesday. They would certainly have been defeated.

Bowring has had a bad time lately. He gets too many figs one day and not enough boots the next. Fancy waiting till 6.30 for Teddy Bears and then to go home without them.

Wark is very anxious for his name to appear in print, but we have not yet found out his good points—except that he is on pins and needles in the Latin lesson—there are surely good points in pins and needles.

1E.

Some time ago our French master told us that he would take about 20 boys to the 'Varsity to hear a lecture in the French tongue. We want 1E to be well represented on that occasion.

It may be noted that every week 1E issues an open challenge to any first year class, in the noble game of Soccer.

We have already had one match against 1F, and after a hard fought battle we came off victors by two goals to one.

Storey and Smith scored the points and both give promise of being good players.

One afternoon lately we heard a very thrilling ghost story told by one of our masters with such effect that quite a number of boys felt their hair stand up like "bristles on a brush."

We have the one and only Jones among our members. And phonetics cause him a lot of trouble, but Mr. H. has not yet given up the struggle over the "y" question.

1F.

This class, since the last issue of the "Fortian," has acquitted itself very ably both in learning and in sport. Surely and steadily we are forging ahead, and hope to attain the position of leading first year class.

In sport, Crackanthorp and Gay won the 12 and 13 Years Championship respectively, while the Relay Team came second in the Relay Race. Crack also won the Diving Competition from a long list of competitors.

In Cricket and Soccer also 1F are not behind. Playing for Thirds against North Sydney High School, Kallinger bowled well and secured 6 wickets for 11 runs.

Our class picnic will shortly be held at Clifton Gardens, and we hope to make this a monthly function.

If any of the Seniors are desirous of using fluent flowery language, our friend E—u, will be pleased to instruct them in this respect.

"Surreptitious" and "heterogeneous" are only mediocre specimens of his verbosity, whilst his best efforts fairly astound our masters.

The Easter Vacation is close at hand, and we all expect to return therefrom fresh and eager for study.

Boys' Primary School.

2A—William Kelly, Harry Anderson, Gus Olander, Reginald Bates, best work this month. 3A—Alfred Young, James Seeland, Roy McDonald, Thomas Cox, best in arithmetic and dictation. 5B.—Maurice Hodge, Dick McLellan, Cyril Cross, Robert Stobo, best effort during the past month. 5B.—Edmund Price, Raymond Cohen, Mervyn Round, John Lee, best effort and home studies.

FIFTH C CLASS.

Thomas has shown bright, intelligent work and arithmetic. Brukarz is improving in English. At the test in arithmetic on 11th March, E. Daniel, Fraser, Cassin and Bridges received highest marks. Ferguson has made a rapid move ahead in class work. Chapman has brought the best home work during the month, and is writing good English. Cassidy is making an effort that is praiseworthy. Coleman, in his composition, has shown that he is using his eyes in the streets and deducing many valuable lessons from common sights.

5B.—The following are perhaps the best

boys:—Edmund Price so far is the best boy in the class. He is good at mathematics and English, and does all his work neatly, while his conduct is excellent. Raymond Cohen.—Very keen at mathematics and spelling; homework neat. Mervyn Round.—Good at mathematics and geography. John Lee.—Homework and writing are very well done, in addition to mathematics and dictation.

4th Class.—H. Cohen, mathematics, geography. E. Leape: All English subjects, history. R. Moore: Grammar, geography, English. M. Towole: Mathematics, reading, spelling and composition.

This month in particular we desire to offer our congratulations to H. V. (Bert) Evatt on his splendid result at the Second Year Arts Examination. He topped the list in each one of his three subjects, viz., English (high distinction and Professor Macallum's prize), philosophy (high distinction and Professor Anderson's prize), mathematics (high distinction, Barker Scholarship and Norbert Quirk prize). He has our best wishes. The Evatt family are doing well all round.

Have you a career mapped out?

Mr. Emerson said you should "Hitch your wagon to a star." By that he meant to set your mind on a definite, high goal and let nothing swerve you from your attempt to reach it.

School-days are happy days, but towards their close boys and girls should turn their minds to the more serious business of earning a living. They should determine to put their brains into train for the conflict with the business world—to qualify for the positions that afford not only a mere "living," but a few of life's luxuries as well.

If you want to make the most of the five years that follow after you leave school, get your people to give you a year at the Metropolitan Business College.

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If you are interested in making the most of your life, call and see one of the principals—or if that is impossible, write and get descriptive booklet which also shows photographs of the building and the various well-lit class-rooms.

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The Dream of Maximus Minimus.

Minimus Maximus is a Senior. Minimus weighs 19 stone 6 lbs. avoirdupois. He is usually a good-humoured individual, but his equanimity has lately been disturbed—in short, Minimus is worried. The fact is that Minimus recently failed by just three minutes to beat the bell at 9 a.m. Not much, in the ordinary way, you imagine, but when you are a Senior of imposing personality and a subaltern to of boot—a man of weight, in fact—these pin-pricks are apt to irritate. And so it came about that, brooding over the indignity which his lateness had caused him to suffer, and mentally assigning thereto the proper cause, Minimus Maximus fell asleep.

And behold, he dreamed a dream. And the visions of his head were after this wise:—Behold he sat upon the judgment-seat propounding questions to certain of those who were brought before him. And there came one with eyes severe and beard of formal cut, and clothed withal in flowing sable garment, whom, Minimus, beholding, thus addressed:—

“O, thou who art reputed learned and wise,
And versed in modern as in ancient law,
Stand forth before the seat of judgment
dread

And diligently ponder sentence meet
To pass on those who guiltily presume
To sap our strength by cutting off supply
Of meat that needful is our strength to stay,
Sustain and keep us lusty, strong and prompt
To scale yon hill as 9 a.m. draws nigh
That we may not be deem'd unpunctual.
Be thy decree in formal Latin writ
On parchment in the legal character.”

And behold as he spake these words, there appeared before him one whose voice was low and demeanour quiet, of whom the dread judge thus demanded:—

“If a lieutenant weighing 19st. 6lbs. and a small boy weighing 5st. 3½lbs. start at the same moment to scale a hill whose gradient is 1 in 3, assuming that neither has had any animal food for 3 weeks, find:

(1) Which will first arrive at the top; if the result be ambiguous, discuss the probability, distinguishing special cases;

- (2) the ratio of the forces required in each case;
(3) the rate of constant retardation in each case, in feet per second per second;
(4) the relative diminution resulting in the weights of the two. Express your answer as a function in terms of the Mathematical Master.”

And behold as he also departed to fulfil his allotted task, and took up his station beside the first 'neath the broad shade of a spreading fig-tree, here was thrust before the foot of the tribunal one whose name and speech betrayed his Caledonian origin, to whom the dread judge propounded the question which follows:—

“If a Fourth Year student of physics be deprived for 21 days of all animal food, and be compelled to subsist during that period on bread, potatoes, beans and porridge in the proportion of 21 : 17 : 5 : 9, calculate the amount of energy he would lose in foot-pounds. Hence calculate the relative rate at which he could ascend the Essex Street Hill—the gradient to be ascertained by plane-table—and how many seconds late he should be if the bell began to ring as his left foot was coming to the ground at five-elevenths of the way up. Also calculate his temperature in calories and the weight of green bone he would require to consume in order to bring his phosphatic constituents to the normal. Further, make out a diet table showing how the normal condition may most economically be attained. (Time allowed—while the bell rings).”

And behold, there came next in order one reputed eloquent as Chrysostom and versed in the writings of the men of old. And to him the judge with dread solemnity gave command:—

“O thou who art as eloquent of speech
As Golden-Tongue was in the days of eld,
Who hast at thy command the pregnant
words

Of Shakspeare, Milton, Bacon and the rest—
Describe thou now in good Falstaffian vein
The suff'rings which he still must undergo
Who scales the height of yonder lofty steep
When time is short, and breakfast-meat is
none;
Whose form is pond'rous and whose dignity
Doth brook but ill to join the length'ning

line

Of those who prove themselves unpunctual,
And frame thou too a curse deep, dire and
dread

Which we may utter in our righteous wrath
Upon the authors of our present woe.

Let them be—"

• But here a bugler practising in the courtyard below sounded "Officers Come to Dinner," and Maximus Minimus, the odor of the steaming sirloin in his nostrils, started up to find that the butcher's varlets had not yet returned to work, that the Essex-Street hill had still to be scaled—that the bell went punctually at 9 a.m., and the late line was still a going concern.

OLD-TIMER.

Cadet Yews

Do you know the difference in the order to step forward X paces and step back X paces? In the first you would say two paces forward—march; and in the second, two paces step back—march.

There is a big difference in the orders and detail for opening out for physical work, flag drill, and ceremonial. Applicants for non-coms. should note these.

Every non-com. should keep a roll of his command. It should contain (a) names and addresses of all cadets in your command, (b) number of rifles issued to them, (c) their musketry record, (d) remarks on each cadet made after each parade, (e) attendance marked at each parade, (f) whether each cadet is a member of battalion team, (g) date and squad, etc. Paste this in your roll!

Each senior cadet has to do 64 hours of compulsory drills per year to be efficient. Besides this, he has to pass a test.

Some cadets forgot that there are two left-hand salutes to detail with and without a rifle. Others left the recruit with his hand up for ever, apparently.

Col.-sergeants are responsible to the O.C. company for the roll of their company. Nothing will excuse them for false entries, errors, etc. They should through their O.C. detail an orderly sergeant and corporal to attend to this fortnightly, and supervise same, checking, etc. Each company requires, therefore, five of each class of non-com.

More lectures should be given our companies in musketry, skirmishing duties, guard, and sentry, semaphore, etc., with practical

work in each. The competition squads should be practiced the whole year round.

How many know the position of signallers in the company when (a) in line, (b) in column of route, (c) in company column, (d) in battalion?

Some applicant non-coms. forget that the numeral sign must be made before numbers are signalled in semaphore. In the Morse code FI and FF are sent before and after respectively.

There are two kinds of semaphore flags, naval and military, differing in colour. We are chiefly concerned with the military flags.

The most important points to be impressed on recruits in learning semaphore are (a) correct angles to be made, (b) notice of back-grounds must be taken for colour, (c) the flags should be a prolongation of the arm, (d) flags to be only waved in a vertical plane, (e) the sender must face squarely the receiving station, (f) movements must be made smartly.

The result of the late non-com.'s examination is as follows:—Passed for sergeant, total 900: Corp. H. McLean, 734; Corp. S. Easy, 706; Corp. W. McNamara, 695; Corp. Mulholland, 665; Corp. C. Paine, 659; Corp. M. Roddy, 636.

Passed for corporal, total 800: Cadet M. Morphet, 566; Cadet M. Hoffman, 553; Cadet E. Cumming, 554; Cadet McKecknie, 543; Cadet E. Hills, 541; Cadet R. Quigley, 549; Cadet W. Jacobs, 534; Cadet A. Yates, 512.

Passed for lancecorporal, total 800: Cadet G. Harper, 529; Cadet C. Gardiner-Garden, 524; Cadet A. Murphy, 521; Cadet M. Justice, 520; Cadet W. Schmidt, 516; Cadet A. Clarke, 509; Cadet W. York, 506; Cadet C. Cramp, 498; Cadet A. Neville, 490; Cadet G. Macmara, 489; Cadet A. Biddulph, 487; Cadet Jefferson, 474; Cadet C. Jurbet, 467; Cadet J. Woodford, 457; Cadet Corr, 455; Cadet R. Fraser, 443.

There are still vacancies for 1 more sergeant and 2 more corporals.

We have plenty of ammunition, 20 rifles, a good miniature range. Why not more shooting? Even on parades one section could use it.

Keep your ears open at 10.30 a.m., physical work, for tips for the next non-coms.' examination, July.

Cherron's musketry badges, as well as pull-throughs, belt pouch, numeral, must be returned to the head office when leaving school and applying for a transfer to another area.

We desire to congratulate George Davison on having passed the examination for Licensed Surveyor.

Girls' Page

Primary School News.

5A.

E. Wells gained an average per centage of 82; C. Ackerman 81 in the Q.C. quarterly examination. Both of these girls did exceptionally well in maths.—E. Wells 100 per cent., C. Ackerman, 92 per cent. Moral—Practise well your arithmetic. M. Leape, E. Fletcher, A. Wright, E. Cornish, C. McKenzie, D. Youngein, V. Rappeport, G. Lotze, and G. Rees, all deserve praise for good work.

After Easter.—To work in deadly earnest 5A!

Class Motto—"Doing Nothing is Doing Ill."
"Shakespeare Day" preparation is in full swing.

5B.

In Quarterly Exam.—D. Matthews obtained 91 per cent. average, L. Burford 88 per cent., G. Clark and B. Komoll 87 per cent., K. Burns 85 per cent., E. Wade 82 per cent., H. Anderson and M. Allman 81 per cent.

4A.

I. Roberts and E. Ramsden came top in quarterly exam.

4B.

I. George, K. Daley, O. Raymond, N. Behnke, R. Ball, were the best in quarterly exam. L. Cederbeg, S. Maguire, show improvement. Q. Pederson is the most intelligent answerer of general questions.

3A.

D. Smith, A. Everett, M. Christie, D. Hines, have done good work. D. Shea has improved in composition.

3B.

P. Stathopulos and D. Harley are very good workers. M. Smith has improved very much in arithmetic. D. Harley was top in quarterly exam.

Second and Third Class Library was opened in February. It now contains 83 good books, suitably chosen for little girls. Well patronised by classes.

2nd Class.

In Quarterly Exam. the following girls gained 100 per cent.:

Reading.—C. Buchan, D. Harnetty, D.

Smith, G. Wulf.

Arithmetic.—C. Buchan, D. Smith, W. Brown, M. Goldsmide, E. Saford.

Composition.—D. Smith, D. Lang, M. Ramsden, K. Johnson, B. Graves, E. Hodder, are all good writers.

Tennis is now in full swing. E. Cornish is taking R. Coates' place as an energetic captain, ably assisted by J. Stewart. Who is going to be champion this year?

High School News.

INTERMEDIATE RESULTS.

As a result of the Intermediate Examination, 45 of our girls have become Probationary Students and 8 Intermediate scholarships.

PROBATIONARY STUDENTS.

J. Alexander, M. Bell, M. Bentivoglio, H. Bourne, M. Bingham, E. Blackwell, J. Cargill, E. Crawford, M. Dicken, E. Duhig, D. Edwards, F. Friedrich, M. Graham, P. Griffin, F. Hall, K. Hahn, D. Hatfield, E. Kneebone, K. Irvine, E. McGee, D. McFlinn, V. Huckstepp, E. Murdoch, V. Moylan, O. Hutchinson, M. McGregor, C. McRae, E. Mathews, R. Moorcroft, L. Morton, R. Young, D. Witte, R. Wild, A. Weston, N. West, P. Tierney, L. Street, N. Norman, D. Oldman, H. Proctor, D. Ritchie, D. Rothwell, A. Sandon, R. Smith, V. Smythe.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARSHIPS.

E: Thomas, T. Bevan, E. Blackwell, A. Sandon, M. Melville, I. Cruickshanks, D. Harward, D. Peirce.

D. Edwards and E. Webber, scholarship holders, have been transferred to the cookery department of the Technical College; and Linda Hogbin has gained a scholarship, which entitles her to two years' training in the dress-making department of the Technical College. She will ultimately become a teacher of dress-making.

We congratulate our girls, and wish them all every success in the future.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS.

LIFE-SAVING COMPETITION.

On the 5th instant the good work and consequent efficiency of the girls in this direction were rewarded with grand success. Mr. David Eklund, an enthusiast in life-saving, kindly presented a handsome silver cup to the Royal Life-saving Society, to be competed for by the lady teams of New South Wales. The conditions and work were similar to those of

the competition for men—the Roth Challenge Shield. Out of five teams, Fort-street, comprising Instructress, Miss Maloney, Ena Drake, Rose Esserman, Grace Pendered, and Doris York, was selected as the winning team, gaining 96.48 per cent. of maximum. The gold medal for the best instructress (regardless of the team) was gained by Miss Maloney. Rose Esserman and Grace Pendered won the rescue race, of 50 yards, including the fourth and second method.

GIRLS' REALM GUILD.

Fort Street girls have been members of the above guild for some time past, and have sent contributions to the jumble sales organised by it, but interest having flagged, Miss Burrows, organising secretary, visited the School a short time ago, with a view to arousing the interest of the girls in the work which the guild is doing.

In the course of her brief address, Miss Burrows told something of the nature of the assistance rendered to girls placed in unfortunate circumstances—the money provided to train them in a trade or profession by which they may earn a livelihood.

A number of girls signified their desire to join the guild, and the following were elected as officers:—

Secretary—Doris York.
Treasurer—Ella Martin.
Committee—Poppy Brooks,
Olive Storey,
Sarah Payn,
Alma Paxley.

Girls wishing to join are requested to hand names to secretary.

FORT STREET OLD GIRLS' UNION.

The quarterly meeting of the above Union was held on Saturday, 14th February, at which Miss Partridge presided.

It was decided to have a social gathering at Como, and the arrangements were left in the hands of Miss Wardrop.

On Saturday, 21st March, several Fortians met at the station, and the party set off for Como.

A very novel competition, arranged by Miss Wardrop, was won by Miss J. Mostyn, who was presented with a handsome hat-pin stand.

As the catering had previously been arranged, it was not long before the merry group were very busy, and did justice to the ample provisions.

A vote of thanks to Miss Wardrop was carried unanimously for the trouble she had taken

in arranging the outing.

FOURTH YEAR NOTES.

Once more we have an instance of the achievements of the "busy little B," and notice with much pleasure the success of one of our members in the recent aquatic gala at the Domain Baths, the occasion being the "All Schools' Carnival."

At a recent meeting in connection with the Girls' Realm Guild, several of our members were chosen as officials, and the positions of Secretary and Treasurer of the School branch of the Guild have been allotted to Doris York and Ella Martin respectively. It is hoped that on Shakespeare Day the part of the entertainment provided by different members of the class will be ably rendered.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

The members of 3D feel that electricity has been escaping in their vicinity, having received several violent shocks lately. It is remarkable that each of these occurred immediately after the maths. text books made their appearance in the room having been corrected.

It is a well-known fact that it is very dangerous to enter salt water after such shocks: it is generally agreed that fanning is far the safer course—by gentle breezes, not by violent gusts, which threaten to annihilate us.

It is most fortunate that we are not liable to contract a serious disease, commonly known as "swelled head"; otherwise our hats would have grown to the size of umbrellas long since, owing to the many and varied compliments we have been receiving, especially from our maths. teacher.

3C is also burdened with many tests. We must congratulate our Bright Celia on her good fortune, and we hope she will continue to shine.

It is easy to be seen that the members of 3C are the most ardent scientists of the year, by reason of their intense interest in the bush-house during recess.

3B numbers the champion breast stroke swimmer of the metropolitan area in its ranks, and wishes her success in the coming carnival.

During the recent damp period our play ground has somewhat resembled a sea, which possibly accounts for the capable swimmers in our midst.

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SECOND YEAR NOTES.

The French verbs in IIA are now steadily proceeding to "vouloir," and some of the girls are already showing signs of great brilliancy in this subject.

B. Mills and J. Montagu excelled in a recent mathematics test.

Dorothy Stewart is our enthusiastic swimmer, and won several events in the All Schools' Carnival.

IIB artists at present are very busy chasing butterflies for specimens. S. Brewster is a prominent mathematician in this corner of the world.

IIC regret to lose Celia Bright, a merry member of the class, on account of her promotion to Third Year.

Doubtless when some of our China-painting specimens make their appearance at the pottery for burning they will make the sparks fly—that is, the winged designs.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

The girls of IA having lately distinguished themselves in a mathematics test, are desirous of keeping up their reputation, and indeed all the First Year girls, and especially the newcomers, seem anxious to excel.

Marie Frankish obtained 100 per cent. in maths., Frances Mortyn and Eileen Malony gaining 99 per cent.

In IC, Olivia Douglas has done good work in maths., Marjorie Cook, Annie Norton and Nellie Matthews in French, and Muriel Mulder in English. Nance Hunt, of 1D, gained highest marks in a recent arithmetic test.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

Girls' High and Primary Schools.

The 17th annual carnival was held at Elkington Park Baths, Balmain, on Thursday, 2nd April. The programme was a varied and exceptionally interesting one, and the events were numerous; no less than 47 separate races being decided. The chief items of the day were the 100 yards championship of the school, won by Ena Drake in the creditable time of 1 min. 23 secs., and the 100 yards championship of the primary school, won by C. Head in 1 min. 30 secs. The latter time was exceptionally good,

since Charlotte is only eleven years of age. We congratulate both the winners.

Our thanks are due to the management of the baths for the highly efficient way in which they carried out all arrangements, and to Miss Davis for the very acceptable afternoon tea due to her efforts.

The Committee desire to thank also the following for assistance, trophies and advertisements:—Misses Bishop, Craig, Dexter, O'Brien, McEachan; Messrs. H. Hellings, Parsonage, and Selle; Messrs. Angus & Robertson and J. M. Dempster, Ltd., J. W. Crane, Nock & Kirby, The Model Business College, Walker & Hall, L. W. Dodge & Co., W. Kerr, Metropolitan Business College, and Anthony Hordern & Sons, Ltd.

The following are the results:—

Results.

50 Yards Primary School Handicap.—Final: M. Dorratt, 1; C. Head, 2; F. Williams, 3. 100 Yards Championship of School: E. Drake, 1; E. Graham, 2; R. Esserman, 3. Time, 1 min. 23 sec. 100 Yards Championship of Primary School: C. Head, 1; J. Stewart, 2; M. Aldington, 3. Time, 1 min. 30 sec. Second and Third Class Championships: L. M'Dougall, 1; R. Gionnotti, 2; R. Brodie, 3. Fourth Class Championship: C. Head, 1; F. Williams, 2; F. Smith and M. Eden, dead-heat, 3. Fifth Class Championship: J. Stewart, 1; M. Aldington, 2; E. Cornish, 3. Beginners' Scratch Race: M. Hales, 1; D. Rapeport, 2; B. Rosenthal, 3. Back Stroke Handicap: D. York, 1; O. Smith, 2; R. Esserman, 3. Old Girls' 100 Yards Championship: S. Cambridge, 1; M. Dexter, 2; G. Bramley, 3. First Year A Championship: F. Mostyn, 1; S. Fabris, 2. B. Championship: E. Graham, 1; O. Smith, 2; M. Gillard, 3. C. Championship: E. Norman, 1; A. Curtis, 2; G. Hardy, 3. D. Championship: H. Winter, 1; Z. Bristow, 2; G. Dalglish, 3. Second Year.—A Championship: D. Stewart, 1; A. Brennan, 2; K. Wyatt, 3. C Championship: L. Taylor, 1; L. Briggs, 2; M. Bourne, 3. Third Year.—A Championship: R. Ross, 1; E. Trousdale, 2. B Championship: R. Esserman, 1; M. Stark, 2. C Championship: I. Valkenburg, 1; N. Wicks, 2; R. Smith, 3. D Championship: E. Blackwell, 1; D. Pearce, 2; A. Sandon, 3. Fourth Year.—A Championship, 50 yards: O. Storey, 1; A. Puxley, 2. B Championship, 50 yards: E. Drake, 1; D. York, 2; J. M'Rae, 3. Time, 41 sec. Balloon Race: H. Winter, 1; D. York, 2; L. Briggs, 3. Diving: R. Esserman, 1; E. Drake, 2. Wading Race: L. Downer, 1; P. Strathopolis, 2. Wading Race: M. Goodsir,

1; G. Pettifer, 2; V. Pyke, 3. Old Girls' Handicap, 50 yards: G. Bramley, 1; A. Hinder, 2; M. Dexter, 3. Time, 37½ sec. Breast Stroke Handicap, 50 yards: Final: R. Esserman, 1; D. York, 2; D. Stewart, 3. Follow the Leader: D. York, 1; R. Esserman, 2. Beginners' 25 Yards Scratch Race: E. Moore, 1; N. Crawford, 2; T. Wiecks, 3. Fancy Dress: V. Pyke, 1; D. Porter, 2. Age Championships.—Ten years: L. Carroll, 1; R. Giannotti, 2. Eleven years: C. Head, 1; M. Johnston, 2; M. Dorrat, 3. Twelve years: M. Aldington, 1; D. M'Dougall, 2; Frances Williams, 3. Thirteen years: J. Stewart, 1; O. Smith, 2; E. Cornish, 3. Fourteen years: E. Graham, 1; D. Stewart, 2; I. Valkenburg, 3. Fifteen years: R. Esserman, 1; H. Winter, 2. Sixteen years and over: E. Drake, 1; D. York, 2; O. Storey, 3. Rescue Race: R. Esserman, 1; D. York, 2; H. Winter, 3. Junior Relay Race: M. Aldington (captain) M. Dorrat and D. Miller, 1. Relay Championship Old Girls v. Present Girls: Old Girls' team, 1. Submarine Race: D. M'Dougall, 1; L. Taylor, 2; D. Stewart, 3. Diving for Objects: R. Ross, 1; D. Stewart, 2.

Fortians at the University.

The results of the March Pass and Honor Examinations have been announced, and, as usual the names of many Fortians stand out prominently. The list is as follows:—Matri- culation Examination: Margaret A. Mausley, A. F. G. Stafford, Thompson, Cuthbert, Mary O. Waraker. Medicine—First Year Examination: Heather Kilgour, Lottie Sharfstein. Science—First Year Examination: Dorothy G. Perry, Jessie K. Wright. P. N. Russell Scholarships.—Two out of the three scholar- ships awarded came to Fort-street boys, viz.: Arthur R. Sims, Gother H. Mann. Economics and Commerce.—Commercial and Industrial Law: Mr. E. Burgin. 3rd Year Examination. —Bachelor of Economics: Mr. R. C. Taylor, B.A. Medicine.—Second Degree Examination Pass: J. A. Gruen. Third Degree Examina- tion Pass: D. A. Davis, W. K. Flook. Engi- neering.—3rd Year Exam. Pass: G. B. Harden. Honour Lists.—Mathematics III: H. H. Thorne. First-class Honours at Graduation and University Medal: G. H. Godfrey. First- class Honours at Graduation: H. H. Thorne. Barker Travelling Scholarship for Mathema- tics. Mathematics II: H. V. Evatt, high dis- tinction, Barker Travelling Scholarship and Norbert Quirk Prize (aeq.). P. W. Hallett,

B.A. (high distinction), D. T. Smith (distinc- tion), E. O. K. Green (credit). Mathematics I.: N. A. Esserman (high distinction), G. H. Briggs (distinction), A. Lewis (distinction), Isabel M. Knight (distinction), Ellen M. Hind- marsh (credit), Dorothy R. Rothschild (credit), Jessie Wright (credit). History.— Honours at Graduation, Class I.: E. G. Leask, B.A. (high distinction 3rd year exam.). Second Year: High distinction and prize, Mr. W. T. Fraser. First Year: Distinction, Edith M. Roulston. Science.—Honours at Graduation: Physics, Class II., H. H. Thorne, B.Sc.; do., E. H. Booth. Engineering.—2nd Year Exam.: High distinction, D. T. Smith; distinction, E. O. K. Green; 2nd year pass, A. H. Wright. Fifth Year Medicine (M.B. et Ch.M.), Pass: N. M. A. Alexander (2nd class honours), J. Malcolm (2nd class honours). Arts.—Phil- osophy II and III: H. V. Evatt, high distinc- tion and Professor Anderson's prize. English II.: H. V. Evatt, high distinction and Profes- sor MacCallum's prize. Faculty of Law.— Final LL.B. Exam. Pass: C. T. Collier, 2nd class honours; H. W. M'Clelland, H. V. Ched- gey, J. R. Ranson. Section I. of Final Exam. Pass: G. L. Baldick, P. N. C. Burns. Went- worth Medal for English Essay: H. V. Evatt. Fortians who Graduated this Year.—B.A.: E. G. Leask, G. H. Godfrey. Dip. Econ.: G. Dale, T. Bosward. M.B. et Ch.M.: N. M. A. Alex- ander, John Malcolm. B.Sc.: H. H. Thorne, E. H. Booth (2nd class honours physics). LL.B.: C. T. Collier, H. W. M'Clelland, V. H. Ched- gey, J. R. Ranson. B.Ag.S.: Harry Stephens. B.V.S.: W. L. Hindmarsh. L.S. (Licensed Surveyor): George Davison..

PARTRIDGE'S ALMANAC FOR MAY.

- May 1st.—Editors will produce an entirely ori- ginal senior manuscript journal.
- May 4th.—The pianola will be installed. "Sol" will resume office. Glee club will be formed. Conductor P—t—r.
- May 5th.—Returning of Latin and Roman His- tory papers. Class average, 98.7 per cent.
- May 6th.—The respected lover of Horace— "Wilkins is the man"—will present four copies of Wilkins to the library for "com- mercials" only—perhaps.
- May 8th.—T. C. will arrive late to the "Feast-Alexander's" at 9.15 a.m. English Lesson will then start, provided "silence reigns supreme."
- May 11th.—H—g—s will attempt to break pre-

vious records, but will be politely asked to cease.

- May 12th.—A—d—s—n will meet all comers in a hair-parting contest.
- May 14th.—C—p and H—s will edit keys to their hieroglyphics.
- May 15th.—Impromptu speeches. Seniors will vote for more physie lessons per week.
- May 19th.—N. McL. will recite the "Cotter's Saturday Night" as it should be recited. Meeting of T. C. and Harry Lauder.
- May 20th.—9. 10 a.m., Senior Glee Club will render "cum magno dolore," the latest parody, entitled "Ubi est ille Holland?" Non est tamen inventus.
- May 24th.—The majestic "sphinx" will demonstrate practically how it is possible to "loop the loop."
- May 27th.—"Ned" will be "scratched." "Baronia" again will be his conqueror.
- May 31st.—Near approach of "half-yearly" "greatly welcomed" by the seniors.

SPORTS' UNION NEWS.

H. Kinninmont won the 17 years Championship of all Schools in the splendid time of 1min. 2 2-5 secs. This is the best time ever put up by a schoolboy.

Gordon Lyons won the 100 Yards Championship of All Schools, open to all boys not 17 years of age. W. Schmidt won the 14 Years championship, G. Lyons the 15 years, W. Lyon got second in the 16 Years Championship at the All Schools Carnival.

Our 220 Yards Championship was won by G. Lyons, H. Kinninmont being second and G. Crakanthorp third. G. Lyons also won the 440 and 880 Yards, W. Jolly being second and C. Crakanthorp third in the former, and H. Cutler second and C. W. Jolly third in the latter.

The Back and Breast Championship was won by W. Furness, A. Furness being second, and C. Ferns third, while C. Ferns won the Rescue Race, E. Bennett being second. A Furness won the 100yds. Breast Stroke Championship at the All Schools' Carnival.

Gordon Lyons won the 100yds. All High Schools at S.H.S. Carnival during the month, H. Kinninmont being second.

For the first time in this School for years no boys are going for life saving certificates. Is the school life so strenuous that time cannot be given to this a little?

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Our Firsts have not been defeated this season. Keep going! We wish them luck. Mr. Gale does the coaching.

Will we repeat what we did last year in the Rugby football—win all grades? As soon as the weather cools we will be at it. Do not forget your annual meetings, with the usual elections of provisional selection committees, delegates to the Sports' Union, etc.

Once again you are reminded that School colours are maroon jerseys and white trousers for the winter. No material will be issued to class team unless clad properly.

Winter sports teams should get busy and arrange for the teacher who is to take them out for their game to Centennial Park. Get in early!

Senior Handball.

(By "Onlooker.")

THE DARK HORSES.

The Handball Club has set the season in swing with a doubles championship, and, in spite of the fact that several of last year's players (?) have given the game best, ten entries were received. As matters stand at present, every team has lost one match—some more than one.

Connelley-McLaren.—Opened well by accounting for the "two blightars," Holland and Ferris. Tommie is doing a wonderful amount of play, and thus poor Nicol becomes a kind of spectator. The team was successful in reaching the final stage, and something more should be heard of them.

Paling-Brukarz.—Unfortunately are numbered amongst the "also-rans," but everyone can't understand how Jock didn't reach the final round, as he is on the committee. Nevertheless, he and his partner (who has not had much practice in his new position) have the honor of being the only ones to beat Kinn and Co.

Holland-Ferris.—Have quite startled the handball section of the community by their improved form, which Dutch says is due to his surpassing fine play. They were defeated by last year's victors, but not until 22—20 was reached. They have published their motto for the first four: "Watch, Work (?) Win (??)"

Porter-Iltingworth.—Just the same as usual. Ned blames Fuzz, and Fuzz blames Ned.

Neddie takes them on the full, and Fuzz does not. This pair were quite overjoyed at defeating Tommie, Ltd., but had to cry enough to Kinn and his gallant friend. H.T.I. boasts of two good scores (beat Paling-Brukarz 24—22, and Sherwood-Green 21—4).

Kinnimont-Berman are what may be termed the "dark horses." When defeated in their first match everyone thought they were "blithered," but thereafter the cracked three nuts (Tom and Co., Dutch and Co., Fuzz and Co.), and with any amount of luck should be well in the lead when all is ended, as they are 2 points to good.

Storey and Hansman have given everyone a run for their money, although they have not been very successful. Perhaps their best performance was 19—21 against Paling-Brukarz, but this was lost through over-eagerness.

Green-Sherwood.—Sol. and Jimmie have played practically all their games, but have lost all simply because "dear old Sol." is not acclimatized and Jimmie cannot play two like Ned.

Cutler-Allum.—Bill and Harry were only lucky enough to be beaten about four times when they decided to give the game best. What about the handicap? The committee-men will have to look after themselves.

Team.	Played	Won	Lost	Pts. For	Pts. Agst.	Comp. Pts.
Kinnimont-Berman ..	8	7	1	140	91	14
Porter-Iltingworth ..	8	6	2	125	89	12
Holland-Ferris	8	6	2	121	89	12
Connelley-McLaren ..	8	6	2	120	89	12

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Mr. F. A. Coghlan.

Fort Street Old Boy Appointed Auditor-General.

It is only a year or two ago that we had the pleasure of announcing the appointment of Mr. F. A. Coghlan, an old boy of Fort Street, to the position of Under Secretary in the Chief Secretary's Department. Last month Mr. Coghlan was appointed to succeed Mr. Vernon as Auditor-General of N.S.W. While acting as Under Secretary, Mr. Coghlan's work won the ecomiums of the several Ministers who have presided over the Chief Secretary's Department. His grasp of the electoral law has been of great assistance in the settling of many knotty points concerning State elections. Ever since the creation of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Mr. Coghlan has been actively associated with the control of fire brigades throughout the State. Throughout the public service Mr. Coghlan has long been known for his efficiency as an officer, while his popularity has enabled one daily paper to say of him that he is "an especially favourite chief."

During Mr. Coghlan's term of office as Under Secretary, there fell to his lot the great honour of officially proclaiming the accession of His Majesty King George V. A pleasing memento of this occasion will be found in the photo on the walls of the main room. Mr. Coghlan will be recognised at the central figure of the group.

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Our University Letter.

(By "Cavendish.")

It is becoming increasingly evident that 1914 freshmen are not different in kind, but only in degree, from freshmen of previous years; and this in spite of premature criticism and gloomy foreboding; for they join the various clubs and societies as guileless freshmen should do; some of them play in the teams, and some play well; they treat the staff with just about the same respect as the ordinary undergraduate; and they appear to work with similar zeal!

And so Alma Mater will have no new 1914 species vastly different from the rest of her loving sons and daughters. With regard to the sons (and, on the other regard, it is not for me to speak), a reason for the evident continuity of thought and taste and sentiment is probably to be found in the established position which the University Union has won, not merely as a common dwelling-place for "clubbable" men, but also as an eternal and thorough-going embodiment of the ideal of University unity. It is true, of course, that some of the University societies (not to say some of the University men) fail to take proper advantage of the facilities which the Union affords. Spite of this, it is generally true that by far the large majority of organisations have seen fit to shelter themselves beneath the Union's broad, if occasionally leaky, roof!

And with the entrance of the Union into various co-operative undertakings, another era in the history of Sydney University has surely been reached. So it is by no means the vision of a shallow optimist that embraces a time when there will be established a Union and University press, or even more satisfactory about them, the University press in England. For the Union and the University are gradually becoming synonymous terms. The future of one—we future the other. And, even although the organisations are, formally speaking, quite separate, there is mutual give and take, and a very satisfactory undertaking between the administrations. A very good instance of this is to be found in

the recent handing over of the Fisher refectory to the management of the Union officials.

Apart from the Union, there is at present great activity amongst the various clubs and societies. Most of the annual meetings are now past and over, and as regards the sporting clubs, the criticism levelled at those gatherings, even though somewhat carping, may be productive of the best results. As far as the school is concerned, it is interesting to note that some of the old boys are taking an active hand in club administration. Buss Morgan and Sibberthau are prominent in the Hockey Club; Donald is honorary medical officer of the Boat Club; and Evatt, in addition to a good deal of other executive work, has an Undergraduates' Association secretaryship and a Sports' Union treasurership to look after.

And, on the Undergrads' Association Committee there are F. D. Stafford, N. Esserman, and G. H. Mann. On the Medical Society Silberthau and Dr. Collins hold executive office. So in the Engineering Society, Union, Law School, Science Society, University Camp, and the rest. On all sides there seems to be a renaissance of Fort-street interest in University affairs.

Whether this is good for the University or no the electorate has decided. But it certainly is good for the school. For some time past the writers of this letter have attempted to stimulate the interest of past and present students in the Varsity life, and the mere mention of the above names certainly shows that the campaign has not been entirely in vain.

And, for the academic side of the University, the school can quite well take care of itself. There has never been such a successful pass list as there was this March. The results have appeared both in this magazine and in the dailies; so there is no need to labour the point.

And, as far as the sports themselves are concerned, the school appears to be taking a better position. With Samson in the crew, Langan, J. Morgan, and others taking an active part in the second fifteen, with representatives in baseball, handball, and lacrosse teams, some old boys taking part in the tennis tournament—there seems to be a revival of interest on the sporting side too. This was evidenced in the opening match of the hockey year, when Silberthau, I. Morgan, Evatt, and Buss all played in the first

eleven.

Students' Festival, Procession, and Re-union of Students and Undergraduates are billed for Saturday, May 23rd. The songs will be better even than last year; the skits and interludes promise to be up to the standard, whilst it is likely that a prominent member of the Victorian Legislature will endeavour to entertain the undergraduates and their friends. It is noteworthy that the venue of re-union is now the Union Hall.

The eight, the rifle team, and the athletic representatives journey to Adelaide at the end of term for inter-Varsity matches. At the end of second term lacrosse and handball teams promise to follow in their train. Meanwhile the inter-Varsity hockey match is to be held in Sydney on the Thursday before Festival Day, and the footballers are looking forward to a New Zealand tour in the Michaelmas vacation.

Back of all this sporting hurly-burly lies the series of social events. The College dances are under the care of enthusiastic secretaries, and the Sports Union dance has been fixed for July 22nd. So it is in "ragtime" that one concludes.

Boys' High School Class News.

FOURTH YEAR NOTES.

Science and imagination are now in deadly conflict. Our "academic density" has been found to vary directly as the cube of Carlyle's sincerity for Dante's intensity. "Alti guai" pierce the room as abstruse sentences succeed one another in quick succession, and the "chiaroscuro" on H. C.'s face, perfect through mental turmoil and suffering, makes us think of Dante's

"della bella persona che mi fu tolta."

A certain very well-known agitator in senior affairs has approached this accomplished "academic" section of the community on a very painful topic. With tears and much weeping he has said:

"Debes hoc etiam me dicere, sit vobis curae,

Quantae conveniat, 'Fortianus.'"

If you would be happy, contented,

"Si scholae volitis, si vobis vivere cari."

If you would have your moral and aesthetic natures refined, seek the antidotes of care and

trouble in the immortal "Fortianus," and "Quo te caelestis sapientia duceret, ires."

L. C. M.'s latest on the oboe and the twins has provoked unpremeditated hilarity and conjecture. Vol I. of L. C. M.'s jokes and witticisms is now available at Seat I., Row III., senior room (price, no cents). Life is now but a dream of pleasure. "Nunc in Horatii furtime praecepta relapsi sumus." One thing alone mars our existence—no "mess of vegetables" appears for lunch. Yet, even still we remember, "Quid non ebrietas dissinat?"

THIRD YEAR FORM NOTES.

In 3C.—Nothing apparently has happened worth recording, hence their three scribes have recorded nothing. Hence the Editor has received nothing; hence the sum total of their news is nothing.

3B has only one item worth inserting, viz., that the class is well represented by the number of company officers it possesses.

3A forwards two solitary paragraphs, only one of which will bear insertion, viz., result of test. A minimum amount of work, with a maximum amount of marks. At present the staff is trying to find the Apollo of this class. The result will probably be Davis I., Dexter II.

(Note by Editor: An election will be held on the 29th instant, to fill two vacancies as Fortian Editors for each of the third-year classes.)

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

2A.

We have lately been hearing complaints from various members of the class (some of whom have had the impudence to censure the reporters) about the dullness of the class notes. Unfortunately, we found it impossible to rake up enthusiasm or interest in such a ridiculously dull set of fellows as inhabit the precincts of No. 2. However, as the class doesn't like dullness, we'll try and provide the other thing; and if we offend anyone, or depart in any way from the truth, well, "we can't help that!"

It may be of some interest to the general public if we consider for a moment the favourable position of our class-room. In the first place, it is the detention-room. In the second place, it commands an extensive view of the main room. We may, for the benefit of enquirers, say that these advantages are specially intended

for Hilliger and a few of the youngsters of 1B.

Fripp is hunting everywhere for a cheap, second-hand safety razor. Perhaps we might suggest that if Towers added his weekly pocket money a more reliable instrument could be purchased. Galvin, who carries a portmanteau of considerable dimensions, has not been represented in the class for the last week or so. We hope his bag has not "got him down."

2B.

"Once more unto the end main room, dear friends." So far we have not had any 3-30 afternoon tea parties, but no doubt we will soon become familiar with them, or so some of the teachers say. The midnight oil is already beginning to burn, for the forthcoming half-yearly exam. approaches. We all hope to give our masters a great surprise.

The masters have had some pleasant surprises during the period of medical examination. Some of the boys' chest expansions are very creditable, ranging from 1 to 5. L.S.L.E. puts his large expansion down to study and physical culture.

Our class is well represented in the football arena, there being 7 in the 1st 15 and several in the seconds.

T-w-g has lately joined the marble club, thinking it might expand his chest.

Our stamp king has given his profession best while our tennis maniacs are still flourishing.

2C.

The equanimity of our class has lately been disturbed by the return of several of our members who had been mourned as lost since their non-appearance after the Easter holidays.

We desire to rectify the error made in the last issue of the "Fortian," Burnett's name being spelt Bennet, in connection with his poem on "The Man Born to be King."

2C is now developing a great interest in its scientific work, which is becoming of an exceedingly interesting nature.

Our fellows recently passed through the trying experience of being weighed and measured. It seemed very mysterious that, subsequent to our weights being taken, the machine refused duty, evidently owing to the demoralising effect of the "hot" pair of socks displayed by one of our members.

2D.

The air is impregnated with French just at present in the 2D room. Everyone is speaking, singing, reading, and writing this amiable language, and the decrease of failures in French tests is apparent. It is also noticed that Latin is being energetically studied and prepared. 2D seat in the lunch recess will verify this. We have produced an absolutely new and original specimen of "military maniac." As particulars of this wonderful discovery are too long to insert in this column, they may be obtained from any 2D boy.

The half-yearly is approaching once more. We are sorry to see so many boys uninterested in their studies. There is apparently a great struggle going on between 2C and 2A for second place among the second-year classes. The issue is certainly doubtful.

2D is well represented in sport. We had 8 representatives in the team against the "lordly seniors," and, in all probability, will be well represented in this branch of sport throughout the season.

FIRST YEAR.

Between 1A and 1B a keen rivalry exists in commercial subjects and sport. We are fairly even in English and Geography, and hope to gain a victory over them in Soccer.

We are putting a good team in the field, and although light, it is very fast.

The rustics still hold a premier position in the class. Andrews invariably does excellent work in English and History. Great things are expected from several boys who are doing splendid work in science.

1B.

Periodical tests in various subjects are following each other very quickly. Bastian is to be congratulated on coming third in Science among the first-year classes.

Geography is one of our favourite subjects. Some good work is expected at the half-yearly examination.

A good Rugby team is being organised. Stubbs and Wilson are grade representatives. This class will play Rugby against any combined team of first year classes.

We are pleased to know that Enderby has recovered from his recent severe illness.

1C.

Some time ago it was suggested that we should have a class picnic. Quite a happy party gathered at the railway station last Saturday, and all seemed prepared for an enjoyable day's outing. In due time we arrived at National Park, and hired a number of rowing boats. We journeyed several miles up the river, and then disembarked, having a good lunch in real bush style. In various ways we spent a thoroughly pleasant day. Our Belmore friend seemed particularly to enjoy himself.

Our Soccer team tried conclusions with 1D team, but the game ended in a draw.

We are making rapid progress in French, being recognised as the premier first-year class in that subject.

All members of the class have now settled down to real earnest work, and hope to show good results at the half-yearly examination.

1D.

It is our custom to elect class captains for each month. Tuckwell and Steel performed their duties with much satisfaction to all. We are pleased to record that our fair friend seldom forgets his text books, and that he is now doing better work. Conley deserves special mention for topping the class in Science. In most subjects the older members should show more satisfactory results. We are informed that 1F is more proficient in German. But the test next month will show that such is not the case.

In sports, we are well represented in grade teams. The Soccer team has decided to practise for two hours each Tuesday.

1E.

Since the last issue of the "Fortian," two new comers have been enlisted. They have shown themselves well up in attainments, and we take this opportunity of welcoming them to our midst.

We are sorry to announce the severe illness of one of the best workers, and wish him a speedy recovery.

Frequent tests in many subjects have been the order of the day. Our teachers seem satisfied that this class can always be relied on to do satisfactory work.

Our class Soccer team has been very success-

ful during the past month, being the only team that has not suffered defeat.

1F.

The election of class captain took place last week, S. Crakanthorp receiving the coveted honour. The prospect of the half-yearly examination spurs us on to greater efforts, so that we may compare favourably with other classes. All look forward to the reading of the weekly essays. Owing to one of the members using such mighty words, dictionaries now find a place in the school-bag. We are pleased to note that all are taking a keen interest in their work, especially those who were beginning to lag behind.

The Soccer team has every hope of winning the competition, although several have been included in the grade teams.

For the Fourth Year.

Dear Hyacinthus,—

I am writing to tell you the news—the news of the school in general, and the seniors in particular. Well, my first piece of news announcement is that we are back—that is, we have returned from those ten days in which "it was very joy to be alive," unto these days of toil, these days of labour, "the happiest days of our lives," as the critics say. Moral, never believe critics. This news refers to all, for they have nearly all returned, except a few who will return no more. They've gone. We miss them from their wonted haunts—nor on the stairs, nor in the yard are they. They've gone.

Well, so much for that news. But now I pause to tell—what other news have I? Shall I relate how first-year children are struggling up the avenue with bags twice their own size; how second-year boys are already beginning to dream of passes of 7A's; how the third-year youths are trying to look learned and martial after the example set by their prefect, who, by special request, guards the gate from sundry friends and foes; how fourth-year men are taking great interest in classic literature; how they would love to meet the classic critics—Wilkins especially; how grouping is essential for this meeting, the two most indispensable things in the grouping being—a knife and a dark lane? Nay! I shall not, for you yourself were once

a member of this, our beloved home, and you know the love that exists between author and student.

Now that I have decided not to write of these things, I return to my former question—of what shall I write? Oh, I know. Football was started on Wednesday out at the sports ground. Compulsory training started, too, judging by the way the man at the gate paraded us up and down the street. He at last admitted us to the ground—after he had collected a piece of filthy lucre from each entrant. He was not satisfied with our presence—he wanted our money as well. Perhaps he was saving for an heir. If so, then the words of our old friend Horace will console us:—

“Parcus ob heredis curam nimiumque severus
Adsidet insano.”

There was a great crowd at the ground, all the latest fashions being displayed. C—— wore a vieux rose guernsey, a neat part, and a pair of yellowish-green tango shoes; F—— wore a tight-fitting bodice, and a delightful smile. I hear the play was excellent—I went to sleep, so can't vouch for the veracity of this statement—and that we beat our opponents, notwithstanding the fact that several of the players thought that all they had to do was watch.

I am finished, Hy. I have come to the end. There is no more news except that M. Mote missed our lesson one day. I hear that he was conducting a singing lesson. I would not be a bit surprised. I heard numerous “alti guai” pervading the precincts of the school that day. All I wish is that he had gone deep—“go deep enough there, is music everywhere.”

Au revoir, friend, au revoir.

JOKAI.

Boys' Primary School.

3rd CLASS.

The following boys have been doing good work:—

Homework.—Ferguson, Gibson, Young, Rae, Rasmussen.

Reading.—Rasmussen, Penze.

Best in Class Arithmetic.—Maclelland, Seeland, Rowley, Costen.

Nature Study.—F. Burford brought in a fine

specimen (a flying-fox) for our Nature Study discussions.

2A.

Homework.—The following boys are to be specially commended:—Phillips, Brodie, Olander, and Russo. Harry Anderson is doing by far the best work in second class. Nature Study books are showing general improvement, especially the drawings.

Good work also by Kelly, Bates, Kenally.

4th CLASS.

General improvement and effort—C. Taylor. Mathematics, and particularly Geometry.—Hymen Cohen.

English, and especially Composition—N. Bergman.

Geography and History.—R. Moore.

5C.

The monthly test has shown that Nelson, Ivens and Dvane are giving most thought to their composition; while Chapman, Ferguson and Wilson are gaining upon those three at the head of class.

In mathematics, Fraser (200), King (175), Madgewick (165), and Bridges (160), proved their ability in this wide subject.

The writing of Elliott, Jackson, Neil, Simpson and Borchard has improved.

Thomas obtained 74 per cent. and Riddell 72 per cent. in reading.

During the month two pleasant outings were taken by the 5th classes to view the model farm at the Agricultural Society's grounds.

Eighty boys from the 4th and 5th classes took part in the Schools' Concert in connection with the Shakespearian Festival.

5B.

The following boys are doing the best work in the class:—Price, Cohen, Alexander, Round, Lane, Weinert, Robertson, Dawson, Hamilton, Lee, Ralston, Hines, Ramsland, Johnson.

We have received letters from Messrs. E. S. Davies, B.A., and J. E. Murray, B.A. They have completed their course at the Tilly Institute, Berlin, and were just about to proceed to Marburg for Professor Vietor's exam. This month they leave for Paris, to take up a new line of study in that old-world city. They send their congratulations to the successful candidates at the I. C. and L. C. examinations.

Girls' Page

Shakespearian Festival.

The Town Hall on Wednesday, 22nd April, was the scene of the opening of the festival organised by the committee of the Shakespeare Tercentenary Memorial Fund.

The body of the hall appeared converted for the moment into a stage across which Shakespearian figures threaded their steps in ceaseless and bewildering array. Painted scenes represented various plays, and the model dwellings of Anne Hathaway and of the poet himself, and stalls attended by picturesquely costumed figures presented a gay scene.

The festival was opened by the Governor, Sir Gerald Strickland, who explained the significance of this bright pageant, and the debt which England owes to her greatest dramatist.

The human chess, in which gorgeously-costumed Kings and Queens, attended by pages and ladies-in-waiting, Bishops, Knights, Rooks and Pawns moved from square to square in the intricacies of the game, formed one of the chief features of interest during the afternoon.

The basement was converted into the Globe Theatre, where a number of Fortians took part in the dramatic and vocal entertainment presented to a patient audience, which doubtless thought unkind things in the refreshment room, which was merely separated by a curtain from the scene of the acting.

Scenes from "The Merchant of Venice" and "Henry V.," and the interlude of "Pyramus and Thisbe," from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," were well acted, and the Glee Club, under the conductorship of Mr. Mote, sang tastefully "Who is Sylvia?" "Full Fathom Five," and "Hark, Hark, the Lark."

The girls of Elmwood College gave an excellent representation of fairy scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

On Thursday, 23rd, the songs and dramatic scenes were repeated at school for the benefit of those who were not so fortunate as to attend the Town Hall on the previous day.

The performers acted before an appreciative audience, and are to be congratulated on the excellence with which they sustained their

several roles. The interlude of "Pyramus and Thisbe" excited considerable mirth, the tragic death of the lovers, and the bearing of that noble and "very gentle beast," the lion, having a touch of the true dramatic quality.

The proceeds of the entertainment, £4/4/-, were sent to the Shakespeare Memorial Fund, and a letter of thanks has been received from the secretary.

Class Notes.

FOURTH YEAR.

Scene: A Fourth Year Student's Study. The English literature book drops suddenly from the hands of a tired student, and only is she stayed on her way to the land of dreams on being confronted by a voice at the other end of her table. Gazing once more at the table, she beholds a wondrous sight. A banquet is spread, and amongst its partakers she recognises such familiar forms as Dr. Johnson, Shakespeare engaged in a wordy conflict with Bernard Shaw, Ruskin with the man of to-day Meredith Atkinson, Carlyle and Lamb, while at the extreme end of the table, considering himself to be lowering his dignity in partaking of the same feast as such ordinary individuals as those afore-mentioned, sits the worthy Charles Garvice carrying on a heated argument with George Meredith. The company is brought to order by the sonorous voice of Dr. Johnson, who, gently raising his delicate frame, with its series of chins reposing where an ordinary person's chest would be found, thus addresses his fellow-banqueters: "Gentlemen, this convocation is being held to-night, in this renowned environment, for the purpose of consuming this costly and elaborate refection, which has been bestowed upon us by our most beneficent host. Trusting that you literary opponents will postpone your conversation till we have all done justice to the said refection, I shall proceed to set before you an excellent example by requesting my friend Charles Lamb not to claim all the mint sauce by virtue of his name, but to pass it along this way at his earliest convenience."

Amidst the babel of talk which followed, the high-pitched voice of Bernard Shaw could be heard thus addressing Shakespeare:

"I can't for my life understand why your plays are studied in the schools when such plays as mine are to be obtained. You cannot but admit that my plays are superior to yours. Now look at my "Arms and the Man."

Shakespeare: "Opinions evidently differ, my friend."

Bernard Shaw: "If you would only consider the value of "Man and Superman" and "Arms and the Man!" Can anything be found to equal them?"

Shakespeare: "Certainly."

Bernard Shaw: "I don't believe it."

Shakespeare: "If you put the matter before the public and impress upon them that your plays are superior to mine they would doubtless believe you. You never can tell!" (A loud guffaw from Dr. Johnson, who never failed to appreciate a joke.)

Bernard Shaw: "Oh, pooh! Bacon wrote your plays."

Shakespeare: "Go to, Go to. Avaunt ye. Anyway, no one would accuse anyone else of having written yours."

While this discussion was going on, at the other end of the table Charles Garvice could be heard trying to convince George Meredith of the way in which his novels were appreciated by the novel-reading public. "What the public appreciates," said the worthy gentleman, "is a little sensation. Your novels are too psychological, whereas mine are just what the public likes. Psychology is not appreciated to-day. Novels, such as mine, which are melodramatic, and contain a little scandal and sensation, appeal to the people of to-day. Therein lies the superiority of my novels to yours." George Meredith, seeing some truth in his words, bowed his head sadly, and proceeded to pass the salt to Dr. Johnson, who had been forcibly demanding it for some time.

Then the voice of Carlyle was heard, speaking words of wisdom to Charles Lamb. "Had you dealt with more philosophical subjects, and not treated of such light matters," he said, "your essays would be of far more value." On the opposite side of the table Ruskin was deeply engrossed in discussing social problems with Meredith Atkinson. Giving the latter a hearty pat on the back, Ruskin congratulated him on his reform movements, and explained

how he had conjectured similar schemes, and had placed them before the public in "The Crown of Wild Olive." "But," said Ruskin, sadly shaking his head, "the people of my time had not sufficient intellect or foresight to appreciate my suggestions, and so to a large extent they were scorned."

And in this way the conversation continued, with sundry interruptions from Dr. Johnson. At last, when the latter had "done justice to the said refection," the company thought it advisable to betake themselves back to the book-case shelves.

Roused from her slumbers by the scuffle which ensued, the student proceeded to gather together her books from the lessons of the morrow.

4A.

Great excitement prevailed this week on account of the Probationary Students receiving the first instalment of their annual salary. Despite the fact that a twopenny duty stamp was required, several members were able to buy new tennis shoes. A tennis club has been formed to play on the courts at Double Bay, and the majority of this class intend to join.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

The members of 3D are glad to see Muriel Nowell once more in their midst. Dulcie has been Piercing the mysteries of mathematics, apparently with great success, having distinguished herself by rising triumphantly over that horror or horrors—a maths. test. (She gained 97 per cent.)

But, after all, there is some benefit to be derived from an abundance of maths., for one of our members, apparently from the early rising which the latter necessitated, was inspired as follows:—

DAYBREAK.

See on the far horizon
The morning shadows break,
Crimson and grey, all tipped with gold,
Aurora bids the day unfold.

See how the dawn grows brighter.
Tinting the eastern sky;
Till scorning his prison longer,
Brave Phoebus bursts on high.

"Catch an earlier train to-morrow," is quite a familiar phrase in the vicinity of 3B, especially on Tuesday mornings. Grave fears are entertained by many of us who are expecting the doctor's verdict to be rheumatism, and we feel sure that our drill mistress can never have walked up the hill behind some of our veterans, or she would despair of attempting to improve our department.

"Portia" and "Nerissa" upheld the honour of this class, in a dramatic sense, in the recent Shakespearian festival. Another member "upheld" the honour in a decorative sense, for "what needs my Shakespeare for his honoured bones" but a spray of ivy on the corner of his portrait!

A test, or not a test, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler of the girls to suffer The pangs and fears of outrageous tests, Or to take arms against this sea of papers, And, by neglecting, end them?"

3C notes were late, as usual. Their motto is evidently, "Better late than never." We prefer "Better never late." Perhaps there is a reasonable excuse this time on account of their enthusiasm for lacrosse. They are still deeply interested in bush-houses for various reasons, but have also devoted themselves to another science—study of the workings of a clock. Apparently this is the most intricate of the sciences as no answer has yet been found to our latest problem.

SECOND YEAR.

Second-year girls were well represented in the recent Shakespearian festival. On the dramatic side, Irene Kelly, as Pyramus, in a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and Connie Dyson, as Alice, in "Henry V.," filled their parts splendidly; and on the vocal side we feel assured that the excellence of the items rendered by the Glee Club was due in a large measure to the efforts of various second-year members.

Now that the winter is approaching, tennis will be taken up with renewed vigour. Lately four members of 2B—Phoebe Turner, Mai Corbett, Beryl Hollamby, and Faith Paterson—played in a match against Double Bay. The result was a defeat for the Fortians.

2B girls miss Annie Gilmore from their midst. She intends sailing for England.

FIRST YEAR.

The energies of First Year girls, during the past month, seem to have been wholly devoted to tests, with more or less success, which we hope May 18th will bring in its train.

The present members of 1D are striving successfully to keep up the old 1D reputation. Marjorie Cates and Laura Mortimore in Latin, Zellie Bristowe in English, and Nance Hunt in Geometry, have distinguished themselves.

The scientists of 1C are evidently Isobel Dorteouss and Phoebe Millar, who gained highest marks in Geology and Botany respectively.

French has made good progress of late—so much so that one might almost (if possessed of somewhat defective hearing) mistake the members of this class for "Parisiennes."

1B girls are progressing favourably in tests, gaining experience which they are determined will enable them to distinguish themselves in the coming half-year examination. In the last maths. test the girls of 1A did not keep up their former reputation, but they have since formed

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many good resolutions. The new-comers are resolved to work hard, and make up for lost time.

Sports.

SWIMMING.

