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Our Heroes.

LIEUT. G. L. R. FOOTE.

Company Sergeant-major Foote, who has been in a serious condition, first through being severely injured by a bullet wound in the head and afterwards owing to an operation to remove an abscess on the brain, is now reported to be practically convalescent. He has now obtained his commission, having been recommended for same on account of his bravery by his Acting Colonel-Major Durrant. Lieutenant Foote was one of the first to receive promotion after the landing at Gaba Tepe. Last week he received the congratulations of his Majesty the King. Lieutenant Foote is an old Fort Street boy, and was attached to the Petersham Cadets (Stanmore division) before joining the 13th Battalion for active service.

LIEUT. C. H. O. WHITE.

News has been received by the parents of Lieut. C. H. O. White that he was wounded again during the battle with the Turks between the 5th and 8th of this month. Lieut. White was born at sea 19 years ago while the vessel conveying his parents to Sydney was en route from England. A promising non-commissioned, and later, commissioned, officer of the senior cadets, he is probably one of the youngest officers in the A.I.F. He was educated at Fort-street High School, and was asso-

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ciated for many years with St. James's Church, King-street, as server and chorister.

Lieut. White entered heart and soul into the universal training scheme, and was in turn colour-sergeant and lieutenant in his area (Mosman) of the senior cadets. He sank his commissioned rank on enlisting, but left here with the triple chevron. He gained his star in Egypt. On the first occasion of being wounded Lieut. White was shot in the neck, notwithstanding which he remained in the trenches for six days afterwards. His wound became septic, and he was taken on board the hospital ship Franconia, from which he was eventually shifted to an island. He was back in the fighting line again in about a fortnight. His parents reside at Upper Avenue-road, Mosman.



CORPORAL C. F. R. BOSWARD.

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Corporal Charles Frederick Richmond Bosward, who died of wounds at the Dardanelles, was the youngest son (aged 25 years) of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bosward, of Selwyn-street, Paddington. Coming to Sydney from Leeton, where he had been employed in the office of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission for the past three years, he joined the 4th Battalion, 1st Infantry Brigade A.I.F., and

prior to leaving Egypt was attached to battalion headquarters staff as corporal under Lieut. R. J. A. Massie (adjutant). He was well known among sportsmen of Sydney and Leeton.



PRIVATE A. T. JOHNSTON.

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Private Alexander Thomas Johnston, of the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Reinforcements, whose death in action has been reported, was 21 years of age, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston, of 69 Lower Fort-street, Dawes Point. The deceased private was educated at Fort-street, and was for some time employed in the publishing department of the "Sydney Morning Herald," and later at Mr. J. Bardsley's Pitt-street warehouse.

LIEUT. DUNCAN G. IRVINE.

Mr. Duncan G. Irvine, an old Fort-street schoolboy, eldest son of Mr. S. O. Irvine, has been promoted lieutenant in the motor machine gun service of the British Army. He was in Ireland when war was declared, and joined Kitchener's army. After a special course of training in the Hythe School of Musketry, he left for France early in the year. The promotion gained by him was for services rendered in France and Flanders.

SERGEANT E. W. EDWARDS.

Sergt. E. W. Edwards (severely wounded) is 21 years of age, and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Edwards, of Chatswood. He was educated at Fort-street, and at the time of enlistment was in the employ of Dalgety and Co., Ltd.

**PRIVATE RALPH NOAKE.**

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Private Ralph Noake, son of Mr. Geo. M. Noake, Clerk of Committees in the City Council, an old boy of Fort-street has been killed in action at the Dardanelles. He went away with the Fourth Battalion and was reported wounded about two months ago. He then returned to the firing line, only to receive a fatal bullet. By occupation a civil engineer, he was only 21 years of age at the time of his death. He has a brother at present in first year.

PRIVATE PAUL TRIMBLE.

Mr. A. Trimble, of Mosman, has received a cable message that his son, Private Paul Trimble, was badly wounded during the attack on Hill 70 at the Dardanelles. Private Trimble left Sydney at Easter, and after a week in Egypt was sent to Gallipoli, where he has been since May. He was a Fort-street School boy, and was for three years in the Government Savings Bank at Mosman. He is reported to be dangerously ill.

PRIVATE H. WAINWRIGHT.

Private H. A. D. Wainwright (wounded) is the son of Mr. E. A. C. Wainwright, of the Department of Agriculture, and of "Bingara," Bondi. He enlisted in August, 1914, and took part in the first landing at Gallipoli. He was in hospital at Cairo for three weeks in May, suffering from the effects of a shell explosion and rheumatics caused by lying out unconscious for 10 hours on a cold and wet night. He returned to the front on June 1. Private Wainwright is a member of the Bondi Surf-Bathers' Life-saving Club, and previous to enlisting was employed in the Government Savings Bank, Moore-street. He is an old Fort-street School boy, and is 23 years of age.

**LIEUT. F. J. COX (Killed)**

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THE LATE SERGEANT NALDER.

We have been handed the following clipping, which we know will interest Fortians:—

For the rest of our trip there is only one thing more to add, unfortunately so. The inevitable black cloud arose in the form of the sad death of four of our number. They were buried at sea. The sad scene of the burial service was profoundly impressive, the loss of their comrades casting a gloom throughout the ship. It was the irony of fate that their end

should have come without their being given an opportunity to sacrifice their lives, if need be, on the battlefield. Everything possible was done for them during their sickness. The hospital accommodation on board is no ordinary sea improvisation, and with the medical help available it is probable that they received more personal attention of the medical staff than would be available in a shore establishment. Day and night, they were never left alone for a single minute. Poor Sergeant Nalder was a specially pathetic case. He fought bravely, even cheerfully for his life, and at one time it seemed as though he would win. But he suffered a relapse, and in spite of all that careful nursing and medical skill could do, he was snatched away.



SIGNALLER JOHN WILLIAM BEST.

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Who was killed in action at the Dardanelles during the attack on Lonesome Pine, August 6-9, was third son of Mrs. G. E. Best, of 7 Gordon-street, Petersham. He was a native of Tareutta, and 18 years of age. He was educated at Fort-street High School, from where he passed the Junior Examination and the Professional Examination for admission to the Public Service. Before leaving for the front on June 16, with the 6th Reinforcements for

the 1st Battalion, he was employed in the drafting branch of the Lands Department. Mrs. Best has another son in the Gallipoli trenches.

We notice that Lieut. R. J. McNiven, B.A., for some time on the staff of Fort-street, has been wounded at the Dardanelles.



Cpl. Signaller W. J. McCANN.

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Corporal Signaller W. J. McCann, an old Fortian, has now been wounded for the third time. After having received his second wound he was sent to Imbros Island on guard duty. Returning to the front he received his third bullet at the "Lonesome Pine" battle.

PRIVATE F. K. DICKSON.

Private Frank Kirkpatrick Dickson (killed) was the elder son of the late James Dickson, H.M. Customs, Sydney, and Mrs. Dickson, "Wharekoa," Bardwell-road, Mosman. He was 19 years of age, and was educated at Fort-street, most of his time since then having been spent in the country. He was the grandson of Mr. James Dickson, Birkenhead, Auckland, and Mr. Thomas Irwin, Tiligra, Dungog.

It has been reported that Mr. A. D. Fraser, B.A., A.M.C., who left the staff of Fort-street to join the troops at the front, has been wounded in the trenches at Gallipoli.

LIEUT. LEONARD MARJASON.

Information has been received that Lieut. Leonard Marjason (a Fort-street Old Boy) of the 18th Battalion, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Marjason, of the Avenue, Hurstville, was wounded on August 24. Lieut. Leonard Marjason, prior to enlisting, held a commission in the (East Sydney) 24th Infantry Regiment.

LIEUTENANT PRITCHARD.

Lieut. Henry Raymond Pritchard, A Coy., 18th Battalion, 5th Infantry Brigade, who has been wounded, is the only son of Mr. Arthur Pritchard, of Hornsby, and grandson of the late Mr. W. H. Pritchard, of Annandale. He is 20 years of age, and was educated at Fort-street. After leaving Fort-street, he was employed as a clerk in the Australian Gaslight Company, and subsequently entered the solicitor's office of Mr. Henry Davis. Lieut. Pritchard is now at Gibraltar.

PRIVATE N. C. HOBDEN.

Private Noel Carlyle Hobden (died of enteric), was one month short of 19 years of age, and was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hobden, "Wansella," Roseville. He was educated at Fort-street, and had left only a few months before enlistment. Going to Egypt with the first batch of Australian Infantry, he was appointed a member of the bodyguard to General Sir Ian Hamilton, and accompanied him from Gallipoli to Alexandria. He then returned to the firing line, but had not been there long when he became ill, and was removed to hospital at Alexandria. The deceased soldier took part in the first landing, and altogether spent 15 weeks in the firing line. In one of his letters home he stated that when he was being taken on board a hospital ship at Anzac the Turks fired on the vessel, and killed one of the bearers of the stretcher on which he was lying.

PRIVATE J. W. McKENZIE.

After being wounded on three different occasions, though none of the wounds necessitated his leaving the trenches, Private John William McKenzie was killed in action early last month. He was born at Woolwich 23 years ago, and was educated at Fort-st. High School. He was a member of the machine-gun section of the 2nd Battalion, which he joined while en route for the front. Some idea of his workmanship may

be gained from his performance (with the machine-gun) at Cairo. Here he scored 135 points, when 100 points was first-class shooting. Prior to enlisting the deceased soldier, whose parents reside at Elgin-street, Woolwich, was in the railway service, stationed at the Manning River.

PRIVATE HERMAN WULF.

Among the list of wounded this month occurs the name of Private Herman Wulf, an old Fort-street boy who began his career in the Kindergarten, and ended up in one of the Junior Classes. He was a keen sportsman, captaining the Rugby team in 1909. He is only 20 years of age.

War Notes.

Company Q.M.S. George Draper, C. Company, No. 12 Platoon, 1st Battalion, A.I.E.F., has been unofficially reported missing in Gallipoli. Two months ago the military authorities sent a cable, with no result. Draper will be remembered as one of the best officers our cadets had some three years ago.

The third year, 1915, has a very honourable record, six of its members having volunteered for the front. These are "Bob" Nalder (died of pneumonia), William Lyon, Roy Wooller, David Justice, Charles R. Turbet, Wallace Freeborn.

We have had visits lately from several old boys, either to tell us that they had enlisted or that they were on final leave prior to embarkation. Among these were Will Lyon, Rupert Swallow, Cyril Smith, Wallace Freeborn, Douglas Leathart, Roy Read, and Angus Leslie.

Horace A. Denyer having completed his engineering apprenticeship at the Invincible Motor Construction Co., has left for England to manufacture munitions at Vickers, Son and Maxim's works.

The Headmaster has received from Lieut. David R. Brown (now twice wounded) a letter headed Gaba Tepe 27/7/15, from which we cull the following:—

"You have no doubt heard all the news of the Gallipoli heroes, and even accepted the wonderful stories without the least bit of salt. Just dig yourself in, supply yourself with plenty of companions (and very ordinary ra-

tions), remain there for three or four months, and you will have the same feeling as the Australian heroes. Even shells, bullets, bombs, etc., do not relieve the monotony, as they are so common, forming part of our daily bread. Being a young old soldier, I received a pass to hospital—in other words a wound—before many weeks had passed. Three to four weeks spent at the Deaconesses' Hospital, Alexandria, was the result, and I never appreciated a holiday more. Every convenience, and delightful nurses. I was extremely sorry to hear of Major McGuire's death. I remember him at Fort-street, although unacquainted. Dumtroom has commenced her history, and in doing so has lost a great percentage of her best. Wootten, I am pleased to say, is Captain and Adjutant now, and as lively as ever.

AN OLD BOY'S LETTER.

Mr. Kilgour has received from Clement Warton Kirke, an old boy at present serving the Empire at Kula Pilah in the Malay States. Some of the more interesting portions are printed below, particularly those referring to the riot at Singapore.

"As you know my three brothers Basil and Mick, and the eldest Errol are doing their bit. We out here have had our little excitement, the Fifth Light Infantry Mutiny, caused by German dollars. I think most Australians have the impression it was a riot. Not so—the plan had been matured for months as proved at the trial of "Mansoor," the traitor who was hanged a few weeks ago, and only for the Germans "selling them a pup" by not leading them after they had been liberated, there would not in all probability have been a European left in Singapore alive of British nationality.

To give you an idea of the "stuff" of which our race is made: At the outbreak of the war most fellows joined the various volunteer corps. Well! when the mutiny at Singapore occurred, an old school friend, N. C. Douglass, was notified about half-an-hour after the occurrence, and he and nine others were on outpost duty. The mutineers held the barracks, behind which there had been constructed a trench at a strategic point. It was imperative to take the barracks, and Douglass and his nine comrades were ordered to take the trench—which could accommodate about 50—at the

point of the bayonet (munitions were scarce). Not one had yet been through the bayonet drill up to that time. Well! one was immediately sick, another prayed, and then with a "Come on, you chaps!" they advanced under cover till about 25 yards from the trench and then charged—but the mutineers had left it a short period before. It was humorous in its way, but the notable point is that ten chaps were willing and ready to try and bayonet probably 20 or more mutineers who had ample ammunition, the same ten fellows, raw and uninitiated in actual warfare. Later on they had their chance even if only at the executions, and they (the mutineers) were properly "strafed" (is that the German past tense?). When we were demobilised we were warned to be ready for trouble in Kelantan (six weeks before it occurred), and at the time of the trouble I think most Malays, who are Mohammedans, knew it was coming. At that time, I was surveying near the Pahang southern boundary, and nearly joined the "majority." Had been interfered with in my work for over a week, and the day after the Kelantan rising, a haji (one who has made the trip to Mecca) and four Malays deliberately attempted to knock the theodolite over. Quick in anger, I let out, at the same time with one hand saving the theodolite. My own coolies, excepting one, hid like the skunks they are. Well, before you could work a simple quadratic equation, they were at me with krisses and parangs. My hat off to football! I side-stepped better than ever I did before till I reached my bicycle, and then made for the station a mile away (I had no gun or any weapon) and wired the police at Kula Pilah, 38 miles away, came down myself per train, had them arrested, tried, and the usual thing, my coolies perjured themselves and the only thing that happened was that the aggressors were fined 30 dollars each.

"Compulsory service comes in out here, both at Singapore and the Federated Malay States, in a few weeks.

"When I read the newspapers ("Times," etc.), and see the huge number of fellows playing football Saturday after Saturday, it makes my blood boil. They say exercise. They ought to try it heavy weight lifting (Germans and Turks, etc., over the head on the point of the bayonet), but I feel sure the majority of single

fellows can get away. I can't believe it's funk. Why do they wait till they are compulsorily sent, and then have the stigma on them for life.

Roll of Honor.

Since last issue we deeply regret to note the following casualties among Fortians at the front.

Killed in Action.

Pte. Charles F. Bosward.
Pte. Ralph Noake.
Pte. Alex. T. Johnston.
Pte. J. W. McKenzie.
Corp. W. Bradshaw.
Lieut. Frederick John Cox.
Pte. Frank K. Dickson.
Pte. A. Patrick.
Pte. Harold Hughes.

Died of Wounds.

Pte. Jack Sheridan.
Pte. Noel Hobden

Missing.

Sergt.-Major George Draper.
Sergt. B. Gibson.
Sergt. F. Bramley.

Wounded.

Pte. Paul Trimble (severely).
Pte. Ashbury Greathead.
Pte. Frank Holmes.
Pte. George Irwin.
Capt. A. L. Fitzpatrick.
Pte. Guy Tedder.
Pte. Arthur Pierce.
Pte. G. Bramley.
Lieut. C. O. H. White (second time).
Sergt. E. W. Edwards (severely).
Pte. Fred Barker.
Lieut. H. R. Pritchard.
Lieut. D. R. Brown (second time).
Pte. J. R. Struthers.
L.-Cpl. O. L. J. Wolff.
Pte. A. D. Fraser, A.M.C.
Cpl. R. Swinburne
Pte. Herman Wulf.
Cpl. Paul Tumble (severely).
Pte. H. A. D. Wainwright.
Sergt. Eric Hurt.
Cpl. J. W. McCann (third time).

Ill in Hospital.

Pte. Bert Lyon.

On Active Service.

Since last issue we have received the names of the following old boys who are either on active service or who have enlisted and are now in camp.

Lieut. Leonard Sewell, B.E.
Pte. Thomas Adrian.
Nurse Nellie McRae.
Pte. Edward Bellamy.
Gunner Fred. Cantrell, 2nd Reinf. Siege Artillery Brigade Train.
Pte. Eric Long.
Pte. Walter Adams.
Pte. W. Glasgow.
Pte. Cecil Burnett.
Pte. Rollo Robin.
Pte. Archie Gowing.
Pte. Roy Gowing.
Pte. Jack Dexter.
Pte. Percy Portus, A.M.C.
Pte. David Justice.
Pte. Arthur Willett.
Pte. J. Dorahy.
Lieut. L. K. Chambers.
Pte. Colin Lindsay Smith.
Pte. William Burton.
Pte. Roy Read.
Pte. Cyril Smith.
Pte. Angus Leslie.
Sergt. Reg. Lindsay Thomas, A.A.M.C.
Capt. Archie J. Collins, M.B.Ch.M., A.A.M.C.
Capt. Wilmot Fenwick, M.B.Ch.M., A.A.M.C.
Capt. Norman Zions, M.B., Ch.M., A.A.M.C.
Capt. I. Morgan, M.B., Ch.M., A.A.M.C.
Pte. Gilbert Murray.
Pte. Eric Wooster.
Pte. Roy Farnsworth.
Trooper O. E. Patterson.
Gunner John Lenahan, Siege Artillery.
Pte. J. S. Walford, 2nd Reinf. 20th Batt.
Trooper George Thompson.
Signaller C. Stubbin.
Pte. A. Haslam.
Pte. J. W. Henry.
Sergt. Roy Buss, A.A.M.C.
Sergt. Walter Rees, 30th Batt.
Pte. Victor Timmins.
Pte. W. Venteman
Sergt. Theo. Grace.
Pte. R. Phibbs, A.M.C. (Dr. Craig's Hospital Ship).

Pte. J. Jordan, A.M.C. (Dr. Craig's Hospital Ship).

Pte. R. M. Ponton, A.M.C.

Pte. George Gavey

Pte. Douglas Leathart, A.A.S.C.

Pte. Clarence Ballerum.

Pte. William Blair, 17th Batt.

Pte. Ernest Paul.

Sergt. Alex. Knox.

Dr. Clive Nigel Smith.

Pte. Edgar Booth.

University Exams.

Our old boys and girls in the various faculties have again been distinguishing themselves, especially in the Medical School. To all those who have been successful, we offer our heartiest congratulations:—

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

First Year Examination:

Descriptive Geometry.—Pass: W. H. Lush, W. L. Price, H. R. Schmidt, J. S. Storey, C. J. Watt.

Second Year Exam.

Mathematics.—Pass: G. Stafford.

Engineering Construction.—Pass: R. F. Hill-Adams, A. R. Sims, G. Stafford.

Engineering Drawing and Design.—A. R. Sims, G. Stafford.

Physics IIA.—R. F. Hill-Adams, A. R. Sims.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

Fourth Degree Examination:

High Distinction: Clive I. Davis.

Distinction: R. C. Wiburd, G. A. Lawrance.

Credit: V. Asher.

Pass: R. A. Noble, W. H. Roberts.

Third Degree Examination:

John Harris Scholarship for Anatomy and Physiology.—John McKee.

Distinction: J. McKee, O. G. Tunks, F. W. Liggins.

Credit: G. B. Paekham, R. S. Mitchell, G. C. Holmes.

Pass: F. E. R. Biggs, J. A. Gruen, A. Hunter, Lottie Sharfstein, R. A. Sillar.

Second Degree Examination:

Credit: H. C. Barry, D. T. Smith, G. H. Pfeiffer.

Pass: R. G. Arnott, J. A. Kennedy.

Second Year Dentistry.—Pass: L. R. Firth.

FIRST YEAR EXAM.:

Dentistry.—Pass: B. E. Berman.

Medicine.—Inorganic Chemistry: Pass: A. E. Allum, T. Y. Connelley, C. Cramp, H. M. Cutler, G. T. Ferris, S. U. Gentile, G. M. B. Hales, F. S. Hausman, L. L. Holland, J. Hughes, J. I. Hunter, N. E. McLaren, J. D. Maude, W. K. Muston, C. L. Paine, J. M. Paling, O. W. Percival, W. E. Paradise, R. G. Ponton, H. K. Porter, E. W. Rivett, J. S. Sherwood, A. J. H. Stobo.

Dentistry.—Pass: A. G. Illingworth.

Engineering.—W. H. Lush, W. L. Price, H. R. Schmidt, J. S. Storey, C. J. Watt.

Fourth Year Exam. (B.E.):—W. C. Stafford, H. V. Brett.

Pharmacy.—Pass: L. A. Durno.

Swimming Rules.

Strict attention to the following rules is necessary. Do not forget to have your names checked going in to 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 for a consideration.

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.

Girls' High School.

In response to the appeal of the Girls' League of Honour—whose aims and objects were published in last month's number of the "Fortian," many girls have given in their names to Miss Evans for membership, and have received the card and badge of the League—as the outward and visible symbols of their intentions in this fine cause.

A comprehensive programme has been arranged for Wednesday afternoon, September 22, when a Matinee Musicale will take place in the Main Hall of the Boys' Building. It has been arranged so as to include as many girls as possible in this practical manifestation of the results of their French studies. A very pleasant afternoon is anticipated. The object of the entertainment is to augment the Loaf Fund established by the French-Australian League of Help, of which Mademoiselle Soubeiran was the original organiser. The price of entrance has been fixed at "one loaf" value (or more according to the generosity of the individual). It is hoped that a good amount will be received for this worthy object—especially since the money is destined to relieve mainly the immediate necessities of women and children.

The programme at present arranged includes:—

A La Marseillaise—Stances 1 et 7—

La Compagnie.

1 Piano à quatre mains—"L'Automne" (Chaminade)

Mlles. DILLING, A. Mus., T.C.L., et STUART.

2 Petite Pièce de Théâtre, "Madame reçoit chez elle."

LES COMMENCANTES.

3 Voilon—"Le Cygne" (Saint-Saëns)
Mlle. ANGUS.

4 Récitation—"Georges et Jeanne" (Victor Hugo)

CONNIE DYSON.

5 Piano Solo—"Ballade" (Debussy)
VIOLET COOK.

6 Dialogue—"La Grand-mère" (Ratisbonne)
RUTH THOMAS and ZELIE BRISTOWE.

7 Chants—(a) "Barcarolle"
(b) "Marche des Soldats" (Gounod)
LA CHOEUR.

8 Récitation—"Ce que je veux" (Hugo)
MARGUERITE CLARK.

INTERVALLE.

DEUXIEME PARTIE.

1 Morceau dramatique—"En Omnibus"
DES ELEVES DIFFERENTES.

2 Piano Solo — "Quatrieme Mazurka"
(Godard)

ALMA KENDALL.

3 Violon Solo—"Sous la Feuillée" Thomé)
Mlle. R. ANGUS.

4 Chant—"Ma Normandie"
PEGGY CLARK.

5 Récitation—"Au Téléphone"
PHOEBE TURNER.

6 Duet—"La Cascade" Madrigale)
LA CHOEUR.

7 Récitation—(a) "L'Hirondelle"
(b) "Le coucher du soleil"
OLGA SMITH.

8 Chanson — "Quand tout fut jeune"
(Gounod)
Mlle. A. BRUCE.

CHANT NATIONAL.

By a recent regulation of the Department of Public Instruction lecturettes on personal hygiene are to be given once a term by a medical officer connected with the Department. The introductory one was given during the last week of August by Dr. Mary Edleston, and proved very interesting and valuable. If girls will really practise the hints for health presented to them so clearly, many of the minor ailments so prevalent among the rising generation will become negligible quantities.

Through the courtesy of Signaller Reeves, brother of Olga Reeves, a large number of fine lantern slides have been made available for our pleasure. The subjects include scenes of New Guinea life and incidents in the stay of our Expeditionary Forces there—their journey thither and camp life.

At a nominal charge (proceeds to go to one of the patriotic funds), displays of these have been made available to the girls, who enjoyed them very much. We thank Mr. Hatfield of the Boys' High School staff for his kindness in acting as operator of the lantern.

The Sewing Circles pursue the even tenour of their way each Monday and Thursday after school, and already quite bulky parcels have been despatched to the depots. A majority of the workers decided to devote the results of their industry in this direction monthly to different battalions on the principle of a "fair field and no favor." Flannel shirts contrasting with green net fly veils and knitted socks formed the contents of the packages. First year girls deserve special commendation for their diligence and enthusiasm in this direction.

On Violet Day beautiful bunches of that fragrant flower together with many others were brought to school by various girls, and afterwards despatched to Dr. Mary Booth at the Soldiers' Club, as a contribution towards the day's proceeds.

SPORT.

Fortians took part in the Sports organised in aid of the Servian Relief Fund by the N.S.W. Women's Hockey Association on Saturday, August 21. These were held on Rusheutters' Bay Oval.

A hockey match, Fortians v. Presbyterian Ladies' College, resulted in a win for Fortians by 1-0.

In the 100yds. Schools' Championship, Connie Bacon gained first place, and Edith Murdock second. Special mention should be made of the splendid play of Nancy Wicks as back in the above batch.

The walking tours under Miss Tearle's leadership take place each Wednesday. The objective of one was from Milson's Point to the Suspension Bridge; another was taken from Double Bay to Rusheutter's Bay; and a third from La Perouse to Coogee. During the past month splendid bouquets of native flowers were gathered; the girls, besides noting the native flora, combine the study of the geological formations with the pleasure of their walks.

HOCKEY.

Hockey notes since last published in "Fortian," include reports of matches played during July and August. During the former month no specially noteworthy results are to be recorded. The second eleven lost both matches in which they took part, due to the

superiority of their opponents, not to lack of effort of the individual members.

On only two occasions during that month did the first eleven play up to its full strength, various members being unavoidably absent at different times. It has also been found difficult to secure full attendances at the practice matches on Tuesday afternoons. As good games eventuate on these occasions, members should make the fullest efforts to be present so as to enhance the standard of the combined team. All know the truism that "a chain is only as strong as its weakest link."

Early in the month the return match against Double Bay was played with satisfactory results—a draw being recorded. On all previous occasions the Double Bay team scored a victory over ours. In the match played the same afternoon between Fortians II. and Double Bay II., the latter were successful by 3-1.

In the match played on 4th instant at St. Luke's Park, Burwood, against the Methodist Ladies' College team, the latter defeated our first eleven in a well-contested game by 2-0.

On Saturday 7th, we played Culwulla 2nd XI., and lost by 2-1.

When the 2nd XI. played North Sydney High School, Fortians won by 3-1. C. Bacon and B. Mills scoring for the winners.

The following Wednesday we played both return matches against Witichela at Birchgrove. Witichela won both games. Our 1st XI. lost by 2-1; the girls played excellently in the second half.

At our Annual Sports Meeting the match Old Girls v. Present Girls, resulted in a draw. The game was most interesting but far too short, and we hope to play a proper game with them later in the season.

We were quite satisfied when Hockey won the Clubs' Relay Race on Sports Day. The following Saturday a team was sent to the University Sports' Meeting, and our team gained second place in the relay race. In the afternoon we played Kamaringa at Lync Park, when the match resulted in a draw.

July 28th, Fortians played Methodist Ladies' College at Burwood. It was a great game and though Fortians lost by 5 goals, we all enjoyed it notwithstanding mud and minor details.

In the School Teams' Competitions three groups are taking part: "Patriots," captained

by Nancy Wicks, colours red, white and blue; "Highlanders," with Edna Tunks as captain, tartan badge; and "Kookaburras," captained by Kathleen Hahn, colours blue and silver. Two matches have been played to date, when the Patriots beat Kookaburras by 2-1, and Kookaburras won from the Highlanders by 4-nil.

LACROSSE.

Since previous report of the doings of the Lacrosse Club a Karweens team played a match against a combined team at a Patriotic Carnival held at Manly. This resulted in a victory for our team.

A scratch team also played a non-competition match at North Sydney Oval against members of the North Sydney Girls' High School on Wednesday afternoon 18th August, and resulted in a win for the Fortians.

The final match of the season was played at Birchgrove Oval against a team of Fort-street High School boys, and resulted in a win for the latter, 7-5.

TENNIS.

The girls belonging to the Double Bay section have been rather disappointed of late owing to the uncertainty of the weather on Wednesdays, when the courts have been found too spongy to permit of play. Also various of their members have attended science excursions, and so forfeited their tennis on those afternoons.

Play was resumed on September 1, when Fortians played a friendly match against a team representing the Elizabeth-street High School.

The Birchgrove tennis courts are fully occupied each Wednesday—the first year girls taking a special interest in the game.

The match begun at our Sports' Carnival Meeting will be completed at the first opportunity on the Double Bay Courts. Nance Hunt and Kathleen Irvine will oppose Phoebe Turner and Mai Corbett on that occasion.

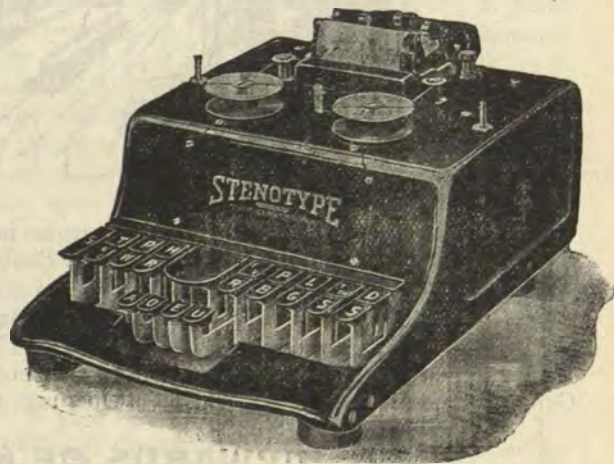
Edgar Booth, B.Sc., a distinguished old boy, has given up his position as Demonstrator in Physics at the University, to take up duty at the front. He is at present the Secretary of the Old Boys' Union. We wish him a safe return.

Round the School.

In 1911, under the command of Major Wynne and Captain (now Major) Parsonage, a large party of cadets visited England on the occasion of the Coronation of His Majesty the King. Of these cadets 37 came from Fort-street. A large framed photograph of our contingent graces the walls of the Main Room. Of these we find that 15 have enlisted for service abroad. Their names are: W. Rose, Thos. Ross, John Lenehan, Chris Wride, D. W. Webber, Eric Hurt (wounded), Llew. Cullen-Ward, Walter Rees, Carl Johnson, B. Gibson (missing), Otto Wolff (wounded), George Draper (missing), C. Furness and J. W. Henry. We shall be pleased to publish any additional information regarding "The Coronation Cadets."

We have had a post card from Cadet Victor Rosenbloom, of H.M.A.S. "Australia," in which he tells us he was present at the sinking of a German supply ship.

We desire to extend our sincerest sympathy to Miss Gombert, whose brother, Lieut. France Gombert, has been killed in action at the Dar-



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danelles.

Another teacher who was on the staff at Fort-street for some years, Capt. A. McKean, has been reported wounded.

It is intended to perpetuate the names of all our old boys who have fallen or joined the ranks, by having a roll of honour upon the walls of the new school. This will take the form of a bronze mural tablet, though it is doubtful whether one will hold all the names we are collecting.

An old Fort-street boy, Dr. Marcus Alexander, has been appointed Acting Medical Superintendent of Sydney.

Four other young medicos, ex-Fortians, Drs. A. J. Collins, who has been assistant Superintendent of Prince Alfred's Hospital, Dr. Wilmot Fenwick, Dr. Idris Morgan and Dr. Norman Zions, have joined the A.A.M.C. for service abroad.

The headmaster has received a postcard from Bert Trafford B Company, 19th Battalion), announcing his safe arrival in Egypt.

Roy Allen has been elected Senior Prefect in place of "Billy" Lyon, now on his way to the front.

Our third year boys spent a few days lately on military duty, a squad being sent to each area office to take a census of all the Senior Cadets, together with their addresses and occupations.

Ten of our old boys are sitting for their final examination in medicine this month, with a view to taking up duty with the A.M.C. if successful. We extend to them all our best wishes for their success.

We beg to acknowledge, from Mr. Edgar Booth, B.Sc., hon. sec. of the O. B. Union, receipt of a cheque for £2/19/4, being payment for "Fortians" supplied to old boys, 1914-15.

Great interest has been manifested during the last week or so in the Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair. Practically every boy and girl in the school paid one or more visits, coming away with lessons never to be forgotten—we hope. Our eyes were well opened to the possibilities which exist for Australian manufactures.

In connection with the University results published in another column, there are several points which we consider eminently worthy of consideration. The first is the very long list

of successful Fort-street old boys. This is particularly noticeable, especially in the First Year Examination in Medicine, where no less than 22 Fortians were successful, nearly a third of the total number of candidates.

In the Fourth Degree Examination Clive Davis succeeded in obtaining Distinction, an achievement on which he deserves congratulation.

John McKee at the Third Degree Examination succeeded in gaining top place and was awarded the John Harris Scholarship for Anatomy and Physiology. This is the second year in succession that a Fort-street boy has gained this honour. Last Year's winner was Guy A. Lawrence.

At the First Year Chemistry Examination, Fort-street old boys topped the lists, Hausman being first with 96 per cent., then came Paling 91, Cutler 90, and Holland 89. Good luck to them.

Botany.—Hunter, 90 per cent., Paling, 85 per cent.

We would like to bring under the notice of our readers the fact that a number of our old boys, promising University undergraduates, have sacrificed their academic careers, at least temporarily, to their desire to serve their country. Among these are Roy Buss, a fifth year medical student, Ponton, Vickers and Bennan. They all deserve special mention.

Another distinguished old boy, Errol Knox, sub-editor of the "Sunday Times," and one of the most promising of the younger generation of Australian journalists, has also abandoned the pen for the sword. He is now a sergeant-major at Liverpool, but is attending a school of instruction with a view to obtaining a lieutenancy.

Winter sports are nearly over, and the devotees of the summer game are busy preparing for swimming, cricket, etc.

In the cricket before the football season, the first eleven were undefeated. Mr. A. Gale looked after the side. I. McLean was the captain. The names of those who represented the school were:—I. McLean, W. Ford, S. Easy, Armstrong, E. Munro, A. Perkins, G. Newman, W. Firth, A. Hopkins, R. Allen, R. Goodman, E. Vandenburg, S. Mankey, A. Edmonds, W. Jacobs.

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TENNIS.

The tennis season has come to a very satisfactory close as far as the A grade is concerned, the competition having resulted in a walk-over win for our A team, which has never yet suffered defeat. The only team which in any way extended us was Parramatta, whom we are anxious to meet again.

Early in the competition we lost the help of Glen who now represents his club in the suburban competitions, but the inclusion of Galbraith in place of Glen was an undoubted accession of strength to the team.

In addition to carrying off the honours for the teams of four, we were also successful in the pairs competition against all high schools. Goodman and Galbraith filling first place, and our other pair second.

Thus in spite of many sarcastic references to "forty-love" the team has done its bit in keeping up the sporting reputation of the school.

SOCCER.

The competition has now ended, with Fort Street as winners of the second grade, and runners-up in the first. Our second team has a right to be proud of its achievements, having won every match. The fine combination displayed, and the brilliant play of some individuals led us to prophesy this result at the beginning of the season.

Our final match against the T.H.S., on the 25th August, was played at the Sports' Ground, and provided a fast and scientific game. On either side half-a-dozen goals were "almost" scored, but our opponents had the good fortune to get one through—the only goal of the match.

The Sport's Committee elected Messrs. Gale,

Roberts and Parsonage as Hon. Cap Sub Committee to recommend those who should receive honor caps for the year ending 31 Dec., 1914. Our Heamaster is of course, ex-officio Chairman. On another page will be found the conditions necessary to obtain one of these.

The Sports' Union Committee unanimously decided to abandon the holding of our Annual Athletic Sports Meeting, and not to compete in the Combined Sports of High Schools.

It may be reasonable to remind readers that the late "Bob" Nalder, who died of pneumonia on his way to active service in Egypt, won the School Cup at our last meeting, Sept., 1914.

Mr. Wm. Roberts is the new Hon. Treas. of the Sports' Union. As he is keenly interested in the physical side of the education of the Fort Street boys, he should prove a worthy successor to the late Mr. S. Cantrell, and Mr. W. A. Selle.

Your first eleven at Rugby carried everything before them this season, not losing a match. They played 10 matches scoring 194

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points against 32. The team was ably captained, first by Wm. Lyon (now on active service), and afterwards by Roy Allen, our new Sports' Prefect. Mr. Parsonage did the coaching for the firsts, Mr. Gale the seconds.

The names of those who represented Fort Street in the side are:—Wm. Lyon, I. McLean, Roy Allen, R. Cloutier, Dal Fayle, Mick Roddy, Jack Allison, K. Gormley, W. Jacobs, C. Serve-topulos, Mick O'Dea, C. Tuckwell, "Stokes" Hughes, McDowall, Harold Meers, O. Mater, "Prince" Turbet (also on active service), S. Paxinos, W. Jolly, E. Bennett, McCoy. The second Rugby eleven, captained by W. Jacobs, also won their competition.

A new cricket competition commences now, with the correct cricket season, it having been proved that the innovation introduced two years ago, not being a success, the football season coming in the middle of the competition destroying interest.

Our baseball nine were also undefeated during the winter. They played 8 matches, scoring 142 runs against 33. They were ably led by Wm. Ford, also a member of the Waverley A grade champion team (two seasons). Other members who represented, were:—George Saunders, Sid Easy, E. Munro, A. Hopkins, A. Perkins, W. Firth, J. Searle, Alan Hart, E. Arnold, F. Kallmeyer, D. Mitchell and W. York.

Great success attended the efforts of our tennis advocates. They won the High Schools' competition represented by N. Goodman and Galbraith, K. Burnett and W. Warland. These also won the All High Schools' Championship.

The rifle club are doing well under the guiding hand of Lt. R. Taylor. Lt. W. Porter also assisted.

The names of the cadets in the A team are: A. H. Crakanthorp, E. E. Grant, M. Woodbridge, S. Harper, H. Myers, H. Hewitt, T. Dexter, A. E. Saxton, T. Latham and E. Buckland (which is subject to alteration).

The miniature range in our school grounds is "rusting out." Cannot some energetic platoon or section leader arrange some competition on same? We have plenty of ammunition and rifles, and it would vary your parades muchly.

The boys who do the swimming rolls of the classes on Wednesday mornings, are asked to come for same promptly at 9 a.m., so that the

school lists may be completed to time. Prefects are also wanted to help teachers check same on going into the baths.

Notification is given that our 100yds., 220yds., 440yds., 880yds., Mile Championships, Pole Vault, Broad Jump, High Jump events will be run some Wednesday after Vacation. Intending competitors should note. Certificates will be issued to the successful entrants.

The life-saving classes will be in full swing shortly. Intending members should make up their minds immediately which certificate they will compete for.

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).

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Our Heroes.

PRIVATE ASHBURY C. GREATHEAD.

Private Ashbury C. Greathead (wounded) is a son of Mr. Robert Greathead, of College-street, Drummoyne. He is 17½ years of age, and received his education at Fort Street High School. Previous to his enlistment he was attached to the Annandale training area as a lieutenant. An elder brother, Private William E. Greathead, another old boy of Fort Street, is also at the front, having enlisted in August, 1914, with the 1st Infantry Brigade, and is 21 years of age.

LIEUT. A. M. D. BLAYDES.

Second-Lieutenant Andrew M. D. Blaydes (killed) was the eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Blaydes, of Kingswood, New South Wales, and was an old Fort Street boy. He joined the 3rd Battalion of the 1st Infantry Brigade at its inception, as color-sergeant, served as quartermaster sergeant in Egypt, and company sergeant-major at the Dardanelles, and was promoted to second lieutenant on the battlefield. Lieutenant Blaydes was a keen soldier and a successful rifle shot. A brother is now in camp at Liverpool.

PRIVATE W. G. WESTCOTT.

Private Wilfred George Westcott (missing) is 23 years of age, and youngest son of Mr.

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George H. Westcott, manager of the Town Hall branch of the City Bank of Sydney. He was educated at Fort Street, and was on the staff of Messrs. Schute, Bell and Co. when he joined the 18th Battalion.



PRIVATE ALDRITT.

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Mr. F. K. N. Alldritt, of Kensington, has been notified that his second son, Bruce Northey, aged 19, has been wounded. He was educated at Fort Street, and later at Hurlstone Agricultural College. His eldest brother, Francis Ralph Alldritt, 1st Light Horse, another Fort Street old boy, was killed in action on May 19, and his other brother, Bugler Robert Gregory, is now at the front.

PRIVATE WAINWRIGHT.

Private H. A. D. Wainwright (wounded), of the 4th Battalion, is the son of Mr. E. A. C. Wainwright, of the Department of Agriculture, and of Bingara, Bondi. He enlisted in August, 1914, and left with the First Expeditionary Force in October last. He took part in the first landing at Gallipoli on April 25. He was in hospital at Cairo for three weeks in May suffering from the effects of a shell explosion and rheumatism, caused by lying out unconscious for 10 hours on a cold, wet night. He returned to the front on June 1. Private Wainwright is a member of the Bondi Surf Bathers'

Life-saving Club, and was employed previous to enlisting in the Government Savings Bank, Moore-street. He is an old Fort Street boy, and is 23 years of age.

PRIVATE L. S. BENTLEY.

Private L. S. Bentley (died of wounds) was 17 years of age, and son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bentley, of "Deynabba," Addison-road, Marrickville, late of Tenterfield. He was educated at Tenterfield Public School, and afterwards at Fort Street. Two brothers are now in camp at Liverpool.

SERGEANT D. M. WILLIAMSON.

Sergt. D. M. Williamson (killed in action) was the third son of Mr. David Williamson, of George-street, Redfern, and was 21 years of age. He was educated at Fort Street, where he gained distinction, and until just prior to enlisting he was on the staff of the A.M.P. Society.



PRIVATE WILLIAM BLAIR.

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Private William Blair, 17th Battalion, wounded on August 27, is the only son of Mr. R. J. Blair, of Lillian-street, Campsie—he is 19 years of age, and received his education at Fort Street High School. Previous to enlistment he was employed in the North Coast Steamship Company.

PRIVATE PAUL H. TRIMBLE.

Private Paul H. Trimble, of Broadgate, who was reported as being dangerously wounded, is now making good progress, according to a private cable received by his father from the matron of the hospital at Malta. He is in B Company of the 1st Battalion of the 1st Brigade, and had been in the trenches since last May. He was educated at Fort Street.

**CORPORAL J. C. C. THOMSON.**

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Corporal J. C. Cecil Thomson, D Company, 18th Battalion, who left Sydney on June 25 last, has been officially reported missing. He is 21 years of age, and is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomson, late of North Sydney, and now residing at Victoria-avenue, Chatswood. At the time of enlistment he was a clerk in the head office of the Bank of New South Wales, and was a sergeant in the citizen forces at North Sydney. Corporal Thomson received his education at Fort Street, where he passed his junior examination.

PRIVATE S. T. MATCHETT.

Private Sydney Thomas Matchett, 18th Battalion (wounded), is 19 years of age, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matchett, of 49 Edge-

cliffe-road, Woollahra. He was educated at Fort Street, and was formerly a corporal in the cadets. Private Matchett was well known in various parts of the State, particularly at Jindera. A cousin, Private Harry Matchett, was killed in the first landing.

SERGEANT FEEK.

Sergeant F. W. Feek (severely wounded) is the second son of Mr. G. W. Feek, Tryon-road, Lindfield. He completed his education at Fort Street, and entered the office of the Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Co. For three years prior to enlistment he was in the employ of the Government Savings Bank, Darlinghurst branch. Formerly he was a member of the Killara and Chatswood football clubs.

**LIEUT. LEONARD MARJASON.**

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Lieut. L. Marjason (missing since August 27) is 21 years of age, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Marjason, of "Lincolnshire," The Avenue, Hurstville. He is an old Fort Street boy, and was formerly a sectional manager at Lowes, Ltd. Prior to enlisting he held a commission in the East Sydney 24th Infantry Regiment, obtaining his second star in his 21st year.

ROLAND GEORGE ROGERS.

Roland George Rogers (killed in action) was only 24 years of age, and was the son of Mr. Thos. Rogers of Chatswood. He was educated first at Chatswood and later at Fort Street. After leaving here he entered the office of Messrs. David Fell & Co., and in 1912 was successful in passing his final examination as Accountant and Auditor. Another brother, Harry, has been at the front with the 6th Light Horse since the beginning of the operations in Gallipoli.



CORPORAL S. G. HENDERSON.

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Mrs. James Henderson, of Edward-street, North Sydney, has received word that her son, Corporal Sydney Gordon Henderson, had died of enteric on September 21. Corporal Henderson enlisted at the first call for volunteers, and saw considerable service, being incapacitated twice, only to return to the firing line as soon as he was able to do so. A month before his death he sent home a bullet which had been extracted from a wound he had received, telling his mother to keep it as a memento "until I come home." He was an old Fort Street school-boy, and a well-known Rugby Union footballer,

having represented the North Sydney Club as full-back. His brother, Mr. J. R. Henderson, is the chairman of the Rugby Union Council, Corporal Henderson was a nephew of Captain William Henderson, of Turner and Henderson, Ltd.



TRUMPETER BURNIE JOHNSON.

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Trumpeter Burnie Johnson, 6th Light Horse (reported ill and in hospital at London) is the eldest son of Mr. J. A. Johnson, of Martin-place, city, and 19 years of age. Private Johnson was educated at Fort Street, and was at one time the youngest member of the Royal Life Saving Society. During the voyage to Egypt he took part in a boxing tournament, and was runner-up in the 10st. division.



H. WULF (twice wounded).

PRIVATE H. G. HUGHES.

Private Harold Gwynne Hughes (died of wounds) was the second son of Mrs. E. H. Hughes, Victoria-avenue, Chatswood, and was an old Fort Street boy. After leaving school he was for several years in Dalgety's, and then went on the land in the western district. He left Sydney in June last with the reinforcements for the 18th Battalion.



Pte. L. E. A. M. La Falaise—Randwick.
(Killed.)

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War Notes.

At the beginning of this year the University of Sydney awarded three travelling Fellowships under the Walter and Eliza Hall bequests, each being of the value of £300 per annum for three years, together with £200 for equipment. Three old Fort Street boys were the winners of all three, Dr. Archie Collins gaining that for Medicine, William Hindmarsh, B.V.Sc., that for Veterinary Science, and Harry Stephen, B. Agr. Sc., that for Agricultural Science. Putting their duty to their country ahead of their own personal advancement, each of these three has temporarily given up his

Fellowship, and enlisted for active service abroad. Their example is one worth following.

We have received a note from Sergt. Eric Astridge, dated the day before his departure from Egypt to Gallipoli, also one from Capt. Idris Morgan, A.M.C., who has gone to No. 2 General Hospital, Gezireh, Egypt.

We are publishing this month two letters from old Fortians on active service which will interest our readers.

An artillery staff officer writes thus of the death of his brother, Lieut. Cunningham, of Chatswood, and of his own sensational experiences:—

"I have just got news of poor R.'s passing. One of our officers who was down at this end reported that R. was in command of a section of the line, and was killed instantaneously early one morning. I parted from him on the northern beach when I left on May 3, and had not heard anything of him in the interval. It is hard to get particulars, for nearly all the original officers of the battalion have been knocked out.

"According to the statement of his orderly, Lieut. Cunningham, after the repulse of an attack on May 19, climbed the parapet of the trench to get a clear view of the front, and having ordered his men to bring the bombs and give the Turks beans was stepping down when he was shot in the left side, and fell without a word into the arms of two of the soldiers.

"You folk simply have no idea what a tremendous undertaking we have been up against. The wonder is that any of us are alive, for the hail of lead and steel that we endured during the first month was simply awful, and we who have come through have had hairbreadth escapes time after time. I have been extraordinarily lucky so far, and have not been scratched, nor have I been a day off since I joined up. Have had papers knocked out of my hand by a bullet; periscopes smashed to pieces whilst I have been looking through them; missed 4-inch and 6-inch shells by feet; have been buried three times in the trenches by shell fire; and once got a couple of very dead Turks hurled all over me in a trench which had just been captured.

"Brother Turk has an unpleasant habit of burying his dead in the front and rear para-

pets. They may stop bullets, but they are a dashed nuisance when we come to take over the parapet and improve things generally. Together with electric mines they bury a few underfoot. It is particularly lively to have to locate trouble which has beaten my linesmen when an attack is on, generally about 2 a.m. When I was having my bath this morning a splinter from a shell came into the tub.

"I have just seen a scrap between one of our planes and a Taube. A crowd of us was watching the fight, when a shrapnel burst about 100 yards in front, but no one was hit.

"Though R's death is a big sacrifice for our small family circle, many have suffered to a very much greater extent, and we who are here are only too thankful that those dear to us are so far removed from the scenes of this frightfulness. I have had first-hand information regarding European invasions. I have seen a battlefield second to none in the world, and I feel proud that my brother gave his life trying to stop the fiendish struggle for power to commit excesses without restraint. It is hard luck for one of his age and promise to finish his career at this stage, but he did his duty nobly, passed away in a man's way—the very best way; with his boots on, fighting for his country; and his seniors remember him as an efficient officer."

No less than four old Fort Street boys of one family, the brothers Small, have enlisted for active service. They are Engineer William Small, Lieut. A. Small, Pte. Leslie Small, and Pte. Charles G. Small.

Engineer William Small is on a transport somewhere in the Mediterranean. He has had several exciting experiences. On one occasion a couple of bombs from an enemy aeroplane were dropped near his ship; while on another an enemy submarine was sighted, but dived on the approach of some British destroyers.

Another family who are doing more than their share of the fighting are the Selmes, three being on active service, and all in the trenches at present. They are Lieut. J. C. Selmes (2nd Battery 1st F.A., Cape Hellas, Gallipoli), whose name will be found on the Honour Board for 1893 Juniors, Acting Bombardier A. G. Selmes (3rd Battery 1st F.A.), and Sergt. H. S. Selmes (13th Infantry).

Our lists this month contain the names of 38

old Fort Street boys who have given their lives for their country.

An old boy, James Judd, who for many years has been in the employment of the Pacific Cable Company as an operator, was at Fanning Island when the German cruiser "Nurnberg" visited that place, blowing up the machinery and cutting the cable. He had a very exciting time.

The following letter has been received by the Headmaster from Trooper Frank Coffill, dated 12/8/15, from the Dardanelles:—

"In glancing through a stray copy of the 'Sunday Times' dated 20/6/15, with which I was whiling away a few spare moments while in the trenches, I chanced to see your appeal to anyone able to add to the list of old boys to do so. I attended Fort Street when it was the Model Public School, in charge of Mr. Turner, about fifteen years ago. I left school early and went to Queensland, where I remained till the outbreak of war, when I joined the Queensland Regiment that went to Maadi. After leaving Enoggera, where we did most of our training, we then went to Liverpool, where we stayed a few days and then embarked for Egypt, where we had further training. There being no early prospect of fighting for mounted men, we volunteered as dismounted infantry till such time as mounted men are required. We landed here about a month after the Australians had effected such a brilliant landing. We have already seen three months of active service in the trenches, and our brigade has suffered like all the others. This may be called a novel life, for it has its bright side. We live in dug-outs (when out of the trenches), and at first sight, especially when the Turkish shells are bursting, to see the men disappearing into their dug-outs is very amusing, and reminds one of a huge rabbit warren. Our position is growing in strength day by day, although the Turks are putting up a great resistance. Of the many prisoners we have taken, they appear to be well fed, but very poorly clad, and on no account can they be induced to try to escape back to their own lines. They say the German officers force them to fight. Wishing the Fort Street School a fine record of success, I remain, an old pupil, TROOPER FRANK COFFILL."

Harold Thorne, B.Sc., a Fort Street old boy now at Trinity College, Cambridge, and brother of Lieut. Alan Thorne (Duntroon College) who was killed at Gallipoli, has written to Mr. Kilgour. From his letter we take the following:—

“The Duntroon men have suffered very heavily; 57 have obtained commissions, and 36 have been killed or wounded, although the whole of them have not reached the front.

“Owing to the war the undergrads at Trinity have dropped from 670 to 100. In the first term 250 were up, in second 125, and in third 100, the rest of the colleges are in the same condition.

“Owing to these low numbers I am living in College. Trinity consists of five courts, of which the largest is Great Court. It covers two acres of land, and is the largest quadrangle in the world. The entrance is by means of a huge gate erected in 1535; in the front of this gate is a statue of Henry VIII., and beneath him are the six shields with arms of Edward the Third's sons. “The oldest part of Trinity is called King's Hostel, and was built in 1377. The entrance to this part is underneath a clock tower with a statue of Edward I. The rest of the court was built about 1597, and in the centre is a fountain which is continually running, erected in 1602. Great Court with its beautiful green lawns and old stained buildings makes a beautiful picture, and I am very lucky to have rooms in this court. The chapel was built by Queens Mary and Elizabeth, and is very plain. In the ante-chapel are fine statues of Newton, Bacon, Barrow, Lowell, Macaulay and Tennyson.

“The statue of Newton is the celebrated one which Wordsworth referred to in the following lines:

“Of Newton, with his prism and silent face,
The marble index of a mind for ever

Voyaging through strange seas of thought,
alone.

“I am very sick of the English climate; after the wettest winter for 100 years we had May and June dry, but since we have had showers nearly every day. The days in winter are remarkably short, the sun setting about 4 o'clock, but in the summer it is light till 10 p.m.

“In my Christmas vacation I went to London and had a good look around. I saw West-

minster Abbey, St. Paul's, British Museum, Tower of London, and many other interesting places, but it rained ten days out of twelve!

“During the Easter vacation I rode on my bike to Oxford, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, and back to Exeter, thence to Winchester, Windsor and Cambridge. I covered 560 miles in 9½ days, and had a very interesting time. At Winchester I saw the fine cathedral and a magnificent statue of Alfred the Great.

“During the first week in July I went north, seeing the cathedrals at Peterborough, Lincoln, York, and abbeys at Selby and Ripon. Under Ripon Abbey is a chamber, the sole relic of an Anglo-Saxon church built there in 650 A.D. by Scottish monks. At Bamaek I saw an Anglo-Saxon church tower; it was very solidly built, and very roughly finished off.

“Next week I am leaving for the Lake country. The roads are very fine in England, and with the cool climate it is easy to average 60 miles a day. I have seen a good deal of England, and should have a good knowledge of the country before I return.

“I received a letter from D. Stafford a few months ago; he is on the H.M.S. ‘Sydney,’ and I believe the ship is at present at the Dardanelles.”

The following letter has been received by Mr. W. J. Edwards, Melscotte-avenue, Chatswood, from his son, Sergeant Major C. W. Edwards, of the 1st Australian Light Horse, dated August 13:—

“Suppose you want to know all about the charge our regiment made. Well, here it is as best I am able to tell you. On Saturday, August 8, at 2 a.m., we received orders to put on all gear and accoutrements, including the grand old bully beef and those delightful afternoon biscuits, a little tea, sugar, and ox soup tablets. At 2.15 a.m. orders were given that we were to start the walk or run at about 3 a.m. to 3.40 a.m. All were waiting for the artillery on our side to bombard the enemy out of his home, and all were eager to be let loose. Luckily, we did not have to wait many minutes—when what a roar of earth-tearing sounds—our artillery had opened fire. They just poured lyddite and shrapnel into the Turks and German officers, and no doubt did enormous damage.

“As soon as the guns ceased firing, we with-

drew from our front firing trench and filled up a gully called No Man's Land Gully, and then formed into line, and were soon at it against our enemy. From both flanks and from the centre of the enemy's lines we were subjected to very heavy machine gun fire. When our orders were issued earlier in the morning we were instructed to use the bayonet to its fullest extent. When the machine guns opened on us they did awful damage, consequently we had to seek as much cover as possible. And what cover we did have we were continually bombed from. The roar from the shells and bombs was terrible—in fact, we became deaf and nearly dumb. The moans of the wounded! Well, let them speak for themselves. After passing across two evacuated Turkish trenches I sought my little cover.

"However, a confounded machine gun soon caught me under the right shoulder blade with two shots. Needless to say my rifle and bayonet went clean out of my hands about five yards away. Putting my hand on the wound to see if I was badly hurt, I came to the conclusion I could go on a little longer, and crawled to my friend the rifle and had just picked it up when I thought I was kicked by about 20 horses at once. I was again hit through the left ear, and another in the neck, the bullet coming out through the top of my head. This stunned me for a considerable time, and I fell from 30 to 40 feet down a hill into an empty trench, and was hung up by my puttee strings. They were not yet finished with me, as a bomb landed not ten yards away and burst, and God only knows how I was spared and not hit. I thought it was about time to give in, and later, after a walk of about a mile, I came to a dressing station, and was soon attended to. Later, I was sent down to the clearing station at the beach (two miles away), and was subjected to many inquiries as to my name, number, regiment, wounds, next-of-kin, and many other questions.

"From the clearing station I was put aboard a lighter with many more unfortunate fellows—a steam pinnace then tied on, and was about to tow us to the hospital ship, when all of a sudden a terrible sound, only known to those who have seen fighting, a terrible hiss, and then a mass of falling lead and shrapnell, or shell—the German artillery from Achi Baba, seven

miles away, were shelling us. The first shell went clean through the bottom of the lighter, and seven went about a yard over us and exploded in the water—no time for examination. We were shoved off and soon began to sink in mid-ocean. You can guess how we felt, wounded and helpless in a sinking condition. Luckily for us, a trawler came quickly, and embarked us just as the lighter sank. The trawler soon had us aboard a splendid hospital ship, and we had some tea and eatables. After several hours waiting we were transferred to a trawler and taken to the island of Cimbro, and put on board the Cunard liner *Ascania*, a hospital transport.

"We left on Saturday night for Lemnos Island, and on Sunday at daybreak left for Alexandria. Just the ordinary sea trip, only aching wounds, deaths, and agony. Arrived at Alexandria Wednesday, about 11 a.m., and were put ashore into a Red Crescent (Egyptian) train and sent to Heliopolis Palace Hospital, where we were dressed, had a good feed, and slept soundly during the night.

"On Thursday I was removed to Luna Park and slept well last night. I hope I have given you some idea of the show, and hope you are not thinking I am battered about. Of course the wounds are painful, but I shall soon be O.K."

Several wounded Fortians have returned to Sydney. Among them is Corporal Herbert L. Broadbent, whose brother is at present in 4A. "Bert." Broadbent on the 10th of May last received a shot in the shoulder, which was badly shattered. He partially recovered in Egypt, but septic poisoning set in and he is now very seriously ill in Randwick General Hospital. Though he has been five months in hospital, we sincerely hope to see him about again before long.

Private Stanley Tindal, an ex-Fortian whose people reside at Hunter's Hill, was among those who effected the first landing in Gallipoli. According to latest reports he is still safe and sound.

We desire to express our sympathy with Edwin Price (First Year) whose father, Corporal A. Price, has been killed at the Dardanelles.

Roll of Honor.

Below we give the names of all those Old Fortians who, as far as we have been able to ascertain, have fallen or been wounded in Gallipoli to the date of this issue. We shall be grateful if those who can will send us additional or corrected information:

KILLED IN ACTION.

Pte. H. F. Aldritt.
 Trp. Carl Adelt.
 Corp. C. F. R. Bosward.
 Signaller John W. Best.
 Lieut. A. M. D. Blaydes.
 Pte. E. H. Cheal.
 Lieut. E. R. Cotterill.
 Lieut. R. K. Cunningham.
 Pte. F. K. Dickson.
 Lance-Corp. C. Holland.
 Sergt. G. T. Hill.
 Pte. Claude Hansen.
 Pte. A. T. Johnston.
 Trp. W. J. C. Kidman.
 Pte. A. La Falaise.
 Pte. W. L. McKay.
 Pte. J. W. McKenzie.
 Pte. Ralph Noake.
 Pte. A. Patrick.
 Sergt. G. R. Rogers.
 Pte. H. L. U. Reid.
 Pte. J. D. Reynolds.
 Corp. H. F. Swinburne.
 Sergt. Aubrey W. Shoebridge.
 Lieut. Alan Thorne.
 Sergt. D. M. Williamson.
 Sergt. B. Wardrop.
 Lieut. H. E. Williams.

MISSING.

Sergt. F. A. Bramley.
 Sergt. H. A. Charlton.
 Sergt. Geo. Draper.
 Corp. J. Cecil Thompson.
 Sergt. Bruce Gibson.
 Pte. W. G. Westcott.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Corp. Lionel Bentley.
 Pte. Harold G. Hughes.
 Pte. J. P. King.
 Major A. G. McGuire.
 Pte John Sheridan.

DIED OF ILLNESS.

Pte. Frank Bauer.
 Pte. N. C. Hobden.
 Corp. S. G. Henderson (enteric following on wounds).
 Sergt. R. A. Nalder.

WOUNDED.

Pte. N. B. Alldritt.
 Lieut. D. R. Brown (twice).
 Pte. F. B. Barker.
 Pte. G. E. Bramley.
 Pte. L. H. Barrington.
 Sergt. H. L. Broadbent.
 Pte. Harley Cohen.
 Corp. Cleve Edmonds.
 Sergt. E. W. Edwards.
 Corp. Alan S. Edwards.
 Lieut. Gerard Foote (dangerously).
 Pte. A. D. Fraser.
 Capt. A. L. Fitzpatrick (twice).
 Sergt. F. W. Feek.
 Pte. A. Houston.
 Pte. R. H. Henwood.
 Pte. Frank Holmes.
 Sergt. Ashbury Greathead.
 Pte. G. Irwin.
 Corp. J. L. Kilminster.
 Sergt. A. McKenzie.
 Pte. T. S. Matchett.
 Pte. W. O'Brien (and dangerously ill).
 Lieut. E. A. Olding.
 Pte. A. Pierce.
 Lieut. H. R. Pritchard.
 Corp. B. C. Rose.
 Corp. J. Richardson.
 Corp. R. Swinburne.
 Pte. J. R. Struthers.
 Pte. E. G. Sedgwick.
 Corp. J. W. Sherring.
 Corp. Paul Trimble.
 Pte. H. G. Tedder.
 Pte. Chas. Thompson.
 L-Corp. O. L. J. Wolfe.
 Pte. Herman Wulf (twice).
 Lieut. C. O. H. White (twice).
 Pte. H. A. D. Wainwright.
 Pte. Harold Wilkinson.

ILL IN HOSPITAL.

Sergt. Eric Hurt.
 Bugler B. Johnson.
 Sergt. Bert Lyon.

New names added this month to those enlisted or on active service:—

Pte. Arthur Ackland.
 Corp. Jessel Alexander.
 Corp. C. D. Adamson.
 Driver L. H. Barry.
 Pte. Rupert Banfield.
 Pte. Walter Baylis.
 Pte. A. Bondietti.
 Driver R. H. Beilby.
 Driver Wm. Buckle.
 Pte. Frank Boone.
 Sapper A. Bird.
 Pte. E. R. Chapman.
 Pte. Alan Cameron.
 Pte. N. V. Coxon, A.M.C.
 Trooper Frank Coffill.
 Pte. Athol Cochrane.
 Pte. Harold Cartwright.
 Pte. Robt. Davis.
 Pte. Stanley Davis.
 Gunner Frank Davis.
 Pte. H. Deane.
 Pte. A. Fry.
 Pte. Frank Green.
 Pte. W. Hall.
 Pte. Percy Hansen.
 Pte. Arthur Hansen.
 Staff-Sergt. Dispenser Jack Hoking, A.M.C.
 Pte. R. F. Hill-Adams.
 Capt. William Hindmarsh.
 Pte. C. R. Hardman.
 Corp. N. S. Hollis.
 Pte. Stanley Holmes.
 Pte. Roy Hawthorne.
 Sergt. Stanley Israel.
 Pte. Eric Johnston, R.A.E.
 Pte. William Johnston.
 Engineer E. H. Lucas, Transport C4.
 Aviator Mechanic A. W. Lucas.
 Pte. Eric G. Leask.
 Pte. H. Linton.
 Capt. A. M. Langan, A.M.C.
 Pte. Lindsay Lavers.
 Pte. George Martin.
 Pte. Frank Molony, A.M.C.
 Lieut. D. G. Marks.
 Pte. Lawrance Nutter.
 Lieut. R. C. Osborne.
 Pte. Clive Pickup.
 Corp. Jas. Powell.
 Sapper Fredk. S. Sainty.

Driver Eric Steele.
 Lieut. W. Stafford.
 Corp. L. N. Stafford.
 Lieut. Harry Stephens.
 Lieut. J. C. Selmes.
 Act. Bdr. A. G. Selmes.
 Sergt. H. E. Selmes.
 Lieut. O. L. J. Steele.
 Pte. A. Lenoy Swan.
 Pte. Chas. E. Small.
 Corp. Stanley Tindal.
 Sergt. W. Treloar.
 Pte. L. Wynne.
 Sapper T. Wilkie.
 Pte. Alfred Witcombe.
 Pte. Donald Walker.
 Pte. Wm. Young.
 Pte. Reginald J. Young.

University Exams.

ADDITIONAL RESULTS.

In addition to the results of University examinations published last month we have to record the following successes of old boys, to whom we offer our hearty congratulations.

Faculty of Medicine.—Final Degree Exam. (M.B. et ChM.) Pass: C. W. Bray, C. O. Hellstrom, J. G. Hunter, B.Sc., A. M. Langan, C. W. W. Murray, C. M. Samson. (Of these it is interesting to note that both Dr Bray and Dr. Langan were at one time captains of Fort Street.)

Fourth Degree Examination.—High Distinction and second place in order of merit: Clive I. Davis (erroneously reported in last month's "Fortian" as "Distinction").

Matena Medica and Therapeutics: Pass, V. F. O'Neill.

Third Degree Examination.—Credit: F. H. Wallace (omitted from last issue).

First Year Exam. Pass: A. J. Stobo (Distinction in Botany).

Department of Engineering.—3rd Year Exam. Pass: J. B. Degotardi, Angelo Lewis.

2nd. Year Exam.: R. F. Hill-Adams, A. R. Sims.

1st Year Exam.: L. J. Price, G. Stafford, C. J. Watt.

Faculty of Arts.—2nd Year Exam. Pass: G. L. Kennedy.

3rd Year Exam. Pass (B.A.): R. M. Sinclair.

Girls' High School.

Of the school happenings of the last week of Michaelmas term interest in the concert on behalf of the French-Australian League's Loaf Fund, took premier place. The success of the function exceeded all expectations. The receipt of enough money to buy five hundred loaves was considered an ambitious effort, but the actual result was more than gratifying—£10 0s. 8d., representing 602 loaves, was the amount received, and as there were no expenses, the whole sum was available for this worthy charity.

As to the actual performance, which all found most enjoyable, very slight improvements and additions were made to the programme published in last month's issue of the "Fortian."

It would be invidious to single out for special praise any of the girls, where each one did so very well whatever fell to her lot. However, one word of acknowledgment of merit is due to Irene Kelly, who, at the eleventh hour (that is to say, on the day preceding the actual matinee musicale) undertook to perform an item allotted to her friend, Phoebe Turner, which the latter was obliged to forfeit owing to ill-health. This was a lengthy French recitation, and was more than creditably performed. We congratulate Irene on her achievement. Miss Bruce's singing, Miss Dilling at the piano and the violin playing of Miss Angus gave the greatest pleasure. Our French visitors included Mdlle. Soubeiran (organiser of the Loaf Fund), Madame Playoust, M. Chayet (Consul-General for France), Mm. Aucher and Boivin, all of whom expressed their gratification and pleasure.

Mdlle. Soubeiran, Mm. Chayet and Aucher addressed the audience in very congratulatory terms, and expressed their willingness to come on any future occasion to the school to address the students in French.

A pleasant feature during the interval between the two parts of the programme was the presentation by Miss Partridge to Mademoiselle Soubeiran, through the Consul, of the amount resulting from the entertainment, while a pretty item was the gift of a beautiful bunch of flowers to Mdlle. Soubeiran and tricolor

buttonholes to her compatriots. The visitors were subsequently entertained at afternoon tea.

A eulogistic notice of the performance appeared in the following number of the "Courier Australien."

A surprise visit was paid to the school on the first Thursday afternoon of this term by Mr. Board, Director of Education, and M. Verbruggen, principal of the recently established Conservatorium of Music. The latter inspected some of the examination papers in theory of music from our fourth year candidates, and then gave a short oral test to our assembled students in music. Subsequently the Glee Club sang the "Barcarolle," the Soldiers' Chorus from "Faust," the "Brabanconne" (as a special compliment to the Belgian visitor), and the National Anthem.

Among the published results of University examinations we note the following names of ex-Fortians:—

PHYSICS I.: Poppy Brooks, Leila Quigley, Elsie Webb.

In CHEMISTRY I. the same three candidates

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were again successful.

The members of the Old Girls' Union have met regularly to carry on their sewing circles for the troops, and a satisfactory amount of work has been accomplished. The special objectives of the parcels of clothing for September were the Seventh Light Horse, the 17th Battalion and the War Chest. Letters of warm appreciation were received by Miss Spencer from the various honorary secretaries.

It has been suggested that a party of members of this Union form themselves into an entertainment committee to give pleasure to country soldiers. A concert and tea party is being arranged for the first Saturday in November at the Liverpool encampment.

SCIENCE NOTES.

Mr. Inspector Smith has kindly presented to the Girls' Department a most interesting and valuable collection of minerals, rocks and fossils for the use of the students. The gift is most welcome, and we tender him our best thanks.

Mr. R. T. Baker, of the Technological Museum and Technical College, is also deserving of our thanks for a number of charts for use in the study of Botany, and also for the frequent loans of slides for microscope use.

We regret to announce the transfer of Miss Gallagher, B.A. (who has been Assistant English Mistress since the beginning of the year), to the Newcastle High School. We wish her every success in her new sphere of work.

During the last week of the quarter an appeal for clothing—both new and worn—met with a good response from the girls, and several large parcels were sent to the French-Australian League of Helpers for the French orphans. With these were forwarded French letters written by first year girls—some intended for French children, and others addressed to wounded French soldiers. Replies to these will be awaited with much interest.

There has been no break in the continuity of the sewing circles for war purposes, held every Monday and Thursday afternoon. First-year girls, with their energetic representative, still manifest the keenest enthusiasm. We should be very pleased to see more third-year girls regularly attending these circles. During this month the girls are knitting socks, mufflers

and Balaclavas for their own friends and relatives in the ranks, and are also making shirts for members of the 17th Infantry Battalion and the 12th Light Horse Regiment. Upwards of fifty shirts have already been sent to the depots, and gratefully acknowledged.

“AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES AND THEIR IMPORTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.”

The Chamber of Commerce offered a prize of a gold medal to the writer of the best essay on the above subject. The competition was open to the pupils of the High Schools. We offer our congratulations to May Bourne, a member of IILC Class, who was successful in gaining the gold medal, and regret that we are unable to publish the prize essay in the “Fortian” at present.

TRADE FAIR.

Much interest was taken by the girls in the Trade Fair, held at the Sydney Ferries' Depot, Circular Quay, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. Most of the girls visited the exhibition and spent a really pleasant and instructive time there; the envelope-making machine, the “rustnorstain” knives, the products of the grass-tree and the Australian-made woollen and leather goods particularly attracting their attention. They all left the exhibition with the firm intention of not buying goods of enemy origin, and of supporting their own industries by the purchase of Australian-made articles.

HOCKEY.

The last match of the season was played against the Old Girls', resulting in a win for Present Girls, 8—2. E. Tunks and C. Bacon scoring for Present Girls. The Old Girls were handicapped by playing three short of the full complement. The inter-team competition of Fortians resulted in “Patriots” coming first. Owing to the number of inter-school matches the competition had to be curtailed. The points gained were as follows:—Patriots, 4; Kookaburras, 2; and Highlanders, 0.

SWIMMING.

The swimming season opened auspiciously in September, when a company of girls under the

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supervision of Miss Maloney went to the Domain Baths. The Coogee Baths will be the main resort, but as these are somewhat small when the majority of our girls wish to take part in this branch of sport at one and the same time, the Balmain Baths will also be utilised.

The use of the latter will be conditional on the number of intending swimmers, and will naturally be made available preferably to girls who live in that suburb, or in the vicinity. As capable swimmers among the staff will accompany the girls to the various baths, every pupil will have equal opportunity of becoming proficient.

TENNIS.

A meeting was held recently to decide on a new club for Double Bay, as the winter sports are now over.

P. Turner and N. Hunt were re-elected as secretary and treasurer respectively, with a committee of four girls to arrange the courts for the players.

The girls are looking forward to the return match with Elizabeth Street. It is to be hoped that the girls had a good practice in "forty love" during the holidays.

Great enthusiasm is displayed by the younger girls in practising tennis at Birchgrove, so that later on they will be able to compete with more experienced players at Double Bay.

Round the School.

Owing to the removal of Mr. J. W. Cornforth, B.A., who has taken up permanent work on the staff of Military Censors, the Department has appointed Mr. G. A. Lundie, M.A., to the classical staff. We extend a hearty welcome to him.

The Last Lap! The bell has already rung for the last lap of the race for which Second and Fourth Year students have entered. Now is the time to commence the sprint, which must be made by everyone, if he wishes to get a place in the final.

Major A. W. Parsonage has been appointed to the Instructional Staff at Warwick Farm. His position as Secretary of the Sports' Union has been filled by the election of Mr. J. V. Gallagher.

In addition to the names of the Coronation Cadets given in August issue, Cadets L. Wynne and W. Young have enlisted for active service.

Roy Wooller, our ex-third year student, left by a troopship for the front on the 8th instant, and was farewelled by all his third-year comrades. A few days prior to his departure he paid a "good-bye" visit to the school.

Drs. Cedric Murray and Charles W. Bray, two old Fortians, who recently obtained their medical degrees, have been sent on active service to Rabaul, New Guinea.

Mr. E. M. Wellisch, M.A., an old Fort-street boy, and a graduate of the University of Sydney, has just taken up his duties as Assistant Lecturer in Applied Mathematics. Mr. Wellisch graduated as Master of Arts with first-class honours and the University medal for mathematics in 1906, and then carried out some researches in experimental physics at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, under Sir J. J. Thomson, being appointed Clerk Maxwell Scholar in 1908. He was for five years subse-

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quently Assistant Professor of Physics at Yale University, U.S.A., where he continued his research work mainly in connection with the radiations from radium and the passage of electricity through gases.

The Annual Farewell to the Seniors and to the Intermediate candidates will be held in the main room on the afternoon of the 26th November, at 2 p.m. A cordial invitation to be present is extended to Old Boys.

Included in last month and this month's issues are the names of 71 old Fort Street boys who have been successful in the late University Examinations. Our congratulations to them all. Fort Street is justly proud of their achievements.

Dorothy Stewart (3A) gained the diploma of Associate Pianist of the Trinity College, London, and also senior honours in the theory section of the same examination, results of which are just to hand. Our congratulations on her successes.

We regret to report the death of Major Hugh Hunt, D.A.A.G., who died in Tasmania on Monday, the 11th instant. Major Hunt some years ago, after graduating at the Sydney University, was on the staff of this School. He then went to West Australia, where he very shortly became a Headmaster. He was, however, greatly interested in military affairs, and was appointed to command the school cadets in that State. He then joined the permanent forces, rising to D.A.A.G. of West Australia. The beginning of the war found him in an important command in Tasmania. Two of his nephews, Lieut. W. T. Wall and Surgeon Lieut. H. A. C. Wall are old boys of this School.

It is our sad duty this month to offer our sincerest sympathy to two members of the staff, to Mr. Malcolm McKinnon, whose brother Lieut. J. Y. McKinnon was killed at Gallipoli, and to Mr. C. J. Bauer, whose brother, Pte. Frank Bauer died of heart failure while serving with the A.M.C. at the same place. Pte. Bauer was an old boy of Fort Street.

Shakspeare's plays include: "Romeo and Julio," "How do you like it," and "Ofelloe." Hurly-burly is the Irish for roly-poly.

Queen Christina gave up the throne and retired to a convent to a life of athleticism.



Our readers are continually bewailing the fact that their sporting achievements do not receive enough prominence in the "Fortian." The Editor therefore desires to put the onus of the responsibility on the secretaries of the various clubs, who require no little cajolery to induce them "to write a few lines" each month.

Some of our readers also seem to think that because we do not now publish class notes, we do not need interesting pars. for our "Round the School" column. Cuttings and items referring to old and present boys and their doings will be welcomed.

Take notice that in future Sports Lists must be made up on Tuesdays, instead of Wednesdays.

The winter sports are now over, football, etc., have been stowed away, and preparation is fast being made for devotees of the bath, "flannelled fools," etc.

Our successes at the winter games have been many; footballers undefeated, baseballers likewise. As a result of the latter achievement the challenge shield will shortly grace the School walls for the first time.

Swimming began this month. Of this sport we have always had many ardent devotees. Champions have learnt the art in our midst, and perhaps we have some amongst us now—who knows? The advisability of holding the annual swimming carnival is now under consideration.

Three teams have been entered in the High Schools' Competition, and as many of last year's players are still at school, the cricket season should be a successful one. Players should note that the scheme under which this competition has been conducted in the High Schools has been abandoned after a fair trial. A fresh competition will begin now and end in March next.

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The School Songs.

We republish below the three School Songs
to be sung at the Annual Farewell to Seniors
and Intermediates on the 26th inst.:

SENIOR SONG.

Come, Fortians, Fortians, all,
A last time let us gather
And back to mem'ry 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

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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

Leave 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' the work's, 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).

Round the School.

We take this opportunity of offering our
best wishes to all those seniors and second
year students who are sitting for examination
this month, and to assure them that the eyes
of all Fortians are on them and their doings.
We hope that they will all do as well as they
hope and we expect.

This year Fort Street boys will be repre-
sented by 68 candidates for the Leaving Certifi-
cate, and 118 candidates for the Intermediate
Examination. May they all pass.

The election for Captain of the School for
1916 will be held immediately the results of
the Annual Examination of the third year are
available.

We desire to extend our sympathy to the
family of the late George Roberts, an old boy,
who died a few weeks ago from pneumonia,
while a cadet on H.M.A.S. Tingira.

Our Heroes.

LIEUTENANT LINDSAY K. CUNNINGHAM.

It was officially intimated that Lieutenant Lindsay K. Cunningham, First Artillery Brigade Staff, had been disembarked at Malta, ill, on October 15. The next day Lieutenant Cunningham cabled that he was well, and was on his way to England on leave. He has now sent news of his arrival in London, adding that he was well. In addition to his special duties as officer in charge of the headquarters detachment (communications), Lieutenant Cunningham was acting as adjutant for a considerable time. Lieut. Cunningham's younger brother was killed some months ago.

We desire to correct an error that appeared in October issue. The Sergt. A. W. Shoebridge reported as killed in action is not the Sergt. Aubrey Shoebridge, who left Fort Street a couple of years ago.



PRIVATE FRANK BRAMLEY—Randwick and Denham (killed).

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PRIVATE M'FARLANE.

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Private Daniel Ritchie M'Farlane, of the 13th Battalion, who has been killed in action, was 20 years of age, was born in Victoria, and educated at Fort Street. His mother resides at Leichhardt.

Roll of Honor.

Since last issue we have to add the following names to our Roll of Honour:—

KILLED IN ACTION.

Pte. Frank Bramley.
Pte. Daniel R. M'Farlane.

WOUNDED

Pte. M. Curran.
Pte. A. Gallagher.
Pte. Chas. Paul.
Sergt. Carlos G. Smith.
Pte. C. Thompson (In hospital, London).
Pte. C. Wright (In hospital, London).
Pte. A. G. Watson. In hospital Egypt).

ILL IN HOSPITAL.

Sergt. Geo. Black (Malta).
Lieut. L. K. Cunningham (Malta).
L.-Corp. R. Nancarrow (Malta).
Lieut. E. A. Olding.

EMBARKED FOR AUSTRALIA.

Lieut. G. L. R. Foote.
Lieut. H. S. Hill.
Lieut. W. T. S. Wall.

INVALIDED HOME

Sergt. Athol Eldershaw.
Sergt. Alan Edwards.

NEW NAMES. ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Pte. Rolf Adelt.
Corp. Clarence Ballerum, 13th Batt.
Pte. Gustave Bonnard.
Staff Sergt.-Major Jules Bonnard.
Corp. Roy Bowling.
Pte. John S. Barton.
Pte. Reginald Bradley.
Engineer-lieut. H. V. Brett, R.A.N.
Pte. A. Carter.
Pte. W. S. B. Chapman.
Engineer Ross Cuthbert.
Pte. Rupert Coogan.
Driver A. W. Cridland.
Pte. F. Downer.
Pte. Thos. D'Arcy-Irvine.
Signaller A. R. Ford.
Pte. F. Gunderson.
Pte. Fred. Gallagher.
Pte. Frank Gallagher.
Pte. Jas. C. Granger.
Driver B. W. J. Henderson.
Gunner Norman C. Hargreaves.
Sergt. V. Ingamells.
Comp. Sergt.-Major Frank Johnson.
Sapper E. S. Johnstone.
Pte. J. Kay.
Lieut. W. Scott Kemmis, 5th Rein., 19th Batt.
Pte. Karistinos.
Major Frank Lorenzo.
Pte. A. McKenzie.
Corp. Ray Morgan.
Cadet Archie Michell, R.A.N.
Despatch Rider Alg. Metcalfe (in Belgium.)
Sgt. Lawrence Nutter.
1st Lieut. Essex A. E. Picot.
Pte. Clive Pickup.
Pte. J. Quinn.
Pte. Alex. J. H. Stobo.
Pte. Clive Smith.
Bomb. Louis G. Segaert.
Pte. E. W. Stitt, A.M.C.
Pte. Leston Turner, R.A.E.
Signaller Victor Watts.
Pte.. B. Watson, 12th Reinf., 4th Batt.
Corp. W. B. Watson, 14th A.F.A.
Pte. T. L. Watson, Tropical Reinf., A.E.F.
Pte. E. Young.

War Notes.

We are glad to welcome back home from Gallipoli, Corporal Alan Edwards, and Sergt. Athol Eldershaw, both of whom recently paid us a visit.

We have also had a letter from Lieut. Berrol Mendelsohn, written at sea while on his way from Egypt to the Dardanelles.

We desire to extend our sincerest sympathy to Mr. R. C. Taylor, whose younger brother was killed in action recently, and also to Mr. Garland, Master of the Primary School, whose son has been reported wounded.

One of our old boys, Captain George F. Wootten, a graduate of the Royal Military College, has been mentioned in dispatches for distinguished conduct on the battle field.