Wednesday, 9th April, the concluding events of the carnival were decided. 220yds. championship was won by E. Drake, R. Esserman 2, and E. Graham 3. 100yds. back and breast stroke: R. Esserman 1, D. York 2, E. Drake 3. Musical life buoys: Doris York and S. Evans, a dead heat.

TENNIS.

Two courts have been engaged at Double Bay, as they have the reputation of being the best in the State. Twenty-six girls play there every Wednesday. Phoebe Turner and Nance Hunt have entered for the Singles Championship of N.S.W., which commences on Monday, 11th May. We wish them every success.

LACROSSE.

A club has been formed, consisting of about 35 members. The girls will play at Birchgrove every Wednesday, and at Centennial Park on Saturdays. A welcome is extended to all old girls.

CROQUET.

Competitions are being arranged among the members of this club. The first was held on Wednesday, 6th May.

HOCKEY.

Hockey, the game of games, is now in full swing. A number of new players have joined us, and they promise to do well. The enthusiasm of the old players has not abated one whit since last season. There is a keen competition for a place in the first eleven, which will be chosen next Wednesday. It is also intended to elect two honorary secretaries and a committee of five, whose work will be to look after the interests of the hockey club and arrange the matches.

Primary School News.

5A.

We have heard again from Canada, and sent off "Empire Greetings."

Violet Rappeport, Eileen Fletcher and Myrtle Leape are the three correspondents from Fort Street Primary Girls.

Hilda Jamieson gained 98 per cent. in mathematics last exam. paper, but was overlooked in last report for "Fortian."

Maggie Wright deserves special mention for good all round work.

Myrtle Leape, Edith Wells, and Eileen Fletcher are best in both history and geography.

Primary Girls are to be congratulated upon the success of their effort on Shakespeare Day. The Recital brought £2 5s. to the Memorial Fund. This amount has been duly acknowledged by the Hon. Treasurer of the Fund.

Next event is the presentation of swimming prizes, next Wednesday afternoon.

Tennis Club is prosperous this year—good membership. Girls will feel more fit for the game as cold weather advances.

Month's motto:—

"Not failure, but low aim is crime."

5B.

"Honour List" has been started. First to head the list are:—Doris Thompson 330 marks, Gladys Clark 320, Dulcie Matthews 300, Florrie Hammond 290, Maggie Johnston 290, Pearl Ping 280.

4A.

Steady work is being done by most girls. The following are keenly interested, and doing well in history:—Enid Ramsden, Gillian Arnot, Jean Arnot, Mabel Easby, Ivy George, Ivy Mossong, and Birdie Rosenthal.

4B.

Following girls have done best this month:—*Arithmetic*.—Eileen Madden, Sarah Maguire. *Writing*.—Olive Raymond, Winnie Round, Nellie Winter.

History and Geography.—Nellie Behnke, Olive Raymond and Annie Weinberg.

Improvement.—Doris Simpson, Lily Klapdor, Mabel Morris.

3A.

In arithmetic, Dorothy Smith, Annie Everett, May Avery, Mary Christie, and Jounie Lyons are the best.

Dorothy Shea is best in history and geography.

3B.

Doris Harley, Martha Neumann, Laura Spence, Pascora Stathopulos, Florrie Ridsdale,

and Marjorie Broomfield are the best in arithmetic.

Breta Gustafson and Hilda Johnson are improving.

Doris Harley is excellent in spelling.

2A.

M. Ramsden, D. Smith, M. Small, and F. Thomas are best workers this month.

2B.

D. Lang, I. Talamini, Ethel Hodder, M. Goldsmide show marked progress.

Paradice's Piscatorial Proteges.

Paradice, expert fisherman, capable organiser, and good fellow withal, devoted many of his Saturdays and his vacation to the initiation of certain class-mates and sundry members of the staff into the many mysteries of net-fishing. Delightful outings they were, too; each party secured a handsome parcel of fish, and though the necessary work was often arduous and tedious (ask Mr. Joe Taylor about those sticks), everyone had a spanking good time. Better still, masters and boys learned more about one another, and became splendid chums.

"Yes," said Mr. Cornforth, with great complacency, "I coached those fellows." This in answer to the general admiration evoked by the splendid action of Berman and Maude (those two stars of the now hibernating rowing club), what-time the heavy boat sped on towards Salt Pan. And Mr. Frazer, perched on a mass of dripping net, gazed at the foaming wake and murmured, ecstatically, "Ain't they bonsors? We must be doing quite ten knots!" "Easy forrard, pull you," directed old Joe (the skipper).

It was heavy pulling that time on the flat. All hands were straining at the reluctant lines when Cramp suddenly remembered something. He dropped the corks, and tenderly stroked his right arm. "Good gracious," he said, "I believe my arm's gone again—it's an old trouble, and I'll have to give up pulling for a while." Quite deaf to Bertie's sarcasm, he cruised aimlessly about the beach, and offered safe advice to the toilers.

Bob Steel, pausing for breath, pointed out to the shallows: Everyone's attention was directed

to the strange antics of Mr. Mote. Immersed almost to the shoulders, and in a sitting posture, that worthy grinned cheerfully back. "It's all right," he shouted, "I'm keeping the leadline down."

A yell of pain from the unhappy Cramp! A voracious crab had gripped one of those plump, alluring toes. The dislocated arm was forgotten—so does blessing often come in troublous guise.

"Keep those sublime corks up," warned old Joe.

The parties were always singularly care-free and happy. Even the austere Ferns thawed and Schmidt beamed and bubbled from sheer joy of life. Messrs. Cantrell and Hannay broke into tuneful duets, Mr. Mote roared vociferous songs of the "Roast Pork and Onions" variety, Mr. Roberts carolled in that light baritone of his which we all know so well, and which created the sensation of the evening at the last non-com.s' dinner. On one occasion, while waiting for the lines, Messrs. Cornforth and Frazer gave a splendid exhibition of ju-jitsu. So exhausted did the latter become that he had perforce to lie down and leave the lead-line to Paling. Storey, perhaps, was the most ebullient member of the whole campaign. With able assistance from Quigley, he provided his particular party with no end of diversion, particularly at Chinaman's, where the tide always leaves a numerous and noisome collection of jettisoned fruits. Could the average Fort Street boy imagine the sedate Mr. Cornforth, the tranquil Mr. Cantrell, the fatherly Mr. Roberts, or the grave Mr. Taylor, who has never yet been known to perpetrate a joke, frisking and frolicking about the beach like so many sand-boys?

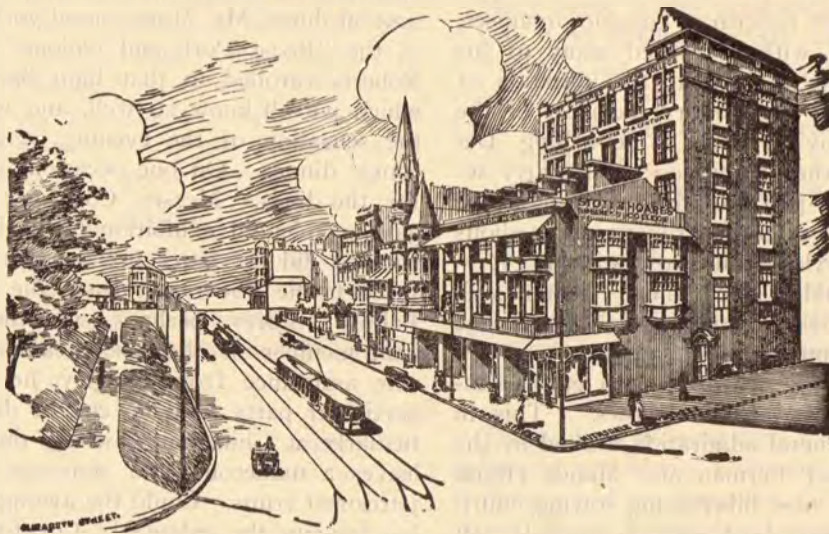
However, the contagion did not spread to old Joe. When Paling sat down suddenly on an oar and broke it; when Parra upset Jack Maude and induced him to snap another; when Kinimont and Storey westled each other into the water; when Smith and Ferris allowed the boat to be swamped at the Grotto, Joe expressed his indignation in no mean terms. A broken net meant the escape of beautiful whiting by the score; a fouling rock meant a hoist of that sadly maligned lead-line, and the incidental liberty of countless flathead. On one occasion a shoal of red mullet—but please get full particulars from Mr. Mote! Yes, Joe had his troubles, and his

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parties were amateurish for all their enthusiasm. One remembers the misplaced ardour of Mr. Hannay in piling the net on a mud bank. "??xxx!!!" said old Joe.

We have no space to relate the details of that wonderful pull of Mr. Mote's from the Grotto to the Flats, nor can we quote from Mr. Taylor's apostrophe to the sick-strewn tides. We can only refer, in passing, to Mr. Cantrell's collection of sea-horses, and Parra's haul of octopi and sharks. But something must be said of Mr. Roberts' flathead. "He was a beauty," quoth that gentleman. "It took me all my time to drag him home!" Then he added dreamily, as he reminiscently patted his chest: "We *did* have a rare feed that night at supper, and there was enough left for breakfast and dinner next day." And knowing Mr. Roberts to be no feather-weight, and one who happily and wholeheartedly enjoys the goods which the gods provide, we are surely more than moderate in our estimate of forty pounds for that flathead's weight!

IZAAK WALTON,
His Understudy.

Sporting.

Notes.

Our first cricket eleven have done well this season. Out of 8 matches, they have gained 5 half-point wins and a two-point win.

Goodman made 94 runs, and took 5 wickets for 20 runs with the seconds at Hurlstone on Wednesday, 22nd April.

It is foreshadowed that the High School Rugby competition is confined to first and second year boys. Our third and fourth year lads are being catered for by Mr. Cantrell with outside matches.

As the wickets in the Domain are poor in quality, it is not proposed by the Sports' Union to pay for hire of same in future seasons.

Centennial Park is again available for our winter sports, thanks to the courtesy of Mr. Maiden and the overseer of Centennial Park.

The sub-committee has decided to recommend that no honor caps be given for the year 1913, as we have no aspirant of the requisite high standard in several games.

Intending contestants are reminded that the annual athletic sports will be held much earlier this year. In former years it has been held early in September.

Our Third and Fourth Year Firsts are doing well under Mr. Cantrell this year. They have a real good side, and are playing against the Private Secondary Schools.

Our Grade competitions commence almost immediately. We expect to do well.

Rugby Football.

THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS.

This season marks the end of the High School competition as regards 3rd and 4th years, so it was decided to form a 1st and 2nd fifteen from these two years combined, and play outside matches. Matches have been arranged, and few dates remain vacant, so that a successful season is expected as regards matches, and we also hope to have a good record when the season is over.

Play commenced on April 22nd, at the Sports Ground, the firsts playing the Christian Brothers High School of Waverley, and the seconds playing the firsts of the competition team of first and second year.

The seconds played well, although beaten 8 to 3, and promise to make a good team. Spender showed out prominently, and should secure a place in the firsts.

The firsts were more successful, winning 6 to nil after an evenly contested game, Porter and McLaren scoring tries. Warden played exceedingly well at full-back, and Kinnimont and Porter were also good. As it was the first game, there was lack of combination, also of wind, but with a few games and plenty of training, a good team will be able to take the field.

More attention should be paid to forward work, especially in the scrum, ruck, and line-out work. Do not wait till your opponents are near your line to pack round, but do it always. Speak less in the scrum; and watch for off-side when anyone behind you kicks the ball.

FIXTURES.

FIRSTS.

- April 20—Sydney Grammar School.
- May 6—St. Joseph's.
- May 13—
- May 20—Christian Brothers.

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June 3—Ultimo High.
 July 8—Christian Brothers.
 July 15—Ultimo High.
 July 22—St. Joseph's.
 August 5—Ultimo High.
 August 12—Christian Brothers.

SECONDS.

April 29—Sydney Grammar School.
 May 6—St. Joseph's.
 May 13—Knox College
 May 20—
 June 3—Ultimo High.
 June 8—
 July 15—Ultimo High.
 July 22—St. Joseph's.
 August 5—Knox College .
 August 12—

April 29—Firsts v. Sydney Grammar School
 Seconds.

In this match we won 19—5, but this margin represented too high, perhaps, the real difference between the two teams. Our forwards played a good game, but were shown several points, which could be put to greater effect—as packing round and in dribbling as a whole, not singly. The backs were also good, but the passing was at times erratic and the ball was not so surely handled as by their opponents. Considerably better play was experienced than the previous week, and all seemed to work harder. The pick of the backs lay with Porter, Storey and Kinnimont, who each, with Nalder, scored tries, two being converted by Warden, who played well as half. In the forwards, Maude, McLaren, Green and Hughes were prominent. Connelley at full back played well, but he would be better at centre if he always played.

Seconds. v. Sydney Grammar School Thirds.

The Sydney Grammar School won this match by 17—3, but, however, our team played well, but there was lack of combination. Cutler, in the forwards, and W. Lyon, in the backs, were the most prominent players.

On Wednesday, 6th, the third and fourth year Firsts tried conclusions with St. Joseph's College Firsts, being the first time that Fort Street has met a Greater Public School first grade team. After a hard and strenuous game, in which every man played well, we were beaten 12—0,

but as 9 of them were gained by penalties, the play on our part against such heavy and well-trained opponents was equal to any of our previous teams.

The team consisted of:—Warden, Nalder, H. Porter, J. Storey, Roddy, Kinnimont (capt.), W. Lyon, McLaren, Hughes, Maude, Hansman, Paradise, Turbett, Green, Cutler.

No one played below form, but Kinnimont showed out in line kicking, tackling, and intercepting, and for his brilliant save. Porter was prominent in the backs, while McLaren and Maude were the pick of the forwards. In the first half we held our own, but in the second we were continually penalised, especially in our opponents' "twenty-five," when we were likely to score, and the score should have been closer. Our three-quarters did well in stopping the splendid passing rushes of their heavier opponents, and let few openings slip. Our forwards were also excellent, in the ruck work holding their own every time. It is hoped that the tables will be turned at the return match.

Handball.

(By "N.T.B.")

Since last issue our Club has done remarkably well, for, besides finishing off the doubles championship, it has commenced a singles championship, which should arouse much interest, especially towards the finish. And before proceeding further, we would like to mention an incident which took place towards the close of our last tournament. An important contest was to take place on the Monday afternoon. Keen excitement prevailed, and "all went merry as a marriage bell" until "Hush! hark!" A murmur arose, "Where was the ball?" Somebody in the crowd mentioned "non est inventus," but he was instantly squashed. Yet in reality this was the case, for two honourable gentlemen to whom the care of a ball had been entrusted, each reported that he had left it at home. The difficulty was, however, soon remedied, apparently. Ask 3A for a loan of theirs! So as soon as these youthful students appeared they were pounced on and asked to lend their ball. But by a peculiar turn of the wheel of Nemesis, both of the 3A balls had been left at home. On this news several members of the Club burst into tears, and T. C. and Co. had to go away

disconsolate. Eventually a collection was taken up and a new ball (very much resembling a lacrosse ball) was purchased, and two other teams played.

The first two teams in the competition are entitled to play the Old Boys, and very likely a similar number will be selected as representatives of the School from the result of the singles championship.

The following are the final results of the doubles championship:—

	Pts.		Pts.		Com.	
	P.	W.	L.	For	Agst.	Pt.
Porter-illingworth	13	10	3	219	159	20
Connelley-McLaren	13	9	4	204	174	18
Holland-Ferris	13	8	5	205	201	16
Berman-Kinnimont	11	7	4	184	154	14

The Rifle Club.

The opening general meeting of the Boys' High School Rifle Club was held at the school on Thursday, 30th of April, 1914, at 1 p.m.

Present: Lieutenant R. Taylor (chair), and nineteen members of the Boys' High School.

It was proposed by Corporal M. Hoffman, and seconded by Cadet H. Crakanthorp, that a Rifle Club be formed in connection with the cadets, to be entitled "The Boys' High School at Fort-street Rifle Club."—Carried.

The following office-bearers were then elected for the ensuing quarter (to end on June 30th, 1914):—Captain, Sergeant B. White; Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, H. H. Crakanthorp and Corporal M. Hoffman; General Committee, Lieutenant R. Taylor, Sergeant B. White, Cadet H. H. Crakanthorp, Corp. M. Hoffman, Corp. W. Schmidt.

The meeting then closed.

The first shoot of the newly formed club took place on Wednesday, the 6th of May, at Randwick, the range being 200 yards.

The light was good, but the wind, which was blowing towards the shooters, required watching. Although the scores put on were not excellent, yet they were very creditable, considering that it was the first shoot of the season, and that a few members had not held a rifle before.

Teams were chosen before the firing commenced, and the competition was very keen, Captain B. White's team eventually defeating H. Crakanthorp's by the narrow margin of two

points.

The conditions for to-day's shoot were:—First, ten shots each at a third-class target; second, five shots each at the "boot."

Those who obtained over 30 out of 50 in the first part of the shoot are:—

1	Sergeant B. White	40
2	Cadet E. Grant	36
3	„ H. Myers	35
4	„ H. Crakanthorp	35
5	„ Hurt	32
6	„ Adams	30
7	„ Harper	30

The best scores in the second part of the shoot were Serg. B. White 16 and H. Crakanthorp 19.

Next Wednesday will see more members above 30 points, as each will know the elevation, etc., of his rifle.

The members wish to accord a hearty vote of thanks to Lieutenant R. Taylor for the interest and approval he has shown in connection with the club.



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The following passed the late non-coms. examination, but were omitted from our last issue:—Sergeants R. Shepherdson and Norman, Corporals Cramp, Harper, Neville, Justice, Schmidt, Murphy, Clarke, Orr, and Boyle.

Besides chevrons, musketry badges, pull-throughs, belt, pouch, and numeral, your rifle has to be returned to the Area Office, not the School, when applying for a transfer.

At the end of the military year, a special report is to be made on the non-coms., as the C. O. Battalion has received complaints of inefficiency of some. If an adverse report is received they will be called upon to show cause why they should not revert to the ranks.

The yearly efficiency report on each cadet is due at the Area Office on May 15.

Orderly-room has been changed to the last Wednesday in each month. All defaulters must appear in uniform.

All applicant non-coms. are reminded that when undergoing examination they must appear in uniform.

The result of the buglers' examination was as follows:—Sergeant Bugler, A. Dyce; Corporal, S. Mankey; Lance-corporals, R. Bickford and K. Muston.

All the new senior cadets in the School who have received no word of their transfer are warned to see their own and our Area Officer, and have the matter attended to. Nothing at all will excuse them from short attendance under the Act.

We offer our congratulations to the Technical High School on winning the battalion championship this year.

THE PARABLE OF THE ACADEMIAN.

Dwelling in the celestial city of Sydney there is one—Senius. He beareth the burden of many labours upon his back, and seemeth weary and sore oppressed. In his burden be many things. Precepts of Horace and Carlyle.

weighty mathematical and scientific intricacies, and many other heavy, weakening objects. O'erpowered with his burden, he is well-nigh dead. Now there cometh unto him one saying, "Oh, Academian Senius, thy load is light. Thou hast but little to bear. Add thou to it a portion of some weight. Seek thou into far-off seas and bring forth flowers of true perfection." Unto him Senius, groaning, saith, "My burden beareth me hard. Night terrors infest my sleep. No more can I bear. Enough, till I and my soul have fled."

The last straw breaketh the camel's back.

SENIOR LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The last two meetings before the Easter vacation were devoted to a Mock Trial. Paling (vice-president) acted in the capacity of judge, while other members of the Society fulfilled the other offices excellently. Exceedingly interesting evidence was given by Walton, as general servant of Donald Kennedy, who was charged with entering bank premises with intent to commit a felony. In some cases the evidence was conflicting, and on this account we should have liked to see the case finished and a verdict delivered, but time did not permit.

On 24th April the subject, "Brutus is the Hero of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar." was discussed, the speeches delivered being by a large margin the best we have heard this year. On a division being taken the Ministry won by a fair number.

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Our University Letter.

(By "Cavendish.")

There is a good deal to record since the publication of our last University letter about the middle of May. On the 23rd of the latter month, the Students' Festival was held in Sydney Town Hall. It was in all respects an improvement upon that of 1913, and was thus a record in every way. The hall presented a brilliant sight, as seen from the platform, with undergraduates from the various faculties in the side galleries, and the girl undergrads. in the gallery opposite to the dais. The large body of the hall was full of the friends of those "at the shop."

The "skits" were above the average, and exhibited a good deal of literary and histrionic ability. The songs were well rendered, though from the point of view of literature, not up to what they should be. Speeches were short and to the point. It seems indeed as though Students' Festival has practically reached perfection under the present conditions. For improvements to be made, the whole function must assume quite a different form. And the latter is hardly likely, seeing that the Undergraduates' Association decided unanimously to refrain from taking steps to restore the old Commem.

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Union Hall, and was an unqualified success. Some of the veterans at the University speak of the uproarious times when Reunion (in the Great Hall) perished after ten minutes. But this year it was not concluded till just on half past ten o'clock. The hall was full, the speeches (by Professor Sir T. P. Anderson Stuart, Professor Holme, and His Honor Mr. Justice Ferguson) very fine indeed.

With the end of May came the joys of vacation.

With Second Term the social life of the University burst into new being. College dances are now over, and the season, so far as Alma Mater is concerned, closes with the Sports Union Ball on the 27th July. The Dramatic Society threatens to give another performance in third term; the Christian Union is actively engaged in its social service campaign; the various Sports Clubs are still active; and so the days are getting longer.

But there are exams. for Meds. and Engineers at the end of this term.

Meanwhile, Union Debates are being poorly supported. It is up to every Old Boy up here to give these debates the benefit of his regular attendance. Nothing is better than some of the discussions held every Friday, whatever course the undergraduate is pursuing. The few who do go, go always. This is surely an activity that might well be taken advantage of by all Fortians.

In the sporting world, the football teams are doing fairly well, the firsts having secured a position in the first four, and the seconds lying in second place. The Hockey 1st XI. has not done well, but has had a succession of poor luck; the second XI. has done rather well. In Baseball, the 'Varsity is low down on the list, but several good wins are on the credit side. All the teams in the Tennis competition have done well.

H. V. Evatt, J. Morgan, and C. E. Bennett were members of the St. Andrew's College XI. which defeated Paul's in the Inter-collegiate Championship by 16 points to nil. Andrew's have already won the Rawson Cup for the year.

And, in conclusion, let me again express the hope that the School will place due emphasis on athletics and sport in general. We are glad to see that the increase in the Sports Union

fee is justified by the extra advantages afforded. But there is still a long way to travel.

The School should have an oval of some sort. It would be better if centrally situated, but wherever it is, it should be obtained. The Sports Union subscription should be compulsory on all pupils, as participation in the games should be compulsory. The tendency to concentrate on the academic side must be checked, and it is up to those who have the interest of the School at heart to see that it is checked. The excuse the writer has for indulging in this criticism is that he does care for his old Alma Mater, that he wishes to see her name emblazoned still higher on the scroll of honour, and that he considers it is by encouraging the corporate spirit of sport a move in the right direction will be made.

Cadet News.

For the information of new Senior Cadets. their obligations as such are as follows:— They must attend 64 hours in the military year of compulsory parades and be efficient in the following branches of their military work: Physical training, squad drill, semaphore, rifle exercises, musketry, section and company drill.

The obligations of the new juniors are to complete 90 hours in the military year at physical training and organised games, and be able to pass an efficiency test in the same.

Most of the new seniors have been formed into a company called G, under the command of Capt. W. Roberts and Lieut. Paradise.

Lieut. Tate has the remainder in H. Company. The old G. Company cadets have amalgamated with F Company, and are now under the command of Lieut. Cornforth, with Lieuts. Steel and Berman to help. Lieut. R. Taylor still retains the command of E. Company.

The Battalion competition will be held before the Xmas vacation. O.C. competition teams are reminded to get busy. Will the badges be presented at Fort Street this year?

The N.R.A. Meeting will be upon us shortly. Now that our rifle club is firmly established under the guidance of Lieut. R. Taylor and Secretary Crakanthorp, we should make a good show.

Warning is given that cadets not attending

compulsory parades are liable to prosecution, even for one missed parade. It is intended to put this law into operation this year.

It is pleasing to record that very few Fort Street boys fail to render the personal service required of them under the universal training scheme, either in the senior or junior cadets. A list of the inefficient juniors will be published next issue.

Failure to render the service makes the person liable for another year of training on reaching the age of 26 years.

Non-Coms. exam. results will be published in our next issue.

Boys' Primary School.

CLASSES VB and VC.—The work of the boys in these classes is steadily improving, but there are many lads who are relying too much on their teachers' information, instead of endeavouring to obtain it for themselves. The work in the class should be supplemented by much more study in their leisure hours than is being done by the majority at present. A boy aiming at the High School next year should now make himself a student so that his work will then be pleasant.

Round perhaps has shown more improvement than any other boy in the classes. His answers show thought and intelligence.

The following are best in individual subjects:—

ENGLISH.—Round, Daniel, Jenkins, Lane.

MATHEMATICS.—Round, Bridges, Cohen, Weinert, Moss, Cassin, Chapman, Thomas.

HISTORY.—Robertson, Madgwick, Dawson, Oakleigh, Chapman, Brukarz, Wilson, Daniel,

GEOGRAPHY.—Robertson, Madgwick, Weinert, Wilson, Youngein.

EFFORT.—Riley, Steel, McKenzie, Albers, Russell, Watson.

5 A.

HOMEWORK.—Edwards, Maleolin, Morgan.

ARITHMETIC.—Stobo, Edwards, Rose, Fitch.

ENGLISH.—Moore, Russell, Edwards.

4th CLASS.

Several of the twenty odd new boys from Third Class are shaping well in their work.

Noel Ramplin is doing fine work in mental and written arithmetic, and also in homework, where his printing and decoration is especially good. Thomas Cox is doing well in mathematics, too, and though he makes errors, he tries hard. Daniel Rowe and James Seeland are also triers, and will do well.

We should have a good football team now, and hope to give Fifth Class a still bigger "drubbing" than that they received last time: 15-4 being the score then.

3rd CLASS.

The following boys have done very good work:—

READING.—Gibson, Rasmussen, Martin, Adams, Blissett.

ARITHMETIC.—Aroneys, Adams, Lennon, Martin, Pate, Blissett.

WRITING.—Halliday, Rasmussen, Pate, Blissett.

These boys are also trying hard:—Thomas, Bond, Martin, Macpherson, Mervin Macdonald, Milton Macdonald.

2A.

Prizes were awarded to J. Aroneys, Wm. Kelly, and H. Wilkinson for best work in Special Tablets. R. Russo also did excellent work in his Special Tablet.

Those mentioned for general improvement are:—R. Russel, L. Brodie, E. Price, L. Holder, I. Olander, and W. Rockwell.

Boys' High School Class News.

SENIOR CLASS NOTES.

"He could distinguish, and divide

A hair! twixt south and south-west side."

Gentlemen of the jury—and all others concerned—horror seizes us. A revolution is at hand! No, there is no need for military trousers, thank you! It is a war in the h-air. Not content with rainbow ties, electrifying sox, etc., certain juvenile members of these, your benches,

"With small show of man yet upon their chins,"

are attempting to emulate the fairer sex by brushing their golden locks from their brows and training them to grow backwards (prompted, doubtless, by the edifying suggestions of Mr. Ruskin in his lecture on "Lilies").

The effect is startling. They look for the most part like bad-natured hens, who have just had their feathers—and their ardour—damped in a storm. (See Ferns' "Evolution of the Egg.") Nor does the reversion of the hair impress us the owner's strong individuality. Rather, sometimes, are we impressed with the individuality of some stray hairs which sometimes possess, not unnaturally, the egoistic tendency to resist the directing influence of their owner. But "the ruling passion conquers reason still." Enough of this sad question.

Days have passed as usual of late. All save one.

Wednesday, July 8th.—Bleak, cold, bitter! Fourth year to play third year.

9.15 a.m.—"Maudie" receives an invitation to afternoon tea, and so cannot play in the match.

9.20 a.m.—Bu'kaz severely questioned.

10.15 a.m.—Indignant Miss K. thinks something.

10.16 a.m.—Proposes it.

10.17 a.m.—Forgets it.

12.15 p.m.—Mr. Mote has already invented five new words for the word "roof," but is unfortunately interrupted.

2.28 p.m.—"Canis" is invited to play football.

2.29 p.m.—He accepts—universal acclamation.

2.30 p.m.—Two teams.

2.40 p.m.—H.C., wildly excited, manages almost to touch the ball amid cries of "Well done, 'Arry."—Serum.

2.45 p.m.—"Canis" is prostrated by an assault from his own side—scramble.

2.50 p.m.—"Sol" goes at the knees—serum. Aerobic turn by H.C.—"Gene" scores.

3.30 p.m.—Scramble—declared a draw.

3C.

Like most earthly things, vacations do not endure for ever. Quickly (too quickly, alas!) they speed away

"like to the summer rain,

Or as the pearls of morning dew,

Ne'er to be found."

But enough of lamentation! In melancholy frame of mind ye should not return to studies. At all events, we returned quite safe and sound, thanks.

In our Literary and Debating Society a warmly contested debate took place before the vacation on the question of Trades Unions, when the Ministry received their first defeat, and (this may seem paradoxical) are now no longer the Ministry, Lyon being now Premier. The M.S. Journal was a huge success, owing to the splendid support given to the editors by the members of the society.

Our Handball Club is advancing with rapid strides. The tournament is now in full swing, too, competitions being hotly contested. Furness, hon. sec. and hon. treas., and his committee are managing ably. This, together with the large number of members, accounts for the success of the club. There was, of course, the usual grunt at the handicaps in some cases, but that is always the case.

Fortunately for most of the members of this assembly, the parental cane, belt or angry word was not required on the arrival of the reports, for they were quite respectable, if not laudatory in tone. This state of affairs, however, did not, we have good reason to believe, exist with regard to the other third yearites. Hence by "reductio ad absurdum" we are the ones.

We desire to offer congratulations to the 3B trio, Thompson, Mearns, and Mulhearn, on their promotion to this glorious and brilliant band of youths.

3B CLASS NEWS.

The three mental (?) geniuses of this class have joined the "labour" party in 3C, while two of our shining lights have joined the Socialist party in 3A. Two from our midst have departed for "fresh fields and pastures new," they being Capt. Woodward and G. R. Dart.

The football match between the fourth year and the combined third year is now over. The result was a draw, and a surprise to the fourth year. This class had five members in the team, Warden, Gormly, Allison, Nalder, and Mater.

We now have four new specimens in our mental museum. These have been procured, after much labour, from the wilds of 3A.

This class has fulfilled its promise to reform, and has been complimented by one of the staff.

Much consternation has been caused by the new lesson-period record book. The third column is not welcomed by the members of this form. Even imperturbable Nepos was ruffled.

This class is arranging a football match with

3A. It is to be hoped that the 3A players have life insurance policies. We do not believe in power, i.e., work over-time (W./T.).

We are now studying the moon in German. It is to be hoped we do not get moon-struck.

3A NEWS.

The first line of Henry V.'s speech before Harfleur has become so hackneyed through everlasting quotation that it is needless to repeat it here. As likely as not there will be an abundant crop without adding my quota to the list of perpetrations. Suffice it for me to say in plain, un-Shakespearean English, that having come back from a very enjoyable two weeks of unalloyed pleasure, we mean to raise ourselves to the top of the list of third year classes.

Exams. and reports are things of the past—ancient history, so to speak. Some familiar faces we miss—Mulholland, Bramley, and Stitt have left us altogether; we wish them success in their new sphere. Little, Ford, Milne, and Macanamara are near us still—only in 3B—while a few are away through various ills—appendicitis, perhaps—for the appendix has become lately a very necessary part of the Book of Life.

We noticed with a smile the statement made by another third year class in the last issue of the "Fortian," that they "pride themselves" in stating that they possess more sportsmen than any other third year class. We would remind them that "self pride is no criterion," and that "actions speak louder than words."

We weep tears of joy as we welcome with outstretched arms the re-entrance of Mr. Had-docke.

1A.

After the well-earned mid-winter vacation, we have entered on the second half of the first year course. Among the commercial classes, we have easily maintained the supremacy. With few exceptions, there is an earnest desire to strive hard in order to keep up our reputation for good, conscientious work throughout the remaining part of the course. Several lads still need to devote more energy to their studies so that the whole class may receive promotion at the end of the year. It is worthy of note that the Junior Library is patronised by a greater number of members from this class than any other.

1B.

As the result of the recent examinations, W. Schmidt obtained the premier position in the class, and Elliot received second place. With renewed energy we are entering on the final part of the year's course. By the manner in which most of the members are working, there is every hope that the majority will soon be commencing second year studies. There are several "wireless" experts located here. The scientific text books in the Library are much sought after.

The Soccer team has returned with full confidence that other classes will lose their laurels, for the members have had some good training during vacation.

1C.

Woolston, who has done consistent work throughout the half-year, is dux of the class. The work of the majority is very satisfactory, but there are still a few who need to put forth their best endeavours. We feel confident that the result of the next examination will show that all have profited well by the unique opportunities afforded. French is a very popular subject.

Though our Soccer team has lost several good players, we hope to keep up the reputation of the class.

1D.

Following the time-honoured custom of the class, the monthly ballot for the election of monitor and assistant took place immediately after the vacation, with the result that Miles and Kerr were appointed. A number of the most promising students of languages have been translated to 1F, and a corresponding number from that class have been welcomed to Siberia. Now that the attainments of the members of the class are fairly equal, keener rivalry exists for the premier position.

Contrary to expectations, the half-yearly results in English showed that 1D outstripped many other classes.

Cook has distinguished himself on the Larosse field, and Magee with his unconquerable Soccer team has won many laurels from other classes.

1E.

Since vacation, we have enlisted two willing lads, one from Queensland and the other from the South Coast. Newman, Champion, and

Kirkpatrick are the shining lights of the class. One lad has been transferred to a commercial class. Others are anticipating a similar removal. We have now quite settled down to real earnest work, and hope to give a good account of ourselves at the next examination.

Hotten and Champion, as class captains, are doing splendid work.

1F.

Several lads who have allowed themselves to drop below the standard have been transferred to another class, in exchange for some lads more capable of keeping up the fair reputation of 1F.

Rydge and Salkeld topped the list at the half-yearly examination. It is rumoured that many are looking for their laurels at the next test.

Soccer still seems to be the favourite game during the winter, and this class possesses many good players.

The Junior Library is well used by the class.

2A.

Having recovered from the effects of the recent examinations, we are now hieing ourselves to the different sports. Of course, this is omitting a few of the dark horses, with the country lad at their head.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the aged-like student, who has recently departed from our numbers with his faithful follower, G-l-n.

We are well represented in the field games of Wednesday afternoon, as our class contains many members of the premier grades of the different branches of sport, including the old warrior, V—, who hopes to tour England with the "Wallabies" next season.

Our good wishes went out towards a member of our class when we heard that he intended to follow a business life; but since the lure of the footy field overcame his ideas, we now hope that he will retain his corner seat.

Parliament opens on Tuesday, 15th, to the great pleasure of F. Bowman, who hopes to distinguish himself as a leader of the Opposition. At all events, the effects of his speech upon the class will appear in the next issue.

2B CLASS.

We all returned safely and well after the recent holidays, determined to work like Trojans. But alas! The determination came too late

to the minds of some of our class-mates, as they have already received the Irishman's rise. We wish them better luck in future.

Some of our masters have already noticed a different attitude to our work on our part, and we are determined that they will see the good result of our interest to our work.

A certain learned friend of the class states that weak German verbs always end in "t," like the way in which the dinners of many individuals end, namely, with tea. Joke!!?

Ferdy has apparently forgotten all his wit and humour, and is now settling down to good solid work (c.f.). "All blanks and no prizes." Ask him the meaning of this.

Our science is becoming very Irish of late, since in some of the experiments things appear as though they are not.

2C.

The holidays arrived at a most opportune time, the fresh air of the country bracing us up for the return to the various odours of the Science room. Need it be mentioned that we are at present studying chlorine? It is doubtless already known to the world at large.

The alluring (?) odours of the Science room of late account for Cr-m-p's recent determination to become one of the leading scientists of his day, when he recovers from the effects of some chlorine which he smelt by mistake last Science lesson. On investigation, Mr. Roberts has come to the conclusion that our little Scotch lad is descended from Egyptian royalty, with a strain of Greek nobility, which manifests itself in his powers of reasoning and logic, together with his marvellous knowledge of ancient history.

Most of our members have returned to school looking fit and well, but the abovementioned scientist is slightly the worse for wear, doubtless owing to business troubles.

A debating society has been inaugurated, under the auspices of Mr. R. Taylor. We make our debut into the political world on Tuesday next, most members evincing a keen interest in the result of the debate. The Ministerial Party is headed by Burnett, while the Opposition is under the leadership of Higgins.

2D.

Now that the long examination is over, we must congratulate 2C on beating 2B and 2A. 2C may indeed style itself "the second class

of the second year," which before the exam. was only a presumption. Of course, 2D still holds the position, so beautifully and artistically described by the 2C correspondents in the recent issue of the "Fortian" as "the premier second year class." 2C ran us close, 'tis true, but we came out victors.

We have to thank all our teachers and the majority of our boys for keeping up our class reputation, and we have to also thank the duffers for making the results run so close with those of 2C. The following boys did particularly well, and deserve special attention:—Paxinos, Head, Bryant, Frew, Ashby, West, Haggett, Kirby, Chapman, and Noble.

Eddie was deposed, and Paxy now enjoys the sovereignty of 2D.

On Wednesday afternoons most of us are scattered in the various fields of sport, some, however, preferring to remain at school, and "swot" for the "Inter," which is approaching fast.

STOP-PRESS NEWS.—We hear, from authentic sources, that we have the best scrum half in the School! Bravo, 2D footie lads!!

The Return.

I had reached the tram stopping when the idea came into my head that it was not really the day to return; that I was really a week ahead; that I had only spent a week's, instead of a fortnight's holiday. The more I thought of it the more convinced I became that it was not the day to return. "I wish I had looked at the paper," thought I, "and then I would have been sure; but then, a fortnight couldn't have passed so quickly. Here's the tram. I may as well go down, if it's only for the ride."

Hurriedly I scanned all compartments—not a Fort Street boy in the tram. Hooray! I must be wrong. The fortnight of bliss cannot have come to an end. Perhaps the Department have granted us three weeks' holiday, instead of a fortnight. . . . How considerate. . . . I always thought that they were sensible men in the Department.

Having convinced myself, I was preparing to alight and return home when . . . the guard came along, "Fares, please." That was the end. I made up my mind to complete the

journey, if it was only to shake my fist at the closed gates.

Essex Street. Hurriedly I alighted. Nobody on the hill; then I must be right. What a fool I was not to look in the Public Notices column of the paper, then I would have saved myself the journey, and . . . that penny for fares.

Thus pondering, I arrived at the top of the hill, and with a wild rush I turned the corner to find—the gates wide open. At that moment they seemed to me like two huge jaws laughing derisively. Then I received a solution of the mystery of the open gates. The Lower School have got no holidays. At this moment the gates seemed like a pair of happy jaws smiling silently. But now my faith had gone. I was half convinced that there was school. . . . In an agony of suspense I marched up the avenue. With a quickly beating heart, I entered the porch, opened the door, and with eyes closed, I entered the hat-room. Stealthily I opened my left eye and peered to the left—no hats. More contented in mind, I gradually opened the right eye, and scanned the walls on my right—no hats. Intoxicated with joy, I peered into every corner of the room. Not a hat in sight.

Happy as a king, I scrambled up the stairs, tripping twice on my way, but this did not deter me, and aglow with excitement I flung myself into the senior room—to be greeted with the sight of R.G.P. calmly sitting at his desk. Utterly overcome, I tried to collect my thoughts. "Oh, I know what it is. He is a mirage. He is unreal." I was now assailed with

"those obstinate questionings
Of sense and outward things."

So, stretching forth my hand, I approached P.'s desk. The mirage grasped my hand, shook it, and spoke. He spoke the words, "Good-morning. You soon let us know you're back again. You made a frightful lot of noise coming upstairs."

'Twas the last straw. Utterly prostrated with disappointment, I rushed to my bag, seized a Watson's Intermediate book—and looked at the pretty pictures.

—JOKAI.

Wilkie Teape (O.B.) has succeeded in passing the Intermediate Examination of the Australian Incorporated Institute of Accountants.

Girls' Page

Primary School News.

5A.

PRIZE ESSAYS on "Greater Britain" resulted in the following award:—First Prize, Amy Wright; Second Prize, Eileen Fletcher. Prizes were decided by G. S. Beeby, Esq. (Ex-Minister of Education), who sent the following letter:—

"I find it difficult to adjudicate between the essays by Amy Wright and Eileen Fletcher, but award First Prize to Amy Wright.

"Miss Fletcher's effort is so good, and so near that of her competitor that I feel constrained to award a little memento myself. Will you buy her a book with the enclosed. If she sends it to me I will endorse a few words on the fly-leaf. Let me also express my appreciation of the other essays."

G. S. BEEBY.

Chambers,
June 15, 1914.

The PRIZE MOTTO was won by Amy Wright (1) and Elsie Bennan (2). The motto was "Not Failure, but Low Aim is Crime." Amy's was done in oils; Elsie's in water-colors. Others deserving mention are Gwen Lotze's, Mona Edwards' and Irene Young's.

The "DUX" in Quarterly Q.C. Examination was Myrtle Leape. The next in merit was Edie Wells. The following girls did best in the same exam:—

MATHEMATICS.—A. Wright, M. Leape, E. Wells, D. Youngein, E. Fletcher, G. Lotze, D. Rappeport, M. Fokes, C. Ackerman, L. Digby.

SPELLING AND DICTATION.—M. Leape, E. Batty, B. Freeman, N. Brodie, C. McKenzie, E. Douglas, E. Egmond, M. Micharlson, D. Rappeport, G. Rees, M. Ramsbotham.

ENGLISH.—M. Leape, M. Aldington, L. Small, M. Harte, M. Ramsbotham, A. Wright, D. Youngein, D. Smith, E. Wells, V. Taylor, M. Edwards, P. Ford, M. Fokes, M. Gansman, I. Hanrahan.

HISTORY.—M. Leape, E. Wells, E. Fletcher, M. Adams, M. Naulls.

GEOGRAPHY.—M. Leape, M. Harte, G. Rees, G. Lotze, J. Stewart, C. McKenzie, E.

Fletcher, M. Adams, E. Wells, M. Fokes.

WRITING.—M. Leape, E. Wells, I. Hanrahan, L. Ferguson, T. Pedersen, V. Rappeport, T. Steed, C. Thompson, R. Young, A. Wright, E. Fletcher, J. Stewart.

THEORETICAL COOKERY.—Edith Wells came top with 92 per cent. (Mrs. Rouwohl's examination).

5B.

The Quarterly Examination resulted in the promotion of:—Duleie Matthews, Nellie Schmiedt, Kathleen Burns, Hilma Anderson, Gladwys Clark, Blanche Komoll, Mabel Dorrat, Doris Bergman; Irene Ball, Emmia Wade, Janet McKenzie, Lily Burford, Alice Young, Gladwys Falk, Doris Thompson, Laura Miller.

4A.

Half-yearly promotions as result of Quarterly Exam:—Enid Ramsden, Ivy George (100 per cent. in all subjects), Jean Arnott 98 per cent., Isobel Roberts 94 per cent., Elsie Pedersen 93 per cent., Gillian Arnot 90 per cent. Class did well on the whole, all but about a dozen going into 5C.

4B.

The following girls did best in June Exam.: O. Raymond, N. Behnke, M. Millar, K. Daley, E. Madden, W. Round, D. Batman, all gaining 80 per cent. Eighteen girls were promoted to 4A.

3A AND 3B.

READING.—T. Barker, D. Harley, M. Neumann, F. Ridsdale, R. Fredericksen, M. Christie, N. Gerdes, M. Orr, D. Shea, are the best readers.

WRITING.—F. Ridsdale, T. Lyons, D. Smith.

DICTATION.—D. Harley, M. Broomfield, A. Everett did best.

ARITHMETIC.—M. French, P. Strathopulos, D. Pratt, D. Smith did best.

COMPOSITION.—D. Harley, D. Shea, P. Strathopulos are best.

2A QUARTERLY EXAM.

READING.—C. Buchan, B. Graves, D. Harnetty, M. Ramsden, D. Smith, J. Halliday, 100 per cent.

DICTATION.—B. Graves, D. Harnetty, K. Johnson, M. Ramsden, D. Smith, 100 per cent.

ARITHMETIC.—D. Harnetty, M. Ramsden, D. Smith, J. Halliday, 100 per cent.

WRITING.—J. Halliday. Top girl was J.

Halliday, 94 per cent.; next, D. Smith, 92 per cent.

2B.

READING.—G. Wulf.

DICTION.—H. Spencer.

COMPOSITION.—D. Lang, H. Spencer.

ARITHMETIC.—M. Barker, M. Chubb, J. Halliday, E. Hodder.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

HOCKEY.

The following matches have been played:—
Fortian Second XI. v. Double Bay—Fortian lost by 2 to nil.

Fortian School XI. v. Burwood Ladies' College—Fortians lost by 2 to 1. Elsie Segaert scoring for the Fortians.

Return Match, Fortian v. Burwood, resulted in a draw, E. Segaert again scoring.

Fortian Second XI. v. University Second—Fortians won by 2 to nil, May Belle and Kathleen Hahn scoring.

Fortian First XI. v. University First, resulted in a draw—one all, O. S. scoring for Fortians.

The results of the matches against University were far beyond our highest expectations. In the Second XI. match the Fortians played better than they have ever done. It was quite a pleasure to watch them battling. An old Fortian—Olga Reeves—played in the University team, but soon discovered that the present Fortians were a match for her.

The First XI. match was played under difficulties. That is to say, it was a rainy day, and only a few of the players came prepared. But the others went home for their sticks, and appeared at Birchgrove like true sports, and like true sports they played. It was almost dark when we finished the game. We are glad to welcome our old friend, Elsie Shorter, to her position as left wing in the First XI. She will be playing with us for the best part of the season. This was the first match for the First XI. this season, and it augurs well for the rest of the season. During the holidays the girls had very good practise; most of them seem in dead earnest. The club has to congratulate E. Segaert and R. Ross on their brilliant play in the return Burwood match.

LACROSSE.

Although the competition has not yet begun, the "Karweens" have played several practice matches. The first match was played at Manly Oval, between the Manly team and our girls on 13th June, with a decided win for "Karweens." Since that date, only practice games have been held between the various teams, because a number of our girls were away for the holidays. On that account many of our girls were unable to practice during the holidays, but now intend to make up for lost time. The competition begins on 11th July.

OLD GIRLS' UNION.

The seventh annual dance of the Fort Street Old Girls and Old Boys' Unions will be held on Friday, 14th August, 1914, at Sargent's Cafe, Market Street. Members of the above unions are asked to combine to make this function a success.

FOURTH YEAR ON HOLIDAY.

On Saturday morning, 20th June, seven of the fourth year girls and one of our "profes-

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seures" left Sydney for Katoomba, there to spend a week of thorough enjoyment. The others of our girls greatly regretted their inability to accompany us. Our arrival at "Hillside" was accompanied by a great deal of hilarity, which continued throughout our stay.

On Saturday night, the "tripping toe" was busy, and when at last we tried to woo sweet slumber, alas! it would not come. Such things as "good-nights" in the hall and "rattlesnakes" disturbed sweet repose till the early hours of the morning, much to the regret of our neighbours.

Monday saw us on "The Federal." Wednesday we were joined by another representative of Fourth Year, and together we did the "National."

Friday, our greatest day, was spent in the Grand Canyon. This was one of our most enjoyable trip, perhaps owing to the presence of an illustrious, purple-bearing Fortian.

Our day was terminated by a delightful motor trip from Blackheath to Katoomba. One thing only marred the general enjoyment. It was the enforced absence of "Baby," owing to the slight refusal of her feet to promenade, also the care of the adopted member of the company, viz., the pup.

Friday night was the final flutter, which took the form of a "Dormitory Feed." It is a good thing that this festival only occurred one night. Else, what would have become of Rob!!!

Our departure next day was full of sorrow on both sides—especially the Fortian we left behind in peace at last with Long's Literature. Our last glimpse of Katoomba Station would indeed have been very sad but for the kind attention of our three dormitory neighbours. At Springwood we parted with our little captain, amid much regret, which, however, was accompanied by great "eelat."

Sydney was reached in all due, or rather overdue time, and we, the members of the Club, parted after a week of thorough enjoyment.

THIRD YEAR.

3D.

Having had a fortnight's respite, 3D have succeeded in recovering from the overwhelming results of the examination. As usual, we are pleased to see Jessie Alexander at the top

of the class, while Jessie Cargill gained a good second place. The holidays do not seem to have had a very softening effect on tests, as they are coming along as thick as ever in the near future. We submit the following lines to the judgment of our readers, hoping they will duly appreciate the efforts of one of our members:—

"OUTWARD BOUND."

A long, grey swirl of waters,
A flash of gleaming white,
And out of the darkness we heave and plunge,
For we're outward bound to-night.

No moon, no stars above us,
'Tis a night in wild July,
And we feel the whip of the keen, salt air,
As the west wind whistles by.

Out through the frowning heads we steer,
Toss'd on the billows rolling free;
The broad Pacific before us lies;
For outward bound are we.

3 C have to record the loss of two of our shining lights, and fear the cause must be thought of the great self-denial which we are called upon to undergo this week. Alas for the poor cakes! We wonder what the tuckshop folks will do without our patronage. Pearl Griffin has succeeded in gaining the top place in this class, and we wish her every success in the coming term.

3B.

We wish to convey our congratulations to Dorothy Powell on coming top of the class, and also to Dorothy McClemens, who gained a good second place. Also we regret the loss of Carrie Biddulph, but we will not lose sight of her altogether, as she is still coming to sports.

3A girls have not yet settled to work, so we have no opinions to give on our new term's work. Last term ended with Mary Kinminster receiving the laurels for the class. She also came top of the year in Maths. II., and we offer her our hearty congratulations.

SECOND YEAR.

2C.

We surmise that the individuals of this class

intend to maintain the reputation which has clung to it in the past. The highest examination results in the year were obtained in nine subjects by our "Minervas."

Maths. I.—M. Mant, 77 per cent.

Maths. II.—B. Grieve and L. Taylor, 80 per cent.

History.—W. Oliver, 78 per cent.

English.—G. Clifford, 85 per cent.

Latin.—B. Grieve, 80 per cent.

French.—Y. Gombert, 97 per cent.

German.—D. Richards, 90 per cent.

Geography.—G. Clifford, 79 per cent.

Geology.—M. Bourne, 91 per cent.

The advent of Mr. Branch will doubtless bring to light many Michael Angelos, who have slept undisturbedly during the long summer months, dreaming of some new branch of study wherein they may develop their classical genius, thus completely annihilating such "Grotesque Arabesque" displays of brilliancy as were the summit of their last year's ambitions.

But surely it was an Hibernian who chose the colour of our Lacrosse Club. Or we may be wrong. Perhaps it is a suggestion extracted from some recent work on Egyptian or Gothic art. The only lacking element needed to produce the desired effect now is green hair ribbon—the brighter, why then, how much the better.

Several enthusiastic admirers of "Kidnapped" have shown their interest in Scottish romance by adorning their literature books with such emblems as "dried oatmeal," "tartan bows," and heather. No wonder "Kidnapped" has the scent of the heather about it.

2B.

We members of 2B, having survived the examination ordeal, present our class gem—

Botany.—N. Gors, 89 per cent.

While H. Richardson gained good general results.

Alas! We are coming nearer the Intermediate, and gentle reminders are floating round concerning it. It was glorious information for most of us, however, to be told that Geology would play no part in it. Ask N.G. for her opinion of this little arrangement!

P. Turner, our Shakespearean Encyclopaedia, who knew the history of Henry V. from

infancy, is willing to answer (with quotations) any questions on the subject.

2A.

Truly we are the sporting class of the year, Lacrosse and Hockey claiming the most members, while Tennis has several enthusiastic adherents. "Dot" keeps quiet in school lately, and stores up amusement for Lacrosse practices, while "Sil" has been ordered to keep the peace during lessons. Our exam. results were:—

Art.—P. Bennett, 95 per cent.

English.—J. Montagu, 74 per cent.

History.—D. Kelso, 74 per cent.

Maths. I. and II.—D. Byron.

Geology.—M. Potter, 85 per cent.

J. Mowles, B. Mills, and D. Byron have received promotion to H.C.

We desire to express our deep sympathy with Dorothy Smith and Winnie Hansford in their recent sad bereavements.

YEAR I.

From the half-yearly examination we find that I.D. has distinguished itself. Marjorie Cates is dux of the year, taking first place in Latin, History, and Mathematics, while Francis Mostyn and Elma Kerwin receive highest marks in German. We are proud of the success of these girls, and are determined to emulate their example.

I.C. has also distinguished itself in the examinations, Kathleen Campbell taking first place in English and Geology, Phoebe Millar and Edna Tunks winning best marks in French.

L. AND D. SOCIETY.

The most interesting debate of the last quarter was the discussion of the theory of evolution, under the title of "The Hen Existed Before the Egg."

The speeches were well prepared, and carried much weight. On a division being taken, the opposition won, so now we are satisfied to believe that "The Egg Came Before the Hen."

Another interesting debate was on the subject that "Australian Literature is too Local." The opposition won by a small majority.

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Sports.

RUGBY.

The list of fixtures for the remainder of the season is as follows:—

July	15—	Sydney High School.
„	22—	St. Joseph's College.
„	29—	Sydney Training College.
August	5—	Sydney High School.
„	12—	St. Ignatius' College.
„	19—	Sydney Training College.
„	26—	Old Boys.

We hope that the Old Boys will take note of the fixture, and send a team worthy of themselves into the field, and not a scratch team of about 10, as has been the custom for the past few years. Of course, we have no doubt about the result, and will add another defeat of the Old Boys to an already long list, possibly with a score of about 50 to nil in our favour.

Third Year played a draw with Fourth Year (Seniors) at Centennial Park, 9 all. A strong wind was blowing, which spoilt the game to a certain extent. The Seniors showed good form on the dribble. The scorers were:—Third Year: Gormly, 2 tries, and Hughes, a try; Fourth Year: Porter, McLaren, and Watt, a try each. No goals were kicked, mainly because of the wind.

THE NEWCASTLE TRIP.

(By "Storker.")

Two football teams from the school journeyed to Newcastle for the King's Birthday. A match was played on Newcastle Sports Ground against the Newcastle High School, who were defeated twice. The seconds beat them in a one-sided game.

Fort Street I. beat Newcastle I., 11—8.

Fort Street II. beat Newcastle II., —

We were a bit at sea without our regular full-back, and things were looking gloomy towards the end, when our opponents led 8-6. But a good dribbling rush down the field enabled Green to drop over and give us the lead. Kinnimont opened our scoring with a very good drop-kick, and Cloutier was next with a clever movement through the scrum. Green scored a try which Porter converted.

We had an excellent time at Newcastle,

thanks to the Sports master, Mr. Cowie, who entertained us real well. A visit was paid to the Sea Pit on Saturday morning. On Monday a move was made for Maitland, where we met Combined Senior Cadets. Our opponents were weighty, and playing good combination, they defeated us by 18-6. Our score was made up by a try from Cloutier, and one from McLaren, after a run from half-way. Our seconds were beaten by Maitland High School Firsts by 12-8. The scorers were Watt a try, which Mankey converted, and a field goal by Fayle.

Most of the team returned by boat after a good trip.

The team was Jacobs, Roddy, Storey, Porter, Lyons, Kinnimont, Cloutier, Cutler, Hansman, Paxinos, Green, Jolly, Hughes, McLaren, McLean.

The following are incidents and sayings, all of which will be familiar to members of the teams:—

The managers were glad to see this rule at "The Beaches," followed "Boarders must rise before 10 a.m."

It has been a subject of much discussion as to whether "Mater et Prince" went to church on Sunday night, or not.

It is estimated that the cash expended at Pedrinos Bros. after the theatre ran into some pounds (?).

We have heard that one cabin on ship was rather unruly, and that the next door neighbours called out, "Go easy, we'll have to swim in a minute."

A little bird has whispered that the one who found the linen locker begins with S. Perhaps it was Storey.

Only one opinion on the combat, "Upstairs and Downstairs" was expressed, "I wish I'd had a hose."

"Free kick, hanging on!" Echo—"Date."

At 12 o'clock midnight, "The gas is out, the blightah's turned off the meter."

"Eh, I say, go easy on those oranges; two more teams have to play."

"Steak a da oyst, steak a da oyster sauce stak plen."

BASEBALL NEWS.

So far both Baseball teams remain undefeated, each having won 4 matches. The Firsts

continue to play excellently, defeating Hurlstone, High School, Cleveland-street, by 47-2, 29-5, 34-6 respectively. Ford continues to show great form. His fielding of grounders against High School was perfect. The battery still is working with great effect. Firth, at the "Keystone Sack," should have "rep." honours this year.

SPORTS' UNION NOTES.

The First Grade competition footballers have only been defeated once in their competition, although they played a draw. Their results are as follows:—

- v. Petersham, won 44 to 3.
- v. Tech. High, drawn, 3 all.
- v. Sydney High, won 14 to 6.
- v. Hurlstone, won, 10 to nil.
- v. Cleveland Street, won 6 to 3.
- v. Tech. High, lost 3 to nil.

It is proposed to play a combined All Schools A Grade team against a combined third and fourth years' All School team later in the season.

Those players of ours who should have a chance of selection in the A Grade competition combined team are—R. Allen, Cloutier, C. Bennett, C. Tuckwell, F. Hilliger, A. Paxinos, H. Meers, G. McNamara, and C. Servetopulos. It is not expected that all these will be selected, but one or two of them should get in.

No third round will be played in the A Grade football competition.

The third graders (have no second graders) have had a great season. They are a well drilled team, and most of them are good natural footballers. Mr. Hannay has imparted some of his own enthusiasm into the players, and they are as keen as mustard. They have a player with a good side-step (Vandenberg), a half who does not forget the blind side (Krefftt), a five-eight always on the go (Wilson), a midget full-back who is as game as a pebble (Grime), and some forwards who are always on the ball (Witcombe, Head, Armstrong and Justice).

The great thing about the team is that they all play well. Even the other players, whose names are not mentioned here, are good footballers.

They have not been defeated, and their record is as follows:—

- v. Petersham, won 22-3.
- v. Tech., won 25-6.
- v. Sydney High School, won 31-0.
- v. Parramatta, won 44-3.
- v. Cleveland Street, won 11-3.
- v. Petersham, won, forfeit.
- v. Tech., won 31-3.

Our Annual Sports Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19th August, on the Sports Ground. All arrangements are well in hand. Sports' Union members, of course, can be the only competitors, and for the first time they will be entitled to invite their parents, relations, etc.

No entry will be accepted unless the entrant is prepared to run in school colours, white singlet and trousers, with red facings.

The Combined High Schools' Sports Meeting will be held in the second week in September. Our nominations for same will be chosen after our own sports gathering.

The baseball results this season are as follows:—

FIRST GRADE.

- v. Tech., won 19-16.
- v. Hurlstone, won 47-2.
- v. Sydney High, won 29-5.
- v. Cleveland Street, won 34-6.

SECOD GRADE.

- v. Tech., won 20-8.
- v. North Sydney, won 42-7.
- v. Sydney High, won 16-15.
- v. Cleveland Street, won 12-11.

As will be seen from the above, Fort Street is leading in both the grades of the baseball competition.

Fort Street 6th Annual Sports' Meeting will be held on the Sports' Ground on Wednesday, 19th August, 1914, at 1.30 p.m.