All four of the brothers Watson, and there are only four in the family, have enlisted for active service. They are Pte. B. Watson, Pte. A. G. Watson (wounded), Corp. W. B. Watson, and Pte. T. L. Watson. There are few families that can show a better example than this.

Harold Hielman O.B.), who recently paid us a visit, has been an operator at the Cable Station, Southport, for the last two years.

Mr. O. S. Hellstrom, of Milson's Point, has written to us that his son, Eric, who left with one of the earlier artillery contingents, has been promoted to bombardier. His brother, Dr. Carl Hellstrom, also one of our old boys, who recently graduated in Medicine, also intends to go to the front.

All three of the sons of Captain Cuthbert (Fort Street old boys) are now on active service. Two of them, Niven and Noel, have gained commissions as lieutenants, while the eldest, Ross, is 4th Engineer on H.M. Transport "Warilda."

ELECTION OF PREFECTS.

The Headmaster has appointed the following Seniors as Prefects for the year 1916:—H. L. Ashby, R. K. Burnett, D. H. Fayle, C. W. Frew, S. H. Harper, H. N. Meers, E. Paxinos, O. L. J. Walker, and H. West. These, with Roy Allen (Senior Prefect) and Roy Cloutier now form the complete staff of Prefects.

We desire to extend to them all our hearty congratulations on the honour which has been conferred on them.

Girls' High School.

THE STAFF.

We have to announce the appointment of Miss Herlihy, B.A., late of Newcastle High School, as Assistant Mistress of English in this School, and we offer her a hearty welcome.

Miss Maloney has been awarded the Life Saving Society's medal as the instructress of the best life-saving team (women) in this State. This is the second occasion on which Miss Maloney has been awarded this high distinction. When Miss Partridge made the presentation, the pupils, by their hearty applause, showed their appreciation of Miss Maloney's zeal on their behalf, and of her work in instructing them in life-saving, and in other branches of sport.

Our Sewing Mistress, Miss Simpson, was one of the judges of Needlework at the 12th Competition of the Mothers' and Girls' Clubs, held under the auspices of the Sydney University Women's settlement.

The Leaving Certificate and the Intermediate Examinations are to be held in the near future, and we offer to the candidates for those examinations, our best wishes, and hope that they will gain fresh laurels for the school.

The Half-yearly Examination of the pupils of the first and third years occurred this month, and many are hoping to be promoted to the second and fourth years, respectively.

The girls in the sewing classes have, under the supervision of Miss Simpson, been working most zealously for the French and Polish children. Since our last report many parcels of warm clothing and knitted garments have been sent to the Polish Relief League and the French Australian League. At present, they are busy making night-dresses for the French children from material provided by the League. Our thanks are due to many parents, who have been so kind as to send material to be made up at school for the benefit of the distressed among our Allies. The girls take up the work with enthusiasm, and are only sorry that they cannot devote more time to it.

The knitting and sewing circles are being regularly held after school, and much work is being done. Much larger numbers of helpers are expected when the examinations are over.

In response to a circular from the Executive of the Red Cross Society, the girls sent some hundreds of tins of sweets for the Australian wounded soldiers. These will be forwarded to the various military hospitals as a Christmas gift, and are sure to be much appreciated. Practically all the schools of the State co-operated in this kind action.

To date (November 8), we have in hand the sum of £25 towards our contribution to the Allies' Day Fund. This amount will, we hope, be considerably increased before the actual date set aside for a special effort towards the relief of these brave nations.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Pauline Tierney (4B), and Nance Ferguson (1st Remove), who have sustained sad bereavements in their home circle during the past month.

SCIENCE NOTES.

During the month Science Excursions were undertaken by the fourth year students, under the guidance of Miss Blume and Miss Mouldale, to Hornsby, Observatory Park, the Technical College and Mines Museum, with much pleasure and profit to the participants. Plane table work, a traverse of Hornsby Neck, and an appreciation of various fossil forms were among the scientific results of the expeditions.

Miss Bowie took the members of First Remove class to Maroubra on a botanical excursion, when collections were made of some of the native flora, which still flourish in that region.

A fair number of specimens were obtained, while several blooms of the *Caleana* or Cockatoo native orchid enriched the botanical portfolios.

An extremely large party, comprising all the first year girls, accompanied Miss Bowie to the Botanical Gardens for an afternoon's investigation of some of its beauties from the scientific standpoint. Much interest was manifested in the habits of various plants, the modifications and forms of leaves, and the occurrence of adventitious roots. Miss Bowie was kept busy answering the many pertinent questions of the juvenile botanists, who profited considerably from their outing.

(N.B.—The party was divided into sections to avoid comparison with the old woman who lived in a shoe.)

SWIMMING.

Owing to the early arrival of many extra hot days this summer, the Coogee Aquarium Baths have been the favorite resort of the majority of the girls on Wednesday afternoons. The swimmers are practising enthusiastically at life-saving methods under the guidance of Miss Maloney, and daily rallies occur. We hope the primary examination in this science will take place before the Christmas vacation dates, and the subsequent one some time before Easter. Our experts of the Life-saving Club merit much praise for the interest they display in the non-swimmers, and their helpfulness ever at the disposal of the latter.

A bouquet of quotations from various authors applicable to present contingencies:—

“There is in every true woman’s heart a spark of heavenly fire, which beams and blazes in the dark hours of adversity.”

—Washington Irving.

“Great women belong to history, and to self-sacrifice.”

—Leigh Hunt.

“The world is the book of women.”

—Jean Jacques Rousseau.

“Undeceived, know one false step is ne’er retrieved,

And be with caution bold.”

—Thomas Gray.

“Without woman the two extremities of this life would be destitute of succour, and the middle would be devoid of pleasure.”

—Persian Proverb.

“For she is wise, if I can judge of her,
And fair she is, if that mine eyes be true,
And true she is, as she hath proved herself.”

—Shakspeare.

The university results in the Science Department for October, 1915, include the subjoined names of ex-Fortians now in the first year of their Undergraduate course. We congratulate them on their success, and shall look forward to seeing their names ranking high on the final lists of the Yearly Examinations:—

Paleontology.—High Distinction: May Rivett, Leila Quigley, Elsie Segaert, Lorna Jenkins.

Distinction: Alma Puxley.

Credit: Olive Storey, Elsie Webb, Mary Cowie, Ena Drake.

Pass: Poppy Brooks.

Field Mapping—First Year.—High Distinction: May Rivett.

Credit: Leila Quigley, Elsie Webb.

Pass: Ena Drake, Alma Puxley, Olive Storey, Mary Cowie, Poppy Brooks.

Schoolboy Howlers.

WILD SHOTS OF THE EMBATTLED SCHOOLBOY.

(1) “Algebra was the wife of Euclid.”

(2) Algebraical symbols are used when you don’t know what you are talking about.

(3) “The line opposite the right angle in a right-angled triangle is called the hippopotamus.”

(4) “Horse-power is the distance one horse can carry a pound of water in an hour.”

(5) “Gravitation is that which if there were none we should all fly away.”

(6) “A vacuum is a large empty place where the Pope lives.”

(7) “A ruminating animal is one that chews its cubs.”

(8) “A deacon is the lowest kind of Christian.”

(9) “In India a man out of one cask may not marry a woman out of another cask.”

(10) “Ben Johnson is one of the three highest mountains of Scotland.”

(11) “Benjamin Franklin produced electricity by rubbing cats backwards.”

(12) “Thomas Becket used to wash the feet of leopards.”

(13) “Modern conveniences—incubators and fireless telegraphy.”

(14) “Romulus obtained the first citizens of Rome by opening a lunatic asylum.”

SOME TRANSLATION “HOWLERS.”

(1) “Terra tribus scopulis vastum procurrit in aequor”—“The earth being laid waste by three scorpions runs into the sea.”

(2) “Celeri saucius malus Africo”—“Celery sauce is bad for an African.”

(3) “Le coeur purifié”—“The disinfected yard.”

(4) “Il pleut à verse”—“He cries at poetry.”

—Collected by Tom Hamilton, 3B.

The Australian's Pronunciation.

The Australian visitor to London hotly represents the charge that his English is marked by a distinct accent or by mannerisms. He will protest by the hour that he speaks pure, unaffected English; while the people of this country, or, at least, those who are cultured, speak with affectation and excessive precision. But in almost every sentence he delivers himself over to his critic.

It was easier for the Australian to pass unnoticed here before the days of the tube railways. The tubes have led the English to believe that the language as we speak it is deficient in "t's" and "d's." The Australian invariably tells that he has had his first ride in the "chewbe"; and, detecting him on that, we find that he has a rare stock of "chers" and "jers." He rarely says "would you" or "hit you" or "can't you." It is nearly always "woodjer" and "hitcher" and "can'tcher." He has not a single "eu." Test him on "assume," and he fails badly. He is too fond of the second "a" in "again"; it is always "agen and agen" with the English. And he likes the "f" in "often." A well-known Australian artist was heard complaining the other day. He sang "How Often, O How Often," instead of "How Off-t-en, O How Off-t-en." "That" as an adverb is another Australian weakness. "The 'chewbes' makes me 'that' tired" is current with many Australian visitors. "Sech" for "such" is another. The "a" following the "e" is generally overlooked and a second "e" substituted. "Yes, 'reely'!" Then "e" is commonly substituted for "y," as in "Sydnee," which is as far from correct as the painful "Sydnai." Another Australian weakness is in "vilent" for "violent," and "di-diamond" for "diamond."

"BITTER-BREAD-AN'-BUTTER."

Then the Australian likes to pronounce "girl" as he would pronounce "eurl." To his plain-going colonial sense "gehl" is quite an English affectation. Both sexes from Home ask you to have another "cup o' tea" and a "bit-ter-bread-an'-butter." "Bitt" is very much Australian. Young Australians who come here to study elocution in the best schools spend a wretched three months learning precision of

speech. They find that proper value cannot be given to words if spoken in the easy, slurring Australian style. Before they begin on dramatic art they have to unlearn much of their pronunciation. Until they do, they excite the impatience of their teachers and the amusement of their fellow-pupils. And the same with our young singers. You might contend that the English people with their "really," approximating almost to "rarely," and their "gehl" are somewhat artificial. You might talk of the "Oxford bleat," and swear and insist that the Australian pronunciation is easy, natural, and correct. But rebel as you will, you have to admit that the language has its home here. And while you can easily show the Australian pronunciation does not in scores of instances give words their proper value, the worst you can say of English pronunciation is that it is sometimes a little tight and precise. Probably the manner of speaking becomes the two peoples. The Englishman's life is far more precise than that of the Australian. He lives more to rule and time-table than we do in Australia, and he speaks accordingly. But while our life is probably the more correct in that it is closer to Nature and less restricted by convention, the Englishman certainly has the advantage in his speech. His manner is, except in occasional instances, the correct manner. Ours is slipshod, and often utterly wrong.

"THE STANDARD."

Of course, if you take the Australians as a whole and the people of these islands as a whole, the Australians probably speak the purer English. The speech of the Scotch and the Welsh and the dialects of the counties are often hard to follow. But the Australian people in their claim to speak good English do not mean good English as compared with the provincial or the Cockney. They mean good English according to Best English standard, and they must be measured by that standard. And if they are so measured they fail. In voice the advantage is probably with us. Voice, like so much else, is probably a matter of climate. Australians of the second and third generation seem to be far softer of voice than the English. And you notice the same soft qualities in the Australian's whole address and manner. The British character seems harsher and more

abrupt. But the softness of the Australian does not go deep; there is certainly no historical justification for the modern contention that the peoples of hot countries are necessarily soft in physique and slack in morals. The greatest races until modern times, both mentally and physically, were the races inhabiting the hot countries, and they fell not because of the heat of the sun above them, but simply because they grew old and senile, as the individual does. They were softened by age and luxury, and not by climate. So the Australian may become soft and musical of speech, and easy of manner, like the peoples of Italy and Spain, and yet have no fear that they will become as modern Italy and Spain until many centuries have gone by. The Roman and the Spaniard were mighty in their youth and Imperial in their prime.

And when the precise Englishman corrects our "chewbes" and our "reelys" and our "bit-ter-bread-an-butter," we can safely contend that such speech is not unbecoming to us. We are as a nation too deeply engrossed at hewing and hauling and filling in foundations to spare thoughts or time for the niceties of speech, or indeed excellence in many of the arts. The Australian who deplures faulty pronunciation, or the absence of a matured art sense, is a fool indeed. Australians are as yet in the axe and pick and shovel stage. And necessarily so. Culture would ill become us yet. It would be ominous. Our thoughts for another century must be of sterner things. Time enough to trouble about exact speech when we have made our country ours in fact, and not ours as it is now by the grace of good luck and the overburdened British navy. When we are forty or fifty millions strong we can begin to show sensitiveness about "chewbes" and "chunes" and the taunt that we have no Australian art or literature.

An Interview with an old Fortian returned from Gallipoli.

"I'll never forget the coolness of those midshipmen kiddies," remarked Private Harley Cohen, 4th Battalion, who lives at Randwick. "on the night of the first landing which I was in. It was an awful time, and the worst of it was seeing the poor boys being killed in the

boats before they had an opportunity of striking one blow for Australia, and the Empire. The boats came ashore—those that reached it—each in charge of a midshipman, who stood up, tiller in hand, to see where we were going. Talk about nerve, they are it. Lots of them not older than 14 years, and yet calmly carrying out their duties, with shrapnel licking the water into foam all round them, as steadily as if they were in a regatta. I am not surprised that some of them gained the V.C. They all deserved it.

"My wounds," went on Private Cohen. "well, I've a piece or two of shrapnel in my right eye, and I've got a mate who has lost his left eye, but when we linked arms and used our two good eyes, we were all right. We landed on the Peninsula at 9 o'clock in the morning of April 26, and rushed through the scrub into the firing-line. Men were dropping like skittles, and as an officer was yelling for someone with a knowledge of first aid and no one answered, I chipped in, and did a bit of it. When I'd bandaged up a few of the worst cases, I resumed the job I went out there for, and that was to give the Turkish first-aiders some work to do. The Turks seemed to have screened themselves so thoroughly that we could not see them, and volunteers were called to go out and locate them. Sergeant-Major Johnson, Privates Penman, Tanner, Steenson, Meale, and myself volunteered, and crawled out into the enemy's country in Indian file, on a chance of locating them. Curiously enough, though the ground was continuously swept by machine-guns, not one of us was hit, and when we gained a bit of a ridge, where we could observe things, we found we had no water. I was sent back for it, and to report, and then returned to the observation point. On the way I noticed one of our wounded, who must have been left as the first crowd of our boys swept forward, in that wonderful charge, directly on landing. I could not pick him up then, as my mates needed the water badly, but coming back my mates picked him up, and got him safely into our lines, in spite of the fact that by rising and carrying him they faced almost certain death. Steenson and Meale have since been killed, and their bravery on this occasion should not be forgotten."

The Half-Yearly.

(By "The Large Boy.")

"One,—Two,—Three,—Four,—Five,—Six,—Seven,—Eight,—Nine,—Ten,—Eleven,—Twelve," chimes out that beastly hall clock.

"Twelve o'clock," I think, "and still I'm going at a maddening pace, and have Physics and Maths. I. yet to prepare for the half-yearly to-morrow—or strictly speaking—to-day."

I rush with frenzied haste to the book case, take up about a dozen Mathematic text books, turn over the leaves, hundreds at a time, and find that when I have finished, I know no more Maths. than when I began to study.

"Dong," chimes the clock again. A half-hour has gone.

I devote only a quarter of an hour to each of the subjects, Physics, Latin, and History, and as I am retiring to my well earned rest, I see that is a quarter past one. It is far beyond my apprehension, how those small First and Second Year boys can get such high percentages in the examination, while we Third and Fourth Year gentlemen have to be contented with a mere fifteen or twenty per cent. I get into bed and start on my journey to dreamland, but before I have scarcely closed my eyes, I am startled by a loud knocking on my bed-room door, and my father informs me that I have only twenty minutes to get ready, have my breakfast, and catch the train.

After twenty minutes of great confusion, I find myself seated in the train, burying myself into the mysterious pages of "Cicero's Correspondence," and wishing that such individuals as Cicero, etc., had never come into existence.

At nine o'clock I am coming up the avenue and I hear the bell ring, the bell that tolls the knell of parting joy; and I creep like a snail unwillingly up that awful flight of stairs.

"Take your seats, boys," says the master in charge, and, after a short pause, "Come out from that seat Williamson," he shouts to me, "you have no right to sit with a boy in your own Year. Come down here and keep this first year boy company."

Just fancy, dear reader, what my feelings were towards that master when he seated me in the midst of a crowd of small infants.

The Latin papers are handed out, and I

take a glance through mine. I sop up with my handkerchief great beads of perspiration from my brow as I try in vain to get an English translation of the Latin in front of me. Why not see if my First Year friend can help me out of my difficulty No. Perhaps I had better not ask him anything, as it would be setting the little fellow a bad example.

Slowly but surely the hands of the clock steal over the dial until it is 10.30 a.m. "All papers in now," shouts the master, "not another scrape of the pen."

I wonder what he means by "papers" for I have no paper to give him.

I then receive and read through my Maths. I paper, and find to my great joy that I can do one question, which reads as follows:—

Define the terms, logarithm, mantissa, characteristic, and base.

I wrote, "Logarithm, mantissa, and characteristic are terms used in Mathematics, and base is a term often used in baseball."

That is all I am able to send in for that subject. Next comes History, and the paper which I hand in excels my Mathematics paper in brevity. Of course, I attempted every question in Physics, because if a chap has any brains whatsoever, he can make a good guess at questions.

As I pack up my books, after the strenuous exertions of the day, I heave a sigh of delight and relief. How glorious it is to know that four sevenths of torture is over!

"One,—Two,—Three,—Four,—Five,—Six,—Seven,—Eight,—Nine,—Ten,—Eleven,—Twelve."

Again, as I am in the midst of my preparation for the coming day, the clock warns me that that day has begun, and that it is time to retire, yet I have not completed a quarter of the work, which I intended to do.

It is now Tuesday, and I am sitting in my desk, trying to solve the mysteries of the French language, but there is no need to tell how I did, or rather, ~~did~~ not do the remaining papers on that day.

The exam. is now over, and I am quite free until the next quarterly. But no! Alas! There is one other matter which may cause me a great deal of trouble, namely, the sending home of the reports. Reports are all right, to send to First and Second Year children, but it is too

bad when we Seniors get them.

It is now the day on which I expect to receive my report by post, and to-day I am taking a holiday from School. You ask why? Well, I feel rather unwell to-day! too ill to go to School.

I hear a shrill whistle at the front gate. I'm afraid that I'll have to leave you here, dear reader, as I want to get the letters myself this morning.

—“THE LARGE BOY.”

Two Students

The weary pair of that advanced type of schoolboys called “students” lay curled up on their beds, gloomily wondering on the swiftly approaching examinations. One of them yawned violently, “Anyway,” life is hardly worth living these days; seems as if we get a quarterly once a week,” he remarked. But as our dinner has had time to settle, we had better get to work.”

Ten minutes later the landlady passing down the hall noticed a light gleaming in their room. “There goes,” she remarked, “another pint of oil.” I wish those exams. were over. But she did not wish it more than those who had to face them.

Inside their room the lads now somewhat awakened having fixed their chairs to their liking with their rugs were deciding what to work at. Under their coats and trousers were their pyjamas. Evidently they were old hands and knew how to make themselves comfortable.

“Half-past seven!” slowly remarked the elder of the two as the clock finished striking. Why in $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours it ought to be near bed time!” The other vouchsafed no answer but merely said, “I think we will try some of that beastly physics.” The former acquiesced. For about half an hour, save for an occasional wriggle, all was silent. Then suddenly the younger with a gesture of despair and wearing a puzzled expression grumbled, “Well I don't see how he gets it . . . The density va———. Here he was interrupted by an “I'll show you,” and after a few minutes vigorous explanation. “Don't you see it” the knotty point was cleared up.

They settled down, however, in a few minutes, and plodded steadily on for about an

hour; at last one of them arose vowing that as fast as he got one page into his head another went out, “and challenging the other to a pillow fight.” Needless to say the glove was promptly taken up.

Very clear was the moonlight, and very cool was the air in the back yard. Pillows were gripped, feints were made, and for some minutes there was a confused melee of swings, thuds, and grunts. “Nuff,” cried the challenger, after a fairly solid hit on the head. I am wide awake now! Breathing heavily they returned to their den. History was the next subject suggested. “What history? Why we've only a chapter to do, and there's two weeks yet.” However, the suggester of that subject held firm, and then there was a period of peace and sturdy endeavour till the next chapter was mastered. On looking back over the chapters one of the friends discovered that they are on “France.” France? he said. When did we do that?” The other night came the reply. Well I know about as much about it as it knows about itself” was the rejoinder. Again there was a period of quietness till the doubtful chapter was studied, which having been done the forgetful individual professed a somewhat wider knowledge of the subject. By this time it was well after eleven.

Maths. came next under the notice of the workers. After about half an hour's struggle with a refractory problem the decision was to give up. An argument, but not a loud one, as the others were in bed, followed. In the middle of it the midnight hour rang out.

I vote we go to bed,” brilliantly suggested the elder. These words were received with enthusiasm and books were quickly put away.

A few minutes later a bed creaked vigorously. “Can't you have a little pity for the others? you're not the only pebble on the beach” growled the quiet one at his clumsy friend. Still later a sleepy voice drawled from under the bedclothes, “A bit of physics, a chapter of history, a look at maths., “all that in $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours. I say, Ray, we'll never get done.”

There was no response; the mummy in the other bed remained motionless, then the speaker grunted, made his bed creak a little more, and then followed his mate's example.

Troubles of a Third-Year Student.

A Reply.

Glancing over the annals of English literature, one is struck by the diversity of characteristics of the different eras. Much is spoken concerning the Ages of Elizabeth and Victoria, but what do we hear of the Georgian Age, this very era of enlightenment and culture. The entire community is affected with the same intellectual method of conveying thought, and so widespread is its influence that even the Third Year students are tainted with it. The propensities of this clique are too well known to need description, but the supreme efforts of one of their number to place us under the impression that they are overworked, must needs call forth some criticism.

Why, Oh Klio! was that written, you "regina Musarum" who endow mortals with thy precious art? We, the immortals, solve the mystery. Overtaxed brains must find relief in boring their superiors with such worthless trash, such as is beneath the mind of First Year children. In writing that precious article, that supreme product of a mighty mind, the author has unwittingly expressed the common sentiment and general character of the form's capabilities. They are "intellectics," unfortunates with swelled heads, but, alas, no ability of application of all the vast knowledge they have so painfully acquired. The gifted, inspired genius undoubtedly set his talent to gain the sympathy of the School and to work his own ends by lessening for the class the exorbitant amount of study imposed on him and cultured colleagues. But what has he accomplished? Instead of being placed on a pedestal, as a hero and subject of panegyric paeans, as a genius in the world of letters, he stands alone, a discovered misguided fool. Why be euphemistic about such Grub Gt. authors? We proclaim him a fool of his own creation, a dove in the eagle's nest. Diximus, satis est. Let now this budding journalist report as best he may, we stand unassailable, prepared to scan his efforts, point out his weaknesses, for they are many, and to set a precedent for him to follow.

PINDAR.

SOME HOMEGROWN HOWLERS.

The "entente cordiale" is a new summer drink.

Two negatives make an alternative.

The patella is another name for the roof of the mouth.

The vertebral column is the bone running right through the body.

Les deux cavaliers ont échangé des cheveux (chevaux).

Le petit garçon a bu un pot-à-lait (verre de lait).

La servante tire duvet les stores.

Quand je suis dans la campagne je lait les vaches.

Hier il joua une albumette de tennis.

Mettez dehors le gaz.

La petite fille effrayée attrapa sa mère par le (la) manche.

Les chiens écorceaient (aboyaient) toute la nuit.

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The cricket competition is in full swing, two rounds of matches having been played. A regrettable feature of the entries is that only two schools—Fort-street and Sydney High School—have seen fit to enter teams in the first grade competition. For the sake of the game in the schools it is a pity that other schools did not make a greater effort to be represented in this grade. It is a recognised fact that only one team can win the competition, and a team that is capable of scoring over 400 runs in second grade might well be expected to hold its own in the higher grade.

Our Firsts have met and defeated Sydney High School in an interesting game. Scores, 350 to 249.

Newman succeeded in getting a century in this game. Congratulations! May he get many more for the old school.

Munroe's 62 in the same match was a brilliant effort—but brilliant efforts are expected from Ellis.

Firth 37, Searle 35, Armstrong 35 also batted well, making good and much-needed contributions to our tally. Armstrong secured 6 wickets.

Our Senior team is badly in need of a few good bowlers. This, at present, is our weak point. Anyone who considers that his ability in this direction merits a trial with the Firsts should consult Mr. Gale.

The Second team has been beaten by an innings by Hurlstone. Scores, 414 to 166 and 130. In this game Stafford (39), Storey (28), Edwards (26), Copeland (54), Spencer (23), Achurch (10) made useful contributions.

In the second round, however, the team retrieved its badly shattered reputation, winning a good game by 141 runs.

Kallmeyer's 64 was quite a brilliant effort,

and gives promise of greater things in the future.

Achurch (23-64), Kilminster (31), Mallam (27), also made useful contributions.

With the ball Kallmeyer obtained 6 for 29, Boyle 7 for 46, Achurch 7 for 40.

The Third team has had a very rough passage, being rather easily defeated by North Sydney and Technical High.

This team is badly in need of players. Those wishing a game should consult Mr. James.

Swimming is now in full swing. It has been decided to hold the school carnival next year as usual. This is in accordance with the wish of the N.S.W. Amateur Swimming Association that the Juniors should be encouraged during the continuance of the war.

The date allotted us is 11th March, 1916. It now behoves every boy to make a serious effort to make the carnival a huge success. Remember it's your carnival, and its success or failure depends entirely upon you personally.

Enlisting

A writer in "The Nineteenth Century" suggests the "categories of men in every country who will not or cannot respond to a voluntary call" to arms—especially when, as in Australia, the call is gently made by the Government with a burden of "Take it or leave it." Here are a few:

(1) Men who are pulled two ways—by duty and inclination. They cannot make up their minds, and would be glad to have their minds made up for them.

(2) Men who have got a good job they do not like to leave. Perhaps they see other men who have not volunteered ready to step into their shoes.

(3) Men who are subjected to private pressure of some kind—honourable enough in itself—but of which they would be glad to be relieved.

(4) Men who lack imagination or who are what is called "non-receptive." These prefer to "wait and see." They are unable to appreciate the urgent need of the country, and believe that, if they are really wanted, the powers that be will "come and fetch them."

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(6) Men who, like the Dutch-speaking burghers in South Africa, object to "volunteering" on principle, and consider that, in a time of national emergency, they should be "commandeered."

Some New Poetry

SOCKS.

Two plain, purl two,
It's little else a woman can do
But bear sons and watch them grow,
Till marching out of her life they go.

Knit five, purl one,
I doubt if ever a mother's son
In war's cause hacked and cleft.
Knows half the hurt of the woman that's left.

Slip one, purl eight,
There's nothing left but to hope and wait,
And the seven tasks of Hercules
Would count as little compared with these.

Turn, slip, then the heel,
Out of sorrow comes haply weal,
But fair times are far away
And there's many weep for their men to-day.

Cast off, the thing's done!
Many a husband and many a son
Find death in hapless war,
Nor ever know what they fought it for.

Two plain, purl two,
It's little else a woman can do
But bear sons and watch them grow,
Till marching out of her life they go.

From "Songs of the Open Air," by Nina
Murdoch.

WISHES.

A school-girl, once, of careless ten,
I sighed, my lesson hours between,

For fancied freedom to be found
In golden hours of sweet sixteen.

But sixteen came; alas! I found
My lessons only had begun;
Life was my teacher, and I yearned
For Wisdom, and for twenty-one.

And twenty-one has come at last,
To find me sighing once again,
I'm longing now for book and slate,
And long-lost joys of happy ten.

—By M. M. Doughney.

We are glad to be able to welcome back to Australia, Mr. E. S. Davies, B.A., who has spent over two years abroad, chiefly in France and Germany, where he has been specializing in the study of Modern Languages and Literature

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LITERARY SUPPLEMENT.

"Y" BEACH.

"Y" Beach, the Scottish Borderer cried.
While panting up the steep hillside,
"Y" Beach!
To call this thing a beach is stiff,
It's nothing but a --- cliff.
Why beach?

THE BLUE OF THE AEGEAN

How blue is the sea at Hissarlik,
How blue is the water at "Y,"
How blue is the sky in the heavens,
And how lovely the sea.

ODE TO TENEDOS.

O Tenedos, thy peaceful island green
A stirring passage in the fight has seen;
Eight generals and half-a-hundred men
First packed their kit, and then unpacked again.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir,—As a strict grammarian my ear is of-
fended by the prevalent system of referring to
officers, recalled for service during the war, as
"Dug Outs." May I suggest that this form
of the plural is strictly ungrammatical, and
that the name should be spelt "Dugs Out."

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Tenedos, May 16th.

10 p.m. Grub Street Stakes.

"Dardanelles Driveller" (by G.S.—Imagina-
tion) m. Braithwaite junr . . . 1.

Also ran: "P.P." (by Reuter—Yes I dont
think) aged, Maxwell . . . fell.

P.P. jumped off with the start, but never
looked like a winner, and fell at the third
fence, Dardanelles Driveller finishing alci

Winner trained by Winchester.

P.P. looks a likely horse for the stud

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Captain of the School for 1916.

The election for Captain of the School for 1916 took place on the 1st instant, and resulted in the selection of

ROY ALLEN.

to whom we offer our heartiest congratulations, assuring him that he has the entire confidence of the Headmaster, the staff, and of all his comrades.

The new Senior Prefect is Paxinos, who was elected on the same day.

The Annual Farewell.

The most characteristic Fort Street function is the Annual Farewell to the seniors and the intermediate candidates. As usual this year the affair was held in the Main Room, both boys and girls participating, under the baton of Mr. Mote, the three well-known School songs were sung, in addition to the Australian National Song. After the presentation to the boys' staff of some small tokens of esteem by the intermediate boys, Miss Partridge and Mr. Kilgour each addressed the assembly in terms of congratulation and advice.

We understand that compulsory training will be resumed after the vacation.

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DIED OF WOUNDS.

Sergt. Herbert O. Broadbent.

WOUNDED.

Lieut. Harry Massey.

Corp. C. Planche Plummer.

Pte. Robt. Davis (6th August, at Lonesome Pine Battle. Now in No. 1 General Hospital, Heliopolis.)

ENLISTMENTS.

Pte. Wm. Anderson, A.S.C.

Pte. Leslie Barry.

Pte. Percy Hansen.

Pte. Arthur Hansen.

Pte. A. W. Higgs.

Pte. Jack Hoskins.

Pte. Harry Hodges.

Pte. Walter Hayes.

Lieut. Everett Judd.

Pte. Percy A. Johnson, 7 R 17 B.

Pte. J. A. Lee.

Pte. Harry McLauchlan.

Lieut. Ernest New.

Sergt. O. S. Noake, 7 R 18 B.

Pte. G. T. Pledger.

Pte. Henry Schwartzkoff (Queensland).

Pte. Wm. Chas. Thompson, 7 R 17 B.

Driver Clement R. Rodd, A.A.S.C.

L.-Corp. William Manning Anderson, No. 1 Hospital Ship.

Gunner Roy Magnussen, 10th R 1st Field Artillery.

Pte. Sidney Lloyd, R.A.N. (Rabaul).

L.-Corp. Arthur Waring, 4th Sig. Troop of Engineers.

War Notes.

CAPTAIN G. F. WOOTTEN,

Adjutant, 1st Battalion.

Who has been twice mentioned in despatches, is the younger son of Mr. W. F. Wootten, of Pymble, and late of Mosman. He was born at Marrickville 21 years ago, and was educated at Fort Street (where he passed the junior and law matriculation examinations) and at the

Royal Military College, Duntroon. He entered Duntroon in its inaugural year, and at the outbreak of the war graduated and was posted to the 1st Battalion as lieutenant and machine-gun officer. While at Duntroon Captain Wootten was a prominent player in the back division of the first fifteen. He also excelled at swimming, and played cricket with the second eleven. Generals Birdwood and Hamilton have both mentioned Captain Wootten in their despatches, and he was promoted to captain and made adjutant of his battalion in May last. Of all the Duntroon graduates attached to the first four infantry brigades Captain Wootten is now the only one left on duty, all the others having been killed, wounded or invalided.

Captain W. F. Wootten, of the A. and I. staff, who was many times wounded in the Boer War, is a brother; while Major H. St. J. Sweetland, R.A.F.A., and Captain Lindsay Browne, Royal Irish Rifles, the first Australian to win the Military Cross (at Ypres), are close marriage connections.

On the 27th ultimo, at Randwick, No 4 Military Hospital, Sergt. Herbert O. Broadbent, an old Fort Street boy, died of wounds received at Gallipoli several months ago. For a long time it was hoped that he would pull through, but his injuries ultimately proved too severe. He was accorded a full military funeral, which took place on the 29th ultimo at Rookwood. We desire to extend our sincerest sympathy to his parent and relatives.

LANCE-CORPORAL TEBBUTT.

Lance-corporal W. A. Tebbutt, 4th Battalion, of Roseville, who has been invalided from Gallipoli to England, spent nearly five months in the trenches. He enlisted at 16½ years of age, being then 6ft. in height. He was a Fort Street boy, dux of his class, and winner of swimming and of miniature rifle competitions. He was studying law before enlisting with the first contingent to land on the peninsula.

Two of our second year boys, G. A. Greenless and G. Sharpe, have passed the written exam. for entrance to the Royal Naval College at Jervis Bay. Two of the seniors also sat recently for admission to the Royal Military College.

Major Frank Lorenzo, an old Fort Street boy, lately of South Australia, and now serving with the 10th Battalion in Gallipoli, has been

awarded the D.S.O. for conspicuous bravery. He has our hearty congratulations.

Lance-corporal Arthur Waring, whose name has been added to our Roll of Honour this month, had the good fortune to be saved when the transport Southland was torpedoed on the 2nd September last.

The Senior Examination.

The results of the Senior are to hand. Fort Street presented only four candidates; two girls and two boys. Results:—

Ethel Beatrix Durie—

Barker Scholarship No. II. for Mathematics.

Horner Exhibition for Mathematics.

Aitken Scholarship for General Proficiency.

John West Medal for General Proficiency.

Grahame Prize Medal for General Proficiency.

Fairfax Prize for General Proficiency amongst girls.

Medallist English.

Medallist French.

Medallist Trigonometry.

Medallist Geometry.

Medallist Analytical Geometry and Calculus.

First Class Honours in English.

First Class Honours in French.

First Class Honours in Latin.

First Class Honours in Mathematics.

A's in English History, French, Latin, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Analytical Geometry and Calculus.

Jessie Eleanor Alexander—

Medallist Botany.

First Prize Geology (no medal awarded).

First Class Honours English (2nd place).

Second Class Honours French.

A's in English, Geology and Botany.

B's in French and Latin.

Percival N. W. Anderson—

First Place in Mechanics (no medal awarded).

Prox. Acc. to medal in Geometry.

First Class Honours in Mathematics (second on list).

Second class Honours in Latin.

A's in History, Latin, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Analytical Geometry and Calculus, Mechanics.

B's in English and French.

James Victor Hall—

First Class Honours in English.

A's in History, English, German, Freehand, and Model Drawing.

B's in Algebra.

C's in Geometry and Trigonometry.

Never, we believe, in the history of the whole Senior Public Examination has there been a result equal to that of Trixie Durie. We have seen many excellent passes and honours, but her result is absolutely the highest possible. We desire to offer her our heartiest congratulations on her wonderful record, and to express the hope that next year, at the University, she will continue her record breaking career, and bring further honours to her old school.

Schoolboy Kowlers

In an English test—Parse the words underlined in the following passage: The **referee** sent the footballer off the field.—Referee, an adjective disqualifying footballer.

Translate "Iter pedibus. Answer.—He hit her with his feet.

A trinomial is a sum with three names.

Charon used to carry the souls to Hades on sticks (Styx).

Adapted.—We take from a Sumatra paper some of the words which the Germans, in their patriotic ardor, propose to substitute for the English terms now in use:—

Golf—Locherballspiel.

Cricket—Dneistabeuschlagerspiel.

Leg before—Beinensehevindel.

Not out—Nochnichtabgemacht.

Wicket—Dneistabeneinrichtung.

Half-time—Halbspielwaterpause.

Hands—Handefchler.

Start—Abgangsstelle.

Starter—Hauptabgangsstelleaufsichtsvorsteher.

We can now understand the position of the German who says he has no time for sport.

The van of an army is the leading transport Translation (He excused himself) on the ground of friendship.—humi amicitiae.

England, France and Russia formed the Triple Hong Kong.

What Katy did at Home and at School. Its author is Shakespeare.

Girls' High School.

The outstanding occasion of interest towards the end of November was the celebration of the annual "send-off" and cheering, with good wishes, the candidates for the Leaving and Intermediate Certificates. This combined function was held on the 26th ultimo, and is reported elsewhere.

Miss Partridge's speech was especially felicitous, and will, we are convinced, bear fruitful results in the minds of her hearers.

The alertness of young Australia was noticeably apparent on this occasion, when a soldier—an ex-Fortian—entered the main hall during the middle of the song of the Intermediates. This happens appropriately enough to be sung to the melody of "The Old Folks at Home." No sooner had the visitor made two steps into the room than his presence was noticed, and without one moment's pause in the continuity of the singing, the whole assembly of many hundreds clapped him wholeheartedly in welcome and appreciation, until he had taken his seat beside Mr. Kilgour on the platform.

A pleasant feature, too, was the presence of so many ex-Fortians who having themselves successfully passed through the mill of these particular examinations, which were in the minds of all that afternoon, came along in good comradeship to cheer their reinforcements on the way.

Mr. Mackinnon was kind enough to photograph the group of candidates in the second and fourth years. The receipt of these "counterfeit presentments" is eagerly awaited.

ELECTION OF PREFECTS.

An interested and excited crowd of future fourth years gathered together on Monday morning, November 29th, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the honourable and highly esteemed positions of prefects. Fourth Remove was called in to take part in the proceedings. Everybody seemed to be aglow with excitement, and although the order had been "silence" girls were asking one another who would make a good prefect and such like questions. No discussion concerning nominations

was allowed. The first part of the proceedings was to nominate six girls. This took rather long, since each girl had to be discussed by those who nominated her. After the papers had been collected, the assembly adjourned till 1.45 p.m. Excitement still prevailed when at 1.45 they were all reassembled, and the real election took place, with real cyclostyled ballot papers and real squares in which to put our crosses. Here on these papers were the names of the candidates whom the teachers thought would fulfil the position of prefect worthily. After each girl had voted for six of their nominees, the papers were collected and everyone eagerly awaited the results.

When these results were announced the captain was chosen from among them. However, besides the prefects chosen by the girls, two were elected by the teachers. Thus there were eight in all. The captain's name was announced amid great cheering and enthusiasm, besides the general marks of approval that are usual when the results of a "great election" are made known. The following list gives our captain and prefects for 1916:—

Captain: Isabel Cunningham.

Prefects: B. Grieve, C. Dyson, B. Richardson, S. Brewster, M. Bourne, A. Sandon, A. Weston.

Several days afterwards they were presented to the assembled school, when the captain made her maiden speech, which was as follows:—
"On behalf of the prefects and myself I thank you for bestowing upon us these honours. I hope that we will be able to fulfil all that is required of us and do our best to uphold the traditions of Fort Street. As for myself, I have determined to follow to the best of my ability the example of those who have so worthily filled the office of captain before me."

Before ending we wish to say how well the retiring captain and prefects fulfilled their duties, and how deeply we regret that they have to leave this School for different spheres, but their example will be an encouragement for their successors.

In the newspaper reports of the fine exhibition of art and manual work by the students of the Teachers' Training College, held recently at Blackfriars, two ex-Fortians are singled out for special mention. These received the excellent foundations of their art knowledge and

practice at School under the tuition of Miss Tearle. We quote: "The exhibits, large and small, of stencilled portieres and coloured sketches are done with a freedom and originality that suggests sheer delight in the execution. Miss Rita Young showed great talent in her excellent treatment of juvenile subjects in friezes suitable for kindergartens, nurseries, etc. Miss Young has a large illustration of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. The picture is full of vigor, and gives the effect of 'the wooden shoes clattering' apparently without effort. The suggestion of a crowd in the background, and in perspective Hamelin's steeples is admirably carried out. More of Miss Young's work is shown in two friezes representing the Forty Thieves, in which there is the same originality of conception. This is particularly charming, and has none of the stiffness associated with most work of the kind. It has a warmth, vigor and freshness that are characteristic.

"Miss Portia Bennett has some clever exhibits, including one in the stencilling section representing the 'Fair little girl that sat under a tree.' This is a large piece of work, and lacks the stiffness that is so easy a fault in stencilling. 'Ring-a-Rosy,' by the same student, is full of life. Miss Bennett's pencil sketch of a branch of blossom is beautifully light, and her Dilly Duck frieze would bring joy to the heart of any child."

Our congratulations to the youthful exhibitors on their success.

The annual meeting of the Old Girls' Union was set down for Saturday afternoon in mid-November, but as the weather was exceptionally oppressive, only a few brave spirits attended. As the requisite number for a quorum were not present, the business and technical details of the meeting were postponed, and the afternoon was devoted, as usual, to needlework for needy Allies and social intercourse, and the afternoon passed very agreeably.

It was suggested that the annual general meeting should take place in May, when weather conditions are usually more propitious.

Several ex-Fortians are members of the Army Nursing Corps, and are serving their country well in Egypt and other hospital centres of the war zone. We hope to furnish reports of their doings in next issue of the "Fortian."

When one reads the completed list of parcels

of garments despatched to the various depots from here, one realises how industriously and zealously Miss Simpson and her young co-operators have worked.

Following on a circular received from the Department of Public Instruction permitting the needlework classes to devote some of their sewing periods to the preparation of clothes for the poor of the Allies, the girls have worked unremittingly for this charitable purpose. The clothes comprise all classes of underwear, dresses and blouses for women and children.

To the Belgians 38 garments; to the French-Australian League 24; to the Poles 62—from materials contributed by the girls and their parents.

Three hundred and seventy-five caps for hospital ships were made from materials supplied by the Lady Mayoress' Sewing Circle, while 48 garments were finished and despatched to the headquarters of the French-Australian League of Help—the materials for same having been supplied by the League.

The girls who have remained after school on Mondays and Thursdays will be gratified to learn that their efforts have resulted in the knitting and distribution of 350 pairs of socks. We thank the girls for their efforts, and also the parents for supplying the wool which enabled so much comfort to be given to the soldiers.

Miss Roberts, lecturer in charge of the Women's Handicrafts at the Technical College and official examiner of the needlework of the High Schools, paid us her annual visit on the Friday afternoon of Allies' Day. Her object was to examine the practical work of the students of the second and fourth years who have subsequently done the theoretical and drafting sections of the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate Examinations respectively. Each girl was wearing a blouse and skirt made by her own fair (?) hands, and the tables of the dress-making room held also numbers of other garments the result of the girls' tuition under the capable guidance of Miss Simpson.

Miss Roberts expressed herself as very pleased with the stitchery and style of the garments exhibited.

To novices in the ways of our Art Department, some rubbing of eyes was necessary to appreciate the sudden conversion of the "Lib-

And they knew their country's cause was
just and true;
So they volunteered like heroes, dropped their
jobs and grabbed a gun;
And went forth to show the world what
they can do.

Life was not all "beer and skittles," or a
perfect paradise

Up at Liverpool, in fact 'twas mainly
"stew,"

It was six o'clock reveille and the first man
broke the ice

On the water, and their feet got soaked with
dew;

But they buckled to it bravely to the tune of
"marmalade,"

For a British soldier's watchword is "obey."
And they shelved all petty differences, and
grinned and just obeyed.

And got in good condition for the fray.

When the day dawned for departure, and the
final fond farewell

('Twas for all eternity for aught they
knew).

Then 'twas on the grieving mothers that the
nation's burden fell,

Who had dreamed for them and watched
them as they grew,

For when a nation enters into strife with other
lands

Then her best and bravest manhood are the
price;

And the hardest and most cruel of the God of
War's demands

Is the mother's grand immortal sacrifice.

In the glare of tropic Egypt, in the desert heat
and sand,

In the training's dull monotonous routine
They became inured to hardships and grew
strong and lean and tanned,

Fit to form a part of Britain's War Machine.
Here they made their first acquaintance with
the battle's hopes and fears;

Of their viet'ry at Suez the cable tells.

For they rounded up the Abduls like a mob
of scrub-bred steers

And pursued them o'er the sea to Dardan-
elles.

And there, with names made famous by the
deeds at Lonesome Pine,

And the glorious reports of Anzac Bay,
We must leave them for the present, though
our hearts fly o'er the brine

Where our friends and comrades struggle
day by day.

But we pray in the near future that the din
of war's alarms

And this devastating carnage all shall cease,
And our countrymen and allies may with
honour sheath their arms,

And the world shall smile in everlasting
peace.

—R. K. BURNETT, 3C.

Our Prefects.

They are prefects, new created;

They've a dignity sublime;

And it's really most insulting

To comment on them in rhyme.

But I'll dare their royal displeasure

And invoke the Muses' aid

To describe them to the public.

That their fame may never fade.

They are of all shapes and sizes—

Some are fat and others lean;

Some are wily old campaigners—

Others innocent and green;

But there's one thing they all agree in

And which we admire them for—

For the whole antique collection

Is true Fortian to the core.

There's one prodigy from Alb'ry,

With his hair of auburn hue—

(Which the vulgar would call ginger)

And he's plainly labelled—Frew.

He's our local Tom Macaulay,

And has heaps of common sense,

But a PREFECT should wear trousers

For his dignity's immense.

The inseparable comrade

Of his hopes, and cares, and fears,

Is the snowy-headed Ashby—

A bright youth of tender years.

His knowledge oozes from him.

For in work he fairly soaks;

And he's properly notorious
For his—Well! he calls them jokes.

He is long, and lean, and lanky;
You can see his head afar.
And an urchin softly whispers—
Henry! reach me down a star!
But his long legs come in handy,
Though they really make you laugh,
For he's used to run the errands
For some members of the staff.

On the name of O. J. Walker
Let no scoundrel cast a slur,
For, by rules of navigation,
He's a splendid cricketer.
Though at drill he's quite loquacious,
In his class he goes to sleep.
He's a devil with the—Never mind!
Still water runneth deep.

As for West—he is a poet;
'Tis the worst of all his crimes—
For he hurts our tender feelings
With his execrable rhymes.
His favourite style of writing
Is a hieroglyphic flow.
And the teachers, in their kindness,
Don't forget to tell him so.

As to Burnett—he's a growler
And extremely hard to please;
And he lately has appeared in pants
Extended from the knees.
He is really not afraid of work—
In fact, we've heard him say
That he gladly could beside it lie
And watch it every day.

Then our swarthy friend Paxinos,
From the Grecian Isles of fame,
(We really couldn't risk our jaw
And tell his christian name).
Is a genius at physics
And' romantically inclined;
And in history and English
Argumentative of mind.

Sid Harper is a colonel,
But of voice there's a sad lack;
He wears a little Russian coat—
It's rushin' up his back.

He, with his steady guiding hand
The rifle club maintains,
And, on his death—if we have time—
We'll weep o'er his remains.

R. K. BURNETT, 3C.

After the Xmas vacation, a tuck shop will be opened in connection with the Girls' High School. Already rumours have reached us of the fine things to be purveyed. There is even talk of hot dinners, though we have not yet discovered whether there will be nine or ten courses. Anyhow, we know there will be on sale hot drinks—and cold ones—soup in winter, and ice cream in summer. We hope that the "tuck shop" will be a success. The Headmaster has already intimated that he will allow the boys to patronize the new institution at certain specified hours. We were wondering whether it wouldn't be a good idea to take a sort of "census" of the delicacies dear to the—I was going to say infantile, but will alter it to—youthful heart. In this way there would be no fear that the epicureans of Fort Street would find their palates untickled.

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aries" into the resplendent Art Gallery the rooms presented when Mr. Branch made his annual inspection. Desks, walls, blackboards, the piano, tables, bureau were lost under the art exhibits, which included leather work, stencilling, china painting, designs for friezes, book plates, dry colour sketches, water-colours, and many other branches of art work. Some very meritorious results were noticed, as well as some peregrinations into the realms of the Futurist and High Coloratura artist.

Mr. Tearne also visited us for examination. It was rather a surprise visit, but the girls acquitted themselves favourably, and the examiner expressed appreciation of their singing. We began to be quite accustomed to visits and examinations at short notice from persons of high authority in their respective specialties.

ALLIES' DAY.

Allies' Day was celebrated by the singing of the National Anthems of Britain, Belgium, France, Italy, Russia and Australia, and a collection for relieving the distressed in the countries of our Allies.

As usual on such occasions, there was rivalry between the classes, and III.C had the pleasure and honour of contributing the largest sum on that day. The collection amounted to £9, and we have now in hand £40 19s. The fund is to be kept open till the end of the School's year, when the substantial amount will be sent to the secretaries of the fund, through the Department of Public Instruction.

Miss Marks (who acted as accompanist) played the Polish National Anthem.

The Russian stall for Allies' Day was under the control of the Amateur Sportsmen's Association of N.S.W., and our Sports Club members were invited to assist at the preliminary Cafe Chantant held at the Salon de Luxe to obtain supplies for the stall, and also at the stall itself. Several of our members interested themselves in many ways for this good object, and among others, Kathleen Blacker—ex-Fortian—was prominent in increasing the funds of the day of the Allies.

SPORTS.

On Saturday evening, the 27th ultimo, our Swimming Rescue Club, under the direction

of Miss Maloney, gave an exhibition of life-saving drill and resuscitation methods, at the desire of the W. & S. Board's Division of St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Needless to say, this display was entirely successful, and was watched with the keenest interest and enthusiasm by the large audience.

The tennis girls did not play at the Double Bay courts for six weeks, on account of the courts being top-dressed. Since practice has been resumed there, splendid games have been enjoyed, as of course the courts are now in excellent condition.

On November 19th, Dr. Mary Edleston, on the staff of the Department of Public Instruction, addressed the girls on the subject of health. The instructions were simple, the points impressed upon the hearers being the wearing of suitable clothing and the care of the digestive organs. No girl carrying out the definite rules of hygiene outlined by the doctor could fail to improve physically.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The main topic of conversation among the girls of the first and third years has been the examination results. Those who secured the first place in subjects in the third year are:

English and History—Mary Bourne, 3C.
Latin—Barbara Grieve, 3C.
French—Enid Mawson, 3B; J. McDowell, 3B, equal.

German—Brenda Richardson, 3C.

Geology—Ida Brown, 3C.

Botany—Namona Gors, 3C.

Mathematics I.—Lily Preston, 3A.

Mathematics II.—Phyllis Swain, 3C.

Art Work—Dorothy Russell, 3C; Vera Oliver, 3C.

Higher Mathematics—Ida Brown, 3C.

As a result of the examinations, 59 girls have been promoted to the fourth year.

In the first year the following carried off the honours:

English—Margaret Clarke, 1D.

History—Edith Wells, 1D.

Latin—Margaret Clarke, 1D.

French—Margaret Clarke, 1D.

German—Tory Wicks, 1D.

Mathematics I.—Heather Reid, 1D; Edna Hyde, 1D, equal.

Mathematics II.—Rita Smythe, 1C.

Geography—Jessie Champion, 1D.

Botany—Edith Wells, 1D.

Art Work—Winnie Hurren, 1A.

First Remove results are as follows:—

Zellie Bristowe—English, History, Latin,
French, Botany.

Mary Towner—Mathematics I. Mathematics
II.

Jessie Ingram—Geography.

Veronica Pike—French.

Lena Esserman and Irma Bennett—German.

Anna Thorn—Art Work.

THE REDOUTABLE SEVEN.

It is 9 a.m. on an ordinary school day.

Come, let us watch the doings of the members of the famous "little room," once the prefects' room, but now commandeered by those who are able to recite the poem "We are Seven."

The notice upon the door reads:

"Fourth Remove Room.

Please knock here."

Later we learnt that the injunction must be obeyed owing to the sudden mysterious disappearance of the door handle.

We glide silently into the room and our gaze alights on a dark-haired maiden inclined at an angle of sixty degrees to the nearest wall—reading what looks like an interesting book. Two young "babies" are scribbling on the board what they are pleased to call "conics exercises," since their ambition is to write a key to the conics book.

But look, has not the room been unmistakably changed since our last visit? It resembles more a railway carriage than a class room, although the members call it a drawing room.

Suddenly a rap is heard on the door. The door is opened and a red-haired juvenile enters and immediately proceeds to scribble conics. One member of the seven is also a member of a fourth year Latin class, and inscribes on the board "Britannia est domina undarum," which sounds rather like first year phraseology.

Still the seven crack jokes and laugh, since they now have no lessons to interrupt their joyful proceedings. Behind the door is ensconced a fair-haired maiden who dreams until suddenly the 10.30 bell awakes her from her reveries.

Then comes a clashing and clanging and sigh-

ing and sobbing, when out of their bags come a number of "tinny" looking articles and things that look like combs with paper over them.

The seven are ready for their orchestral practice, which occurs daily at 10.30 and 12.30, since they are preparing to give their fellow students an uproarious send-off.

The dismal inharmonious squeaks of four flutes, two in E flat and two in F, begin to resound over the playground. Many inquisitive small children attempt to investigate through the window, because of such sweet dulcet harmony. Alas and alack for their poor ears! Just then one girl who owns a fifteen-penny whistle tells another girl who owns a three-penny one that it is a tin one, while the damsels retorts by saying that her opponent's is of galvanised iron manufacture.

The practice continues, then the famous combs begin with a noise like elastic stretched across a kerosene tin, but of course not in the opinion of the "Seven," who think no sounds could be so exquisitely melodious.

Then a short lull in which the puffed performers snatch a few much needed mouthfuls of lunch, since singing through combs is very exhausting.

Ting-a-ling-ling! there goes the bell, and with it a last serenade greets the ears of the "small" ones who, much wearied, are travelling to their much loved lessons.

The fourth remove continue their gambolings, with prospects of future joy.

During the year 1915 there were 128 Fort Street Old Boys and 47 Fort Street Old Girls attending lectures at the University of Sydney. Judging by the number of candidates for this year's L.C. Exam., there should be close on 100 new students in 1916.

Much discussion has been aroused among the mathematically inclined during the last week or two over the problem: When a motor car is turning a corner at high speed, which wheels lift, the inner or the outer? We invite popular solutions.

A debate has been arranged between 1D and 1A classes, in which the speakers will decide whether "Elizabeth was justified in having Mary Queen of Scots executed."

A Ballad

"THE HERO."

Oh happy were the days of old,
And merry was the life;
When most men only cared for gold,
And won it by their strife.

But few men lived a life so gay,
Who loved not virtues true;
And fewer still were loth to say
What England yet should do.

But many years of war, and toil,
Have gained for them a name;
Not only in our nation's soil,
But in our nation's fame.

We love those ancient men so bold,
And honour to them give,
Who gained for us the wealth we hold,
And helped us thus to live.

By ceaseless work, and lives well spent,
A nation great was formed,
That ever is on justice bent,
Although her coast be stormed.

'Twas gallant Drake who sailed the main,
With heroes bold and brave;
He crippled proud and mighty Spain,
And England ruled the wave.

He may have led a pirate crew,
But glory was his aim;
He loved to fight, as all men do,
Just for his nation's fame.

Proud Philip, with his Spanish pride,
And all his gallant crew,
Sailed up the channel with the tide,
With hopes, and trust anew.

But Drake in ships of scanty crew,
Sailed out to meet the host,
And God with love His fair wind blew,
And drove them to the coast.

They died on Giant's Causeway,
And on the Scottish shore,
Few lived to tell the tale that day,
Nor heard the breakers roar.

But Drake with ships, and men quite hale,
Sailed back to Plymouth port,
And there the English heard the tale,
Of how the Spaniards fought,

So gallant Drake was welcomed home,
And everyone was gay;
For British power on seas of foam,
Was saved by him that day.

He helped the good Queen in her work,
A courtier, too, was he;
He loved the deeds no hero shirks,
And prayed on bended knee.

Now years and years have passed since then,
And many battles won;
On sea and land we hear of men
And how their deeds were done.

We love to read of heroes' deeds,
That formed our glorious race,
And greater still we love indeed,
To meet them face to face.

So let us honour those who saw
How Britain should yet be,
Not only great in peace and war,
But mistress of the sea.

And greater honour let us give
To those who gained this fame,
And let us hope that we shall live
And help to do the same.

And may we like true Britons live,
To honour men like Drake,
Who spent their lives so as to give
All for Great Britain's sake.

—H. WEST.

A Soldier's Dream.

The golden rays of the setting sun,
Were shining through the rain,
And now for a time the fiery Hun
Had ceased to count the slain.

The soldiers, British to the bone,
Had fought without a rest,
For two long days, they held their own,
And each had done his best.

But now they had a chance at last,
 And each lay down to rest,
 Whilst here and there with movements fast
 The doctor made his quest.

Many had fallen, ne'er to rise,
 Perhaps an only son,
 Whom God had called up to the skies
 For duty nobly done.

No more the sound of bugle-call
 Disturbed his dreaming sweet,
 Of scenes familiar to us all
 Of life at old Fort Street.

He once more climbed the well-known hill,
 And reached the entrance gate,
 He watched the playground slowly fill,
 With boys who ne'er came late.

Once more he saw the honor lists,
 And trophies nobly won,
 He heard the chairs' familiar twist,
 Rejoiced when work was done.

His Latin, too, he learnt once more,
 And quoted in his dream.
 The verbs he'd learnt three years before.
 How happy did he seem!

He thought that he was asked to read,
 The Latin he'd preferred,
 And awkward did he feel indeed,
 When this old fate he shared.

The master's voice was heard to roar,
 "My boy! what's that you say?
 You stay at school till half-past four,
 And go——" but what dismay.

The German shells skipped overhead,
 And whistled in their flight,
 The noise would wake the very dead,
 Who formed a ghastly sight.

A deadly bomb dropped in his trench,
 And hastily he ran,
 To seize the fuse, and jerk, and wrench,
 But lo! God save the man!

A deafening noise was heard at last,
 And filled the trench with smoke,

The hero fell, and dying fast
 These last few words he spoke.

"I've fought for King and country,
 With a joy that knows no fear,
 And tell my dear old parents
 How their reckless son died here."

—H. WEST, 3C.

Boys of the Dardanelles.

On the pleasant Austral beaches in the sunlight
 they have lain,
 They have splashed with dainty sirens in the
 foam;

Or with tucker-bag and billy they have hoofed
 it o'er the plain
 And wherever sunset found them it was
 "home,"

Mountain gullies, stony deserts, dawn till dusk
 unceasing work;
 They have sought their luck in golden letters
 writ.

And whatever their vocation, lawyer, rabbiter,
 or clerk,
 They have answered to the call, and done
 their "bit."

Every city, village, station, every ship and min-
 ing camp.

Heard the call and answered as in former
 years;
 And the din of business faded 'neath the stern
 and steady tramp

Of Australia's hundred thousand volunteers.
 For beneath the clerk's new ready-mades and
 cocky's dungarees

Had the spirit of their fathers lain con-
 cealed;
 And 'midst all the lands o'er which the Union
 Jack flaunts in the breeze.

In men and gold, Australia led the field.

It was not romantic glamour, or the thoughts
 of coming home.

With the faces of the loved ones on the
 quay,
 Nor yet the driving "Wanderlust," the mere
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And he's properly notorious
For his—Well! he calls them jokes.

He is long, and lean, and lanky;
You can see his head afar.
And an urchin softly whispers—
Henry! reach me down a star!
But his long legs come in handy,
Though they really make you laugh,
For he's used to run the errands
For some members of the staff.

On the name of O. J. Walker
Let no scoundrel cast a slur,
For, by rules of navigation,
He's a splendid cricketer.
Though at drill he's quite loquacious,
In his class he goes to sleep.
He's a devil with the—Never mind!
Still water runneth deep.

As for West—he is a poet;
'Tis the worst of all his crimes—
For he hurts our tender feelings
With his execrable rhymes.
His favourite style of writing
Is a hieroglyphic flow.
And the teachers, in their kindness,
Don't forget to tell him so.

As to Burnett—he's a growler
And extremely hard to please;
And he lately has appeared in pants
Extended from the knees.
He is really not afraid of work—
In fact, we've heard him say
That he gladly could beside it lie
And watch it every day.

Then our swarthy friend Paxinos,
From the Grecian Isles of fame,
(We really couldn't risk our jaw
And tell his christian name).
Is a genius at physics
And romantically inclined;
And in history and English
Argumentative of mind.

Sid Harper is a colonel,
But of voice there's a sad lack;
He wears a little Russian coat—
It's rushin' up his back.

He, with his steady guiding hand
The rifle club maintains,
And, on his death—if we have time—
We'll weep o'er his remains.

R. K. BURNETT, 3C.

After the Xmas vacation, a tuck shop will be opened in connection with the Girls' High School. Already rumours have reached us of the fine things to be purveyed. There is even talk of hot dinners, though we have not yet discovered whether there will be nine or ten courses. Anyhow, we know there will be on sale hot drinks—and cold ones—soup in winter, and ice cream in summer. We hope that the "tuck shop" will be a success. The Headmaster has already intimated that he will allow the boys to patronize the new institution at certain specified hours. We were wondering whether it wouldn't be a good idea to take a sort of "census" of the delicacies dear to the—I was going to say infantile, but will alter it to—youthful heart. In this way there would be no fear that the epicureans of Fort Street would find their palates untickled.

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Third Year Delights

So the year has drawn to an end! It has been a remarkably short year, this of 1915, but at last the month of December has once more swung round, with all its rejoicings and festivities, and soon old Father Time will be able to tick off another year to our credit. How soon these happy Fort Street days pass! The holidays are gone in no time, and then we come to January, a truly wonderful month in which momentous changes are made in an instant of time!

Then first year pupils become second year, and third year become seniors! Sweet sound, seniors! And what about you, intermediates, you who will become "would-be's," imitation seniors,—otherwise third year students? You will enter on a large variety of new subjects, indeed, enter a new realm of student life. So look forward to a happy time in third year. Not a lazy time, mind, for there is no time to loaf, but a quiet, studious time. Think of it! No exam. looming in the distance to swot for, not too much homework, and plenty of new stuff to delve into! Here is a little foretaste of all the delights to come:—

Besides helping Mr. Allen in his delightful task of translating English into Latin, you will enjoy the love letters of Cicero to a great extent and realise fully that—"Experientia docet."

You will be able to cast aside the old fashioned dictionnaire, and read all the explanations of your texte in French. We sometimes hear some "would-be's" even conversing in French, but this is only to make the small boys think they are seniors. In Physics you will see that the acceleration of a particle travelling round the circumference of a circle is vr/r , and is towards the centre. Thus you will understand why mud from a bicycle wheel must travel up your back in preference to any other spot.

In English you will find yourself in the Georgian Age, an age of set studies and harsh criticism, in which the one hackneyed phrase is "Seniors, be serious."

Ah! but it is mathematics, the glorious realm of Mathematics, in which you will find exceeding joy and peace for evermore. There you will taste of "news" in "pies," and hear of

Mr. Brown's "cosy-sins," committed years and years ago. You will discover that a train moves because it has a force pulling on it, and equally marvellous occurrences! You will learn that a right angle is equal to an obtuse angle, and that a part of a line is equal to the whole of it, and understand how a magic square is built up.

Now where is the person whose heart is not softened by these many inducements? So let us hope to see all the present second yearers come merrily into third year to taste of the delights above mentioned, taking the place of those "would-be's" who "are," and, we hope, will soon "have been."

Ex. 3C.

Suggested Series of Holiday Readings

Romance—

Charlotte Bronte: *Villette*.

Jane Austen: *Pride and Prejudice*.

Kipling: *Kim*, *Captains Courageous*, *Stalky and Co.*, *The Jungle Books*, *The Day's Work*.

Jane Porter: *Scottish Chiefs*.

Samuel Lever: *Charles O'Malley*.

Stanley Weyman: *A Gentleman of France*, *Count Hannibal*.

H. S. Merriman: *The Sowers*.

Owen Wister: *The Virginian*, *Lin Maclean*.

Loeke: *The Joyous Adventures of Aristide Pujol*, *The Glory of Clementina Wing*.

Oliver Goldsmith: *Vicar of Wakefield*.

Sir A. Conan Doyle: *Exploits of Brigadier Gerard*, *Rodney Stone*.

Travel—

Mary Kingsley: *Travels in West Africa*.

Stevenson: *An Island Voyage*, *Travels with a Donkey*, *Island Nights Entertainments*.

C. and N. Williamson: *The Lightning Conductor*, *The Princess Passes*.

Kendrick Bangs: *The Houseboat on the Styx*, *The Pursuit of the Houseboat on the Styx*.

Historical Tales—

Mary Johnson: *By Order of the Company*, *The Old Dominion*.

W. M. Thackeray: *Henry Esmond*, *The Virginians*.

Gilbert Parker: *Seats of the Mighty*.

Winston Churchill: *Richard Carvel*, *The Crisis*.

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Troubles of the Third Year Student—A Reply.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sir,—

I am very much struck by an article appearing in your issue last month, retailing the troubles of the third year boy (or should I say student?)

After giving the matter much earnest cogitation, I think I have arrived at a solution of the difficulty.

Now, in the first year, of which I am at present a member, troubles of this sort are never mentioned, and the obvious conclusion is that they don't exist.

Now, Mr. Editor, can you inform me why it is that such difficulties should be felt in the one year and not in the other. The only explanation that occurs to me is, that the first year boys have awakened to a full realization of their responsibilities, which I grieve to say does not seem to be the case of his "big" brother in the third year. Let him therefore take example from his younger brother and work conscientiously and diligently all the year round. Then will there no longer be the necessity of earning the displeasure of his younger brother, of seeking his assistance in doing his homework, or of relying on his help to dispose of awkward questions in exams. No longer will he be threatened with nervous breakdown at the end of the year, exciting the pity of mother and father at his condition, and being sent off for his holiday a fortnight before the time. (A state of affairs, Mr. Editor, which fairly makes me writhe.)

Then will he be able to eat his breakfast in peace, not needing to rush out every moment to chase the postman, and, like his younger brother, able to face "Dad" with a clear conscience and feeling of satisfaction at a year's work well done.

I am, etc.,

A FIRST YEAR BOY.

"Excalibur."

Long years ago in monkish age,

When legends held full sway,

When tales were told by seer and sage

And knights sang roundelay,

One tale was told by Royal Knight

Who, deep in mystic lake,

A sword espied—a glorious sight—

Which Merlin bade him take.

On one side in an unknown tongue

"Take me and strike" was seen—

The sword about King Arthur swung

And downcast was his mien.

For carven deep in flaming fire

"Cast me away" behold—

But hark! old Merlin's mystic ire

Counselled the knight of old.

"Take thou and strike! Cast not away"—

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—EDITH MURDOCK, 3B.



CRICKET.

The scores in the last first grade match are as follows:—

Fort Street I v. S. H. School I.

Fort Street.—1st Innings.

Ford, c. bowled Taylor	13
Firth, bowled Williams	37
Hart, bowled Benson	1
Newman, bowled Williams	108
Munroe, run out	62
Vandenberg, c. bowled Benson	8
Armstrong, stumped, bowled Williams	32
Searle, c. bowled Larkwood	35
Bohrsmann, l.b.w. bowled Benson	4
Goodman, l.b.w. bowled Benson	22
Jacobs, not out	3
Sundries	16
Total	341

S. H. School.—1st Innings.

Kearney, bowled Firth	0
Lockwood, c. bowled Armstrong	11
Benson, c. bowled Goodman	10

Cooper, bowled Armstrong	83
Cummings, c. bowled Newman	4
Rees, l.b.w. bowled Armstrong	13
O'Connor, c. bowled Armstrong	3
Williams, c. bowled Armstrong	5
Taylor, not out	34
Connell, run out	2
Webb, run out	2
Sundries	22
Total	248

S. H. School.—2nd Innings.

Taylor, bowled Goodman	0
Williams, not out	29
Benson, bowled Goodman	21
Lockwood, bowled Goodman	4
Cooper, stumped, bowled Searle	5
Rees, c. bowled Searle	0
Connell, l.b.w., bowled Armstrong	4
Cummings, c. bowled Searle	1
Kearney, not out	1
O'Connor, absent	0
Webb, absent	0
Sundries	10
Seven for	74

Bowling.—Goodman 4 for 64; Armstrong 7 for 74; Bohrsmann 0 for 10; Newman 1 for 21; Searle 3 for 17.

The amount collected by the boys toward the Allies' Day Fund was £7 14s. 6d., which was forwarded to the hon. secretaries.

Roy Booker and William Jolly have obtained Second and Third places, respectively, at the recent exam. for admission to the Royal Military College. Our congratulations to both.

Barkis died a pathetic death, still cuddling his box of old clothes, which contained his treasures suffering from rheumatics.

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Editorial.

All boys and girls in the school are reminded that subscriptions to the "Fortian" for 1916 are now due.

The Editor would also like to remind readers that he expects their support in making the paper a success. He is particularly anxious to receive—not school essays—but short, bright, chatty articles, paragraphs about old and present pupils, cuttings of interest to Fortians, and verse contributions.

The Annual Carnival.

The 26th Annual Carnival will be held at the Domain Baths on Saturday, 11th March next. The secretary particularly desires us to bring before the notice of all Old Boys the 100 yards Old Boys' Handicap, which is down for decision on that date.

The co-operation of all Fortians in making this Annual Carnival the grand success that all previous ones have been is earnestly and urgently desired.

From the annual report of the Minister for Education for last year we note that Fort-st. boys secured 36 University Bursaries and Exhibitions as a result of the 1915 Leaving Certificate Examination. We hope that this year this number will be materially increased.

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Lieut. B. T. F. Seldon.
Lieut. C. H. O. White.

Wounded.

Trooper A. R. St. Leger
Pte. Chas. Ernest Thompson

Enlistments.

Since our last issue the following names of old Fort-street boys have been secured for inclusion in our Roll of Honour:—

Pte. J. V. Gallagher, B.A.
Pte. Ken. C. Warton.
Pte. J. W. Tindal.
Pte. Reginald Cox.
Pte. Harry Maerker.
Trumpeter A. R. Mealey.
Pte. J. Victor Hall.
Pte. Alex. Elliott.
Sapper Fred Sainty.
Signaller Rupert Clark, 7 R., 18 B.
Signaller D. Turner.
Trooper E. John Campbell, W.A. L.H.
Lieut. Russell Jamieson (Machine Gun Section).

Pte. Eric Bennett.
Cpl. Arthur Taylor.
Sgt. Cyril Noake, 7 R., 17 B.
Lieut. L. K. Chambers, 7 R., 17 B.
Gunner Cyril Smith.
Pte. H. A. Stokes-Hughes.
Pte. E. J. Thorne.
Pte. Harold Buckler.
Pte. Carl Ferns.
Pte. Bert Wolfe.
Pte. Herbert Winkworth.
Pte. E. Ackland.
Pte. Percy C. Chave-Morrison, 3 R., 20 B.
Pte. William Anderson.
Driver G. S. Robinson.
Lieut. John S. Ferguson, 12 R., 1st F.A.
Pte. George W. Ferguson, 7 R., 17 B.
Capt. A. M. Langam, A.M.C.
Pte. Ernest Walter Hayes.
Pte. Sid. Wheeler, A.M.C.
Sergt. W. S. B. Chapman, 10th R., 17 B.
Pte. E. Stackelburg (Depot School).
Pte. F. R. Jones.

Pte. Frank Wolmer.
Pte. Cyril Shappere
Lt. H. C. Renshaw, Engineers.
Pte. Darcy I. Byrne.
Pte. Roy Jolly, B Compy., 19th Battn., Egypt.
Pte. W. R. Bradley, 9th Rein., 13th Battn.,
Cairo.

Pte. Frank Boone, 12th Rein., 1st Field
Artillery Brigade.

Lt. H. M. Hollingworth, 3/4th Battn York-
shire Regt.; Pte. R. E. Hollingworth, 1st Vety.
section A.I.F., both in Heliopolis.

Pte. Ellis Wynne.

Pte. Wallace Dinning.

Pte. F. Lessing.

Sgt. Harry G. Hodges, 13th Rein., 2nd Battn.

Capt. Cedric Murray, A.A.M.C., Rabaul.

Capt. Chas. Bray, A.A.M.C., Rabaul.

War Notes.

Private A. D. Fraser mentions in the course of a brief note that his unit arrived at Malta in charge of 600 wounded, after an exciting chase by submarines. The letter is dated 15th June, 1915.

Lieut. Eric Lee, 20th Battalion, writing under date 11 Dec., 1915, says: "I have been ill for the last nine weeks with enteric. Stayed two months on the Peninsula, and was then bowled over by **dead** Turks. . . . I shall shortly go to Egypt to convalesce."

The Headmaster has received letters from Pte. A. D. Fraser, A.A.M.C. (formerly of the Fort-street teaching staff); Capt. Idris Morgan, A.A.M.C., now in Egypt; Lieut. Noel Cuthbert; Cadet Victor Rosenbloom (invalided home); Private Bert, Trafford, 19th Battalion; Lieut. Dave Brown (invalided to England); Lieut. Eric Lee (in convalescent camp, Malta); Gunner George Martin, Gunner J. A. Lenehan. Driver A. W. Cridland, A.A.S.C., Heliopolis, Bombardier Eric Hellesrom. Pte. Eric Astridge.

Mr. James Murray, B.A., for some years on the modern language staff of Fort-street, who won a travelling scholarship and spent over two years in Europe, returned to Sydney last month. He has now enlisted and intends entering a school of instruction for officers.

Mr. J. V. Gallagher, B.A., himself an old Fort-street boy, and for some years on the

classical staff of the school, enlisted for active service just prior to the Christmas Vacation. He is now in camp at Casula. Fort-street wishes him the best of good luck.

It has been definitely stated that the new building for Fort-street boys will be completed at the end of June next.

Several of our 1915 Seniors have enlisted for active service. They are: James V. Hall, Arthur R. Mealey, H. A. Stokes-Hughes, Carl Ferns.

LIEUT. C. H. O. WHITE.

Official information has been received that Second-Lieutenant C. H. O. White, previously reported wounded, and later wounded and missing, was killed in action on August 8. Born 20 years ago on the R.M.S. Ophir—after which vessel he was named—then en route from England to Sydney, Second-Lieutenant White was educated at Fort-street High School. For a number of years he was connected with St. James's Church, King-street. Prior to enlisting he lived with his parents in Upper Avenue-road, Mosman. Always a keen military enthusiast, the young officer entered heart and soul into the universal military training scheme at its commencement, and was colour-sergeant, and later lieutenant, in the 17th Batt. (Mosman area). At the earliest opportunity Lieutenant White enlisted in the infantry, sinking his rank in so doing. It was for the fine work he performed when sergeant that he was mentioned in despatches. In the fighting of the early part of August last he was wounded in the neck, but did not leave the trenches until his wound became septic some days afterwards. He won his star a little later.

PRIVATE HAROLD HERMAN (died of wounds).

After leaving Fort Street School the late Private Harold Herman was employed at Messrs. Hoffnung & Co. for a year, and then went into business with his brother at Pambula, South Coast, N.S.W., where he resided for about three years, while later he assisted in the management of his father's business, where he was when war broke out.

He enlisted in May, 1915, and though offered an opportunity of entering the Officers' Train-

ing School, thought the call to Gallipoli too urgent, and left with the 2nd Reinforcements of the 17th Battalion Infantry in July. After a week in Egypt he entered the trenches at Quinn's Post on September 17, and after two months' continuous fighting was wounded by a machine gun bullet through the side of his eye, on the evening of November 17, when assisting to stop an attack by the Turks during a heavy storm which was raging at the time.

He died on board the Hospital Ship "Somali" on November 20th, 1915.

THE LATE PRIVATE. NOEL HOBDEN.

From a private letter we have extracted the following passage relating to an Old Boy of Fort Street:—

"One case in particular came under my notice. His name is Noel Hobden, and a young hero if ever one lived. He would shoot till his rifle was too hot to hold, and would always hold his own at trench digging beside the strongest men. In the heat, he would dig, like many others, without his shirt, and finally the sun caught the back of his neck, and he got a touch of sun-stroke. I had looked after him from the time we were at Mena till he left just before I was wounded. If you know of him or his people, I would like to know if he returned home, and I hope to have the pleasure of meeting him again. His spirit was stronger than his physical frame. Soldiers of more mature years worked on, but Noel was a boy I learned to love. There is always a very strong bond between those who have faced death together, and Noel always faced it with a smile."

[As already noted in "Fortian," poor Noel Hobden lost his life last August.—Ed.]

A SOLDIER'S FAREWELL.

The routine of clerical work in the examination and bursaries branch of the Department of Education was pleasantly broken into lately, when one of the junior officers, Mr. Ellis Cork, an old Fort-street boy, was presented by Mr. Durie, on behalf of his office-staff mates, with a letter case suitably inscribed and filled. Mr. Cork's enlisting for active service is another instance of the sword's attraction proving mightier than that of the pen. He comes from a family of good rifle shots, is a marksman himself, and carries with him the best wishes of his brother officers in his new career.

Mr. W. G. F. Leask, manager of the cigar department of Scott, Henderson, and Co., Sydney, has two sons at the front. James Urquhart Leask, 19 years of age, who left Sydney with the 1st Light Horse, has been in the trenches since May 13, and so far has escaped injury. The other son, Erick G. Leask, B.A., some time ago passed with honours his final examination in theology, and was about to be ordained in the Congregational Church when he decided to go to the front instead. He left recently as a member of the 30th Battalion. Both are Old Boys of Fort Street.

THE LATE LIEUT. RICHARD SELDON.

We publish in this issue a letter from the Commanding Officer of the late Lieut. Richard Seldon, an ex-Fortian, written to his brother and describing the circumstances under which that brave officer met his death. The letter speaks for itself, and we print it that all who knew him may read of the manner of his passing:—

“T.S.S. Marathon,
“15/11/15.

“Dear Seldon,—

“I do not know your mother’s address, and so write to you about the death of your brother.

“We had to carry out a rather desperate attack on a certain Turkish trench. Had it not been for the gallantry displayed by your brother and the other officers, their leading and absolute contempt for death, the attack might easily have failed.

“Your brother was wounded in the face, but continued to fight on until shot dead.

“Death was mercifully instantaneous. Had he lived it is almost certain he would have received the Military Cross, if not a higher decoration.

“Your brother was universally popular and liked by officers and men, and his death was most sincerely deplored throughout the regiment in general and by myself in particular, for not only have I lost a very good officer, but also a great personal friend.

“Will you tell your mother, please, that her son died gallantly, and as a British officer. I do not think I can say more.

(Sgd.) “————— Lt.-Col.”

AWARDED THE D.C.M.



SERGEANT R. CRAWFORD,

who has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry on the field, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford, of Randwick. For four and a half years he had belonged to the Scottish Rifles prior to enlisting with the 4th Battalion at the outbreak of war. He was in the Gaba Tepe landing, was fifteen weeks in the trenches before a bullet put

him temporarily out of action, and is now on invalid furlough in England. Sergeant Crawford is 22 years old, and was educated at Fort-street High School. At the outbreak of war he was managing an estate agency for his father.

The Tirones.

The latest arrivals at this establishment are the new "First Years." Some are big, some are middling tall, and some are, well, small, otherwise, little.

Now, there is a rule that "little" girls should be seen and not heard, though we must admit that it is a maxim more often honoured in the breach than in the observance.

The main characteristic to date of these novices, however, is that they are both seen and heard—even more heard than seen. The majority of them are learning French phonetics, consequently, the thoughts of many classes are distracted, and especially one division with five brainy (?) members whose attention is diverted from their mathematical problems by the French melody r-e-e-e-e- br-e-e-e, tr-e-e-e- tr-e-e-e- sh-sh-sh—which, being continually encored, upsets the nerves of the poor dears who form the audience to these "dulcet tones."

Many are of the opinion that the newcomers are considering an associate membership of the Zoo, when it betakes itself to its new happy hunting grounds at Ashton Park, and, in order to become vocally proficient and, in consequence, eligible, are exercising their lungs for that purpose. Anyway, it sounds like that. A certain notable personage, however, is developing "nerves" as a result of the continued "rehearsals," and she was overheard remarking in a vehement undertone, I do wish those juveniles would go and extinguish themselves (metaphorically speaking).

This sentiment is more or less heartily endorsed by the hyper-intellectual (?) quintette who have perhaps forgotten that as history repeats itself, they are hearing a younger generation imitating their earliest efforts to acquire a Parisian polish.

The latest definition of an "axiom" is "the thing on which the earth turns itself."

Girls' High School.

THE CHANGES IN THE STAFF.

We have to record the transference from our staff of Miss Joseph, B.A., B.Sc., to the Newcastle High School, and of Miss Taylor, B.A., to the Orange High School, and we wish them success in their new spheres of work.

Miss Livingstone, M.A., Glasgow, has joined our mathematical staff, and Miss Nash, B.A., the modern language staff, and we extend to them a cordial welcome.

In the Leaving Certificate Examination the best pass in the whole State was gained by Ethel Beatrix Durie, and the second highest place among the girls was obtained by Jessie Alexander. Both these girls had scored first place in the State in their respective intermediate results.

Girls from this school obtained the first place in the honours list in English, mathematics, Latin and geology. It is also a matter for congratulation that all the fifty-five successful candidates passed in English, also an average of 6.6 pass subjects to each girl, and honours gained in every subject, making a total of thirty honours.

BEATRIX DURIE.

Fort-street girls may well be proud of the fact that one of their number, Trixie Durie, broke all records at the recent Senior Public Examination. There are to be no more Seniors and this last one will always be remembered by those interested in educational matters as the one at which a Fort-street girl walked off with most of the scholarships and medals. Never before has a girl won both the John West and Grahame Prize Medals as well as the Fairfax Prize and the John Aitken Scholarship for general proficiency. Trixie Durie also won the Barker Scholarship and Horner Exhibition for mathematics, and in the eight subjects for which she sat she came first and gained silver medals in five, viz., geometry, trigonometry, coordinate geometry and calculus, English and French, and second in Latin with A's in algebra and history.

It was a magnificent result, and we are all sure that her career at the University Trixie will add new glories to the roll of honour that

Fort-street girls are lengthening year by year.