Entry fee

Age Championships, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,	
16, 17 years	/6
Championship of School, 100yds.	1/
Class Handicaps, Primary, First Year,	
Second Year, Third Year, Fourth	
Year	/6
440yds., 880yds. and Mile Champion-	
ships	/6
Running, Broad, and High Jumps	/6
Junior and Senior Class Relays	/6
Junior and Senior Obstacle Races	/3
Junior and Senior Hurdles	/6

Junior and Senior Walk	/6
Old Boys' 100yds. Race	1/
Fancy Costume Race	/3
Tugs of War (teams limited to 60 stone)	1/6
Sack and Three-legged Races	/6
Throwing the Ball (distance)	/6
Putting the Shot	/6

Full entry for all events 2/6. No entry will be received unless competitor is prepared to race in School colours and number. School colours are white singlet and trousers with red facings. Numbers will be supplied on payment of 3d. Entries close 1st August with Hon. Sec., Mr. A. W. Parsonage, at the School. Juniors are pupils not turned 15 years of age.

• Ghosts. •

Yes, I firmly believe that there is a beneficent angel always hovering over my head. I have but to express a wish (no such exertion is required as rubbing a lamp or ring—oh, no!). I merely wish. It is perfectly simple—and as a matter of fact we can all do it if we want to—after a certain age. That is the only rub—the age. . . . But

Well, only yesterday I wished. It was a common enough wish—I wanted to become a ghost.

“A ghost?” I hear you in astonishment.

Yes, my dear, youthful friend, a ghost! And I assure you a ghost with a very large round O of mystery and enquiry, and dreams and nothingness. Yes, indeed, a ghost!

No sooner said than begun. The angel to whom I have referred—a most prosaic angel. I was forced to admit—and he brought a ticket to the land of ghosts of the most prosaic kind, too. It was something which necessitated (or perhaps I forced myself to believe it necessitated) a journey to the Old House on the Hill—which is, of course, the very home of ghosts.

I strolled up the Avenue, and was met by a band of ghosts (eighteen of them), engaged in a peculiar occupation. But what caught most at my throat, and made that tightening of the muscles which is the child of a sob and a laugh—was that I, MYSELF, was one of

them. I blessed that angel. . . . But oh! the occupation of the eighteen?” Yes, they were rolling figs down the Avenue, and thus producing ideal S.H.M.'s.

“What is an S.H.M.?” (Oh! Eyes of Innocence!).

Oh! Now, that's hardly fair. You must remember I am a Univ. Undergrad., and have a reputation to uphold. In fact, if you embarrass me any more in this way, I assure you I will stop this recital right here. “You are sorry?” Oh, well then!

I proceeded to the main door. Out were trooping a wild mob of first-year examinees. How the ghosts thronged in and through and about you all, for of course they were you that I saw coming out. A veritable babel was about me.

“Well, I got ‘six,’ and so did Bob, so I don't care what you got. We're right”

“What did you get for No. 3, Jim?”

“Say, Rolly, I did an awful paper.”

“What a horror. And didn't he say we wouldn't get that Theorem?” “No, you're wrong; you forgot to divide by ‘two’”

“What about the a2?”—“Oh, I for-



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"How they rumbled about, those eternal wranglings in which we all indulged! How red the teachers' ears always are at times such as these! . . .

A touch on my arm. I turned. It was the Saxon—blithe, the incarnation of breeziness, with whiffs of the Old Times radiating from every pore. I felt quite a criminal as I proceeded to put my spurious message before him—purely in order to keep talking, to keep my restraining hand on the new multitudinous memories—ghosts!—that crowded round me.

. . . I left him. . . .

I entered silently the Sanctum. A strange crew held revelry on that pirate deck. A bevy of faces I knew not, were straining at huge examination papers, whilst behind, sardonically mysteriously grinning over a stretched hands of welcome, stood—stood—could it be?—it was—THE SPHINX (say, Mr. Printer, have you type large enough to print that in? Put it in your largest!)

The clank of machinery as each youth turned the rusty crank to try and force a little vestige of idea from his unwilling engine-room almost drowned our voices—but we managed to communicate.

Then the Sphinx quite cruelly and inconsiderately called from out of the unknown hosts, myriads of ghosts. Where he keeps them I do not know. Are they behind that smile? Are they in his mysterious "press"? Are they among the books? Under the tables? Or in the window panes? I don't know. I only know he conjured them to me.

One long finger pointed to the green baize—(who whispered "The Results?")—I saw long lists of names and numbers. I dashed at them—to see my marks. But I was met by a strange list, and by very inferior numbers. My name was not here. Its place had hydra-like been taken by many others far less picturesque and interesting. What did I care that they had their nineties, and that NEW seniors strove to reach the impossible hundred mark? I maintain OUR nineties were superior numbers, numbers with a flavour, numbers to toss and conjure with—THESE were mere dead things, mere cyphers. I spurned them, and turned yet once again to the Sphinx. He indicated the Honour Board. In awed silence I watched as he called forth ghost after ghost

from that brown and gold demesne.

I heard how such a one had made a name for himself, how another had disappeared, how a third was the unaccountable failure, and a fourth the brilliant success of his year—and so I heard on to the hundreds—they were all called back, and they all trooped in the bright morning sunlight noiselessly over the backs of these new pagan unappreciative seniors, and looked pityingly at them as beings far below their antique glory.

Past me they all went, and my heart went with them, for I was even as they—I, too, was a ghost.

And so, with the smile of the Sphinx haunting me, I, too, faded out from that room, and wandered to other less hallowed scenes. I first, with all the trepidation of old, knocked at the Awful Door. It opened. I saw Him. I spoke with Him. What we said is sacred. Not for your profane ears, this, oh! then, thoughtless youth of the present generation!

And some had gone, their very ghosts had flitted. I saw not the scholar, nor was the spirit of the Frenchman, the Traveller, here. . . . Somehow I missed the Geographer, though his ghost still sadly attempts to force his knowledge into the present sluggish brain—ever deploring the magnificent past.

But now there was a stir, classes were up, teachers sighing relief, the grounds were surging with crowds let loose from school shackles, and recollecting that my time had come. I glided gently through a window in the Hall of Effluvium and faded off into the gloomy city.

—J.R.



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Ruskin's Influence.

"To deal with words correctly . . . read Max Muller's lectures thoroughly to begin with; and after that never let a word escape you that looks suspicious. . . . It is severe work; but you will find it, even at first, interesting, and at last endlessly amusing."—Ruskin's *Gesame and Lillies*.

"And there was a certain scholiast, Balbus, by name, who, to disprove this fallacy, read through all Cicero's works, picking out the word "dies" wherever it occurred."—"Latin Anecdote."

Wonderful to relate the sun shone brightly on Friday morning, 24th July. More wonderful to relate one meagre, diminutive ray from this sun managed to shine in the Senior Room. But most wonderful to relate the above-mentioned meagre, diminutive ray from the bright sun shone on the whole forty of us residents of the Senior Room at 8.59 p.m. Yes, all were early; and what's most extraordinary, all were busily engaged. Some were unwrapping big brown parcels, others were trying to unwrap big brown parcels, whilst a few others had succeeded in unwrapping big brown parcels. All the parcels were of the same size. All the parcels contained the same thing . . . a

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You desire the presence of these dictionaries to be accounted for? Wait. Punctually at the first chime of those nine chimes sounded at the ninth hour the English master entered. Punctually at the ninth of the above-mentioned chimes the master commenced his lesson. "W," begins the master, "I desire that you shall describe the character of George Eliot's *Romola*."

"She was a nice young girl," commences W.—

The mere sound of the word "nice" causes an uproar in the room. Some arise in fiery indignation to bring the culprit to book, others turn the 1226 leaves of their several dictionaries until they arrive at the word "nice." The victory of each student is announced by a long drawn out "Ah! I thought that word was suspicious, and if I could only obtain its Latin and Greek derivative I would be sure."

Thirty-nine students rush madly towards our friends "Lewis and Short"—W remains cool and undisturbed midst all this fracas. At last, triumphant, the cherub-faced student from the front seat states in a voice pitched exactly one octave above that of any other member of the class, that the word is wrongly used. W shortly defends himself: "I've seen the word used that way in one of Dickens' works." At these words one member heroically offers to disprove W's words by reading all Dickens' works, and, like the scholiast Balbus, mentioned in the "Latin Anecdote," picking out the word "nice" where e'er it occurs. The member is allowed to depart after great applause with his Collins' in one hand, his Webster in the other, and his Johnson in his pocket, to further the cause of Ruskin. . . . It may not be out of place to mention that I passed this member's home yesterday and descried a cart there. . . . Some neigh-

hours were whispering, "Green cart." I passed on. . . . The word "nice" still remains a mystery.

At 12.30 a.m. Friday there was a general rush. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year youngsters, huddled together at the top of the avenue, gazed on in silence, and, in awed amazement whispered one to the other, "training for the Sports." It was not so. Past the Cafe with its alluring fire, past the home of those mighty mysteries—pasties—flew the Seniors; nor did they stop until they reached the Municipal Library. "Max Muller's lectures," they grasped in one breath. The librarian departed . . . the minutes passed . . . then he returned—empty-handed. "Out," he ejaculated. Taking the monosyllable as an order, we promptly departed (n'er to return again.)

"Well," said P, who was but in the first stage of attraction," the hunt has been most interesting. The rest burst into laughter. They were in the last stage. To them the hunt was endlessly amusing.

We then betook ourselves to school, knowing that we might soon return and take up the hunt. On Monday, at the latest, Max Muller would be read.

Monday. Wet . . . Miserably wet. "What about Max" . . . commenced one. Whether the weather had damped their ardor or not I will not say, but the unwary one was severely mauled. . . . He is now taking an enforced holiday. . . . And that was the end of Ruskin's influence.

TOKAI.

The Patriotic Fund.

At our date of closing our columns a sum of over £50 had been subscribed by the pupils of the Boys' and Girls' High Schools towards providing material for the making of garments and for comforts for our soldiers abroad. The garments are being made by the girls, the parents and the staff. In addition to the amounts mentioned above, many parents have sent donations of materials and garments already made.

The boys and girls of both High Schools and Primary Schools have unanimously decided to forego their sports prizes this year. Mr. Kilgour, on behalf of the Boys' High School has therefore forwarded a cheque for £40 to the Lord Mayor's Fund. It is not at present known what amount will be raised by the girls from this course, as in addition they are forming a Relief Fund.

Boys' High School Class News.

SENIOR CLASS.

Sports again!

Small boys in large races, short boys in long races. Old boys—nay men—striving to be children. Children striving to emulate even to surpass—their elders. Long boys, with feet hopelessly twisted and contorted in sacks, tripping, falling, straining, striving; blushing nervously in their mad endeavours to seem calm and composed, wishing every sack a chasm, every false step their last. Then those who, "with no middle flight intend to soar," straining, with extended necks, protruding eyes and panting breath, to reach, aye to soar to—a short piece of stick. Those who stride leisurely up that self-same hill with drowsy feelings and lingering steps to gain knowledge, now inspired with renewed youth and vigour, with lips compressed and flashing eyes, fiercely spurning the turf beneath their feet, flash on and ever on to gain—a piece of tape. Those so hating walks now walk their farthest. Lovers of labour-saving machines now pull at ropes as though their very life's thread depended therein. The sedate elders—temperate or otherwise—now crawl through casks scratching themselves, bruising themselves, yet wearing a smile which betrays their innermost agony. Others creep "ventre a terre" like the slimy things that crawl upon a slimy sea" beneath a tarpaulin, being squeezed, stifled, smothered and issuing from this joyous pastime, wearing the diabolical grin of the unsuccessful sportsman. What sport! What humour! What buying of shoes, wearing of ribbon, sorrow over races lost, un-

forseen occurrences, what diabolical enjoyment. What indeed—what sport!

Although much heat is accumulated and lost by means of "sports," they do not altogether suit our scientific tastes. Rather one calorie measured exactly than 981 lost carelessly by the jarring impact caused by the precipitation of a body into the air with a velocity beyond the normal in order to reach a piece of stick suspended in a horizontal position.

Jottings of the 31st day of July, 1914:—

9.15 a.m.-9.45 a.m.—Varied lecture by G.M. on infants.

A cordial vote of thanks is little enough return for an earnest lecture on an impressive subject.

9.46 a.m.—Venerable and austere Radetzky appears with hungry aspect.

10.30 a.m.—Prefects found, restored and allotted their tasks.

10.31 a.m. — Capital punishment re-introduced into New South Wales.

10.32 a.m.—Capital punishment abolished.

10.33 a.m.—J.M. philosophises; "father" sympathises.

10.35 a.m.—Official announcement of Sol's retirement from active service, causes universal grief.

3C.

The Manuscript Journal of 3C was read on July 24th, and proved a success both from a quantitative and a qualitative point of view. The editor's only regret is that Cakey's stirring discussion on the Home Rule Question had to be omitted, on account of a shortage of time.

Once more did they "plant fresh laurels" on the brows of 3C collectively, and on four particularly, when this bright quartet were given the onerous (?) duties of subs. These worthies have gone into training, so we hear, for they are required to keep the Art Room shiny and bright as a new pin, a task which, we think, will take all their powers.

We have just tasted the joys of studying simple harmonic motion, but if we were asked for a more appropriate name we should propose simple demonic motion or something

with a discord in it.

Be it known to all Fortians, and to 3B and 3C in particular, that S II. possess no less than two full-blown prefects and four sub-prefects. Beware and take heed ye young and heedless ones. Flee at the approach of these mighty ones.

"Brutus" has won the handball competition. Perhaps this accounts for his lavishness in money matters, which has been remarkable of late.

Mealey and Brutus have challenged the whole of the 3rd year in double handball. Nothing but success has been the reward of their efforts. In fact, they have won one game out of the half-dozen they have to date played. "How are the mighty fallen, etc."

"Handball Tournaments. How to Win Them," by Michael Roddy. Price 1s. This most interesting book is the latest addition to the literary world. Owing to much persuasion the author has graciously condescended to give the following hints to aspirants for handball fame:

1. Don't be in a hurry to join club. Be persuaded for some time.
2. Profess utter ignorance of game.
3. Don't play at school before competition (meanwhile practice hard in residential locality.)
4. Play badly in trial games.
5. Growl at whatever handicap is given, and attempt to have it increased.

With these few points in mind, you should not be far behind the coveted position at the end of tournament.

3A CLASS.

Our Debating Society is still flourishing. Vic Hall, it is hinted, is somewhere near being one of the best speakers in the school.

Judging by the number arriving late some mornings, it would be safe to say that a good many are training for the "School Cup." A good tip for the Champ. "Dad," another for the high jump P-t-s-n.

One well known figure will be missed from amongst us for the future, in the person of

"Georgie" Martin. It will be some time before we forget his "shining" morning face, and we take this opportunity of wishing him success in his new position.

On the performance of the E footer team (Skipper—Allan Murphy) it looks as though they are going to lead the list. A win by 18 points to six is a good "kick-off." "Stokes" Hughes, Billy Lyon, Turbett, Cumming, and Patterson still represent the school in footer circles.

We take this opportunity of congratulating "Stokes" and "Billy" on their recent success in obtaining positions as sub-prefects, and to mention at the same time that a new hat is very suggestive.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

2A.

A fine spirit is permeating the 2nd year classes. The proud boast of 2D, that they are the premiers, is being strongly assailed by 2A. All are settling down to hard study for the forthcoming Intermediate Examination. In Science, though, we have to put up a struggle to master chlorine, and in mathematics, logarithms tie us up in knots. Bowman and Sear are our great scientists, although their tastes seem to turn too strongly towards sulphuretted hydrogen. In the Centennial Park competition, our three mighty Macs are shining out especially R.D.M.M.D. as centre forward.

Sports and military affairs appeal to many of this class. Every boy is a member of the Sports Union, and two of our number, S—r and J.G., keep us posted up on the latest war news. There is some talk of G—n volunteering for the front.

In the Debating Class, D—sy is determined to become a future premier.

The recent outbreak of war has put us out of our stride. It is very hard to confine our attention to the conquest of Danes and Normans without referring to the possible conquest of Germany.

2B.

The holidays are drawing near again—another break in the strenuous period of prepara-



tion for the forthcoming exam. Some of our students consider they need a spell already. In Latin, however, we cannot boast too highly. We are progressing to such an extent that the detention list is graced by a great number of our names. The class is well represented in all departments of sport, and especially hopes that the annual sports will prove a great success. We entertain the hope that the class will be well up in the average wins of the classes.

One of our members was suddenly overtaken by serious illness, and the whole class extends its sympathy to Murph. and trusts that he will soon be with us again.

F-d-y is doing wonderfully well in all his work, and especially in the Science Room. Consult Mr. H— if you need verification of this statement.

A.E.C.T. is still putting up a good fight with F-d-y for the position of wit of the class, with S-t-p-s a good third. General opinion has it that the latter will eventually come up to second place to A.E.C.T.

In next edition look for our list of winners at the sports.

2C.

Our attention has been drawn recently to 2D Fortian notes. We prefer not to be drawn into vainglorious boasts as to premier position. Intermediate results will speak much louder than premature boasting. The whole class is buckling on its armour and working steadily. We have been cheered exceedingly by the praise of our masters. Such praise does not come very often, to be sure, but when it is extended, we know that it is valuable.

The class is well up in entries for the sports. There is a splendid total of entries, and 2C has contributed a considerable part thereof. We are by no means only studious boys. All sports are patronised by the class. Football, lacrosse, baseball, tennis and rifle shooting all have their votaries, and we hope to carry off many trophies.

Some of our members have received shocks to the system lately—the said shocks being

the cause of many new good resolutions re work, conduct, etc. Our little back seat coterie has been rudely disturbed. No longer do we hear the bleatings of Cramp, Orr feel the Strong Arm of the Law. Recently a whole history lesson was devoted to a discussion of the European crisis. "History in the making" is even more interesting than history made.

We have so many military enthusiasts in the class that the recent outbreak of war has caused quite a wave of patriotism and war fever. Trotty has already visions of a D.S.O. or V.C., and Corporal Orr has easily qualified for Lieut. Colonel, not to mention the three stripes that he at present is studying for.

2D.

The last lap has come, and we are working harder than ever. We mean to obtain the cream of the passes in the intermediate. The agility shown by some of our members is surprising. Sam, who is a shining light on the football field, is now an expert in geometry.

An extraordinary thing happened lately. H.S.B.M., our stern little Henry, made a joke!!! It was a really good one, and even C.J. had to laugh. Beware Jo! your face is not used to that sort of thing.

In 2D Latin and English are always good, and French has been coming along lately, even "craindre" and "naitre" showing no terrors to us.

The genial Mr. R., who waxes enthusiastic over history matters, caused quite a lot of merriment lately. A whole lot of our names were converted into outrageous puns—at each of which a loud groan went up.

In sport 2D is also to the fore. Besides our big quota of 1st graders, we have several representatives of Mr. Hannay's 3rd grade, the crack little team that won the competition lately. Also we have Ikey and Rudolph, respective skippers of Centen. comp. teams. "Ikey" is jubilant on account of his victory over the said Rudolph.

A few of our class need to hustle a bit or that 2C will be depriving us of our position as premier 2nd year class.

IA.

Since last report the class has made great progress. Keen rivalry exists with the other commercial class. We have welcomed to our fold a member of another class. He has decided to enter on a commercial course of study. Much interest has been centred in the school sports, and many entries from the class have been received. We hope to win a good percentage of the prizes, as there are a fair number of athletes amongst us.

In the class Soccer competition we have suffered defeat on three occasions. However, last week we managed to play a drawn game with IF.

H. Spencer has been included in the State team to play soccer against Queensland. He is the only representative of the High Schools in the selected team.

IB.

We are pleased to note that the Third Grade football competition was won by our school, and that three members of the team—Grime, Hurt and Powell—belong to this class.

In the Class Soccer Competition IB has won the last three matches, and has every hope of winning the laurels. It was with regret that we heard of Billy Wilson's accident. We hope that he will soon be well enough to return to school.

IC.

The whole class has been doing good work, especially in French—our best subject. We are informed that other French classes are striving to gain our laurels.

Woodford, Moore and Lord have been writing some splendid essays, while Miller quite surprised us by composing a fine poem on Life in Lilliput.

The new Senior Cadets of the class are quite enthusiastic over their drills, and, as many are attending both voluntary and compulsory parades, there will be no inefficient cadets at the end of the year.

Hill and Pryor have been doing fine work on the soccer field, and have done much to bring success to the class team.

ID.

Quite a number of ID lads became "soldier boys" this month, and are looking forward to seeing each other in the new uniforms. As several lads are of rather Lilliputian dimensions, much merriment is anticipated. The members of the class transferred from IF are quickly falling into the ways of the class.

Much interest is evinced in the soccer competition, and ID expect to be easy winners.

IE.

Since the last edition of the "Fortian" our class has been progressing favourably. Our Latin master is very pleased with our work, and we are able to say that our class is more advanced than any other class in Latin.

We are not only doing exceedingly well at Latin, but also at our favourite subject, French. We have already completed one book, and now are working our hardest at Siepman and Contes et Legendes.

Since last month our class has not been defeated at the noble game of soccer, and at the present time we are at the head of the list with ID, each of us having eleven points.

Recently we have been having short tests in English, and the boys of our class have shown themselves to be well-up in that subject.

Great interest is taken in the reading of the best essays on Friday afternoon, as many are very good and most interesting.

We are sorry to hear of the accident which happened to our popular class mate, and wish him a speedy recovery.

IF.

We have three representatives in the Third Grade Rugby, which won the competition for last season. E. Munro represents us in the Interstate Baseball competition, and Kallmeyer, Searle and Hart represent the grade teams. Our soccer team has been weakened owing to several of its members having left to play Rugby. We intend to hold another picnic when the weather improves.

We have discovered a reformer in our class, who is very aggrieved because we persistently

misunderstand him. His latest is the revision of our Geometry Text Book. His 14th Theorem is enough to make the sphinx laugh.

Boys' Primary School.

The boys of the Primary School who have distinguished themselves during the past month were:—

2nd Class—Anderson, improvement in writing; Crough, writing and arithmetic.

4th Class—David Rowe.

5A—Towle, Bergmann.

5B and 5C—Lane, geography; Robinson (best work in class); Borchard, very neat home work; Round, composition; Bennett, English; Beckford, history; Dawson, Madgwick, May, Gerdes, study and effort.

A "Yow" Descriptive of a Cold Day.

Now Phoebus, decrepit and, shrunken crawls feebly up behind the grey fog, where-with the early morning sky is shrouded, and where his presence is indicated by an occasional watery gleam. Now to get up immediately one is called requires a superhuman effort, which nought can evoke but the thought of the wrath one encountered the last time one was late for school.

Now the dismal spectre of influenza, like a certain celebrated gentleman, is going to and fro in the land, and walking up and down in it; and now vendors of cures for coughs and colds, and likewise of handkerchiefs, prosper exceedingly. Now we are happy in at least one particular, for this is the time when

"The locusts cease from troubling
And mosquitoes are at rest."

Now in the city the crossing sweeper is a highly necessary functionary; and to the fastidious their shoes—or worse, spats—are a continual source of chagrin. Now, too, country rambles are for from pleasant unless one keeps to the road, and is splashed from head to foot by the ubiquitous automobile.

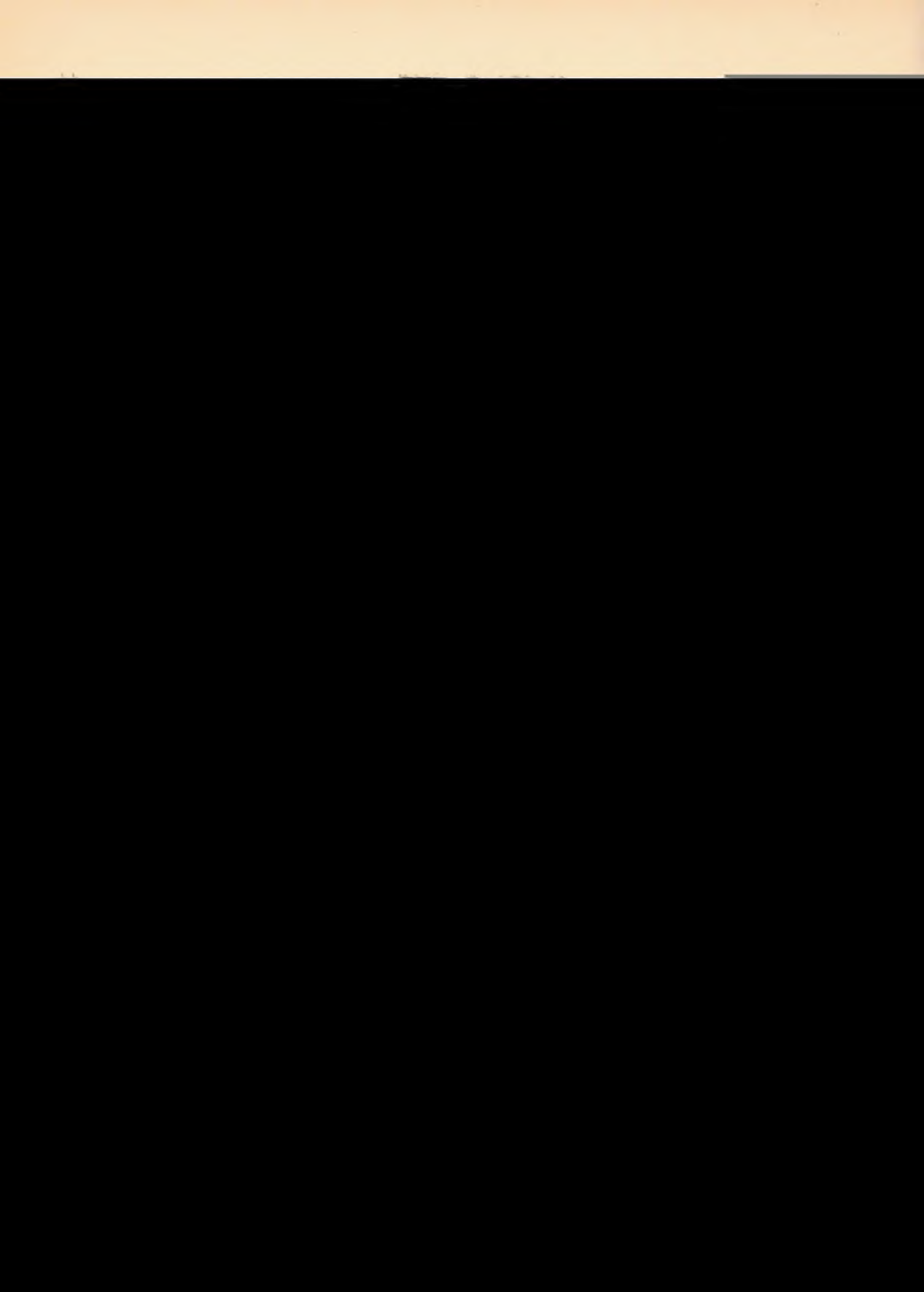
Now the union of fresh and crumbly bread with butter is an impossibility, and popular prejudice favours toast. Now nourishment is preferred hot, and a cold collation is a thing altogether wanting in cheerfulness. Now, aquatic sports are little patronised, and the prospect of a voyage on the sad sea waves is far from alluring. Now most people are firmly convinced that their favourite season is summer, and that the weather is far colder than it has any right to be.

Now the prevailing atmosphere of a tram-car is rather heated, in more senses than one; owing to the fact that everyone's umbrella is poking everyone else's chilblains, already aggravated by the close grip of goloshes; and owing also to sundry old gentlemen who ensconce themselves in corners and resolutely close every available aperture; regarding any attempt to open the same as a personal insult. Now those who, when the weather was warm, decided to work in the colder days, resolve upon further reflection, that winter is the time for comfort, and summer for study.

Now fires are the only things to those who can sit beside them. Now blues and purples, particularly early in the day, are the prevailing complexion tints. Now piano keys are extremely cold and unsympathetic to the touch; and to hold a pen for long, cramps and chills the fingers, wherefore the weary the weary compiler, who is sitting writing by the fire, decides to yield to that irresistible impulse to slumber, which has been insidiously creeping over her for some time.

T. Durie.

The Headmaster has decided to select each year eight sub-prefects from the members of the Third Year Classes, whose duties shall be to assist the prefects in matters of school discipline. The following boys are the first to receive the honour:—P. Anderson, R. Anderson, Booker, Hughes, W. Lyon, Mater, Nalder, and Roddy. Our congratulations to them all.



high quality of the matches, testified to the practical value of organised sport.

No less than five competitive matches were contested, including the interclub hockey match, Amazons v. Fortians I.; also our four other school hockey teams, in friendly contest for supremacy. The Trojans, the Buccaneers, the Vikings, and the Spartans (hefty names for amicable conflicts). Beyond these the Basket Ball competition watch, Parramatta High School v. Fort Street girls, and the Karweens A lacrosse team in competition with Karweens B. Croquet and tennis also had their regular devotees practising well.

Our school tennis team was away, winning its first laurels at Parramatta, while many more were training for future interstate (?) tennis trophies on the N.S.W. Lawn Tennis Association's courts at Double Bay.

The afternoon tea parties to the visiting teams, subsequent to the various matches, increased the afternoon's pleasure, and showed our girls as charming and efficient hostesses—testimony to this being by no means sparing on the part of the guests, who enjoyed their hospitality.

HOCKEY.

The following matches have been played:—
WEDNESDAY, 22nd JULY.

Wickela v. Fortians 2nd XI.—Fortians won by 2 to 1; R. Esserman scoring for Fortians.

Wickela v. Fortians 1st School VI.—Fortians lost by 2 goals to 3; Raomi West and O Storey scoring for Fortians.

SATURDAY, JULY 25th.
Saturday, July 25th.

Wyreepi v. Fortians, 1st XI.—Fortians won by 4 to 2. The whole strength of the team was not available for this match, but the four emergencies filled the vacancies admirably. Goals were scored by N. West, M. Cowie, M. Bell, and O. Storey. We congratulate M. Bell on her play.

Altogether the standard of play is improving considerably, and the matches have proved quite exciting to the spectators.

The competition matches promise to be the

chief feature of the season. Our club is large enough to allow for four teams, with emergencies.

The "Buccaneers, Capt. D. York, emerald green.

"Vikings," Capt. E. Segaert, purple.

"Spartans," Capt. R. Esserman, scarlet.

"Trogans," Capt. O. S. —, club colours.

Wednesday, 15th July, the first matches were played off.

Buccaneers v. Vikings, draw, none all.

Spartans v. Trojans, Trojans won by 3 to 2. E. Shorter scored 2 and O.S. one for Trojans.

POINTS GAINED.

Trojans	2
Vikings	1
Buccaneers	1
Spartans	0

TENNIS NOTES.

The Girls' High School tennis team, consisting of Nance Hunt, Phoebe Turner, Marie Corbett, and Beryl Hollamby (Kathleen Irvine

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emergency), have entered for the Inter-High Schools competitions. The first match, versus Parramatta, set down for July the 22nd, on the Double Bay courts, was unavoidably postponed owing to adverse weather, much to the regret of the girls, who are anxious to participate in competitive matches. In the match played at Parramatta on Wednesday, July the 29th, Fort Street scored a victory by 36 games to 31, the sets being even (4 on each side).

Other matches arranged by the P.S.A.A.A. are to be played against Cleveland Street Intermediate High School A and B teams during August.

Several promising players, with regular practice, should be quite ready to enter the competitions next season. Early next term there will be probably an open tournament, when also the tennis captaincy will be decided.

LACROSSE.

The "Karweens" have now got into full swing, and are again hard at work. Two teams have entered for the competition—"Karweens" A and "Karweens" B. Aurie has has weens" A and "Karweens" B. Aurie Lane has been appointed captain, and Mernie Stark vice-captain, of the B team. The competition commenced on Saturday, 11th July, at Moore Park.

11th July—"Karweens" A beat St. George, 7 to nil.

15th July—Exhibition match, Manly and St. George v. "Karweens" A, draw.

25th July—"Karweens" B defeated by Manly, 13 to 0.

29th July—"Karweens" A defeated "Karweens" B, 5 to 1.

We heartily sympathise with the "B" team in having some very delicate members, who are afraid of such slight showers as fell on 25th July.

Several new members have joined our ranks, and with practice should do well. No one has yet been even half killed, so ye who are undecided don't be afraid to join.

BASKET BALL.

Competition matches between Secondary Schools have been arranged for this sport. On Wednesday, 22nd July, the Fort Street team played Parramatta High at Parramatta Park, the result being a win for the latter, 7 goals to nil. In the return match played at Birchgrove Oval on Wednesday, 29th July, we were successful, gaining 11 goals to 7, and hope, having had this experience, to hold our own in the remaining competition matches.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

By writing poetry, as well as stories, we shall soon become magnificent authors. "Fortian" literature will be predominant, and the leading note in the great literary scale.

Considering there is no Intermediate this year to prepare for, we would like to see a resuscitation of the Debating Society; suitable subjects have arisen in our history, and we are already planning an inter-class debate. Several girls have been noticed to have a superabundant stock of energy—perhaps as a result of the thought of Field Day, practice in walking has become popular. We hear the price of "bacon" is daily increasing, and it is no wonder, since it is being daily consumed by the third year students (only). We un-animously welcome the approaching holidays, but our joy shows our lack of foresight in not realising the strain of a long and seemingly endless term with a half-yearly exam. to flav-our it.

Optimists are in the majority at present, and the pessimists are each to be provided by the former with rose-coloured glasses.

SECOND YEAR.

2C are so busily employed in preparation for tests, wherewith to surprise the teachers, that the "Fortian" Notes have been somewhat neglected. In the Geography Test S. Rainsford gained highest results, and G. Clifford and J. Allan are also working well in this subject. L. Taylor and M. Bourne are excelling in mathematics.

This month the art students, under the

supervision of Miss Tearle, made a most interesting expedition to the Technical College for the purpose of inspecting and drawing butterflies, the class thus gaining much valuable information.

On the 29th inst. a science excursion was made to the same building, under Miss Blume's direction. Various models of flowers, under study this year, were observed and examined, and after some time of private inspection the girls were dismissed.

Tests in 2B have been very frequent, B. Raeburn and B. Richardson excelling in mathematics.

This class also made excursions to the Museum and the Technical College, and many interesting observations were made on both occasions.

On the 29th a "Fortian" tennis team, represented by M. Corbett, N. Hunt, B. Holloway, and P. Turner played an exciting match at Parramatta, and eventually won by five games.

2A undoubtedly contains several geniuses. P. Turner, M. Winkworth and I. Tucker evidently know something of "identities," and N. Gallagher gained highest place in a geography test. The girls are all working well and hoping for future success.

There are many representatives of sports in 2A, interesting games being arranged for every Wednesday.

FIRST YEAR.

The girls of 1D are determined to retain the high position in the year which they gained at the last examinations. The result tests have been favourable to their hopes.

1C is looking forward with pleasure to the Botany excursion, which is shortly to take place. The girls of this class acquitted themselves well in the last Botany test, Phoebe Millar and Alma Morehead taking the best two places. C.G. is doing very good work in French, and we hope her success will be continued.

We wish to offer our congratulations to Hilda Peters for coming top of 1B in all subjects, and to express our regret for the loss

of Frances Towers, who has left us in order to attend North Sydney High School.

GIRLS' PRIMARY.

5A AND 5B.

All the fifth classes, "A," "B" and "C," were taken by Miss Ringwood and Miss Green to the "C.P.R." Picture. They went round the world in two hours. The following pupils' essays upon the "Route" were forwarded to Senior-Inspector Walker, as they were the best:—M. Leape, E. Wells, J. Stewart, M. Adams.

The Class Motto for this month is—"Don't carry your Wishbone where your Backbone ought to be."

The following girls show marked improvement in mathematics:—E. Brennan, V. Taylor, M. Fokes, B. Komall, M. Dorratt, M. Adams, D. Bergman, N. Schmiedt, D. Youngein, J. Stewart, T. Pedersen, I. Hanrahan, G. Lotze, M. Leape, E. Wells, A. Wright, still lead in this subject. Others are showing a better grasp of the various phases of this subject.

In English—Best: E. Fletcher, M. Leape, G. Lotze, J. Stewart, L. Small, E. Wells, A. Wright, D. Bergman, D. Matthews, M. Dorratt, H. Anderson, B. Komoll, G. Clark, L. Ferguson, H. Jamieson, M. Aldington, have all improved.

N. Brodie shows intelligence in analysis and grammar.

E. Wells' mark for cookery was 99 per cent., not 92 per cent., as in last issue. Well done Edith!

E. Egmond and M. Edwards are trying hard.

Many girls are doing good work for "Specimen Portfolio." List of names will appear next month.

History.—M. Adams, N. Brodie, H. Jamieson, M. Leape, E. Wells, D. Youngein, M. Hark, D. Bergman, and L. Ferguson are all working steadily at school and at home.

Geography.—M. Adams, H. Jamieson, M. Leape, E. Wells, D. Youngein are doing good work.

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4A AND B CLASSES.

Marjorie Miller gained highest marks in 4A for week ending 26th July. Girls who are doing best work in 4B are Doris Curtis, A. Everett, and M. Christie.

THIRD CLASSES.

Girls desiring mention are:—

General Class Work.—D. Harley, R. Brodie, M. Ramsden, D. Smith, K. Johnston.

Writing.—F. Ridsdale, A. Salmon, M. French, J. Halliday.

Neat Work Books.—L. Spence, C. Buchan, H. Johnson, O. Smith.

Bright Answers.—D. Spencer, M. Fowler, N. Gerdes.

Effort.—M. Broomfield, D. Harnetty, I. Anderson.

SECOND CLASSES.

2A.

D. Lang, D. Round, and Eva Shone are making good progress in all subjects. G. Wulf has highest marks for reading and V. Marsh for writing.

2B.

N. Killian, M. Hughes, S. Ping, N. Versall, D. Pankhurst, F. Clarke, D. Mathews, and Aggie Hamilton are the best workers in this division.

N. Versall and G. Wulf are the best spellers. Spelling Bees are play to them.

FOURTH YEAR.

There is an ancient comforter

Who haunts the youthful mind,
But strange to say, his doleful lay
Seems anything but kind.

He has an ancient warning,

The stories all agree;
They likewise say, that on a day,
He set this warning free.

But circumspect they all neglect

To tell the effect it had;
'Twas only told unto the bold
Who deemed its omen bad.

When those concerned, its meaning grasped
Their very senses rocked;
The seniors pale, o'erheard the tale,
The teachers too were shocked.

'Twas but a mere suggestion
That the time was drawing nigh,
But dared to say, in a comfortless way,
That months and weeks fly by.

To those who know it not before
This seemed an empty jest;
But soon they knew, that it was true,
For "comforters" know best.

For Time it is possessed of wings,
The poets tell us so;
It cannot stay, a single day,
But onward it must go.

So let us all determine how
To work hard till the end;
We all may say, that in this way,
We no one shall offend.

CADET NEWS.

The patriotism of the Fort Street Cadets has been much in evidence during the last few days, the C.O. being besieged by boys desiring him to forward their names to the authorities as volunteers for defence work and the Expeditionary Force. A series of Section Competitions will be held during the present military year between the various sections of the school companies. Section commanders, wire in—look out for "Word of command," cleanliness of rifles and accoutrements of your sections, and position in giving orders. All these will carry high marks. The Rifle Club is steadily forging ahead. It has a membership now of twenty-five, with an average attendance of twenty on practice days.

Besides various competitions between members, the secretary is making arrangements for shoots with other schools. The first match was against Ultimo High School. Conditions: Ten men aside and ten shots, with two sighters at 200 yards. Ultimo won, gaining 400 points against Fort Street's 438. For Ultimo, Jackson.

Flynn, Winston, Wilson and Morrison made the best scores, all securing over 40, while Harper, H. Crackenthorp and Schmidt obtained the best scores for the school.

The Pairs Competition is in full swing C. Buckland, E. Grant and H. Crackenthorp being in the lead with four wins each. It is hoped to enter two teams for the N.R.A. Competition from the School, one for the School Cadet Match, and the other for the School Challenge Shield. As the second match is to be fired with .303 rifles, the Secretary would be glad to receive the names of any of the members of the Citizen Forces at the School who are prepared to enter.

In addition to the Pairs Competition another competition will be commenced next Wednesday for a trophy to be presented by Lieut. Taylor at the end of the year.

The new Company G, under Captain Roberts, have been doing excellent work on parade, and should give a good account of itself in the yearly Battalion Competition.

The results of the examination in extended Order were of a very high standard, and show that the great majority have a good grip of their work. Cadets for future examination should carefully peruse the "Instructions for Extended Order Drill," and the detailed movements of the orders following, also the signals, Incline, Wheel, Extend and Close. These are very often confused, so also are the whistle signals.

Sports.

RUGBY—THIRD GRADE.

Our thirds thoroughly deserved their success in the grade competition. Notwithstanding the fact that the team was quite the smallest entered by participating schools, they suffered but one defeat. Even when Sydney High School beat us our lads were not disgraced, and up to the time when Billy Wilson was taken injured from the field, were leading by 6 to nil. Cleveland Street proved to be tough opponents, and though beaten twice by Fort Street, the margin in each case was a narrow one. Technical High, Petersham and Parramatta were soundly beaten on each occasion.

Constant practice and regular matches have made a fine little team of our thirds. Armstrong (2C) has proved himself a great leader, and, with Justice and Head prominent in a galloping pack, with Krefft and Wilson behind the scrum, with Vandenberg and Hurt in the line, and with the giant Grime in the full-back position, aided and backed up by every member of the team, he has never had much trouble in leading Fort Street to victory.

The 3rds would like to play any of the Centennial Park teams of reasonable weight, averaging, say, 7½ stones. Mr. Hannay, in charge of the thirds, says he has enjoyed his position immensely, that the team is composed of fine sportsmen, who play with zeal and cleverness, and that he would like to put Billy Grime in his pocket to keep him safe for next season.

New South Wales School Boys defeated Ipswich School Boys, at Ipswich, by 3 goals to 1. The visitors played splendidly, and the Ipswich boys were unable to break through their sound defence. Spencer (Fort Street) was the best of the visitors, scoring all their goals. Jennings scored the goal for Ipswich.

NOTES AND NEWS.

At a staff meeting held recently, the question of Compulsory Sport for all was discussed at some length. One proposal made will no doubt cause much discussion among all our readers. It was to the effect that the Sports' Union games be reduced to two, or three at the most. What do you think of it? In summer the difficulty of providing sport for all is reduced to a minimum, for nearly all who do not go to cricket, visit the Domain Baths. But in winter our activities are spread over half a dozen or more games. If the number is to be reduced to three, and granting their Rugby naturally is one of these, which other two are we going to keep? Mr. Porter says soccer is the game par excellence; others incline to lacrosse or tennis, while it is argued that cricket enthusiasts can only play one

winter's game, baseball. We hope that you will all discuss the proposal well among yourselves, and be ready to express an opinion when the time is ripe.

We desire to extend our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to Mr. S. W. Campbell on the loss of his mother last month, and to Mr. Hatfield on losing his infant daughter.

ODDS AND ENDS.

From a photographer's advertisement:—"Your own baby, if you have one, can be enlarged, tinted, and framed for 25s. 6d. a dozen."

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One beetle one hole. We are glad to learn, however, that it was an accident, and not a deliberate attempt to save the ratepayer's pocket.

From an English Literature paper:—

"Milton married a young girl who ran back to her parents, so he wrote a sonnet on divorce."

"Shakespeare's comedy of As You Like It was founded on a prose tale called Rosalind, written by Sir Oliver Lodge."

"After twice committing suicide, the poet Cowper lived till 1800, when he died a natural death."

"Sir Walter Scott's firm of publishers liquidated, and he had to pay off the national debt before he died. This wore him out."

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James: "Please, sir, was it a man or a woman?"

Master (to sharp child): "Now, Tommy,

when was Alexander the Great born?"

Tommy: "I don't know, sir."

Master: "Don't you see what it says in your book—Alexander the Great, 356 B.C.?"

Tommy: "Please, sir, I thought that was his telephone number."

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Whether the person who quotes should be immediately slain, or his punishment be of a lingering nature, I leave to my readers to decide; but I cannot refrain, though my fate be extinction, from calling up from the past a short sketch of interest to all students of English letters. It appeared in the "Quarterly Magazine" of Charles Knight in 1823, and in the figure outlined we have no difficulty in recognising the creator of the famous New Zealander who is yet to moralise on the ruins of London Bridge.

"Tristram Merton, come into court!" There came up a short, manly figure, marvelously upright, with a bad neckcloth, and one hand in his waistcoat pocket. Of regular beauty he had little to boast; but in faces where there is an expression of great power, or great good-humour, or of both, you do not regret its absence.

"They were glorious days," he said, with a bend and a look of chivalrous gallantry to the circle around him, 'they were glorious days for old Athens when all she held of witty and of wise, of brave and of beautiful, was collected in the drawing-room of Aspasia. In those, the brightest and noblest times of Greece, there was no feeling so strong as the devotion of youth, no talisman of such virtue as the smile of beauty. Aspasia was the arbitress of peace and war, the queen of arts and arms, the Pallas of the spear and the pen; we have looked back to those golden hours with transport and with longing. Here our classical dreams shall in some sort wear a dress of reality. He who has not the piety of a Socrates may at least fall down before as lovely a divinity; he who has not the power of a Pericles may at least kneel before as beautiful an Aspasia.'

"His tone had just so much of earnest, that what he said was felt as a compliment, and just so much banter that it was felt to be nothing more. As he concluded he dropped on one knee and paused.

"Tristram," said the Attorney-General, 'we really are sorry to cramp a culprit in his line of defence; but the time of the court must not be taken up. If you can speak ten words to the purpose'—

"Prythee, Frederic,' retorted the other, 'leave me to manage my own course. I have an arduous journey to run; and, in such a circle, like the poor prince in the Arabian Tales, I must be frozen into stone before I can finish my task without turning to the right or the left.'

"For the love you bear us, a truce to your similes: they shall be felony without benefit of clergy; and silence for an hour shall be the penalty.'

"A penalty for similes! Horrible! Paul of Russia prohibited round hats, Chihu of China denounced white teeth, but this is atrocious!"

"I beseech you, Tristram, if you can for a moment forget your omniscience, let us—"

"I will endeavour. It is related of Zoroaster that —"

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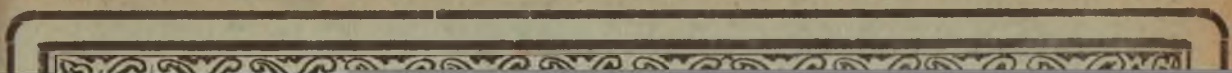
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Our University Letter.

By "Cavendish."

Since our last letter by far the most important event in the University world has been the death of the Chancellor, Sir Norman MacLaurin. The undergraduates were away on vacation; otherwise, as a body, they would have paid their last respects to the chief—the grand old man of the last twenty years. During the Chancellor's tenure of the office the University has gone ahead by leaps and bounds. It was not the privilege of many of us to know Sir Norman personally; but those who did will always remember a great and admirable personality whose work in connection with the furtherance of learning might well be summed up in the grand words: "Exegi monumentum aere perennius."

In the same breath we have to record the pitiable death of Dr. Brian Poekley, who, until he joined the first Expeditionary Force, was stationed at Sydney Hospital. A rare sportsman, a fine scholar, and a brave man is no more with us. Nothing could have brought home the tragedy of war to University men with more telling force.

Indeed, it is hard to write or think of any other subject than the great war for so many years the subject of lengthy review articles and now a tremendous and dreadful reality. Third

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term has now begun, and there may be one or two of us who can settle down to the routine of lectures, but there is an undercurrent of anxiety as to what is going on thousands of miles away, as well as a quiet confidence in the ultimate result.

About fifteen University men have sailed or are about to sail with the Australian force, and, if it appears that more of us are wanted, it is certain that more of us will go. But there are difficulties which face any one man doing his course who may wish to volunteer. He has to consider his position at home, and his position at the University. Men finishing their various courses are almost compelled to wait on here against their earnest desire. This much can, however, be said: the University will do its part nobly for the sake of Australia and the Empire. It has already given one of its youngest and brightest sons. And there can be no end to its sacrifice.

On the suggestion of the Undergraduates' Association, a patriotic fund has been commenced at the University. Although there are quite enough funds in operation elsewhere, it was thought that many men like to contribute to a common undergraduate fund for the relief of distress.

For the rest, it is probable that theatre night and garden party will be abandoned for the year; the Dramatic Society will in all probability not give its customary third term performance. It is recognised that it is quite wrong to continue those functions which are intended for the undergraduates.

The Union year has come to an end, and the annual report will indicate a most successful term. It is hoped that the extensions will be proceeded with at once.

In spite of the war, the cricket competitions will proceed as usual. The firsts will be considerably weaker than last year's premier eleven, of which Massie, James, Tozer and perhaps Stalk will be unavailable. However, the teams will be able to give a good account of themselves.

Fortians at the University.

The following old boys have been successful at the August Examination at the University:—
Faculty of Arts—

Physics 1A: E. A. S. Jordan.

Faculty of Medicine (First Degree Exam.)—

Physics 1A: A. J. Metcalfe, G. H. Pfeiffer,
W. E. Vickers.

Fourth Degree Exam.—

Parkinson Memorial Prize for Pathology: E.
W. Frecker.

High Distinction: E. W. Frecker, H. Symonds.

Credit: R. C. S. Buss, C. O. Hellstrom, J. G. Hunter, B.Sc., C. W. W. Murray, A. M. Langan.

Pass: C. W. Bray.

Department of Engineering.

First Year Exam.—

Descriptive Geometry—Pass: V. T. England.
R. F. Hill-Adams, G. H. Mann, A. R. Sims,
H. F. G. Stafford.

Second Year Exam.—

Physics 2A: G. H. Briggs, N. A. Esserman.
Engineering Construction: G. H. Briggs, A.
Lewis, J. B. Degotardi, N. A. Esserman.

Fourth Year Exam.—

Railway Engineering: C. D. Wallace.

Mechanical and Electrical Engineering: G.
B. Harden, F. D. Stafford.

Military Science—Credit: Mr. A. H. Baldoek.

Mr. Cornforth, who has been away from the School since the outbreak of the war, is serving on the military staff of censors.

We desire to thank very heartily Mr. W. J. Rainbow, F.L.S., for his very interesting and instructive lecture on "Spiders."

Mr. Albert Barry, for many years one of our champion swimmers, was, on the 30th ult., on the motion of Mr. N. V. Maxwell, admitted to practice as a solicitor.

Harry Moore, B.A., LLB., a distinguished old boy, has also passed the final examination for a solicitor.

We were glad to be able to grasp the hand of so many of the old boys at the late sports meeting. One of them told us that Dr. Arthur Stanton was building up a fine practice for himself in Granville.

Nearly 300 tickets for "Snowy" Baker's gala were sold to Fort Street boys, who mustered at the Cricket Ground in full force.

Boys' High School Class News.

SENIOR CLASS NEWS.

The Science Congress came and went, leaving their sound behind them. Daily from that room of woe belches forth a mass of voluminous sound such as has never before been heard. Fingers are placed to ears, but still that siren screeches. Stern, grim, and unrelenting, the scientist pumps grimly ever onward. "Boys, this is music not noise, for I do it regularly." Whistles, pipes, forces, in short, all manner of things capable of producing sound are daily resorted to. The sound is "reflected" in the listeners' "crestfallen" countenances, but that stern figure, like some veritable living membrane (after having knocked and tapped everything in the room), clutches with avidity at every sound. Stay! What figure is that? It is Caesar's ghost. Stern in its reality, hat on head, spectacles on nose, linen collar on neck, his ghost has risen to avenge that noise. Nor did it pass without a greeting. One loyal seion of classic lore, far above that sounding roar, bid welcome unto great Caesar, with strong approval of his fashionable attire.

Nor have physical science and classic lore completely occupied our attention of late. What excitement and interest in spiders prevails. What cobwebs were formed on books during the holidays! Not a book on spiders or their webs now remains in the library. Nothing, indeed, but webs on certain books.

Apart from the spider's web party given in the science room (at which such enthusiasm was displayed and for which there were no tickets available even before it started), we have also once more said good-bye to the sports. "Dark horses" anointed with perfumed lubricating oil ran—slipped—and—lost. Hyacinthus, or rather, Kinner, and Mac upheld themselves and the honour of their fellows. Prior to the sports we had to bid farewell to our old friend Carl before his departure for—nobody knows where. Deserved good luck and a safe return to our volunteer.

3 C.

The 21st of September! Much wailing was there and gnashing of teeth among Lower Seniors! Ye Gods! must we so suffer? Many bravely declared that "it was a flea-bite," "no-

thing to worry about," and the like. Others sorrowfully murmured "Why couldn't they have told us before the vac." Others could not even speak: they merely gasped—with horror. Percy smiled serenely from the rear, a smile that spoke, "Ah, this is something like." Alas! would we could smile in such a calamity.

Several members of this elite planned a huge grand cycling party for one day in the vacation. Weeks before could they be seen diligently poring over road-maps and marking out their course. A plan for the day was prepared; a trysting place was named. The day arrives. When the appointed hour came, there could be seen at the rendezvous ONE (1) youth of sorrowful countenance! Where were the other enthusiasts? Echo answers, "Where?"

Since last issue nothing has happened in our Literary and Debating Society, on account of the inroads made by the vacation and a lecture on "The Spider," by Mr. Rainbow. However, at time of going to press, a debate is about to be held on the question of the possibility of a universal peace, which at the present juncture should be the most interesting within our annals.

A change has arisen in our Debating Society. York and Lyon having resigned respective positions as Premier and Leader of the Opposition, Shakespeare and Jacobs were elected in their stead. These two have shown excellent abilities in the art of oratory, and should be heard of in later years in the Legislative Assembly of this or other States, Shakespeare being very effective by his vituperation, and Jacobs having a very distinct and logical delivery.

Handball has to all intents and purposes died a natural death so far as this community is concerned. What the members desire is a balance-sheet from the executive so as to understand just how the club stands financially.

3 B.

We are all studying theology, even in history. We get Bible lessons in English periods, nowadays—ah, well—"the old order changeth," etc.

Jokes are prevalent in this class, even one of the masters had to make a pun of the feat of 2 D) in trampling upstairs, thus disturbing our equanimity.

We mourn the loss of some cheery members

of this class, viz., W2, Freddy, and Neville.

P.G. gives spiritual intellectual (?) and political advice to all. His party is again victorious. Great exultation of Pat.

Here's a chance for any enterprising mathematical genius. MacDowell's famous egg mystery is open for solution. Ask Mac for the particulars. He is an authority on "roosters."

For proof of our abilities see the School sports result. It would be too long to quote successes in athletics, which come home here.

Ah, lunacy, thy name is W-t-c-, playing with a treacle tin lid and a pen-knife.

Mater the philosopher, quotes Shakespeare (rather badly) on every possible occasion.

Oh, to be rid of the pungent effluvia of carbide, which permeates through the room. Why not harness this odor and make it do maths.?

Profuse apologies for absence of last month's notes; they were mislaid.

3 A.

The Debating Society's weekly meeting has been interfered with sorely. Members seem to be thinking more of spiders and banquets. Nevertheless Messrs. Braund, Hall & Co. still continue their daily debates.

Freddy and Jacky have decided to put aside their private feuds, seeing the state of things in Europe.

3A Class was not behind at the recent sports meeting. Second in the Tug-of-war and Relay Championship; first in Pole Vault and Wheelbarrow Race; and second in the Obstacle Race is not a bad tally.

During the holidays a dozen members of the class held an enjoyable launch picnic on the Lane Cove River. Ask "Billy" what football—after "ginger geer" and pink cake—is like.

Does this diet agree with the constitution? Echo: groans!

4.30.—? "Engine stopped!" "What?" ". . . Coil." "Oh yes, we'll get home alright. Dad; get hold of the other paddle."

One member, who commenced to calculate the amount of work which would have to be done to "kick over" the flywheel, was promptly squashed—Vic offered him a piece of the "pink iced cake."

Talking about exams., the following is a tip for the Physics paper:—

Calculate the resistance which has to be over-

come by the human mouth in order to swallow a piece of "pink iced cake."

Stop-press.—Diminutive Dexter has pulled through. Biddy was successfully resuscitated and progresses well. Dad has got back his wind.

2ND YEAR NOTES.

2 A.

This class is making great strides in its work; so much so that 2D are in imminent danger of losing the supremacy of Second Year. Our lads are making frequent use of the "midnight oil" in their researches in Ancient History and Science. One of our chaps—D—s—took a prominent part in the Patriotic Carnival on Monday last, and made himself famous as a first-aid man by bandaging a damaged motor-bike. Mac has been putting up a wonderful list of performances on the bicycle. Sixty miles an hour seems to be an ordinary performance for him.

Our two ping-pong artists—F—p and A—l—seem to be down-hearted because they have only won one game. This was forfeited to them!

Bowman and Sear are anxiously awaiting the opening of the swimming season.

2 B.

Our class are all working hard for the coming exam.—that is, as a whole; but we are sorry to say one or two cases of "lack of energy" is evident.

The fresh efforts being put forth are partly confirmed by the fact that in two recent maths. tests, we came out top of the Second Year classes, including 2C. We intend to keep this position.

Most of the class are too absorbed in study to attend the usual Wednesday sport. The competition A team, which contained seven of our class (including the captain) has finished its competition, we are sorry to say, only in second place. The final was an exciting and closely-contested game, and fully rewarded the home side barrackers.

We are so anxious to progress in our Latin that many of us can be found in the end main room, where we are given an exhibition of the "Cheap Stud."

A.E.C.T. has kept up his reputation in Latin by succeeding to first place in a test given us on Monday.

2 C.

The approaching Intermediate Exam. necessitates harder work than ever on the part of the members of 2C to maintain their position as premier second year scholars.

Great interest is being manifested in the European situation. Many of the members have already determined to volunteer, including our strong man, Bye. He has volunteered before, but is always rejected on account of his extreme size. Kitchener forwarded his regrets to Bye, but wished to give the Germans a chance.

Our recent sports were an emphatic success. We were, as usual, well represented among the prizewinners, and several of our members have been nominated as School representatives in the Combined High School Sports.

Cramp and the "Small Boy" were observed making the most of their opportunities at the sports, and claim that they spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

Latest War News.—Ammonia was recently captured in the Science Room after great slaughter. Two Florence Flasks were killed in the engagement.

Cramp and Orr distinguished themselves at the recent Patriotic Carnival, as members of the Darktown Fire Brigade. Their part of the performance was to draw the cart. Readers will doubtless recollect seeing them. Keen interest is being shown in the weekly debates, the last being hotly contested. The Opposition eventually won by a small majority—Asher Smith's performance with the stop-watch being particularly fine.

2 D.

The class is not much disturbed over the war. When the news was first declared the members of the class were inclined to be very talkative and restless, but a few detentions, kinders, etc., discreetly distributed, soon put a stop to it. Sam and Walker are noticed airing their opinions fairly extensively. The latter is also a great military authority on Book V. Caesar's "De Bello Gallico," the book which had a particularly warm spot in our hearts. Although working very hard for the Intermediate, we cannot refrain from joking, practically and otherwise. Ashby and Frew are always having private jokes about Albury, known only to themselves. Sam has always a

stale one on the tip of his tongue, to meet any contingency; and the masters, of course, bubble over with jokes.

Long faces were pulled at the announcement of an exam. on September 21. We have gradually settled down to the idea, and mean to keep up the reputation of 2D.

2D has now ceased football, and swimming will soon be in full swing. We seized a number of first places in the sports, and had a good many entries for the High School Sports.

On a date to be fixed after the Exam., Meers and Wooller will contest the lightweight championship of the Second Year Classes.

1 A.

Our class mate H. Spencer, has returned victorious from his Queensland tour, where he represented the High Schools in the Interstate Soccer Competition. We had a dinner in his honor, which two of our masters attended. He also acted as referee in the final of the Class Soccer Competition, in which 1B were successful.

1 B.

The much-coveted distinction of being the premier class in the Soccer Competition has been won by 1B. The final match against 1D aroused great interest among all First Year classes. Edwards scored the winning goal, ably assisted by the whole team, who all played up to expectations.

B. Wilson and W. Grime are still on the casualty list. We wish them a speedy recovery.

At the School Sports, Weingarh won the 14-Year Championship. Schmidt, Hunt, Weingarh and Enderby succeeded in winning the Class Relay. The above team represent 1B in the Combined High School Sports.