While speeding the parting guests, we cordially welcome the coming ones. The students who left us at the end of 1915 know full well how sympathetically interested in their future welfare are all the members of the staff, as well as their former school companions. Like the various "years" before them, all who remain within reach of the metropolis maintain their interest in the school and its activities by becoming members of the Fort-street Old Girls' Union, and by frequent visits to renew old associations. Many who dwell at too great a distance from town for personal intercourse, are subscribers to the "Fortian"—the school magazine—and so keep in touch with its current history.

To the newcomers, we extend warm greetings, feeling assured that they will soon become worthy members of the body corporate. Their responsibilities consist in helping to maintain the prestige of the establishment by their studies, also its esprit de corps, by identifying themselves with the various interests which form an integral part of school life.

In this connection, attention may be directed to the Sports' Union, to which every girl—as a member of the school—*ipso facto*, belongs. There are also the Reference Library, the Fiction Library, the Glee Club, the school magazine, the Girls' Realm Guild, the Victoria League of Correspondence, the Australian League of Honour for Women and Girls.

And, since we would like to give a watchword in this first number of the "Fortian" of the year, we find in Shakespeare—as always—the appropriate phrasing:—

"Honour and shame from no condition rise

Act well your part—

There all the honour lies."

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

This is essentially an "Examination" number of the "Fortian" for the Girls' High School. We have to record the results of the Leaving Certificate and Intermediate Examinations, also the allotment of Teachers' Training College Scholarships, and the University successes of former pupils.

Even the most casual observer must have noticed the exceptionally good results obtained by the students who presented themselves for these public examinations.

Miss Partridge has been the recipient of numerous congratulations—to be conveyed to her staff—on the elaborate successes gained by the pupils.

That our two Senior Examination candidates, Trixie Durie and Jessie Alexander, after acquitting themselves so well at that difficult examination should repeat at a second examination their splendid results, was really a fine achievement, when one considers the strain such a test would be for anyone.

The subjoined excerpt is quoted from the "Daily Telegraph's" report of the Art Exhibition organised by Mr. Branch, state Superintendent of Art in Schools, and to which Fort-street girls contributed a numerous assortment of specimen pieces, which had been accomplished towards the end of 1915 under Miss Tearle's guidance and instruction:—

"Naturally, a higher degree of proficiency, a more elevated quality of drawing, colour, design and skill generally, is expected from the students of the High Schools than from those of the primary and continuation classes, and the exhibits certainly justify the expectation.

"In dry and water colours, the girls from Fort-street Girls' High School show some delicious examples of applied art, drawings and designs, in which are expressed great originality and skill. An interesting fact in connection with the work of the children is that in almost every instance the painting or drawing is torn from the ordinary school sketch book."

Further on in the same report, in mentioning the exhibits forwarded for the teachers' section, Miss Tearle is specially commended for first class work in High School Art courses. The critique concludes thus: "Mr. Branch, Superintendent of Art Teaching, is enthusiastic over the general quality of the children's work, and the artistic possibilities of the Australian child, for whom he predicts great things. He is also enthusiastic over the ardour infused into their work by the teachers, and the whole-hearted co-operation they give him in his special department.

The farewell party given by the present fourth year students to the 1915 Seniors proved a specially felicitous occasion. Extra pleasure pervaded the assembly as the news of the brilliant successes of Trixie Durie and Jessie Alex-

ander at the Senior University Examination had just been published.

The gathering took place under the fig trees, and the special form of entertainment was a "Jumbled Suburbs Competition," in the elucidation of which Miss Marks and Pansy Templeton tied for first place. Doris Turner, having deciphered fewest, was presented with a pretty little prehistoric animal, whose wagging tail signified that she had come top at the further end. After the fatiguing (?) strain of this part of the programme, light refreshments were enjoyed by the company, and confidential chats were indulged in.

Then the newly-elected Captain for 1916—Isabel Cunningham—made her maiden speech (and scored a success), expressing the universal regret at the departure of the 1915 Seniors—coupled with wishes for their future success.

Kathleen Hahn—the retiring Captain—who has so ably fulfilled all the duties relative to her position, replied suitably, and then performed the ceremony of investing the new Captain with her badge of office. The entertainment concluded—as is usual on such occasions—with the formation of a huge circle by the company for the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The national Anthem and the usual loyal cheers formed the grand finale.

SPORTS.

The summer sports, among which swimming is naturally the favourite, are in full swing. Among the new first year pupils are some very promising water-nymphs. We shall watch with interest for their achievements at the carnival at the end of the season.

Double Bay Tennis Courts are also very popular, and there tennis is enjoyed under the most advantageous conditions. Birchgrove Oval is looking very attractive, and all enjoy the games arranged there.

THE TUCK SHOP.

The tuck shop bids fair to be a great success under the direction of Miss L. Evans. Judging by the crowds of eager buyers that assemble in its vicinity at recess and lunch time, it is supplying a long-felt want.

We wish Miss Evans success in her new departure.

THE LEAGUE OF HONOUR.

Many of the pupils are members of the League of Honour, and they met towards the end of last year to hear a delightful address by Mrs. F. Wood, B.A., one of the Secretaries of the League. Such addresses inspire the girls to live up to the ideals of the League.

N.S.W. RED CROSS.

Miss Chester, official secretary to the above society, has asked us to draw the special attention of all school girls to the section devoted to their interests in the "N.S.W. Red Cross Record," the official publication of that society. The current number (February, 1916) is number 2 of volume 2, and the reason for the allotment of a particular section of the magazine is given in the Greeting, which says, *inter alia*: "Because of the very great help that has been given by children to the Red Cross Society, and because we believe that this help will grow steadily and become a standing feature of our work, we feel that there should be a special place in the 'Red Cross Record' for children's interests." Details of the competitions appear in the journal, and Miss Chester will be glad to furnish any information. The office of the paper is at Terranora Building, Reiby Lane, Sydney.

To the following forty-three candidates scholarships at the Teachers' Training College at Blackfriars have been awarded for 1916:—Jessie E. J. Alexander, Olive Ball, Marie Bentioglio, Esme T. Bevan, Ruby C. Bidon, Edith C. Blackwell, Hilda P. Bourne, Edith E. Crane, Elizabeth Cahill, Elsie Chalker, Ida M. Crook, Eva Duhig, Dorothy Edwards, Frieda Friedrich, Pearl E. A. Griffin, Kathleen Hahn, Doris Hatfield, Isabella Hopkins, Margaret Humphrey, Mary Kilminster, Pathena Kneebone, Maggie McGregor, Alice McCabe, Mary McClemens, Dessima A. McFlinn, Mary C. McRae, Ruth Moorcroft, Eveline Moore, Miriam Morton, Veronica Moylan, Edith Murdock, Nellie Norman, Kathleen Ohlsen, Dorothy Oldman, Dorothy Powell, Hilda Proctor, Marjorie Keilby, Elsie Rushbrook, Dorothy Rothwell, Ivy Shirden, Rachel Southwell, Helena Street, Ursula Tierney, Irene Wild. Ex-students of Fort Street whose names also appear in the list are Violet Meikle, Elsie Chalker, Dorothy Toone.

Examinations.

AT THE UNIVERSITY.

The published lists of undergraduates successful at the December Examinations include the following ex-Fortians.

Botany I.—Professor Lawson's prize: Persia G. Campbell, Ella L. Martin, Sarah D. Payn, Doris May Rivett.

Completed Arts III.—B.A. Exam.: Joyce Mitchell.

Completed Science I.—Mary M. R. Brooks, Leila B. Quigley, Elsie M. Webb.

Botany I.—Professor Lawson's prize: Persia G. Campbell. High Distinction: Persia G. Campbell. Distinction: Olga V. Reeves, Jessie S. Watkinson. Pass: Alexina Drake, Lorna M. Jenkins, Leila Quigley, Elsie Segaert.

Geology I.—Distinction: Leila B. Quigley, Doris May Rivett. Pass: Mary M. R. Brooks, Mary S. Cowie, Alexina Drake, Lorna M. Jenkins, Elsie M. Segaert, Olive D. Storey, Edith M. Roulston.

Mathematics I.—Credit: Elsie M. Webb. Pass: Mary M. R. Brooks

Physics I.—Distinction: Elsie M. Webb. Pass: Mary M. R. Brooks, Leila B. Quigley.

Botany II.—Pass: Erica S. Smith.

Science III.—Completed B.Sc. Exam.: Marjorie I. Collins, Isabel M. Knight, Dorothy G. Perry, Jessie K. Wright.

Chemistry III.—Honours at Graduation Class II.: Isabel M. Knight. Pass: Ellen M. Hindmarsh, Dorothy G. Perry, Dorothy V. Rothschild.

Organic Chemistry III.—Honours at Graduation Class II.: Isabel M. Knight.

Physiology II.—Honours at Graduation Class I.: Ellen M. Hindmarsh

Botany III.—Honours at Graduation Class I.: Marjorie I. Collins. Class II.: Jessie K. Wright.

Philosophy III.—Pass: Ellice E. P. Hamilton, B.Sc., Edith R. S. Mackaness.

Advanced Psychology.—Pass: Marion M. Robertson.

Experimental Psychology and Education.—Pass: Dorothy C. Struthers.

Education.—Pass: Jessie S. Watkinson.

Faculty of Medicine.

First Degree Exam.—Renwick Scholarship for General Proficiency: J. M. A. Paling, J. I. Hunter, Prox. Acc.

Pass.—A. E. Allum, H. M. Cutler, C. Cramp, G. T. Ferris, S. U. Gentile, J. C. Green, G. M. B. Hales, F. S. Hansman, L. L. Holland, J. Hughes, J. I. Hunter, N. E. McLaren, J. D. Maude, W. K. Muston, C. L. Paine, J. M. Paling, W. E. J. Paradise, H. E. Horter, E. W. Rivett, L. J. Scott, J. S. Sherwood.

Honour List.—Chemistry I. High Distinction: J. M. Palmer (1st), F. S. Hansman, L. L. Holland, N. E. McLaren, A. E. Allum, H. K. Porter. Distinction: H. M. Cutler, J. C. Green, G. T. Ferris, W. K. Muston, J. S. Sherwood, J. D. Maude. Credit: J. Hughes, C. Cramp, G. M. Hales, J. I. Hunter.

Physics.—High Distinction: J. I. Hunter (1st). Distinction: J. M. Paling.

Faculty of Arts.

Latin I.—Pass: G. Hale (No. 2), F. A. Walton.

English I.—Pass: W. H. Anderson, A. Y. Jennings, A. G. T. Kench, A. V. Langker.

English II.—E. A. S. Jerdan (1st), J. Morgan, C. E. Bennett, C. V. Crockett.

English III.—P. Hindmarsh.

French I.—G. Dale, L. A. Swan.

History I.—A. Y. Jennings, A. G. Kench, F. A. Walton, L. A. Swan.

History II.—E. A. S. Jerdan, J. Morgan, P. Hindmarsh.

Philosophy I.—W. H. Anderson.

Philosophy II.—E. A. S. Jerdan, J. Morgan.

Philosophy III.—C. V. Crockett, P. Hindmarsh, A. V. Langker.

Advanced Psychology.—E. A. S. Jerdan.

Geology I.—A. Y. Jennings, A. V. Langker.

Faculty of Commerce.

Economics I.—W. H. Anderson, L. A. Swan.

History and Economic Thought.—G. A. Dale.

Business Principles.—L. A. Swan.

Commercial Geography.—Distinction: L. A. Swan.

Faculty of Law.

Final LL.B. Exam.—Section I.: B. F. Teefer, B.A.

Botany I.—High Distinction: J. I. Hunter (1), C. L. Paine (2), J. M. Paling (3). Distinction: J. D. Maude, N. E. McLaren, H. L. Porter, L. J. Scott, W. K. Muston. Credit: G. T. Ferris, L. L. Holland.

Zoology.—High Distinction: J. M. Paling. Distinction: J. I. Hunter. Credit: K. K. Muston.

Third Degree Exam.—Pass: H. H. Crowe.

Dentistry.—First Year: H. T. Illingworth (credit Physics and Chemistry). Second Year Pass: L. R. Firth.

Pharmacy.—Pass: L. A. Durnó.

Faculty of Science (First Year).

Professor Haswell's Prize for Geology.—J. M. Paling.

Professor Haswell's Prize for Notebooks.—J. I. Hunter.

The College Prize for Botany.—J. I. Hunter.

Chemistry I.—Distinction: G. B. White.

Third Year Exam.—B.Sc.: M. G. Welch.

Agricultural Science I.—Pass: G. B. White.

Engineering I.—Pass: W. H. Lush, W. L. Price, H. R. Schmidt, J. S. Storey, C. J. Watt.

Chemistry I.—Distinction: C. J. Watt, H. R. Schmidt.

Physics I.—Distinction: C. J. Watt, J. S. Storey. Credit: H. R. Schmidt.

Mathematics I.—Credit: W. H. Lush, W. L. Price, H. R. Schmidt, J. S. Storey, C. J. Watt.

Geology I.—High Distinction: C. J. Watt. Distinction: H. R. Schmidt, J. S. Storey. Credit: W. H. Lush.

Second Year Exam.—Pass: A. F. G. Stafford.

Fourth Year Exam.—Civil Engineering Pass: E. O. K. Green.

FORTIANS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

The following successes of Old Boys are recorded. Our congratulations to all.

THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAM.

The results of the L.C. Exam. came to hand on the 26th ult., and again reveal the fact that among all secondary schools, State and private,

Fort Street occupies pride of place. We have much pleasure in summarising below some of the chief features of the results.

(1) Of 66 boys who were presented 65 passed, while 55 girls out of 61 were successful.

(2) Fort Street secured first position in 5 subjects, viz.: English, Ethel B. Durie i.; Mathematics, Ethel B. Durie; French, Ethel B. Durie; German, William V. Jacobs and Aubrey Broadbent aeq.; and Geology, Jessie E. Alexander.

(3) The first pass in the whole exam. was obtained by Ethel B. Durie, 4 Honours and 3 A's—1st place for the whole State in Mathematics, English, French, and 2nd place in Latin. Jessie Alexander, the second best girl, also came from Fort Street, obtaining Honours in English, Botany and Geology, and A's in Mathematics, Latin and French.

(4) The best pass among the boys was obtained by R. G. Booker—2 Honours and 6 A's.

(5) Of the first 8 places in English Honours, 7 came to Fort Street, viz.: Ethel B. Durie (1), James V. Hall (2), Jessie Alexander (3), William J. Rundle (4), Dorothy E. Edwards (6), Doreen S. Harward (7), Robert H. Anderson (8).

(6) Fourteen boys and girls from Fort Street gained Honours in Mathematics.

(7) Five out of the six honours in Geology came to Fort Street girls.

(8) On the result of the L.C. Exam., 43 Training College Scholarships were awarded to the girls.

(9) The average number of papers in which each boy passed was 7.4, while 98.5 was the percentage of passes among the candidates presented.

Honours.

Jessie Alexander (3), W. J. Rundle (4), Dorothy E. Edwards, Doreen S. Harward, Robt. H. Anderson, Veronica E. Moylan, Daisy H. Ratcliffe.

Mathematics.—Ethel B. Durie (1), P. N. W. Anderson (3), R. A. Quigley, W. R. York, Doris Hatfield, Esther A. Thomas, A. G. S. Gilchrist, A. D. Meams, W. D. D. Jolly, A. S. Furness, F. A. McKechnie, F. T. Willard, Esme T. Bevan, M. Roddy.

French.—Ethel B. Durie (1), Nellie Norman.

Latin.—Ethel B. Durie (2), P. N. W. Anderson (the only boy sent up for Honours).

German.—W. V. Jacobs and A. Broadbent (aeq. 1), J. V. Hall, Esther A. Thomas.

History.—R. G. Booker (4), Dorothy E. Edwards, F. S. Evatt, Constance K. Irvine, J. N. Prior, R. H. Peacock.

Physics.—W. V. Jacobs (3), A. D. Meams (4), W. R. York, A. S. Furness, M. Roddy.

Botany.—Esther A. Thomas (3), Dorothy K. Powell (4), Esme T. Bevan (5), Jessie E. Alexander, Marie Bentivoglio, Edith C. Blackwell, Dorothy E. Edwards, Eva Duhig, Pearl E. M. Griffin.

Geology.—Jessie E. Alexander (1), Edith C. Blackwell (2), Helena G. Streeb (4), Alice McCabe, Dorothy K. Powell (5).

Leaving Certificate Examination Results.

Fort-street Boys' High School.

Allison, John Robson, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B 8B 10B.
Allsop, Frank L., 5B 6B 7B 8B.

Carter, Roydon Cameron, 1B 5B 6B 7B 10A.

Curtis, Roy Courtney, 1A 2B 4A 5B 6B 7B 8A 10A.

Farthing, Frank, 1A 5B 6B 7B 8B 10B.

Ford, Daniel J., 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A 8A 10A.

Gormly, Kevin, 1B 2B 5A 6B 7B 8B 10A.

Jolly, William Douglas D., 1A 2A 3B 5A 6A (x), 7B 8B 10A, 24 pass.

Kirwan, Harrie Vere, 1A 2B 4A 8A.

Logan, Cedric James, 1B 2B 3B 5A 6B 7B 8B 10B.

Mealey, Arthur Russell, 1A 3B 5B 6B 8B.

Miller, Ralph Thomas, 1B 5A 6B 7B 8B 10B.

Mulhearn, N. St. C., 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7A 8B 10A.

Norman, Henry Cecil, 2B 3B 5A 6B 8B.

Perkins, Frederick Athol, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B 8B 10B.

Prior, Jack Norman, 1B 5B 6B 8H 14B 17B 18B.

Willard, Frank T., 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A (x) 7B 8B 10B.

Anderson, P. N. W., 1B 2A 3A 5A 6A (x) 7A 8B 10A.

Anderson, Robert Henry, 1H, 2A 4A 5A 6A 7B 8A 10A.

Asher, Samuel, 1A 2B 3B 5A 6B 7B 8B 10B.

Baker, Ernest Edward, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B.

Bannister, Henry Keith, 1B 5A 6A 7B 8B 10B 14B.

Booker, Royston George, 1A 2A 3H 5A 6A 7A 8H 10A.

Broadbent, Aubrey Henry, 2B 4H 5A 7B 8B.

Chapman, William James, 1A 2A 3B 5B 6B 7A 8B 10A.

Christie, Malcolm Bruce C., 1B 8B 14B 17A 18B.

Crakanthorp, Hereward Harvey, 4B 8B 10B 14B 18B.

Duhig, Clarence Rees, 1A 5B 6B 8A 10B 14A.

Evatt, Francis Septimus, 1B 2A 3A 5A 6A 7B 8H 10B.

Ferns, Oliver Carl, 1B 3B 5B 6B 8B.

Fraser, Malcolm Britnell, 1A 2B 4A 5B 6A 7B 8A 10A.

Furness, Albert Stephen, 1B 2A 3A 5A 6A (x) 7A 8B 10H.

Gallagher, William Patrick, 1B 2B 4B 8B.

Gilchrist, Arthur G. S., 1B 2A 4B 5A 6A (x) 7A 8B 10A.

Gill, Stuart Frederic, 1A 2B 4A 5B 6B 7B 8B 10B.

Hall, James Victor, 1H 4H 5B 6B 8A 17A 18A.

Hughes, Henry Armstrong Stokes, 1B 3B 5B 6B 7B 10B.

Jacobs, William Vincent, 1A 2A 4H 5A 6A 7B 8B 10H.

Kershaw, Albert Oliver Henry, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B 8B 10A.

Lansdown, Milford Vaughan, 1B 2B 4A 5B 7B.

Little, Dudley William, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B 8B 10B.

Lyon, Sydney Clive, 1B 2A 3A 5A 6A 7B 8B 10A.

Macnamara, William Henry, 1B 5B 6B 7B 8B.

Mater, Otto Waldemar, 1B 2B 4B 8B.

McKechnie, Frederick Andrew, 1B 3B 5A 6A (x) 7B 8A 10B 14B (24 pass).

McLean, Ivan Alexander, 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A 7B 8B 10B.

Mearns, Allan David, 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A (x) 7B 8B 10H.

Murphy, Allan Aubrey, 1B 8B 14B 17B 18B.
 Owen, Alan Bertie Samuel, 1A 5B 6B 7B 8A 10B.
 Patterson, Edward Patrick, 1B 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Peacock, Randolph Harold, 1A 3B 5B 6B 7B 8H 10B.
 Quigley, Reginald Alexander, 1B 3B 5A 6A (x) 7A
 8B 10A 14A (24 pass).
 Roddy, Michael, 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A (x) 7B 8B 10H.
 Rundle, William Joseph, 1H 2A 3B 5A 6A 7B 8B 10A
 Saunders, George L., 1B 2B 5A 6A 7B 10B.
 Savage, Harry, 1B 2B 3A 5B 6B 8A 12A.
 Schwartzkoff, Harold Vaughan, 1B 2A 3A 5A 6B 7B
 8A.
 Shakespeare, Arthur Thomas, 1A 2B 3B 5A 6A 7B
 8B 10B.
 Steel, Ernest McAuslin, 1A 2A 3B 5B 6A 7B 8A 10B.
 Steel, Hugh Ernest, 1A 4A 5A 6A 7B 8B 10B (24
 pass).
 Steel, Robert Stanley, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B 8B 10B.
 Thompson, Roy William, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B 8B 10A.
 White, Richard Frederick, 1A 2B 4A 5B 6A 7B 8B
 10B.
 York, Walter Robert, 1B 2A 3A 5A 6A (x) 7A 8B
 10H.
 Yum, Walter, 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A 7B 8B 10A.

Fort-street Girls' High School.

Alexander, Jessie Eleanor, 1H 2A 3A 5A 6A 12H
 13H
 Anstey, Doreen, 1B 5A 8B 12A.
 Ball, Olive, 1B 5B 8B 12B 15B 20B 21B.
 Bevan, Esme Thelma, 1B 3B 4B 5A 6A (x) 12H 13A.
 Bentivoglio, Marie, 1B 5B 8A 12H 13A 21B.
 Biden, Ruby Constance, 1B 3B 5B 12A 15A 20B 21B.
 Blackwell, Edith Constance, 1A 2B 5B 6B 12H 13H.
 Bourne, Hilda Florence, 1B 4B 5B 12A 13B 15B 20B.
 Bright, Cecilia Cavit, 1B 3B 5B 8B 12A.
 Cahill, Elizabeth Mary, 1B 8B 12A 15B 20A 21B.
 Crane, Edith Edward, 1B 3B 8B 12A 15B 21B.
 Crook, Ida May, 1B 8B 12A 15A 20B 21B.
 Cruickshanks, Isabella, 1A 5B 8B 12A 13B.
 Duhig, Eva, 1B 5B 6B 8A 12H 13B.
 Durie, Ethel Beatrix, 1H 2H 3H 5A 6A (x) 8A.
 Edwards, Dorothy Edith, 1H 5B 6B 8H 12H 13B.
 Friederich, Frieda Frances, 1B 4B 8B 12A 13B 20B.
 Griffin, Pearl Eleanor M., 1A 2B 5B 8A 12H 13B.
 Hahn, Kathleen, 1A 8B 12A 13B.
 Harrison, Rosa Helie, 1B 2B 3B 12A 13B.
 Harward, Doreen Sadie, 1H 2A 5B 6B 8B 12A 13B.
 Hatfield, Doris, 1A 5A 6A (x) 12A 13A.
 Hopkins, Isobel A., 1B 5B 8B 12A 15B 21A.
 Humphrey, Margaret McM., 1B 5B 6B 8B 12A 13B
 20A.
 Irvine, Constance Kathleen, 1A 2B 3B 5B 8H.
 Kilminster, Mary Edith H., 1B 5A 6A 12B 13B 20B.
 Kneebone, Pathena C., 1B 5B 6B 12A 15A 20B 21A.
 McCabe, Alice, 1B 12A 13H 15B.
 McClemens, Dorothy M., 1A 2B 4A 5B 6B 8B 12A
 13B.
 McFlinn, Dessima Agatha, 1B 5B 6B 8B 12A 13B 15A.
 MacGregor, Maggie Mitchell, 1A 6B 8B 12A 13B 21B.
 McRae, Mary Christina, 1B 5A 6A 20B 21B.
 Moorcroft, Ruth Olive, 1B 3A 5B 6B 12A 13B 15B
 20A.
 Moore, Evelyn Florence, 1B 8B 15B 20B 21B.
 Morton, Lila Miriam, 1B 12A 15B 20B 21B.
 Moylan, Veronica Evelyn, 1H 2B 8A 12A 13B.
 Murdoch, Edith Ferguson, 1A 8A 12A 13B.
 Norman, Nellie Ruth Amer, 1B 3H 5B 8B 12B 15A
 21B.
 Ohlsen, Kathleen Merrill, 1A 5B 6B 8B.
 Oldman, Dorothy Agnes, 1B 3A 12B 15A 20B 21B.

Powell, Dorothy Katherine, 1B 5B 6B 8B 12H 13H
 15A.
 Procter, Hilda Mary, 1A 4B 5B 8B 12A.
 Ratcliff, Daisy Hunter, 1H 3B 5A 6A 12A.
 Reilly, Marjorie Townsend, 1B 8B 12B 15B 20B 21B.
 Rothwell, Dorothy Lilian, 1B 4B 5B 6B 12B 13B 20A.
 Rushbrook, Elsie Frances, 1B 8B 12B 15A 20B 21A.
 Shirden, Ivy May Forbes, 1B 12B 15A 20B 21B.
 Southwell, Rachel Lucille, 1B 3B 5B 6B 15A 20B.
 Stark, Mernie Eva Varley, 1B 5B 8B 12A 15A 20B.
 Stephen, Doris Hay, 1B 4A 8B 12B 13B.
 Streeb, Helena Georgina, 1B 3B 5B 12A 13H 15A.
 Thomas, Esther Alma, 1B 4H 5A 6A (x) 12H 13A.
 Tierney, Ursula Pauline, 1B 5A 6B 8B 12B 13B 20B.
 Wade, Minnie, 1A 2B 5B 8B 12B.
 Wild, Irene Alice, 1B 3B 8B 12A 15A 20B 21B.

THE INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.

The Intermediate results came to hand on the 15th instant, and again reveal the excellence of the work done at Fort-street. One hundred and twelve boys were successful out of 117, and 33 girls out of

Our congratulations to all. The best pass among the boys was that of Egan, 6 A's and 1 B, and Rebecca Winter among the girls, 3 A's and 5 B's. The complete results are as follows:—

The numbers refer to the following:—(1) English, (2) history, (3) geography, (4) mathematics I., (5) mathematics II., (6) Latin, (7) French, (8) German, (11) physics and chemistry, (12) botany, (13) geology, (14) business principles, (19) art, (20) music, (21) needlework, (22) shorthand.

Fort-street Boys' High School.

Achurch, Norman A., 1B 2A 3B 4B 5A 8B 11B 14B
 22A.
 Akhurst, Philip O., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7A 11A.
 Algie, John H., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Anderson, Chas. W., 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B.
 Anderson, William S., 1B 2A 4B 5A 6B 7B 11A.
 Andrew, Yerbury R., 1A 2A 5B 6A 8A 11A.
 Andrews, Robert H., 1B 2B 4B 6B 7B.
 Armstrong, Ernest J., 1B 2A 3B 4B 5B 8B 11A 14B
 22B.
 Arnott, Alwyn J., 1A 2A 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Asher-Smith, George H., 2B 4B 5A 6B 8B 11B.
 Axtens, Alan Ward, 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11A.
 Barnett, Hilary, 1B 2A 4A 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Bastian, William H., 1B 2B 3B 5A 14B.
 Bateman, Ray, 2B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Bennet, Norman C., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 8B 11B.
 Biggs, William J. M., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 7B.
 Boyle, Archie C., 2B 4B 5B 6A 8B.
 Bryant, John B., 1B 2B 6B 7B 11B.
 Campbell, Claude H., 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Champion, Charles G., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Chapple, Raymond S., 2B 4B 5B 8B.
 Conley, George B., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11A.
 Cox, Oliver G., 1B 2A 3B 4B 5B 8B 11B 14B 22B.
 Crakanthorp, John S., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 8A.
 Crum, James Bishop, 1B 2A 3A 5A 8B 14B 22B.
 Davis, Alick Sidney, 1A 2B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Dawes, Sydney R., 1B 2B 4A 5A 6A 7A 11A.
 Dickson, William H. B., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11A.
 Duff, James John, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 11B.
 Edwards, Arthur T. B., 1B 2A 3B 4B 5B 14B.
 Egan, Edward C., 1A 2A 4B 5A 6A 8A 11A.
 Elliott, William J., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 11B 14B.
 Eve, Henry D., 2B 3B 5B 14B.

Fenwick, Ronald H., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Freeman, Harold B., 2B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Galvin, John J., 1B 2B 3B 4B 7A.
 Garland, Frederick R., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Gibb, James A., 1B 2B 6B 7B.
 Golomb, Gilbert, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 11B.
 Greenlees, Albert G., 1B 2A 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Grime, Wilfred F., 1B 2B 3B 4B 7B 14B.
 Hansman, Edmund S., 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 11B 14B.
 Hart, Robert A., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 8A.
 Herbst, Ernest C. C., 3B 4B 5B 11B 14B 22B.
 Hughes, Russell W., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Hurt, Percy, 1B 2B 3B 5B 11B.
 Huthnance, Ralph H., 1B 2B 3B 7B 14B 22B.
 Hyland, Frederick W., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11A.
 Hynes, Harold J., 2B 5B 6A 8B 11B.
 Jenkins, Norman S., 1B 2B 3B 7B 11B.
 Jenman, Alfred F., 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B 14B.
 Jolly, George S., 1B 2A 3B 5B 7B.
 Jones, Leslie W., 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B.
 Justelius, Neils E. C., 1B 2B 4B 6B 8B 11B.
 Kalmeyer, Frank L., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 8A.
 Kilgour, Keith A. M., 1B 2B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Kirkpatrick, Roger E. G., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.
 Lessing, Frederick, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 8B.
 Little, Noel J., 1B 2B 5B 7B 11B.
 Lord, Alfred H., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7A 11B.
 Lough, Ernest B., 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B 14B.
 Macdonald, William L., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B.
 Matthews, Seering J., 1B 2B 6B 7B.
 McFarlane, Keith B., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Molony, Geoffrey, 1B 2B 4B 5B 8B.
 Moore, Frederick G., 2B 4B 5B 7A 11B.
 Mould, Reginald G., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 7B 11B.
 Mudie, Albert D., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 8A 11B.
 Munro, Ellis Hamilton, 2B 4B 5B 6B.
 Munro, Frank V., 1B 2B 5A 6B 8A 11B.
 Murphy, William E., 1B 2B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Newman, George E., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 11A.
 Obit, Leon, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 8A 11A.
 Parker, Douglas W. L., 1A 2A 4A 5B 6A 8A 11A.
 Parker, George R., 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B.
 Parker, James P., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B 14B.
 Parle, William L., 1B 2B 4B 6B 7B.
 Pinkerton, Stanley C., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 8B 11B.
 Pollack, Herbert K., 2B 5B 6B 8B.
 Porter, Arthur G., 1B 2B 5B 11B.
 Porter, Leslie F., 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B.
 Porter, Norman A., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Ramsay, George E., 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B.
 Reid, Norman S., 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Robert, William H., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 8A 11B.
 Ross, Evan F., 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B 11B.
 Rowley, Geoffrey S., 2B 5B 6B 8B.
 Rutledge, Arthur J., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 14A 22B.
 Ryan, Maurice B., 1B 2B 3B 7B 11B 14B 22B.
 Rydge, Norman B., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 8A 11A.
 Salkeld, Leonard A., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 8A 11B.
 Schmidt, William Otto, 1B 2B 3B 5B 7B 11B 14A.
 Searle, James, 2B 4B 6B 8B.
 Shanahan, William P., 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B.
 Shaw, Harold Moffatt, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Shineberg, Solomon, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 8A 11B.
 Slocombe, Aubrey A., 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Spencer, Hector W. G., 1B 2B 3A 5A 8B 14A 22A.
 Stephen, Bruce, 1B 2A 4B 5A 6B 8B 11B.
 Stewart, Hugh C., 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Stitt, William Robert, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 8B 11B 14A
 22A
 Storey, Gilbert N., 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B.
 Thompson, Joseph G., 1B 2A 4B 5B, 6B 8B 11B.

Thomson, Rankin K., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 8B 11A 14B
 22B.
 Thorman, James T., 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B 11B.
 Vandenberg, Ernest, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 11B 14B.
 Warner, George, 1B 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Watts, David J., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7A 11B 14B.
 Watts, Frank L., 1A 2A 5A 6A 7A 11B.
 White, Joseph E., 1B 2B 3B 5A 7B 11B.
 Woodford, Francis J., 1B 2A 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Woolston, Angus H., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B.

FORT STREET GIRLS' PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

Burgin, Violet, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7A.
 Cates, Marjorie, 1B 2A 6B 7B 12B.
 Cook, Violet A., 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B.
 Cooper, Alice H., 2B 4B 5B 8B 12B.
 Cooper, Amy, Barmen, 1B 2B 5B 7B.
 Digby, Ida D., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 12B 19B 21B.
 Engleheart, Muriel, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B 12B.
 Farraher, Ethel Mary, 1B 2B 4B 19B 21B.
 Foran, Mona H. S., 1B 2B 3B 5B 7A 12B 19A 21B.
 Fraser, Janet G., 1B 6B 7A 12B.
 Godfrey, Sylvaine B., 1A 2B 3B 5B 12B 19B 21B.
 Hampel, Josephine, 1B 2B 5B 7B 8B.
 Harvey, Bessie M., 1B 3B 5B 19B.
 Hudson, Gladys H., 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B 12B.
 Ivers, Bessie Irene, 3B 7B 12A 19A 21B.
 Keith, Elsie, 1B 2B 3B 19A.
 Latham, Alma, 1B 2B 3B 8B 12B 19A.
 Lee, Alice May, 1B 2B 3B 7B 12B 19A.
 Long, Noreen Grace, 1B 5B 7B 12B.
 McInnes, Alma M., 1B 5B 7B 12B.
 Morehead, Alma I., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 12B 19B 21B.
 Morrison, Mary D., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 12B.
 Morton, Annie Eliz., 1B 2B 3A 4A 5B 7B 12B 13B
 19A.
 Murdoch, Sylvia A., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 12B.
 Ohlson, Grace A., 1B 2B 5B 12B.
 Porteous, Isabel F., 1B 2B 3B 5B 7B 12B 19A 21B
 Riordan, Kathleen J., 1B 2B 7B 12B 13B.
 Rosenthal, Hinda, 1B 2B 3B 5B 12B 19A 21B.
 Thompson, Martha L., 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B 12B.
 Turner, Phoebe A., 2B 5B 7A 19B.
 Winkworth, May V., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 19A 21B.
 Winter, Rebecca, 2B 3B 5A 8B 12A 13B 19A 21B.
 Yates, Nellie W., 1B 2B 5B 7B 12B 19B 21B.

PUBLIC SERVICE EXAMINATION.

As a result of the Public Service Exam., held contemporaneously with the L.C. Exam., the following Fort-st., candidates were successful:—

For appointment as junior clerk: W. D. Jolly, R. C. Curtis, F. T. Willard.

For appointment as cadet draughtsman: D. J. Ford, J. N. Prior.

MILITARY COLLEGE EXAMINATION.

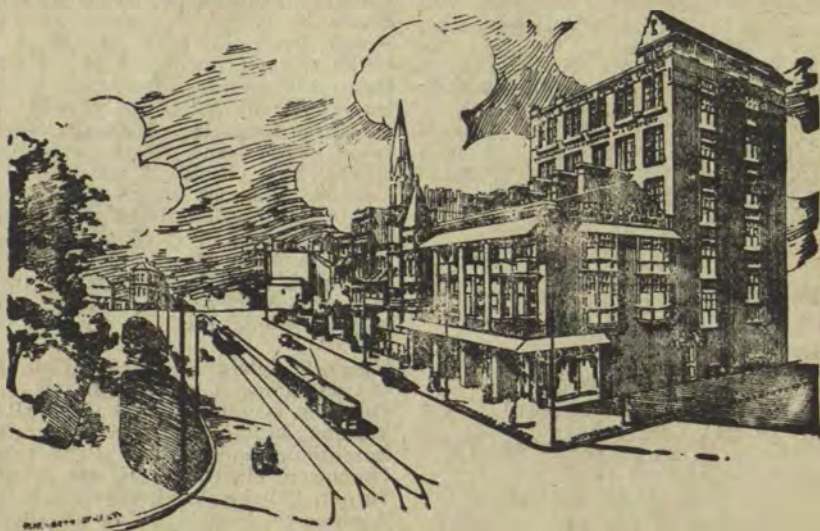
Two of the 1915 Seniors have succeeded in passing the very stringent tests required for entrance to the Royal Military College at Duntroon, R. G. Booker and W. D. D. Jolly. Booker gain second place, and Jolly third in the examination. Our congratulations to both of them.

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Round the School.

The following metropolitan boys and girls have been awarded Bursaries tenable at Fort Street:—

Boys.—Garfield E. J. Barwick (Cleveland-street Intermediate High), Walter Forbes (Freshwater), Wilfred L. P. Hind (Fort-street High), Wallace W. H. King (Ryde), Wilfred L. Lamborn (Gladesville), Arthur C. Magnus (Lakemba), William G. Mathieson Ashfield), Frederic C. McCleery (Ashfield), Frank Murphy (Crown-street), Morton R. E. Paull (Mortlake), James J. Robertson (Fort-street High), Eric J. Stitt (North Sydney High), Thomas Storey (Fort-street High), Marcus F. Wang (Sydney High), Jack B. Wilcox (Summer Hill).

Girls.—Jean F. Arnot, Marrickville; Nellie H. E. Butcher, Canterbury; Florence E. Dewis, Marrickville; Annie T. Goodlet, Burwood; Ellen M. Walker, Hurstville.

We had a visit from Arthur Neville, who, after getting into his 3rd year at Fort-street, went to Auckland Grammar School. He gained first position among the N.Z. candidates for Duntroon Military College, where he will have our two ex-Seniors, Booker and Jolly, as his comrades.

Mr. F. G. Brown, B.A., B.Sc., has been appointed mathematical master at Fort-st., in place of the late Mr. S. W. Cantrell.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of an old boy, Clifford Furness, the representative of the Goodyear Tyre Company, who was lost at sea while on a trip from Newcastle to Sydney last month.

We desire to congratulate Mr. J. Taylor on having the Diploma in Economics conferred on him by the University of Sydney.

George T. Simpson, looking spick and span in his military cadet uniform, paid us a visit recently, when on leave. He is a second year cadet at Duntroon.

James Haig (O.B.), also came to see us.

After being 19 months on active service, including the famous landing at Gaba Tepe, he has received orders to join the Royal Aero. School at Hendon. May he carry out some daring raids on the Hun strongholds.

A hearty welcome to Messrs. W. J. Grant, B.A., and C. E. G. Shaw, and Misses P. Livingstone, M.A. and Alice Nash, B. A., newly appointed to the staff. Miss Nash is herself an old girl of Fort-street.

Dr. Idris Morgan, Old Boy, Capt. R.A.M.C., is now on duty at the No. 2 A.G. Hospital, Ghezireh, Cairo.

Christmas greetings to the staff were received from Egypt from Gunner J. A. Lenehan and ???

H. V. Evatt, B.A., has been appointed associate and private secretary to His Honour Sir William Cullen, Chief Justice.

Roy Cloutier, one of our Prefects, developed a tropical fever during his vacation at his home in Queensland, and will not be able to return to school for some little time yet.

Last week the School was honoured by a visit from a very, very Old Boy of Fort Street, Mr. R. L. Scrutton, the well-known Sydney iron-master, who first joined the School in January, 1855—over 61 years ago.

The inspector was examining a class of boys who had been specially advised beforehand by their form master, "Don't answer unless you are almost certain that you are right." History was the subject.

"Now, tell me," said the inspector, "who was the mother of our great Scottish hero, Robert Bruce?" He pointed to the top boy, and then round the class. No answer. At last the heart of the teacher leapt with joy. The boy sitting at the very foot of the class held up his hand. "Well, my boy," said the inspector encouragingly, "who was she?" "Please, sir, Mrs. Bruce."

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The following programme appeared in the last issue of the "Pull Thro'," published by the New Zealand troops at Samoa:—

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SCHERMAN NAVY SINKING FUND.

Stage Manager Von Kluck

PROGRAMME.

1. Overture, "Der Red, White und Plue"
der Scherman Pand
2. Song, "Dey're After Me" der Kaiser
3. Chorus, "Oh, Villie, Ve Haf Missed You"
der Aviators
4. Recitation, "To Parse 'I Don't Think'"
Von Kluck
5. Song, "Pritons Neffer Shall pe Slafes"
der Kaiserin
6. Chorus, "Ve vas Waiting for Dem
Coming" der Shack Dars
7. Song, "Napoleon Put in Sixteen Years at
St. Helena der Kaiser

Intermission.—Dis is vhere der Schermans pom-pard Scarboro' und Tofer, und murder der papies und dere mudders. Den dey hoist der white flag und der goncert continues.

8. Overture, "Rule Britannia"
der Scherman Pand
9. Song, "Der Vatch Ain't Mine" der Kaiser
10. Chorus (by request), "Three Plind Mice,
See How Ve Run"
Count Zeppelin, der Kaiser, Von Moltke
11. Ballad (pathetic), "Ve Von't Blay at Sol-
diers Any More" Von Hindenberg
12. "Ve'll Gabture Leedle England Ven der
Bigs Pegin to Fly" Von Kluck
13. Song (comic), "I'm der Softest of der
Family" der Crown Prince
14. Recitation, "To der Suez Canal—In My
Hat" der Sultan
15. Song, "Der Pritish Lion" .. Von Moltke
16. Song, "I'm Getting Really War Sore"
(Warsaw) der Kaiser

(Encore, "I Vish I'd Stayed in My Own Pack Yard.")

17. Chorus, "Following in Father's Footsteps
(to the rear)" der Kaiser's Sons
18. Song, "Villie Has Put Up der Shutters"
Von Tirpitz

To conclude mit der Tragedy Sketch, "Der Suicide of der Scherman Empire"
Prussian Guards

N.B.—During der brogress of der Tragedy Sketch der audience is not requested to shed tears, or to get hysterical, as der bombs vot go off are only made of a Scherman scrap of paper.

The following extracts from some modern novels may interest our literary students:—

- "I screamed in silent rage."
- "A girl tore her eyes from the stage, but her ears still lingered."
- "I will never speak to you again as long as I live," hissed Dolly. "Just try to hiss it."
- "A roar of silence followed."

Sydney High School Student Wins the M.B.C. Full Scholarship.

Alexander W. Gray, of the Sydney High School, won the Full Scholarship presented by the Metropolitan Business College Ltd. There were 36 candidates from various secondary schools. Mr. Gray has elected to take his Scholarship in the study of Shorthand in the evening classes.

8 OUT OF 12 FIRSTS.

During 1915, twelve competitive Shorthand examinations, all under the auspices of the Incorporated Phonographic Association were held in Sydney.

Eight FIRSTS were won by M.B.C. students, including 3 OUT OF 4 FIRSTS in the Medal Competitions for Shorthand high speed and accuracy. In the Intermediate Shorthand Theory in April, the M.B.C. students filled the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, while in the Intermediate Shorthand Theory Examination in November, they filled the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th places. At the November Examinations the M.B.C. presented 118 candidates and passed 117. In April they presented 71 and passed 70.

It will therefore be seen that Mr. Gray's tuition is in good hands and we hope in due course to have the privilege of instructing many of his friends.

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"Her feet were swollen from standing in wet, salty water."

"Like Adele, he had dark-brown hair, with enormous black eyebrows, a moustache, and a short beard."

"Davidson stood wiping his wet neck on the verandah."

"What, therefore, was our surprise to find Tish sitting by the fire in her bath-robe and slippers, with a cup of tea in her lap and her feet in a tub of water."

"The unfortunate woman was killed while cooking her husband's breakfast in a horrible manner."

Howlers.

The S. Lawrence is the river that Wolfe rowed when he climbed to the Heights of Abraham, where he defeated Mont Bonge at the Battle of Waterloo.

The following, from the "University Correspondent," are replies given by schoolboys in examinations:—

1. My favourite character in English history is Henry VIII., because he had eight wives and killed them all.

2. The cause of the Peasants' Revolt was that a shilling poultice should be put on everybody over sixteen.

3. Edward III. would have been King of France if his mother had been a man.

4. Doomsday Book.—A book signifying that each man should have seven feet of land for a grave.

5. The Feudal System lies between the Humber and the Thames.

6. The principal products of Kent are Archbishops at Canterbury.

7. The chief clause in Magna Charta was that no free man should be put to death, or imprisoned without his own consent.

8. Where were the kings of England crowned? On their heads.

9. What and where are the Pyramids? The Pyramids is a kind of nightlights, as is generally used in bedrooms, but you can get Clark's as well.

10. What do you know of Dermot? Dermot's daughter married Magna Charta. Dermot himself married Strongbow.

11. What do you know of Dryden and Buckingham? Dryden and Buckingham were at first, friends, but soon became contemporaries.

12. What is Milton's chief work? Milton wrote a very sensible poem called the "Canterbury Tails."

13. Give the names of five Shakespearian plays?—"Macbeth," "Mikado," "Quo Vadis," "San Toy," "Sign of the Cross."

14. The gamut is a musical instrument. The name is derived from gamut or cat gut, the material from which the strings of musical instruments used to be made.

15. A Caesura (in verse) is when a foot has more than two halves.

16. One semibreve equals two minions, and one croquet, four semiskews.

17. A palimpsest is a disease among cattle in South Africa.

18. An optimist is a man who looks after your eyes, and a pessimist is a man who looks after your feet.

19. A man who looks on the bright side of things is called an optimist, and one who looks on the dull side of things, is called a pianist.

There are no wild beasts in England, excepting in the Theological Gardens.

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PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Last year Fort-street boys gained 36 Public Exhibitions tenable in the various faculties of the University. This year, 1916, the number has risen to 41, the following boys being successful:—

FACULTY OF ARTS: Dudley W. Little, Harry Savage, Arthur T. Shakespeare, Michael Roddy.

FACULTY OF LAW: Harold V. Schwartzkoff, Walter R. York.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE: James V. Hall (tenure postponed on account of enlistment for military service), H. C. Norman.

SCIENCE OF MEDICINE: John R. Allison, Samuel Asher, William J. Chapman, Roy C. Curtis, Francis S. Evatt, Malcolm B. Fraser, Albert S. Furness, Arthur G. S. Gilchrist, Stuart F. Gill, William V. Jacobs, Milford V. Landsdowne, Cedric J. Logan, Sydney C. Lyon, Ivan A. McLean, Norman H. C. Mulhearn, William J. Rundle, Ernest M. Steel, Roy W. Thompson, Richard F. White, Frank T. Willard, Walter Yum, William P. Gallagher.

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UNIVERSITY BURSARIES.

The Bursary Endowment Board has awarded 27 Bursaries tenable at the University of Sydney. Of these, 10 went to Fort-street boys. These Bursaries entitle pupils to a grant of text books to the value of £5 per annum, together with an allowance of £20 p.a. to students who live at home and £50 p.a. to those who are compelled to board away from home. The following were the successful Fortians: Percival N. W. Anderson, William V. Jacobs, Arthur G. Gilchrist, Francis S. Evatt, Roy C. Curtis, Daniel J. Ford, Richard F. White, Ernest M. Steel, William J. Chapman, Frank T. Willard, Norman C. Mulhearn.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

As a result of the March Matriculation Examination the following Fortians and ex-Fortians were successful:—A. H. Broadbent, W. P. Gallagher, H. V. Kirwan, D. W. Little, O. W. Mater, H. C. Norman, B. R. Overend, A. B. S. Owen, G. L. Saunders, P. C. Spender, R. S. Steel.

PRIZE ESSAY.

Victor Hall, one of our last years' Seniors, who passed the recent Leaving Certificate Examination, and then enlisted for active service, has written to us offering a prize of one pound for the best essay on some subject of literary or historical interest. The conditions are:—

1. Open to all Fort-street boys and girls.
2. Essay restricted to eight pages.
3. Essay to be handed in not later than the 15th April.
4. The Editor to be judge, and his decision to be final.

The subject selected for this essay is: "Australia's Part in the War and After."

ROLL OF HONOUR.

New names added this month:—
Sergeant Leslie Cormack, 5th Canadian Field Artillery.

Lieut. Frank Mason, R.A.E.
Private C. Paterson.
Private A. Wilson.
Private E. Hopcraft.
Private Robert A. Jamieson, 12 R., 3 B.
Private Wm. Spring, 13 B.
Gunner R. L. Parrett, 18 R. 1st Battery.
Private W. Getting.
Gunner G. Anthers, 18 R. 1st Battery.
Sapper Arthur W. Donnelley.
Lieut. H. C. Renshaw.
Pte. Chas. E. Bennett.
Pte. Ralph Norman.
Lieut. Edwin F. McLeod (command of a transport).
Private George L. McNamarra.
Sergt. J. M. McLeod.
Private Stanley W. Spinks.
Corp. Charles Harrison.
Corp. D. Lane.
Bombardier R. E. Webb.
Gunner H. Wilshire.
Gunner A. Lupton.
Gunner A. Digby.
Gunner W. Thorne.
Sergeant Clarence Ballerum.
Corporal C. R. Hearne.
Sapper S. W. Dinning, Signaller, Engineers.
Sapper S. E. Wynn, Signaller, Engineers.
Sapper W. Cruickshanks, 1st Engineers, 16R.
Pte. Peter Hughes, 11R., 4B.
Sgt. Clarence Ballerum.

Wounded.

Private William Mathieson.
Trooper J. le Brun.

Girls' High School.

Interest for this coming month centres firstly round the approaching Prize Day, when the successful candidates at the recent Public Examinations receive their certificates; and, likewise, certificates (in lieu of prizes during the currency of the war) are presented to the scholars who have distinguished themselves in individual subjects in their various years during 1915. Secondly, the Annual Swimming Carnival to be held at the Coogee Aquarium Baths on April the 5th, looms prominently in the public eye. Particulars appear in the section of this issue which refers to sports news in detail.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Some supplementary lists of results published since our last issue include the allotment of University Exhibitions on the successes obtained at the Leaving Certificate Examination, the Matriculation Examination results and the appointments to the Public Service, for which a Special Entrance Examination is held concurrently with the Intermediate Certificate Examination.

We offer our congratulations to all Fortians whose names appear in these various lists.

UNIVERSITY EXHIBITION.

Fort-street Girls' High School will be well represented in the various faculties at the Sydney University this year.

In addition to the many girls who have already completed parts of their course in arts, science and medicine, the following "freshers" will be there, as they have obtained exhibitions as follows:—

ARTS: Pearl Eleanor Mary Griffin, Doreen Sadie Harward, Constance Kathleen Irvine, Mary McClemens.

MEDICINE: Jessie Eleanor Alexander.

SCIENCE: Esme Thelma Bevan, Edith Constance Blackwell, Cecilia Cavil Bright, Ethel Beatrix Durie, Ruth Olive Moorcroft, Hilda

Mary Proctor, Daisy Hunter Ratcliff, Dorothy Lillian Rothwell, Helena Georgina Streeb, Minnie Wade.

Our candidates who successfully negotiated the Matriculation Examination held early this month were: Marie Bentivoglio, Cecilia Bright, Eva Duhig, Dorothy Edwards, Frieda Friederich, Doris Hatfield, Maggie Humphrey, Mary Kilminster, Veronica Moylan, Kathleen Ohlson, Dorothy Powell, Marguerite Quessy, Daisy Ratcliff, Doris Stephen, Ursula Tierney, Minnie Wade.

Ex-Fortians include Dorothy Chalker, Dagmar Kilgour, Elma Middleton and Edith Whitton.

For the Public Service Appointments the following candidates were successful:— Elsie Blakey, Ida Digby, Annie Dwyer, Josephine Hampel, Germaine Quessy and Marguerite Quessy. We wish them success in their new sphere of work.

In connection with the Intermediate Examination, Annie Morton, with two A's and seven B's is bracketed equal on points with Becky Winter—three A's and five B's—for the first place among our successful candidates.

Our congratulations are offered to Dorothy Stewart (4A.) on her success at the inaugural competitions in connection with the recently organised Conservatorium of Music, where she gained a half-scholarship. This carries an annual value of twenty-five pounds for three years, and entitles the holder to attend several pianoforte courses, also a series of lectures in harmony, counterpoint and allied subjects.

A similar half-scholarship has been awarded to Connie Cook, sister of Violet Cook (3B.), and we also congratulate her heartily. Connie is not a Fortian—being only twelve years of age—but we know the quality of her music, as she has very kindly contributed to the programme of some of school concerts.

The Annual Swimming Carnival to take place this year on April the 5th, at the Coogee

Aquarium Baths, should prove an occasion replete with interest. Enthusiasm is rife throughout the various years in connection with the championship events. A long and varied programme has been arranged, and as each distance and standard has been considered there are opportunities for all swimmers, whether champion, mediocre or beginners, to show "the mettle of their pasture." A larger number of entries than usual is anticipated.

Miss Maloney and her assistants are doing everything possible to prepare as splendid a carnival as has always been the rule in previous years. A big financial result also, is hoped for, as the objective is to augment the funds of the Loaf Fund of the French-Australian League of Help.

Our old girls, as always, are manifesting keen interest in the success of the Carnival by their entries for the races, donations in money and kind, sale of tickets, etc. In the programme of events they will be specially catered for by the 100yds. O.G. Championship, a 50yds. handicap race, a relay race—Old Girls versus present Fortians—and in the diving competitions.

At the very spirited meeting to consider details of the Carnival, many valuable suggestions were forthcoming to render the Carnival extra attractive. Two representatives were elected from each class to stimulate competition in the various forms. So the results should be all that the most sanguine among us can desire.

Mr. Pettifer has most kindly repeated his generous donation of last year—the gift of several hundred tickets ready printed for use.

THE LIFE SAVING CARNIVAL.

On Monday evening, February 28th, a most enthusiastic assemblage witnessed the events of the Life Saving Carnival held at Coogee Aquarium Baths. The particular interest for the Girls' High School was the Lady Life Savers' Competition. For two consecutive years our team, consisting of Ena Drake, Rose Esserman, Grace Pendered and Doris York, with their able instructress, Miss Maloney, had won the Challenge Cup against all comers.

Although these girls gave a splendid display of land and water drill, the team consisting of Fanny Durack, Mina Wylie, Jessie Evans and

Hilda Roberts, who were instructed by Miss Gormley, carried off the Cup for this year. Great credit is due to Miss Maloney and her team for their excellent performance against such champions as the winning team.

We heartily congratulate Miss Maloney on the fact that she was awarded the prize, for the third time in succession, for the best instructress in the State.

This Challenge Cup for the best team of life savers, was presented by Mr. Eklund, and has to be won three years in succession before being held in perpetuity by any individual team.

TENNIS.

A meeting was held on the 2nd March for the purpose of electing officers for the present year, with the following results:—Nance Hunt, Secretary; Isabel Cunningham, Treasurer; and a committee, including Sadie Brewster, Mary Bourne, Alice Sandon and Annie Weston. The courts at Double Bay are in excellent condition, and having the addition of a third court, we hope to arrange some exciting matches.

At Birchgrove many first year girls are practising assiduously each Wednesday afternoon to improve the quality of their play. Later on there should be some interesting inter-form competitions.

Subsequent to the publication of the Matriculation Examination results, the following further Exhibitions tenable at the University have been awarded to Fortians:—

FACULTY OF ARTS: Dorothy Edwards, Eva Duhig, Veronica Moylan.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE: Marie Bentivoglio, Frieda Friederich, Doris Hatfield, Maggie Humphrey, Mary Kilminster, Dorothy Powell, Doris Stephen, Pauline Tierney.

Our congratulations are cordially extended to Ellen M. Hindmarsh, B.Sc. (ex-Fortian), who has been appointed Demonstrator in Physiology at the University; also to Ellice P. Hamilton, B.A., B.Sc. (ex-Fortian), who, after a distinguished career in science at the University, has been appointed Demonstrator in Chemistry at

the Teachers' Training College, Blackfriars.

The results of the March Examinations at the University include the following names of successful ex-Fortians:—

SCIENCE—

CHEMISTRY I.: Ina Drake, Alma Puxley, Elsie Segært.

BOTANY I.: Olive Storey.

PHYSIOLOGY I.: Erica Smith.

PHYSICS: Mary Cowie, Ina Drake, Lorna Jenkins, Violet Meikle, Alma Puxley, Olive Storey.

ARTS—

LATIN I.: Elizabeth Hirst, Margaret Mansley, Dulcie Metcalfe.

LATIN II.: Marjorie Kilgour, Mary Waraker.

LATIN III.: Dorothy Struthers.

ENGLISH I.: Dulcie Metcalfe.

ENGLISH III.: Lilian Bayley, Dorothy Struthers.

MATHEMATICS III.: Jessie Wright.

Ex-Fortians at the Training College, Blackfriars, at the First Year Examinations were placed as follows:—Elma Middleton, first place in biology; Edith Whitton, first in music; Margaret Linan, first in mathematics; Rita Young, first (98 per cent.) in arts; Portia Benneth, second (97 per cent.) in arts.

Dr. Mary Edleston paid us her first visit this year on March the 17th, for the purpose of giving her quarterly lecture on Personal Hygiene. The doctor took for the subject of her address the question of good health as an essential to beauty—and fresh air as the main factor for life and health.

This was listened to with keen interest by the whole school assembled in the main hall. The special points stressed in the lecture were:

Firstly—the outdoor life—the necessity of

open spaces in the city to allow free passage of fresh air; also parks and green spaces to allow of the renewal of supplies of fresh air for the citizens.

Secondly—Indoors. The necessity of proper ventilation, which might be obtained by any of seven methods.

Thirdly.—The person attention of the individual—by deep breathing, which would increase the volume and the speed of the breathing—exercising the remotest parts of the lungs, and thereby producing a better and purer supply of blood to the brain, with relatively increased brain power and capacity for study and work. Shallow breathing is injurious conversely—by lessening the brain supply—and consequently decreasing the brain energy.

Not to cure, but to avoid ailments is the main object to be considered, and for good, efficient work, each part of the human body must be properly adjusted and balanced. Therefore, an organised system of work, rest and attention to hygienic details, with no overstrain on any individual part, must be the aim of all for the development of the nation.

St. Patrick's Day, March the 17th, by analogy became Rose Day in Sydney this year instead of Shamrock Day. At the request of the war Chest Committee donations of flowers were forwarded by Fort-street girls to the depots at Circular Quay, the Railway Station or King-street to be sold for the purpose of augmenting the funds of this meritorious patriotic society.

WHERE PHILOSOPHY IS REQUIRED.

Australians always feel a sympathetic interest in the affairs of South Africa through their participation in the Boer War. For many years Rhodesia—if known at all—was only known to the vast majority of Britishers as the haunt of the big game shooter, and a lonesome stretch of territory at the Back of Beyond.

Whatever the shortcomings or merits, the novels of Gertrude Page have done much, however, in recent years, to alter the popular view

and to throw a halo of romance over this far-off land. Although one may not altogether agree with the impression her books give of the general tenor of life in Rhodesia, some of her tales of the natives, as house boys, are very true to life. It is difficult for the home-born European to realise the type of brain he has to deal with in the raw Kaffir, and the consequent difference in point of view. In fact, one has only to visit a native kraal and see the surroundings in which those boys have been reared to marvel that they even acquire the accomplishments they do in the homes of civilisation. Of course, the mistakes are many, and, when the inconvenience caused is not too great, often very amusing.

In a house in Bulawayo, once, where none but native boys were kept, the host was very much upset because his morning paper for a whole week was not delivered. On enquiry, he was told that the newsagent had sent the paper regularly, and the messenger declared it to have been duly delivered. One morning his wife went to the kitchen earlier than usual, and found the cook haranguing some one at great length. On listening attentively, she was rather surprised to find he was scolding the newsboy for not having brought the paper earlier, with the result that he had been compelled to search for something else to light the fire with! The fact that the paper cost 3d., and had not been read was of no importance to Tom the Cookboy. For him it had only one mission—that of fire-kindler.

Again—a lady was feeling rather tired one day, and so lay down in the afternoon to rest. Her bedroom window, being next to the front door, overlooked the verandah. When she saw two visitors arriving she decided to postpone their visit to a more convenient date, and so, waylaying the Kaffir houseboy on his way to answer the bell, told him to say she was "not at home." The conversation that ensued seemed much in excess of what the message warranted. One may imagine the feelings of the tired one when the window was suddenly thrown open, a dark head and pair of shoulders thrust in and a loud voice shouted: "Me say missus not at home, they ask when she come back, what me say now?" The answer has not been recorded.

There are many ways of having brought home

to one the "Importance of Humour in the Tragedy of the Commonplace."

M. H. L.

The Editors of the "Fortian" are always pleased to consider literary contributions for publication, whether the form be a short comedy or dramatic sketch, verse, literary criticism, topical skits or any other form which proves "the pen to be mightier than the sword."

Remember, "C'est n'est que le premier pas qui coûte."

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

Probably never before in any one undergraduate year have so many brilliant honors for one school been achieved as the published results show for the March Examinations in Arts for our students. The versatility of many is manifest. In all departments in which they have competed, familiar names appear high on the lists. Subjoined are the details:—

COOPER SCHOLARSHIP FOR CLASSICS.
—Number 3: Sarah Payn.

LATIN I.—High Distinction: Sarah Payn.

GREEK I.—High Distinction: Sarah Payn.

ENGLISH I.—Professor MacCallum's Prize for English I.: Persia Campbell.

ENGLISH I.—High Distinction: Persia Campbell. Credit: Ella Martin.

GARTON SCHOLARSHIP No. 2 (for French and German).—Ella Martin (aeq.).

FRENCH I.: High Distinction: Ella Martin. Credit: Rosalie Collins.

GERMAN I.—High Distinction: Ella Martin. Distinction: Rosalie Collins.

MATHEMATICS I.—Distinction: Elsie Webb. Credit: Violet Meikle.

MATHEMATICS.—Honors at Graduation, Class III.: Isabel Knight.

PHILOSOPHY I. (Logic and Psychology).—Lithgow Scholarship No. 2: Doris Rivett. High

Distinction: Doris Rivett. Credit: Elizabeth Hirst.

PHILOSOPHY II. (Ancient Philosophy).—Distinction: Marion Robertson.

HISTORY I.—High Distinction: Persia Campbell. Distinction: Doris Rivett, Elizabeth Hirst. Credit: Dulcie Metcalfe.

The welcome to freshers—extended by the women graduates and undergraduates — an agreeable annual function—took place this year on Saturday morning, March 18th, in the Botany Hall of the Fisher Library. About 200 were present, and merry laughter and bright conversation punctuated the period of morning tea, the tables for which were decorated with blue asters and golden glories, the University colors. That the ideal of a “mens sana in corpore sano” has been achieved by our bright young Australian scholars was most apparent. The absence of anaemic-looking individuals—and the splendid development and bright looks of all, testified fully to the benefits of physical culture and organised sports in the schools’ curriculum to balance and sustain the mental vigour.

Fort Street Girls were certainly ubiquitous, one met them at every turn, and old-established students renewed school memories with the undergraduates just now on the threshold of their University career. Miss Mallarky, M.A., president of the University Women’s Council, presided, but the morning’s programme was of an entirely informal character, a social function being the sole objective of the occasion.

In addition, the following have been awarded scholarships as students in residence at the Women’s College within the University:—

Ella Martin, the Councillor’s Scholarship.

Trixie Durie, the Grace Fraser Scholarship.

Rosalie Collins, half the Yaralla Scholarship.

Minnie Wade has also become a resident student for 1916.

FORT STREET OLD BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

We desire to extend our heartiest congratulations to all those Old Boys and Girls who have

done so well in the recent Honour Examinations at the University. Up to date the following have been published:—

MATHS. I.—George Allen Scholarship and High Distinction: W. L. Price. Distinction: H. R. Schmidt. Credit: W. H. Lush, J. S. Storey, C. J. Watt.

MATHS. III.—First Class Honours at Graduation.—G. H. Briggs, N. A. Esserman.

PHILOSOPHY II.—Credit: J. Morgan.

ECONOMICS I.—Distinction: L. A. Swan, W. H. Anderson.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—Final Degree Examination: First Class Honours and University Medal: Eric W. Frecker. Second Class Honours: C. O. Hellstrom, J. G. Hunter, B.Sc.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE.—Physics III. G. H. Briggs, Class II.; N. A. Esserman, Class II.

DEPT. OF ENGINEERING.—1st Year Examination: High Distinction: W. H. Lush. Credit: C. J. Watt.

FOURTH YEAR EXAM.: Honours at Graduation: Class I.: E. O. K. Green.

A board-school boy’s essay on the camel ran as follows:—

“He is called the ship of the desert because he runs over the sand like a ship and don’t sink in. He runs different to the horse because he lifts up two legs on one side of his body, and then two on the other. He has about a hundred stumics and each holds about a quart so when his master kills him he can have a good drink. His hump is made of fat and he eats this when he can’t get grass or hay. Some camels are not camels because he has two humps and his hair don’t grow all over him and were it don’t is called calluses (callosities) because it kneels down and wear away.

“The Arab loves his steed better than his wife and in our book there’s a piece about him called the Arab and his steed. His master was a prisoner and his faithful camel took bim round the waist and bore him swiftly to his morning friends.”

M. C. J.

The really remarkable new light thrown by another young student on the subject of the Crusades eclipses all previous versions:—

“The crusades were a body of men women and children who followed the red cross. They were invented by Richard the I. and flocked in thousands round him to go to Egypt and some were stricken with deadly disease but they marched on. They began to lessen in number and fell gradually under the burning sands of Egypt and laden with heavy armour. At last Peter the Hermit cited Cairo but the Catholics bore down on him and he retired. After travelling about for many a weary month he joined an opera company and was afterwards buried in Westminster Abbey.”

M. C. J.



THE CARNIVAL.

The 26th Annual School Swimming Carnival was held at the Domain Baths, on Saturday, 11th March.

The attendance was good, and the events went off with the usual clockwork regularity.

A number of novelty events gave the requisite touch of humour to the proceedings. Wrestling on the springboard, pillow fights, chasing the bellman, walking the greasy pole, etc. The musical lifebuoys unfortunately were not musical, but went off well. The championships were not quite up to previous years from the point of time, but Crakanthorp shows great promise. Fort-street has in this had a worthy successor to Barry, Lyons, Hardwick and the other nata-

torial champions that have come from this school. He carried off the 17yrs. Championship, 220yds., 440yds., 880yds., and the School Championship, and probably his presence helped the 4B. team to win the Relay Race.

Altogether, Crakanthorp's was a fine performance.

Tom Steel, Geo. Shead and the younger Crakanthorp did well.

In the Old Boys' Race, Gordon Lyons proved too good for the champion, Barry, and won a strongly contested race by a touch.

A diving display added the requisite thrill.

Altogether, the Carnival proved very satisfactory, and tends to show that Fort-street is still the home of natatorial champions.

The proceeds of the Carnival were in aid of the War Chest Fund.

The following are the results of the various events:—

12 Years and Under Championship (33 yards).—S. Chapman, 1; D. Percival, 2. Time, 31 2-5sec.

13 Years Championship (50 yards).—J. Thompson, 1; H. Myers, 2. Time, 38sec.

Wrestling on Springboard.—Senior: T. Steel, Junior, E. Lane.

Seniors' Handicap (66 yards).—Final: H. West, 6sec., 1; K. Burnett, 6sec., 2; H. Armstrong, ser., 3. Time, 47 3-5sec.

Second Year Handicap (50 yards).—Final: A. Smith, 8sec., 1; M. Wang, 12sec., 2; F. King, ser., 3. Time, 35 2-5sec.

First Year Handicap (33 yards).—Final: A. Armstrong, 12sec., 1; R. Gilmour, 12sec., 2; R. Chapman, 12sec., 3. Time, 26sec.

Championship of the School (100 yards).—M. Crakanthorp, 1; T. Steel, 2; J. M'Phee, 3. Time, 1min. 5 1-5sec. The winner led all the way.

14 Years Championship (50 yards).—S. Crakanthorp, 1; J. M'Phee, 2; W. Towner, 3. Time, 33sec.

15 Years Championship (50 yards).—T. Steel,

1; S. King, 2; G. Shead, 3. Time, 31 2-5sec.

Old Boys' Handicap (100 yards).—G. Lyons, 3sec., 1; A. W. Barry, scr., 2; G. Hansel, 5sec., 3. Time, 1min. 2 2-5sec.

Pillow Fights.—Juniors: S. King. Seniors: A. Moore.

Six Oar Race.—M. Crakanthorp, A. Saxton, K. Burnett.

Chasing the Bellman.—K. McLeod.

Third Year Handicap (50 yards).—Final: N. Bennett, 3sec., 1; W. Bastian, 4sec., 2; W. Shanahan, 11sec., 3. Time, 34 4-5sec.

17 Years Championship (66 yards).—M. Crakanthorp, 1; A. Stafford, 2; H. Myers, 3. Time, 44 3-5sec.

Diving Competition.—J. M'Phee, 1; S. Crakanthorp, C. Robertson, 2.

Musical Lifebuoys.—O. Walker.

Walking the Greasy Pole.—S. Crakanthorp, 1; H. Myers, 2.

Senior Relay Race.—4B. Team (M. Crakanthorp, D. Sayle, H. Golding, H. Myers).

Junior Relay Race.—2D. Team (E. Shead, Lister, A. Robertson, L. Williams).

Clothes Race.—J. Hotten.

The 220, 440, and 880 Yards Championships were decided during the previous week, and M. Crakanthorp won the three events.



FORT STREET HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS UNION.

26th Annual Aquatic Gala, 11th March, 1916.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Sale of Tickets	33	17	6	By Advertising		15	0
„ Entry Fees	5	1	0	„ Cartage		7	0
„ Advertisements	11	15	0	„ Postages		1	0
„ Gate Receipts	5	7	3	„ Sign		12	6
„ Reserve Tickets		14	0	„ Printing		12	12
„ Programme Sales	2	1	1	„ Hire of Baths		10	7
				„ War Chest Fund		34	0
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OUR CHAMPION SWIMMER.

We think that the achievements of Churchill Crakanthorp in the swimming world deserves more than passing mention. There is no doubt that he is the champion youthful swimmer of 1915 and 1916. We give below a summary of his school achievements this season.

FORT STREET EVENTS.

- 100yds. Championship—1m. 5 1-5s.
 220yds. Championship—3m. 6s.
 440yds. Championship—6m. 42 (?)s.
 880yds. Championship—13m. 46s.
 17 Years' Championship (66yds.).
 Senior Class Relay Handicap.

Second in Back and Breast Stroke Championship.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' COMBINED CARNIVAL.

- 100yds. Championship of Public Schools—1m. 5 4-5s.
 Keiran Memorial Scratch Race (220 yds.)—2m. 59s.
 16 Years Championship (100yds.). — 1m. 10 1-5s.

 ROUND THE SCHOOL.

Trooper Jehane le Brun is now convalescing in a hospital in England, having been severely wounded in the fight for Hill 70 in Flanders. He was a member of the British Yeomanry Corps.

Our congratulations to Crakanthorp, not only on winning the 100yds. Championship of

the School, but on winning all the other distance events also.

Among the last 50 who were left to hold the Fort at Gallipoli during its evacuation by the British troops was Pte. Vivian Noble, an old boy of Fort-street.

We note with great pleasure the promotion of an old Fort-street boy, Lieut.-Colonel Lorenzo, D.S.O., who not only has been raised to that rank, but has received his D.S.O., and appointed to the command of the 49th Batt., Egypt.

Our congratulations to Messrs, R. J. Jonas, B.A., and W. L. James, B.A., on having obtained their degrees at the University of Sydney.

As a result of the recent Swimming Carnival a sum of about £34 will be available to swell the funds of the War Chest. Considering the counter attractions on the same day this result is a very creditable one.

Another member of the Staff, Mr. G. Shaw, has enlisted for active service abroad. He goes into camp on the 1st of next month.

We have had a visit also from Mr. J. V. Gallagher who is now a sergeant in the infantry. He intends entering a School of Instruction for Officers.

We also met Lieut. Frank Mason, R.A.E., who has just gained his commission in the Australian Engineers soon to leave for the front.

Among the sick who returned by the "Ka-

nowna" a few days ago was Sergeant Aubrey Shoebridge, an ex-Fortian.

which our Speech Day will be held in the historic old building on the hill.

Firth has been elected a Prefect by the Headmaster. He is well known in the sporting world of the School.

It seems rather a curious coincidence that the inscription carved over the main entrance of our present building is G.R., 1815, while above the main porch of the new building at Peter-sham is 1915. Just a century between the two.

The difficulty about the supply of text books still continues. A few miscellaneous books arrived recently, but any boy who received more than two or three was extremely lucky. We can only wait and hope.

David R. Brown, who after leaving Fort-street passed through the Royal Military College, Duntroon, and thence went to Gallipoli as a lieutenant, has been promoted to his captaincy. He has already been twice wounded.

We have had a note from Sergt. Rupert C. Coogan from Cairo. He says: "Met Benson the other day. Davis is also here with us."

Donald McLeod, an old Fortian, brother of Lieut. McLeod, is now engaged as an engineer making munitions at the firm of Vickers Son and Maxim.

From the University results published in another column, it will be seen that Fort Street has carried off a very large proportion of the prizes and honours awarded this year by the University. In particular we must note the achievements of Dr. Eric W. Frecker, who in addition to first place in the final examination has since been awarded at Graduation First Class Honours and the University Medal.

Clive Backhouse having passed through the Officers' School of Instruction has been appointed a lieutenant. He will shortly leave for the front, where he has two of his brothers, one of them, Noel, an old Fortian, as well as another an officer on a transport.

Fred. McKechnie, one of last year's Seniors, has been awarded one of the Coutts' Scholarships tenable at St. Andrew's College within the University.

Lieut. S. Upton, who visited the School the other afternoon, has been invalided home from the front.

We congratulate very cordially Mr. Mackaness on his appointment as Lecturer in English at the University.

Then Annual Speech Day in connection with Fort-street will take place on Tuesday, the 18th April next, at 2 p.m. All parents and friends of pupils are cordially invited to be present. This will probably be the last occasion on

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In a letter from Egypt, Jack Dexter, A.M.C., writes:—

I suppose we'll soon be in action again, but still, it's something to say I've been on Gallipoli. It was very strange and nerve wracking at first, being among the shells and bullets, but it's marvellous how soon you get used, to a certain extent, to the humming and buzzing and noise. The worst part of it all was the suspense at the end. I was fortunate enough to be in it to the end, but as we knew nothing, we did not know how we stood. It had us thinking what the Turks were doing. Everything unusual, even though at any other time it would have been an everyday occurrence, set us on tiptoe, and some pessimist was sure to say "Oh, they've found out all about it." Our boys are grand, you've no idea how cheerful they all are at all times. It's good to be an Australian. We're back in Egypt now, after a few weeks on Lemnos, where we spent a splendid Christmas.

Everywhere I go I meet Fort-street boys. Some I know and others I don't, but a spirit of camaraderie seems to bind us together. I can't remember all their names, but I've seen Capt. Dave Brown, just back from England; Norman Robertson, 5th Field Ambulance; Theo Grace, Eric Hurt, and many others. At present, we're having a good rest, although, of course, drill is not all cut out. All sorts of rumours are afloat re our next destination.

With all sorts of good wishes to the Staff and boys of good old Fort-street.

Among the letters recently received from old boys at the front is a very interesting one from Gunner Jack Lenahan. Some of the more interesting passages we have culled out for printing. It is addressed from Taunton, in Somerset, well known to historical readers as the town where, at the White Hart Inn, Judge Jeffreys sent so many men to execution.

Taunton,

Somerset,

England,

25/1/16.

We left Sydney on the 10th November on the "_____" Orient Line, and arrived in Melbourne on the 12th at 10 o'clock in the morning.

After taking on board twelve hundred troops and a number of nurses, we left at 4 p.m., and had a fair run to Fremantle, arriving at 8 in the morning on the 18th.

We were allowed ashore here, and some pals and myself had a good look round Perth, taking the opportunity to get a good feed, which we hadn't had for several days.

At 4 p.m. the Siege Artillery were detailed as a picket to bring the "heat-affected" men who could not find their way back to the boat.

Leaving at midnight, we spent fifteen days without sighting land, or even ships, as our course was not the usual trade route.

Arriving at Aden on the 3rd of December, early in the morning, the natives came alongside in their boats, selling cigars, cigarettes, silk, etc., but were eventually kept off with the aid of a fire hose.

From a hill on the left one of the batteries were practising on a target being towed along by a tug.

You could see the shells ricocheting several times over the surface of the water.

We moved off at 4 p.m., accompanied by a cruiser, the "_____" which left us when we entered the Red Sea during the night.

Keeping in sight of land all the way, we arrived at Suez early in the morning of the 8th and anchored in the stream.

Just behind us lay the "Beltana," which left Sydney the day before us. I was speaking to several friends of mine by means of the semaphore, as she was so close to us.

The next morning we drew up to a wharf, and the troops disembarked, leaving only twenty eight of us on the boat.

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We were not allowed to leave the ship here, but that is not to say we did not, as all of us had a good look round the old town before returning.

The streets are very narrow and filthy, but they look much better at night when the shops are lit up.

The natives follow you about, and the children crying for "Baksheesh," which is the Egyptian for money.

We stayed here two days, leaving at 6 p.m. on the 11th, and, entering the Canal, were held by a ship being broadside on and stuck on each bank, so you can imagine it is not too wide.

Moving on at 8 the next morning, we passed several men-of-war, including two French, and an Australian troopship taking wounded back home.

The Canal is entrenched all along the northern bank, and is occupied by British Tommies and Indian troops, whose khaki uniforms make them almost indescribable against the yellow sand.

They seem quite comfortable, and have built little villages of huts and stables at intervals of every two miles all along the bank.

The huts are built of mud bricks dried in the sun, and the paths leading to them from the Canal are bordered with white stones, making the scene quite picturesque.

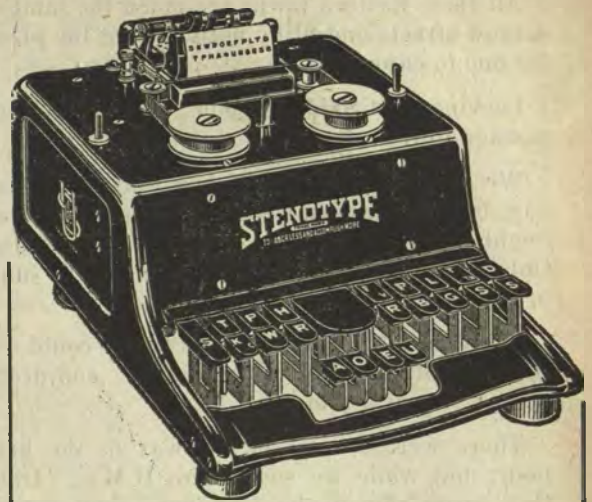
Each village is surrounded by deep trenches and barbed wire entanglements.

We were able to converse with the troops, with the flags, and they told us they had been there nine months without relief, but still they seemed quite contented.

Arriving at Port Said at 6 p.m. on Sunday, the 12th, niggers came alongside in their barges and began coaling operations.

I believe these men hold the record for fast coaling, as they run up and down the planks in an endless stream, with their baskets on their backs, and chanting in a monotonous voice all the while.

We were able to go ashore for a couple of hours, and just had time to have a good look round.



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All these Eastern towns are much the same—narrow streets and filthy natives—not the place for one to enjoy oneself.

Leaving Port Said at 5 p.m., we had a rough passage to Gibraltar.

We passed an empty lifeboat on the second day, but the skipper would not stop, as he was frightened it might be a decoy for submarines. Only two days later a Japanese boat was sunk in the same spot.

Early in the morning of the 19th we could see the Rock of Gibraltar in the distance, and dropped anchor at 4 p.m.

There were several men-of-war in the harbour, and while we were there H.M.S. "Dublin," sister ship to the "Sydney" and "Melbourne," left in a hurry, the channel being first swept by the mine sweepers.

Gibraltar depends on its water supply from concrete slabs, which have been constructed on the side of the Rock, and as the rain falls, is caught and drained into tanks.

Leaving in the evening, we travelled at half speed till we reached Plymouth on the 23rd.

We could see the Eddystone Lighthouse in the distance, a few hours before we entered the harbour.

We passed quite a fleet of torpedo boat destroyers on our right, and could see the original Eddystone Lighthouse, which was removed bodily and erected on a hill to our left.

Disembarking at 10 a.m., I was lucky enough to get some furlough, and visited London and Dublin.


We are now attached to the Royal Garrison Artillery here, and are to be on 9.2 howitzer guns; the photo of one is enclosed.

I am also enclosing a print from a copy of an only photo taken of Zeppelins over London.

You can note the searchlights and bursting shrapnel in the sky.

At present we are billeted at Taunton, in Somerset, which is noted for being the first place in England to have electric street lighting, and as the residence of the famous Judge Jeffreys of history.

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SPEECH DAY AT FORT STREET.

Tuesday, April 18th, was Speech Day at Fort-street, when a large gathering assembled under the fig trees to hear the reports of Miss Part-ridge and Mr. Kilgour, and to witness the presentation of certificates to the successful pupils. Mr. P. Board, M.A., Director of Education, presided. Mr. L. E. Lawford, M.A., Senior Inspector of Schools, being also present on the platform. In his address Mr. Board said that it was the last occasion on which the boys would attend that ceremony in the present building, which had been occupied for 67 years. The new school was situated at Taverner's Hill, adjacent to the Petersham Station, and on a fine site of seven acres. It would be the most modern of the departmental secondary schools. The estimated cost was close on £20,000. The change would be remembered with a certain amount of regret, as they would be leaving an almost historic spot in connection with Australian education. (Hear, hear.)

The old school would still remain, and be occupied by the girls. He had already made a request to the Petersham Municipal Council to alter the name of one of the streets leading to the new school, to Fort-street. (Cheers). It was hoped to house the boys in the new premises some time early in June.

The reports read that day, continued Mr.

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Board, furnished a great deal of satisfaction, not only to the students themselves, but to the many friends who were present. (Applause.)

The response that old boys had made to the call of Empire was splendid, showing enlistments, so far as was known that day, to be 639. Every man and woman, and boy and girl should feel a thrill of pride at such a fine result. (Cheers.)

Mr. Board went on to refer to the phase of that great preparation for life which the schools gave. The high and secondary schools should be the recruiting ground for the men who should take a prominent part in the public life of the State, and the women should inspire the men. He hoped that whatever success the Fort-street School had had in the past, the successes of the future would still further eclipse these. (Cheers.)