1 C.

Though we have lately been consigned to Siberia, our ardour for work has not been chilled. In fact, all members of the class are doing their utmost to prepare for the forthcoming examinations. French still continues to be our best subject, and in order that the weaker pupils may reach a higher standard, the better scholars take it in turn to help them. In this manner good results are expected. Lord, Moore and Woodford still continue to produce good essays. The reading of these weekly essays is much appreciated.

Now that we are entering on the last quarter's work, several of the less industrious members are doing their utmost to make amends for past indifference. All are looking forward to the commencement of the summer sports, when swimming is so popular.

1 D.

In the usual monthly election for class captains, McFarlane and Magee were successful in obtaining the coveted honour. We are now very busy preparing for the Quarterly Examination. It is to be hoped that this class will still retain its laurels.

In Latin Mudie, McFarlane and Kerr occupy the premier position in class work.

At the Annual Sports, 1D gained second place in the relay race. Tuckwell obtained first place and five seconds in the various events.

Much interest has been evinced in the Class Soccer Competitions. 1D qualified for the final, and a strenuous game resulted in 1B winning the premiership.

1 E.

We were much surprised to hear that the Quarterly Examination was to begin on the 21st instant, but we are doing our best to obtain the best percentages in all subjects.

In French keen rivalry exists between 1C and 1E, but we hope to show the former that our work is better. We are learning the French National Anthem, which is being sung with great spirit.

Now that the winter sports are over, much interest is centred on the sports for the summer.

In the Soccer Competition we proved too light in comparison with the heavyweights of other classes. Nevertheless their victories were not easily gained.

We are pleased to know that our absent classmates are making fair progress towards recovery.

1 F.

As last class picnic was such a great success, it has been arranged to hold another gathering at National Park during the month.

During the season our Soccer team suffered defeat on two occasions. Diver, our popular captain, deserves credit for the energy displayed in popularising the game. In the School Sports our class was well represented, and succeeded in winning several events. S—, our

poet, has now set out as a humorist, and can make jokes out of such dry matter as Science. His best effort is his definition of a vacuum.

Now that we have been allotted a permanent place in the main room, much better work is being done. No doubt the honor boards bearing the names of brilliant Fortians spur us to emulate their good example.

Notes and News.

Carl Ferns, who held a lieutenancy in one of the School companies, left by the troopship Berrima, whose destination we believe was New Guinea. Another old Fort Street boy, S. A. Upton, has also joined the Expeditionary Force.

Lieutenant David R. Brown, who was in the senior class in 1910, and who was one of the first military cadets at Duntroon, has been gazetted Lieutenant, and leaves also for the seat of war. He paid us a visit just before his departure, and if he is a type of the young officer our military college is turning out, we have nothing to fear regarding the commanding of our militia forces. We wish him and the rest of our representatives good luck at the front and a safe return.

Lieutenant Wootten, another Fortian who has similarly completed his course at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, will also be on the staff of the Expeditionary Force.

Arthur Edwards, who has just finished his engineering course at the University, is another old boy who obtained a Lieutenancy with our First Contingent.

George Draper, at one time a prominent sergeant in the cadets, is on the H.M.A.S. Berrima, whereabouts unknown.

Lieutenant-Colonel Braund, M.L.A., father of two of our boys, has left with the Expeditionary Force. Good luck go with him.

C. T. Collier, LL.B., who graduated in law last year, is another Fortian who left with the Expeditionary Force.

We would be pleased to receive the names of each and every old boy of Fort Street who joins any of the contingents leaving for the Continent, as we have heard that a large number have volunteered.

Girls' Page

Girls' High School News.

OBITUARY.

On behalf of the School, we desire to convey to Miss Gombert and Yvonne our sincere sympathy for them in their recent sad bereavement.

HOCKEY.

Matches played during last month:—

Fortians v. Amazons 1st.—Fortians lost, 2 to 3, M. Cowie and O.S. scoring.

Fortians v. Burwod 2nd.—Fortians won, 1—0.

Fortians v. Cleveland Street.—Fortians won, 10—0. (Although this score looks good, we cannot take any credit, as it was merely a practice match for Cleveland Street.)

Fortians v. Culwulla 2nd.—Fortians won, 5—2, P. O'Brien scoring 4 and A. Puxley 1.

Fortians v. Witchela 1st.—This return match resulted in a defeat for Fortians, 1—3, O. Storey scoring.

Fortians v. Coocyanua 2nd.—Fortians lost, 5—2, R. Esserman scoring.

Competition Matches:—

Spartans v. Buccaneers.—Spartans won, 3—1, Sadie O'Brien scoring 2, and R. Esserman 1.

Vikings v. Trojans.—Vikings won, 3—0, E. Keith and L. McGee scoring.

Scores to date are:—Vikings 3; Trojans 2; Spartans 2; Buccaneers 1.

LACROSSE.

The final round of the competition was played on 29th August. The honour of holding the premiership has fallen on Karweens A, who have been very successful this season. The following matches have been played since last month's issue:—

Sat., Aug. 1st—

Karweens A v. Manly.—Draw, 2 all.

St. George v. Karweens B.—Win for latter, 4—1.

Olympians v. Karweens A.—Win for latter, 5—0.

Sat., Aug. 8th—

Olympians v. Karweens B.—Win for former, 5—0.

Sat., Aug. 29th—

Manly v. Karweens A.—Win for latter, 8—4.

Two exhibition matches have been played by Karweens, the first on Aug. 15th, at Hampden Oval, against a combined team from the Manly, St. George and Olympian Clubs. This resulted in a win for Karweens by 3 goals to 1. The second was played on 26th Aug., against the same team, at the Sports Ground, prior to the Interstate match. The score was 7—nil in our favour.

Although we have been crowned with the laurels of victory we are far from perfect, especially in "tactics."

It is intended that a swimming club be formed in connection with the Lacrosse clubs. This will meet on Saturday afternoons, so that even during the hot summer months some of the lacrosse spirit will remain in our midst.

We acknowledge with much gratitude our indebtedness to Mr. P. A. Singleton for his unflinching interest and ever-ready help on all occasions, and it is to this that we owe whatever success our team has achieved.

TENNIS.

Tennis is still flourishing among the most popular of the sports.

Two competition matches were played by our representative team—Nance Hunt, Phoebe Turner, Mai Corbett and Beryl Hollamby—against Cleveland Street A team. Both matches resulted in wins for Fort Street, the scores being: 1st match, 3 sets to 1; return match, 2 sets each, Fort Street winning by 7 games. The rest of the team wish to express their thanks to Nance Hunt for her kindness in offering the use of her tennis court for practice.

Matches remaining for competition this term include those arranged against Cleveland Street B team, and Parramatta A team.

BASKET BALL.

On Wednesday, 5th August, the Fort Street team played Cleveland Street High at Birchgrove Oval, the result being a win for Fort Street, 10 goals to 6.

In the return match played at Mascot on Wednesday, 12th August, we were again successful, gaining 4 goals to 3. These matches conclude the first round of the competition.

Mary Kilminster was instrumental in securing several of the goals credited to our side.

CHALLENGE CUP.

During recess on Friday morning, September 11th, Miss Partridge (on behalf of the National Life Saving Association of N.S.W.) officially handed over the beautiful silver Challenge Cup (the gift of Mr. Eklund) to the successful team—the Misses Ena Drake, Doris York, Grace Pendered and Rose Esserman. These girls had won the open competition for life saving among the various ladies' swimming clubs of the State.

A three years' successive win gives the cup absolutely into the possession of a team. Each individual member of our team received also a bronze medal. Miss Maloney was at the same time presented with her gold medal won as the best instructress in life saving in the State.

VISIT TO POINT CLARE.

How exquisitely Point Clare had arrayed itself in all its charms in order to receive the members of the I.O.O.B. Club who were destined to spend a week of thorough enjoyment at this rustic little town. It was not long before this famous club found many acquaintances, to say nothing of appetites. A trip to Narara Creek resulted in many humorous incidents. Blossom and Miss Bobbie (the two halves) confined themselves to the 'osses box as a place wherein to dine. (Primitive form of partaking of one's victuals!) Blossom gave utterance to several passages of Shakespeare for the special benefit of the 'oss, the result being the departure of that tortured animal.

To be stranded on some foreign isle far from civilisation was by no means an uncommon incident, and many Grace Darling acts were performed by Boss and Toodles.

Oyster suppers were frequently in the boom, especially after a notable visit to Kincumber, but Bob and Patsy had departed, however, before such luxuries had appeared. The next Saturday we departed, much to the regret of all the inhabitants (especially the "Baker") of Point Clare.

L. L. M.

OLD GIRLS' UNION.

RED CROSS WORK.

A special meeting of the members of the Old Girls Union was called, and it was unanimously decided to combine in an effort to sup-

ply some necessities for wounded soldiers. Members in various centres were selected to collect garments and other contributions for this purpose.

Members still wishing to contribute should forward the same to the School.

Further, we desire to thank Miss Dorothy Jiggins for a very acceptable gift to the soldiers of magazines and books, which have been duly acknowledged.

EX FORTIANS HOME NURSING.

A Home Nursing Class with an enrolment of 50 members has been formed by the Old Girls, under the direction of Miss Drummond. Dr. Storie Dixon is the lecturer, and Mrs. Clark has taken charge of the practical work.

ANNUAL DANCE.

The members of the Fort Street Old Girls' and Old Boys' Unions held their Annual Dance at Sargent's, Market Street, on Friday, 14th August. Everything seemed to contribute to the enjoyment of those present, although the numbers did not eclipse those of previous years.

The beautiful dresses, with occasional flashes of red and white, the School's colors, made the scene very gay.

FOURTH YEAR.

"There's one thing about being buried in an upright position; it's so easy to slip in and out at night time," said Ben Jonson, extricating himself from his place of repose, and hastening to the place of meeting appointed by the convener of the shades. Despite his facilities, however, our "rare" friend only reached the rendezvous, already crowded, in time to hear the utterances of the convener himself with regard to his opinion of the European crisis of 1914. "Well," said Dr. Johnson, who was ever to the fore when a leader for a meeting was in demand, "occasion is now presented to literary identities of past times, for contemplating from their celestial sphere, and interchanging opinions at their terrestrial rendezvous, concerning the mode adopted by the enlightened nations of the twentieth century, of settling their disturbances. I call upon any member of the convocation to express his sentiments on the existing condition of affairs in Europe, trusting that sufficient respect will be

paid to the request by the united efforts of the assembly to avoid speaking all at once."

Having come to the conclusion that it was "better to deal by speech than by letter," Bacon had honoured the company with his presence, and was one of the first to give his opinion, summing up the war as a storm of startling origin and questionable duration.

Of greater length were the remarks of Shakespeare. "There is evidently some flaw," he said, "in the thread which binds all nations. The proper international love does not exist. Have I not said 'Love is not love which alters when it alteration finds'?" whereupon the worthy dramatist proceeded to enlarge on affairs in general, in a way which struck awe into the hearts of his hearers.

Ben Jonson spoke with emphasis on the vices of warfare. "For," he added, "my strict hand was made to seize on vice."

Milton had little light to shed on any possible close of the war, finally coming to the conclusion that there was "no light; but rather darkness visible," for he "who overcomes by force hath overcome but half his foe."

At intervals Dr. Johnson expressed the approval, or the reverse, of the individual remarks, "with severe majestic dignity and vigorous authoritative brevity."

The more hopeful words of Wordsworth, and Byron's vivid description of the horrors of the battlefield were followed by De Quincey's rambling speech, in which he made special reference to "the everlasting farewells" which were said, and ever again did he resort to these "everlasting farewells."

It was Carlyle who, taking a practical view of the matter, at length impressed the company with the fact that since the essence of all science, ever in time with war, lies in the "Philosophy of Clothes," and since there was a decided scarcity of the latter, it behoved all to be up and doing, instead of discussing the matter further. In accordance with his advice, the meeting was adjourned, a red-cross depot being established under the direction of Dr. Johnson, so probably it may be possible to trace the origin of anonymous contributions which in some strange manner may find their way to the more local depots.

4 A.

The enthusiasm among our members in the

various sports clubs is at present very keen. Some of our hockey girls spent an enjoyable holiday at Point Clare. Others are hailing the approaching swimming season with delight.

The poor soldiers will be cheered in many cases by the work of some of our girls, who busily used their needles in the making of useful garments.

THIRD YEAR.

We really did enjoy ourselves the last week in August! It may seem strange and well nigh impossible to some that such a marvellous and unheard of thing could have happened, but it did. With perhaps but one exception we spent every minute of our spare time hiding all traces of text-books from sight, and judging from results we must have had a great deal of spare time.

Someone is rejoicing over the great saving of "midnight oil," consequent upon the fact that we are not "allowed" an Intermediate this year, being lucky Thirds.

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SECOND YEAR.

From holidays spent in forgetting School, and, sometimes, civilisation; from climbing mountains and exploring silver-mines; from riotous camping at Point Clare, Second Year has returned to thoughts of the great test. All previous successes must be excelled, and we survey with interest our class test results.

In 2C the mathematical work of P. Swain, I. Brown and B. Morice is worthy of mention. W. Oliver is an able commentator on Henry V., and G. Clifford took best place in the geography results.

2B reports that N. Gors has done well in English and history tests; Dorothy Groves has also taken a good place in English; while Berthat Rayburn still keeps her high position in mathematics.

2A mentions Phoebe Turner for good work in English and French.

Before the vacation much time was willingly devoted to the making of garments for our soldiers. Rumor has it that a Self-denial Fund is shortly to be organised, and this will have the ready support of all public-spirited school girls.

Our deepest sympathy rests with Yvonne Gombert in her recent bereavement.

FIRST YEAR.

First Year have returned from the holidays ready for work.

In 1C, Kathleen Lambert took first place in the history test; Kathleen Campbell in geology; Annie Morton in botany. Phoebe Miller, Alma Morehead and Mona Foran competed successfully in the recent French spelling bee.

In 1D Marjorie Cates took first place in the French test.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The "Self-denial Fund" (week before vacation) was £1 15s. 6. The result of Boys and Girls' Concert last Wednesday was £8 12s. — a success in every way — so that already we have sent in £10 7s. 6d. (cash) to the Girls' Patriotic League Fund. 5C and Fourth Classes also sent goods to the Red Cross Society. Our "Self-denial Fund" is to continue while this dreadful war lasts. It is good

to see the little acts of self-denial which the tiniest mite is practising. Many a penny given for sweets finds its way into the School Fund, and I'm sure the children have their reward.

Our annual inspection was a great success.

In 5A and 5B Jean Stewart won a prize for unceasing and successful effort. She was not by any means the only one, but she was the most noticeable. We were proud of her. Eileen Tierney, one of our class-mates is in a hospital. She appreciates her school-mates' floral offerings, and wishes to thank them. We hope to see her soon.

Pascora Stathopoulos is also improving in health at Thirlmere.

Quarterly Exam. results next issue we hope.

In our "Capitals of the World" Contest the "British" won. Coming events cast their shadows before them.

5C.

Since our last report to the "Fortian," we have had our annual inspection by Mr. Walker, when every girl did her very best.

Those whom Mr. Walker particularly noticed for bright intelligent answering were Mabel Easby, Jean Arnot, Birdie Rosenthal, Gillian Arnot, Isobel Roberts, Enid Ramsden, Ivy George, Jean English and Maggie Johnston.

We regret to say we have lost Gillian and Jean Arnot, who have left to attend school nearer their home. Both little girls were most popular with their class-mates, and will soon be loved by all in their new school. Scarcely a week passed without their names being on the honor list, so now we hope to see some entirely new names there.

Enid Ramsden is still doing excellent work in her quiet little way. Mabel Easby is very good in oral work.

Some very good drawing and painting has been seen recently, Kathleen Kane's and Enid's being amongst the best.

Writing, too, has improved noticeably.

Owing to the kindness of the parents and work of our class, we have been able to send a substantial bag of comforts to our brave men who are going to the front.

4 A and B.

The best girls in arithmetic are Florrie Watts, Marjorie Millar, Elvina Anderson and Kitty Daley. Nellie Behnke does best work in his-

tory. We are pleased to note an improvement in Tessie Bennett's arithmetic.

3 A.

Good Work.—D. Harley, L. Spence, F. Ridsdale, N. Gerdes, Clair Buchan, M. Ramsden, R. Brodie.

Improvement.—O. Smith, R. Frederickson, B. McKenzie, H. Johnson.

3 B.

Good Work.—K. Johnstone, J. Butler.

Improvement.—M. Fowler, J. Halliday.

Effort.—C. Jones, A. Salmon.

2 A and 2 B.

Writing.—Ethel Mair, Jessie Halliday.

Dictation.—Hazel Spence.

Arithmetic.—Florrie Clarke.

All the above girls show improvement: their work is good.

RED CROSS FUND.

Beneath are the first and second list of donations sent by Fort Street Girls and Boys High Schools to the Red Cross Society.

First Instalment.—105 pairs pyjamas, 113 flannel shirts, 1 canvas shirt, 70 pieces unbleached calico (6yd. lengths), 61 pieces flannelette (6yd. lengths), 54 pillow-slips, 136 handkerchiefs, 97 glass towels, 35 towels, 2 washers, 107 pairs of socks, 6yds. butter-cloth, 2 woollen comforters, 68 writing tablets, 1625 envelopes, 40 dozen pencils, 1 box nibs, 2 pen-holders, 1 tin absorbent wool, 20 rolled bandages, 9 cakes soap, 66 reels cotton, 1 packet pins, 21 dozen and 3 bundles safety pins, 9 packets needles, 10 tapes, 27 collar studs, 1 bag cotton and mending, 1 sheet, 1 overcoat. The amount of money subscribed was: Boys, £26 18s. 4d.; Girls, £24 8s.; total £51 6s. 4d.

Second instalment.—27 shirts, 13 pairs pyjamas, 3 pieces flannelette (6yd. lengths), 3 pieces calico (6yd. lengths), 15 pairs socks, 2 towels, 19 glass towels, 19 pillow-slips, 12 handkerchiefs, 10 dozen safety pins, 1 packet pins, 1 reel cotton; also £2 8s. in cash.

The boys and girls have supplied 1980 magazines for the troopships.

We desire to extend our sincerest sympathy to Mr. Burgin on the loss of his father, and to Mr. Haddock on the loss of his sister.

Combined High School Sports.

The following Fortians were successful at the recent Combined High School Sports:—

16 Years Championship: H. Meers, 3.

17 Years Championship: H. Kinnimont, 1; J. Allison, 2.

Old Boys' 100 Yards: G. Hansel, 1.

Senior 100 Yards: H. Kinnimont, 3.

Junior 100 Yards: G. Lyons, 2.

Junior 220 Yards: W. Jacobs, 2.

Senior 440 Yards: R. Nalder, 1.

Junior 440 Yards: W. Jacobs, 2.

Half-mile: N. McLaren, 1.

Old Boys' Half-mile: L. Firth, 1.

Senior Mile: K. Gormly, 2.

Senior Broad Jump: H. Kinnimont, 2; 17ft. 10½in.

Junior Broad Jump: G. Lyons, 3; 16ft. 9½in.

Our Sports Meeting.

Held at Sports Ground on Wednesday, August 19.

—Results.—

220 Yards Championship: 1, H. Kinnimont; 2, R. Nalder; 3, N. McLaren.

440 Yards Championship: 1, H. Kinnimont; 2, N. McLaren; 3, R. Nalder. Time, 57sec.

880 Yards Championship: 1, N. McLaren; 2, R. Nalder; 3, H. Meers.

Mile Championship: 1, K. Gormly; 2, N. McLaren; 3, E. Steel.

100 Yards Championship: 1, R. Nalder; 2, H. Kinnimont; 3, J. Allison. Time, 11 1/5s.

Primary School Handicap (Second, Third and Fourth Classes), 75 Yards: 1, N. Irwin; 2, T. Avery. Time, 11 2/5sec.

Fifth Classes, 100 Yards: 1, Watts, J. Munro. Time, 13sec.

First and Second Year Handicap, 100 Yards: 1, H. Meers; 2, R. Cloutier. Time, 11 7/10s.

Third Year Handicap, 100 Yards: 1, L. Allison; 2, N. McLean; 3, R. Allen. Time 11sec.

Fourth Year Handicap, 100 Yards: 1, R. Steel; 2, C. Green; 3, F. Hansman. Time, 10 4/5s.

Junior Hurdles: 1, I. Hotten; 2, C. Furness. Time, 18sec.

Senior Hurdles: 1, R. Nalder; 2, N. McLaren; 3, H. Kinnimont.

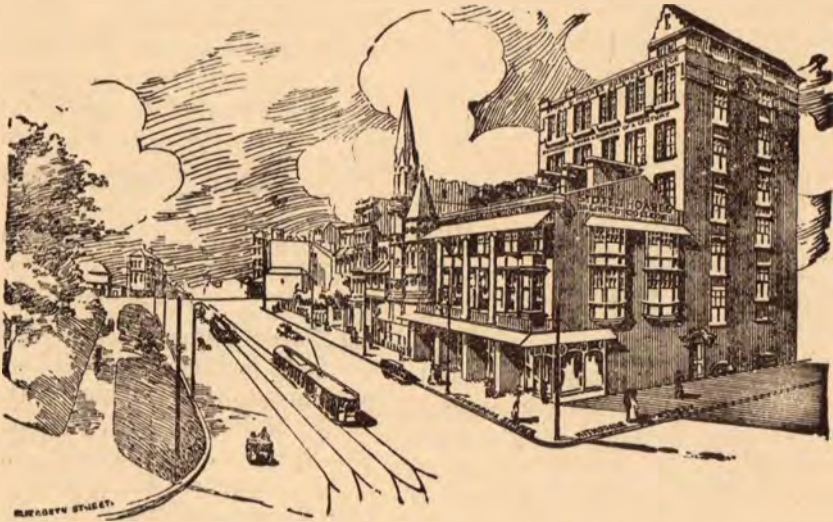
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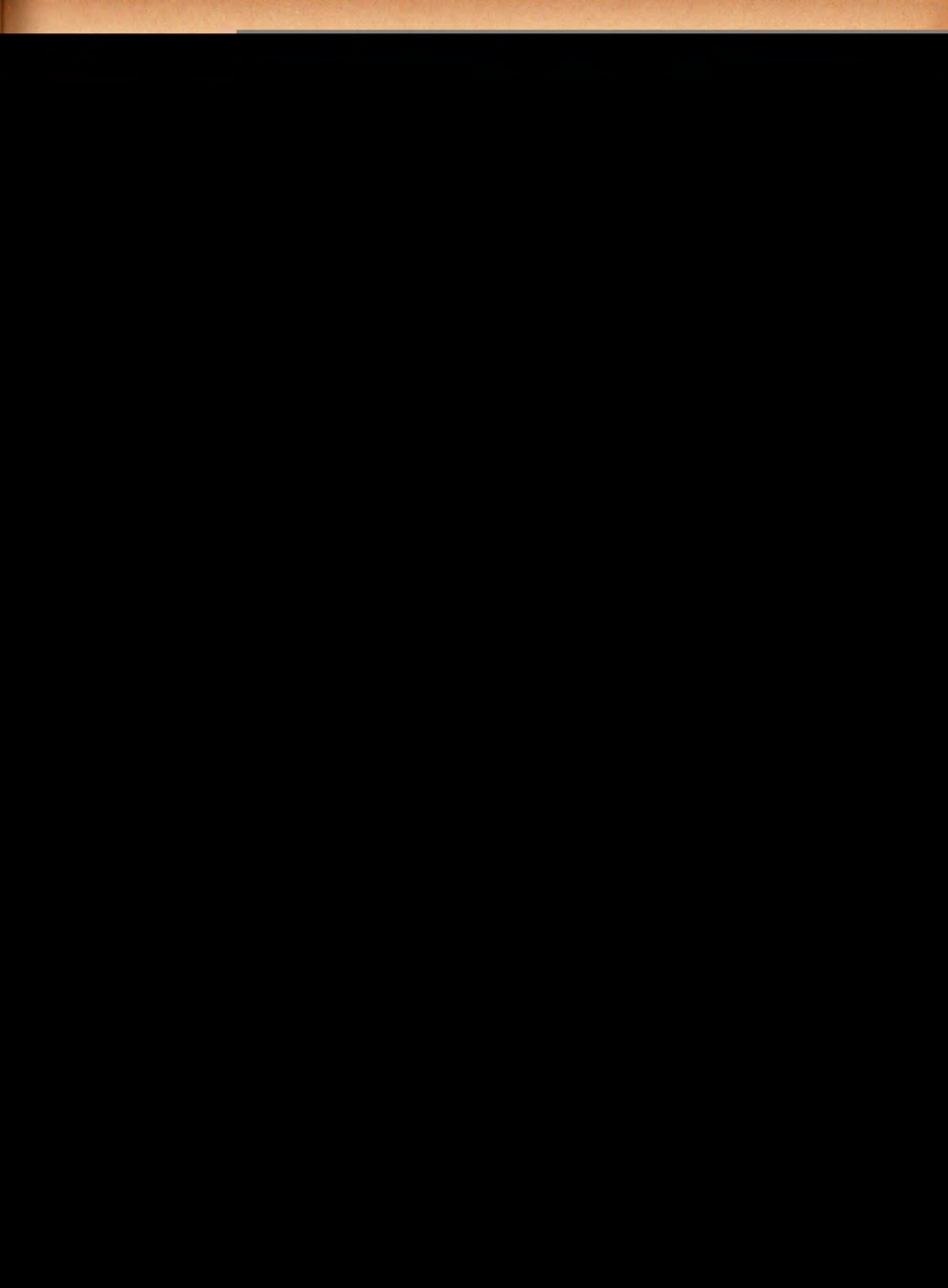
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countenance. Would that he might gain the top so that we should see his future. But no! he sees H on his side. He must speak with H; and there is F on the other side; F must be spoken to. From side to side he wanders, and eventually comes to the top. He is changed, yet not changed. He still smiles, though a man of thirty summers. You demand what he is; whether he has become famous; if so, in what direction? Well, his fame is not world-wide; in fact, he is known to few. He has gained neither knighthood, decorations, fame, but happiness. He is a happy man.

There is another there. Of sturdy frame, broad-shouldered, thick-set, noted for his strength, "a sort of compressed Hercules of a boy." He marches up with a light step, head erect, in one hand a light bag (it must be light, for see how he swings it about), in the other a cricket bat. He nods and beckons to all. He is known by all. He is not long in reaching the top. Behold! he is still a cricketer—of the same sturdy frame of yore—with a few books around him. The books are there because of his determination. He will succeed. Books are needful for success. So he will cultivate the company of books. 'Tis useless—success came to him not through books, but sport alone.

One boy more. A happy massive-framed youth, a combination of the two we have last seen pass. He has a soldierly bearing, this one; with his shiny boots, his fiery eyes, proud and erect head set on broad shoulders. He is not long in gaining the top, and is soon transformed. We hardly note a change. He is still but a youth. Yet look! he is a soldier, brave, kind as he ever was. His nature has not changed—he is the same old C—. Look at him now: just as of yore he

"fills up the gaps in our files,
Strengthens the wavering line."

And now 'tis a batch of girls that advance. Small girls, tall girls, girls of every size. See them advancing. Hear them advancing. You mark their advance more by the ear than by the eye, for at every step there are emitted fundamentals, octaves, harmonies. Mark their advance. Behold, they have gained the top. They are almost all the same: all happy wives. (As I value my life I breathe not the word spinster!) All, did I say? I retract the word—there is one, a tall, thin, pale girl, the only

thoughtful, quiet one 'midst such a batch; she gains fame on arriving at the top. Professor R— she is, the most learned lecturer on botany of her day.

So they passed, and so I saw them. All eventually arriving at the top, and some, on their arrival, gaining riches, others fame, some honours, some high positions; all gaining success; and a few (those lucky ones) gaining the priceless gift—happiness.

JOKAL.

An Old Fortian in San Francisco.

We have received a long letter from Jack Ferguson, who gained the best senior pass in 1910, and who then went to America, where he is in his last year at the Schools of Science and Engineering attached to the University of California. His letter, eleven pages in length, is too long to publish. Here is his description of the dedication of the sites of the Australian and N.Z. buildings at the Panama Exhibition, to be held in San Francisco this year.

"Each State and foreign nation celebrates the dedication of its site in appropriate manner, and it was last Thursday, the 23rd of July, that Australia and New Zealand held their joint dedication ceremonies.

"These began with a banquet given at 12 noon to the New Zealand and Australian Commissioners, at which were present representatives of the Government of N.S.W., of Victoria, the British Consul-General, the President of the Exposition, and representatives of the State of California and of the City of San Francisco, as well as a representative of the U.S. Army.

"As all these and sundry other personages had to deliver long orations, the dinner did not end till 2.30. About 3 o'clock, all left the Palace Hotel at which the banquet had taken place, and, joined by members of the Australasian Club, they made their way out to the Exposition grounds, where all loyal Australians appeared to witness the actual dedication and ground breaking.

"The ceremonies were to begin at 3.30, and many arrived on the scene at 3 p.m. to get front seats. The officials and train of 20 to 40 automobiles were late, and it was 4 o'clock before the ceremonies began.

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class lists, and again when coming out. Your name must be checked twice.

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Boys' High School Class News.

THE SENIOR CLASS.

As our time is now drawing to a close and nobody seems to have thought of any means of perpetuating our memory, we (note the editorial "we," for at such a crisis as this it is not right that any individual should be inculcated for the common weal) have decided to inscribe an epitaph to ourselves. As our purpose shall have been obtained if we succeed in attaining a sufficient degree of notoriety, there seems no possible hope of failure. There is a natural bathos, and cumbersomeness which should prove pre-eminently successful in making it sufficiently notorious, and thereby perpetuating our memory. Of late, there has been little news, and this accounts mainly for the unusually long epitaph. The "aristocrats" continue to keep the class uniformly accelerated in some direction or other.

A FOURTH YEAR FAREWELL.

November's days are sad and drear,
 And all our outlook's grey and gloomy;
 Oppress us now these halls so roomy;
 Now there's dearth of mirth and cheer,
 No sound of laughter now is here.

The Sphinx before us stands alone,
 The quintessence of line and figure,
 And proofs demands of logic rigour;
 Passive smile and level tone
 Ne'er changing till the lesson's done.

But now no more with quiet mien,
 With eyes that flash and lips that quiver,
 With words of wit that rend and sliver
 Sophistries we've sought to screen,
 He still shall urge us on, I ween.

No more shall "aula" mean a "hall";
 The Latin Muse shall cease orating
 On Tully's speech; and Wilkin's prating
 Cease at Time's imperious call
 And silence cover Milo's fall.

Now Shakespeare's power is past and gone
 To keep our midnight oil still burning,
 "Dates" and "plots" and "sources" learn-
 ing;
 "Caesar" and the Fates Three done,
 "G.M." may have the rest he's won.

To show the scientific gain
 That thought and observation causes,
 And what are "sounds," and what are
 "noises,"
 The man of "light and noises" fain
 Would read and talk and read again.

But now no more we hear. No more
 We list to operas solo-rendered,
 And wit in time and tune that's tendered;
 Mirth and joy we knew of yore
 Their absence now how we deplore!

No more shall "D---," a prey to all,
 Neath outward guise obscure the truthful;
 No more shall Frankie's jokes full youth-
 ful

Echo round the silent hall
 Where thoughts of near exam. appal.

But wherefore grieve we here so long?
 A pleasant time we've spent together,
 In fair or dull or stormy weather,
 Care carks not 'mid the merry throng
 That's linked by ties of friendship strong.

The sky-clock goes relentless on
 And brings the seasons oft-recurring,
 Preventing us the time deferring—
 Here our day is spent and gone
 And time once lost is ne'er re-won.

So move we with the great clock, Time,
 Our steps reluctant onward going,
 Our lives in channels diverse flowing,
 Treasure sure through ev'ry clime,
 Our school-day memories sublime.

3 C CLASS NOTES.

We begin the final term of this year with high hopes and better resolutions, anxiously awaiting the final, but expectantly looking forward to the pleasant pastures which lie on the other side of that gloomy barrier.

Shortly before the September Quarterly, a debate was held by our Society on the subject, "Machines do more harm than good," the ministry led by Shakespeare denying the statement. The debate, though it would appear somewhat one-sided, was hotly and evenly contested, the ministry eventually retaining their positions by a very slight margin. On the 3rd instant, the business of the Society took the form of a manuscript journal, which was perhaps the best we have yet had. Articles of exceptionally high quality were read and thoroughly enjoyed by the Society.

Schwartzzy has spent three glorious weeks at Austinmer. How we envy the lucky fellow.

"Hughie" has added another star to his shoulder strap. Good boy! He'll be a general yet if he keeps on in this way.

Seniors are greatly delighted at the idea of being allowed to study the maps of the various European campaigns in the atlases distributed every Thursday. Most interesting, believe us! and most thoughtful of our English master.

Even as the bump which was felt by Lucifer in falling from the heavenly regions to the earth, so also was that experienced by one, A.S.F., in dropping from the sublime heights of 92 per cent. to somewhere about 68 per cent. He has not yet revived from the shock. Cheer up, Bert!

In those interesting realms of Algebra,

while on the subject of combinations and permutations, we find, or rather, take for granted, that a class of 30 boys may be placed in a like number of seats in no fewer than 226,342,129,642 (can you manage to squeeze it in, Editor?) different formations. N.B.—The answer may be a few billions out, but. . . . that's neither here nor there.

In Memoriam:—To the memory of one Alan J. Stone, who departed from our midst on or about the 1st September, 1914, into the extensive tracts of business. May he prosper!

Till next month, brethren, farewell!

3 B "FORTIAN" NOTES.

"It was nothing—as simple as it could be," spake the cheerful idiot concerning the Quarterly. The majority of the results are out, we speak not of our achievements—unlike most people, we are modest. Congratulations to the teachers on account of the speed with which we received the results, and to the indefatigable energy of Perkins, who, we are happy to say, has found "fresh fields and pastures new." Good-bye Polly, we hope you like your new playmates.

Who is superstitious? We are not. Witness our stubborn resistance against the ominous 13, which has been plastered on our portal, by some agent of the "Camorra" or "Black Hand."

Farewelling passed in Maths. II. It is a mystery. Let us venture to solve it. Perhaps he took one of his inventions in with him. He must be complimented on his waste of brain-power and paper.

Farewell, Max Hoffmann. No more witty remarks, no more efforts at stale vituperative derision. Exit the soul of mirth and wit. He has gone to work (? ? ?).

The Politician has nothing to argue about. He is squashed (perhaps!).

The Debating Society still rages strong. Everyone speaks at once, and above all! is heard M-l-er's sonorous voice, expounding logic, to a heedless audience.

We have settled down, and all mean to become Seniors I.

Owing to the invention of our military-maniac, we have adopted the offensive; speak-

ers who do not sit down (having been counted out) are immediately shot by the new machine gun.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Mater, on his promotion from Color-sergeant.

3 A.

The grim periodic spectre of exams. has passed from our midst for a time, and its ghostly, ghastly followers, results, have had their day. Once more we have returned to the well-worn rut and accustomed routine of everyday school life.

The vocal band known as Christie's Minstrels is progressing favourably. "Banjy" especially has a fine "sultana" voice (as a certain diminutive follower of Mrs. Malaprop described it the other day). The exams. have added materially to the store of human knowledge. One member of the class informs us that the mendicant orders were founded by Mendico. Another endeavoured to determine the formula for the time of asculation of a simple pendulum. A petrified egg found in Italy's old capitals has been described as one of the Lays of Ancient Rome.

The effects of the Reformation and Renaissance have just reached Fort Street, and Billy tells us he intends to write a book on "The Effects of the Reformation in 3 A."

The former officers of the debating society have resigned, and the following new ones were elected on Friday, October 2nd:—Premier, A. Ackland; Leader of the Opposition, M. Christie; Secretary, N. Hall.

On the same day a debate was held on the subject of whether a bridge or tunnel would be the best means of communication to North Sydney. After an exciting discussion in which "Prince Rupert" stood out prominently, a vote was taken, and resulted in a win for the Ministry.

SECOND YEAR.

2 A.

Martial spirit once more pervades the atmosphere of our classroom, and 2 A, the best class in second year, are eagerly looking forward to whole day parades. They can there show their ability to some purpose. Their only sorrow is that there are not more of them. Nevertheless, this warlike spirit does not interfere without studies, vide our Science

results.

D—s, after his great feat of arms, as recorded in last issue, has at last decided to capture Kaiser Wilhelm.

The Quarterly Exam. has come and gone and left us sorrowing, but in the main we are all glad that it is over and we are now settling down for the Intermediate.

Hector Schwert seems to be coming in very handy. F—p has already had a close shave. We hope it will never appear again. Our martial colonel, Fr—r, has found the work of whole-day parades too strenuous, and he is forced to carry with him a big bottle of milk.

2 B.

Since our last edition went to press, this class has been doing some wonderful work, namely, by the results of the recent exam. Omitting the Science, these results were fairly good. P—U—G has been specially brilliant in Latin and has run his old pal F—r—dy— for a good place in the class. "Sporter" wishes to be kindly remembered in our news. This is by special request.

Just now every student is working his best for the coming exam. Fat is living on Clements' Tonic and using plenty of wet towels round his head whilst burning the midnight oil. Sport and McI. have decided to sit for the Intermediate under latest instructions—we all wish them good luck. This year there will not be many from this class to grace the famous 2 X class, which so excelled itself last year.

In the recent exam. everybody in 2 B passed in French—this is something to be proud of.

2 C.

The weather—and sundry other things are getting decidedly warm, with every prospect of a further increase in temperature. The results of our exam. occasioned great rejoicing, especially the Science. We were literally showered with compliments. Treloar felt highly flattered at the conclusion of the lesson. According to all accounts our hopes of gaining A's in the Inter. are greatly discounted. 2 C is certainly fostering the inventive genius, which has lately appeared in several of our members. Bye refrained from partaking of bodily nourishment for one whole lesson—the

proceeds of this self-denial went towards the price for his patent of his new boot-cleaning apparatus, for which he is now applying. We have always suspected White of inventive talent. This was proved by his patent improved "punkah" — specially adapted to school use. Sport has been rather in the background lately, owing to our efforts to improve our knowledge in our weak subjects. Cramp has taken to composing poetry. The clock strikes 2 a.m., and the midnight oil is burnt out, so we must close.

2 D.

The September exam left most of us gasping. After the Science paper, in which four passed, we felt like inhaling some laughing gas (nitrous oxide, N_2O), so that we should be insensible to the pain of reading the results. However, even this slaughtered did not prevent 2 D from maintaining its old position—we obtained first place and top average in every subject.

C. A. G.'s twelve-minute tests cause a bustle. When the results come out there is another bustle—towards the "kinder" line.

Australian History—born 1788 still going strong—However, we are studying this subject from the middle of its life, 1850. This is very interesting as the gold discoveries take place about that time. The Sports Editor regrets to inform readers that the light-weight championship between Patsy Wooller and One Round Meers, has been postponed till after the Inter., owing to study, etc.

As all of our boys answer to the call of duty and are parading every Wednesday, sport has been temporarily abandoned. However, in hope of future glories, we tip the following for places at tests of athletic skill:—Cricket, Sam; swimming, Meers, Paxy, etc. H.B.S.M. will probably be chosen in the first grade team of noughts and crosses.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

1 A.

At the recent quarterly examination several members of the class have done exceedingly well. We are pleased to note that Salter came first in Maths. I. and that Moore received a good position in the Shorthand test. In the commercial subjects we have left 1 B quite behind. The Matriculation part of the

class is making good progress under our new Latin master. We had hoped to show better results in the English subjects, and rather many lads came below the average. However, it is confidently expected that the class will occupy a premier position at the annual examination next month.

1 B.

The examination results of 1 B are fairly satisfactory. Stewart obtained first place in Maths. 1 and English, Galvin was first in French, Bastian in Geography, and Eve in History. We are about to form a class cricket team, and there is no doubt that we will win the competition, as in "Soccer."

The swimming season has commenced, and great things are expected from our good swimmers—Schmidt, Stubbs, Hunt and Wein-garth.

Some excellent maps of the war area have been drawn by members of the class in the playground.

We are pleased to welcome back our class-mate Wilson, who has recovered from his recent accident.

1 C.

We are all progressing in our work, and even the laggards have made considerable progress, judging by the results of the exam. To our incredible joy, we were able to overcome the champion French class, beating them, with a fair percentage over.

The yearly exam. looms ominously near, and the majority are endeavouring to put forth their best efforts. It is to be hoped that all will receive promotion to second year. The two prominent questions in the playground are: "Do you think I will pass the yearly?" and "Have you any Toblers'?"

The approach of the swimming season is being heralded with joy, and it seems extremely difficult to form a class cricket team owing to the popularity of the former.

1 D.

There is a strong determination to put forth our best efforts so that the yearly exam. will show that most of the members will receive promotion to second year work. The assiduous workers obtained good marks at the recent examination. However, it is neces-

sary that several should endeavour to make amends for the poor average they obtained, or they will be required to spend a longer period in first year's work.

A class picnic is being arranged, and a good time is anticipated. We intend to form a class cricket team to compete in the competition, and it is anticipated that 1 D will win the laurels. We are having quite a number of parades under the Compulsory Training, so our Wednesday afternoons have been strenuously taken up. Cunningham and Berghofer were elected class captains for the month.

CLASS 1 E.

During the past month the quarterly examination was held, and the results of our class have been very good.

As in the last examination we carried off the honours in Latin, but we are sorry to say that we were defeated in French by our rivals, 1 C class.

In Latin some of the best results were obtained by L. Porter, Champion and Rodwell, while in French the most successful were Barnett, Rodwell, Champion and L. Porter.

In History, G. Greenlees and Neville obtained very good marks, these two being very near the top of the first year.

In Mathematics, Step obtained the top mark of the class.

In English, G. Greenlees obtained the best mark for our class, while Dickson came very close with next mark.

These results, although not up to the standard of the half-yearly, are very good, and all our teachers are very pleased with our work.

During the past month we had a change of French teachers, and we are progressing favourably with our new master, Mr. Mote.

In several weeks' time the cricket competition will begin, and we think that we will be able to put a very strong team on the field, because one of our classmates, Kirkpatrick, is an accomplished cricketer.

We are very pleased to announce that our classmate, Harry Hotten, will soon be back at school.

1 F.

We are glad to be able to say that we have a new addition to "the premier class in the First Year," W—bury, who has only just

arrived from a trip on the Contin(ong).

The class picnic advertised in our last issue is evidently off, as nothing further has been heard of it.

Kallmeyer, the late baseball captain, who showed his wonderful proclivities to the discomfort of his opponents, has organised a cricket team, and challenges any other First Year Class to a match at any convenient Wednesday.

The honour of 1 F was upheld in the recent Quarterly Exam, either R—e or S—y coming first in most subjects amongst all classes, and O—t also gained honours. Although 1 D boasted that they would defeat 1 F easily in the exam., their hopes were dashed to the ground when the results came out, and they had to hide their diminished heads. C—t (Chidley) and S—y are strenuously contesting the honour of becoming 1 F's budding comedian.

Most of the boys in this class are looking forward to the swimming season with renewed interest, and we expect to see Crakanthorp show his swimming abilities to good effect in the carnival.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Leaving Certificate and Intermediate Examinations will be held on the 23rd of November and following days; Q.C. Examination on the 16th November.

As the election for captain of the school will take place next month, third year students should keep the matter in mind so as to be able to record their votes for the right candidate.

Lieutenants Baldock, Nalder and Mater have been in camp for a couple of weeks stationed at Maroubra Bay.

Several of our Junior Lieutenants have recently received the second star on their shoulder straps. Congratulations.

At the Third Degree Examination in Medicine Guy Lawrance obtained first place with high distinction and the John Harris Scholarship for Anatomy and Physiology. Roy Wiburnd passed with distinction, Clyde Davis with credit, while Clive Alexander, Victor Asher and Gerald Murray passed.

Girls' Page

SENIORS IN THE ROLE OF GEOLOGISTS.

Scene: Central Railway Station, Friday, 4.45.

"What is the meaning of all this stir?" asked a bewildered old gentleman, dodging the huge ports, borne along by sixteen youthful maidens, aglow with excitement and expectation.

"Can't anyone tell me?" he queried again—"ah—thought so—see their badges—they're Fortians."

"Oh," with a sigh of relief—"thought the Germans were coming."

The ports disappeared one by one into the two reserved compartments, and the poor ticket-collector, nearly at his wits' end, but with the look of a man who has accomplished a great feat, punched the last ticket for "Ger-ringong," and the train sped on.

Many geological structures were witnessed on the journey, and on reaching our destination, we slept the sleep of the tired.

Saturday morning saw the party wending their way still further south to Seven Mile Beach, where fossils, weatherboards, cracks and hammers, not to mention pinches, were very much in the fore. Crooked River gave specimens of fairly recent geological structures, which would not, unfortunately, permit of a close examination.

The beach and its environments proved an enticing agent for the surfers of the party on Sunday morning. A fossil was found, about which was much discussion, but "Boobadah's" caused never-ending interest.

Amongst others found were martiniopsis, stenopora platyschisma, aviculopecten and others with names far too learned for the youthful readers of the "Fortian."

A learned member found much pleasure in informing us that although the trig. station and Black Head with its fossils, were very prominent, such at Bundanoon were equally so.

The trig. station at twilight was the scene of gay frolics for some, but the more serious

members of the party preferred to indulge in a walk to Seven Mile Beach.

After waving our adieux, the early morning train carried us from our happy hunting grounds to Kiama (a place of more geological interest).

We left Kiama Station, then—
Behind them was the station,
Before them was the road,
Beside them was the basalt,
Astride them was their load,
And thus the happy party,
With step and tongue quite bright,
With an hour's march to the "Blow Hole"
They tramped without a bite.

The most important sights of Kiama were visited, including the Quarry and Puffing Billy, but being low tide the latter was not seen at its best, although it succeeded in clamping the ardour of the "two twins."

After a final splash in the briny, we took our departure for the station. The train arrived—no engaged compartment—a scramble for a seat, everyone finding one to their liking.

Back to fag on Tuesday with—
Fair faces tanned a "Jappy" brown,
Beneath Sol's ardent rays,
Showing that the Senior Girls
Enjoyed their holidays.

Girls' High School News.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT.

Few afternoon concerts have proved more thoroughly enjoyable than that of the 2nd instant, organised by Miss Bruce and Miss Marks.

Not only did the audience fully appreciate the splendid programme presented to them, but the artistes themselves seemed to enter fully into the spirit of the affair and likewise spent an extremely pleasant afternoon. Everything went with a swing, neither hitch nor awkward pause broke the harmony of our musical entertainment. Few of the items contributed more to the general enjoyment than those of the visitors who so kindly came forward and offered their services. Miss Crockford and Miss Hazel McEachern were exponents of elocutionary art, Miss Hilda Dodds sang "Buy My Roses," and Miss Dorothy

Griffin, with her sister Pearl, played the duet "Estelle." It was noticed that Fort Street possesses some pleasing voices, which should soar into the realms of song in days to come. Ena Drake's clear contralto voice was heard to great advantage in the song "Molly," while Ada Phillips and Pansy Templeton both rendered their items extremely well.

Among the instrumentalists was Pauline Tierney, our "premiere violiniste," who gave an exquisite rendering of "Caprice." Violet Cook's rendering of "The Rustle of Spring" was most effective, while "Our Trio," Edith, Olive and Mary, provided great enjoyment for the audience. The opening overture was very well played by Rita Young and Dorothy Hosie, while Dorothy Stewart, Connie Townend, Ena Withers and Gwen Smith also contributed largely to the afternoon's pleasure.

Recitations were given by Persia Campbell and Ruth Thomas. Then came our "very special" glee club under Mr. Mote, with two selections, and, as a grand finale to a thoroughly enjoyable musical treat, came the English, Belgian, French and Russian national anthems sung by an octette of girls. Perhaps the most prominent feature of that pleasant two hours was the splendid "esprit de corps" which is such a salient feature of all Fort Street undertakings.

Financially, the concert proved equally successful, the sum of £8 having been sent to the Belgian Fund in consequence.

SPORT.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING.

On Wednesday 23rd September a pleasant afternoon was spent at Birchgroce, the event in question being our Third Annual Sports Meeting. Representatives from other High Schools, as well as many other visitors were present. As the proceeds were to be given to the Belgian Fund, great enthusiasm was shown by all partakers in the afternoon's enjoyment, from the licensed peanut vendors, to those who strove valiantly to come anywhere but last in that interesting obstacle race.

The general organisation of the sports reflects great credit on those concerned, and the assistance of Messrs. Cantrell and Gale (Starters), Kinnimont (Timekeeper) was

much appreciated. Miss Maloney was specially commended for her splendid work. Towards the close of the afternoon, Miss Partridge commended the girls for the enthusiasm shown in their sport, and presented the winners of events with blue ribbon badges artistically prepared by Miss Tearle.

The results of the events were as follows:
100 Yards Championship of School—

Heat 1: 1, C. Bacon; 2, G. Dalgleish.

Heat 2: 1, L. Morton; 2, M. Cummins.

Heat 3: 1, J. McRae; 2, E. Murdoch.

Final: 1, Connie Bacon (time 13 3-5secs.); 2, L. Morton. As well as congratulating the winner, we must commend also Jessie McRae, who won her heat in 13 seconds; unfortunately, however, she was in some degree incapacitated in the final.

Event 2. Hockey Match—

G. O'Brien's team v. O. Storey's team, 2-0.

Tennis Match—Nance Hunt, Beryl Hollamby.

3. Egg and Spoon Race—

Heat 1: 1, K. Campbell; 2, N. Matthews.

Heat 2: 1, D. Rothwell; 2, D. Smith.

Final: D. Rothwell.

4. Hurdle Race, 100 yards—

Heat 1: 1, G. Ohlson; 2, M. Morrison.

Heat 2: 1, F. Patterson; 2, M. Kilminster.

Heat 3: 1, L. Morton; 2, R. Esserman.

Heat 4: V. Smythe; 2, A. Sandon.

Heat 5: 1, J. McRae; 2, K. Hahn.

Final: Jessie McRae; time 16½ secs.

5. Three-legged Race—

Heat 1: 1, Olive Storey; 2, Hazel McEachen

Heat 2: 1, E. Segart; 2, S. O'Brien.

Final: 1, Olive Storey; 2, Hazel McEachen.

6. Flag Relay Race—¼

1, Old Girls' Team; 2, 3 D.

7. Obstacle Race—

Heat 1: 1, M. Burrows; 2, T. Wicks.

Heat 2: 1, M. Kilminster; 2, G. Ohlson.

Heat 3: 1, N. Wicks; 2, M. Jones.

Heat 4: 1, D. Kelso; 2, P. Briggs.

Heat 5: 1, M. Jensen; 2, V. Smythe.

Final: 1, Laura Briggs.

8. Old Girls' Championship, 100 yards—

1, Sadie O'Brien; 2, E. Shorter; time 13 1-5.

9. 220 Yards Walking Championship—

1, Poppy Brooks; 2, K. Campbell; time, 56½.

10. Sack Race—

- Heat 1: 1, Olga Smith; 2, G. Ohlson.
 Heat 2: 1, L. Briggs; 2, R. Young.
 Heat 3: 1, E. Crawford; 2, V. Smythe.
 Final: 1, Laura Briggs; 2, O. Smith.

11. Obstacle Race—

- Heat 1: 1, T. Wicks; 2, D. Smith.
 Heat 2: 1, Dorothy Stewart.
 Heat 3: 1, D. Hatfield; 2, T. Bevan.
 Final: 1, Tony Wicks; 2, Doris Hatfield.

12. Club Relay Race—

- 1, Hockey Team; 2, Lacrosse Team.

 HOCKEY.

The only outside match during the month was the one played against North Sydney High School, won by Fortians 2-0.

Competition, Fortian's Matches.—The score published in last "Fortian" was: Vikings 3, Trojans 2, Spartans 2, Buccaneers 1.

Spartans played and won 2-1. Buccaneers played Trojans and won 1-0. The score then stood: Spartans 4, Vikings 3, Buccaneers 3, Trojans 2.

Semi-final between Vikings and Buccaneers was won by Vikings 3-1.

Final.—Spartans v. Vikings, won by Spartans 3-2. These competition matches were a source of great pleasure and excitement to all concerned, and the club extends heartiest congratulations to the winning team—the Spartans—captained by Rose Esserman. Each member received a very pretty silver hockey stick in the form of a brooch.

On Sports Day, 23rd ultimo, one of the chief items on the programme was an exhibition hockey match. Sadie O'Brien captained the successful team, which scored 2 goals. In the club teams' race, hockey came in first. The entrants were E. Shorter, H. McEachen, S. O'Brien, and O. Storey.

 LACROSSE.

At last the season is over, and we have put our sticks away until next season. However, in spite of the heat a Karweens' team played against a combined team from the other clubs at a patriotic carnival at Balmain but was unfortunately beaten by 4 goals to 3. Members of both our teams had their photographs taken at the close of the season.

TENNIS.

This sport has still many ardent followers. During September a match was played against Cleveland-street B team on the Double Bay courts—and resulted in a win for Fort Street team. The final match for the winter season arranged by the P.S.A.A.A. will be played on Wednesday, October 7th, against Parramatta High School.

 FOURTH YEAR.

By no means inconspicuous were the representatives of fourth year at the recent sports meeting, winners of several events being 4th year girls.

The patriotic concert is to be the next form of diversion for our minds, after which the "stern reality" of that which follows pleasure will present itself in the form of the most formidable of all the 'ations, namely examination.

Perhaps if the gaze could penetrate the book-bedecked boundaries of some study on the eve of the examination, the following scene would present itself: Seated at a table of which every available square inch is covered by some of the many books to be conned during the evening, a well-meaning scholar proceeds to revise certain subjects. Occupying a place of honour in the centre of the table is a large, rosy, delicious-looking, superior, fleshy, indetescant pseudocarp, which though ensconced between Webster's Dictionary and sundry text books of more moderate dimensions, serves to remind the student of a good time coming. Having tried in vain to unravel certain Ciceronian mysteries, the perplexed brain is soothed in a wonderful way by the sound of a comforting maternal voice, or perhaps it is only fancy, which makes her recognise in the air the following injunction: "Ede malum, carissima mea." A struggle ensues in which method predominates, and the apple remains in its place.

The next difficulties being found in trying to account for the constant variety of menus provided during the siege of Paris, the eyelids begin to droop, only to be raised by the strains of the same encouraging voice: "Mange ta pomme, ma chere." This time the following struggle is keener, but eventually

the victor triumphantly turns aside from "Le siege de Paris" to a more formidable history—that of the Thirty Years' War. Wearying at length of trying to connect numerous sentences, the subject-matter of which is anything but clear, the head once more droops, and sleep is only dispelled by the ever-returning strain, "Iss deinen appel, mein lieblich." But no, the apple is destined to hold its seat of honour a little longer. Turning at length to certain botanical biographies, or in more botanical language, life-histories, interest is absorbed for a time by the exciting events in the life of a mushroom. Passing from these events to the more rational habits of the occupants of orchards, interest lags, and the "gentle thing, beloved from pole to pole," strives to gain ascendancy. Once again the strain resounds, this time in more forcible language, enjoining the weary one to derive nourishment from the fleshy receptacle of the pome, after having carefully removed the outer covering or skin. This time the inner man triumphs, and under pretence of examining the five carpels within the fleshy pulp, the beguiled student at length cuts a transverse section through the pome. Of course an apple once cut becomes discoloured if exposed for long to the air, so it would indeed have been absurd to have left those two halves on the table. Then again, since wilful waste makes plenty apple skins, this probably accounts for the fact that before long the apple, skin included, has disappeared! Disappeared!! . . . Where? . . . Yes, there!!

Does the well-meaning scholar finish her work? We shall not undertake to say, but at least she finishes the apple.

Moral: Method in the study depends not only on the student but also on her immediate surroundings, and the absence of luxuries from reach of tongue and ear.

UNIVERSITY RESULTS.

The following results of the August examinations have just been posted at the University, and should prove interesting to Fortians:—

Science I.—Physics 1A: Miss Jessie McDougall, Amy Walton. Geology: Distinction, Olive Waraker; Credit, Marjorie Kilgour.

Science II.—Geology: High Distinction (1st place): Marjorie Collins; Pass, Dorothy Perry.

Botany.—Marjorie Collins (1st place), Isabel Knight (2nd place). Pass: Nellie Hindmarsh, Jessie Wright, Dorothy Rothschildt.

Medicine III.—Heather Kilgour, Lottie Scharfstein, Kitty Glasson.

THIRD YEAR.

The girls are still showing the keenest interest in the "Belgian Relief Fund," and were most anxious that their sports should be a success, in order that their donation to this good cause might be the greater, and although all had willingly devoted their prize money to the fund, the competition was keen and the "blue ribbons" were hardly fought for. Many third year girls worked well at the sale of refreshments.

The grim old half-yearly is yawning and grinning in the distance and seems the next thing to command our interest. We wish the fourth and second year girls the best of luck in their examinations, may honors and success be showered upon them like snowflakes on the thirsting earth!

SECOND YEAR.

No longer do we regard examinations with cheerfulness born of indifference, but with some doubt and dread, yet with more eagerness and ambition we push on to our Intermediate goal. Oh! that Father Time would move less quickly for a space! Now do we learn indeed that by the forelock alone may he be held "for behind he is bald."

In II. C S. Rainsford and I. Brown bear the mathematical honours this month, while L. Briggs, F. Paterson, L. Taylor and M. Cummins bring their class distinction in sport.

II. B gives favourable mention of B. Richardson, M. Nicholson, J. Montagu, G. Ridge and J. Mitchell in Botany, and of E. Longton in Mathematics, and from II. A come reports of good results from the work of M. Winkworth, M. Levy and S. Murdoch.

In spite of the bustle of examinations, second year girls have lost none of their interest in sports. They competed keenly in the races and games on Field Day, and though they re-

gret that, with the advent of warm weather, lacrosse and hockey become departed joys, they look forward with eagerness to the summer's swimming.

FIRST YEAR.

First year girls are looking forward to their annual test which they hope will prove many of them to be worthy of a place in second year.

The fun of Sports' Day was greatly appreciated and, while mentioning with pride Tony Wicks' successful effort in the Orange Race, I. A. extends its sympathy to Ethel Newell, who, in the first heat of the obstacle race, led for a long distance but, on arriving at "The Bun," found it dangling cheerfully above reach of her mouth.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

General.—The "Self-Denial Fund" now totals £13 18s. 6d. Several 5A and 5B girls are knitting "comforters" for the soldiers. A lively spirit of patriotism prevails. 5C Class is leading on the "Donation List."

Virtue Rewarded.—Drill Squad for P.S. A.A.A. witnessed the soldiers' procession on 6th October. These girls have valiantly kept to their post throughout long and weary practices. Twelve of the older scholars of 5A are representing "South Africa" in the tableau and choir at the sports. Scarlet daisies and silver leaves will be their distinguishing mark; the Union Jack their flag.

We are glad to announce that Miss O'Reilly will be back on 15th October, and take this opportunity to express publicly our sympathy with her in the loss of her dear sister.

CLASS HONOUR LISTS.

5A and 5B (Quarterly, "Q.C." Classes, Examination).

(a) Maths.—M. Adams, 100 per cent.; M. Leape, 100 per cent.; A. Wright, 100 per cent.; G. Lotze, 100 per cent.; E. Fletcher, E. Wells, D. Youngein, L. Small, T. Pedersen, C. Ackerman, E. Cornish, E. Brennan, E. Douglas, M. Edwards, M. Fokes, M. Gansman, E. Hutchinson, H. Jamieson, 70 per cent. to 95 per cent.

(b) English.—E. Fletcher, M. Adams, M. Leape, E. Wells, M. Gansman, B. Komoll, G. Lotze, J. Stewart, B. Freeman, E. Egmond,

L. Digby, E. Cornish, all 90 per cent or over.

(c) Dictation.—N. Brodie, L. Digby, P. Ford, M. Fokes, R. Grey, M. Gansman, I. Hanrahan, E. Hutchinson, G. Lotze, M. Naulls, T. Pedersen, M. Ryan, M. Ramsbotham, L. Small, M. Adams, K. Burns, B. Komoll, L. Miller, N. Schmiedt, all gained 100 per cent.

(d) Writing.—M. Adams, E. Fletcher, M. Leape, E. Wells, E. Hutchinson, I. Hanrahan, P. Ford, E. Brennan, M. Gansman, T. Pedersen, M. Ramsbotham, B. Komoll, A. Young, 95 per cent. to 100 per cent.

(e) History.—M. Leape, M. Adams, M. Fokes, M. Harte, G. Rees, D. Smith, E. Wells, 90 per cent. to 97 per cent.

(f) Geography.—M. Naulls, V. Taylor, C. McKenzie, M. Leape, J. Stewart, E. Wells, A. Wright, E. Fletcher, M. Adams, B. Komoll, C. Thompson, M. Julian, M. Fokes, L. Ferguson, E. Dixon, L. Digby, N. Brodie, E. Brennan, 80 per cent. to 95 per cent.

Dux.—Mattie Adams; 2nd, Myrtle Leape.

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4A and 4B.

K. Daley (90 per cent) and N. Behnke (90 per cent.) came top in Quarterly Examination. E. Anderson gained 100 per cent. in arithmetic. G. Pinder did best in geometry. D. Smith (lately promoted from 3rd) gained highest marks in 4B. She averaged 88 per cent. Well done, Dorothy!

3A and 3B.

Best in examination were:—M. French, A. McLean, M. Broomfield, R. Brodie, B. McKenzie, F. Ridsdale, L. Spence, D. Gordon, C. Buchan, D. Smith, M. Ramsden. Others who are trying hard are: D. Harley, H. Johnson, J. Butler and N. Watkinson; also A. Hamilton, L. Sharpe, D. King.

2A and 2B.

Best, N. Killian.

Best in Quarterly Examination were:—G. Wulf, M. Goldsmide, E. Saford, H. Spencer, D. Lang, M. Hughes, E. McLaughlin, S. Ping, N. Killian, E. McDougall, E. Mair, D. Round.

Senior and Intermediate Farewell

As usual, the Farewell to the Seniors and to the Intermediate Candidates will take place in the Boys' main room on Friday the 20th November at 2 p.m. Below will be found the words of three songs, written by Mr. Had-dock, which will be sung on that afternoon. As it is not intended to issue any additional copies of the songs, students should preserve the paper containing them.

SENIOR SONG.

(Tune: "Melbourne University Anthem.")

Come, Fortians, Fortians, all,
A last time let us gather
And back to memory call
The times we've had together;
Four years replete
With friendship and memory sweet.
Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!
Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!
Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!
With friendship and memory sweet.

In number greater we
Than those who went before us
And so more lustily
Can raise the joyful chorus,
With praises still
The echoing welkin fill,
Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!
Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!
Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!
The echoing welkin fill.

Our school days now are done
The time has come to sever
Let each true Fortian
Bear this in mind forever
Faber suae
Est quisque fortunae.
Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!
Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!
Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!
Est quisque fortunae.

THE INTERMEDIATE.

Here now we have examination
Three days away,
Tho' we approach with trepidation
Scorn we our fears to betray.
Two long, hard years of work behind us
Like nightmare past,
Still hope we that results will find us
All on the right side at last.

Tho' the work's been long and dreary
Are we downhearted. No!
For us the future bright and cheery,
As on our life's course we go.

Some to the old school not returning
Leaves us at last,
Some still in quest of further learning,
Keep to their course steadfast,
But whether leaving or remaining,
Fortians all,
Honour of Fort Street still maintaining
Ever will answer her call.

Tho' the work's, etc.

Tho' we should thro' the world be scattered
Far, far apart,
Let our ideals ne'er be shattered
Dear to each Fortian heart,

Each of us by his own endeavour
 May builder be
 Of his own fortunes; still for ever
 Keep this in memory
 Tho' all the works, etc.

THE SONG OF THE SECOND YEARS.

(Tune: "It's a Long Long Way to Tipperary")

Two short years have passed since first we
 climbed yon well-known hill,
 Years which still remembrance shall with
 cherished mem'ries fill—
 Memories of comrades true, of battles
 fought and won,
 Of lustre added to her fame by duty nobly
 done.

Then a cheer, boys, for good old Fort Street
 Which we all hold so dear—
 Give a cheer, boys, for dear old Fort Street
 And the friendships we've made here,
 Tho' time may bring changes,
 Fortians still we'll stay—
 Then a hearty cheer for dear old Fort Street
 Now, boys, "Hooray!"

Ours to make our first essay her fair fame to
 uphold,
 Go we forth our worth to prove, urged by
 the deeds of old,
 Deeds from out her storied past our efforts
 now inspire,
 So may our deeds in future years her sons'
 ambition fire.

—(Chorus).

In our keeping may her honour still unsullied
 rest,
 May she through the future years with
 faithful sons be blest,
 Sons who hold traditions dear, in school-
 room and in field,
 That never may a rival force her pride of
 place to yield

—(Chorus).

Gordon Godfrey, B.A., has been appointed
 Mathematical Master at Rockhampton Gram-
 mar School.

Roy Mitchell (3rd Year Med.) has been
 made a Prosector.

A Reformer's Review

The writer having read the class notes in
 last month's issue, is incited to reply to some
 of them:—

All hail, most exalted aspirants to a jour-
 nalist's career. Harken, observe, oh ye blun-
 derers, your errors, weaknesses and idiosyn-
 crasies. We, the irreproachable, impreg-
 nable, unchangeable and infallible, call on ye,
 to pay heed to your faults. We have plucked
 the mote from out our own eyes; we will,
 now, mercilessly extract the beam from yours.

3 A and 3 C are with us in fraternal union.
 Attend, ye rabble, and repent.

2 D.—What patriotic boast, what serene, im-
 placable love of country is displayed by ye
 Cynics, Stoics and Scholastics? Oh, ye boas-
 ters, what untold enjoyment is secreted in the
 annals of slaughter, carnage, death. Mirth, as
 ancient as Cheops, handed down by word of
 mouth, sweeps in her train, hysteria, and de-
 tention.

2 C.—Irony as bitter as gall, as biting as a
 serpent, lies beneath thy too thin disguise of
 flattery. Stop! watch yourselves, ye overstep
 the mark of self-importance. Grovel, oh ye
 satirists in your exalted sphere of knowledge,
 ye are to be pitied, prayed for, and left alone.

2 B.—Thy code of laws begins "Exaltation
 is our extreme delight." Singing thy achieve-
 ments, lauding thyself, even unto the "Ju-
 dicia," one hears the lofty voice of the aspi-
 rants to humiliating failure and oblivion. In
 pace requiescant!

2 A.—The hypocrite will hide his indiffer-
 ence at all costs. 2 A, ye are not hypocrites.
 In hyperbole do ye excel, and unabashed in-
 sinuation. Speak, think, write openly, hold
 up thy heads and say, "We will reform," and
 it is done. Repent, ere Habit leaves her graft
 on ye. Adieu!

1 F.—Poor, wee struggling creatures, vainly
 striving in a "Slough of Despond" to rise
 to the level of our contempt. Such fickle
 minds as hearken to a sad fool's wit, can have
 but one reward. Thy destiny is spun. The
 "Norns" have laid thy woof aside. Withdraw
 into thyself, and live "in vacuo, thou Irre-
 vocables.

1 E.—Cease the awful strains of discord,
 oh ye barbarians, those clashing sounds, that

"Auf Flugeln des Gesanges" are wafted to the mystic realm of Siberia. Thy faults are bad, thy singing worse, "purge not our celestial ears with discord ringing in the spheres."

I D.—Fairest of the ignoble rabble, a gem in the Sargasso. No flattery, no irony, no self-importance, thou art unassuming, sublime. Who could not spare a word of praise on such a curio. Live on, thrive, oh souls of modesty, in thy eternal ignorance.

I C.—What presumption, consigned to Siberia. Learn, oh grovelling stupidity, that we alone rule there, in room 13, that you are where you are, by our grace alone. One word from us, and you are damned; trifle not with those above you. By you as well, has our equanimity been disturbed by French songs, foully butchered in their rendering of melody. "Aufhoren Lie." Desist!

I B.—Keep well thy rosy lipped mouth, closed, ere, in its utterance ye vomit forth pearls of speech. Learn that words are silvern, but that silence is golden. Obey that impulse, follow not the lead of others, lend not thy prowess, keep to the path of knowledge, and not the high road of dismal despondency and contempt.

I A.—Remember King John, Nero, and the Lotus Eaters. Revel not in thy debauch. Rather remember Merlin, who followed the gleam." Take good, well-meant advice, not scathing satire, and feast on knowledge, not on delicacies.

Now, ye rabble, respond in whatever way ye will, we are ready for thy answer with praise or even more criticism. But take one parting word of advice, reform, or fear your Seniors.

E. E. B.

Adieu, Wonder!

There is an end to all things. The end of our two years' course approaches. Much have we travelled in the realms of cold . . . cold facts, and it is now a fit opportunity to bid farewell, a long, an everlasting farewell to wonder. Ne'er shall we wonder again for, after our two years' sojourn we know all. Nature herself which once was mystic, wonderful, is no longer so; Physics has taught us to seek facts, facts, facts, not to wonder at any-

thing, but to pluck forth its inmost heart, its generic secret. . . . Alas! Physics has clipped the wings of Wonder.

In our earlier days we would arise some mornings to find all covered with dew, the grass, the trees, the roof-tops. 'Twas a marvellous sight—in truth a wonderful one. Then would we have resource to wonder, standing pondering how this dew arrived. Without in the least desiring to know whence it came, we wondered—wondered whether Jupiter on seeing the world asleep bare to the blasts and felon winds had not become compassionate and thrown the dew as a coverlet o'er us, tucking everything securely in. Then we would wander into the garden and see the half open leaves holding clear, argent pools of dew. Ah, 'twas surely a bath left by the fairies. Perhaps it was one of those mystic ponds round which the fairies danced; more than likely Puck had helped in the work, aiding Titania "to dew her orbs upon the green."

But those thoughts are now past. Now the world has a different aspect. We arise, notice the dew, and think of the Physics master.

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Nothing could equal the angelic radiance of his smile as he lucidly explained this phenomena to us. "Dew is the aqueous vapour condensed on the superficies of solid substances destitute of the warmth of the lower strata of the atmosphere." We understand now, and wonder not.

Formerly an organ inspired us with wonder. Were there bands of fairies inside ready to peal forth in perfect harmony the glorious notes, and mischievous gnomes ready to howl at the tops of their voices when the organist placed his hand on the wrong keys? Physics reveals not that or that face of it; through the calm creative perspicacity of men of old we now know the secrets of that marvellous instrument.

Gold has inspired many and many a person with wonder, some with wonder as to how it is to be gained, others as to how it is to be retained once gained. Once we wondered how the gods managed to place those shining lumps in the earth's bosom, but now we know
" 'twere absurd

To think that Nature in the earth bred gold
I'perfect in the instant; something went before
There must be remote matter."

Gold inspires us now with as little wonder as to how it was formed as do Widmannstättian figures. Wonder is gone, knowledge is omnipotent.

Lately I have personally received proof that we soon shall wonder no more. I sat in the yard, when all at once my gaze was attracted towards "Carissima Mia. Ma foi! What socks!" Surely Physics plays no part here.

"I gazed and gazed, but little thought

What wealth to me the show had brought."

They seemed to me "things woven as out of rainbows, on a ground of eternal black." I wondered, wondered, wondered, how such socks could be produced, when lo! one of the facts of Physics came to explain how 'twas. "Energy is the capacity of doing work." Given but the energy anything could be produced. More than likely "Carissima" had sat up all night drawing threads out of those socks to produce a sensation. The energy was there, the work could be done. . . . Yes! through Physics we learn that given the energy drawn-thread work can be done on socks as well as pillow-shams.

Wonder has gone—gone irrevocably. Facts now are all; everything is reduced to facts. I wonder little now, for Physics will teach me all I want to know. Occasionally, at the end of the week, when filthy lucre is scarce, and I have just sat for a Mechanics and Conics test I wonder when P—t—r will pay me that shilling he owes me. Physics aids me not here. In my wondering about the shilling, I am in the year 1950 and I still keep on wondering.

This wonder as to the shilling will pass through this world with me, but as for other wonder I now take the opportunity of shouting to it as it fastly recedes into dim oblivion: "Vale! Vale! Adieu! Adieu!"

JOKAI.

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Farewell.

It has been

roses, roses all the way

With myrtle strewn in our path like mad." And to think that it has all passed, that we must go . . . too cruel. But the call of Alma Mater is irresistible, and so, before leaving we bid adieu to all.

Farewell to the school. Never again shall "the office" or "the top of the stairs" strike terror into our hearts. Those days are gone—gone irrevocably. Never again shall the yard or those stately wooden seats hold us as pupils. Those seats! what memories! what painful memories. Yet we have one consolation . . . we've left plenty splinters for you 1915 seniors.

Farewell to the senior-room. O, here a tear must be shed. This room—so well ventilated, so cool in summer, so warm in winter—this heavenly abode we must leave to others. We who have hoped it would be forever ours. O spes fallaces et cogitationes inanes nostrae! And with the room we have the library. O hard condition! How fond we seniors were of this library. S became so fond of it that he took half of it away with him. But alas! we must leave it. We leave it with its life-long companion—a deficit.

Farewell, on behalf of the back-seat aristocracy to the back seat. We leave you—no, not

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the razor. Do keep silent about that razor, you may hurt Sol's feelings. He tried to shave off an hour's beard with that razor, the result being . . . a heap of splintered steel. No, in place of the razor we leave you the back seat, to be treasured in memory of the nectareous, neoteric, noiseless nine who inhabited that mountain fastness.

Farewell to the masters. Farewell. Farewell to you who inculcated in each and every one of us an insatiable avidity for the classics, Horace and Cicero above all. Remember we will again "cultivate the acquaintance of these fine gentlemen"—on November 18th, 1914. Remember and be consoled. Farewell to you with whom we have discoursed on literature, politics, economics, business principles, the arts and sciences. We shall always remember that you "had a friend who knew a friend who had a similar experience." Console yourself with the news that we go forth to alter the conditions of the children in the street. Farewell historian, happy, hilarious historian; set up elsewhere as a wit; your jokes and puns must be given to younger ears. Farewell Sphinx. Alas! Farewell. We leave you with your riddles of maths. Thebes never knew. To think that never again we shall face your dreaded, unearthly tests, and watch you unfold to a class, aghast at your magic power, unfold and lay open the generic secret of those "3 hour of mysteries." To think we shall see it never again. O splenetic, atrabiliar reflections! Farewell to you who taught us French. We shall remember how you would enter and teach us phonetics—by rules, sight—by rules—, translation from English into French, by rules, translation from French into English, by rules. Then would you translate yourself. What words! What mighty words. O your poor poor jaw, your poor, poor jaw. O nerves and eau-de-Cologne stop it! stop it! We sadly bid adieu to you who aided us stumbling, sinking, overwhelmed by facts and Physies. Force is it that we must leave you, you and that home of yours—that House of Ten Thousand Odors. Farewell to you, science-master to the juveniles. We thank you for your help in dragging us through the Slough of Despond. Eternal blessings on your name.

Farewell to P, with a genius for invention

—that is invention of parades. Never again shall we do your voluntary-compulsory parades. We leave for an Arcadia where voluntary parades are voluntary, and two-hour parades don't last for four hours. So farewell.

Farewell to the gentler sex. Alas 'tis adieu. Never more shall the windows in the Physics room attract as would a mighty magnet. The senior seat will now be free of us.

Farewell to the Cafe Chantant, now to be occupied by minor musicians. Never again shall the Cafe witness such stirring battles as we have fought. Never again shall it witness the "aristocrats" struggling against fearful odds until "their flowered lips did from their color fly."

Alas, too true, it is farewell; farewell for ever. We have taken our positions in the race for happiness. The mighty University has yelled that she possesses it, so

"Courons, courons; doublons le pas
Pour le trouver la-bas, la-bas,
La-bas, la-bas."

With joy and sadness intermingled in our hearts we commence our campaign with the world. Are we to become conquerors, scientists, politicians, poets? "It is an inexplicably complex controversial-calculation between the world and us. We will read the world and its laws: the world with its laws will be there to be read."

But alas! 'tis good-bye to you all. Hinc illae lacrimae. O hinc illae lacrimae. But the world and Alma Mater they call, they call . . . Farewell! . . . Farewell!

JOKAI.

School Captain for 1915.

The election for the Captaincy of the School for 1915 was held on the 6th instant, when the choice of the electors fell, by an overwhelming majority, on

IVAN McLEAN.

We beg to congratulate him on being elected to the highest position open to a boy at Fort Street; and also Will. Lyon, who has been elected Senior Prefect.

Boys' High School Class Yews.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

Hall and Lyon (H.) have been elected senior librarians, vice Maude and Green.

3 C.

Nothing could have exceeded the pride and pleasure of this society the day they were installed in their new position—the Senior Room. What a bustle and a hubbub in the race for seats. Evatt having the luck to be nearest to the door instantly made a dash for a seat by the window, the best in the room. Jacques and Morphett had to be content with two insignificant seats at the rear of the class. York was compelled to sit between the two quietest boys of the class. Poor Walter!

The latest in English essays has brought forth quite a crop of striking openings. One illustrious youth begins: "Harold, Harold it's five o'clock, wake up." Some found it impossible to write: "On getting up on a cold morning"—the thermometer had not been less than 70 degrees for three days and nights!

Most admirably it is to be noted how the study of German has incited our illustrious prefect and lieutenant to emulate the Kaiser in destroying liberty. He has already destroyed our power as the premier class. Oh, 3 C, you were advised in the path where you would be supreme and honoured. But ye would not!!

Shakespeare is now enjoying the shades of the position as leader of opposition while Bill Jacobs now holds the lately vacated place as premier of the school's premier debating society.

3 B.

We humbly crave the pardon of our "Politician" (?), concerning our recent remarks. His temper is like a recurring decimal.

Volumes of the "Encyclopaedia Farthingitica" may be obtained from the correspondent. Price £00 nett.

Here are a few items treated in its pages:—

Subject.	Pages.
Inventions of F.A.T.	1784-1914
Infinity, How to measure	73-801
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Suggested Improvements to School	

Life	1915-2000
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The Kaiser as the Liberator of Europe	2001-3000
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This valuable pocket encyclopaedia, should prove very useful to politicians, policemen and lunatics. We recommend it as a certain cure for amiability towards the author.

To demonstrate the ignorance of "small boys," we proffer an example:—

Nov. 1st, 1 p.m.: A crowd of youngsters, stood, with bulging eyes, gaping at us, as we swept by them. "What's the fuss for," asked a spectator, and being informed by a second year "Ready Reckoner" who reckoned we were moving, shut up, and went away. But the "Walking Directory" was right. We, of late, Room 13, have migrated to Art Room No. 1. (Distinguished visitors will be extinguished.) No callers needed, and the first-year children will be ejected via the door and stairs.

Our lockers have been demolished and set up anew. A "nomad" would "gomad" if he had to move like we must.

This class possesses a peculiar type of humanity, he is a puzzle, and an M.L.A. (Member of Lunatic Asylum). He begs to set forth a few puns (???) Listen!

Australian "Wharfair" equals the smell round Darling Harbour.

"Every little motor has a fragrance all its own."

With a lawn-mower attached, an automobile automograss. (Help!)

When buying tyres, people should carry shoek-absorbers with them.

A pint in the tank is worth two in the shop. (Before you faint, I'll interrupt him.)

Enough—Adieu.

E.B.

3 A.

Handkerchiefs have been very much in evidence since the 26th of last month—no! not an exam. this time—but merely the loss of that most popular of all popular members of 3 A—Arthur Ackland, who has left us to benefit another State by his services. Amid their tears 3 A wish him every success in his new sphere.

Adieu seniors! Never more shall your

"shining morning faces" appear in the time-worn avenue! Nevermore shall your happy voices break out into "mystic unfathomable song" in the lower regions of the "Cafe Chantant." Nevermore shall your learned countenances be seen ascending the aged stairway, and your ponderous gravitational units be heard resounding through the Palace of Learning. Adieu! And our best wishes go with you.

Two members of 3 A Commercial have been successful in obtaining the post of joint librarians to the Senior Library for the coming year. They are resolved to show their supporters that their trust was not misplaced.

The commercial portion of the debating society is progressing finely. A manuscript journal was held last Friday (30th), and, the articles not being long enough to fill up the appointed time, an impromptu debate was held on the subject of railway nationalisation.

At the end of the meeting V. Hall was elected premier of the new society and "Dad" Christie, leader of the Opposition.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

2 D.

By the time these "Fortian" notes have been mangled, squeezed, washed, dried, and printed, the Intermediate will be a thing of the past, and the theme of every schoolboy's conversation will be the usual opinion of examination papers and setters thereof. Our parents have been buying electric light bulbs and gas mantles in wholesale supplies lately in order to supply juvenile wants. "Burning the midnight oil" is not one of Sam's delights. He would rather burn a Bunsen in the Science room, to the detriment of Ikey's moustache. We wondered whence came the smell of burning hair on Friday last. It is a peculiar thing that one of our cricketers professes ignorance of the meaning of zero in maths., and yet comes into daily contact with that numerical in his cricket exploits.

2 C.

Butterfly collars are all the rage in 2 C at present. Even our performing lunatic appeared in an exceptionally fine specimen. White and Boden have been distinguishing themselves lately in connection with dog col-

lars. We have lately had our attention called to the department of several third-year lads round our way. It must be a peculiar sensation to be a third-year lad.

We can conscientiously recommend a soul-stirring piece of literature recently issued by "Chid" of our class. Our science lessons have of late been quite as sensational as the European war. The odors wafted round the rooms resembled the perfume of a deserted tannery.

Sport has again become prominent among our class members. We are well represented in cricket, tennis and also in the Life Saving Club.

Work is the predominant feature of this class. Our members have realised the dangerous proximity of the "Inter." and are working against time. The working hours are mainly occupied with tests, especially German ones, which are of daily occurrence. As this is the last issue before exam., we lay aside all class feeling and wish good luck to all the Second Year classes.

2 A.

The members of 2 A class were so busy preparing for the Intermediate—so they say—that they were not able to supply any class notes this month.

2 B.

One month to go and still going strong. 2 B as usual is working hard for the coming examination. The midnight oil has been freely burnt by many of our number, while the others are feeling the reward of their past labours. Our long country friend—Simmo—occasionally pays us a visit—when a compulsory parade is on. He has been placed on the visiting members list.

Kinder has not seen many of our members lately—the masters are becoming quite considerate in this respect.

A friend has given us a tip for the Inter. "Learn all that I have given you"—is his advice. Unfortunately last year's candidates say that tips cannot be relied upon.

Our friend Lsun was saved from a severe cold lately, by the coming of a gale. This may seem a paradox, but any of our members can elucidate the mystery. We have a bird in the back seat who takes a nap quite regularly.

Our experienced country friend considers that a sundowner should be called a "Brownie-Pincher," but the English master does not agree with him. The Boyle of the class is always bursting with his jokes. Constantine has been progressing well in his Latin lately. We are very pleased to welcome back our old classmate, Murphy. We are glad to find that he has regained his health.

1 A.

The quarterly examination is now a thing of the past, and we are now preparing for the yearly. All are working hard, for it is expected that only the best will be promoted to Second Year. Several lads are re-sitting for the Q.C. in order to obtain bursaries, and we wish them every success.

The war has had one effect on the class, for very feeble "war-jokes" are occasionally passed round.

One worthy member's essays have caused quite a sensation.

Many hail with delight the swimming season, and a fair number have joined the Life Saving Class.

We desire to express our sympathy with our popular class master, Mr. J. Taylor, and hope to see him soon at school, quite recovered from his severe illness.

1 B.

During the past month the members of 1 B class went for a trip to Como and had a very enjoyable picnic.

In sports, swimming is all the rage, for the majority are good swimmers. There will be very few cricketers this season other than grade players.

Our two newly elected monitors, Oscar and Rutledge, carry out their duties admirably.

Mr. Taylor wishes to be remembered to all his pupils and hopes to be with them again shortly. We trust that he will soon recover; sympathy with him.

1 C.

Now that the swimming season approaches, it is very difficult to form a class cricket club, as the majority seem to prefer disporting themselves in the briny.

In class work there are many signs of progress, and, as the yearly exam. looms near, all

are settling down to good steady conscientious work.

Quite an enjoyable class picnic was held at National Park and our popular maths. master accompanied us.

To revise our back work, several afternoons after ordinary hours have been set aside in order to become more proficient in science, maths. and Latin. At the yearly exam. we hope to show that we are top in more subjects than French.

Woodford and Lord still show remarkable proficiency in their essays, and Millen's poems were read with interest.

1 D.

In this class there is still a "Reformation" working, both in study and conduct.

It is confidently expected that a very large percentage will receive promotion as the result of the year's work.

Wark and Macleod have been duly elected class captains for the month; the previous ones are to be congratulated on their splendid work.

We have now another master for maths., and excellent progress is being made.

A pleasant outing took place at National Park during the month, and all members of the class enjoyed themselves immensely.

1 E.

The best averages in the recent quarterly examination were obtained by Newman, G. Greenless, Rodwell, Barnett and Kirkpatrick. These boys also obtained very good results at the half-yearly.

The cricket season is now in full swing, and our class is well represented in the grade cricket competition.

The swimming season has also begun and most of our boys go to the baths for the weekly relaxation. During the past month a poetic genius has been found, and arrangements are being made for the publication of his effusion.

Our class mate Harry Hotten is gradually recovering from his accident and hopes to be soon again at school.

1 F.

The class is rather of smaller dimensions than usual, owing to several of its members being transferred to other classes. It is expected that very good results will be obtained at the yearly, for all are working with more than

usual energy, in order to gain the supreme position.

A Life Saving Club has been organised and some promising swimmers who hope to obtain certificates or medallions, have joined.

New Secretary.

FIRE BRIGADE APPOINTMENT.

Mr. H. M. Webb, assistant secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners, has been appointed secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Z. C. Barry.

The new secretary has had a wide experience of the fire brigade work which dates back to the day of his birth. Actually he was born in headquarters fire station, London. It was no wonder, therefore, that when he was 20 years of age he gave up the occupation of wool-classing and joined the Sydney Fire Brigade Staff. After discharging various duties he was appointed last year to the position of assistant secretary, and during the nine months that the late Mr. Barry was ill he acted as secretary. While he was wool-classing Mr. Webb wrote several articles on life in the clearing sheds and out-back matters generally. Mr. Webb, who is only 34 years of age, was educated at Fort-street, and was also a class-fellow of Sir Douglas Mawson.

The appointment is a popular one, and Mr. Webb has received warm congratulations from his office staff, and also from the brigade men.

Fort Street boys are all over the world, as the following letter will help to prove.

On board United Fruit Company's S. S. "Saramacca."

Bangor,

Ireland,

Sept. 10th, 1914.

To the Editor,

Dear Sir,—While reading the newspaper a few days ago, I was very proud and pleased to hear of the splendid response the Australian boys have made to the "Auld Country" in her hour of danger. Being an old "Fortian" boy myself (Mr. Macnee's class), I am sure the ranks will not be diminished for the

want of "Fortian" boys. Last Monday I met a young fellow called Green, also an old "Fortian," who has joined the North Irish Horse. I, myself, have left the ship I was 2nd officer on, and am going to the front with the "Ulster Volunteers." We are prepared to do or die. While coming home from the Panama Canal, we went into New York. One day I was strolling down 14th Street near Broadway, when who should pass me but Eric Cullen-Ward. He passed me before I had time to stop him, and on my turning round again he was gone. Well Sir, hoping that the old school is progressing in its usual brilliant manner, and that all are doing well.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

DUNCAN G. IRVINE.

The Song of the Senior Room.

O swift-wing'd time, hast thou again returned
To take from me these two score honoured
guests?

Do I again hear round my aged walls.

These plaintive words, these mournful last requests?

"Send forth these youths, to battle in your name,

Theirs is the task—to you the added fame."

I answer then in words so soft and low—

"I know 'tis for their sakes—I let them go."

Farewell, I give a long farewell, to you

Where'er ye be, keep ye these mem'ries too;

Returning late or soon, in joy or gloom

May ye find still the same old Senior Room.

How well remembered is that joyful day,

When in my midst you came; I thought to stay

Till your long course of life had passed away.

In numbers you your predecessors pass,

In work—in noise—I find you all outclass.

Two walls show forth past vict'ries writ in
gold,

But all my space will not your laurels hold.

To-day I mourn, I see each leave his place,

No more I'll view each ever-pleasant face,

And on that day, when I shall meet decay,

"They were supreme," shall I, undying, say.

N. McLAREN.

Girls' Page

OLD GIRLS' HOME NURSING CLASS.

The lectures were concluded and the class examined by Dr. Lane Mullins last month. Over 40 members were present, all being successful. Presentations were made to Dr. Storie Dixon (lecturer), Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Raynor, who instructed the class in bandaging.

SPORTS NEWS.

The hockey, lacrosse and basket ball seasons being over, swimming takes first place in our summer programme, and already the majority of the girls have enjoyed some pleasant swims. The locale has been changed. We have been fortunate enough in securing the Coogee Aquarium Swimming Basin—excellent for various reasons.

Birchgrove Park still has its devotees who indulge in tennis, croquet, organised rounders, etc. A pleasing innovation has been the distribution of special distinguishing badges to all members of our Sports Union. The elegant design chosen by Miss Maloney, consists of a small blue, crescent-shaped card, admirably suited to its purpose.

TENNIS.

We offer warm congratulations to Miss Colings on her recent successes at the Strathfield Tennis Club's tournament. With Mrs. Ford as partner, she won the Metropolitan Ladies' Doubles Championship; and with Mr. Marsh the Mixed Doubles Championship.

The final match of the first round in the competitions organised by the P.S.A.A.A. was played by Fort St. A. 1. Parramatta Girls' High School A. team, at Parramatta on Wednesday, the 28th of October. The team was accompanied by Miss Harders, and its personnel was unchanged. Owing to rain, the match could not be concluded, and after one set all—6-3, 6-3—it was postponed till the following week. The result, of some importance—as it decides our position on competition points—will be known long before this appears in print.

Girls' High School News.

FOURTH YEAR.

Farewell to thee Fort St.! We tarry no longer
More knowledge to glean from within thine
old walls!

May the bond which unites us grow now even
stronger

As back to thy portals our memory it calls.

Farewell to the hundreds of bright sunny faces,
Which have greeted us daily with many a
smile

And as for the "Green Room" abundant with
Graces,

To thee we say farewell, at least, for a while.

Farewell to the hill which we daily have
mounted,

Farewell to the little shops over the way;

Farewell to the pigeons which ne'er could be
counted

Farewell to the places we've seen every day.

Farewell to Parnassus the home of the Muses!

Farewell to the mirror which hangs on the
wall!

Farewell to the number of youthful recluses!

Farewell to the avenue, figtrees, and all!

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

Since our last publication two parties of third-year geologists have made interesting and instructive excursions to Bondi, in which much light was thrown on the lessons received at school by viewing the actual structures.

Sand dunes were seen both in process of formation and transportation, and cliff-sections with shingle at the base were observed. One bright young lady was much puzzled to know how one of the "pebbles" was weighed, as she was told it weighed several tons. Joints, honeycomb, weathering, stratification, and current bedding were seen and also the much-talked-of dyke, which many of our number were most anxious to behold. A rock shelter afforded a timely refuge from the rain which was beginning to cool our geological ardour.

We examined the columnar sandstone which occurs further along the cliffs. Descending Jacob's Ladder, we saw some minute folds in the strata, astonishingly like the diagram we

possessed; also carbonaceous shales and master and minor joints.

The rain came down rather heavily on our walk back to the tram, so that all of us, except those prudent virgins who had brought "macks," with them were considerably damped by our first geological excursion.

A very edifying experiment was conducted during the week by the history teacher of 3 D., who, succeeding in unearthing two embryo teachers, and being of a sanguine temperament, lives in hopes, after this experience, of finding more, when the "yearly" is a thing of the past.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

Long before the next "Fortian" appears, that dreaded ordeal the Intermediate will be past—well passed, let us hope, by all of us.

2 C. reports that in the recent yearly examination, the best results in mathematics were obtained by V. Oliver and B. Grieve, who has also taken first place in Latin. In English W. Oliver, and in history, M. Bourne, gained the highest percentage of marks, while Y. Lambert and B. Richardson distinguished themselves in French and German respectively.

2 B desires to record that good results were obtained in the yearly by R. Cliff and B. Reyburn in mathematics; S. Brewster, in English; W. Hansford, in Geography; Mai Corbett, in Art.

As ever, 2 A is progressing famously.

Among those whose results in the recent examination deserve mention are M. Levy, H. Mackay and

As the Intermediate is but three short weeks ahead, many second years have temporarily deserted sport in favour of study.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

As November 9th, the date of their yearly, approaches, first year girls begin to realise, to some extent, the feelings of second and fourth years, as the date of their examination draws near.

In 1 D recent Latin and science tests, Grace Dalglish has distinguished herself, and in French, Alma Melmes and Veronica Pike have obtained high marks.

The girls of 1 B are looking forward to their geology excursion to Bondi, on Wednesday next, where they expect to make many won-

derful discoveries. They hope that in the approaching yearly examination their results will not fall behind those of the June examination.

Primary School News.

5 A and 5 B.

FINAL "HONOUR LIST" FOR 1914.

Best workers: are:—M. Leape, E. Wells, E. Fletcher, J. Stewart, M. Adams, N. Brodie, E. E. Brennan, D. Bergman, E. Cornish, P. Ford, M. Edwards, E. Egmond, E. Ferguson, L. Gustafson, M. Harte, M. Hawthorne, H. Jamieson, B. Komoll, G. Lotze, C. McKenzie, J. McKenzie, M. Naulls, M. Ryan, L. Small, D. Smith, N. Schmiedt, M. Gansman, V. Taylor, E. Tierney, C. Thomson, A. Wright, D. Young-ein, L. Digby, I. Hanrahan, M. Fokes, E. Hutchinson, B. Freeman, E. Dixon, E. Douglas, H. Anderson, C. Ackerman, T. Pedersen, D. Matthews, G. Rees. This means that these girls are all trying hard and are getting fond of study.

5 A and 5 B.

"Rest! Do not talk of rest until thy work be done!" (Class motto chosen by little Janet Mackenzie.)

5 A and 5 B headed the Patriotic Fund list last week. The total is now £15 19s. 6½d.

Eighth instalment, 14/1, has just gone in.

"Libraries are prosperous in all classes and well used. Second Class and Third Class look out for new books coming.

Swimming Club has started off with 83 members. Many are mere waders at present. But wait! This club is for the teaching of swimming.

5 C.

At the recent quarterly examination of 5 C over 70 per cent. of the class gained more than 70 per cent. of the maximum marks.

The order of merit was:—E. Ramsden, 100; I. George, 98; I. Roberts, 97; M. Johnston, 91; B. Rosenthal, 90; G. McCann, 88; J. Butler, 88; E. Pedersen, 88; E. Smith, 86; F. Hammond, 83; E. Benecke, 83; E. Morris, 80; W. Howe, 80.

One hundred per cent. in Reading was gained by:—E. Ramsden, B. Rosenthal, E. Lapin, O. McLeod, V. Vyse, I. Roberts, I.

George, B. Henderson, M. Victor, K. Kane.

One hundred per cent. in Writing was gained by E. Ramsden, I. Roberts.

One hundred per cent. in Spelling was gained by E. Ramsden, V. Vyse, B. Rosenthal, I. Roberts, V. Anderson, M. Johnston, I. George, M. Croft, F. Hammond, E. Benecke, M. Victor, E. Pedersen.

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I. B.

4 C.

Girls who are showing most improvement in general work are:—R. Buchan, N. Behnke, K. Daley, M. Dose, M. Millar, Q. Pederson, W. Round, O. Raymond, D. Webber.

4 B.

D. Smith, M. Christie, D. Curtis, D. Shea, Y. Lyons, M. Orr, maintain their positions in the class.

3rd Classes.

For general class work, Laura Spence deserves special mention. Other good girls are D. Harley, C. Buchan, F. Ridsdale, M. Ramsden, J. Halliday, D. Smith, M. Broomfield.

D. Spencer and N. Watkinson have shown marked improvement.

2nd Classes.

2 A.—S. Ping, N. Killian, D. Panhurst, and A. Hamilton are now working with 2 A. and doing very good work. D. Laing, M. Chubb, G. Wulf are making marked progress.

W. Round is the best writer.

2 B.—K. Cooper, D. Matthews, and F. Clarke are the best workers. F. Ramsland and L. Sharpe are best at arithmetic. E. McLaughlin is best in dictation.

Cadet Yews.

Paste this in your duplicate record book. The following is a list of subjects for the usual non-com.'s examination at Fort Street High School.

(a) Ability and fitness to command: to be decided by the O.C. Company on reports from

the squad and section commanders; 40 marks for word of command; total 100 marks.

(b) Company drill: suggested text books, Infantry Training 1911, Slack's Company Drill; 100 marks.

(c) Extended order work or skirmishing: Infantry training and the company in battle or extended order drill; 100 marks.

(d) Musketry, care of arms, etc.: Cadet Handbook and Hythe Musketry Course; 100 marks.

(e) Rifle Exercises: Rifle Exercises Lt. Stetart, and Infantry Training 1911; 100 marks.

(f) Keeping of rolls: Cadet Handbook; 100 marks.

(g) Ceremonial duties, etc.: Ceremonial Handbook, and Cadet Handbook; 100 marks.

(h) Guard and sentry duty: Cadet Handbook, and on guard, what to do and how to do it, only for sergeants and lieutenants; 100 marks.

(i) Regulations: Your own record book and Senior Cadet Regulations. Only for lieutenants.

(j) Semaphore signalling: Signalling Manual, semaphore cards for practice.

Total marks for corporal and lance corporal, 700; for sergeant, 900; and for lieutenant's examination, 1000. Sixty per cent. qualifies for a pass in the subject.

Why are our O.C. Companies so shy about using the miniature range? It could easily be used by one section while the others are doing that eternal marching with a rifle on their shoulder. Would not this, and practice in semaphore signalling, lectures on musketry, with aiming practice, practical skirmishing down the Domain, with small problems to be carried out by the squad section commanders, etc., and criticised by the lieutenants O.C. Companies, etc., and other more advanced military work which will suggest itself be a lot more interesting to all hands.

Now that each cadet has his own rifle correctly placed and numbered, etc., there should be an improvement in the keeping of the same. The blame should be put on the cadet in charge. Extra drills may be ordered by the O.C. Company for dirtiness of rifle, misconduct, etc.

No Fort St. boy is to go to the Area Officer

any time during school hours, even at lunch time. Everyone should note this.

All companies at Fort St. parade for their half-day parades on Tuesday now. The parades are set down for the Domain, and this cannot be altered unless application be made and granted by the Brigade Major (Capt. D. Blake).

Lieut. Cornforth is still absent on censor duties owing to the war. He was the only censor cadet officer called for same. He has applied for a transfer to the Intelligence Corps.

We should be glad, indeed, to hear of any teachers willing to take a commission in the Senior Cadets at this school.

As there will be a large number of vacancies in our cadets after Xmas Vacation, an examination for all ranks will be held shortly to fill same. Intending applicants are asked to please note this.

The work of our second field day was of a much better quality than on the first. If the Brigade Major had been present on the second day, as expected, there is no doubt that the blank ammunition applied for would have been granted.

The criticisms on the first day are worthy of note again:

- (a) The non-coms. do not appear to try and hold their men in extended order. Their disciplinary powers appeared weaker in extended than in close order work.
- (b) The older cadets did not appear to try too hard in some of their work, while the younger ones require more practice.
- (c) Too much tomfoolery is indulged in at times; this is the fault of the non-coms. in immediate command.

Now non-coms! you can remedy this.

Sport's Union Notes

The Annual Swimming Carnival has been set down for the Domain Baths for March 27th, 1915.

Gordon Lyons has decided to confine himself to the sprint events during the season as much as possible. He will, however, compete in the

Keiran Memorial Race, which readers will remember he won last year with R. Howell-Price in a place.

George Hansel, who is shaping so well lately in the field athletics, it will be remembered, won this event, and the handsome gold medal attached to same twice in succession in 1911 and 1912. Will Gordon repeat the dose.

Beginners are reminded to ask a teacher to give them a lesson each Wednesday, the same teacher if possible. They will be glad to help you.

You are again reminded to help those doing your organising by being quite sure to have your name checked twice, both going in and coming out of the baths. Mind, no ducking, even in fun. Flicking with towels, pushing in off the side, throwing sand, running about, shouting, etc., are all punishable with disqualification from swimming all the season.

Who will come forward and organise our life-saving classes and bring them up to our old-time standard? Wanted—some more instructors!

We would like to thank Mr. Hellings of the Domain Baths and his staff for the many courtesies we receive year in and year out at the establishment. The teachers of this school as well as the pupils are very thankful for favours received and to come.

There is talk of a combined High Schools' Swimming Carnival on the lines of the Combined Field Sports held recently. What do Fort St. swimmers think of the suggestion?

H. Hooker is again captain of our cricket eleven, with W. Ford, vice-captain. G. Saunders is captain of the seconds, with W. Lyon vice-captain; and C. Stillman captain of the thirds, with F. Kallmeyer vice-captain.

The respective selection committees are: Firsts—Mr. Gale, H. Hooker and W. Ford; Seconds—Mr. Gallagher, W. Lyon and G. Saunders; and Thirds—F. Kallmeyer, C. Stillman, C. Stafford, with Mr. Hannay to assist.

HONOR CAP.

Conditions of Award.

As the time for nominations for the above is approaching, it will be as well if all members of the Sport's Union Committee should note the following:

(1) Honor caps shall be awarded only by the General Committee of the Sport's Union, acting on the recommendation of the Honor Cap Sub-committee.

(2) Candidates for honor caps must have been attending Fort St. School for a minimum of two years.

(3) Candidates for honor caps must have passed the Intermediate or Leaving Certificate Examinations.

(4) In awarding the honor cap, regard shall be had to:

(a) Fondness for and success in manly out-door 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 instinct 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 part in and success in each.

(6) Honor caps shall be awarded annually some time prior to the annual meeting of the Sport's Union.

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

The School Debating Society

The season is now with us for cultivating that time-honoured institution, the School Debating Society. I know well that at times it is a horrid grind to get up a speech, but, if you will believe an old boy who has tried it, it is well worth the trouble. If you are going to the University you will find it specially useful, but whatever you do the time will come when you find yourself forced "to get on your legs." If you have not done so already, make the plunge. I can remember how my own legs gave under me on that terrible day when in the old school I rose to attack the Bishops for sitting in the House of Lords. They little knew what an armoury I had prepared against them, and happily they heard as little of

how all my big guns resolutely refused to go off, and how nervousness, like a sea, swamped my eloquent tirade! And yet I became in that very room the most brazen of boys, and have never regretted it.

Perhaps the most important step for the term's debating is the choice of a secretary. He must be indefatigable, keen as mustard, persuasive as a siren (I can think of no male comparison), and ready at any moment to take his place in the breach when the silence grows oppressive. He should be sympathetic too—I know what a kindly word of encouragement did for me after my first dismal failures. These requirements are not impossibilities—they are possessed by many boys, if you only find the right ones.

As to the masters—if they will come and help you, so much the better!—only be independent of them as far as possible; don't drop into the feeling that a meeting will be a failure if there isn't a master there. Just come up to scratch all the more fearlessly.

Then as to speaking—it is a great temptation

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to read your speech. Don't. Have the heads of your case written down, if you like—and by all means have clear divisions in your mind—but try as early as possible to clothe your skeleton on the spot. Your speech will be doubly telling if you are not continually hunting for notes which have a lamentable habit of getting muddled just when you want them. And do, from the first, look at your audience and not at the form or the chair. I know the latter is much easier, but the effort will repay you—you can grip your hearers then, and you won't mumble. You can't really get out what you want to say when you are talking into your chest. Be bold and clear!

One of the main reasons why a School Debating Society at times gets slack and dull is that the same old subjects come up term after term, and it seems literally true that there is nothing new under the sun. In the first place, don't be afraid of subjects that need some reading up. Many of us at school become keen politicians and readers of our daily papers, mainly through the influence of our Debating Society. The hardest subjects often arouse the most successful discussions.

Then, have motions which mean one definite thing and which are not vague and easily misunderstood. If you can say that "The drama of to-day has declined," and no more, you will have one member comparing it with the stage of fifty years ago, another with the theatre of Shakespeare, while some learned light of the sixth form may bring in Aeschylus and Sophocles. The result will be that when you come to vote you simply will not know "where you are."

Thirdly, make your motion positive rather than negative—make it short and emphatic; give it, if you can, pith and point. Instead of saying, "In the opinion of this House, neither progress nor principle is discernible in the history of the world"—write boldly "History is a nightmare"—you have a capital subject and, to take one ground alone, it is much more "sporting."

Try, too (and I know fully how difficult it is)—try to get fresh subjects, or, if nothing else, express the old ones in new forms—wrap them up in a new dress. Preaching without practice is sorry work, so I have been turning my hand to a few subjects—they may suggest others. Here they are:

1. That Anarchism is insanity and not a crime.

2. That the Munroe Doctrine is now a fiction.
3. That present-day journalism is one of our greatest perils.
4. That civilisation is but barbarism masked.
5. That Home and Foreign policy are fundamentally one.
6. That to-day "splendid isolation" spells ruin.
7. That the policy of "muddling-through" is ripe for burial.
8. That the modern novel sacrifices reality to realism.
9. That artificiality is the salt of life.
10. That Britain needs to "receive her sight."

Well, I wish you all a good season, and, to close as I began—"Stick to it; it is worth while."
—Norman Baynes, in "Boys' Own Paper."

Dont's for Seniors

1. Don't watch the avenue from first-floor windows.—Small boys might think you are watching them and become conceited.

2. Don't be in too much haste to get settled in your desk after changing lessons.—The more mind you have the longer it should take to compose and make up.

3. Don't worry if the bell beats you at 9 a.m.—Haste is undignified, and Seniors should have outgrown trifles.

4. Don't shave too often.—Let the "downy hairs' insipient growth" be seen occasionally—it inspires respect among the small boys.

5. Don't be satisfied with a "childish treble."—Cultivate a "big manly voice"—it is impressive—especially when your company parades at 10.30 near the Kindergarten or the Cookery School.

6. Don't be satisfied to carry a swagger-cane—think how much more effective is the flourish of a hooked and jointed bamboo!

7. Don't wait for your (?) train or boat in the same place every afternoon.—Masters are apt to notice you—they were Seniors once.

8. Don't be timid in your display of socks.—Remember that small boys must be given something to aspire to; and the view from the windows overlooking the playground is rather dull!

9. Don't make the pace too hot in the sale of Carnival tickets, etc.—it discourages the small boys.—As you are strong, be merciful.

Girls - Sports

Within the past year, lacrosse has numbered among its adherents ladies, and as representation has been made for a team to be formed at this School, a little treatise on the game would not be remiss.

Lacrosse is not by any means a "new fangled idea." The fact that it is the national game of Canada, and has been for the past 50 years, is sufficient proof. It was adapted from the Indians, and its origin, like all matters relating to the early rulers of America, is lost in obscurity—nearly all the early pioneers of America, observant for the customs, and ways of the Indians have made mention of their game. It was instituted purely as a pastime, and as one of the means of strengthening the body, of cultivating staying powers and agility; in short, to bring out the finest attributes of man. As early as 1853 it was played by white men, and to-day it is played in most English-speaking parts of the world, though admittedly in a small way. In Australia it was first established in 1883, but it is only within the past decade that it has become known. Since the days of our Indian friends, lacrosse has undergone an evolution, with the advent of a decrease of the physical standard of man; still the main principals of catching an oval on a webbed stick, and conveying it through the opposing territory, are the same. The game, I venture to state, is assuredly a scientific pastime, one in which brute strength cannot overrule system. Broadly speaking, it embraces the science of cricket, the strenuousness of athletics, and the delicacy of touch of tennis.

Now as to the game itself: the players, who number 24, are divided into two sides; each side has a goal to attack and one to defend. The field is the ordinary football arena, 100 yards long, and at each end the goals consist of two uprights 6 feet apart and six feet high, with a crosspiece. For security, a net is thrown over this to retain the ball. Each player is equipped with a crosse, which is not unlike a hockey stick if the base were extended and the intervening space webbed with clock-string. A solid rubber ball, about the size of a cricket ball is used. The men are not, as in Rugby football, drawn up facing one another in the fashion of armies, but, on the contrary, are distributed throughout the length of the field, there being no off-side rule. The object of both sides is to put the ball through their opponents' goal, and at the same time prevent them from getting it in their own goal. The rules of the game are

few, concise and emphatic, yet with such characteristics that provided legality is observed, not one wit of danger is likely. Briefly, they are as follows:—The ball must be caught, thrown and blocked with the crosse, no handling being allowed. No player is permitted to strike an opponent, not to trip, collar, charge or hold. I might add that the duration of the game is about 90 minutes, which is divided into four quarters. The objects of the game are attained by players carrying the ball, passing same, and in acting in unison or what is known as combination. The beauty of lacrosse is in the symmetry of the field, its fastness, and the abolition of any idle or dull moments either to the players or spectators. Again, every player has his innings, so to speak, at the same time, and no one happens to monopolise the best part because he is in the happy position of being a good player. If space permitted I would have liked to dwell upon the points of play. Suffice to say, however, that in a good team it is necessary that every man be capable of using his crosse dexterously, to be in a prepared state known as "condition," and to play in cohesion with his fellow. Matches are won by team play, yet there are many sparkling instances of individual play, and tricks (of which there are many) are not uncommon. One thing I would add—a thoroughly disciplined team, before a game, sets out on paper regular team movements, which are carried out in practice.

Such is an attempt to describe the game of lacrosse as played by men. Now, as regards the ladies, the game will be identical in general principals, but rules have been introduced to still further protect the players in an already safe game. The most serious aspect from the ladies' point of view is the possibility of being struck or knocked down. Such possibilities I assure you are very remote. Lacrosse is not new to ladies in the Old Country and in Canada, where all the principal ladies' colleges encourage it.

In conclusion, I would point out that there is no prettier game nor one so exhilarating, or where the absence of roughness is assured—though in any field sports it would be impossible to abolish strenuousness. I am sure that it is a game that would fascinate, though the elementary practice is apt to become tedious. When adeptness in the use of the crosse is secured, the hold of the game is indeed strong.

The Librarians will be glad to receive the names of good historical novels to be added to the Senior and Junior Libraries.

An Eleven of Kings.

A prize was once offered for the best ideal football eleven selected from English kings. This was the team which won the prize:

Forwards: The young Pretender, William I, Richard I, George V, Henry VIII. Half Backs: Richard III, William II, Charles I. Backs: Canute, Lear. Goal: Harold.

and this is how the winner justified his selection:—

William I (captain).—An excellent invader who has earned the title of conqueror.

George V.—By far the most up-to-date player.

Henry VIII.—Judged from his exterior he is right inside.

The Young Pretender.—Always left outside of the line of English kings.

Richard I.—Ever in the other's territory, and never in his own.

William II.—A good second to his captain.

Charles I.—Behind such a forward as Henry it does not matter if he has lost his head occasionally.

Richard III.—A good third man who sticks at nothing.

Canute and Lear.—Both far back in history.

Harold.—William I, his captain, put him in gaol.

This team, with Edward the Peacemaker as referee, has had a long run, while half-time refreshment has been dispensed by William of Orange.

Some Howlers.

John Silver (of "Treasure Island") had only one leg, but this could not prevent him from murdering anyone in cold blood.

Mr. John Burns was ploughing in a field when he turned up a mouse's nest. He talks about it and says he is sorry for it.

An abstract noun is the name of something that we cannot perceive in any way except by chemistry.

Elizah the fishbite dropped his mantle and Queen Elizabeth walked over it.

Flannelette peril is petticoat government.

The five minerals other than metals is:—Lemonade, ginger beer, soda water, raspberry syrup and Appollonaris.

That there's husbandy in heaven means there is strife in heaven.

Preceding means following in front.

The saddest thing King John did was to lose his crown in the laundry.

The Senior Dinner will be held at Sargent's Market Street Rooms on Friday evening, the 20th instant. The farewell to the Seniors and Intermediates will be held at 2 p.m. the same afternoon. Old Boys and Girls will be welcome.

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Notes and News.

The Annual Examination has been set down for the 30th of this month.

We are pleased to be able to announce the recovery of Mr. Joe Taylor from his operation for appendicitis. He hopes to resume work in a week or two.

The "Fortian" extends its best wishes to all our candidates. Girls and Boys, who are sitting for the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate Examinations.

Three other names of Fort Street O.B.'s have been sent to us as members of the Australian Expeditionary Force. They are: J. Leash, H. R. Jamieson (Lieutenant), and Arthur W. H. Lang.

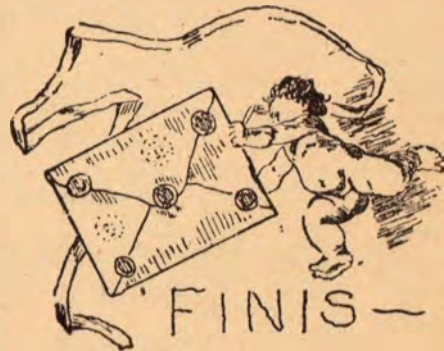
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We desire to acknowledge the receipt of a postal note for ten shillings, sent from Brisbane "for the Library," and to thank the anonymous donor.

We are very pleased to see the response made to the invitation of Messrs. Cantrell and Roberts to join the Life Saving Classes. These are now in full swing, and should result in a large number of certificates being gained this season.

Ronald Richardson (O.B.), who in his Junior Year gained two medals, has volunteered in London for active service, and is now a Second Lieutenant in the Colonial Light Horse. He has a sister in Second Year now at Fort Street.

Cecil Gostelow (Senior, 1908) did exceedingly well in the late examination of the Institute of Actuaries. He now has the right to place A.I.A. after his name. In the examination he was the only successful candidate from N.S.W., and gained second place of all candidates.





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The Senior Dinner.

It is doubtful whether any school in Australia holds such a function as that which under the title of "The Senior Dinner" annually marks the conclusion of the work of the Fourth Year Class.

This year the dinner was very notable, particularly in the support accorded by the Third Year Seniors, who rolled up to the number of sixty or so. Altogether about 120 sat down to the excellent repast provided by Sargent's.

The guests included the Headmaster, the Deputy-Headmaster, and Messrs. S. H. Smith (Inspector of Continuation Schools), H. Parkinson (Senior Inspector), W. A. Selle, S. W. Cantrell, L. C. Mote, J. Taylor, M. McKinnon, A. W. Cusbert, W. Roberts, S. Lasker (Asst. Inspector of Secondary Schools), and Parsonage, while the Chair was ably and efficiently filled by the Captain, Jack Paling.

To a fine musical programme, the following contributed, Messrs. Cusbert, Selle, Roberts, Mote, Kinninmont, Schmidt, Porter, Berman, Muston, Cutler and Kench, the proceedings also being enlivened by the three School Choruses and the new Australian national song.

The following was the list of speech-makers: "The School and Staff," Paling; reply, Mr. Kilgour. "Departing Seniors," Hall; reply, Sherwood and Porter. "The Visitors," Green and Hughes; reply, Messrs. S. H. Smith, Par-

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The evening concluded in the usual hearty manner.

Farewell to the Seniors and Intermediate Candidates.

It was a very merry gathering which was packed into the Main Room on the 20th of last month to bid farewell in the manner known only to Fortians, to our Seniors and candidates for the Intermediate Certificate. The hot air of the room soon vibrated to the sound of a thousand voices rendering the three songs which will, it is hoped, become an outstanding feature of all gatherings where Fortians are met together. In this connection we might add, we think, our congratulations to Mr. Had-dock on having produced three songs which in literary merit are far above almost all of those found in the Students' Song Book.

After the boys had presented a few small tokens of their gratitude to the masters who had prepared them for their examination, the Headmaster addressed the gathering, and extended to all the candidates the good wishes of all Fortians, for success at their examination. On behalf of the old boys, Mr. H. V. Evatt, a former Captain of the School, also spoke a few words of greeting and good will.

The proceedings terminated as enthusiastically as usual, the departing Second and Fourth Years being farewelled in the good old way, to the tune of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The number of candidates who sat for the two exams. from Fort Street was as follows:—

Intermediate: Girls 73; Boys, 111.

Leaving Certificate: Girls, 31; Boys, 41.

Captains of Fort-Street.

The election of a school captain has suggested to us that it might interest our readers to publish a list of the captains of the school since the institution of that office 25 years ago.

Here it is:—

1890	C. H. Armitage	1906-7	C. A. Landon
1895-96	I Mutton	1908	F. D. Stafford
1897-99	W. Maxwell	1909	A. M. Langan
1900	H. Fitzgerald	1910	C. W. Bray
1900-1	H. G. Foxall	1911	H. V. Evatt
1902	A. Davis	1912	G. H. Briggs
1903	S. Dennis	1913	C. W. Barry
1904	C. N. Smith	1914	J. Paling
1905	V. Maxwell	1915	I. McLean

Poets and the War.

Below will be found some of the thoughts of British poets on War and the Results of War. Can any of our readers supply a more representative list of selections?

Shakespeare—

"This England never did, nor never shall
Lie at the proud foot of a conqueror. . . .
Come the three corners of the world in arms
And we shall shock them. Naught shall make
us rue
If England to herself do rest but true."
(King John.)

Southey—

"And the world
Shall soon believe my mission; for the Lord
Will raise up indignation, and pour out
His wrath, and they shall perish who oppress."
(Joan of Arc.)

Thomas Moore—

"Had you but hurled
One bolt at your tyrant invader, that strife
Between freedom and tyrants had spread
through the world."
(To Italy when Austria entered Naples, 1821.)

Thomas Campbell—

"Let the world revere us
For our people's right and laws,
And the breasts of civic heroes
Bared in Freedom's holy cause."
(Men of England.)

Lord Byron—

"What! shall reviving thralldom again be
The patched-up idol of enlightened days?"

Shall we who struck the Lion down, shall we
Pay the Wolf homage?"

(Childe Harold.)

Lord Macaulay—

"Right well fought all the Frenchmen who
fought for France to-day,
And many a lordly banner God gave them for
a prey."

(Ivry.)

Sir Walter Scott—

"Where's the coward that would not dare
To fight for such a land?"

(Marmion.)

Robert Burns—

"Wha for Scotland's king and law
Freedom's sword will strongly draw,
Freemen stand, or freemen fa',
Let him follow me!"

(Bruce's Address to his Army.)

James Russell Lowell—

"Tears may be ours, but proud, for those who
win
Death's royal purple in the foeman's lines:
Peace, too, brings tears; and 'mid the battle din
The wiser ear some text of God divines,
For the sheathed blade may rust with darker
sin."

(The Washers of the Shroud.)

W. E. Henley—

"What have I done for you,
England, my England?
What is there I would not do,
England, my own?"

Lord Tennyson—

"Thank Him who isled us here, and roughly set
His Britain in blown seas and storming show-
ers,
We have a voice with which to pay the debt
Of boundless love and reverence and regret
To those great men who fought and kept it
ours."

(Ode on the Death of Duke of Wellington.)

Arthur H. Adams—

"Then each shall take with stubborn grip
His rifle as he took the whip,
And when the Flag's unfurled,
The clerk shall drop his futile pen

To lift his well-loved lance—and then
A nation fronts the world!"

(Grant Us One Hour to Arm.)

Wilfred Campbell—

"Show the way, England!

Let that grim master
Of earth's disaster,
Let the war shadow
But darken the sun—
Trust your child, Canada,
She will be with you."

(The Children.)

Thomas Hardy—

"But a stirring thrills the air
Like a sound of joyance there
That the rages
Of the ages

Shall be cancelled and deliv'rance offered from
the darts that were."

(The Dynasts.)