Miss Partridge and Mr. Kilgour having read their reports, Mr. Board presented the Senior and Leaving Certificates to last year's, and the certificates issued in lieu of prizes to 1st and 3rd year students. The following is the list of certificate winners:—

Boys.

Third Year.—Class 3C: Arthur Allan, mathematics; Harry Ashby, Latin; Kenneth Burnett, German; Charles Frew, English history; Sidney Harper, science; Roy Head, French; Douglas Sky, science. 3B: Alexander Bye, German, mathematics; Sidney Bealin, history; Roy Cloutier, English; William Kitt, science; Harold Meers, French; John Warland, Latin. 3A: Roy Allen, history; Wallis Furness, mathematics, science; Percy Major, geography; Laurance Taylor, English; Arthur Yates, French, business principles; William Sear, economics.

First Year.—2R: Frederick Day, science; Kenneth Jennings, English; Charles Law, German, Latin; Frederick Myers, German; Alex. Fraser, mathematics; Rupert Henry, history. 1R: William Chapman, science, mathematics; Philip Harris, geography, shorthand; Lachlan Powell, history; George Sharpe, English, Latin; Mervyn Quigley, business principles; Percy Rheuben, German. 1D: Allan Cunningham, science; Arthur Garratt, English, mathematics; Selby Jenkins, French; James McIntosh, Latin; Keith Simpson, history. 1C: Eric Lane, history, Latin; Louis Lowenthal, English mathematics; Jack MacPherson, science; Thomas

Storey, French. 1B: Frank Anderson, English, history; Eric Arnold, French; Claude Cox, science; Arthur Cawley, history, Latin; Edmund Howe, Greek; Eric Littlejohn, English; Hyan Owen, German, mathematics. 1A: Wilfred Hind, history, geography; Edwin Jacobs, English, mathematics, business principles, shorthand; Sydney Martin, French; Arthur Smith, English, business principles; Raymond Harris, science.

Girls.

Fourth Year.—Dux of school, Trixie Durie. Prizes: Latin, English, literature, French, mathematics, Trixie Durie; botany, geology, English, Jessie Alexander; English, literature, history, Kathleen Irvine; French, Nellie Norman; German, Muriel Howell; mathematics, Alice Sandon; botany, Isabel Cruickshank; music, Ivy Shirden; music, Dorothy Rothwell; dressmaking, art work, Ena Kneebone.

Third Year.—Dux, Ida Browne. Prizes: Mathematics, geology, dressmaking, Ida Browne; English, history, May Bourne; French, Enid Mawson; German, Brend Richardson; Latin, Barbara Grieve; botany, Namona Gors; art work, Dorothy Russell; music, Ena Withers, Ida Browne.

Second Year.—Dux, Becky Winter, Annie Morton. Prizes: History, geography, botany, sewing, Becky Winter; mathematics II., Annie Morton; English, Beryl Mills and Sylvine Godfrey; French and Latin, Sylvia Murdoch; French, Mona Foran; German, Josephine Hampel; mathematics I., Mary Morrison; art, Isabel Porteous.

1st Remove.—Prizes: English, history, Latin, mathematics, botany, Zellie Bristowe; geography, Alma Graham; French, Veronica Pike; German, Lena Esserman.

First Year.—Dux, Margaret Clark. Prizes: English, French, Latin, mathematics II., Margaret Clark; history, botany, Edith Wells; geography, Jessie Champion; German, Tory Wicks; mathematics I., Rita Smythe; needlework, Ethel Woodland; art, Anna Thom.

We have had a number of visits from Old Boys who have enlisted for active service. Among them were Bombardiers Stokes Hughes and Bert Webb, Renshaw, and Geo. McNamara.

Girls' High School.

Speech Day, held on April the 18th, is a thing of the past. It differed in no wise from other speech days—except, perhaps, that a longer and prouder list of honors of immediate ex-students (1914 and 1915) was enumerated in the Principal's report.

We shall be recorded in the College of Heralds soon. Our crest is an elaborate and attractive one—and will shortly adorn the official note paper of the establishment.

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

The conferring of degrees on successful graduates was the special event of April. It took place in the presence of a large assemblage in the Main Hall of the University, on Saturday morning the 8th instant. Ex-Fortians presented to the Chancellor were:—

BACHELOR OF ARTS:—

Edith May Roulston—Honors, History, Class III.

Edna Joyce Mitchell.

Dorothy Christina Struthers.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE:—

Marjorie Isabel Collins—Honors, Botany. Class I.; Science Research Scholarship.

Ellen Margaret Hindmarsh—Honors, Physiology, Class I.; University Medal.

Jessie Kathleen Wright—Honors, Botany, Class II.

Isabel Marion Knight—Honors, Organic Chemistry, Class II.

Dorothy Perry—Honors, Organic Chemistry, Class II.

SPORT.

March was the merry mermaids' month. A team representing the Life Saving Squad, and consisting of the Misses Jessie Evans, Doris York, Ena Drake, and Nancy Wicks, gave a demonstration in life saving and methods of resuscitation at the swimming carnival of the Sydney Grammar School. This interested and pleased the large assemblage of visitors, and many flattering comments were overheard. Miss Maloney (who directed the display), together with the members of the team, were subse-

quently entertained at the Kiosk in the Outer Domain by the committee, who expressed themselves in most appreciative terms of the instructive display of the afternoon.

At the P.S.A.A.A. Combined Girls' Schools swimming carnival, which was carried out successfully at the Domain Municipal Baths on Wednesday afternoon, the twenty-ninth ultimo, several competitors from Fort-street participated. The Misses Mouldsdale and Maloney acted as check starters. The successes obtained by our girls included:

(a) 100 yds. Schoolgirl Championship of New South Wales:—Evelyn Townshend. Time, 1 min. 22 $\frac{3}{5}$ sec.

(b) 75 yds. Championship, Breast Stroke:—Lena Esserman.

(c) Teams' Relay Championship:—Dorothy Grossman, Ruby Bird, Evelyn Townshend, Lena Esserman, 1.

Age Championships:—

(d) 16 years and over, 66 yds.:—Dorothy Crossman 1, Ruby Bird 2. Time, 52 $\frac{2}{5}$ sec.

(e) 15 years, 66 yds.:—Evelyn Townshend. Time, 53 sec.

(f) 12 years, 33 yds.:—Nancy Stark 2.

In addition to the successes gained by High School competitors, various honors were placed to the credit of some of the Fort-street Primary school girls, and we offer them our hearty congratulations. They included:

Age Championships:—

(a) 9 years and under, 25 yds.:—Second heat, L. Furlong 2.

(b) 10 years, 25 yds.:—L. Furlong.

(c) 12 years, 33 yds.:—R. Griffiths, 1. Time, 25 sec.

(d) 15 years, 50 yds.:—Fourth Heat: C. Head, 2.

(e) 50 yds. Back Stroke Championship:—L. Carrol. Time, 64 sec.

(f) Diving Championship:—C. Head, 2.

The number "thirteen" has at length come into its own, for at the examination for Life Saving awards, held at the Domain Baths on Monday afternoon, the 3rd April, the whole thirteen candidates entered from this High School passed successfully.

Proficiency certificates were gained by Hilda Jamieson, Doris Hayes, Violet Adlide, Grace Pettifer, Dorothy Grossman, Ruby Bird, Hilda

Wheatley, Leila Coulter, Sylvia Evans, Pretoria Wicks, Marjorie Murdock, Jean Stewart, Marie Cuneen.

The bronze medallions of the N.S.W. Life Saving Association were successfully competed for by Ruby Bird and Hilda Wheatley.

OUR AQUATIC CARNIVAL.

The carnival held at the Coogee Aquarium Baths on a perfect Wednesday afternoon (April the 5th), was generally voted one of the most successful in our school history. The standard of the swimming, the expeditiousness with which one event followed another, the attractiveness of the programme, and the general completeness of the organisation, were matters of favourable comment on all sides. We are proud of the camaraderie and fine spirit shown by our sports members. Much merriment was caused by the spirited and amusing fancy diving provided by Miss Bishop in the follow-my-leader event. The real skill and difficulty of many of the dives was covered to a great extent by the fanciful "asides." We thank Miss Bishop most warmly for her continued interest in us, and her help in making the carnival a success.

Miss Fanny Durack's exhibition swim of 200 yards proved a very attractive item, which will no doubt be a source of emulation in future years by our water nymphs.

The officials (not members of our own staff) who so capably assisted us, and whom we cordially thank for their co-operation, included our good friend, Miss Craig, whose services are always so willingly made available for us, who acted as starter, and Messrs. Hellings and Selle, judges; Roberts, referee; Burgin, time-keeper; and Taylor, megaphone steward.

Best of all is the fact that by all this united effort on the part of the staff and the girls and our other assistants on the day of the carnival itself, and during the weeks immediately preceding, the French Loaf Fund will benefit to the extent of about £70, representing 4200 loaves.

The financial record for this effort entailed a large amount of work, and as some outstanding amounts had not been forwarded when we went to press we shall postpone till next month's issue the publication of the details of the balance sheet.

As has been our custom since the beginning of the war, no prizes are awarded to the suc-

cessful competitors (at their own desire). However, in lieu thereof, and in order that they may have a souvenir of their prowess, white satin badges (hand painted by advanced art students at school), were provided for all winners of events.

Where everyone worked so zealously at school it would be invidious to single out individual class efforts. However, we would like to mention the particularly good programme of the "penny" concert, organised entirely by the girls of IA Class—our real juveniles—whereby £1 extra was added to the funds. The performers showed very promising talent.

The competitions for the school limerick, the missing word competition, and the most suitable motto for the coming Anzac Day were sources of healthy rivalry and goodwill, and helped to augment the funds.

We must add one other word of praise to all those concerned in the generous supply of flowers, fruits, jams, cakes, etc., which further increased the amount obtained for the fund.

RESULTS OF RACES.

Breast Stroke Handicap, 33 yds.—Final—H. Wheatley 1, W. Howard 2. Time, 46 1/5 secs.

IA and IB Class Championship, 33 yds.—N. Stark 1, G. Duthie 2. Time, 28 4/5 secs.

IC and ID Class Championship, 33 yds.—H. Jamieson 1, D. Hayes 2. Time, 37 1/5 secs.

100 yds. Championship of School.—E. Townsend 1, Ruby Bird 2. Time, 1min. 25 1/5 secs.

Remove Class Championship, 50 yds.—N. John 1, Olga Smith 2. Time, 29 4/5 secs.

Cork Scramble.—Brenda Richardson 1.

Second Year Championship, 33 yds.—L. Esserman 1, M. Towner 2. Time, 25 3/5 secs.

Third Year Championship, 50 yds.—E. Townshend 1, E. Powell 2. Time, 37 2/5 secs.

Fourth Year Championship, 50 yds.—R. Bird 1, O. Stuart 2. Time, 37 1/5 secs.

Old Girls' Championship, 100 yds.—S. Cambridge 1, M. Dexter 2. Time, 1 min. 25 secs.

Back Stroke Handicap, 33 yds.—F. Trollope 1, L. Esserman 2. Time, 42 secs.

17 Years Championship, 50 yds.—R. Bird 1, H. Wheatley 2. Time, 41 secs.

Diving Championship.—Old Girls—S. Cambridge 1, Doris York 2. Present Girls—L. Esserman 1, Ruby Bird 2.

Old Girls' Handicap, 50 yds.—Edith Graham 1, Sadie Cambridge 2. Time, 43 secs.

66 Yards Breast Stroke Championship.—L.

Esserman 1, Olga Smith 2. Time, 1 min. 10 3/5 secs.

13 Years Championship, 33 yds.—N. Stark 1, G. Duthie 2. Time, 30 2/5 secs.

Balloon Race.—B. Richardson 1, E. Townshend 2.

14 and 15 Years Championship, 50 yds.—E. Townshend 1, N. Johns 2. Time, 38 3/5 secs.

Fancy Costume Race.—D. Stewart 1.

50 Yards Handicap.—L. Esserman 1, H. Wheatley 2, R. Bird 3. Time, 53 secs.

Diving, Follow-my-Leader.—Leader, Miss Alice Bishop: R. Bird 1, T. Wicks 2, D. Stewart and G. Duthie 3.

Year Relay Championship, 133 yds.—Fourth Year Team 1, Second Year Team 2.

Diving for Objects.—N. Johns 1, Tory Wicks 2.

Teams Race, Old Girls v. Present.—Present Fortians 1.

Six Oar Race, 33 yds.—Lena Esserman, Grace Pettifer, and Dorothy Stewart. 1.

OBJECTIVE £50.

Many and various have been the expedients adopted by us to raise money for the French Loaf Fund. A certain amount of class rivalry existed, and all of us hoped our class would head the list in the matter of contributions.

Our weekly contributions increased considerably when we finally decided the object to which they were to be devoted, but our main concern was how to augment these and obtain some money from girls in another class.

The class that was first in the field with a competition reaped a good harvest.

The missing line had to be supplied in the following limerick:—

At Fort-street High School there's a class

With many a winsome bright lass,

And, since they don't cram

When they go for exam.,

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Such efforts as—"Needless to say they just pass," "It'll be a surprise if they pass," "There are few of these lasses will pass," "It's a wonder how brilliant they pass,"—of course did not secure the prize, for they did not express the correct sentiment.

Then there were "bees" of various kinds—of course some people think there is only one kind of bee, the "honey" bee, but they are labouring under a delusion. There are many varieties

of "bees," including botanical, spelling, and algebraical ones.

Flowers were a source of income, and teachers who were in the habit of receiving flowers as gifts, ordered and purchased them from us. In many a garden will carnations bloom, little knowing that their purchase money provided loaves for the French.

But it was left to the latest and smallest arrivals in the School to play the master stroke.

IA conceived the brilliant idea of a concert, and the representative audience, including the Principal, members of the teaching staff, and girls of all classes will not soon forget their enjoyable concert. The Principal voiced the opinion of us all in her speech to the girls of IA.

And now we hear that our efforts have been crowned with success, and that our total approaches £70 more nearly than it does £50.

Mrs. Stokes, wife of Colonel Stokes, Chief Medical Officer for N.S.W., wishes all Fortians and ex-Fortians to know that the Army Medical Corps Comforts Depot is at Bull's Chambers, 14 Moore-street, and that the ladies of the Executive will be very pleased to have our girls co-operate with them. Materials for making comforts—socks, Balaclava caps, scarves, mittens, etc.—will be supplied from the depot if application is made there. Some of the committee are always in attendance, and will be glad to furnish details to any enquirers desirous of helping this section. We know that the Babies' Kit Society and the French-Australian League of Help have been absorbing all our patriotic energies for the past month, but possibly the Easter vacation week may provide some leisure time for some of us to help the A.M.C.

Mr. Cranswick, of the Sydney University Christian Union, addressed the senior boys on the 10th inst., regarding the camp held during the Easter vacation at French's Forest. Many boys promised to give their help to the movement.

We desire to congratulate Mr. Roberts on having received his promotion to the rank of major. He is now in command of the 27th battalion.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Since last issue we have received the following names of Old Boys to be added to our Roll of Honour:—

Gunner Geoffrey Packer, Machine Gun Corps, 9th Brigade.

Private Frank Pickup, 16 R., 2 B.

Private E. Ramsbotham, A Company, 27th Battery.

Sergt-major W. Sidaway, 8 R., 1 B.

Private Marcus B. Welch, B.Sc.

Private F. Watkins, 17 B.

Lieut. W. K. Gillies, A.F.E.

Private W. Lindsay Price.

Private R. Thomas.

Private A. Alcock.

Private N. Yates.

Gunner F. R. Jones, 25 B., 7 L.H.

Private Cedric Cramp, A.M.C.

Private S. Sparks.

Private Stanley Winder.

Private W. Benson.

Private Robt. Davis, 6 R., 4 B. (Wounded by shrapnel at Lonesome Pine.)

Private A. Worboys.

Private M. S. Ormsby.

Captain C. W. C. Marr, Australian Wireless Squadron. (Was at Fort-street 1890-1893.)

Sapper Alan C. Robb, 17 R., 1st Field Co. Engineers.

Private C. R. MacIntosh.

Private C. M. Fryer.

Sergt. F. Harris.

Acting Sergt.-major Edgar W. Percival, 7 L.H.

Lieut. W. K. McLean.

Lieut. E. O. K. Green.

Lieut. R. W. Adamson.

Lieut. R. Chambers.

Pte. Harry J. Tompkins.

Sergt. Reginald F. Tompkins.

Lieut. Percy L. Tompkins.

Pte. Leonard B. Collin.

Pte. Ronald Wolff.

Drmr. Harold M. Adams, A.A.S.C.

Pte. Leslie R. Adams, A.A.M.C.

Signaller Edgar Dennis.

Pte. Albert N. Robertson.

Sergt. J. F. Cox.

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Pte. A. F. Gallagher.

Pte. Sidney Easy.

Pte. James Downer.

Pte. Mick Curran.

Pte. James Curran.

Pte. Walter Curran.

Pte. Ellis Wynne.

WAR NOTES.

A summary of the names on our Roll of Honour has been made up to the end of this month. The numbers are as follow:—

Killed in action	42
Died of wounds	11
Missing	8
Died of illness	4
Wounded	68
Ill in hospital	7
On active service	538
Total	678

As we are sure that this constitutes only a fraction of the total number of Fortians serving at the front we are still asking for information regarding others.

Marcus B. Welch, who last year succeeded in gaining a fine B.Sc. degree with honours, and Lindsay Price, who won the Mathematical Scholarship with First-class Honours in First Year Engineering, have both enlisted.

Llewellyn Cullen Ward, who left Sydney in August last as a sergt. attached to the 2nd Battalion, has been promoted to a lieutenancy after serving in the trenches till the date of the evacuation.

One of his brothers, Lieut. Stanley Cullen Ward, is on active service in British East Africa, while a third, Geoffrey, left Sydney as a private in the 15 R., 6 L.H.

Bert Evatt, whose name was mentioned last month as winner of the Harris Scholarship, as the newly-appointed Associate to His Honour the Chief Justice, and as President of the University Union, has now been appointed to the position of Lecturer in English and Mathematics at St. Andrew's College, within the University.

WHAT OUR EX-SENIORS HAVE DONE AND ARE DOING.

No boy can possibly obtain the finest part of a Fort-street education unless he passes through the senior class. We have thought it interesting to trace the careers of the Seniors of the past ten years or so, and point out what successes they have obtained. An asterisk placed in front of the name denotes that the possessor is on active service.

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*ARCHIE J. COLLINS.—Graduated M.B., Ch.M., with 1st Class Honours in Medicine. Assistant Superintendent R.P. Alfred Hospital. Joined A.M.C., now with Colonel Stacy's Base Hospital, near Suez.

ERIC C. MAIN.—Took up commercial work. We have had no news of him for some years.

HAROLD H. MASON.—Graduated LL.B. with 1st Class Honours in Law. Then Associate to the Chief Judge in Equity. Now practising at the N.S.W. Bar.

*ALAN R. CHISHOLM.—Graduated B.A. and M.A. at Sydney University with high Honours in Modern Languages. Awarded a Travelling Scholarship. Now Lecturer in Modern Languages at Teachers' College.

*HARRY L. REID.—Clerk in the Public Service. Studying for ordination in the Ministry. Second Year Arts at the University. Killed in action at Gallipoli.

CHARLES S. ROBYNS.—Entered the service of the Colonial Sugar Company, where he still is.

*ROBERT W. ADAMSON.—Graduated as Bachelor of Engineering; now in School of Instruction for Officers.

*GEORGE H. BEST.—Graduated as Bachelor of Engineering; now on active service with Field Engineers.

ARTHUR G. BARNES.—Entered a commercial house.

*ERROL G. KNOX.—Did two years Arts at Sydney University; took up journalism; sent to America as correspondent for the "Sunday Times" and "Referec," became chief sub-editor of former paper; enlisted with infantry.

*ARTHUR M. STANTON.—Graduated M.B.,

Ch.M., now practising at Granville; medical officer at Liverpool Camp.

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*F. DOUGLAS STAFFORD.—Captain of School, 1908, graduated Bachelor of Engineering; now Engineer Lieutenant, H.M.A.S. Australia.

JOHN MALCOLM.—Graduated M.B., Ch.M., now Assistant Superintendent, R.P.A. Hospital.

CECIL GOSTELOW.—Entered the service of the Mutual Life and Citizens Assurance Co., obtained the Associateship of the Institute of Actuaries; now Assistant Actuary of the City Mutual Life Assurance Co.

ROY ALEXANDER.—Passed the examination for, and now following the profession of Licensed Surveyor.

*GEORGE FIRMAN.—Became a Staff Lieutenant of Artillery in Melbourne; now on active service.

MARCUS A. H. ALEXANDER.—Graduated as M.B., Ch.M., Sydney University; now Superintendent of Sydney Hospital.

ALBERT V. LANGKER.—Entered N.S.W. Public Service; now doing 2nd Year Arts at the University.

To be continued next-month. The Editor will be glad to receive notice of any errors in his information, for which he has had, in a large measure, to depend upon his own personal knowledge of the doings of our old boys.

IF I SHOULD DIE.

This is the finest sonnet of the war, by Rupert Brooke, the young poet, who is the first great poet since Sir Philip Sidney to perish upon the field of battle.

If I should die, think only this of me
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made
aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to
roam,
A body of England's breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.
And think this heart, all evil shed away;
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less,

Gives back somewhere the thoughts by England
 given;
 Her sights and sounds; dreams, happy as her
 day;
 And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
 In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

LETTERS FROM OLD BOYS.

Among the interesting letters received this month from Old Boys is one from No. 86049, Sergeant Leslie Cormack, 5th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, dated from the Canadian Headquarters, Shorncliffe, Kent, England. After mentioning that his name will be found on the 1901 Honour board, he says:

"I have been living in New York, U.S.A., engaged in newspaper business for some years, and when war broke out went to Winnipeg, in Canada, to enlist. I have met only one other Fort-street boy, a Lieutenant Sutton, of the N.S.W. Forces, and I ran across him at the Anzac buffet in London."

Another letter is from Sapper Alan C. Robb, 17th Reinf., 1st Field Company, Engineers, who left for the front on the 14th inst. He passed the Senior in 1909, and has since become a licensed surveyor. He mentions that there are several Old Boys at present in the School of Instruction for Officers, intending to join the Engineers. Among them are "Bob" Adamson, B.E., "Bert" Green, B.E., W. K. McLean, and — Chambers. They are all doing well.

Another letter comes from Pte. T. A. Mackenzie, who, after being rejected twice, and undergoing an operation to render him fit for service, was accepted, and spent some months in the trenches at Gallipoli, suffering one slight wound. He is now safely back in Egypt recuperating.

Vivian England, who suspended his Engineering Course at the University to enlist and who went away as a Sergeant Signaller in the Light Horse, has written us from Cairo the following fine account of his campaigning:—

I must apologise for not having written to you before this, but as a matter of fact I have very little time to spare for extensive correspondence, particularly so since we came back from the Peninsula. I was very sorry indeed to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Cantrell. I had only made up my mind to write to him

when we received the news at the front. Old "Fortians" here, who had the pleasure of being associated with him, join with me in expressing their regret at the loss of such a man to the school and State.

There are multitudes of representatives of the old school over here. One runs against them everywhere. I was dining at an hotel in town a week ago, when who should I meet but Guy Harden, who has two stars in the Royal Engineers. Gother Mann now has a commission in the 4th Battalion, and I was recommended for a similar position in the 1st Infantry Brigade about three weeks prior to the evacuation. The latter event, however, was disastrous, and my chance went overboard, for which I was not altogether sorry, as we are back once more on mounted work. I never did care for infantry work, especially after experience of it on active service. I prefer to have my load on a horse, not on myself.

My four months on the Peninsula represent a period of unutterable monotony, broken occasionally by spells of abject terror, which latter was usually produced by the arrival of large-sized high explosive shells and shrapnel. I had the good fortune, however, to come through with a whole pelt, and moreover without suffering overmuch from the diseases which attacked our boys in hundreds. On one occasion a sniper very nearly put paid to my account. I was having a look round over the parapet of one of our trenches with a pair of field glasses, when the first thing I knew was a bullet hitting the sandbag on a dead line with my head, and throwing dust all over me. I tumbled into the trench in quick time, and held a muster to see if anything was missing, then had the pleasure of waving my friend a wash-out with my cap. He had another pot at the cap, but missed it considerably.

The evacuation was rather an anxious time for most of us, particularly in view of the fact that the position we held, in conjunction with that held by the 20th Batt. (Walker's Ridge), was the key to the beach from which embarkation was to take place. I had the rather doubtful honour of being picked as one of the rear-guard for our portion of the position, consisting of about 600 yards of trench. This was held, after the main body left at 8.45 p.m. on the 19th December, by six men. We had to stand on watch in those trenches for over six

hours. It was bright moonlight and very cold. Looking over the parapet every bush in the distance resolved itself in a couple of seconds into a moving figure, performing all sorts of antics. It was a weird experience, and none of us expected to leave without a hole of some sort through us. However, so wonderfully was the movement executed that we filed out of our trenches at 3 a.m. on the 20th, leaving them silent and deserted, without a single one of our friends opposite being any the wiser. Some delay occurred at one stage of the proceedings, and our party was a quarter of an hour behind time leaving the bivouac. Consequently, just as we were starting for the beach our mines, with about three tons of explosives in each, went up under the Turks' trenches on the Neck, and we doubled down to the beach and on board the lighter to the accompaniment of a hellish fire from rifles and machine guns. Bullets were whizzing overhead and striking the sides of the sap, but we all escaped without a scratch. The Turks apparently were under the impression when the mines blew up that an attack was imminent, and the whole line of our trenches was raked by the fire of dozens of machine guns.

Fortunately the beach and landing stage were out of reach of all rifle fire, except stray bullets, although the latter were pretty numerous. As we were being taken out to the transport (ours was the last lighter to leave), the Turks were still blazing away at our silent trenches, and the commencement of two huge fires was just springing into being away to the left at Suvla Bay, where all the remaining stores were being burnt. At this point "Beachy Bill" fired one shot, the only gun shot during the whole night. No explosion followed, and the shell must have fallen into the sea.

By 5 a.m. we were on our way to Lemnos and a further unknown destination, leaving Anzac deserted. At 7 a.m. the Turks attacked—empty trenches—after a furious bombardment. So ended the Great Adventure, as they call it, and the only regret I have, and I can speak for many more, is for the hundreds of white crosses which dot the hills and valleys of Anzac and Suvla. They gave their lives to the job, and we had to leave it unfinished.

Now, I understand, we have a good chance of going to France with the new 3rd division.

It seems a very common impression that that is their destination. However, it's all in the lap of the gods, and we won't know where we're going until we get there, and then they'll tell us it's some other place. That's the way of the army. Meanwhile, personally, I'm endeavouring to absorb as much of the alleged civilisation of this spot as I can in preparation for the "rigors" of another campaign.

I must conclude now as this letter has assumed proportions never intended. Please give my kind regards to Mr. Mackaness and the rest of the staff.

Yours sincerely,

VIVIAN T. ENGLAND.

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EXCUSES.

From the "Porthmuthian" School Magazine.

I put my pen to paper to expose
Those sinful boys who use time-worn excuses.
Forgetting I was lately one of those
Who find delight in such micro-abuses.
So tremble, nippers, in your various shoes,
At my exhaustive and enlightened views.

Into the limelight then we rudely haul
That miserable, good-for-nothing lot,
Who at the pedagogue's commanding call,
Exclaims, in peevish treble, "I forgot!"
And listens, chuckling, to the old refrain,
Hoary and worn, "Well, don't do it again!"

A much more hardened criminal is he
Who saunters in just as 'tis time to go;
And, visage elongated, like a poplar tree,
Dolefully wails, "Please, sir, our clock was
slow!"
Knowing full well, his periodic stops
Could be ascribed to Hargreave's lollipops.

Comes now a figure every schoolboy knows—
The eager student of the ways of Rome,
Who feverishly seeks his Latin prose,
And says, surprised, "Well, there! I've left
it at home!"
And poor long-suffering masters heave a sigh,
Knowing too well that old recurring cry.

And then there is that old habitual shirk,
 Who, greatly grieved, complains it isn't fair
 That "So and So has told me the wrong work"
 But "So and So" is, strangely, never there;
 And though of course we don't like slinging
 ink,
 'Tis well he's absent, for some, we should think.

Further examples we will here suspend,
 Chiefly because we lack the needed space,
 But, hypocrites, just try your ways to mend,
 Or if you're bent on being a disgrace,
 Do be original with your abuses—
 For goodness' sake, do coin some new excuses!

WALKING TOURS.

Easter is usually a delightful season climatically, and the custom of making pedestrian tours (which has prevailed among students of the Old World for centuries) during vacation periods is spreading, happily, among us. Considering that ten days are the whole available time, one would not project over-lengthy tours. The highest authority on this subject among us is Mr. W. M. Hamlet, ex-Government Analyst, who has covered (in some cases many times over) the majority of the available routes, and who has published accounts of some of them in "With Swag and Billy."

Herewith are some suggested tours for selection:—

One Day Trips.

(a) To Barrenjoey.—Travel to Manly by boat (8d. return), walk to Narrabeen (or tram 6d.); to Newport by motor car (1/6). Walk 5 miles to Palm Beach (or go in launch, 1/-). If the walk is undertaken from Narrabeen on to Newport, the distance to be covered is eleven miles. Any one of the sections of this trip is good for walking, so one has a big range to select from.

(b) To Cronulla or Port Hacking, via Tom Ugly's Point.—Train to Hurstville (return fare, second class, 1/6). On return take train to Sutherland, about eight or nine miles' walk.

(c) From Hornsby to Castle Hill (train to Hornsby return fare, second class, about 2/-), via Tunk's Creek, Galston, and Dural. Estimated distance, fifteen miles.

(d) and (e). Kuring-gai Chase excursions are specially fine. Train to Pymble, walk to Bob-

bin Head, and through the Chase. Leave the carriage road shortly after crossing the causeway near Bobbin Head, and take the small footpath leading down to the footbridge. This track leads along the water to Windybank's boatshed, whence a path leads upward to Berowra Station (about 14 miles). Or one may—soon after passing the footbridge—take a path which leads upwards to Kuring-gai Station. Should the day chosen for this trip be a public holiday, one may be able to travel by steamer from Windybank's round to Hawkesbury railway station (cost 1/-). This saves the climb up to Berowra.

(f) Kuring-gai Chase alternative trip. Take train to Hornsby, walk along Peat's Ferry road, leaving Galston-road on the left, through the entrance to Kuring-gai Chase, on main road, as far as Bobbin Head. Ascend by foot tracks or winding carriage road to cross to the other side of the Head, and continue along the main road to Turramurra railway station. Distance, 15 miles. Estimated cost, about 2/-.

(g) An agreeable afternoon's walk can be readily taken from Bondi to South Head by way of the Ostrich Farm.

(h) To Coogee by tram, or walk, thence to La Perouse via Maroubra and Long Bay.

(i) Lane Cove River.—Tram to Longueville, walk two miles to Fig Tree Bridge, thence to the Ryde tram: or through Hunter's Hill to Alexandra-street Wharf, or Woolwich Wharf. Return to Sydney by ferry.

(j) From Ryde tram, at the fountain just beyond Holy Cross College, to Gordon, via De Burgh Bridge, over Lane Cove. About seven miles.

Longer Trips.

Inland and Cross-country.

(a) Kangaroo Valley.—Train to Moss Vale, walk to Fitzroy Falls (about 14 miles), Kangaroo Valley (12), Nowra (15); or by a longer route:—First day, to Robertson, 14 miles; second day, Fitzroy Falls via Belmore Falls (15); third day, Kangaroo Valley; fourth day, Cambewarra Mountain to Nowra (15).

(b) Burragorang.—Train to Wentworth Falls:—(1) Wentworth Falls to Cox River, 23 miles; (2) to Fig Tree, 14 miles; (3) to the Oaks, 10 miles; (4) The Oaks to Camden, 10 miles, return to Sydney; or by train to Campbelltown, and (5) walk to Appin, 10 miles; (6)

to Thirroul, via Bulli Pass, about 16 miles. A deviation of two or three miles will enable one to visit the Cataract Dam.

These are merely introductory to the numerous routes available to the pedestrian. The habit certainly increases with indulgence, and when carried out in moderation may be considered one of the finest forms of physical and mental recreation.

We have not mentioned any walks on the Blue Mountains routes, which are mostly familiar to all, as are also the regulation walking tours in the Illawarra district.

Equipment is the main factor for consideration when undertaking walking tours. "Travel light" is the motto (likewise "Start early"); good, thick walking shoes and stout stockings are the first essential.

It is always well to have a map of the district when touring. Detailed charts are generally procurable at the Government Tourist Bureau in Challis House, Martin Place, and also at the local bureaux.

Further, divide the tour into comfortable sections, so that one may avoid over-fatigue; also allow for good rests between the stages.

Room must be found in the knapsack or pocket for some mental refreshment. So many compact editions of the best and favourite authors are available that the only trouble is to narrow the selection. A few suggestions include:—Jerome K. Jerome's "Three Men in a Boat"; R. L. Stevenson's "Travels with a Donkey"; Stockton's "Cruise of the Schooner Merry Chanter"; May Beauchamp's "The Caravaners"; James Lane Allan's "The Kentucky Cardinal."

We hope some pleasant parties will be arranged by groups of students, who will furnish us with graphic accounts of their experiences for publication in future numbers of the "Fortian."

The date for handing in essays for the competition announced in last issue having been extended till the 1st of May, the results will not be announced till next issue.

Les Small, who for a considerable number of months has been engaged as an engineer on board a transport in the Mediterranean and elsewhere, has returned to Sydney.

THE SCHOOL OF WAR.

There were 11,000 teachers serving with the colours, and 8000 more had attested—Mr. Henderson, President of the Board of Education, in reply to a deputation urging him to make the teaching of patriotism part of the schools' curriculum.

The bayonet and rifle are his pointer and his cane,

To learn the newer art of war he goes to school again,

And where the High Explosives burst, and where the bullet hums,

The British teacher does his worst to give the German sums;

If fifty woolly shrapnel shells have fallen on a trench,

How long till Berlin wireless tells, "We've beaten all the French"?

And here's another one to try: what answer would you get

If seven Boches were divided by a bayonet?

The problems that the master sets in this grim school and red,

If wrong the answer that he gets, will cost a man his head;

He does not deal in Q.E.D.'s, but stunned and nearly deaf,

Whene'er a captured trench he sees, he murmurs Q.E.F.;

When vulgar fractions of a limb are scattered on the plain,

He thanks the Lord it isn't him, and turns to fight again;

He learns some things he will not teach to boys of tender years,

The strange and wondrous parts of speech that in the trench he hears.

No longer in the village school he teaches A.B. ab,

But knee-deep in a muddy pool he learns to shoot and stab;

He has a blackboard in his mind, whereon he reckons still,

How many Germans he can find to capture or to kill;

The mistress of the other class, with whom he used to stray

Discussing classics, is, alas, a hundred miles away.

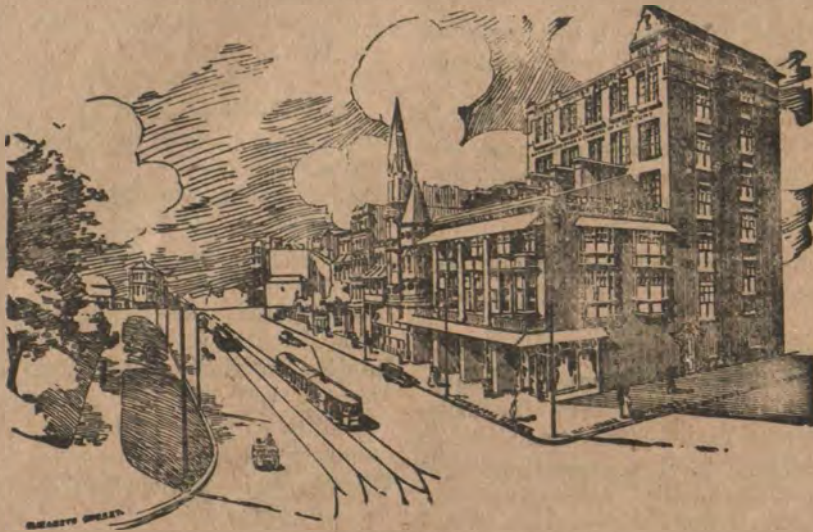
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martial looks?
Will not that sweet schoolmistress tell, with
misty eyes and dim,
Amid the thunder of the shell the bravery of
him;
And when those teacher-men return, though
minus legs and arms,
Will not the youngsters run to learn their tale
of war's alarms?
Then will the lesson best be taught to every
eager kid,
Not by a task of lofty thought, but by what
teacher did.

—"The Sun," 29/3/16.

A FORTIAN IN NEW GUINEA.

Dr. Charles W. Bray, captain of Fort Street
in 1910, who, with Dr. Cedric Murray, has
been sent to New Guinea on military service, has
sent us the following interesting account of
his experiences there.

I thought you would like to hear what has
become of Murray and myself since we arrived
in these parts, so I will try and give you a
rough idea of what we have been doing, and
at the same time, of life in the tropics, so far as
my experience goes.

After arriving in Rabaul, and interviewing
the P.M.O., Lt.-Col. Strangman, we were told
that one of us was required for Madang, in
New Guinea proper, and the other was to re-
main in Rabaul. Murray and I accordingly
tossed up for it, with the result that he came
to Madang, and has been here ever since, while
I remained in Rabaul. After nearly a fortnight
at the White Hospital (Numanula), during
which time I received many practical instruc-
tions and valuable advice with regard to tropi-
cal medicine from Col. Strangman, I was placed
in charge of the native hospital in Rabaul, re-
lieving Major Forde, who went down on fur-
lough. This position carried the duties, as
well, of Port Medical Officer, so you can un-

derstand it was a responsible position for a
young man. There was an average of always
over 90 patients in the hospital, and 120 odd
out-patients were treated every day, and ac-
cordingly the experience I gained was invalu-
able.

I was left absolutely to myself here, being my
own house surgeon, superintendent, matron,
and honorary surgeon. In the course of the
three months I was there, I did many major
operations, and I feel that I would go into
practice with a reasonable amount of confid-
ence.

I also had the luck to work up a fairly re-
munerative practice amongst private patients—
Germans, Malays, Chinamen, etc., and amongst
others, the Japanese Consul, Mr. Komini, was
a patient for a fortnight with a bad attack of
blackwater fever, and I am glad to say he re-
covered completely.

It is indeed a very different matter to carry
out treatment in a native hospital such as in
Rabaul, than it is to do so in a large hospital
in Australia, where you have your full com-
plement of trained assistants, and every con-
venience at hand—such as gas, electric light,
steam sterilisers, instruments, etc., etc.

The native of these parts, too, is a very
funny individual. They never go into hospital
unless they are very ill, and they are the real
genuine Stoics as far as the bearing of pain is
concerned. I have had cases in my own hos-
pital, in their last few hours with double pneu-
monia, and yet they will smile cheerfully, and
many and many a time I had to set a watch
over them, as they will get off their beds and
go and walk round and have a chat with their
fellows at the slightest opportunity, in fact they
do so until they collapse and fall down.

They have supreme faith in the "Big pfellar
Dokitar," and are exceedingly grateful for
treatment. The pidgeon English the boys speak
is quite a language of its own. Instance: A boy
will come in and tell you "Bell belong me him
walk about notting"—which means that he has
a pain in his abdomen which started without
any apparent cause. In reply to your question
"How many pfellar day pain him stop?" he'll
almost invariably reply, "He come up notting,"
which means to say that it just simply came,
and that's all about it. There are many differ-
ent dialects in the different islands, and as the
boys are often thrown together in many places,

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such as Rabaul, they all speak the "pidgeon," and to anyone not accustomed to it, it would appear a foreign tongue altogether.

A native hospital is quite a different institution to a white one. The beds are simply hard wooden bunks, covered with a grass mat, and it is quite impossible to get the natives to sleep on anything else. It is their natural way, and they refuse point blank to part from it, and to my mind there is no necessity whatever to institute a change. They live mostly on rice, yams, taro, sack-sack (sago), and whenever they get it (Bull 'em—a cow), i.e., tinned beef. They are inveterate smokers, preferring the trade tobacco (3/6 a lb.) to any you may give them, as they say it "fight 'em hell belonga me," which means that it is stronger, and makes them dizzy when they inhale it.

The chewing of Betel nut is also a very favourite habit. They chew lime with the nut, as it seems to bring out some narcotic in it, and makes them ("long-long"), i.e., dazed, and equivalent to the white man being drunk. They are very primitive in their dress, ideas, and customs, and to all intents and purposes are a race of schoolboys. Moreover, unlike the Australian aboriginal, they possess an exquisite sense of humour, and altogether are very easy to deal with.

The ordinary dress consists of a "larva-larva" (loin cloth) and both men and women dress alike; but at the slightest opportunity they decorate themselves with flowers, beads, shells, dogs' teeth, and innumerable other things which it is impossible to mention here.

They are indeed a very necessary people in tropical parts, and I am glad that the Government is doing excellent work in the matter of caring for them and seeing that they get fair treatment at the hands of their employers. In fact, they are the only people capable of working the whole year in this climate, and without them the wealth of such a place as this, would be absolutely inaccessible.