William Shakespeare—

"Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just,
And he but naked, though locked up in steel,
Whose conscience with injustice is corrupted."

(Henry V.)

The Outlook.

The long year is waning, and nearing its close,
Soon work will be over and ended our woes;
Exams. at length done with, results published
all,
We're ready to answer the vac.'s welcome call.

The class-rooms we've haunted will know us
no more,
For others will tenant our places of yore;
And we must move onward at Time's stern
behest,
He takes no vacation, refusing to rest.

The First Year to Second and Second to Third,
The third year to SENIORS—(How pregnant
that word!)

And Seniors of this year go forth on their way.
(Success and good fortune attend them, we
pray).

The Third Year-cum-Seniors with visible pride

Already are swelling and putting on side:
The scrum for THE RAZOR, already begun,
Will last till their chins shall be shaven each
one.

Their Knight of the Hot Socks the gauntlet
throws down,
Already he's out on the search for renown;
Should genius his quest of "effects" not inspire
The glory of BERTIE he ne'er can acquire.

2D claim the title "3C" as their right,
2C protest vainly with vigour and might.
(From risks as a prophet we fain would be
free—

"3X" we allot to the former 2B.)

No "Small Boys" are found 'mid the First
Year, I ween,

For "Second Year" in their department is seen;
And toffee, and peanuts and "kinder" out-
grown,

They claim "Intermediate" rank as their own.

They'll gaze on the "Freshers" with critical
eye,

The youth and the stature of "kids" they'll
deery;

Superior they, when, the holidays past,
Their Second Year glory bursts on them at last.

Then, hey! for the holidays, ho! for the surf,
Adieu, blist'ring asphalt and welcome, cool
turf!

Then hie we to mountain and forest and plain
Ere we take up the burden of study again.

ANON.

Cadet News.

Our parades having been completed for the half year, the company col-sergeants should now be putting their lists of hours completed up on the noticeboard.

There is a new drill book out. Have you seen it? It means a big change in infantry organisation, but the change will not be made for some time yet.

The Venour-Nathan Shield results of the

champion shot of the school for 1914 are not yet to hand. A gold medal is always given as well as the inscription of the winner's name on the shield in the main room.

Five thousand rounds of miniature ammunition is available for practice on our school range. Section commanders should note. Landscape targets give excellent practice in fire control, etc. A very small subscription would easily cover the cost involved.

W. Schmidt is doing good work as Armourer Sergeant. That armourer's table with the necessary tools, etc., is a long time arriving.

Junior cadets are reminded that one half of their year has gone. They should have completed 45 hours of physical work, squad drill, marching, and organised games. This building up part of the military scheme is a very valuable one.

Some junior cadets are not too regular at their Wednesday games, a two hours' parade. This is obligatory.

An examination is being held at present for lieutenants, and positions as non-coms. We hope to publish the results in our next issue. Some of the scores in our rifle club weekly shoots are very respectable. Harpur and Grant are shooting well, and should give the old hands, Lieut. Paradice and Sgt. G. White, big opposition for the Venour-Nathan Championship. Lieut. R. Taylor's enthusiasm keeps the rifle club going.

Capt. W. Roberts was offered the command of a battalion lately. So great is his attachment to the "Old School" that he declined the honor.

Any applicant non-com. who has not filled in his application paper is advised to complete same immediately, and hand same to his O.C. Company, for his "fitness to command" marks. The subjects for exam. are as usual, ability and fitness to command, 100 marks; company drill 100 marks; extended order, 100 marks; musketry, care of arms, etc., 100 marks; rifle exercises, 100 marks; keeping of rolls, 100 marks; ceremonial duties, etc., 100 marks; guard and sentry duty, 100 marks; regulations, 100 marks; semaphore signalling, 100 marks.

Boys' High School Class News.

THIRD YEAR NEWS.

3C.

Once again, dear readers, we stand forth to view resplendent to your scrutinising gaze. At the time of writing this, we are involved in an overwhelming examination, which some disdain to call "examination," but an overwhelming "invitation" to Fourth Year.

Such splutterings as those brilliant (?) scribes of 3B set forth last issue we think need some criticism, not that we would lower ourselves to criticise it (non obtusa adeo gestamus pectora), but that for the honor of the school we must point out to them a higher form of humour—refined, not coarse, fresh, not stale. Attend, ye miscreants.

"True wit is nature to advantage dressed,

What oft was thought but ne'er so well expressed."

Yours is not true wit—it is not nature nor natural, it is not dressed at all, let alone to advantage. They certainly oft have been thought and more often better expressed—they are stale. We understand that one of your number recently tried to reform the school. Reform to Reformers, mete we out.

Some lively debates have been heard lately. Those who each debate disapprove of Shakespeare's verbosity should remember that it is easy to laugh at in another what they lack themselves. Verbosity is a virtue rather than a vice, in debating at any rate. Cake! for goodness sake burn that little black book! Don't look so shy and try and hide your pretty face behind it next time you speak.

We will now leave you, kind friends, wishing you all the blessed compliments of the festive season. Be sure we will lead the way in "Fortian" news next year. Et minores et seniores futuri valet!

3B.

At this time the members of this class are in the middle of their annual battle—the battle of the yearly exam. One and thirty faces looked sad as they came up "yon well-known hill," and looked sadder still at 9.30 when all commenced battle against the Latin paper.

Great was the slaughter, and very few survived that terrible onslaught, judging from the opinions expressed after the battle had lasted $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. And so in like manner did some survive and some succumb, till—O! woeful hour, the horologue pealed the hour of One! on Tuesday, December 1st, and then commenced what will probably prove the hardest fight of all. One correspondent was killed (it is lucky this class has any news, as one correspondent was killed and the other seriously wounded) at the first bell, question, I mean. But he was not the only one. Many still lie very seriously hurt (their feelings, I mean).

The Seniors' dinner is over. It was agreed that all enjoyed the evening immensely. But all were sorry. Sorry we were leaving so many good friends, and sorry because Willie's sweet (?) voice was not heard propounding Gallageristic ideas. Nevertheless, we all left in good spirits.

And now to be farewell, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. We part for six short weeks, and with some we part for ever. The End! What solemn meaning! We have discussed at too much length, so farewell, a short farewell, to all my school friends.

Adieu enough.

Enter the last character in this year's play. December, cruel but kind, in whose train sweep exams. and Christmas pudding. We will be scattered like chaff for six short weeks, then like birds will come back to roost here for another year, if we are lucky, for 30/11/'14 to 3/12/'14. Adieux must be said, and tears mopped up in copious, highly coloured handkerchiefs. Adieu—sob—kind Willie—sob—your arguments have sent me silly—sob—sob.

And to the Inventor, farewell, to the General—the same—to one and all, a brief goodbye.

3A.

Since the last edition of this paper, we have been enjoying the privileges of "would-be" Seniors. 3C have taken possession of the Senior Room, and 3B possess the Art Room No. 1, whilst 3A are left in their den.

But this state of affairs is not to continue. No! The results of the yearly, show that a fair percentage are to have a "remove."

First place it would seem goes to "Freddy,"

in the absence of Vic. Hall, to whom we extend our heartiest sympathy. Second place will be strongly contested, and will not be known till the full results are obtained.

Most of the class are unaware of the cause of Vic's non-appearance. An echo: "L-b-r-y!"

By the time the "Fortian" appears in print the fate of all will be known, though some are doing another year of their own free will.

We take this last opportunity of bidding farewell to the dear old Art Room, and may its next year occupants do more credit to its name than we did.

2A.

There is a lull in the hum of industry. The anxiety caused by the Intermediate is now over, with the exception of those who take woodwork. The class extends sympathy to those unfortunates. McD. and H. may now have a swim on Wednesdays instead of detention. We have one naval cadet in the class, and he cannot swim. The whole class has offered to teach him, and so remove this blot upon the escutcheon of our naval forces. The kind offer has been refused. One of our cricketers hit some fine "siders" the other day, but an unkind rival had the awful temerity to catch the ball just before it reached the ground.

MeA. states his intention to again attempt to ride 60 miles an hour. One enterprising member of room 13 proposes to beat him.

Edmonds & Co. still talk enthusiastically of volts and batteries. They had a treat the other day. A science master made a spark for them, by special request. Of late, we have found an excellent punster, who thinks he says many funny things.

We sincerely hope that all the members of our class and of every other second year class, have passed the famous "Inter." There is talk of a picnic meeting, but picnic meetings are always interrupted by a master who objects to pandemonium. Needless to say, all of us are looking forward to the vacation.

2B.

The "Inter.," gone but not forgotten, leaves us still working hard. Some of our members have already commenced to prepare for the "leaving," as they are rather optimistic concerning the results, the papers being for the

most part unexpectedly easy. We are afraid that our average attendance will be rather low this month, as several think that they are worthy of a holiday to recuperate after the trying ordeal."

Seeing that our friend Ferdi has not yet returned, the general surmise is that the "easy" (?) science paper completely knocked him out. "Blue" has decided to hang a chaff bag up for Santa Claus.

"2B or not 2B?" (Seniors) is the question which is worrying our candidates for the Inter.

2C.

The "Inter.," that "Grim Perturber of our Works and Ways," is past, and we are left panting, with vague recollections of a disastrous week of "work." We scarcely knew the meaning of the word before. Some of our luckier members are already beginning to exhibit the strange symptoms of Third Year-dom. As we have before remarked, it must be a strange sensation. We dream nightly—daily also, for that matter—of our names at the head of the column with seven A's.

The masters do not mind the night part of the programme, but they strongly object (so it seems) to the day dreaming.

Several of our members are prostrated as a result of their severe and unwonted mental exercises of last week, and are now taking the breakers, pictures, socials, and sundry other rest cures as prescribed (by themselves).

Our Irishman graced the exam. in a pair of new boots and a sweet smile, while Strongman Bye appeared in a large-sized Mexican "sombrero."

We must conclude with wishing all our fellow Second Years the greatest success in the Inter. and a jolly vacation.

2D.

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" this is quite true of Inter. results, and we, the 2D sports, do not intend to worry about them, or the professors who correct our papers, or any other worries, but intend to enjoy our Christmas holidays in a 2D sports manner.

We wish all the Second Year and teachers a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, and we hope the Inter. results will find us "all on the right side at last."

One of our friends, Freeborn by name, has decided to "swat" for the Leaving Certificate. He commenced on Thursday, Nov. 26, 12 noon. Observations are being taken.

The holidays will come as a great relief after the Inter.; we have now even more homework than before. Truly this is the "last straw."

An agitation was started for a class picnic on a school day, but it fell—flop! Black! black was its fall.

"As you sow, so shall you reap," is a saying which has been brought home on a few of our loafers. Malheureux!!!

1A.

1A as it now exists will soon pass away. During the year several members have departed to take up a business career, others have removed to other parts of the State; but the majority still pursue their studies with the usual vigor.

Next year all hope to receive promotion to second year work, while more youthful Fortians will carry on the good work that has always been associated with us.

We wish every success to Frank Hargreaves, who has now entered on a business life.

1B.

Expectant eyes are awaiting the appearance of the results of each subject of the yearly examination. Some of our chances of promotion seem to be in the balance, but it is confidently expected that each will be successful. Many will be sorry to say farewell to the good old class, with all its pleasant associations.

Throughout the year all members have worked together for the honor and welfare of 1B—particularly in sport.

We are exceptionally pleased to welcome back our popular teacher, Mr. J. Taylor, who has fully recovered from his illness.

1C.

Now the year's work is practically ended, we look with pride on the achievements during the time we have been members of 1C. It is expected that the class will come out of the final examination with the usual honors. In French particularly we hope to excel. In other subjects 1C will not be far behind. We wish to thank our teachers for the kindly interest they

have taken in our work, and take this opportunity of wishing all a well-earned holiday.

1D.

Much progress has been made since our last issue. Every member has been doing his utmost to excel in his work, and it is expected that there will be few who do not reach the required standard for promotion. The week's holiday before yearly examination proved very acceptable in order to revise the subjects before going through the great ordeal. Much credit is due to the class captains who so ably carried out their work during each month they were in office.

1E.

This is the last time we shall write under the above heading. Most of us hope to form one of the best second year classes.

This has been one of the most energetic classes, and the results will show that we have all worked solidly throughout the year. At the end of our first year's work we appreciate a welcome rest after our arduous studies.

1F.

The yearly exam. which has terminated recently, proved the qualities of our class, 1F. We hold the greatest record imaginable in English—not a failure. Egan came top of this subject with 93, which was the highest mark gained by any First Year boy. Closely following were Rydge, Storey and Parker, with 88 respectively.

But Latin results were even better, though we had a couple of failures. Rydge came first of the First Year, with 96, just defeating Opit by one mark. The same two boys came top of 1F in "Deutsch," their marks being 93 each.

In History we gained fresh laurels, Rydge again "dux" of the First Year, having 95 marks to his credit. Maths. I. and II. again found Opit and Rydge in the first positions respectively.

In class averages our class gained the best average in nearly all subjects.

This exam. proves that 1F is the premier First Year class.

After the Christmas Vacation we hope to see the majority of 1F form the premier Second

Year class.

Our swimming numbers are increasing every Wednesday, and we hope to see Crackanthorpe and Myers do well in the coming carnival.

We hope to arrange a class picnic some time during the Christmas Vacation, probably to National Park.

He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Captain's Speech at the Senior Dinner.

Below we publish the speech made by Paling, the 1914 Captain of the School, in proposing the toast of the School and Staff at the Annual Dinner held on the 20th of last month.

"This is a striking epoch in the life of every Senior. To-night we go forth to fight the battle of life. To-night marks the severing of our lives, but not our hopes, from our old School, and the friends we have there.

"No one but a Fortian knows the pangs when he files from the last farewell, nor the silent grief when he takes a last glimpse of her old grey walls. Under these old walls we have passed four pleasant years, four years of hard work, but of happiness, with remembrances of all the vicissitudes of school life, and feel now we are losing something, that something is passing out of our lives.

"We go out to-night to keep her banner flying, to swell her ranks at the Varsity, and in all the walks of life; but our school will always be most dear to us.

"She will always be honored by us; she has always held a proud position in schoolroom and in field, has always produced men and Australians, and as long as those walls stand, Fortians shall always honor her, and her position will keep unsullied. The glory of her name resounds in the realms of Medicine and Antarctic exploration, in the arena of politics, and many of her sons to-day answer to the roll-call of those who have sacrificed their lives, their all, at the call of their country.

"We have the most zealous teachers, the finest educational system in the world, the most

glorious traditions; the road to the Varsity is open, the world lies behind that; no ambition is too great for us, yet wherever we are the banner of Fort Street shall always fly in our hearts; we shall always love our old school, feel what she has been to us. She has been a second mother. She has armed us for the battle of life, and handed down to us the most glorious traditions, she is the beacon of our younger days, the armour for our life, the monument of all the glory of her sons, the shrine of all our youthful aspirations.

"Next in esteem must always stand our staff, our school and staff, not separate, but forming one complete whole. These gentlemen are the impersonation of the pride of our school; they have built up its tradition, been devoted to its scholars, stood by our side through thick and thin.

"The greatest pleasure for us always will be to revisit our school, to see our old teachers, our old helpers, our old friends. We feel that our headmaster has been especially devoted to us this year; but you all have made a gallant effort for us. This has been a most difficult year for us, a hard year for you; together we have won through, together we shall enable Fort Street to retain her old position. Yours is the credit, yours the praise. We go forth with absolute confidence in ourselves, feeling we are to uphold the honour of our school and to justify your efforts.

"Many men have looked back not without gratitude to the work of an old master, have felt they owed the whole inspiration of their life to him. We shall always look back with gratitude to our old school and staff.

"You have been more than teachers to us, you have been helpers in work and play, you have made us men, you have been friends, comrades, companions. Believe me, we shall always look back with gratitude for your kindness, feel that you have always made our welfare the focus of your efforts, know that you are devoted to our school and our scholars.

"Fortians, can you ever forget your school and staff, can you ever forget their kindness, the inspiration they have given you for your after life, the armour in which they have clad you, the traditions they have handed down to you? You will never forget, you cannot."

Girls' Page

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZES.

True patriotism consists in words, not deeds, not in mere sentiment, but in self-sacrifice. During the past few months this has been illustrated by all classes of the community, and our girls have also shown their patriotism by forwarding gifts of money and kind. In addition to this, we have a sum of nearly £20 from our weekly collections, which will be sent to the Consul for Belgium. Considering the many other demands that have been made for patriotic purposes, no further call will be made upon parents for prizes this year. Instead of prizes, certificates will be awarded to those pupils who distinguish themselves.

SPORTS NEWS.

Nothing novel or startling is to be recorded this month in the matter of sports news. The regular Wednesday afternoon meetings have pursued the even tenor of their way at Coogee and Birehgrove, with geology excursions to Bondi under the leadership of Miss Mouldale and Miss Bowie. Sporting has not held a prominent place in the minds of most of us recently. The uppermost thought has been the chances of success in the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate examinations. Several of our most prominent leaders of games of the year are among the competitors, and although we wish all our girls the best success possible, we shall regret very much the severance of their immediate connection with our weekly the University or Teachers' Training College, revelry, when they depart for higher spheres via etc. They have set a splendid example of the right sporting spirit which should prevail in a High School, and which we are sure their juniors will nobly emulate.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

That 1D is still progressing is evident from

the high position it has taken in examination results. B. Winter, of this class, took first place in Geography; J. Fraser in French and Latin, and M. Oaks in English and Botany.

The girls of 1C anxiously await the reports of their year's work, and all hope to become second years in 1915. They note with pleasure the distinction gained by Kathleen Campbell and Annie Morton, of this class, in the recent examination.

As the Christmas vacation approaches, 1A girls are looking forward with joyful anticipation to the delights of holidays after a year of strenuous work. But the holidays, though swiftly approaching, are not here just yet, and examination results still claim a large share of their attention. In this class B. Ross takes first place in English and Latin, and J. Hampel in German.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

Now are we free from care for the Intermediate Certificate examination—give it its full title, no longer can those words inspire us with fear and trembling—is over. Gone, but not forgotten; for we cannot entirely banish from our minds thoughts of results. But for the present we are happy, and all is well. There's many a week 'twixt exam. and results.

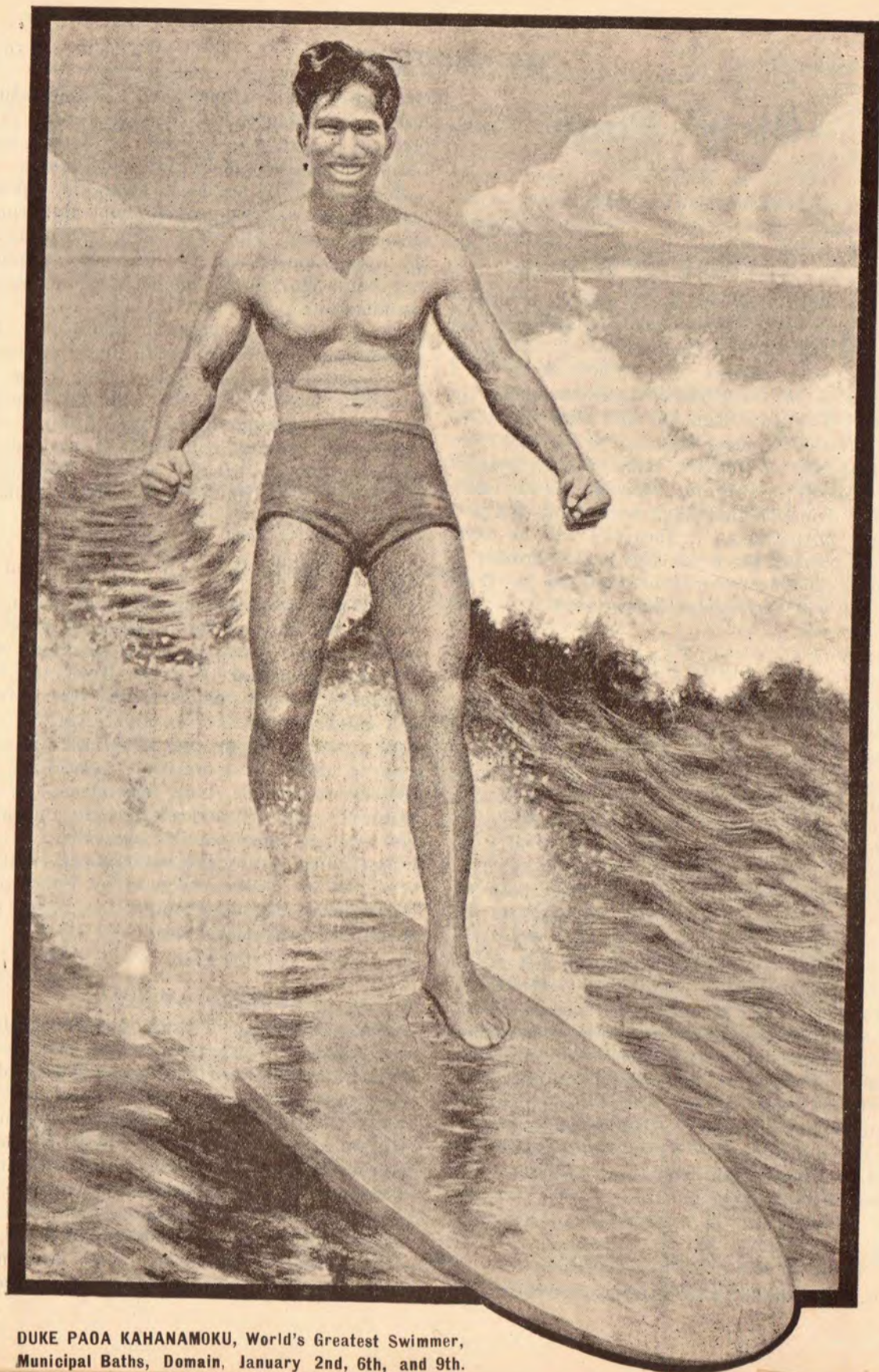
Now story-books, long forbidden joys, are restored to favour, and are jauntily displayed and read on every possible occasion.

In the near future is our Christmas vacation, which we are determined to enjoy, although at its close we shall encounter the thrills and shocks of examination results.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

What an inrush of results has overwhelmed us of late! So many succeeding shocks—for no one ever thinks of breaking it gently—take one's breath away. Assuredly we needed that week's respite to prepare us for this onslaught. We were just beginning to think of honors, too, beginning to speak with easy familiarity of "dropping" and "picking-up" various subjects. Now it is in marks, not subjects, that we are "dropping" or "picking-up."

There are no fourth year notes this month, since their final examination is not yet over.



**DUKE PAOA KAHANAMOKU, World's Greatest Swimmer,
Municipal Baths, Domain, January 2nd, 6th, and 9th.**

Girl's Primary School.

5A AND 5B.

The Q.C. examination is now a thing of the past, much to the joy of the candidates concerned. Among the good workers for this month are:—A. Wright, E. Fletcher, M. Leape, E. Wells, H. Jamieson, M. Edwards, and E. Dixon.

5C.

The names on honor board for the past month are:—Enid Ramsden, Emily Benecke, Isobel Roberts, Elsie Smith, Gertie Peterson, Florrie Hammond, Marjorie Croft. Best results in composition have been gained by Enid Ramsden, Birdie Rosenthal, Ivy George, Mabel Barham, and Marjorie Croft.

4A AND 4B.

A Spelling Bee was conducted on 18th Nov., and after a vigorous effort on the part of the whole class, this was won by Doris Curtis, with Yonnie Lyons second.

Girls who have gained highest marks during the month are:—

4A:—Winnie Round, Kitty Daley, Nellie Benecke, and Olive Raymond, the next.

4B:—D. Christie, M. Orr, D. Smith, and Dorothy Shea.

3rd:—D. Harley, 100 p.c. in maths. at quarterly exam.

2A AND 2B.

2A:—G. Wulf, D. Round, D. Lang, and M. Clubb, are making good progress. S. Ping, D. Pankhurst, N. Killian, and A. Hamilton have been working with 2A, and are trying very hard for promotion to 3B at the beginning of next year.

2B:—E. McLaughlin, F. Clarke, and K. Cooper are the best workers.

Rules for Swimmers.

(Extract from "Physical Training," by an officer of the Regular Army.)

Caution to Swimmers.—Instruction should impress upon pupils, from the commencement of their training, the necessity for observing the following precautionary and emergency rules for swimmers. They should be committed to memory by every pupil and never forgotten, and they should be observed by all swimmers, no matter how experienced or accomplished they may be. It is, moreover, their duty always to warn those who are ignorant of these rules whenever any are disregarded. They apply generally to bathing as well as to swimming in salt or fresh water.

(1) Do not swim in quiet or secluded spots or by yourself in the surf.

(2) The most suitable time for a swim is about an hour or two before a meal.

(3) Do not swim shortly after a hearty meal, when exhausted from vigorous exercise, or when shivering with cold.

(4) Do not wait at the water's edge before entering it until the body begins to lose its warmth.

(5) On entering the water, do not gasp or

Boys! Train to win.

When you "toe the mark" you need to be fit—trained to the pitch of perfection that will bring you to the tape ahead of your competitors. Efficient training is essential to success. You **must** have it. You can get along in the ruck without any special effort, but the winners in Life's Race have always been specially prepared.

What Race will you enter when you leave School?

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(11) If seized with cramp in the water, keep calm, turn on the back, rub and stretch the affected limb. Should cramp attack the leg, turn up the toes, straighten it to stretch the muscles, and if possible apply friction. It is possible to swim a long distance even if both legs are attacked with cramp.

Sport's Union Notes

Boys who pass the Intermediate Examination are eligible for nomination for this year's honor caps.

Sports Union delegates please note: Secretaries of each affiliated game in the Sports Union are reminded to arrange for the election of two delegates to the Sports Union at each of their annual meetings. One of these must be a teacher.

Our First Grade cricketers—H. Hooker (capt.), S. Easy, E. Munro, Edmonds, W. Jacobs, Hopkins, W. Firth, Busby, Perkins, W. Ford, S. Mankey, I. McLean—are leading in their competition, having only one two-point

win against them. Mr. C. Gale does the coaching.

A splendid esprit de corps exists among our Second Grade cricketers, led by G. Saunders. This all helps to win matches. Mr. J. Gallagher does the coaching.

Mr. K. Hannay is still guiding the destinies of our Third Graders. Several of these have lately graduated into the Seconds.

Some good scores have been made lately by our First Grade players: H. Hooker, 100, 58, 47; Edmonds, 62 not out; E. Munro, 24, 21, 15, 17, 41, 13 not out; S. Easy, 33, 19, 13; Jacobs, 20; Firth, 16; W. Ford 19; Markey, 33, 22; Busby, 26.

The wickets have been got by S. Easy, I. McLean, H. Hooker, Edmonds, W. Firth, W. Ford.

The scores in the Second Grade have been made by G. Storey, 21, 14; J. Newman, 30; Armstrong, 40, 63; W. Lyon, 15, 17; A. Bid-dulph, 18, 10; Achurch, 31; Perkins, 23, 15; E. Vandenberg, 50; F. Pickup, 24; N. Gouldson, 14; C. Servetopulos, 22; G. Macnamara, 11 not out; Searle, 20; Goodman, 23.

The wickets for the Seconds have been got by Goodman, Armstrong, Achurch, Biddulph, Newman, and Kallmeyer.

Scores for the Thirds have been made by Newman, 44, 20, 13; Copeland, 21, 28; Cunningham, 50; Kallmeyer, 25; Smith, 20; Stafford, 14; Lessing, 19; Searle, 24; Stillman, 59, 22; while the wickets have been got by Kallmeyer, Newman, Stafford, Ford and Searle.

Percy Anderson is very interested in the class cricket. He attends regularly at Waverley, and is a great help to Mr. Greaves. The thanks of all class cricketers are offered to him.

Mr. Parsonage wishes to thank the prefects, etc., who help with the checking of the swimming list each Wednesday at the baths.

A very pleasing feature of the swimming this season is the entire absence of silly horse-play at the baths by our boys. This is the proper Fort Street behaviour.

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Our gymnastic squad, with Mr. Gallagher, H. Hughes, and S. Paxiros at the head, are doing good work, and should be ready to give parallel bar displays now. We consider that the Fort Street squad gave the best display at the late P.S.A.A.A. Sports, the fancy movements being especially good.

The grade footballers of 1914 wish Mr. Hannay all sorts of success and good luck in his new sphere of life at the Naval College, Jervis Bay. The third grade cricketers, of which team Mr. Hannay is the coach, do likewise. We can ill afford to lose such good sports, men who can find time to help along the physical side of our boys' education by attending meetings, coaching teams, and being interested generally. We are looking forward to playing teams at the College some day.

CRICKET—RUNNING BETWEEN WICKETS.

(Extract from S.G. School Magazine, "Sydneyan," Dec., 1903; written by Geo. P. Barbour, the noted cricket coach.)

1. When your partner is striking, always back up to the extent of three or four yards, and bear in mind that if the ball goes behind the wicket, the call rests with you, otherwise the striker.

2. Never force your partner to run against his will.

3. Never, in backing up, go so far out that you cannot easily get back if your partner refuses.

4. As you draw near the crease, run your bat along the turf; this will gain you a yard in a sprint for a second run.

5. Run your first run at top pace, and turn

before deciding about the second.

6. Call distinctly, and remember that a yes-no policy is never more fatal than in cricket.

7. In a hit to the long field, a second run is always easy if you have turned before the fieldsman is ready to throw.

8. To run short runs with safety, both must be in perfect agreement.

FORTIANS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

The following old boys have passed the 4th Degree Examination in the Faculty of Medicine:—

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Notes and News.

The Q.C., I.C. and L.C. Exams. are now a thing of the past. According to reports from our representatives, all are satisfied with their achievements. It only remains to see whether their hopes are realized by the results.

Noel Holmes, an old Fort Street boy, is with the first Expeditionary Force. He is a wireless operator on the troopship "Benalla."

Mr. W. A. Ferguson, for a number of years the popular Sports Master at Fort Street, and now on the staff of the Bathurst High School, paid the School a visit a few days ago.

It will be learnt with regret by many old boys that Mr. Ben. Hobson, a former master at Fort Street, died last month.

Durno, who left Fort Street three years ago for Scotland, has returned to Sydney.

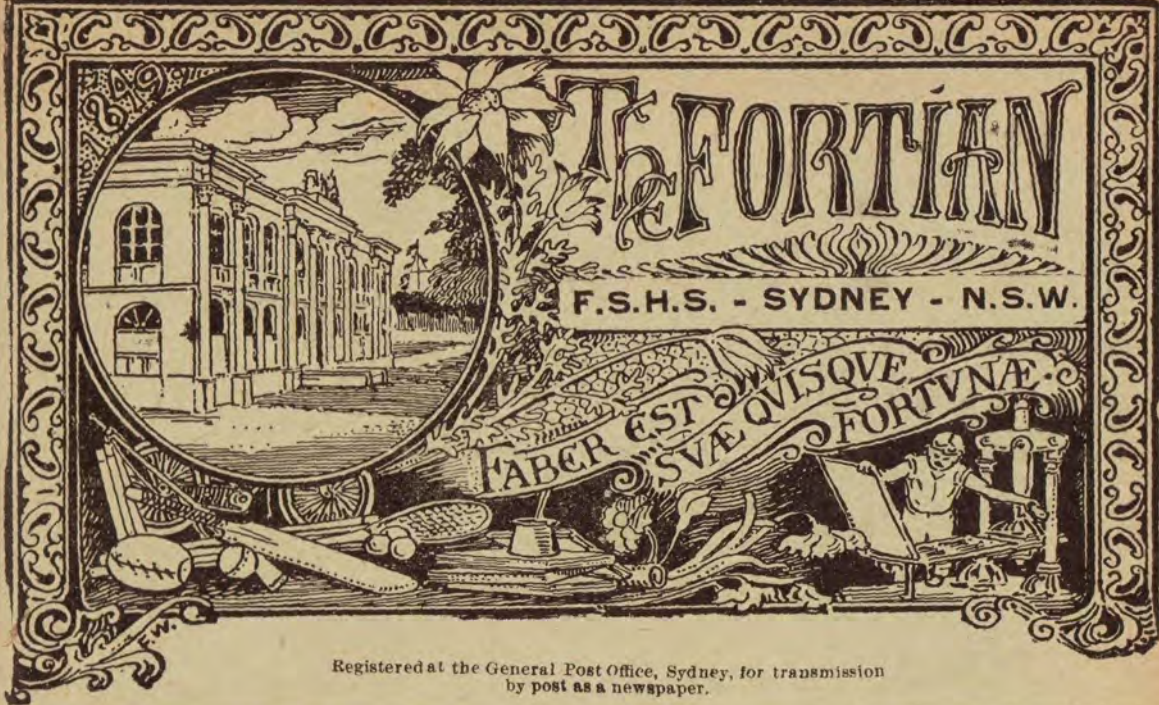
Dr. Archie McLean, an old Fortian, who accompanied Dr. Mawson on his last expedition to the South Pole, has sent word to his father, Mr. R. McLean, that he had left England for the front with the Royal Army Medical Corps. Dr. McLean went to England with Dr. Mawson for the purpose of assisting in the preparation of the scientific results of the Mawson expedition.

Carl Ferns, one of our Seniors, who left early in September with the force which captured German New Guinea, has, after a very stirring time, returned to Sydney on military escort duty. He will, however, return to Rabaul in a few weeks' time.

The Headmaster, in his speech at the Senior Farewell, made striking reference to the vast development that had taken place in the last few years, as regards the number of Fort Street boys and girls who are attending lectures in the various faculties and schools of the University. As far as can be ascertained

from the Calendar there are this year (1914) exactly 101 boys and 31 girls, ex-Fortians undergoing University training. This, we think, is a record to be proud of.





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Editorial.

From time to time we hear the complaint expressed that the class news columns of the "Fortian" are dull, uninteresting, and unrepresentative of general class opinion. Even the class correspondents appear dissatisfied with the notes submitted month by month. The fact is that class notes are usually prepared at the last moment, hurriedly, and correspondents trust solely to memory in writing up the monthly retrospect. Satisfactory work under such conditions is impossible, nor can any editorial trimming compensate for inadequacy of subject-matter.

It is suggested, therefore, that correspondents at least should keep a diary of class events, to which reference could be made when compiling the news for the month. They should also ask the members of their respective classes for items of interest to be included. If this were done a day or two before the date when contributions are to be handed in the correspondents should be in a position to extend themselves in the production of articles of wider general interest and greater literary merit.

"Our School Paper—How Can We Improve it?" would perhaps be a profitable subject for a Friday afternoon debate—correspondents to note suggestions made. The contest between the forensic giants of, say, 3C and 3B, should surely be productive of results valuable alike

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Boys' High School Class News.

FOURTH YEAR NOTES.

Literary and Debating Society.—Since last issue business has been rather "slack" in this quarter. Holidays, exams, etc., have to a large extent interfered with the syllabus. On the 18th March a combined meeting of upper seniors was held, when some especially fine impromptu speeches were delivered. On the following Friday the second M.S.J. of the year was read, a great improvement on the first. As we are going to press a debate on that widely-discussed topic, the censorship, is about to be held. A fine discussion of the subject is expected. For result, see next issue.

On April 7th (Easter vac.) several very enthusiastic members, their spirits not at all damped by the weather conditions (of their bodies we speak not), wended their way, per launch of the Hon. A.S.F., to some remote and secluded spot up Middle Harbour, where they camped for the rest of the holidays. Despite the humidity of the weather, it was evidently a successful one. Of course they remarked, on their return, that it was "boshter," "a treat," etc., etc. But that sceptic F.S.E. winked his eye, and

"With a strange and puzzled look

And an incredulous smile"

remarked that "he'd much rather go fishing." "Plenty of that in the tent!" retorted "Joll."

By the way, what has become of the famous "Café Chantant?" It seems to have died a natural death. Now, then, ye aspirants of Addison, Steele, Tickell, and those other famous frequenters of the ancient coffee-house, here is a fine chance for emulating these worthies. "Tiger" is willing to provide the music.

It is rumoured that handball is going to be something of a "boom" this year. The craze has caught, and many novices are going to try

their hand against the rubber this season.

One individual of this community intended to take higher physics, but when he saw the recent physics paper he suddenly changed his mind. I wonder why.

"A neat little physical proof" of velocity of sound— $V e/d$ was lately shown us. One wit declared it was not at all "neat," certainly not "little." He had grave doubts as to its being a "proof" at all. In fact, the only thing about it which in any way resembled the above was that it was "physical." In fact, a little bit too "physical."

The enterprising seniors who sat in the region of the back seats during the "honour maths" lesson had a splendid opportunity for saturating their thirst for knowledge. (N.B.—The wary librarian had certainly locked the door of the bookcase, but alas! had forgot to close it). The shelves looked very bare indeed, after those students had satisfied their wants.

FORTIAN NOTES, 4B.

"Faber est quisque funeris sui," so spake he from whose tongue leap vituperation, scathing satire, and great wisdom: yea oh! alas, too ignorant world, to appreciate such gems of learning, wisdom that like pearls is cast before—no unappreciating seniors.

In this life there do exist such things as M.S.S. journals I. for the amusement and edification of the audience II. for the worry and ridicule of the editors.

A model M.S.S. J. (such as that of a senior class) contains the following original (?) poems, grave and gay jokes (?) of doubtful age and origin, criticisms on party administration, mock heroic accounts of disorder, etc., and treatises on astronomy and philosophy. N.B.—Editorials are becoming superfluous. Such an edifying journal should be bi-weekly. It is a pity that articles cannot be extorted from likely contributors before the afternoon of the reading. It would improve the standard of the article, the amiability of the audience, and the tempers of the editors.

Welcome Savage Rundle into our midst. Loud should you rejoice to have escaped from the N.W.U. For once the clutches of that combine feel your bones you are as if fell Scylla snatched you up, damned to eternity.

Hearken, seniors! Hear ye not a voice that as a ghostly echo calls beseechingly from out

of space, "Seniors! Seniors! remember thy 1/6." Console this voice ye that can, and check the plaintive cry.

We beg to call the attention of this class to the fact that the collector of the Belgian Fund does not maintain a portable change-box for your convenience. The attention of the afore-said collector is drawn as to the correct amount of change taken by contributors. Democrats, beware!

4A.

Fellow-sufferers, once more the Immortals greet ye. First in regard to military matters. Patriotic members of 4A cannot but view with pride the martial bearing of Donga and Claudie on parade. The class is at present greatly interested in the Belgian Fund; several donations of a thousand (?) have been promised by opulent members of our class.

The attention of all would-be poets is directed to the efforts of the class poet, who, being possessed of striking hirsute adornment, bursts forth as follows:—

"Oh modest, bonnie, wee, blaek thing,
But my! these boys are busters.
They try to make ma conscience sting
By gigglin' at ma whuskers."

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

3A.

Farewell, Ferdinand! Farewell! In sorrow we say it—our old friend and colleague, the shining light of 3A has departed to take up work in the larger sphere of life. He has our best wishes.

Will wonders never cease? "Bloo" is going to occupy a very unenviable position in which so much energy is needed—namely, that of a bugler. Under Sam's tutelage he is indefatigable in his preparation for the new duties. While Sam hums the calls, which the bugler-to-be attempts (more or less successfully) to imitate, who can wonder if the class becomes distracted? But it will make no difference a hundred years hence, so why worry!

All the examination results are at length published. Some are satisfied with them, but the majority are not, or, at least, say they are not. The half-yearly figures will clear up the doubt perhaps. One individual who expected a pass (?) in Latin obtained 16 per cent. (What injustice!). Two of our classmates have been promoted this week to 3B.

Wednesday, 114th April, was the date of the initial football game of the season. The following day was one of groans and weariness. We hope, however, soon to get into condition.

The various class activities pursue the even tenor of their way. We could wish that the Debating Society were a greater success, but regard practice as the condition of acquirement of skill in this as in other directions. "Utopia," previously translated as "Nowhere," has been rendered "Now-here" since Mr. Mote presided at our English lesson.

The mysteries of the production of freak pictures (of what?) have also been explained to us.

3B.

After six months' work in the Censor's office Mr. Cornforth has returned to his school duties and taken up third-year Latin.

Our debates are progressing satisfactorily, and bringing to light much talent.

Third year students have taken up football with enthusiasm, and hope to achieve great distinction during the coming season.

There are still a few tennis enthusiasts. We wish them luck, and hope that every care will be taken lest over-exertion should prevent them from attending in class at any time.

We are pleased to welcome our new classmates, W. Firth, D. Johnston, and C. Gardiner-Garden.

3C.

A highly interesting entertainment took place in 3C room on Tuesday, 29th March. Admission was free, and there was no collection. A most enjoyable morning was spent in discussing the peculiarities and methods of boys and masters. Our late Latin master occupied the chair. "Paxy" distinguished himself by a great flow of oratory, of which the chief feature was the artistic use of the interjection (?) "er—er—er."

Our Debating Society continues to flourish like the green bay tree, the subjects during the last month being—

1. Freetrade v. Protection.
2. Mock Election.
3. Physical Development and Mental Development.

Some members have not yet overcome their reserve, but we hope soon to see everyone taking part in the discussions.

(The correspondent disclaims all credit for

these Debating Society notes. Honour to whom honour is due—know all men by these presents that O.J.W.—the great, the mighty, the incomparable O.J.W.—is entirely responsible therefor.)

The carnival is once more a thing of the past, and we take this opportunity of wishing Gordon Lyons every success in his new sphere of life. Gordon, Billy, Roy, and Cracka deserve congratulations on their excellent performances on the afternoon of the 27th March.

During the vacation certain members of 3C, together with a few open-air enthusiasts from the second and fourth years, are said to have essayed the exploration of Shark Island. After two days of the simple life they received orders under seal and eventually found themselves located at Middle Harbour. Echo? Nevertheless, all enjoyed themselves except Servy, who, instead of enjoying the delights of motor propulsion, mounted Shanks his pony for Cronulla.

In common with other football fiends the "Rugger" players who donned togs for the first game of the season on Wednesday, 14th April, found the exertion rather strenuous and not altogether agreeable as to its after-effects.

SECOND YEAR FORTIAN NOTES.

2A succeeded in distinguishing themselves in several swimming events. Bastian and Quigley also gained life-saving certificates, so we are fairly represented in natatorial feats. On Speech Day also 2A was represented in the prize-list. In the football field 2A also have a good team to put forward this season. They also are well represented in other branches of sport. Because of the results of the last examination, a few members of the class wore despondent looks. Nevertheless many good percentages were gained, Hector's average of 71 topping the list. We regret that one of our members has serious illness in his family, and trust that all will soon be well.

2B.—This class holds a good position in swimming. In the recent carnival Tom Steel won the 14 years championship, and Sol. Shineberg gained a good place. But 2B are not only good sports. We are good students. The results of the quarterly exam. show that Hill Adams is one of the best second year English scholars. Recently our Geo. Washington eclipsed all previous records. His score of 2 in 2 seconds, i.e., 60 per minute, was put up in a maths lesson.

Since the Royal Show this class has found a reliable mascot in the form of a Worcestershire sauce bottle. It has therefore been set up in a commanding position. The science results seem to have a fascinating effect upon our members.

2C.—The quarterly examination is over, and has shown us D— and H— standing out in a prominent position. This was a pleasant surprise. A— has also surprised all of us. It is hoped that none of our members will be removed from this class. French is again becoming an enjoyable subject. Most of 2C have pleasant memories of Mr. Hannay's French class last year. We all have set down to earnest work in all subjects, and intend to show our ability at the half-yearly examination. In the sporting arena, also, 2C holds its own. Our soccer team is in full swing, and a good showing is expected from the players. Smith has been elected captain for the season, Freeman vice-captain, and Moore on the committee.

We congratulate Mitchell on his winning the second year handicap and Robinson for securing third place in the diving competition and 13 years championship. Our class team—Smith, Freeman, Macdonald, and Robinson—filled second place in the junior relay race. As ticket-sellers we shine, as this class stood out well on the barometer.

2D.—During the month before vacation the whole class was strenuously engaged in studying for that quarterly. We are glad to think that that terror has passed. Many good results were obtained in that examination. Champion was the only boy in the second year to obtain full marks in parsing and analysis.

We have lately found the "Old Pretender" in our class, and so we have now both the Old and Young Pretender residing in our midst.

However, the Young Pretender has pledged his word to discontinue his illegal practices, and now is in the good books of the teachers.

Most of our boys were in high spirits last week, as they were called upon to visit the area office to obtain their huge "regimental trousers."

The results obtained in the quarterly show that 2D stands well on the list. Since obtaining these lists we have determined that 2D in future exams. is going to appear nearer the top of the lists. Our class intends to be well represented in the winter games. We have some already

renowned footballers and a few tennis players.

In several days' time a number of our boys intend viewing the stars. Since reading "Guy Mannering" they have a lust for astronomical knowledge.

In French our class has lately met the subjunctive mood, and we find it rather difficult, but Mr. C— gives us every encouragement, and we seem to be getting along favorably. Lord was most successful in French at the exam.

2E.—Rydge is again the shining light of the class. The class occupies premier position in the second year, but this is to be expected from the quality of its members. Unfortunately science is exercising a strong magnetic influence, especially the radiometer, on some of our members. We say unfortunately, because these members object to extraneous matters that are very necessary, but not so entrancing. Several of our cadet members had to wait some time for uniforms the other day. Mr. Gale is causing great mental agitation on account of his exam. papers every Friday, and the time taken up in their collection.

is good practice.

We admit that the tests are stiff, but then it

Mr. C. is determined to harden our memories on the subject of Hercules. We are determined to uphold our premier position in second year by ardent study, and we make our great aim the best list of passes in the intermediate.

FIRST YEAR.

1R.

Here peacefully repose many of the old first year lads and some who have found the intermediate work too great a strain. By going through the work a second time greater mastery of the subject is generally obtained.

At the quarterly examination some very good results were obtained. Magee secured highest marks in science, and Pearce, Enderby, and Horne topped the list in mathematics. Ford did the best paper in English, and Powell and Robinovitz in history.

Much progress is being made in Latin under our new master. Magee promises to get together a good football team for the class competitions.

1A.

The close of the first quarter of High School work ushered in the customary test in all sub-

jects. To those who had worked conscientiously and consistently good results were forthcoming, but to others less enviable results were obtained. It is confidently expected that the half-yearly examination will show that every member of the class has put forth his best endeavours to make 1A the premier first year class.

In English, Jacobs received the highest mark. Simpson and Hill did the best paper in history. Hains proved the best at science, and Martin excelled in geography. Great interest is being taken in the forthcoming winter sports, especially in the class soccer matches. It is expected that the class will retain the laurels won last year by the previous 1A in class soccer.

1B.

Owen has proved himself the best scholar in the class. Many were able to soar majestically at great heights, while others were forced to volplane very low indeed. Machin topped the list in Latin and German, and Houston received the highest marks in history.

The weekly essays are a feature of the English work, and much improvement has been shown in this particular branch. One of the most interesting lessons of the week is the reading and criticism of the best essays. The compulsory trainees of the class are receiving their first uniforms, and much interest is being taken in their first appearance in khaki. The class humorist occasionally unburdens unpalatable jokes, which now fall rather flatly on the long-suffering community.

1C.

We were very pleased to see that Hotten obtained the maximum marks in Latin at the quarterly examination. He also proved best in English, whilst Robertson did well in history, and Shead topped all classes in science.

Much progress is being made in the study of French. It is rather interesting to note the facial contortions in mastering phonetics.

Poetic effusions are still being inflicted on our English master, some members being assured they can do better work in poetry than prose.

Soccer seems to be popular among the youthful members, though a few favour lacrosse and tennis.

Mr. A. Vermorel, who was here filling a temporary vacancy, has been removed to the District School, Broken Hill.

Speech Day at Fort Street.

Tuesday, 6th April, was the day set down this year for our Annual Speech Day. Preparations had been made to have the gathering in the open air, but Aquarius being in the ascendant we were compelled once again to cram as many as possible into the main room. The chair was taken by Mr. P. Board, M.A., Director of Education, while upon the platform also were the Hon. A. Griffith, M.L.A., Minister for Education, Mrs. Griffith, and Professor David. In the body of the room also were many ex-Fortians and friends of the pupils. The headmaster and the headmistress having read their reports, Mr. Griffith, on the occasion of his first public appearance after his acceptance of the portfolio of education, met with a flattering reception, and delivered an address to the boys and girls of the High School worthy of the occasion. He spoke of the development of the department, and said that no master could achieve much unless the pupils co-operated. So far as Fort-street was concerned, he could not remember having attended any celebration where the results were so satisfactory and encouraging. It was hard to decide whether the boys or the girls had achieved the higher distinction. But both had done their share in the work of national assistance. The girls had devoted time and work for the Red Cross, while the boys had given up their money to the funds. He congratulated the school on that spirit, for they were lending a hand to their great Empire in the time of stress and struggle.

An address was also delivered by Professor David, who spoke happily about the relations of great schools such as Fort-street to the Empire, and very appropriately and wittily told those assembled that Fortes creantur fortibus.

The certificates won at Christmas and at the annual sports meeting and carnival were then presented to the girls by Mrs. Griffith, and to the boys by Mr. Griffith. The proceedings terminated with votes of thanks to the Minister and to the Under-Secretary for presiding.

Certificates were awarded to the following boys:—3C—Percy Andersen (dux), English, French, history, science; Walter Ark, mathematics; William Rundle, Latin; William Jacobs, German. 3B—Allan Owen (dux), English, history, science; George Saunders, mathematics;

Kevin Gormley, Latin; Redvers Rieckards, French. 3A—Frederick McKechnie (dux), French, mathematics, business principles; William Lyon, English, geography; John Prior, history; Hereward Crakanthorp, economics; James V. Hall, science; Edward Patterson, Latin; Vere Kirwan, German. 2nd year—Dr. Bohrsmann's prize for the best pass at the intermediate exam., Roland K. Burnett. 1F—Norman Rydge (dux), history, Latin, mathematics, Geoman; Douglas Parker, science; Charles Egan, English. 1E—George Nedman (dux), English, Latin, history, science, mathematics; Geoffrey Champion, French. 1D—Albert Mudie (dux), English (aeq.), science; Harold Shaw, mathematics, Greek, German; Keith McFarlane, English (aeq.), Latin; Geoffrey Molony, history. 1C—Sydney Dawes (dux), English, mathematics, science; Reginald Mould, French; Geoffrey Sharpe, Greek; Angus Woolston, Latin, history. 1B—Ernest Herbst (dux), general merit; Arthur Rutledge, shorthand; Edmund Hansman, business principles; Alfred Stubbs, mathematics; John Galvin, French; Bruce Edwards, history (aeq.); Wilhelm Schmidt, geography, science, history (aeq.); William John Elliott, English. 1A—George Warner (dux), history; Hector Spencer, shorthand; Oliver Cox, geography, business principles; Rankin Thompson, mathematics, science; Ray Andrew, English, Latin; Neils Justelius, German.

THE LONG ROLL OF HONOUR.

When the beacon light of Honour
As of old in England burned,
Freedom's sons have gladly answered
Some have gone and ne'er returned;
And the long, long roll of Heroes
Who have died to make men free
Shall receive a glorious place in
The archives of Liberty.

On the shining plains of Egypt,
Lonely in that vast expanse,
Or in desolated Belgium
Or the battlefields of France,
Monuments leave unrecorded
Names of those who fought and died;
But in everlasting mem'ry
They shall live, their country's pride.

—P. V.

Cadet Yews.

The doctor will be here almost immediately to examine the junior cadets, senior cadets who have not yet been examined, and new militia men.

The parades for the year have been completed, and company sergeant-majors should render to their O.C. companies a list showing the amount of time each cadet in the company has done for the yearly efficiency.

Also a report is to be made by the company sergeant-major after collecting reports from each immediate squad and section commander on each cadet for the same purpose. This must be done immediately. A board appointed by the C.O. Battalion (Major Parsonage) will then sit and judge the efficiency of each cadet in the battalion.

The annual battalion competitions were postponed this year on account of the war.

An examination will be held shortly for the vacant positions. For the information of newcomers those going for the rank of corporal are examined in word of command, 40 marks; ability to command, 60 marks; company squad and section drill, 100 marks; rifle exercises, 100 marks; ceremonial duties, etc., 100 marks; semaphore, 100 marks; extended order drill, 100 marks; care and cleaning of arms, 100 marks.

Those wishing to become sergeants are examined in guard and sentry duties, 100 marks, and rolls, 100 marks, in addition to the foregoing, and those going for lieutenant regulations in addition to all a sergeant has to take.

Your roll should contain (a) names and addresses of all cadets in your command, (b) numbers of rifles issued to them, (c) their record in musketry, (d) remarks on each cadet made after each parade, (e) attendance up to date marked at each parade, (f) whether the cadet is a member of the battalion team or any special remarks of this nature, (g) dates of parades and duration, (h) name of company, section squad, etc. Paste this in your roll when leaving school, besides returning your belt, pouch, numeral, pull through, chevrons. Your rifle issued to you should be returned to the area office when applying for a transfer.

All new boys should keep visiting their own areas until they receive word that their transfer

is through. To have written is not sufficient. You must call on them to see if they have sent it through.

Certain questions for next non-com.'s examination: Detail the battalion halt; detail the about turn; what are the differences in squad drill between the 1911 and 1914 books? Describe the triangulation of error, method of checking aiming; detail the prone position in firing; how would you teach trigger pressing? what are the duties of the position you are going for?

The signallers' examination will be held as soon as the new organisation is complete (July). The subjects will be (1) semaphore signalling, (2) squad and section drill, (3) word of command, (4) fitness, (5) ceremonial duties, etc.

The Education Department Rifle Club have been granted permission to use the miniature range.

FORTIANS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Additional results to hand include the following relating to Old Boys:—

English III.—1st class honours at graduation and James Coutts Scholarships for English: H. V. Evatt.

Beauchamp Prize for an English essay: H. V. Evatt. (This is the third year in succession that Evatt as an undergraduate has won this prize, an achievement hitherto unprecedented).

Philosophy I.—Distinction: J. Morgan.

Philosophy II.—Distinction: Mr. W. T. Fraser.

Philosophy III.—High distinction, University medal, 1st class honours at graduation, and Professor Anderson's prize: H. V. Evatt.

Mathematics I.—High distinction: A. R. Sims. Credit: N. M. Cuthbert.

Mathematics II.—High distinction: N. A. Esserman. Distinction: G. H. Briggs. Credit: Dorothy Rothschmidt, Jessie K. Wright.

M. A. Exam.—Philosophy, Honours Class II.: C. P. Cockett.

Faculty of Law.—LL.B. exam.: Geo. Baldick. 2nd class honours.

Section II.—Pass: W. B. Simpson.

At the Speech Day on the 6th of April the Minister for Education publicly stated that the next celebration but one would be held in our new building at Petersham.

Girls' High School News.

CONCERT.

On Wednesday, 14th April, we held a concert in the main room for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of pictures.

The school assembled early in the afternoon, the fortunate ones—glee club and seniors in the centre blocks, with "the reporters" in the back row. Considerable musical talent was displayed throughout the afternoon by girls whose faces are quite familiar at our concerts, and by those making their first public appearance. There was a number of piano solos throughout, the programme beginning with Dorothy Stewart. Connie Dyson delivered two recitations—the first a short and sweet recitation in French, "Auntie's Wedding" received immense applause, and, much to the sorrow of the audience, an encore was not permitted. Winnie Hansford, one of the new stars, sang two songs very prettily. Pauline and her violin, both old friends, were there. Miriam Mellowes and Alma Kendall, both new to our stage, played solos. A familiar "Melba," Pansy Templeton, sang two songs, one French and the other English. Edith Blackwell recited "The Owl Critic."

During the interval the talent of the audience was displayed in French conversation, with spasms of German and Latin, though certain individuals resorted to conjugating "esse." In that space the reporters compared notes and made improvements.

The second half of the programme opened with a piano solo by a popular performer, Violet Cook. Edith Baumberg's two recitations, "Cendrillon" and "Miss Edith Helps Things Along," were greeted with loud applause. Maggie Humprey played a solo. Several of the girls appeared again, and the programme was completed by a solo by Pearl Griffen.

Miss Partridge, in a short speech, complimented Miss Marks, as promoter of the concert, and the girls who had contributed to the programme. The Australian National Anthem and "God Save the King" closed the entertainment.

A VISION OF THE FUTURE.

Speech Day was over for another year, and I was thinking of the day's proceedings, in particular of that timeworn promise, once again

renewed, of new buildings for the school. From my youth up I had heard succeeding ministers in perfect good faith voice such a promise, express such a hope, to the assembled school, which has long outgrown its historic seat. It chanced that, musing thus, I fell asleep and dreamed. Methought I stood before a wide stone gateway of new golden sandstone, through which there passed a stream of youths and maidens, just such as passes daily through the battered gates of old Fort-street. With them I passed through, and along a wide tile-shaded avenue towards an open quadrangle of buildings almost impressive in their simplicity.

As I watched the progress of the laughing, chattering crowd I perceived that the buildings on the right were the Girls' High School, those on the left the Boys' High School—for there were no mites of ten years or under among these scholars—while yet another building on the far side of the quadrangle seemed from its external appearance to be an assembly hall. To the right and to the left were games-fields and smooth, green tennis courts, shady trees, and two large wooden structures, probably gymnasiums.

Entering the doorway on the right—that of the girls' school—I leisurely passed through spacious corridors and form-rooms. The splendidly equipped science rooms, the thorough accommodation for one and all, in particular the two senior rooms with their tables and chairs, their well-filled bookcases, well-chosen pictures, abundant lockers, and the fittingly equipped senior cloak-room which adjoined them—all these filled me with boundless admiration.

From the chatter I heard around me I gathered that this was a very great occasion, being in fact the first speech day celebrated in this new school. As I gazed from one of the windows I saw the Union Jack gaily waving from a flag-pole in the middle of the quadrangle. "Who," asked myself, "could be the fortunate possessors of this school? Surely not Fort-street! and yet it must be; see the time-honoured red and white ribbons of "The Fortians."

I entered then the magnificent assembly hall, now filled, since the day was already far advanced, with pupils and exceedingly grown-up ex-pupils, with parents and friends. There I saw upon the walls the same old honor boards

I had seen in my school days at Fort-street. Herein, then, lay the answer to my question. These boys and girls must be Fortians in their long-promised new schools! THE SCHOOLS HAD REALLY BEEN MOVED!!! I gazed at the very grave personages on the platform, at the bright faces of the pupils—with none of these was I familiar. All were new, all strange. "It must be the year 1999 at least," I thought to myself, "and must be a phantom of the dim and distant past." Yet as the proceedings continued I saw that speech day was still much the same as of yore. This was still the great old school, though in a new and splendid garb, and when the assemblage rose to sing the school song my interest knew no bounds. A school song at last! I thought, as the opening chords were played: I listened with all my ears, and then—I awoke, and it was all but a dream, a dream as yet; will we ever see it realised?

MAGNA CALAMITAS.

(With profuse apologies to Browning.)

It was raining, raining, every day.

When we hoped it would cease, it teamed like mad

From dawn to dark the skies were grey.

We felt slighted, ill-treated, and really had. For this was our Easter holiday!

The air was misty, and damp, and chill.

Gay summer had vanished, with tears and sighs,

And we wailed as the torrent came down with a will.

"Shine forth, O sun, from yonder skies."

But for answer the rain continued still.

When the clouds at last left us, and skies were bright,

When fresh green grass clothed the grateful land,

By a most lamentable oversight

The hour of return to school was at hand.

And gone was our brief vacation, quite!

SPORTS.

The summer season closed with the very successful swimming carnival, which took place at the Coogee Aquarium Baths at the end of last month.

The races were all well contested, and the

lengthy programme of events was carried out expeditiously and without the slightest hitch.

We much appreciated the exhibition swim of 100 yards by Miss Fanny Duraek, the Australian champion swimmer, which added to the attractiveness of the carnival

It was unfortunate, however, that the afternoon was so wet, as this materially affected the attendance of visitors, and in consequence the gate receipts. Competitors willingly conceded the amount of money usually expended on prizes and trophies towards the Belgian National Fund, accepting badges in lieu thereof. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Hellings (starter), Williams (referee), Cantrell and Parsonage (timekeepers and handicappers), and also to the following firms:—Messrs. Walker & Hall, Nock & Kirby, Metropolitan Business College, Singer's Ltd., The Model Business College, and L. W. Dodge & Co.

Subjoined is a list of the various races, with the results of each:—

- (1) 66 yards handicap—Hilda Wheatley.
- (2) 33 yards handicap—Amy Cooper.
- (3) 12 years championship—Violet Adlide.
- (4) 100 yards school championship—Dorothy Grossman.
- (5) 13 years championship—Lena Esserman.
- (6) 14 years Championship—May Higgs.
- (7) 15 years championship—Dorothy Grossman.
- (8) 100 yards old girls' championship—Sadie Cambridge.
- (9) 16 years championship—Ruby Bird.
- (10) Diving championship, old girls—Rose Esserman.
- (11) 17 years championship—Nancy Wicks.
- (12) 1st year championship—Eddie Graham.
- (13) Remove class championship—Lena Esserman.
- (14) Diving championship of school—Ruby Bird.
- (15) Old girls' v. present girls' relay (330yds)—old girls.
- (16) Back stroke handicap—Olga Smith.
- (17) 2nd and 3rd year championship—Dorothy Grossman.
- (18) Breast stroke handicap—Sylvia Evans.
- (19) Old girls' handicap—Grace Pendered.
- (20) Follow-my-leader (Doris York, leader)—Tory Wicks.
- (21) 4th year championship—Nancy Wicks.

- (22) Old girls' back and breast stroke championship—Rose Esserman.
 (23) Cork scramble—Nancy Wicks.
 (24) Year relay race—1st year, Marie Cunneen, Edie Graham, Jean Stewart, May Higgs.
 (15) Diving for objects—Nancy Wicks and Marjorie Farran, equal.

Also at the Combined Schools' carnival controlled by the P.S.A.A.A., held in the Domain Baths, Hilda Winter was the successful competitor in the breast stroke handicap (open to all comers), while the senior relay race was won by Fortians, and the 15 years championship by Dorothy Grossman.

In preparation for the winter sports season at Birchgrove Oval and Double Bay Courts, meetings of the various sub-sections have been held. At these details of organisation and arrangements for inter-club matches were concluded.

Hockey.—At the annual hockey meeting for the season 1915 the following office-bearers were elected:—Captain, Kathleen Hahn; vice-captain, Nancy Wicks; secretaries, Juliet Montague, Edna Tunks. The season opened on 21st April with three teams in the competitions.

Lacrosse is here in our midst again. We are all eagerly looking forward to the coming season, and hope to be successful in the inter-club competitions. At the general meeting held the first week of term the following elections took place:—Captain, Annie Hatfield; secretaries, Doris Stephen, Annie Hatfield. Practices are to commence straightway on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at school, and on Saturdays at Moore Park.

All members are asked to attend these practices as regularly as possible, so that the combined play of the teams will be strengthened as much as possible in preparation for the competition matches which begin in May. We are very sorry to have lost several of our worthy members from our last season's teams, who have since left school, but we hope their esprit de corps and skill will soon be shown by the present members. There are still vacancies in the teams open to willing players. Those who are undecided as to whether they will join may feel assured that they will receive a hearty welcome. Delays are dangerous (verb sap).

Tennis.—Regular practice matches have been played off at the Double Bay courts on Wednes-

day afternoons to decide the members of the representative "A" team for inter-club matches. The following have been selected:—Nancee Hunt, Phoebe Turner, Mai Corbett, Kathleen Irvine, Eileen Powell (emergency). The courts at Birchgrove Park are always well patronised also.

Basketball will again have a fair number of votaries, and some interesting matches with representative teams from the other metropolitan high schools are anticipated for the coming winter season.

Croquet and Organised Rounders.—In connection with these a meeting of players has been held. Annie Morton and Margery Cook were elected to represent the players, and they will be happy to receive the names of several new members.

FIRST YEAR "FORTIAN" NOTES.

We all think we are progressing very favourably in the different subjects, and are just beginning to enjoy our French lessons, which grow more interesting day by day. Ahead, like a tonic to the lazy ones, looms the half-yearly examination, to which we are looking forward with that mixture of hope and fear that only the first-year girl can understand.

Tests are frequent now. There is hardly a day without one on some subject, and already budding geniuses are beginning to show themselves.

Of course there is great rivalry between the classes, and each one hopes to come top, but all will be settled by that awful half-yearly, when the best (and worst) will be known.

It is almost superfluous to mention how delighted we were with the concert which marked the end of the summer sports and the beginning of the winter ones.

SECOND YEAR.

2A announce with the greatest of pride that Nancee Hunt, a member of the class, has entered for the School Girls' Tennis Championship of New South Wales. We wish her every success.

The members of 2B class are anxious to begin their winter sports next week, but at the same time they have done good work in tests, and realise the value of a pin—in maths tests—inquirers for the same take care.

THIRD YEAR.

Once more, dear friends, we greet you with

our elaborate phraseology. We enter unannounced! What matter? We speak for ourselves and generally speak right on.

Speech day brought its honours to us, the certificated recipients being mostly members of this mute (?) glorious class. How interesting our drawing lessons became when living models were subjected to the mercy of our artistic pens. But, nevertheless, "the artist is greater than the critic."

In conclusion we regret to announce the departure of Shiela Rainsford and Hilda Harrington from the school, and wish them the best of luck and happiness in their future life.

The members of 3B are indignant to find that they have not yet been represented in the "Fortian," and feel that the world at large is missing a great deal when it is ignorant of the doings of such as they. Well, "all things come to him who waits," and at last "Fortian" readers will be able to hear of this select community.

We are for the most part newcomers, and represent Cleveland-street, Kogarah, and Peter-sham. We rushed into the labyrinth of mysteries which envelop the mighty third-year student with the latent fire of conquest burning in our eyes. But alas! this has all dissolved into nothingness under the depressing influence of longitudinal sections and an atmosphere of sines, cosines, crotchets, and quavers.

We all agree that amongst our ranks are to be found "budding geniuses" who will add to the glorious annals of Fort-street when the time arrives.

3A have all returned with "ruddy blushes" from the vacation, in which we had ample time to appreciate Longfellow's "How beautiful is the rain. We wish to report Ena Withers as doing good work in history and Gladys Ridge in mathematics.

SENIORS.

Newly returned to the scene of our perpetual toils, after the briefest and dampest of glimpses into the holiday paradise of nothing-to-do, we are realising that we have to work. We always are! It makes one feel so virtuous, and it is so easily done. And further to encourage and sustain us in this highly praiseworthy frame of mind, our kind and thoughtful instructresses have provided for our delectation and ultimate

desperation an overwhelming array of tests.

Our opinion is that the test, like the mosquito, is a public nuisance that should be firmly suppressed in the interests of a most important section of the community—our noble selves. Unfortunately our opinion has not been universally adopted, though not for want of promulgation. The probability is that we are too far in advance of our times.

We were, however, quite cheerful the week before the holidays, which contained only four working days, on three of which we joyfully set aside our books at midday. What a well-planned week that was. O si sic omnia!

An interesting series of phenomena has been observed of late in that small and unpretentious apartment which the prefects are wont to honor with their presence. A luminous halo has appeared as if by magic, and encircled now one fair countenance, now another. It must be an anonymous tribute to the virtue we always knew we possessed. But still it is an honor unto which we were not born, and it becomes irksome at times. We hope that our wings will not

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sprout just yet.

4B.—We regret that there were so few entries for the swimming carnival from this class. We are also very sorry to have lost one of our most promising girls, Phyllis Manning, owing to trouble with her eyes.

Sport's Union Notes

The winter games have been placed on a good footing, and it should not be for the want of organisation if we do not have a bumper season.

Several meetings of High School teachers interested in games have been held at the P.S. A.A.A. rooms. Sub-committees formed, rules framed, etc. Your school was represented by Messrs. Parsonage, Cantrell, Gale, Roberts, Porter, and R. Taylor at those meetings.

The life-savers desire to thank Messrs. Helings, Roberts, Cantrell, and Mater for the time, trouble, etc., they took in giving instruction to them, so helping to gain their certificates and medallions.

The arrangements for the school blazer are practically complete. A meeting of the Sports' Union Committee will be held shortly to ratify same. Every affiliated club has representation on this committee to the extent of two representatives, one of whom must be a teacher.

You are reminded that the school colours in all games are maroon jersey and white trousers. No Fort-street boy is allowed to play in any competition otherwise clad. This rule must be strictly observed.

About 80 boys have not joined the Sports' Union. Are you one of these? Surely this school institution needs no "bush!"

We wish to thank the divers who gave us such an excellent display at our recent carnival. It was easily the best feature of the afternoon. It makes you feel inclined to be thankful that the school has always catered for acrobatic diving.

Sports' Union members should make up their minds immediately what winter game they intend to compete in. Games secretaries should also see to it at once that they make arrangements with interested teachers to assist same.

The first two grades of the Rugby competition are, we are pleased to announce, absolutely without conditions as to weight and year which affect us adversely. At last we should be able

to put a Fort-street team in the field, and the Combined High Schools' team which will appear at the end of the season will be true to label.

We congratulate Roy Allen on being made a prefect.

The Rifle Club has suffered another revival. They are again under the leadership of Lt. R. Taylor. They are to have an inter-school competition this year for the first time in the history of High Schools. The hon. secretary is Lt. E. Parker, once on the staff of Fort-street.

Who will gain honor caps for last year? And again who will gain them for this year?

SUCSESSES OF OLD BOYS.

Our old boys have again been distinguishing themselves. This month we have to record some notable achievements. For the first time in the history of the University the four new Walter and Eliza Hall Travelling Fellowships were awarded. Each of these carries an allowance of £300 a year for three years, together with a sum of £200 for the purchase of instruments and apparatus. Of the four awarded this year three were won by Fort-street old boys as follows:—

Dr. Archie J. Collins, M.B., Ch.M., of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, the Medical Travelling Fellowship.

Harry Stephens, B.Ag.Sc., the Agricultural Travelling Fellowship.

William L. Hindmarsh, B.V.Sc., the Veterinary Science Travelling Fellowship.

Our heartiest congratulations to the three of them.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

To the roll of honour published in preceding issues we desire to add the following names:—Leslie Small, Bert Lyon, William Anderson, Jack C. Thompson, the brothers Kirke, of Manly, R. Jamieson, and H. Nancarrow. We would be obliged if the names of other Fortians, together with their rank and location, could be forwarded to us.

Mr. Clarence Hills, an "old Fortian," has passed the Licensed Surveyors' examination, gaining highest marks, and has now enlisted for the front.

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Troubles of a Third-Year Student.

Glancing at my notebook for the record of home work to be done for the morrow I find the following memoranda:—

History—Robinson pp. 147-169—make summary and learn notes. Hand in essay on Chivalry. Geometry—The Nine Point Circle. Common tangents and centres of similitude. Ex. 529-534.

English—Read Act IV., Sc. 1, Merchant of Venice. Learn notes. Learn Mercy Speech.

Science—Compete notebook to date. Read up text-book on precession.

Latin—Virgil lines, 139-168. Composition, p. 40.

French—Texte Expliqué, pages 120-126. Composition.

I make a rapid calculation thus: History, 1 hour; geometry, 2½ hours; English, 1½ hour; science, 1 hour; Latin, 1½ hour; French 1½ hour; total, 9 hours. I calculate that unless I can get the work into a much smaller space of time I shall get to bed sometime between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. This leads me to ruminate in something like this way: History comes in the first period to-morrow—can't make summary in recess—suppose I'll have to do it. Just copy the block type at the side of the page. He might miss it.

English: Can do that in the tram—besides, it doesn't come till after lunch—I'll risk it.

Geometry: Those exercises look awkward. Grafter Jones is certain to have them done. I'll get there early in the morning and get him to show me.

Science: Can't dodge that notebook. Might read up precession while drill is on. My leg is sore (or rather will be to-morrow).

Latin: Suppose I'll have to have a go at the comp.

French: Ditto.

On this basis I calculate I shall be able to retire about midnight, and so settle down to work. Five minutes later my small brother comes to inquire through the closed door if I'm going out training with Jack Brown. I say "No!" in a tone that precipitates him downstairs. Next comes a light knock, and in answer to an ungracious "Come in," appears my sister Nora. "What, Tony! working? Aren't you coming down to my party?" "Can't!" I answer shortly. (Wouldn't it be grand if a fellow

only had as much leisure as his sisters do?). Nora hesitates a minute or two, then as I do not speak she adds as she turns away, "Estelle is coming to-night; I thought you knew." This in a tone of mild deprecation. I take no notice, and she departs with a badly suppressed sigh. Presently the music strikes up downstairs, and I cannot concentrate on my work. Somehow I have an idea that that red-headed bouncer of a bank clerk will be dancing attendance on Estelle. Well, what's that to me. I'm not a ladies' man; no time for girls. Estelle is Nora's friend. I have been unable to avoid meeting her. She seems more sensible than most girls—doesn't giggle so much, and has the sense to wear shoes that do not cause her to walk on the sides of her feet. Hang that music! How can a fellow work! Bang! That's Robinson done with. Now for the geometry. After three minutes—bang! there goes Hall and Stevens. Follow in quick succession English, Latin, French and Science.

I take out my evening suit, and after some

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hesitation don't do it. Five minutes later I am in the drawing-room. "I just knew you would come," said Nora. Just like a girl! How could she know? But—well, she's a girl, so I suppose she had to say "I told you so" or words to that effect.

The music does not seem to attract my attention so much in the drawing-room as when I was upstairs. Strange, isn't it, when it is closer. The evening passes quickly, and by the time I get home again it is midnight. I go upstairs, and the sight of the books brings me back to realities with a shock. By Jove, I shall have to be up bright and early. No sleeping in—that means "kinder" in company with a lot of small boys. That is an indignity which I hold no third-year man should be called upon to suffer—but as I can't alter the rule I must only be careful not to come under its operation. I turn in.

Five minutes later I am awakened by dad's voice. "Tony—half-past eight. You'll be late, my boy." I rise hurriedly, make a pretence of breakfast, board the tram, and try to read the "Merchant of Venice." Tram gets blocked. Can't keep to my work. Arrive 9.15 disgusted.

I enter the class-room. History master is in possession! "Good morning, Wilson. Late again! (Again! I'm not late more than twice a week—but a fellow can't say anything). Have you signed the book?" (The late book he means—that's another indignity). I hand him my slip. Then he proceeds: "Is your home work done?" I produce my summary (such as it is), but he sees the game at once. "How do you suppose you can pass your examination if you work in this unsatisfactory manner? History is not a hard subject, but it requires careful work and constant revision. Let me remind you that you must pass in all subjects, and that you should endeavour to obtain the greatest number of marks in all subjects if you wish to win an exhibition. This summary of yours occupied you ten minutes at most—you had an hour's work. I shall enter your name in the class record. You really must take your work seriously. History is not a subject like science, which you learn by experiment as you go along."

I worry through the history period somehow. Then comes geometry. "Exercise 529, Wilson," says the master. I make some kind of pretence, but it won't go down. "How long did you spend on geometry last night, Wilson?" I plead guilty to half-an-hour, which represents about the breaking-strain of my conscience. "Half-an-hour! What else did you do?" "History" (I can at least say this with a clear

conscience). "History" (with a sniff). "Geometry requires much more time and study than a subject like history, where it is merely a case of reading through. Your name must be entered in the record."

How I welcome the sound of the bell at 10.30! I read up precession somehow, but I cannot manage the notebook. Hence I am in trouble again as soon as we reassemble. "I really must insist," says the science master, "that you devote more time to Science preparation. To do the experiments here is not sufficient—the application of the principles is so wide that only by careful study can the subject be mastered. I must make a note in the Record of your unsatisfactory work."

The Latin master, strange to say, also finds me out almost at once. His tirade is very much a repetition of those I have already listened to. "Latin," he announces, "is a subject which must not be taken lightly. Remember it is not your own language. It is so exact that only by careful study can you hope to succeed in it. Your neglect of preparation must be noted in the record."

The French master assures me that he would be failing in his duty if he did not make a record of my lack of industry. He impresses on me that French is so varied in its idiom that it demands close study. Latin, he says, being a dead language, can be reduced to rules, which once mastered render progress easy. French vocabulary again is so much richer than Latin that only constant application can ensure success.

But the vituperation I encounter during the English lesson surpasses all that has gone before. I am held up to scorn for failure to appreciate my own language. I am assured that English is such a composite language that it demands more attention than other subjects. The literary faculty is hard to acquire. It is not an easy subject like mathematics, which depend simply on cold reason. He completes the column in the record for the day by placing my name in the last remaining space. Finally he thinks it his duty to send me to interview the headmaster. I take my stand on the landing before that dreadful door and wait for an awful quarter of an hour. The door finally opens. "Is that you, Wilson?" says a voice, the voice. "Come in." I step forward, a cold perspiration comes over me and CRASH!

I awake to find mother knocking at my door to say tea is ready. That three-mile run I did with Jack Brown this afternoon must have knocked me out.

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Our Heroes.

Adorning the walls of all the great English Public Schools are Honour Boards, commemorating, not the names of those who have attained scholastic distinction or prominence in the realms of sport, but of those who have given up their lives for their country on the field of battle. To-day we have to honour the memory of four at least of our one time comrades, Williams, McGuire, Wardrop and Cheal, whose names are the first to be emblazoned on the "eternal bede roll" of Fort-street. They died nobly. We would like to extend our sympathy to their sorrowing relations, assuring them that Fort-street is proud of her sons; that they will always be held in memory as among those who have proved the truth of Horace's assertion, "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

MAJOR M'GUIRE.

Major Albert George M'Guire, who left for the front with the 1st Battalion, under Lieutenant-Colonel Dobbin, and is reported killed in action, was 24 years of age. He was the eldest son of Mrs. M. M'Guire, of Penshurst-street, Willoughby, and was educated at Fort-street High School. He joined the New South Wales Irish Rifle Regiment only five years ago as a second lieutenant, and in 1912 he was given his company in the Stanmore Company of the

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33rd Infantry. He got his captaincy only last year, and was later promoted major.

LIEUT. H. E. WILLIAMS.

Lieut. H. E. Williams, who was killed in action in the Dardanelles on or about the 28th of last month, was the son of Mr. Williams, of Percival-road, Stannore. He was for several years a pupil of Fort-street, passing the Junior in 1909, and gaining 3 A's in maths. He



LIEUT. H. E. WILLIAMS.

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then entered the services of the Sydney Harbour, where he rose to be a draftsman. He for many years took a keen interest in military affairs, and was among the first to enlist on the outbreak of the war. He was in his 22nd year.

PRIVATE H. CHEAL.

Private Edwin Harold Cheal, who was killed at the Dardanelles between April 28 and the 2nd inst., was the second son of Mr. Joseph D. Cheal, of Alt-street, Waverley, and was born at North Sydney 19 years ago. He finished his education at Fort-street High School, and entered the employ of the City Council as a

clerk. After being there for three years ill-health forced him to resign his position, and he went to Katoomba, where he was living when the call came for volunteers for the front. He was one of the first to enlist, and left Sydney with the 3rd Battalion of the first expeditionary force. Private Edwin Cheal had from boyhood taken a great interest in military affairs, and for some time was connected with the 21st Infantry (Woollahra) Regiment.



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CORPORAL G. HENDERSON.

Corporal Gordon Henderson (wounded) hails from North Sydney. He enlisted with the First Expeditionary Force, and latest advices from Egypt stated that he was a section commander in the 4th Battalion. He is 26 years of age, and was an old Fort-street School boy. He represented the North Sydney District Rugby Union Football Club in the position of full-back, and was noted as a good place-kick. He is a brother of J. R. Henderson, chairman of the Rugby Union Council, and a nephew of Captain William Henderson (Turner and Henderson, Ltd.), a well-known Sydney citizen.

SERGEANT W. B. WARDROP.

Sergeant W. B. Wardrop, 13th Battalion, who died of wounds received, was an old Fort-



CORPORAL G. HENDERSON.

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CORPORAL ALAN EDWARDS
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Block kindly lent by "Sunday Times." Waverley Volunteer Cadet Corps. He was a prominent member of our 'Old Boys' Union.

War Notes.

Four old Fort-street boys were among the first to give their lives for their country in the Dardanelles. These were Lieutenant Herbert E. Williams, Private Edwin H. Cheal, Major A. G. McGuire, and Sergeant B. C. Wardrop. Notices of these appear in another column. Among the wounded appears also the name of Corporal Gordon Henderson, an ex-Fortian.

A number of old boys called to bid us good-

bye on the eve of their departure for the front, among them being Jack Wright, Jack C. Thompson, Bob Douglas, Eric Lee, Noel Backhouse, Leslie Small, and Bert Lyon.

We are still convinced that there are hundreds of Fort-street boys on active service whose names we have not secured for the Roll of Honour. Will those who know any please send names, rank, and locality. We desire to thank those who forwarded us names this month.

From a letter from the late Major M'Guire,

of the 1st Battalion, dated Egypt, 17th March, we cull the following of interest to Fortians:—
 "One of the brigades of our division has left Egypt, destination unknown. We hope to leave before long. There are quite a number of F.S. old boys serving with the colours, in different units, and of different grades. George Wootton, of Duntroon, is a lieutenant in charge of our machine gun section. He was at F.S. when I was there. Am hoping to be back home by 1916, although it is doubtful, for Germany has wonderful resources. Good luck to the old School. Please convey my kind regards to Fortians and remind them (not that there is any need to) of their duty to their country.

(Since this was written, Major McGuire has been killed in action.)

About 30 of the 1914 Seniors who are University Undergraduates, entertained Jack Thompson at a dinner at the University Refectory on the 6th inst., prior to his departure for the front, and also presented him with a wrist-let watch.

A few days before the sad news of Lieutenant H. E. Williams reached Sydney, the Headmaster received the following letter from him:—

1st Battalion, "A" Coy.,
 1st Infantry Brigade,
 7th March, 1915,
 Mena.

Dear Mr. Kilgour,—

A line of remembrance to yourself and the old School from one who attended about 1906-9.

I was fortunate enough to get a commission with the first force, and am pleased to say how proud we all are of the contingent.

They are a fine, sturdy set of men, good shots, strong, and ready to obey.

There are many Fortians with the Force, and in our own Battalion, three officers, Capt. McGuire, Lieut. Wootton (Duntroon), and myself.

Trusting, sir, that I will one day be able to visit the old School again, and kindest regards to yourself.

Yours faithfully,

HERBERT E. WILLIAMS, Lieut.

HANDBALL.

By "Hinder."

On Thursday, 15th April, the annual meeting of the Handball Club took place. On account of the large number in fourth year it would be utterly impossible to form one club for the whole seniors. Consequently seniors (4C) have organised a club for members of 4C only. The meeting was well attended, a fact which augurs well for the success of the club this season. A. S. Furness was again elected to his old office of secretary and treasurer combined. R. Curtis and F. S. Evatt were elected as members of the Handball Committee. Prospects look exceedingly bright for the club, many new members having joined for the first time. It is the committee's intention to run off first a doubles handicap and then a singles championship. If, after these have been completed, there is time enough, a doubles championship may be held.

The entrance fee as member of club is, as of yore, £0/0/6 sterl., with an extra 6d. per team for doubles, and 3d. per competitor for singles. Stringent measures will be taken in the case of lost balls, so beware! Every lost ball must be replaced by those playing at the time.

Most of the players have not yet become acquainted with the side-wall (on account of playing last season on the main-building courts), but they will soon master its difficulties and mysteries. The competition (doubles) will begin on Monday, 19th, at 3.35 punctually. Next issue a review of the month's 'ball, together with a competition table, will be published.

In a letter received a few days ago from his father, we have some interesting news concerning an old Fort-street boy, the Rev. Reginald Nichols, M.A. When he left School he removed to Townsville, Queensland, and thence to Victoria, and entered the University of Melbourne, gaining the degree of B.A. He then removed to Bathurst, N.S.W., and was ordained a minister of the Church of England, and appointed Curate of Grenfell, where he now is.

Last month he sat for his M.A. degree of the University of Melbourne, and was awarded First-class Honours and the Laurie Prize.

We beg to congratulate Munro of 2 F on winning with his brother the Schoolboys' Doubles Tennis Championship of N.S.W.

Belgian Day at Fort Street.

Belgian Day, the 13th May, 1915, witnessed a scene unprecedented in the history of Fort-street. As a preliminary to the proceedings, the Sports' Union had voted a sum of £25 to the fund, being an amount equivalent to the value of the prizes won at the Swimming Carnival, while the warning, "Remember the Belgians" had been well placarded during the earlier part of the week. Early in the morning the collections began, and lasted till after 3 o'clock, the totals steadily rising all the time in all departments. The girls sold "Belgian Babies," Belgian colours, ribbons, etc., not only among themselves, but to many of the boys. Then the rivalry began, class vying with class to head the list. Auctions were conducted in most of the classes, all sorts of articles coming beneath the hammer, pictures of masters, signatures, trinkets, curios, even fruit and other edibles fetching extraordinary prices. Then, under the baton of a well-known School character, a general auction was held in the girls' playground, the supply of money seeming limitless.

Probably the most exciting incident of the day was the contest for supremacy between 4 B and 3 B. As the fight promised to go on indefinitely, the two classes cried "quits" when each had contributed the sum of £5 6s. 6d.

The spirit shown throughout the whole proceeding was an eyeopener to the casual observer. Truly we're ready to go forward when the Empire calls. The total contributed were as follows:—

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5. Never allow foreign eatables to be served at your table.
6. Write on German paper with a German pen and use German blotting paper.
7. German flour, German fruit, and German beer can alone give your body the true German energy.
8. If you do not like German malt coffee, drink Coffee from German Colonies.
9. Use only German clothes for your dress and German hats for your head.
10. Let not foreign flattery distract you from these precepts; and be firmly convinced, whatever others say, that German products are the only ones worthy of citizens of the German Fatherland.

If Germans decide to purchase "Made-in-Germany" goods only, that is **their** affair.

When they try to sell us their "Made-in-Germany" goods, it is **our** affair, and surely we should be equally patriotic.

Boys' High School Class News.

Instead of 4th-Year Class News this month, we publish a Fourth-Year Criticism of "Class Notes" and invite letters from other students regarding the advisability or inadvisability of continuing them.—(Ed.)

THE QUESTION OF CLASS NEWS.

It was most interesting to read in last month's "Editorial" several remarks re the question of the news supplied by the correspondents of the various classes, and also some suggestions for improvement. Certainly there is dire need for reform. The idea was inaugurated about three years ago with the evident object of supplying the readers with some interesting reflections on the month's incidents, and some idea as to the average literary abilities of each class; certainly with the object of improving the paper. Has it succeeded in this respect? It is very doubtful. Can measures be taken to bring about this improvement? Perhaps!

Let us consider them. In the first case the main fault with the class news lies in the fact that they have interest only for those in the respective classes. It is very interesting, no doubt, to their class mates to read what "Bloo" is doing, how "Sam" did this, the occasion in which "O.B. turned up in long 'uns," etc., etc. But if the class notes are to be an added interest to the school paper, they should be read and enjoyed by **all**. The first reform therefore should be to write, or else publish only such copy as might be appreciated by all subscribers.

Turning at random the pages of an issue of the "Fortian," the writer's eyes rested upon the following words:—

"The quarterly examination is over, and has resulted in H— being dux of the class, while R—, G—, and B— topped the subjects."

How gratifying this must be to H—, R—, G—, etc., to find that the correspondent has deigned to publish their initial followed by a long dash as the reward of their labour! There is throughout the majority of the class news an over fondness for ellipses when referring to the performance of some member of the class. Hence another reform: Allow no news in which the dash after an initial is used when not required.

Last and greatest reform! Why not **ABOLISH THE SYSTEM OF CLASS NOTES** altogether and instead, let the editor receive articles, poems, literary criticism, etc.? Would they not be more acceptable to the readers? When the writer was a "small boy" in First Year the custom was not in vogue. Yet then the "Fortian" was more interesting reading than it is at present (in his opinion). For instead of reading some half-dozen pages of class notes, he read some fine articles, storeyettes, and other products of gifted pens.

The Bible says: "If thy right hand offend thee cut it off." Why not apply these words of wisdom?

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

The authorship of that libellous article in the last issue of the "Fortian" has given rise to much speculation. Our literary critics have collated all the internal and external evidence which might assist in establishing the identity of this denizen of Grub-street. But unfortunately the critics are not agreed. It is regarded as certain that no Third Year student is responsible. Remain then the Fourth Year and the staff. But editorial secrets are inviolable, and there we must let the matter rest—for the present, at any rate.

From 3 A comes the lament that the quarterly is scarcely over when the half-yearly casts its menacing shadow over all. The work of the class has lately called forth encomiums from our preceptors. We are the most industrious of the Third Year classes. The wonder is that these perspicacious gentlemen have been so long in finding out what has been common knowledge in 3 A since the beginning.

The bugling of Swankey and Bloo, together with the lamentable efforts of some person (who shall be nameless) to play accompaniments to our patriotic songs, still reduce the class to something near distraction toward the end of each week. XJ still sleeps or chatters on. Physies is his favourite subject; since then he can depend entirely on his colleague.

3 B correspondents are content to pass by the vexed question of that much-debated article, and send along some few jottings and queries. Evidently the stress of examination is upon them also.

"Who is the malicious varlet who has defaced

the numeral on the portal of our sanctum? Contemplate the temerity of such an act! We are not, as a whole, superstitiously inclined, as some people apparently think. Hence, base ones, beware lest your sinful souls should suffer eternal torment.

A socialistic member of the class suggests that we might advantageously return to the "hairy" days of the barbaric ages when all men were equal.

Suggestions have been put forth that one of "them" should utilise his raven locks as a chalk eradicator.

We are sorry to admit that certain members of this class appear very "confused when addressed on a 'material' point," connected with their solutions of those fearful 'self-evident' propositions on which we are too fond of 'assoomin' things.' "Vale till next month."

3 C has honoured Will Lyon by unanimously electing him to the captaincy. We congratulate him and assure him of the confidence the class reposes in him.

The Debating Society (still under the direction of O.J.W.), has been making progress lately, the reading of the M.S. Journal of May 7th making a particularly enjoyable afternoon. The outstanding feature was the admirable character delineations of our several teachers contributed by "Flea-bite." These were heartily applauded (as, indeed, was every other item).

For the past few weeks our History lessons have been rather interesting, mostly taking the form of a debate. The regular meeting of the Debating Society on May 7th took the form of an action for libel against the History teacher who was accused of bringing the Third Year students into hatred, ridicule, and contempt by means of a certain scathing criticism of the Third Year preparation of homework. The defendant did not appear in person, but through his advocate referred the jury to Pope Gregory VII. Judgment was reserved.

In the first footer match against Christian Bros.' firsts, Paxy, Servy, McDowell, and Billy Lyon represented the class in the firsts, while O.J.W., Roy Wooller, Roy Head, and Armstrong are playing in the other grades. It has also been hinted that our new class-mate Allen will take the "throwing the hammer" championship at our next Sports' Meeting. May

all success attend him.

SECOND YEAR NOTES.

2 A.

We hasten to congratulate Hector on his election to the honor of being class captain. He deserves his election.

We offer our congratulations to 2 A Soccer team on their first win last Wednesday.

Tim and Van have distinguished themselves in French. They obtained 99 marks out of a possible 100.

2 B.

George has again come under our notice in his futile efforts to take out Common Factors, in spite of Mr. G.'s efforts to advise him. "Put it down" rings through these ancestral halls like a clarion call to arms.

Munro has been elected class captain of this class. In maths., Thompson, Sear, Munro, and as usual, Kallmeyer distinguished themselves. In Science, Steel was closely followed by Day and Rowley.

As Latin students, Sear and Sol. have distinguished themselves.

In football, Cunningham, Steel, Leask, and Fritz Night have been picked to play in grade matches.

2 C.

Dawes has been elected captain of the class.

Among us we have several military enthusiasts who are sitting for the next non-coms. exam. Most desire a corporal's position, but two have already qualified for sergeant. We wish them all best luck.

2 D.

Since last month's edition we have been progressing favorably, and have obtained some very good results in Mr. C. A. G.'s tests. Some weeks ago we formed a class soccer team and defeated another class by 4 to 1.

2 E.

It gave us the greatest of pleasure to behold G—— and C——, the two extremes in uniform. The former, we notice, had to change his suit, probably the width displeased him.

In the election a few days ago our esteemed friend Pinkey easily carried off the honours of class captain.

We have organised a soccer team with Boyle as captain, and hope to defeat all other classes.

FIRST YEAR.

1 A.

Dring has been elected class captain with a substantial majority of votes. Some splendid essays have been received during the past month, and "good boy" is marked on a fair number.

Miller and Nasmyth occasionally venture into poetic strains. Jacobs is one of the best at shorthand, and Miller is our coming artist.

1 B.

The greatest excitement of the month was occasioned during the election of class captain. By a large majority Owen secured the coveted position. The weekly tests in Latin are as popular as ever. Great progress is being made in the English subjects. A start has been made with Ivanhoe which seems to be the most popular text book.

1 C.

During the month the election of class captain resulted in the appointment of our popular George to the honourable position. It is expected that all will do their best to assist him in performing his duties. The average attendance has been all that can be desired, for it is exceptional to notice a vacant place. It will not be long before we commence practical work in chemistry, which proves a popular subject.

Soccer football proves to be the principal winter sport, and much interest is being evinced in the inter-class competitions.

1 R.

This class occasionally receives distinguished visitors from second year pupils who require a rest from intermediate endeavours. Gordon Wark received first place in the election for class captain. P. still tries to be original, but his efforts are not always appreciated by the masters. Football is now in full swing, and 1 R hopes to be successful in the competitions.

 OBITUARY.

It is with the sincerest regret that we have to record the death of one of our boys, Reginald MacDonogh, who died after a few hours' illness at a private hospital at Glebe on the 8th of last month. We desire to extend our sincerest sympathy to his mother, brother, and sister.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

As predicted, the debate concerning the censorship proved to be a fine one, although perhaps, somewhat onesided. The result was, as expected, a victory to the ministry under R. Anderson.

On the following Friday another debate was held, the subject being this time a literary one, viz., "Who is the greater novelist, Thackeray or Dickens?" Quigley's speech in support of Thackeray was indeed a surprise one, but Logan's speech was probably the best of the afternoon. The mistake with the majority of the speakers was that they assumed that Thackeray was a cynic without attempting to prove it.

On the 30th April the third issue of the manuscript journal was read—a great improvement on all previous ones. There were at least six articles far above the average for a School manuscript journal. The best of these were the poems by Messrs. Fraser and Anderson, and a diverting article by R. Anderson. Criticism was given at the close of each article by various members, most of which was laudatory in matter.

A mock wedding breakfast took place on the following Friday afternoon, 7th May. Percy took the part of the blushing bride, while our friend from Rabaul was the bridegroom. Shakespeare opened the toasts with that of "The Bride and Bridegroom," but he seemed to forget that he was supposed to be a clergyman at a wedding feast. R. Anderson toasted the bridesmaids, remarking that he hoped they would soon be "made brides" instead of "bridesmaids." At the conclusion of the breakfast the chairman offered some good criticism on the speeches, and enumerated several of the outstanding faults in the oratory of the majority of members.

We desire to extend our sympathy to Jack Allison, of 4 B, who lost his father this month.

The weekly contributions on behalf of the Belgian Fund taken up in the Boys' School the last few weeks amount to the following:—22nd March, £2/2/4; 29th March, £1/18/7; 5th April, £1/18/7; 12th April, £1/18/-; 19th April, £2/0/6.

Girls' High School News.

BELGIAN DAY.

Great enthusiasm prevailed among the girls on Thursday, 13th May, the day on which we made our special effort for the Belgians.

Throughout the early part of the morning there was an air of suppressed excitement which was maintained until the class collections were made. Then it broke bounds. Class vied with class to swell the funds, the girls giving to their last penny. Many walked round with mock laments that they would have to dispense with trams for that day; others that "it was a long long way to -- the Railway Station." Rivalry seemed keenest between 4 C and 1 D. The first years expected to have it all their own way. What was their astonishment to meet an unlooked for rival in a fourth year class! Who would have thought little 4 C—only 24 girls—could hope to collect more than big 1 D? But apparently they were trying to, and when lunch time came, and lists were about to close, they had. The seniors had contributed £2 13s. 8d.; 1 D, £2 12s. 1½d. Then 4 C, you were outwitted. Quietly, unobtrusively, 1 D collected more—1/11. 1 D were the heroes of the day.

After the direct giving was over, an auction was held. All sorts and conditions of articles were put up for sale—Belgian colours in a variety of forms and shapes, violets, and even a tram ticket on a pin, for which some one heroically bid 6d. This was First Remove's last resort; they had exhausted their stock of saleable articles.

In spite of the fact that pockets were nearly empty when the auction began, bidding was brisk, and the girls were really sorry when the fun was over.

As a result of the day's contributions, £30 was sent to Mr. Hugh Ward. Part of this was published among the sums of £25 subscribed by the women of the State.

The morning's excitement closed with three cheers for King Albert, the hearty tone of which proved not only that Australians can cheer—which is sometimes doubted—but that Australian girls are adepts at it.

OLD GIRLS' UNION.

The quarterly meeting of the ex-Fortians was well attended on Saturday afternoon, 8th in-

stant, in the School-room.

Miss Partridge (President) occupied the chair.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

1. That, on account of the war, our Annual Dance should **not** be held this year.

2. That, during the war, all future meetings should take the form of sewing circles in lieu of social gatherings.

3. That the sum of two guineas should be voted from the funds for Belgian relief.

A "competition game" and musical programme had been arranged for the afternoon, but in view of the fact that Sergeant Wardrop (brother of one of our committee girls) had fallen during the attack on the Dardanelles, it was unanimously decided to forego the social side of the function. The secretary was instructed to convey a vote of sympathy to the bereaved relations.

Prize List for 1914.

The following list was omitted from the last issue of the "Fortian." Certificates were given to the successful girls in lieu of prizes, the presentation being made by Mr. Griffiths:—

Fourth Year—

Dux of School, Ella Martin; English, S. Payne; Mathematics, D. York; History, S. Payne; **Ella Martin (Medal), Senior University**; Science, (Botany and Geology), Doris York; **French, Ella Martin (Medal and Honours, Senior University)**; German, E. Martin (**Medal and Honours, Senior University**); Latin, S. Payne; Music, E. Whitton; General Proficiency, P. Campbell; Sewing, E. Blakey; Art-work, B. Souther.

Certificates were also awarded to girls who gained honours in the Leaving Certificate Examination, the list of which has already been printed.

Third Year—

Dux of Year, J. Alexander; General Proficiency, Beatrice Durie; English, J. Alexander; Mathematics, M. Kilminster; Higher Mathematics, D. Hatfield, M. Bingham; History, K. Irvine; Geography, P. Kneebone; Geology, J. Alexander; Botany, H. Streeb; Sewing, P. Manning; French, N. Norman; German, E. Thomas; Latin, J. Alexander; Art-work, R. Young.

Second Year—

Dux of Year, G. Clifford; English, W.

Oliver; Mathematics I, B. Reyburn; Mathematics II, B. Grieve; History, M. Bourne; Geography, W. Oliver; Botany, N. Gors; French, Y. Gombert; German, B. Richardson; Latin, B. Grieve; Art-work, M. Corbett; Sewing, N. Morriss.

First Year—

Dux of Year, Marjorie Cates; English, M. Cates; Mathematics I, H. Cooper; Mathematics II, A. Morton; History, G. Dalgleish; Geography, R. Winter and M. Cook; Geology, K. Campbell; Botany, M. Cates; French, J. Fraser and M. Foran; German, F. Mostyn; Latin, J. Fraser; Art-work, F. Mostyn; Sewing, M. Cook.

Popularity Prizes given by Classes I D and II A.

1 D, J. Fraser.

2 A, P. Turner.

UNIVERSITY HONOURS.

Further laurels have been won at the University by Fort-street Girls' High School in the shape of a Science Research Scholarship. This scholarship, which is awarded by the Government, has been gained this year by Ellice Hamilton, an old Fort-street student. We heartily congratulate Ellice upon her brilliant success.

AUSTRALIA'S RESPONSE.

Hark to the tocsin sounding,
Hie to the message clear,
Now, Austral sons and daughters
Raise your flag—the day is near.

Stand by your star marked banner,
Proudly it waves aloft,
Let the world hear your answer ringing
As its notes o'er ocean waft.

We are ready, aye, standing ready
Awaiting the final call
With hearts, with pulses throbbing,
To answer our country's call.

D.E.

SPORTS.

The wet weather on two successive Wednesday afternoons necessitated a postponement of Inter-Club Matches in the various sports included in by the High School Girls. However, the first matches of the season took place on May 12th.

The tournament of the N.S.W. Lawn Tennis

Association being over, play was renewed at Double Bay on the same date.

HOCKEY NOTES.

The practices have been interfered with this season owing to the weather, which did not receive very complimentary remarks from girls who had braved the elements with their hockey sticks in place of umbrellas. We have had several blackboard lectures, and the new pupils have been able to learn the points of the game. There are several promising players among the new girls. The first eleven has been chosen, but alterations may be made later. We hope to get extra practices every week during the season, and already a number of matches have been arranged, the first to take place on the 12th of May, which we hope will not become a case of hockey-in-the-mud. The enthusiasm of the members has been shown by their devotion to the study of the little red books of rules of the game, and hints on how to become an expert hockey player. Friday is our regular meeting day for the discussion of any points which arise in connection with the successful development of this particular sport.

In tennis and basket ball the same conditions have prevailed as with other games. Next month we hope to be able to furnish long reports of the activities in these branches of sport.

LACROSSE.

The competition begins this month, and our club is placing two teams on the field, and, of course, intend to keep up last season's record. Enthusiastic members have begun practising after school.

An inter-school competition is to be arranged, and two equal Fortian teams are to enter. The "Karweens" are assisting at a Belgian Carnival in June, and are playing a combined exhibition match.

AT DUTY'S CALL.

God bless Australia! from her forest height,
Her vine-clad valleys flashing in the light
From country, town, from hamlet scattered wide,
Her sons, defiant, muster side by side.

Land of their fathers hear their battle cry!
No traitors they but strong to do and die;

Pledging with lives, with hearts, and hands and all.

Bravely responding to their country's call.

No tears of pity shed we at the sight
Of glorious manhood marching in their might;
Stand we with pride, with faith firm fixed on high,

And speed with ringing cheer to do or die.

And trumpets' peal and shoufings now are past,
And shadows gather round us thick and fast,
And stout hearts quail when rushing news of strife,

Tell of the fallen and the waste of life.

God bless Australia! midst our grief and woe,
Breathe we this prayer in accents soft and low,
God bless the sons, slain in their manhood's day,
A nation mourns the debt she ne'er can pay.

E. MURDOCH.

SENIORS.

Woefully, wearily, sadly, sorrowfully are the only words, which can adequately describe the manner in which 4th year contemplates the coming week. Such being the case, the general tenour of our notes will be one of grief. Strange though, passing strange, the marvellous similarity of the wave of feeling which is at present passing o'er us. "Heartily tired of study." "This is a most terrible grind." "One has no time to enjoy anything here." These and similar remarks are to be heard at most frequent intervals. Moreover, Jupiter Pluvius took a hand in increasing the general ill-humour. All Easter week that long-looked-for week, he opened his vials of wrath upon us, and so on for two successive Wednesdays, and now when everything promises bright and fair, a geological excursion to Long Reef replaces the usual sport. Alas! Alas! When shall we again return to our beloved Double Bay. Nevertheless, once more grasping Pandora's gift, we allow our gaze to wander into the futurity of two weeks, and in our mind's eye see stretched before us the emerald turf of the tennis courts, dotted with fourth year girls. And, with this hope high in our hearts, may we say "Vale."

The date of the Greek Kalends has, we are pleased to note, after successfully defying all

generations since ancient times, been solved by the Boys' High School, we noted that their football season began on the 114th April!!! which must correspond to the aforementioned.

THIRD YEAR NOTES.

A half-year has almost passed since our initiation, and we are still progressing steadily. We have had the usual number of tests, and are eagerly (?) awaiting the half-yearly (three sighs and a groan for the latter). In our last Botany Test one of our number scored a percentage of 96. Well done.

We were much elated at her success, and as a result several of our class raided millinery establishments for large-sized hats. We all feel sure that this honourable assembly is going to make a name for itself.

III A hope that as a result of this examination there will be discovered "some mute inglorious Milton" (may be a Byron) who will enlighten us as to the full meaning of "reciprocation" some of our new girls have distinguished themselves in recent tests.

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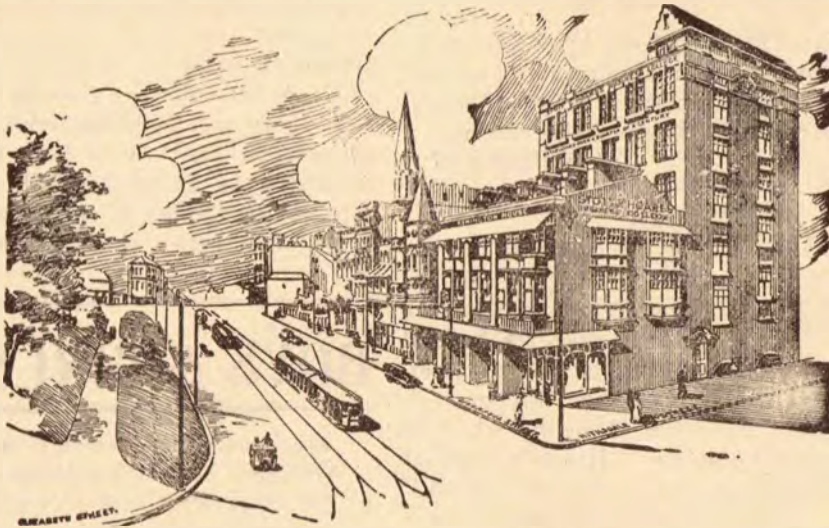
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SECOND YEAR.

Second year girls are devoting their energies to the winter sports, so thrilling in their dear delights, and to the dreadful dour examinations drawing so near, so painfully near.

"And," to quote the poet of the barrack-room,

"And no one wants to face 'em
But every beggar must."

Still, hope, springing eternal, impels 2 A to an aspiration—nay, a resolution—that its members shall take a place no lower on result sheets than those of any second year class.

2 B reports that a good mark was won by Marjorie Cates in the last history test, and that Annie Morton's algebra paper won for her first place in the class, while 2 A mentions Bessie Harvey's work in Botany quoting, to her credit, good marks in the recent test on this subject.

Second year girls regret the loss of two friends—Grace Dalglish and Heather McKinnon—both of whom have now left school.

NINE

REMOVE CLASS.

The thoughts of the remove, like those of most other girls, are of a sad and serious cast this month. They think of exams., and toil for exams., and tremble at Exams., but soon, whispers hope, they will triumph by exams.

The names of Zelic Bristowe, Bessie Ross, and Maisie Williams, are worthy of mention for commendable work in tests, and for good results in the last Botany paper.

FIRST YEAR NOTES.

Oh dear! Just six days until the examination! Lesser matters are now pushed aside, and even at recess many first years may be seen walking up and down the playground learning quite industriously. Nothing else is talked about, and considerable excitement prevails. Each class looks to its respective "geniuses" to uphold its reputation.

We have received a note from Mr. T. J. Foote, of the Public Works Department, in which he tells us that his son Gerard, an old Fortian, is at Heliopolis, in Egypt, where he has now been appointed Sergeant-Major of the 4th Company of the 4th Australian Infantry. We wish him well and a safe return to Australia.

Roll of Honor.

Killed in Action—

Lieutenant Herbert E. Williams.

Platoon Commander, A. Company, 1st Battalion, killed in action at the Dardanelles between 25th and 30th March.

Private Edwin H. Cheal, killed in action.

Major Albert G. McGuire, died of wounds.

Sergt. B. C. Wardrop, killed in action.

Wounded—

Corporal S. Gordon Henderson.

Q.M.S. Gerard Foott.

Corporal Alan S. Edwards.

Driver David Williamson.

On Active Service—Ex-Masters—

Mr. A. D. Fraser, B.A., A.M.C.

Mr. A. J. McNiven, B.A., A.M.C.

Old Boys—

Carl Ferns, Private, A.E. Force, Rabaul.

David Brown (Duntroon), Lieut., 1st Ex. Force.

George Wootten (Duntroon), Lieut., 1st Ex. Force.

George Olding, Lieut., 1st Ex. Force.

Arthur Edwards, Lieut., 1st Ex. Force.

Colin Eastes, Sergeant.

Eric Cotterill, Platoon Sergeant.

L. H. Barrington.

George Draper, Sergeant of Platoon, 1st Battalion.

W. Tebbutt.

Fred. Barker.

Gerard Foott, Sergt.-Major, 4th Co., 4th Aust. Infantry.

David Williamson.

D'Arcy, Henry.

Ophir White.

Percy Lambert.

Clarence Collier, LL.B.

D. A. C. Rose, Corporal, F Coy., 3rd Battalion.

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 R. D. Holman, Lieutenant, 1st Light H. Leslie Small.
 Bert Lyon.
 William Anderson.
 Jack C. Thompson.
 Basil Kirke, A.M.C.
 Hunter Kirke, Light Horse.
 Russell Jamieson.
 H. Nancarrow.
 Harry Pritchard, Lieutenant.
 Clarence Hills.
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 George Best, B.E.
 Eric Hurt, A.M.C.
 Carl Johnson, A.M.C.
 Edgar Rutledge, Artillery.
 Duncan C. Irvine, in charge of a machine gun.
 Noel Holmes.
 Ronald Richardson, Lieut. Colonial, Light Horse.
 James Leask.
 Arthur W. H. Lang.
 J. Green, North Irish Horse.
New Names of Old Boys added this month—
 Ralph Noake, 4th Battalion, 1st Ex. Force, Dardanelles.
 Donald Digby Kennedy.
 Clement Kirke, Malay States, Volunteer Rifles.
 Reg. Hutchinson.
 John Kennedy.
 Walter Rees.
 Lewis Holgate.
 Arthur Pierce.
 Norman Watts.

Louis Rinaldi.
 Frank Rinaldi.
 Clive Bundley.
 Alan Wright, Lieut., Machine Gun Section.
 Jack Wright, 20th Battalion.
 T. Loten.
 E. Saclier.
 V. Springhall, Lieutenant.
 Rupert McNamara.
 Alex. Small, Lieut. (enlisted in London).
 Wm. Small, Engineer on transport carrying troops, Egypt to Dardanelles.
 Noel Backhouse, A. Light Horse.
 Clem. Cotter.
 Gordon Linsley.
 Cyril Huxtable, of Duntroon Military College, Lieut., now in Turkey.
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 Private Stanley Winder.
 Private Dean Fry.
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 Sergt. D. V. Mulholland, Machine Gun Section, Prince of Wales' own Regiment, A.L.H.
 — Margerson.
 Archie La Falaise, 19th Infantry.
 Norman Acton, 19th Infantry.
 Alex. Wynd, 6th A.L.H.
 John Best.
 Roy Wooller (one of our present 3rd Year boys. Joined A.M.C.).
 Robt. Nalder (one of our present 4th year boys; Sergeant, 17th Infantry).
 A. Bondietti.
 Malcolm Vicars.
 George Levy.

(The Editor is still anxious to add to this list.)

Private G. Johnson, Infantry.
 Lieut. H. S. Foulkes, Assistant Adjutant, 2nd Military District Infantry Depot, A.I.E.F.
 John Laurence Wright, Infantry.

Cadet News.

Our work for the cadet year is over. Each colour sergeant has put up on the notice board the list of honor each cadet has done for the military year ending 30th June, 1915. Most Fort-street cadets are, in this respect efficient.

The annual reports on each cadet are now due. The company sergeant-major is responsible for the collecting of these from the section and squad commanders. He should then hand them to the company commander, who will revise same where necessary, with the advice of his half company commanders. These

reports should compose the full work of the company.

When the Battalion Board meets to declare the efficiency of each cadet in the Battalion, these reports are produced, and with the time attended by each cadet put down, the cadet is declared efficient or not for that military year. Inefficiency, which is noted in the record book for any year, is punishable by the cadet having to do another year before passing out of the militia stage at 26 years of age.

Inefficiency may be declared either for shortage of time in attendance at compulsory parades or quality of work done in the company, i.e., rifle exercises, musketry, care of arms, squad section or company drill, semaphore work, extended order drill, general turn out, punctuality, discipline, etc.

There are 150 junior cadets in the school this year, about 90 of whom pass into the senior cadet stage on the first of July, 1915.

An examination for the new non-coms. to take the place of those transferring to the militia, will be held almost immediately.

The new double company organisation will come into vogue on 1st July. Fort-street will have two such companies, one under the command of Capt. Roberts, assisted by Lt. Tate, and the other under Capt. R. Taylor, assisted by Lt. Cornforth and Lt. Porter.

Four platoon lieutenants will be required for each company, as well as two company sergeants and two quartermaster sergeants. Who will be the successful cadet at the exam.?

The Brigade Major (Capt. Holborrow), was very enthusiastic about the manner in which the work on the day of the big route march of the Expeditionary Force was tackled, and carried out by the 27th Battalion of Senior Cadets. Fort-street had some hard portions of the route to manage, the corners at Martin-place (Bugle Major Dyce), King-street and Market-streets.

The work done was a successful experiment on our portion of the route.

H. V. Evatt, B.A. (O.B.), President of the University Undergraduates' Association, delivered an address at the Students' Commemoration Festival on Saturday, the 22nd instant.

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Editorial.

REMEMBER AUSTRALIA DAY.

Kitchener calls for men, Lloyd George calls for munitions. Australia has given the first, we are thinking about making the second. Both these questions are matters for Government control. Not so Australia Day. It is the day when all Australians can put their hands to the plough and say "Our boys have fought for us, let us see that they have the best rewards we can possibly give them in the way of every comfort during convalescence, and an augmented pension in case of total disablement."

The schools did well—excellently well—on Belgian Day, but Australia Day is much nearer at home. Arrangements we know are being made to swell the funds. Let our aim be at least £200, if not £250. There are roughly 1000 boys and girls in the High School and three weeks in which to do it. Sixpence a week each; the price of admission to a picture theatre—would mean a total of £75 as a nucleus to start the fund. Surely the men who are sacrificing their lives for us are worth sixpence a week. Given such a nucleus, there should not be much difficulty, judging by Belgian Day results, in raising £200 for this great cause.

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Our Heroes.

Pte. Vivian Noble (wounded at Dardanelles)
 Corp. H. F. Swinbourne (killed in action).
 Pte. Samuel Weingott (died of wounds)
 Sgt. A. G. Hill, 4th Batt. (dangerously ill)
 Pte. R. M. Noake, 4th Batt., 2nd Reinf.
 (wounded)
 Signaller Chas. A. Roberts (killed in action)
 Pte. H. L. U. Reid (killed in action)
 Sergt. S. R. Digby (killed in action)
 Pte. George T. Hill, A.M.C. (severely wounded)
 Sergt. H. S. Hill (wounded)
 Pte. Harold A. W. Wainwright, 20th Batt.
 (wounded, now in No. 2 General Hosp.,
 Cairo)
 Lieut. H. W. Gilchrist, 7th A.L.H. (killed in
 action).
 Private William Edmund Cole (N.Z.) (missing)



Pte. H. D. V. COHEN (wounded).

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Private Harley D. V. Cohen, reported wounded, is the youngest son of Lieut. Victor Cohen, V.D., R.A.N.R., of Coogee. Only a week or two before he was wounded Private Cohen, with four companions, volunteered at a critical

moment in an engagement to go forward and draw the Turkish fire. Three of the five were killed, but Private Cohen escaped being hit then, only to be wounded later on. He is 22 years of age, and was educated at Fort-street,



Pte. S. WEINGOTT (killed).

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matriculating at Sydney University. On leaving the university he engaged in pastoral pursuits, but on the outbreak of hostilities he promptly enlisted, and left for the front with the 4th Battalion. He was a prominent member of the Randwick District Football Club, and his name is one of those on the roll of duty unveiled recently by the Rev. Mr. Talbot, of the Presbyterian Church, Allison-rd, Randwick.

Signaller Charles Aubrey Roberts (killed in action) was 21 years of age. He was born at Nowra, and educated at Nowra School, and later at Fort-street. Deceased, who was the son of Mr. G. S. Roberts, postmaster at Nowra, volunteered from Canowindra, where he was an officer in the Commercial Bank.

Private Harry L. U. Reid, of Drummoyne, a distinguished old boy of Fort-street, has been killed in action. Harry was at Fort-street for many years, passing both Junior and Senior

July, 1915.

The Fortian.



Examinations. Though he had not yet graduated, he had completed the greater part of his arts work at the University, with a view to entering the Presbyterian ministry. A pro-

Asst.-Paymaster Eric Kingsford Smith, whose name appears on this month's Roll of



Pte. F. R. ALLDRITT (killed).

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Lt. R. CUNNINGHAM (killed).

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Sgt. W. R. COTTERILL (killed).

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Lt. C. H. WHITE (wounded).

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Sgt. H. A. CHARLTON (missing).

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Pte. R. L. HENRY (wounded).

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minent member of our Old Boys' Union, he was a strong supporter of all Fort-street functions. His loss will be greatly regretted. At the time of his death he was a clerk in the Public Service.

Honour, is on the staff of H.M.A.S. "Sydney," and took part in the famous "Emden" fight. He passed the Junior from Fort-street in 1902. There are no less than three of the brothers Hill now on active service. They are well-

known in sporting circles.

A service in memory of the late Trooper Ralph Alldritt, 1st Light Horse, was held in the Kensington Presbyterian Church on Sunday, when the Right Rev. R. Scott West, Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly, preached. Other clergymen who assisted were the Revs. A. E. Rook (St. Martin's), James Holden (Methodist), and F. L. A. Schloeffel (minister of the church). Mr. H. Chandler, organist of St. Stephen's, Phillip-street, presided at the organ. A detachment of the 21st Infantry Regiment under Captain Benjamin was present, and buglers sounded the "Last Post" at the conclusion of the service. The Moderator, in his address, said that Trooper Alldritt and others had made sacrifices by going from pleasant surroundings to face the enemy in a hostile land.

Memorial services were also held for Lieut. Eric Cotterill at the Stannmore Methodist Church and for Major A. McGuire at St. Philip's, Church Hill, when the Rev. H. J. G. Howe delivered an address.

Lieutenant Eric Cotterill, whose death as Sergeant Cotterill was announced recently, fell while carrying out duty in charge of a reconnoitring patrol. He had been recommended for a commission as second lieutenant, but the notification of his promotion did not reach his commanding officer till the day following his death.

We publish below an extract from a letter from Major Edmonds to Mr. Cotterill:—

"In the Trenches,
16/5/15.

"Our trenches are within a few hundred yards of those of the enemy and it was necessary to get some estimate of the force opposing us—a very dangerous mission. Volunteers were called for, and Sergt. Cotterill with five companions offered to obtain the required information. It was no rash impulse that prompted him, for he knew well how dangerous the task was which he had set out to do.

Ever thoughtful of others, he sent back the youngest member of the party, as he thought him too young to take up such a dangerous work. The party left our trenches and managed to get along unobserved for a few yards. Sergt. Cotterill then raised his head to ascertain if he was moving in the right direction,

and almost immediately was struck by the bullet which killed him. 'Twas a man's death, met doing a man's work, and Australia must be proud of such as he. He was among the best of our very fine N.C.O.'s, and his loss is a great one for his regiment, where he held a high place for his soldierly ability as well as his manliness and gentlemanly ways.

"I trust that when Time has softened the severity of your great bereavement, that the knowledge of how he died will be a source of consolation and pride to you all. 'Pro patria mori' is a splendid epitaph, to which might be added in Eric's case, 'Simple duty has no cause for fear.'"

Three other Third Year boys, Wallace Freeborn, "Billy" Lyon, and Robert Schueh, have enlisted for service abroad. We wish all good luck and a safe return. It will be remembered that Roy Wooller, another Third Year student, joined the A.M.C. last month.

From a letter received from Mr. Jas. E. Cunningham, of Chatswood, father of Lieut. R. H. Cunningham, an old Fortian who gave his life for his country at the Dardanelles, we cull the following of interest: "In his last letter, the writing is bold and firm, and in the whole of it, nothing to indicate excitement or fatigue. Not a word about his own terrible experiences during the first four days of anxiety and carnage. Just a reference to the awful losses in officers and men in his own battalion, and the 13th, which he did so much to train at Liverpool, and a word of sorrow for his great chum Major McGuire, ending "this will be my last letter for some time to come—good-bye till then.

Lindsay Cunningham, brother to Lieut. H. R. Cunningham, is now also in the firing line.

In our last issue of the Roll of Honour the name of Clive Brindley was incorrectly spelt. We are sorry for the error.

The 71st N.Z. Casualty List contained the name of an old Fortian, Private William E. Cole, who is reported missing.

Another of last year's Seniors, Arthur Wilson, has answered his country's call and enlisted, as has also Dr. Wilfred Vickers (an old boy) who has built up a fine practice at Drummoine. During his absence his locum tenens will be another Fortian, Dr. Neville Griffiths.

Trumpeter William M. Mulready, an ex-Fortian, son of Warrant Officer Mulready, is, we are given to understand, the youngest Australian serving at the front.

We regret that last month we reported the name of L. H. Banington among the killed. It should have read wounded.



Corp. H. F. SWINBOURNE (Killed in Action).

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Roll of Honor.

New names added this month, with corrections from earlier lists:—

- Corporal Errol G. Knox
- Pte. Eric Astridge
- Pte. Frank Holmes
- Pte. Stanley Lavers, A.M.C.
- Corp. Jack Richardson, 17th Batt.
- Pte. John Oag (Rabaul)
- Signaller-Sergt. Vivian T. England (Lt. Horse)
- Pte. Fred Ransome
- Signaller Gother Mann (Light Horse).
- Pte. Eric W. Vickers
- Pte. George H. Burke
- Sergt. Bruce G. G. Ferguson, 13th Batt., now on Post-office Staff at Rabaul
- Pte. H. C. Munro, 4th Reinf. 2nd A.L.H., Army Service Corps
- Lieut. Berrol Mendelsohn
- Pte. Ralph Rutledge, Engineers

- Corp. Samuel Greer, B Co., 13th Batt.
- Pte. Cecil Thompson
- Corp. J. S. King, B Co., 20th Batt.
- Pte. J. V. Wright, A Co., 20th Batt.
- Pte. J. Clisdell, B Co., 20th Batt.
- Pte. J. S. Campbell, B Co., 20th Batt.
- Pte. C. A. Stedman, B Co., 20th Batt.
- Pte. G. Johnson, B Co., 20th Batt.
- Pte. W. Thompson
- Staff-Sergt. Aubrey Shoebridge
- Pte. Wallace Freeborn
- Pte. Douglas Turner
- Pte. J. S. Davidson, 7th Reinf., 1st Batt.
- Pte. E. T. Watkins
- Pte. R. Marriott
- Sergt. Richard Eve, 2nd Reinf., 18th Batt.
- Pte. J. Crawford, 17th Batt.
- Pte. J. George, 19th Batt.



Sgt. H. S. HILL (Wounded)

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- Trooper K. Black, 5th Reinf., 1st A.L.H.
- Pte. William W Kerl, 2nd Reinf., 17th Batt.
- Staff-Sergt. W. J. Olding, A.A.S.C., 1st Exp. F.
- Sergt. Henry A. Charlton, C Co., 1st Batt. (missing).

- Pte. Norman N. Jamieson, 5th Reinf., 2nd Batt.
 Pte. Harold V. Bissett, Special Contingent, Reinforcements, A.M.C.
 Pte. Arthur Warren, Machine Gun Section, B Co., 2nd Battalion
 Pte. Harold G. Tedder, 3rd Reinf., 13th Batt.
 Pte. Oswald Rose, 4th Reinf., 3rd Batt.
 Pte. Chris. Anderson, D Co., 13th aBtt., 2nd Reinf.
 Corp. Clarence R. Lundy, 1st Field Company, Engineers.
 Pte. Fredk. C. Horton, Field Artillery.
 Corp. Cyril L. Sell, 11th Batt.
 Corp. Ernest R. Glover, C Co., 20th Batt.
 Corp. Frederic C. Rogers, 2nd Rgt. King Edward's Horse
 Pte. David Connochie
 Asst. Paymaster Eric Kingsford Smith, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. "Sydney"
 Pte. J. C. Apted, A.M.C.
 Pte. Harry Shannon
 Pte. Joseph Cheal (brother of Edwin Cheal, who was killed in action)
 Pte. Alfred John Williamson, A.M.C.
 Pte. A. R. Sims
 Pte. H. V. Brett
 Pte. Howard Bruce Brown, 11th A.A.S.C.
 Lieut. Leonard Marjason, 18th Batt.
 Sergt. Alan McKenzie
 Lieut. Jack Murray
 Lieut. W. T. S. Wall
 Q.M. Wilfred Strange, H.M. Transport, landing troops at Dardanelles
 Pte. William Greathead
 Pte. Ashbury Greathead.
 Pte. Jack Sherring
 Pte. Harry Sherring
 Pte. Cavers Hildebrand
 Pte. E. R. Chapman
 Bugler William Lyon
 Lieut. Christie (Duntroon)
 Pte. Uthred J. McDouall Stuart
 Pte. Ronald H. McDouall Stuart (both Siege Artillery Brigade)
 Pascoe Caddy, B.E.
 Sapper S. A. Giraud, 1st Field Engineers, 1st Australian Division.
 Pte. Rupert Swallow
 Signaller Oscar Rhodes, 20th Batt.
 Pte. Charles E Hill
 Pte. Eric Davidson
 Pte. Douglas Davidson
 Corp. Stanley Watts, 13th Batt.
 Pte. Sylvester J. Nimmo, 2nd Co., 17th Batt.
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 Pte. Arthur Wilson
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 Company Sergt.-Major Leslie W. G. Lee, B Co., 19th Batt.
 Pte. Ernest D. McLeod, 13th Batt.

FORTIANS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Among the results published last month of the June examinations at the University, we note with pleasure the following fine passes gained by Fortians:—

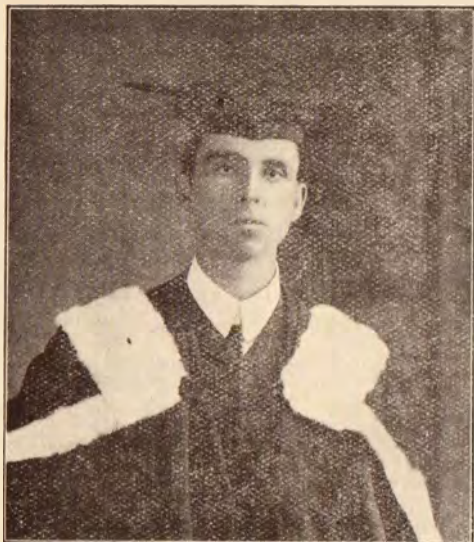
Faculty of Medicine.—Zoology: 1st place, J. M. Paling; 5th place, R. M. Ponton.

Chemistry.—Agricultural Science: 1st place, G. B. White. Dentistry: 1st place, H. T. Illingworth. Medicine: 2nd place, J. J. Hunter; 3rd place, J. M. Paling.

Mr. N. L. James having been requisitioned by the Department to help in preparing for the Australia Day Concert, his place has been taken by Mr. G. Ryan, B.A.

We notice from a departmental circular that the Board of Examiners for the Leaving Certificate is about to consider the abolition of the Honours History paper at that examination. We are at a loss to understand why this action is contemplated.

After a headmastership reaching almost to 19 years, Mr. John Waterhouse, M.A., of the Sydney High School, Ultimo, retired on the 30th of June last.



THE LATE MR. S. W. CANTRELL, B.A.

It is our sad duty this month to record the death of Mr. S. W. Cantrell, B.A., for over a decade a member of the staff of Fort-street, and for several years our Senior Mathematical Master. When school adjourned for vacation on the 18th of last month, he was apparently quite well, and looking forward to a holiday trip, but within three days, on the advice of an eminent surgeon he was admitted to a private ward at Prince Alfred Hospital, where he gradually sank till his death on the 7th inst., aged only 33 years.

The funeral which took place at the Neeropolis, Rookwood, on the 9th inst., was attended by all the seniors and a large number of the junior students, and by the whole of the staff, the Chief Inspector kindly allowing the school to be closed, so as to allow all to attend. The coffin was carried to the grave by six of his old college chums of the year 1902. Wreaths were sent by the staff, by the Fourth Year, Third year, and Second and First Years.

Mr. Cantrell, who was born at Gunnedah, was educated as a boy at the local public school, entering the Department of Education

as a pupil teacher in 1897. In 1902 he was successful in gaining a Training School Scholarship, and completed his course of training at Fort-street under the late Mr. J. W. Turner. For a year or two Mr. Cantrell was located at various suburban schools, being appointed first to Fort-street in 1905.

Like many other teachers, Mr. Cantrell graduated at the University of Sydney as an evening student in 1907; but not content with merely securing a degree, for several years after his graduation he attended lectures and passed examinations in many subjects, including mathematics, physics, chemistry, geology, astronomy and surveying. He also held the Department of Education's First-class Certificate.

To Fort-street boys, Mr. Cantrell's loss will prove almost irreparable. He was not only one of the best State teachers of mathematics in the Department, but a guide, philosopher and friend to every Fortian, entering into all the school activities whole-heartedly, and giving up his time unsparingly to all sports and games. A man of rare attainments in many departments of thought, his influence will live in the characters of all those Seniors who passed through his hands. We desire to extend to Mr. Cantrell's family our sincerest sympathy in their great loss.

It is with regret that we have to announce the death last month of an old Fortian, Mr. John A. Ramsay, one of the best-known of the younger newspaper men of Sydney. He was the son of Mr. Ramsay, of the "Hansard" Parliamentary staff, and had been a sufferer from heart weakness for several years.

Mr. Ramsay had his earliest journalistic training on the "Daily Telegraph," and was subsequently associated with the Newcastle Press. Up to a few months ago he was a member of the "Sun" staff. About a year ago he went as special commissioner for the "Sun" to the New Hebrides to inquire into labor problems there. On his return he wrote a series of highly interesting articles on the subject, and the relations between the traders and the

natives. In addition to his journalistic work, Mr. Ramsay was possibly the most promising of Australian literary men. His contributions to fiction showed wonderful originality and depth, and had his health not failed he would have certainly made his mark in this branch.

The old Institute of Journalists owed much of its success to his enthusiasm and later when the institute was merged into the Australian Journalists' Association he became secretary of the New South Wales district, where he displayed a good deal of organising ability.

We remember him well as a fluent French scholar, and as a member of the Old Boys' Union. He left a young wife and one child, to whom we extend our sincerest sympathy.

The Case for the First Year Boy.

In a previous issue a gentleman of the Third Year related the troubles of himself and his kind at some length, in the endeavour, presumably, to gain a measure of sympathy. But his plausible tale is much too thin to deceive even the First Year boy. In the humble opinion of the latter, whose views form the substance of this article, the "Troubles of a Third Year Student" arose entirely by that gentleman's own fault. What right had he to worry about that obnoxious bank clerk, who had at least earned his leisure by a day's toil? If the Third Year student were up to his work there would surely have been no need for the mountain of homework which he pretended to have to get through. Third Year Student should have been sufficiently strongminded to resist the call of Beauty when work was to be done. His misfortunes on the following day arose therefore from his lack of determination.

On the other hand, his First Year brother begs now to present his case for consideration, confident that his trials must call for the sympathy of all. Unlike his would-be Senior brother, he is not a gentleman of leisure in or out of school hours.

His day commences when in the grey of the winter morning he is rudely awakened by his lordly elder brother to go in search of the shaving water so urgently needed for the assiduous cultivation of that much treasured, though as yet incipient, moustache. Protest is vain, for

superior strength crushes resistance and the younger one departs, hurling back, in exchange for the boot he has learned by dint of long practice to dodge, all the epithets contained in his fairly extensive vocabulary.

Arrived at school, his troubles commence with the bell at 9 a.m. His boots fail to pass muster, and small wonder, too, seeing that he had to use all the paste on my lord's boots, and incidentally not a little on his own hands.

Lessons begin. His preparation is undone, he fails in his translation and is booked for "Kinder." Well, what can you expect—a fellow can't prepare translation and clean boots at the same time.

He tries to do the next homework in class, but is detected. Of course he can't explain that he had to post a picture postcard for his Third Year brother last evening. And so the day wears on. His time has been occupied till 9 p.m. in fulfilling his lordship's behests. At that advanced hour, worn out with the fatigue of avoiding exertion all day, the great personage retires to rest, extinguishing the lamp which lights their common dormitory.

But his woes are not yet ended. Detention lasts till four o'clock, and arriving home late, the maternal wrath awaits him. Explanations are somehow always lengthy and invariably awkward. However this had quarter of an hour is got through, and he learns with relief that my lord purposes spending the evening in the congenial duty of escorting his sister (or someone else's) to a party. Of course, this means "fagging" some more, that HE may appear just it. But respite comes at length, and for once the abject can do himself justice. But he cannot help wondering whether he will come to hold similar views in his Third Year. Will he, too, consider that two years' toil have earned a rest? Or will his sense of his own dignity and importance make work *infra dig*, and the society of juniors a humiliation?

If so, if these views are inseparable from Third Year status, he can but profoundly hope that they will pass, so that the prestige of his school may not suffer in his keeping.

We desire to extend our sincerest sympathy to Harry Stuttle, who lost his father on the 19th of June last.

Girls' Page

Girls' High School News.

We have heard with much sorrow of the passing away of Mr. S. W. Cantrell, the late much-esteemed Mathematical Master of the Boys' High School. The members of the Girls' High School, too, had long known him as their good friend and kindly councillor.

Especially was our gratitude his for generously accorded co-operation on the occasions of our various sports' carnivals—where his valuable assistance was ever a large factor in bringing our swimming and athletic meetings to a successful issue. We tender our sincere condolences to the members of his family.

An urgent request was received from Mrs. Forster—secretary to the Lady Mayoress' Committee—for the making of a large number of caps for wounded soldiers, to be ready within two days from July 7th. Material sufficient to make about three hundred was supplied, and a willing army of girls, under the supervision of Miss Simpson, undertook to complete them. A parcel containing the caps already laundered and fit for immediate use, was forwarded to the Town Hall, and a grateful acknowledgment was subsequently received.

It was a most happy thought that the special contributions from school-children for the wounded Australian soldiers should be entitled the "Mothers' Fund." That name must be an extra incentive to effort. Even the youngest of our school-fellows must realise something of the glorious self-denial exerted by their mothers on their behalf, and that too, not only by gladly permitting their sons to go to the firing line—to protect us—but in many other directions which need no enumeration here, they are self-evident. We are quite sure, judging from all past experience, that Fortians will rise nobly to the occasion. Australia Day is not far distant, and we anticipate a result that will dwarf all previous ones. One of the auxiliary aids towards our grand total will be the annual athletic meeting at Birchgrove Park on Wednesday, July 21st.

A programme similar to previous ones has been arranged, and all income arising from the

entrance fees, prize fund, gate receipts and sales of refreshments, flowers, provisions, etc., will be devoted to the fund.

Various sub-committees have the detailed arrangements in hand, and a pleasurable and profitable function is expected.

A general assembly was held early in June when Miss Partridge presented the certificates gained at the Intermediate Examination, November, 1914. Our headmistress, while congratulating the successful recipients, impressed on their juniors—the present-year candidates and their first year novices—their duty to grasp the standard "Excelsior" and to strive to keep up to the records and reputation of their predecessors.

On the actual date of the King's fiftieth birthday anniversary, a combined assembly of the pupils of the various years took place at 1 p.m., when the National Anthem was sung and hearty cheers given for the King, and the prosperity of the Empire.

THE SOUTH COAST EXCURSION.

On Friday, June 18th, early suburban trains, boats and trams were freighted with happy Senior Fortians anticipating a delightful geology excursion to the South Coast under the guidance of Miss Blume and Miss Mouldale.

Surely the old clock at the Central Railway Station had not witnessed for many a day such an eager foregathering of schoolgirls, not "creeping like snail unwillingly to school," but bound joyously to Kiama to further their practical studies in that "happy hunting ground."

One laggard alone was waited for in vain. At last the guard's green flag waved the "ready" signal and we were off, minus the one who should have completed our numerical strength. Four carriages had been reserved for us, so we travelled under very favorable conditions. Our time was divided between admiration of the delightful Illawarra scenery, study of the Hawkesbury sandstone and Wyamatta shales, and the consumption of light refreshments and the exchange of greetings with friends in neighbouring carriages. Arrived at Kiama, our baggage was conveyed to the Brighton Hotel, and we set out with light hearts and eager feet for the Blow Hole. Our impedimenta consisted of chisels, hammers and

lunch-hampers.

The famed Blow Hole was working at high pressure, and succeeded in damping our clothes but not our ardour. After lunching near-by, we viewed the Blow Hole from the sea, and discovered another sea phenomenon, probably a young Blow Hole.

Returning through the Showground we came—by a perilous descent—to Priest's Beach. Some unfortunates temporarily stranded on a rock, were obliged to dispense with shoes and stockings, which proved, however, a fortunate circumstance later on when the lagoon at the beach-end had to be negotiated. After climbing through a mass of lantana shrub, we crossed to view "Puffing Billy." Passing on towards the Friar's Cave we examined geodes and skeletons. The incoming tide prevented us from seeing the cave properly without getting a wetting in addition. Overcoats were found to be useful accessories for the "mermaids" later on. Our final quest for the day was the "Quarries," where various specimens were collected.

The allotment of rooms on our return to the hotel preceded preparations for dinner. Our belated fellow-traveller now arrived. By exact and abstruse mathematical calculation she found that the morning train had departed 1 minute 28.473 seconds before her arrival at the railway station.

The evening passed agreeably with various games. About nine o'clock several energetic spirits made a second trip to the Blow Hole to view it "an clair de la lune." The favorite "travellers' tales" which beguiled the return route to our temporary domicile were various fantastic theories as to the origin of the Blow Hole itself.

At daybreak again—so great had the attractions of Kiama's landmark (?) proved, that a third and farewell visit was paid it. While waiting the arrival of the train which was to take us further south, the resources of the railway station were investigated, peanuts were consumed, and as an outlet for some surplus energy, one member of our party kindly swept the station platform, leaving it in a model condition as a criterion for the regular porters.

On arrival at Gerringong we covered a three-mile walk to Seven Mile Beach. Near the

beach we found on our selection a kindly settler who provided accommodation for us, and who promised to have a lavish lunch ready for us later. After wading along the rocks for two miles gathering fossils and other marine specimens, we returned to "mine host of the kindly countenance."

During the afternoon one party explored Seven Mile Beach with much profit.

Later on at the station our photographs were taken and several visits were paid to the "High Class Confectioner"—whose stock of High Class French Confectionery appreciably dwindled after each raid (?). It was calculated that the average consumption of liquorice sticks amounted to 1 1-32nd each. Changing trains again at Kiama we found "reserved" carriages awaiting us. A sleepy company rather missed the scenic views between Kiama and Wollongong. However we were wide awake—though the hour was very late—when we arrived at Redfern—and amid friendly farewells we dispersed for our various destinations. The excursion had been entirely agreeable, and has left many pleasant memories.

HOCKEY.

On June 8th, Fortians played Culwulla 2nd XI. at Rusheutter's Bay. It was a good game and resulted in a win for Fortians by 2 goals to 1. The half was an even game, no goals.

E. Tunks shot both goals for Fortians. All the girls played well, although three of our best players were not there. The emergencies proved worthy. A number of old girls have joined the Culwulla Club, and several were playing in the team.

Friday, 11th, we held a meeting, and freely discussed various points of the game and the arrangements for the forthcoming matches. Three teams will take part in the competition—being captained by Kathleen Hahn, Nancy Wicks, and Edna Tunks respectively.

At the second practice in the Domain the 2nd XI. was selected. Then first "backs" with second "forwards" played against first "forwards" combined with second "backs." Good practice resulted—though the 2nd XI. forward line did not receive strong opposition by their "backs."

On Wednesday, June 16th, two matches were

played—Fortians 1st XI. v. Witchela 1st; Fortians 2nd XI. v. Witchela 2nd.

Fortians lost both matches. The 2nd XI. did well for their first match, though they lost by 3-0.

The 1st XI. played the best game they have played this season. The first half was an even game, but in the second half Witchela gained four goals in succession. The game was lost because Fortians did not keep their eyes as wide open as their opponents. Witchela watched for weak points in our game and took advantage of them in the second half—which forms correct tactics.

CRITICISM OF THE PLAY, FORTIANS v. WITCHELA.

2nd XI. Match.

Play.—There was no combination. The forward line was not smart enough, the wings were weak and did not keep up with the others and more passing is needed. Good forward line practice is needed.

Halves.—Players should keep in their places and not crowd on the ball—two players, one from either side, are quite enough to worry one ball. Right half was very good—she was quick and hit hard. She should be on the forward line because she did not keep her place and was almost offside—she took the ball up several times, but got in the way of centre forward. Centre half was good—hopped and hit well—she needs to watch opponents' centre forward. Left half not too strong but stops well.

Backs were good. Right back stopped and hit well, but needs confidence in herself. Left back understands the game—stopped, hit well, and kept her eyes open. Goalkeeper saved several goals well.

The girls do not roll in correctly. Their cheers were not very enthusiastic. With some alterations on the field we hope for better results next time.

1st XI.

The girls played well, kept their places and combined better. The forward line needs to be faster still. Left wing is pretty sure of the ball, stops well, and takes up the ball, but sometimes passes forward unnecessarily. Left inner receives passes all right, but gets too

close to centre forward. Centre forward is good and can shoot goals, but she might be faster. Right inner battles well. Forward line might pass to each other more and combine better. Witchela inner and wing worked together—our right half and right wing did that but it would be better if right inner and wing combined and knew each other's tactics.

The halves and backs were splendid, and the defence of the goal excellent. An experienced critic said she had not seen a goal so well defended for a considerable time. Right half is pretty alert and feeds right wing well. Centre half (usually left back) was good in the position—she is very lively, tricks the opponents and slithers the ball. Left half is quite right, quick and like a young eel—she stops well, hits hard and recovers.

Backs.—Left back good, her only fault is her golf attitude. Right back is good, though the vigor of some hits leaves her in striking positions. The goalkeeper is splendid, although the balls that went through weighed heavily on her mind (one weighed more heavily

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on her hand).

Our team was good, but we lost because the others were better—our girls want to keep their eyes open for advantages. It was a good game and everybody enjoyed it.

LACROSSE.

Competition matches began early in June. On the 12th June Karween's A defeated Karween's B by 8 goals to 2. The following Saturday Olympians were defeated by 12 goals to 3; then after a fortnight's holidays in which many players earnestly practised, Karween's A defeated Manly by 3 goals to nil.

The B team would do much better if the members practised more enthusiastically; this also applies to the A's.

Third-year examinees deserving mention in results of half-yearly examinations published since last month's "Fortian" are May Bourne, 3C, who distinguished herself in History and English; Phyllis Swain, 3C, first place in Mathematics I.; Ida Brown, 3C, first position in Mathematics II.; Barbara Grieve, 3C, first in Latin; and Dorothy Russell, 3C, highest results in Artwork.

The first-year correspondents find the glamour of the holiday fortnight still swaying them, and have no specially momentous happenings to report. One, however, writes in connection with the efforts to be made for Australia Day:—

"There are so many ways in which a girl can help—so many outlets for her individuality and originality, that there is positively no excuse for anyone to stand aside."

We endorse her opinion, and expect fine practical results.

Harold H. Thorne, B.Sc. (O.B.), a distinguished scholar of Sydney University, who won a travelling scholarship to Cambridge last year, has been successful in gaining First-class Honours at the Mathematical Tripos of the latter University.

One of our interested teachers was struck with admiration at the way boys at Fort-street in the higher part of the school play in the lower grades in their games. "A really good School spirit," was his remark, "good luck to them."

The Joys of a Fourth Year Student

It is Charles Henry Dana, I think, who remarks that the right to growl is one of the British's most cherished privileges. Judged by this standard, we Fourth Year Seniors are surely true to our race and breed. But, after all, have we much cause for complaint? A chance remark of my young brother's (who has just entered Second Year), gave me to reflect on the difference between our present condition and our lot in pre-Intermediate days; and I cannot help feeling that we do not fully appreciate the privileges we enjoy.

True, some few Four Year men may still be seen furtively removing the dust from their footwear—but he would be craven indeed who would attribute the act to the dread of that matutinal inspection which we formerly found so humiliating (in its consequences). Nor does the necessity for keeping in step and line longer detract from that freedom of bearing and carriage which is the unmistakable characteristic of the true Senior. What terrors have the Late Book and Kindergarten for us? It is our inalienable right to despise such fetters on our liberty. We have long outgrown them.

Which of us does not remember the days when a "pass" or a "list" was the sine qua non of town-leave at midday? To-day "Fourth Year" is the "Open Sesame." To be sure, one still leaves one's name on the gate list—merely a condescension, of course. And, if one happens to be elected to the prefecture, what can ambition more desire?

Again, think of our surroundings. Which of you would wish again to breathe the noisome atmosphere of the Main Room or the frigid, dust-laden gales of "Siberia?" What attraction can they offer beside the balmy zephyrs which softly blow through these glorious windows of the Senior room? And the view! Here we see—what we do see (and wish to see—What!). Why, even the vagaries of the weather are here attributed to the laughing (or weeping?) philosopher of antiquity.

And again, consider our work (if you will excuse the use of such a name for occupation so pleasant). Hic, haec, hoc, declensions and conjugations are now but

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What need now to struggle with tiresome theories and complicated formulae when the calculus is to make mathematics but a welcome change from the cloying sweetness of foreign literature? And in our own tongue, our beloved English, the tongue in which Dan Chaucer sang and Shakespeare played his subtle, stirring harmonies—the same delights abound. No more weary parsing and analysis as of yore. We now allow ourselves to enjoy the literary quality of our authors. Here we can discuss the relationship of the Three Weird Sisters to the Valkyries of the Sagas or the Furies of classical mythology—can pass from the passion of "Macbeth" to the urbanity of Addison or the idealism of Carlyle. How we revel in the field the library offers! We read—what we are compelled to? No, a thousand times, no. And the library is free, too, or nearly so, to all but a few enthusiasts who occasionally devote a silver coin.

Nor is History now a mere array of facts. It is become a romance of enthralling power and entrancing interest. The hour now passes like the dream of the lotus eater. Essays are reduced to a minimum—but, after all, we must think of the examination **sometimes**.

Who, in these days of never-ceasing wonder and endless delight in the marvels of science, cares to think of those tiresome distinctions between mass and weight, velocity and acceleration which rendered life a burden only two short years ago?

The Genius of the First Year.

PUTTEE TROUBLES.

By "E Coy. Cadet."

If Nature had known, when she set up in business, that the object of a senior cadet's

legs was to support puttees, she would have put the thicker part of the leg at the lower end. Of course, she would have had to sacrifice a certain amount of elegance to utility, but, as it is, she has already done that in some cases, though many fellows won't admit it. I don't suggest that my puttees would look neat if I were to wear my legs the wrong way up, but I do think that the puttees would stand more chance of staying up and that the bulgy parts would be more useful for carrying my lunch, schoolbooks and pencils.

The Expert told me that I ought to turn the things over like a bandage. I've been practising it and have discovered why so many military men marry hospital nurses. Up-to-date my record is one-and-a-half twists before I drop the coiled-up end. I've missed the ferry for school on the last three "parade days" owing to puttee troubles. I got up extra early last day and had ten goes before they could be persuaded to stay on.

I've consulted the Sergeant-Major, and he

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says if I don't care to wear my puttees round my ankles like the other cadets, I must stay off parade. I've tried to get permission to wear a pair of pants painted with a spiral dado or frieze to look like puttees, but this has been ruled out of order.

However, there's a rumour that puttee classes are to be started at the area office during the approaching drill season, so all may yet be well.

T. H.



Members of the Sports Union tendered, through their Hon. Secretary, Mr. Parsonage, their sympathy to the relatives of our late Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Cantrell. The loss is a very severe one to the Sports Union, as Mr. Cantrell for years past has been one of the teachers who found time in a very busy life to be interested in a practical manner with the physical side of the boys' education at Fort-street High School. The Rugby and swimming side of the school regrets his loss most.

Congratulations to our Sports Prefect, Wm. Lyon, who goes to play on the higher field of active service. His undoubted qualities as a good sport should stand him in good stead here.

We shall be glad to hear news of that other "sport" who volunteered a little time ago, Roy Wooller. He did well in our swimming carnival last year.

The A team Rugger is still to be defeated this season. They were pleased to see Mr. Hanney the other day, when he called in to have a look to see how they were doing as a team, and get a few hints of how they were playing preparatory to going to Jervis Bay to play his team at the Naval College.

Who will succeed Wm. Lyon as Captain of the A Grade Rugger? We don't think it will be hard to pick.

B Grade Rugger, A Grade Baseball, and A Grade Tennis are also undefeated in their grades. W. Jacobs, W. Ford and are the Captains respectively of these, while Mr. Gale, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Jones are behind the guns of each.

A burning question—Is the time at all opportune for holding our Annual Sports Gathering, or should it be held over in this serious state of the Empire's affairs? What do you think?

Some of the Sports Union fees are still unpaid. You are reminded, one hundred of you, that they are more than overdue.

As a tribute of respect to our late Hon. Treasurer, all Fort-street games were postponed on Wednesday, July 7.

You are again reminded that those who take school material out on Wednesdays to the various games must return same on Thursday mornings. One game's material in particular is never returned to time.

Have you thought of whom you intend to propose should receive an honor cap for the games year ending December, 1914? This should be done at next meeting of the Committee. None were awarded last year.

It is proposed to arrange combined matches of the High Schools' Rugger teams against some of the G.P.S. teams later in the season. Some of our A Grade players should represent.

The parallel bar squad has revived under the leadership of H. Hughes (Stokes) and S. Paxinos. It is intended to give a display in aid of our wounded at the All Schools' Sports. Mr. Gallagher is superintending. Practices are held daily at 10.30 a.m. You are invited to become a member.

Do you think that honors on our blazer should be given to all games? All past recipients of honor caps are advised that school blazers are procurable at Russon's, Pitt-street.

Our thanks are due to Harper of 3C, for designing the block which in future will head the Sports' Column.

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Our Heroes.

TROOPER W. J. C. KIDMAN.

Trooper W. J. Cyril Kidman, of the 6th Light Horse, machine-gun section, who was killed at the Dardanelles on July 12, enlisted last September. He was the second son of Mrs. E. Kidman, Manly, the grandson of the late Mr. Chas. Kidman, of Coogee, and of Mr. John Geary, of Kiama. He was in his 20th year, and was educated at the Petersham Superior Public School and at Fort Street High School. Leaving school, he joined the staff of Warden Harry Graves, Limited, remaining with that firm till his death. He was a prominent member of the North Steyne Life-saving Club (Manly), having whilst a member gained the Surf-bathing Association's bronze medallion, the Royal Life-saving Society's proficiency certificate, bronze medallion, and silver medal. He was nominated for secretary, but withdrew on being accepted for duty at the front. Landing at Gallipoli in May, he saw two months' fighting before he fell.

PRIVATE W. J. M'CANN.

Private W. J. M'Cann, who received a bullet wound in the right arm and shrapnel wounds on the left arm, was born in Sydney 25 years ago. He is a son of Mr. J. M'Cann, of Moreton. Bunnerong-road, Kensington, and was educated at Fort Street High School. He left Sydney

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with the 4th Battalion. For some years he was in the Australian Rifles.

LIEUT. COX.

The late Lieutenant Cox was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cox, of 125 Norton-street, Leichhardt, and was 27 years of age. He was educated at Leichhardt and Fort Street, and at the time of enlistment was employed as a linesman in the City Council. He held a commission as a lieutenant under the compulsory service scheme, and going away as a second-lieutenant, was given an additional star while in Egypt.

PRIVATE W. L. M'KAY.

Private W. L. M'Kay (killed) was the eldest son of Mr. H. F. M'Kay, of 22 Cleveland street, city, and was 23 years of age. He was educated at Fort Street High School, and at the time of enlisting was employed by the Australian Gaslight Company.



LIEUT. ALAN THORNE.

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Lieutenant Alan Thorne (killed) was the younger son of Mr. George A. Thorne, principal of the Marricville West public School and hon. secretary of the Victoria Park Bowling Club. Born at Tamworth on May 29, 1895, and completing his education at the Fort Street High School, the deceased won a military cadetship at the age of 16 years, and entered the Royal Military College at Duntroon in 1912. He received a commission as first lieutenant, and, accompanying the Second Expeditionary Force in the 7th Regiment of Light Horse, was appointed to take charge of a machine gun sec-

tion. The late Lieutenant Thorne was a good athlete and one of the unbeaten Duntroon football team. His only brother, Mr. H. H. Thorne, B.Sc., another of our distinguished old boys, is a student at Trinity College, Cambridge.

SERGEANT D. M. WILLIAMSON.

Sergeant David M. Williamson (killed in action at the Dardanelles) was an old boy of Fort Street, where his memory will long remain green among those who knew him. He was the son of Mr. David Williamson, of George street, Redfern, and was only 21 years of age. Prior to enlisting he was on the staff of the A.M.P. Society. He had for many years been closely associated with Chalmers Presbyterian Church, and was an active member of the Church soccer team.



SERGEANT R. A. NALDER

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Probably the saddest news that could come to present day Fortians, is that of the death of Sergeant "Bob" Nalder, who died on the voyage to the front of pneumonia, aged only 18 years. A boy who had made his mark in the school, both as scholar and sport, for many months he hankered to be serving his country in arms. We personally know that from the day the war broke out he was anxious to go.

Gaining his mother's consent he spent a few months in preparation at Liverpool, but with all his hopes, he was fated never to reach the actual field of battle.

During his career at Fort Street, which began in June 1911, he endeared himself to all. No matter in what class he was, he was ever the class captain. To the present fourth-year he was always a leader, honoured by the confidence and esteem of his class-mates. At the Intermediate in 1913, he gained an exceptionally fine pass, while his success at the forthcoming L.C. Examination was assured. The confidence of the staff furthermore was shown by the fact that as soon as he entered the third-year he was nominated as a Prefect. We honour the memory of one who went actually from among us believing "Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori." To his mother, brothers and sisters, we extend our sincerest sympathy.

PRIVATE L. H. BARRINGTON.

Among the returned wounded heroes was an old boy, Pte. L. H. Barrington, who paid us a welcome visit a few days ago, and told us some thrilling tales of his experiences in Gallipoli. He was in the firing line fourteen days before getting a bullet in the leg. He hopes to return to the front as soon as he is well enough.



Lc.Cpl. C. HOLLAND (Wounded)

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Another 3rd year boy, Chas. R. Turbet, has answered the call of his country and joined the ranks at Liverpool. He has our very best wishes for a safe return.

Last month we had to record that Sergeant Hill, one of a large family of boys who all went to Fort Street, had been wounded at the Dardanelles. This month, it is our sad duty to relate that another brother, Corporal George Thomas Hill, had died of wounds received at Gallipoli. He was 29 years old, and well known in sporting circles. A prominent Rugby player, he was also a member of the Sydney Swimming Club, and was on the council of the Amateur Swimming Association. A third brother, Charlie, is also at the front.

Roll of Honor.

Killed in Action.

Trooper W. J. C. Kidman, 6th A.L.H.
 Lieut. Fredk. J. Cox.
 Pte. W. L. M'Kay.
 Lieut. Alan Thorne.
 Sergt. D. M. Williamson.
 Corp. G. T. Hill.

Died of Illness.

Sergt. R. A. Nalder.

Wounded.

Pte. Harold Wilkinson.
 Corp. H. M. Lanser, 1st Batt. A.I.F.
 Lieut. A. L. Fitzpatrick.
 Pte. W. J. McCann.
 Pte. Cecil Morris (twice).

On Active Service.

Additional names this month:—
 Lieut. Arthur Snodgrass, A.L.H.
 Pte. Harold A. Levinsohn.
 Pte. Gordon B. Smith.
 Pte. Arthur Peirce, 7th A.L.H.
 Sergt. G. J. Black, 1st Canterbury Infantry,
 N.Z.
 Pte. Frank Albert Bramley, 6th Reinf. 3rd Batt.
 Pte. George Ernest Bramley.
 Sapper Melville Spark, Engineers.
 Pte. Bert E. Berman.
 Bugler Alan Dyce.
 Platoon Sergt. Selwyn Upton, 20th Batt. (also
 served in New Guinea).
 Sergt. Alan W. Crocker, 3rd Sig. Co., 5th Bgde.
 Pte. Stanley W. Spinks, 7th Reinf. 13th Batt.
 Pte. George Henley.
 Gunner Geo. A. K. Buskin, 1st Div. R.F.A.

Pte. Hugh G. MeVicar, No. 22 Headquarters Staff, 5th Bgde
 Corp. John L. Byrne, 12th A.L.H.
 Pte. Paul Trimble, B Co., 1st Batt.
 Sergt. Harold F. Aleock, A.M.C. (3rd General Hospital, Lemnos Island).
 Pte. Rupert Thompson, A.M.C. (Hospital Ship, Dardanelles).
 Pte. Vincent J. Brady, B.A., A.M.C.
 Pte. Tom Ross.
 Pte. Nicholas Coxon.
 Gunner Royal P. James, 7th Reinf. 1st Aust. Field Artillery.
 Lieut. Colin Brown.
 Pte. E. Rowbotham, A.L.H.
 Sergt. D. Webber, 3rd Reinf. 20th Batt.
 Pte. Theo Chiplin.
 Bombardier Harold L. Tooth, Div. Amm. Col.
 Pte. Wilfrid Stanley Moors.
 Pte. Malcolm Cuthbert Moors.
 Lieut. Nunn, 17th Batt.
 Q.M.S. Norman L. Railton, 2nd Batt.
 Bugle-Major Richard Bickford, A.M.C.
 Pte. Joseph Siddins.
 Pte. Roy Magnussen.
 Lieut. Clarence M. Spier, 8th Reinf. 3rd Batt.
 Pte. Charles Turbet.

My Trials.

By "Drudge."

Dad informed us at dinner the other evening that the position of affairs as regards the war is serious, and, of course, what Dad says goes. He then proceeded to impress upon us all the need for economy, and made a practical beginning by announcing that my allowance would be forthwith cut down by fifty per cent. That was bad enough, but when Ma started to economise, our troubles, or at least mine, began. Still, I put up with it when I found no butter in my lunch, and had to be content with one lump of sugar in my tea instead of my usual four. Then Ma thought that the gas bill could be cut down considerably, if I worked in the dining-room instead of in my own den. That did it.

Well, I brought my books downstairs after dinner about 7.30. Young Dick, my brother, in first year, takes post on the opposite side of the table. Sister Millie, who also attends a

"Haigh" school seats herself at the top. Molly, the youngest, aged six, who has just commenced school, is seated on the hearth rug close by Ma's chair. Dad surveys the situation and says something about having to meet Barrington-Jones at the club, and disappears. (Dad is a wise old pea, though I do say it).

We start work.

"If A, B, Y, be the medians of a triangle, find the area of the triangle as a function of its sides." A sweet looking thing in truth, but I have a go at it. Millie has got to her botany, and like all girls, has to gabble it over. *Terebratula, aviculo-pecten, lepidodendron, ichthyosaurus* and *pterodactyl* are repeated about thirty times to the minute. Molly is tuning up to show Ma how her latest song goes. I strive to close my ears and get back to work.

"If A, B, Y be"

"Harry, what's 'jam'?" (This from Dick). "A euphemism," I reply shortly. "A what?" Then getting no reply, "Ma, Harry won't tell" "Why don't you tell the boy, Harry? He's asked you half a dozen times." "Here, what is it? Oh, you silly young bli—" (ladies present), "that's pronounced yahm." I get rid of him anyway for a full half minute. Millie is still going strong, and Mollie is now fairly under weigh. I grind my teeth, grip my head firmly with both hands and, desperate in my impotence, lash out with my feet. A yell from Dick interrupts the proceedings. How can he fill his place to-morrow in the class soccer team with a shin like that! And he'd just been promoted from eighth to sixth emergency! I let the maternal reproof flow by as well as I can, and matters resume the even tenor of their way. Here is a glimpse of my conscious existence for the next hour or so—

"When Caesar found that"

"An owl and a pussy cat went to sea

In a beautiful pea-green boat,

They took some honey and plenty of money

Wrapped up in a five-pound"

"Ichthyosaurus."

"He knew that"

"If A, B, Y, be the medians of a triangle,"

"It would be impossible for"

"Pterodactyls"

"And all his horse-soldiers to"

"Find the area of the triangle—as—a—function—of—its—sides."

Well, under the circumstances, who can wonder if I, too, find it impossible. I take up my French author. Dick departs to look for his jersey, and Molly is put to bed. Millie still gabbles on, but it is now irregular verbs. I am conscious in a dim sort of way that there has been a change of theme for some minutes when I hear—"Har-ry! What was that dress Jessie Jones wore at the bazaar? I drew your attention to it you remember."

"Ninon over none-on, wasn't it?" I reply, thinking my turn had at last come.

"Smart," says Millie.

"Harry!!!!!" This from Ma in a shocked-pained-surprised-scandalised-deprecatory sort of tone.

"Well," I retort, "you might keep quiet and give a fellow a chance."

"Quiet! Huh, I like that. Why I only said to Ma that"

..—(I let it go by like the roar of a torrent).

.. . . . "and trimmed with valenciennes," (pronounced "valenseens"—This gave me another opening—I thought so)—

"I like your French pronunciation," I said.

"Clever," says Millie, mockingly. "Pooh! yes, I know, but we always say "valenseens" don't we Ma?" "Yes, dear."

Quite unanswerable, of course, even though I wear a prefect's badge. So I endure in silence till Millie goes off to put her hair in pins and Ma retires, hoping that I won't sit up much longer, and thinking it quite time I was through. I get back then to A, B, Y, and Dad comes in. I listen to him patiently while he smokes his final cigar—he does at least talk sense.

Finally I retire about 2 a.m., to dream that the mathematical master, who is an ichthyosaurus (in my dream, of course), is endeavouring to instruct me, a pterodaetyl, in the art of navigating a boat made from an enormous pease-pod with a lepidodendron mast, sails of ninon, cordage of "valenseens" lace, and rudder made from the shell of a gigantic aviculopecten. Evidently my aptitude is no better here than in the field of pure mathematics, for there is a crash, a shock, and—

"A quarter to eight, Harry," says Ma, outside the door.

I leap out of bed, seize razor, strop, soap,

brush and sticking-plaster, and make a dive for the bath-room, throwing my shoes and a couple of coppers (which I can but ill afford) at Dick in the way. At 9.17 a.m. sharp, I take my usual place in place in class and am immediately confronted by "A, B, Y," (I thought he'd have taken that first, and counted on missing it). Of course, I haven't done it and the master goes on to insinuate that perhaps I did not attempt it. He winds up by assuring me that if I made more effort, etc., but my brain becomes passive and I hear him not. Such is life.

Wanted—Advice.

Boy's High School,
Fort Street.

25th July, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the Headmaster to say that he would be glad if you could make it convenient to call on him at an early date, with reference to Henry's studies and progress.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

McGale Taylor

(for Headmaster).

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Petersham.

There! That's the beastly thing that started it all. The pater passed it across to me at the breakfast table one morning with a mild inquiry as to whether I knew what it meant. I replied that I did not—(though I had my suspicions, you understand).

"What is it, dear?" inquired mother. The note was duly passed to her. "Perhaps the headmaster thinks Harry can go into Fourth Year at once," she suggested, "instead of completing a whole year as a Lower Senior."

"Per—haps," thought I.

Well, not to prolong the agony, the pater complied with that dreadfully polite request some few days later. Of course, I was made to be present at the interview. Over what passed within that dread portal on the main landing, I draw the veil of secrecy—there are some experiences one cannot bear to traverse a second time. At the pater's request, I was grant-

ed leave to accompany him to his office down town. You may imagine I didn't enjoy that interview either; but the pater is a sport anyway.

The upshot of it all was this: I must obtain a good report next quarter or take employment in a "rag-shop"—otherwise a drapery emporium. In the meantime, in order that I might have no distracting influence, my pocket-money (I prefer to call it my allowance) was to be stopped pending the receipt of the next report. I represented that certain practical considerations would render this arrangement unworkable, but it was of no use. I am to travel to and from the city each day with the pater, spending any leisure I may have in the afternoons in his private office with my books. I thought it a pretty rotten arrangement, but as the pater said he would not let the mother know, I felt not ungrateful. That's one good point about the pater—he won't degrade a fellow before those whose good opinion he values. Of course, he said it was to spare the mater's feelings, but I know that's not the only reason.

Well, I worried along somehow till Australia Day. Imagine my feelings when I saw the other fellows getting ready for collections and auctions and that sort of thing. I swallowed what pride I had left and appealed to the pater. He was adamant. Dick, my brother in First Year, could give my share to the funds.

Then fortune, fickle jade, seemed to smile on me. Tom Jamieson's a decent enough chap in his way, but rather lacking in taste, I think. He considers, you know, that his sister May comes nowhere in comparison with our Kitty. He's rather a shy fellow, too. So when he heard that we should have auctions on Australia Day, he gave me 2/10 to buy a box of chocolates for him (at least he said it was for himself). That, of course, was right into my barrow. But, heavens! What a job it was! I bid up to my limit ten times before I got anything knocked down to me. But I felt happy again. I could look all the fellows in the face once more.

You can guess how I guarded (and had to guard) those chocolates. The pater was busy that afternoon away from the office, so he left word for me to go home in the car. When I got out to Petersham, I saw our Kitty and May

Jamieson at the corner where their stall was—they were collecting that day. Well, I told the chauffeur to pull up as I wanted to speak to her—our Kitty, you understand. Unlucky wretch that I am!

"Well, Harry, what sort of day did you have at Fort Street?" said she.

"Oh, rippin'," I said. "No graft—I beg pardon—lessons—only auctions and that kind of thing, you know." "What did you buy?" "Oh, just some chocolates—I gave all else I could spare to the class collection, you see."—"Chocolates! Oh, those are they beside you, aren't they?" and she stretched out her hand for them. Now what was a fellow to do? If Kitty had been alone perhaps—but she wasn't. "Oh, May, aren't they lovely! Have some. Harry won't mind—will you Harry?"—Oh, no, of course I didn't mind—or wouldn't have—certainly wouldn't have, had they been mine. "Well, we must get back to work," said Kitty, and off she went, bearing that precious box of sweets with her.

Tom Jamieson called to see me in the evening, but I couldn't be found. They thought I'd gone to see how the funds were coming in. I hadn't—I was doing one big, long, furious. THINK. No result. I couldn't go to—ah—Sunday school with Kitty on Sunday afternoon, because we might meet Tom—we have done so—quite casually, of course,—lately. Kitty has hinted to me in that exasperating, indirect but quite unmistakable way that only girls have, that "two's company," etc.

I've fallen foul of Dick several times lately, over mere trifles. Kitty says I'm a bear. The mother thinks her dear boy is studying too hard. (She's nearer the truth than she dreams). Kitty has been trying to "pump" me, too—not entirely on her own account either, I fancy—and that's what hurts.

I can't tell the pater. How can I approach the mater? If I tell Kitty—well I might blue Tom's chances—girls are unreasonable—and besides they confide in one another. Of course, I quite expect the pater will pay up arrears if the report is alright—how can I make it alright with such a load on my mind? Seven weeks still to go—ugh!

Can any of you Third Year fellows (I always say "Lower Seniors" at home) suggest any way out of the difficulty? I can't disclose my

daily in private, and to attend intercessory services when possible.

Action.—Understanding something of the nature of the crisis through which the Empire is passing, and strengthened by prayer, we shall be ready to act. There are two calls: To personal fitness, efficiency, and influence; to work for others.

(a) Personal Fitness, Efficiency, and Influence.—Let us try to keep well and strong by a sane regular life; to do our daily work thoroughly; to prepare for emergencies by studying such things as First-Aid, Nursing, Cookery, Dressmaking, or Knitting, and by starting a Savings Account. Above all, let us use our influence in the cause of courtesy, kindness, and womanly dignity, and set our face against intemperance of all kinds and low ideals, remembering that no nation rises higher than its women.

(b) Work for others.—First, let us remember the needs of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and sufferers from the war, by trying to put aside something weekly as a result of self-denial for the Patriotic and Allies' Funds, and working for the Red Cross or Refugee Societies. Second, let us help the cause of righteousness by striving to give weekly to some Church, Hospital, Home, or Foreign Mission, and to take part in some practical work (Sunday School, Girls' Club, Kindergarten, Creche, Girls' Realm Guild, or Temperance Society), which is strengthening character and increasing sympathy between all classes of society.

Surely there will be one or two things that each of us can do under the head of Action!

HOW TO JOIN THE LEAGUE.

Any girl over fourteen years may become a member by signing her name to the promise, and paying the Membership Fee of Threepence to the enrolling officer at the school. The enrolling officer will be able to give you information as to intercessory services, talks on the war, or classes you may wish to attend; and as to practical work to be taken up.

MEMBERS' PROMISE.

I promise by the help of God to make a special effort during this time of war to uphold the honour of our nation by furthering the cause of righteousness, purity, and temperance at home; and by thoughtfulness, prayer, and self-denial to serve our King and Empire.

Round the School.

The period is rapidly approaching when the boys and girls will have to face the Leaving and Intermediate Certificate Examinations. It is incumbent therefore on each, and every one to make the most of the time still remaining, and to do his best to equal if not surpass the magnificent records of the past few years.

Mr. Cuthbert Potts, who has filled a position on the staff of the Hawkesbury College for nearly 14 years, has been appointed principal of the Gatton Agricultural College in Queensland. Mr. Potts was a pupil of Fort Street for some years, and on leaving there went to Sydney University, where he obtained his B.A. degree. He afterwards acted as demonstrator in chemistry for Professor Liversidge at the University. In 1902 he was appointed lecturer in chemistry and physics and agricultural engineering at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, and has occupied that position ever since. Mr. Potts has on several occasions, during the absence of the



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principal, filled the position of acting principal.

We desire to extend a very hearty welcome to Mr. F. G. Brown, B.A. (Lond.) B.Sc. (Adel.), who has been appointed to the Mathematical staff. We hope that his stay at Fort Street will be a pleasant one.

Mr. W. T. Fraser, B.A., who for some four years has been in charge of the Primary School has been appointed to the charge of the Junior Technical School at West Wallsend. Our congratulations on his promotion. The new master in charge of the Primary School is Mr. W. J. Garland, from Goulburn.

We have received a poem entitled "Australians at Gallipoli." While applauding the sentiment of the piece, we regret that its literary talent is not high enough to permit insertion. "Combing" and "moaning" we are afraid do not rhyme.

IA class has promoted a class magazine which we had the pleasure of examining a week or two ago. It contains some highly creditable drawings, sketches and verses. Is there any other form in the school which can boast of such a journal?

Keen rivalry is being promoted among all the First Year classes by the new methods of class essays. The "Food of the Gods," "The Epyornis Egg," and "The Angelic Visitor," are at present causing much profitable amusement to First Year boys. How would some of you youthful First years like to have the winning essay published in the "Fortian?"

To the Australia Day Funds the Boys' High School contributed £104, a fine sum when it is remembered that it came entirely out of the pocket money of the boys, and was not added to by local collections or help from parents.

Much pleasure was expressed on Australia Day at the fine collection of photographs exhibited by Mr. McKinnon, the funds being enriched by several pounds as a result.

There are still a number of "Fortian" subscriptions unpaid. Those who are defaulters are reminded of this fact.

We desire to acknowledge the courtesy extended to us by the daily and weekly papers, all of which have lent us blocks for insertion in our paper. The "Sunday Times" also has on two occasions published our Roll of Honour, and thus been incidental in securing for us many additional names.

We have received a note from Mr. H. Rosenbloom, whose son Victor is a cadet on H.M.A.S. Australia. Victor has been six weeks in hospital, on the Earl of Hopetoun's Estate, Scotland, with scarlet fever. He writes that the titled ladies who are the nurses give them the best of attention, and that the Australians receive many favours. He writes also that he thought the "Australia" a big ship until he had seen some of the ships of the British navy. Then he was not surprised that the Germans keep away.

We paid a visit to a spot which will shortly become famous on Taverner's Hill, just beyond Norton-street Junction, Petersham, and within a stone's throw of Petersham Oval. On this site there is at present being erected the new Fort-street Boys' High School. All the trenches are dug and foundations laid, great activity marking the scene. The new School is one of three storeys, and a basement, and contains 16 class-rooms, 2 science rooms, a library, an art room, a master's common room, a manual training room, and several small rooms and offices. It is to be completed withing eighteen months. However, I really think we shall be sorry to leave the historic old building.

"Just a Constitutional."

"Would you like to come for a walk in the morning?"

"Yes, if I'm up early enough—and if you are up early enough, too. Don't stay out so late to-night shooting flying-foxes, or we will have no walk."

This was just a scrap of our conversation at the tea-table. When I awoke the next morning I heard the cracking of a stock-whip and the

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barking of dogs as a neighbouring farmer brought in his cattle. Soon this was followed by the rattle of milk buckets and the puffing of the engine which drove the machines. It was about 5 o'clock, so I delayed no longer. On drawing up the blind the beauty of the morning impressed me. To the east the sky was saffron tinted, but rapidly changing into a crimson and gold glory, which was reflected in the waters of a broad creek near-by, and which stood out in happy contrast with the long, dark shadows of the trees on the eastern bank. From the purple bases of a line of hills to the north-east, a soft mist was gradually rising only to be silvered and rapidly dispersed into light at the summits. Every living creature seemed joyful. High up on a gaunt, bare old tree, a group of "jackies" were enjoying their never-ending joke, the rustling reeds were full of warblers, a couple of thrushes were calling softly and sweetly to each other, and a yellow-legged blue crane was stalking along in the shallow water near the bank in search of "the early fish."

"Are you going to dream there all day, or are you coming for a walk?" "Oh, I'm coming!"

We set out through the dew-drenched grass of the home paddock, and passed into a field of tasseling corn where the bees were already busy. Soon we were in an older patch of corn where the cobs were ripe and the husks brown. Here the pretty but mischievous rosella parrots were carrying on their work of destruction. Brushing aside dew-spangled cobwebs we silently approached a narrow creek. "Why silently?" you ask. We had often been there before, and this time our silence was rewarded. There before us, swimming and playing about in the water were a number of platypuses. I reached out for a tempting bunch of red berries—a branch crackled, and the timid little animals instantly dived. Knowing it was useless to await their reappearance we continued our rambling. About 50 yards further on we reached a clearing on the bank. Hist! But we were too late. With a skirring of wings a flock of wild duck arose from the water and circled swiftly overhead in a V-shaped line. Just listen to that corroborree! We were near a wild fig tree. Myriads of birds were breakfasting on the soft yellow and red berries. Most

of the noise came from the leather-heads, who were squabbling away to their hearts' content. How they contrasted with the shy coachman's whip, whose rich, clear whistle was echoed at intervals from some secluded spot in the thick scrub at the head of the creek. Soon we were in an open paddock where the impudent wag-tails were teasing the horses. As we approached the well, we startled a big scrub-wallaby who thud-thudded swiftly away. Over the well in a cedar-tree, was twined a sleeping carpet-snake. Probably he was digesting his supper, but we left him unmolested, because he was in the habit of destroying bandicoots and other destructive vermin. We were not so lenient, however, to his cousin, a venomous black snake which we met in the home paddock. By this time the sun was quite high, and the sky had long changed its colours for a beautiful deep soft blue. We were soon home, and felt quite energetic. Our morning constitutional was well worth while.

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BASEBALL.

The season is just about to end, and for the first time the premiership will come to Fort Street. The A team has had a triumphant march. No team in the competition has been able to fully extend our side. When, further, it is taken into consideration that we have never put absolutely our best team into the field, it can be realised in what a sound position we are. In putting up such a fine performance it is, perhaps, unfair to mention individuals. Nevertheless, special credit must be given to our battery, Ford and Perkins. What about a School honor cap for Ford? He has represented his school at cricket and baseball; in addition he has represented his district in the latter game, and has on several occasions been selected to play for the State school team. What better record could a schoolboy hold?

GRADE SOCCER.

In A grade, frequent rainy afternoons, numerous colds, and the withdrawal of one school from the competition, have combined to dampen the enthusiasm of the team. Results are fair. A postponed game with Technical High and a draw with Sydney High, do not afford much matter for the chronicler. Among consistent and brilliant players we must name Jolly, of 2A, who always seems to be where he is wanted and puts in effective work without any fuss.

Our career in B grade is still one of unsullied victory. Williams and Jennings do effective work on the wings. Eve is always "there," so is Stitt. Our most closely contested match was against Technical High School.

Rickards, Spenser, Story and Achurch represented the School in a combined High School team, which defeated by four to one a combined Metropolitan Schools team. Spenser scored one goal.

W. P.

FIRSTS RUGBY RESULTS.

Fort-st. v. Christian Bros., 9-9. Win.
 Fort-st. v. Sydney Technical High, 11-3. Win.
 Fort-st. v. Sydney High School, 11-5. Win.
 Fort-st. v. Sydney Technical High, 8-0. Win.
 Fort-st. v. Sydney High School, 16-6. Win.
 Fort-st. v. Sydney High School, 26-6. Win.
 Fort-st. v. Sydney Technical High, 22-0. Win.
 Fort-st. v. Fort-st. Second Grade 42-0. Win.
 Fort-st. v. Christian Bros., 14-0. Win.

SECONDS' RUGBY RESULTS

Competition Matches.

Defeated Clev. I., 21-8.
 Defeated N.S. I., 15-0.
 Defeated Hurlstone I., 20-3.
 Defeated Tech. II., 28-0.
 Forfeit from Parramatta.
 Defeated S.H.S. II., 19-0.
 Lost to Hurlstone I., 0-9.
 Forfeit from N.S. I.
 Defeated S.H.S. II., 17-3.
 Forfeit from Tech. II.
 Lost to Clev. I., 3-11.

Other Matches.

Defeated Christian Bros. II., 12-0.
 Lost to Combined Tech. I. & II., 14-15.

THIRDS' RUGBY RESULTS.

Fort-st. defeated Ultimo High School, 43-3.
 Fort-st. defeated Hurlstone, 22-0.
 Fort-st. lost to Petersham, 28-0.
 Fort-st. defeated Hurlstone, 14-0.
 Fort-st. defeated Ultimo High School, 30-0.
 Fort-st. lost to Petersham, 18-3.
 Fort-st. lost to Parramatta, 6-0.
 Fort-st. defeated Ultimo High School, 25-0.
 Fort-st. lost to Petersham, 11-9.
 Fort-st. defeated Hurlstone (forfeit).

FOURTHS' RUGBY RESULTS.

May 5—Fort-st. v. Clev., 0-12. Lost.
 Aug. 12—Fort-st. v. N. Sydney, 9-0. Won.
 Aug. 19—Fort-st. v. Petersham, 11-0. Won.
 Aug. 26—Fort-st. v. Technical High, 3-8. Lost.
 June 2—Fort-st. v. Parramatta. Lost.
 June 9—Fort-st. v. S.H.S., 3-0. Won.
 June 16—A bye
 July 7—Match cancelled (Clevo).
 July 14—Fort-st. v. North Sydney, 5-0. Won.
 July 21—Fort-st. v. Petersham, 22-3. Won.
 July 28—Fort-st. v. Parramatta. Won by forfeit.
 Aug. 4—Fort-st. v. Technical High, 3-6. Lost
 Aug. 11—Fort-st. v. S.H.S., 6-6. Draw.
 Aug. 18—A bye.

August, 1915.

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