After three months at the native hospital in Rabaul, I was drafted here to Madang (in German New Guinea proper) as Senior Medical Officer, relieving a Major Simmons, who has gone on furlough. Capt. Murray and myself are now together again, and of course it is very nice to have somebody you know well to work



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with. We get on splendidly together, and many times we sit and chat about old times, which passes away the evenings very pleasantly. There are various out-stations to be visited here, and either one of the other of us is away most of the time. The only means of traveling is small trading schooners, and it is not the most comfortable thing in the world to have to spend three weeks or a month in one of them. This place is very quiet and lonely. Besides Murray and myself, there is only one other white officer, and he is the district officer. We get a mail once every six weeks, and the intervals of waiting grow very monotonous. This place is the hot-bed for malarial fever throughout the whole Island. To give you some idea of what I mean by that, when the first garrison of about 200 men came here, every single one of them went down with fever. The place is considerably more healthy now, and we administer quinine gr. x. every day to the garrison as a prophylactic, but in spite of this they sometimes contract it, and when I was away up the coast on my last visit of inspection, I caught a very severe infection myself, and am only just recovered from it.

We are in what we call the "Nor-west" season now. That is, the rainy season—and it rains up here as it only can do in tropical latitudes. If it is not raining it is very hot, and you are in one continual bath of perspiration. The vegetation and surroundings are of course typi-

cally tropical, and very profuse. Cocoanuts, paw-paws, bananas, etc., grow in the greatest abundance, and the vegetable wealth, at your back door, so to speak, is indeed prolific. The greatest industry, and in fact the only one, is growing cocoanuts. This is a very profitable business after about five years, but the initial expense is heavy, and you have to wait at least five years before the trees start to bear, and on that account, a good bank deposit is necessary before undertaking a plantation.

The New Guinea Co., and the Catholic Mission own at least two-thirds of all the plantations, and like any large business concern, they are spreading like the proverbial octopus, out-ting the smaller people, and reserving the best for themselves.

Well, sir, I hope this won't be all rather dry to you, but of course you can understand that it is all there is to write about from here.

Hoping you are in the best of health, and with kindest regards from Murray and self.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES W. BRAY.

Among the returned Gallipoli heroes who have paid us visits lately are Aubrey Shoebridge and Ken. Spence. Spence and Eric Vic-kers, two medical students, who went through the Gallipoli campaign, have been brought back to complete their medical courses.



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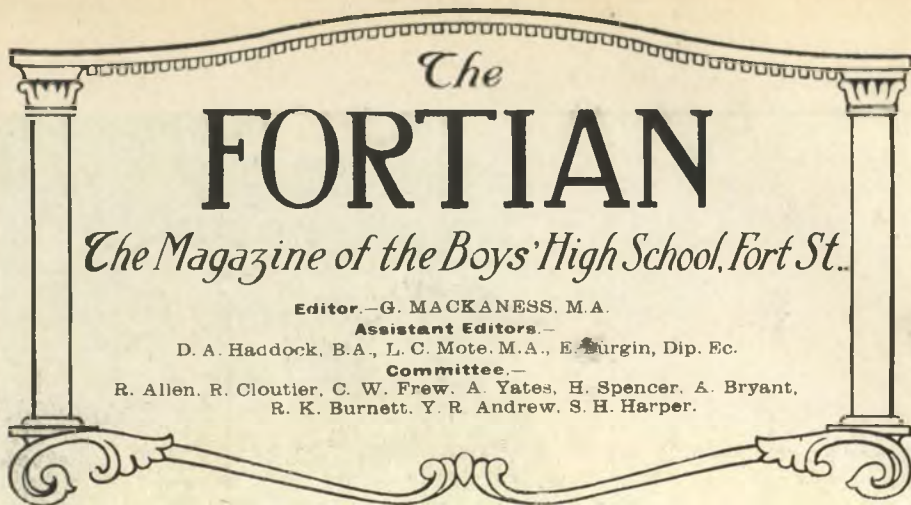
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(CAPTAIN OF SCHOOL)

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(SENIOR PREFECT)

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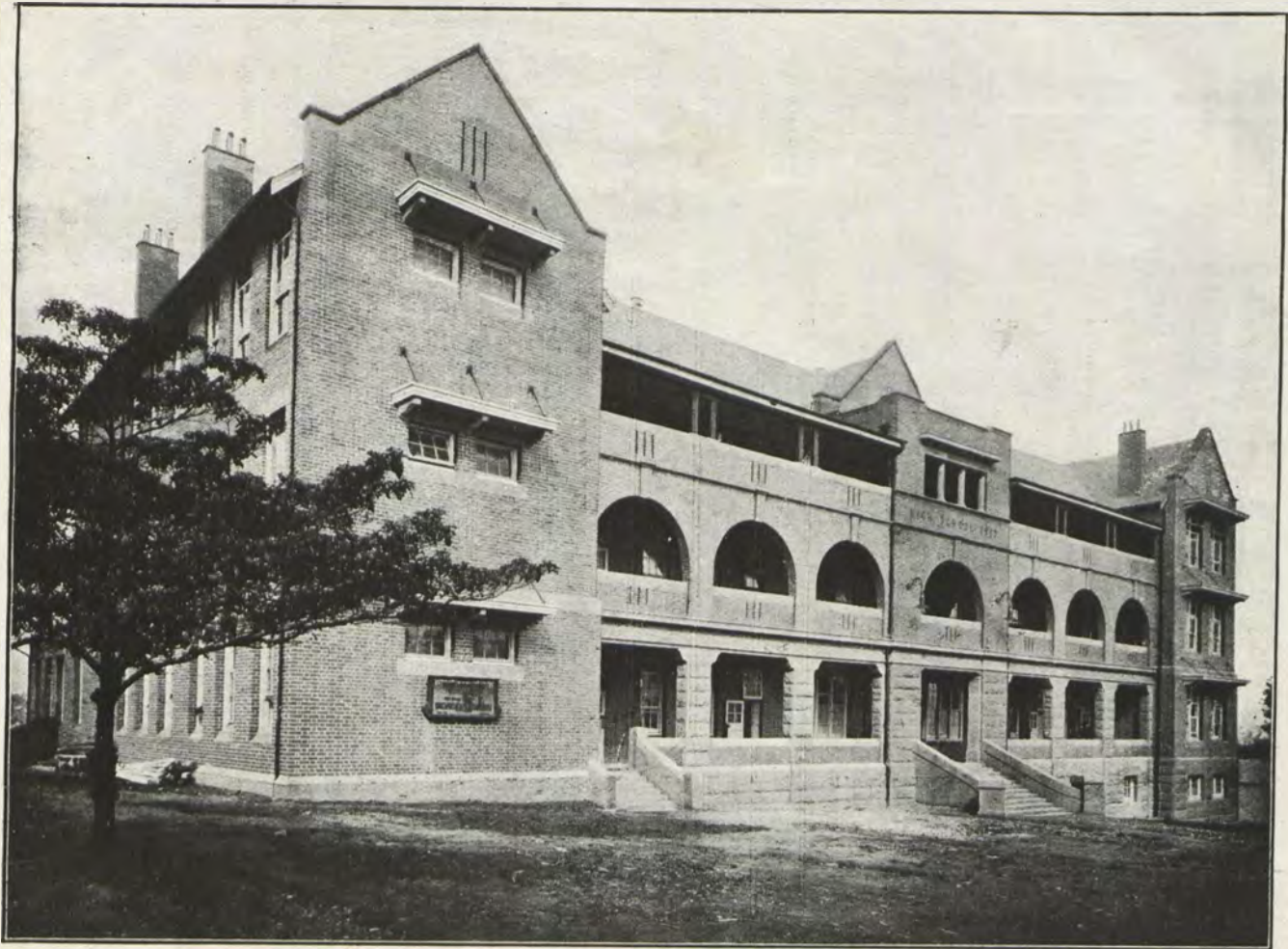
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Editorial

Old "Fort Street," sometime Model School, Training College and High School, is no more. For 67 years (1849-1916) it has stood at the head of our educational system, reflecting in its progress the expansion of the State. It is this very expansion which has made necessary the removal of the School from the old historic spot to a locality more in keeping with modern educational requirements.

From its inception the old School enjoyed a high reputation. Just as the history of a nation may be largely written in the biographies of its great men, so is the history for Fort Street largely that of its headmasters. Less favoured than some other institutions by reason of its lack of space and its antiquated building, old Fort Street has always been happy in the choice of its Head. If we revere the memory of the men who originally created the traditions of the School, not less must we recognize the worth of those who have widened and deepened those traditions—men of large heart and wide sympathies, whose influence has been exerted through personal example rather than through magisterial authority. What we *do* depends largely on what we *are*.

Great, therefore, as a scholastic institution, the old School has been greater as a training ground—a moulder of character, a maker of men. In the public life of the State, in commerce and in the learned professions, its students have held prominent place. No more is needed than the mere mention of such names as those of Sir Edmund Barton, Sir Douglas Mawson, Sir Joseph Carruthers, Mr. Justice Ferguson, and Mr. Peter Board, for example, to justify this claim for the Fort Street of the past.

And if Old Boys, who figure so prominently among the visitors on Speech Day, can point with pride to the academic successes of past years, recent students will cite the lists of honours and exhibitions gained in the latter years. And when erstwhile Fortians may claim to be represented on the field of battle by a thousand of their contemporaries, the students of the present will recall the names of those who left the class-room for the trenches and passed straight to the wider sphere of national service. Tradition is strong at Fort Street.

To compare the new buildings with the old were unkind, ungrateful. Many Old Boys, no doubt, will regret the change of locality and of buildings. The new buildings are fine and admirable in many respects—but modernity lacks the associations, the traditions which hallow.

But let them take comfort. The good old colours—maroon and white—evoke our sympathy and stir our enthusiasm wherever we meet them. The pride of a Fortian is not in a building of bricks and mortar, but in the nobler and more enduring edifice of a character moulded and perfected by contact with others who hold dear the ideals which make of all her *alumni* a band of brothers, irrespective of time or locality.

Tradition endures among Fortians.

EDITORIAL.

The Editor wants—(1) news; (2) articles; (3) pictures relating to the school or the boys. Can you help him by sending along some of these. You will find the Editor's box in the corridor. All the pictures and cartoons in

this issue, with one exception, are the work of Harper, of 4C, whom we thank for his kindness, not only in taking them, but in preparing them for publication. Others of a similar nature are required for future issues.

THE HEADMASTERS OF FORT STREET

A list of headmasters of Fort-street School since its inauguration up to the present time is as follows:—

Mr. Hugh Farrel ..	1850 ..	1850
Mr. O'Driscoll ..	1850 ..	1851
Mr. William Wilkins ..	1851 ..	1854
Mr. Randal MacDonell ..	1854 ..	1854
Mr. John Gardiner ..	1854 ..	1859
Mr. Thomas Harris ..	1859 ..	1862
Mr. J. W. Allpass ..	1862 ..	1867
Mr. F. Bridges ..	1867 ..	1876
Mr. Joseph Coats ..	1876 ..	1876
Mr. W. H. Johnson ..	1876 ..	1880
Mr. Matthew Willis ..	1880 ..	1880
Mr. James Conway ..	1880 ..	1887
Mr. James Dettmann ..	1887 ..	1889
Mr. John W. Turner ..	1880 ..	1905
Mr. A. J. Kilgour ..	1905 ..	—

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It is a sad task to have to enumerate the names of so many Fortians for whom the Last Post has been sounded. Our list is a large and ever-growing one. This issue we have to extend our deepest sympathy to the parents and relatives of a number of gallant old Fort Street boys who have given their lives for their country.

LANCE-CORPORAL ERIC G. LEASK was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. F. Leask, of Mosman, and was killed in action in France some time in August last. He was born in South Australia March 19th, 1892, and so was only 24 at the time of his death. His career at Fort Street, lasting over four years, was such as to endear him to his masters and fellow students. No one took a keener interest in the School affairs; while he will be long remembered for his skill as a debater and as a contributor to "De Senioribus," the senior MS. Journal. He matriculated in 1910, and proceeded to the University, where he obtained his B.A. with honours in 1913. He had just completed his theological studies at Camden Congregational College, under the Rev. Principal Thatcher, when in November, 1915, he enlisted in the A.I.F. It was only a few weeks before his departure that he was present at the School, and gave an address to our branch of the Christian Union. His younger brother, Jim, is also on active service.

LIEUTENANT JOHN STEPHEN FERGUSON is another old boy who has joined the great majority. He was seriously wounded in France, and then taken to London, where he died under an anaesthetic. He was accorded a military funeral, which left the residence of his uncle, Mr. J. M. Stevens, of London. Lieutenant Ferguson was an architect and engineer by profession.

LIEUTENANT BERROL MENDELSON.—Well known to all Fortians, and especially to swimmers, was

Lieutenant Berrol Mendelsohn, son of Mrs. A. Mendelsohn, of Mosman, who was killed in action in France on 20th July last. Apparently his death must have occurred within a day or two of his reaching the firing line, as a cable had just been received from him from Egypt a week or two before his death. While in Sydney he was very well known as a swimmer, being the champion of the Bondi Club, and frequently competed in our Old Boys' races at the annual carnival. He had been long connected with naval and military affairs, while in civil life he has been since boyhood on the staff of Perdrion and Company.

CAPTAIN WALTER F. SCOBIE, another old Fort Street boy, has been killed in France. He had previously been through the Gallipoli campaign, and had been wounded. He was the youngest son of Mr. R. Scobie, M.L.A., and at the time of his death was 26 years old. He was, till joining the A.I.F., employed as an electrical engineer at the City sub-station. He had long taken an interest in military matters, his connection with the Scottish Rifles dating from the time he left Fort Street, about 1906. His brother Robert is also in khaki, though on latest reports he had not left Egypt.

SAPPER FREDERICK LESLIE SAINTY (Died of wounds), 1st Field Co. Engineers. Born at Newtown on December 7th, 1897. The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sainty, of Haberfield. He was educated at Fort Street, and up to the time of enlistment he was employed at the North Sydney and Manly Electric Sub-stations. On December 11th, 1915, he sailed for Egypt on the R.M.S. "Mooltan," and after six months' training there, he was transferred to the western front, where he was severely wounded in action near Armentieres. He died of wounds on the 20th July, aged eighteen years and seven months.



CAPT. WALTER F. SCOBIE.
(Killed.)



SERG. A. G. ELDERSHAW.
(Killed.)



SAPPER SAINTY
(Died of wounds.)



LIEUT. J. S. FERGUSON.
(Died of wounds.)

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LIEUT. MENDELSON.
(Killed.)



SGT-MJR. ROSE.
(Missing)



BUGLER LYON.
(Wounded.)



LIEUT. W. S. KEMMIS.
(Killed.)

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM SCOTT KEMMIS (killed in France) left Sydney in October last, and was in Egypt up to last April, when he went into the trenches in France. He was the eldest son of Canon Kemmis, of Glen Innes, and was 29 years of age. He was educated at Fort Street, and was a dentist by profession. Before the war he held a commission in the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery. He has left a widow.

SERGEANT ATHOL GALE ELDER-SHAW, third son of Mrs. M. Eldershaw, of Royalist-road, Mosman, who was killed in action in France on July 20, was 21 years of age, and an old Fort Street boy. He was one of the first to offer his services on the outbreak of war, and enlisted as a private with the New Guinea forces. On returning he re-enlisted.

CAPTAIN FRED R. RANSON (missing). Another old Fort Street boy, Fred Ranson, has been reported among the missing. He spent several years at the School, and left to take up a position in the Department of Lands, where he rose to be a draughtsman. He is the fourth son of Mr. E. S. Ranson, of Strathfield. Another brother—also a Fort Street boy—J. F. Ranson, B.A., LL.B., is also on active service.

SERGEANT H. SHERRING. Mr. G. W. Sherring, Upper Avenue road, Mosman, has been notified that his elder son, Sergt. Horrie Sherring, has been wounded in the left leg by shrapnel, and that he is in hospital at Manchester. Prior to enlisting Sergeant Sherring was a member of the computing staff of the "Sydney Morning Herald." His brother Jack was also wounded, but is now back in the firing line.

LIEUTENANT COLLIER. Mr. Thos. Collier, of Roseville, has been notified by the Defence Department that his son, Lieutenant Clarence Collier, has been wounded in France. Lieutenant Collier, who is a Sydney solicitor, was a member of the first expeditionary force that went to Rabaul. After returning to Sydney he re-enlisted, and, passing through the officers' school, left for Egypt with his battalion, of which the late Lieutenant-Colonel Norris was commanding officer.

LIEUT. GEORGE BEST, M.C.—News has just come to hand that Lieut. George Best, an old Fort-street boy, who enlisted in England, has been awarded the Military Cross for valorous conduct in action. He passed the Senior in 1906, then went

to the University, where he obtained his B.E. degree in 1910. He has the heartiest congratulations of all Fortians on this great honour which has been conferred on him.

LIEUT. G. H. PUGH.—Mrs. R. Pugh, of Victoria-street, Marrickville, has received news that her son, Lieut. G. H. Pugh, has been killed in action in France. He was educated at Fort-street. In 1908 he was a member of the winning team in the Roth Challenge Shield for life-saving. He was a leading member of the Sydney Swimming Club, and also a prominent Rugby Union footballer. In 1912 he visited America with an Australian Rugby Union team. He enlisted in July, 1915, with the 4th Battalion, and left Sydney in the following October as second lieutenant. In France recently he took part in two charges at Pozieres, and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Recently a letter was received in Sydney from him, saying that he had been appointed acting captain on the staff.

Q.M.S. FRANK H. QUICK—Another Old Boy killed in action is Q.M.S. Frank H. Quick, only son of Mr. W. T. Quick, of "Roslyn," Albert-street, Petersham, the date of whose death is reported as 20th July last. He was 30 years of age, and was on the staff of the Alliance Insurance Co.

L-CORP. E. W. HAYES.—It is with deep regret also that we notice the death from wounds of Lance-Corp. E. W. Hayes ("Wal"), the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hayes, "Verona," Lindfield, who passed right through the School, and gained his L.C. with honours in 1914. He then took up Law, and was articled to Mr. F. G. Lane, of Messrs. Kershaw, Matthews and Lane.

THREE BROTHERS FIGHTING.

There are three of the well-known Duff family, ex Fortians, now on active service. They have always figured prominently in the life of Fort Street, and particularly in the domain of swimming. Acting Captain William Watson Duff, who passed the Intermediate exam, several years ago, is O.C. 5th Reinforcements 51st Batt., 13th Brigade. Lieut. John E. Duff is an officer in the famous Highland Regiment, the 3rd Black Watch, while Leslie Duff has enlisted, and is now in camp.



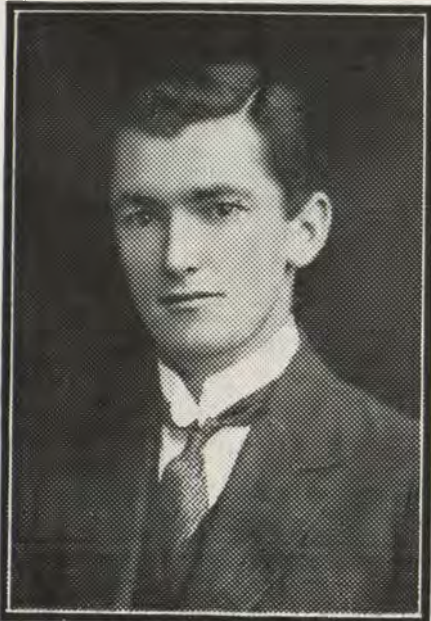
L.-Corp. E. W. HAYES
(Died of wounds).

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Pte. W. J. W. St. LEDGER
(Killed).

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LANCE-CORPL. ERIC GRAHAM
LEASK.
(Killed.)

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Sapper HARDMAN
(Killed).

Killed in Action.

Lieut. Berrol Mendelsohn.
 Lieut. John Stephen Ferguson, 14th
 Field Engineers.
 Captain W. F. Scobie.
 Pte W. J. W. St. Ledger.
 Sapper Fred. Sainty.
 Lance-corporal E. G. Leask.
 Pte. Clifton Hardman (8/8/16)
 Lieut. W. S. Kemmis
 Lieut. G. H. Pugh.
 Pte. E. Warren.
 Pte. William R. Greathead.
 Pte. Alan Fry.
 Q.M.S. Frank H. Quick.
 Pte. Frank Phelan.
 L.-Corp. E. W. Hayes.
 Sergt. D. Webber.

Missing.

Capt. F. R. Ransom.
 Pte. Alex. McKee
 Company Sgt.-Major W. H. C. Rose
 Sergt.-Major W. C. H. Rose.
 Pte. John C. Thompson.

Wounded.

Bugler Harold White.
 Sergt. Will Lyon (severely).
 Pte. Carl F. Johnson.
 Pte. Clive Brindley.
 Capt. A. R. Edwards.
 2nd Lieut. S. V. Dolton.
 Trooper Leslie Gregory.
 Pte. Archie L. Gowing (seriously).
 Lieut. G. Stanley Holmes.
 Pte. Wm. Dent.
 Sgt. H. Sherring.
 Lieut. Clarence Collier.
 Pte. Reg. Nancarrow.
 Gunner Frank L'Estrange.
 Capt. Alan Wright.
 Pte. Harold Mietzke
 Pte. A. E. J. O'Dwyer
 Pte. Jessell Alexander.
 Pte. R. W. Eve (second occasion).
 Pte. R. Nancarrow.
 Lieut. Ray Evatt
 Pte. Wallace Freeborn.
 Pte. Jack Small.

Enlistments.

The following are names of old boys who have answered their country's call since our last list was published:—

Pte. Frank Calphy
 Pte. Robert Alex. Davis
 Pte. William H. Anderson (Artillery).
 Pte. Geoffrey Hales (Artillery)
 Pte. Robert S. Steel (Artillery)
 Pte. Ernest Steel (Artillery)
 Pte. John Morgan (Artillery)
 Pte. George Hansel (Artillery)
 Lieut. Everard Judd
 Pte. Edgar Hansman
 Pte. W. F. C. Russell (B. Co., 45th
 Batt.)

Pte. James Drummond (A.S.C.)
 Gunner Oswald P. McGibbon
 (Field Artillery)
 Gunner Harold Raboue
 Gunner F. M. Davidson
 Pte. S. Williams.
 Sergt. N. Norris.
 Pte. Geo. Wm. Ferguson.
 Pte. Eric Bennett.
 Sergt. Leonard Watmough.
 Capt. W. W. Duff.
 Lieut. J. E. Duff.
 Pte. L. E. Duff.
 Pte. Walter L. Berry, A.M.C.
 Pte. John Parkinson, A.M.C.
 Pte. H. Clifford.
 Pte. Alan Murphy (Machine Gun Section).
 Pte. Alfred Essenhig, A.M.C.
 Lieut. W. A. Douglas, 1st Batt.
 Pte. Walter Lyall Berry, A.M.C.
 Pte. John Parkinson, A.M.C.
 Sergt. R. G. Brown.
 Pte. Arthur Beckett.
 Pte. James Karistinos.
 Pte. Thomas Knox (Machine Gun Section).
 Pte. H. Montgomery.
 Pte. John McCarthy.
 Pte. Frank McCarthy.
 Sergt. L. E. Hudson.
 Sergt. F. Humphrey.
 Pte. I. Irwin.
 Corp. R. Lessing.
 Pte. Fredk. Jones.
 Pte. J. Feather.
 Pte. Fergus Patterson.
 Lieut. Eric McKay.
 Pte. Keith Chatfield.
 Pte. E. Barwick.
 Gunner J. R. McCarthy.
 Pte. Ronald Cohen (Field Artillery).
 Pte. Edward Cohen (7th Light Horse).
 Lieut. George Leslie Sadler.
 L.-corp. Jack Hankin.
 Gunner James Parker.
 Corporal B. Weingott.
 Pte. John Hilton Brooks, A.A.M.C.
 Pte. A. G. A. Skinner, 10th A.S.C.
 Pte. Douglas Haig, Aviator, Hendon.
 Pte. B. H. Baird.
 Gunner H. H. Edwards.
 Gunner C. W. Penprase.
 Pte. W. Rigney
 Pte. R. Kinnimont.
 Pte. F. T. Norman
 Pte. E. A. C. Jones.
 Pte. A. W. Rees.
 Pte. Alf. Stubbs.
 Pte. W. Warden.
 Bdr. G. P. Somerville, 7th Field Artillery.
 Gunner C. H. Cooke, 28th Battery, 7th
 Field Artillery.
 Sergt. N. Magner, 7th R., 30th B.
 Pte. F. E. Magner, A.M.C.
 Chaplain Captain Thomas Terry.
 Trooper Eric Adair Long, 2nd A.L.H.
 Pte. Albert Perkes.
 Pte. James Marshall.
 Gunner A. S. Taylor, 2R., 14th Machine
 Gun Company.

Gunner Albert Dale Pattison, 5th F.A.
 Signaller Frederick Dale Pattison, 7th
 A.L.H.
 Pte. Thomas Leslie Robertson, 11R.,
 2B.
 Staff-sergt Major L. C. Robertson.
 Pte. John Hilton Brooks, 7R., 5th
 Field Ambulance, A.A.M.C.
 Pte. Leo. Cambourn.
 Pte. F. Lancaster.
 Pte. Frank Coy, A.A.S.C.
 Pte. Leslie Coy, A.F.A.
 Pte. Thos. Butler.
 Pte. Jack Goodsir.
 Pte. Roy Magnussen, A.F.A.
 Pte. William Burroughs.
 Pte. John Hughes.
 Pte. C. McIntosh.
 Pte. Charles Brown.
 Lieut. Claude Prior.
 Pte. W. Bolton.
 Pte. Clive Fryer.
 Pte. W. Barns.
 Pte. H. McIntosh.
 Pte. Eric Moss, A.M.C.
 Pte. H. O'Keefe, A.M.C.
 Corp. M. Morphett, 1st B. Inf.
 Corp. Arthur Y. Jennings, 1st B. Inf.
 Compy. Sergt.-Major C. A. H. Cox.
 Pte. Thomas Ross.
 Lieut. Eric Main.
 Lieut. N. Main.
 Corp. E. C. Dearman, 9th Field Co.,
 Engineers.
 L.-corp. R. V. Dearman, 9th Field Co.,
 Engineers.
 Pte. Harry Menzies, A.M.C.
 Gunner James Lawler.
 Pte. Thomas Lloyd, 8R, 30th B.
 Pte. H. G. Pollyblank, Field Sec.,
 Y.M.C.A.
 Capt. C. Hellstrom, A.M.C.
 Lieut. Geo. Baldick
 Pte. Alan Halgren.
 Pte. Arthur Halgren.
 Lieut. George Douglas, Dental Corps.
 Lieut. A. B. Snodgrass.
 Capt. W. K. Flook, A.M.C.
 Pte. Raymond Green, North Irish
 Horse.
 Sergt. Watmough, Machine Gun Sec-
 tion.
 Sergt. Wm. Chapman, 9R., 17B.
 Pte. George Wilkie, 8 F. Engineers.
 Corp. Roy Dean, A.M.C.
 Lieut. Harry Bowler.
 Trooper R. C. Wilson, 17R., 1st A.L.H.
 Pte. Eric Kelly.
 Pte. Gerald Garling.
 Capt. Leslie Harrison, A.M.C.
 Lieut. Vincent Molloy, Engineers.
 Lieut. J. R. Ranson, Trench Mortar
 Battery.
 Capt. Fred. Ranson, Infantry.
 Pte. Cyril Read.
 Lieut. L. Renshaw.
 Lieut. C. W. Thomas.
 Lieut. Thos. Wilkins, Engineers.
 Pte. John Churchill.
 Pte. George Taylor.
 Pte. R. S. Clifford.
 Pte. A. V. Clifford.

Pte H. Roboul.
 Pte. Clive Neill.
 Pte. D. Lane.
 Pte. Eric Edwards.
 Pte. Cyril Martin.
 Pte. Albert Lewis.
 Capt. Guy Lawrence, A.M.C.
 Capt. W. H. Roberts, A.M.C.
 Pte. Norman Hargreaves.

A father taking his son to his old
 school tells him:
 To set the Cause above renown,
 To love the game beyond the prize,
 To honour, while you strike him down,
 The foe that comes with fearless eyes!
 To count the life of battle good,
 And dear the land that gave you birth,
 And dearer yet the brotherhood
 That binds the brave of all the earth.

Yet be sure,
 Among the lights that gleam and pass,
 You'll live to follow none more pure
 Than that which glows on yonder
 brass:
 "Qui procul hinc," the legend's writ—
 The frontier-grave is far away.—
 "Qui ante diem perit!
 Sed miles, sed pro patria."

Henry Newbolt: "Clifton Chapel."

SCHOOL OFFICERS FOR 1917.

On the 24th October the election for
 Captain of the School during 1917 was
 held in the Library, every senior being
 present. The choice fell on Roy Head.
 We congratulate him on the honour con-
 ferred on him, and are confident that he
 will prove a worthy successor to the
 very fine fellows who have been his pre-
 decessors in this office.

The Headmaster has appointed the
 following seniors as Prefects for 1917:—
 Arnott, Hart, Hansman, Garland, Tester,
 McIntyre, Hotten, Egan, Lewis, Spencer,
 Boyle, Barnett, Kirkpatrick, and Ellis
 Munro.

The election of Senior Prefect lies in
 the hands of the Prefects only. They
 have unanimously chosen Ellis Munro
 for this office. Our congratulations to
 all.

We are pleased to note the appoint-
 ment of Mr. R. C. Taylor as Tutor in the
 Department of Tutorial Classes, Sydney
 University.

HONOURS FOR FORTIANS.

We are greatly pleased to have to note that three other Fortians have won, in addition to George Best, military honours. These are the Military Cross to Lieut. Alick Small, the D.C.M. to Gunner Norman Hargreaves, and the D.C.M. to Sergt. Eric Hellstrom. Of the two latter we have no information, but of the former we learn that on July 7th Alick had to lead his platoon over more than 400 yards of no-man's land, in the initial attack on Contalmaison. When eventually reaching the German trench

he found it deserted except for a single wounded German. But he had six men only left with him, all that survived the attack out of two platoons. With these six men he had to hold a trench that needed 100 men to defend. The position being hopeless, and word having come from his superiors, the trench had to be abandoned. Other regiments fared similarly to Alick's, and so the withdrawal was general. Contalmaison was not captured till a couple of days afterwards.

DOINGS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

"The University,"

August, 1916.

Dear Fortians,—

"The old order changeth, giving place to new."

Now that Fort Street has departed from the old historic site, it behoves us old boys at the University to keep in touch with the "New School" in order to link the "old" with the "new" in the long and glorious chain of tradition, so dear to the heart of every Fortian. With this idea in view, thanks to the timely advice of your worthy editor, it is our intention to furnish each quarter an account of the doings of Fortians at the University.

In these sad and eventful times, it is with pride that we Fortians view the response which our comrades of the old School have made to the call of arms. Not without regret, however, for while we read of glorious deeds performed, we bow our heads in saddened pride at the loss of old colleagues of former days. Only a few weeks ago have we heard of the loss of Eric G. Leask, one of our finest debaters both at School and at the University. A graduate in arts, a student of the theology, Eric Leask was what he claimed to be, a true and practical Christian. He was also prominent in athletics, and will be remembered by older Fortians as a walker of no mean prowess. Our hearts well out in deepest sympathy to his bereaved family, and we sadly realise that their loss is ours, for such a Fortian could ill be spared. It is with profound regret also that we learn that A. McKee, an old boy, and a brother of John McKee (Med. V.) is posted missing in France.

Capt. Archie Collins (A.M.C.), one of Fort Street's distinguished old boys, and one time acting Medical Superintendent at Prince Alfred Hospital, is on active

service. Captain Les Harrison (A.M.C.) has also gone to the front. Norman Esserman (B.Sc. and Eng. III.) is leaving for England shortly to enter upon duties as a munition worker

There is a dearth of news at the University just now. In the Medical School the men in their final year have been working double time in order to graduate earlier and go on war service. The men in earlier years have just completed a strenuous week of "Finals." They have the best wishes of all Fortians for their success. The Senate of the University is also considering the advisability of accelerating their curriculum. "Boyd" Tunks (of Med. V.) is at present filling an appointment at Callan Park as a clinical clerk. Fred Liggins, of the same year, is a prominent leader in the Students' Christian Union and Social Service Movement. In this respect the University has acquired charge of a block of land at French's Forest. Fortians are taking an active part in this good work, Fred Liggins and Bert Evatt being specially ardent. Liggins, Rivett and Holland are also doing yeoman service in the social branch of the Christian Union. They have founded a boys' club in the city for the denizens of the slums. Elsewhere in social service work Fortians are playing the leading roles.

Drs. Guy Lawrence (Guido) and "Bill" Roberts are resident medical officers at North Shore Hospital. Guido and Bill are like the Siamese twins—they refuse to be parted. Dr. Roy Wiburd ("Jumbo") is at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, and Dr. H. A. C. Wall ("Sadie") is at St. Vincent's. Dr. Wall has just returned from the front, while the three former intend leaving shortly for active service.

H. V. (Bert) Evatt (Law) one time Captain of the School, is serving as



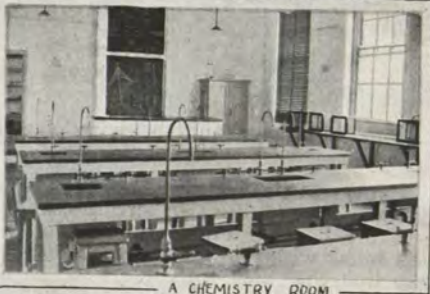
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AT 10:30 a.m.

Some School Views.

advocate to the Chief Justice, Sir Wm. Cullen. He is also president of the Union.

"Jock" Morgan (Arts II, and Med. I.) has become famous as a half-back, and plays in the 1st XV. He also has enlisted.

I am afraid, dear Fortians, that this letter is somewhat uninteresting, but I feel sure you will forgive me when I promise you more news in my next venture. Time has been short to gather much data, and I was on the verge of imitating Dick Steele and commencing moralising, in short to proffer you advice which I have not followed, and to extol certain virtues which I cannot claim to possess. However, the fear of having been (and I was always rebuked for it at school) already too verbose, has deterred me. Accordingly, I crave just one word more. When you come up to the University (and I hope many

of you do), remember your old School motto—Faber est suae quisque Fortunae. Let it be your golden rule, for, believe me, your success at the University depends wholly and solely upon your own individual efforts; or in the words of one of your own teachers, a brilliant academic career depends upon two things, viz., one-tenth ability and nine-tenths hard work.

My candle is now burnt low, the grim spectres of acute appendicitis and granular contracted kidney arise and mock me, and all the incarnated fiends of *Materia Medica* haunt me with the knowledge that they have still to be mastered. Farewell, then, for the present, but remember (as the melodramatist has it) we will meet again next term. With assurances of having more news for my next letter.

I am, yours faithfully,

"AESCULAPIUS."

SIDELIGHTS FROM THE RECENT MILITIA CAMP.

We have received from several correspondents accounts of the pleasant time spent at the University Scouts' Militia Camp. We cull several of the choicest extracts:—

(A.)

Doubtless the "Colonel," who was appointed cook at the camp at 10s. per day, has not satisfied the tastes of "Epicure," who says:—

"Doubtless the men of the future, i.e., the supermen, will regard with wonder and curiosity the army biscuits and other luxuries supplied and cooked for those who went through the recent Scouts' Camp. Our daily menu was as follows:—

"6.15 a.m.—**Coffee.** This consisted of chickory plus water plus ?

Army biscuits. Iron ration, good stout iron, in junks, said to be a by-product of the State brick works, and to be used as a foundation for Parramatta-road if it is ever repaired.

"7.45 a.m.—**Chops.** Steelite brand, thoroughly seasoned, frequently used as half soles.

Bread. From State Metal Quarries.

"12.45 p.m.—**Stew.** Alias shadow soup, prepared by photographing the image of a pound of steak on the glistening surface of a gallon of boiling water. Very nourishing.

Or, **Curry.** A thing of deep mys-

tery, made of water, rice, glue (chiefly), and curry.

High flavour—very high!

Or, **Boiled Mutton.** From State Abattoirs. Much 'mutton,' very little 'boiled.'

Mashed rice and currants. Bread.

"5.15 p.m.—**Jam.** Either quince or plum, 'Rabbit' brand, similar variety to that squatters use for exterminating 'bunnies' in the country.

Bread. New variety, similar to that used in construction of new Commonwealth Bank. Specific gravity, very high.

Tea. Left over from last meal, or was it from last Camp?"

"The cost of kicking a stone while in camp is reported to be five shillings."

"We slept in the Poultry Pavilion (fowl-house), we washed in the Pig Pens, dined in the Sheep Pens, and, very appropriately, held our entertainments in the Canary Pavilion."

"One member of 'C' Company had a wonderful adventure with a blackbird, which nearly cost him a week's C.B., but his penalty was remitted to four days' pioneering."

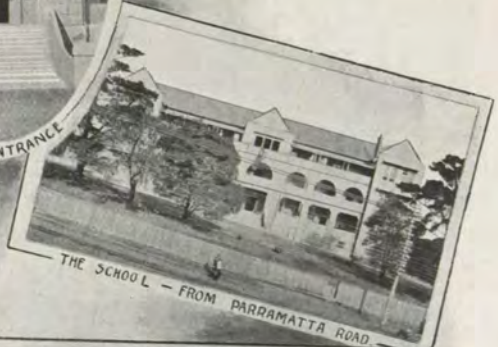
"We often hear the remark, 'He's made his own bed, let him sleep on it.' This, however, did not apply to one who occupies a seat next the door of Room No. 5. They did **not** let him sleep on it."



FRONT ENTRANCE



THE SCHOOL - ANGLE VIEW.



THE SCHOOL - FROM PARRAMATTA ROAD



THE SENIOR ROOM.



THE QUADRANGLE

Common room



THE OPENING CEREMONY.



Our New Building.

OPENING CEREMONY OF OUR NEW SCHOOL.

On August 18th our new School was officially opened by the Premier, Mr. Holman, before a large representative assembly, including the Minister and Director of Education, Mr. Arthur Griffith and Mr. Peter Board, C.M.G., Mr. Cohen, M.L.A., Mr. R. Hoskins, M.L.A., Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Professors Carslaw and Mackie, Mrs. F. Bridges, Mr. H. S. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Coghlan, Mr. A. J. Hare, Mr. Q. L. Deloitte, Rev. Dr. Marden, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliott, Colonel Wells, Miss A. Partridge, Mr. L. E. Lawford, Professor Vonwiller, Mr. Les Cotton, Mr. A. Sinclair, M.L.C., Mr. S. Lasker, Dr. Willis Mayors of local municipalities, and many others. The Premier congratulated the Headmaster, Mr. A. J. Kilgour, B.A., LL.B., who was in the chair, on having charge of such a magnificent building. The School was unique in being entirely constructed of material from State works, and in being situated on such a large area of open ground. Mr. Holman outlined the Department's new schemes for extending commercial and agricultural education, promising greater instructional opportunities for pupils intending to go on the land.

Messrs. Griffith, Board and Cohen each offered their congratulations on pos-

sessing these new premises, and wished the new School even greater success (in its new surroundings) than it had earned in the old.

The ceremony closed with the National Anthem and cheers for King, Country, School and Headmaster, after which the visitors were entertained in the handsomely appointed Masters' Room, prettily decorated and sweetly perfumed with wattle and daffodils.

During the afternoon the visitors were piloted through the long corridors, imposing staircases and commodious classrooms of the lofty three-storied structure. Many youthful artists had vied with each other in decorating the Schoolrooms, whose handsome pictures gained the admiration of all. The Chemistry and Physics Laboratories were attractively set out in the gay colours of various experiments. A special attraction was the spacious Library, with its handsome maple tables and book-cases furnished with an unusually wide selection of books, and its wide balcony commanding a magnificent panorama of the suburbs. Altogether, the function was worthy of the highest traditions of our School, and is the first, we trust, of a long series of brilliant celebrations in our new home.

A SENIOR'S LAMENT.

I was interviewing a Senior one day last week.

"And how do you like the new school?" I asked during our conversation.

"Well, it is beautiful; it is convenient to tram and train; it is delightfully cool (in winter), it has a glorious library, amusement is provided for Small Boys and Seniors—"

"Oh," I interrupted, "so amusement is provided?"

"Yes," he replied; "the electric lights amuse the Small Boys, and the Seniors have many opportunities to watch motor cars, but—"

"Ah! something is detracting from your enjoyment of coming to the new school?" I questioned, congratulating myself that I was carrying out a cross-examination just like a reporter or a lawyer.

"Well," he replied, stretching himself in the languid fashion of Seniors, and speaking slowly and deliberately as becomes a Senior who has perused day after day the inimitable Essays of Bacon, "there are no girls at the New High School!"

"Oh!" I exclaimed, in ironical fashion, just like a lawyer, "so young women are helpful to studying Seniors, then, are they?"

"Well," he growled, "I reckon they are a necessary commodity at a school, anyhow." Then, resuming his ordinary manner of speaking, "Do you remember those arched Romanesque style of windows in the old Senior Room? The girls always had their exams, at a different time to us, and during our half-yearlies I would sit by the window and chew the end of my pen till my head ached and my thoughts began to wander instead of concentrate. Ah! it was then that the girls helped me. Oh! no!"—in answer to my inquiring look—"there was no note-throwing, or anything like that, but the sight of the multi-coloured clusters would kind of inspire a chap, and remind him that there was work to be done.

"One would get the same sort of inspiration if one stood at these old windows at about 8.50, and watched the crowd come up the avenue. One could always tell if there was any special day on. Bundles and boxes of violets for

Violet Day: flags and flowers, things to be raffled on Australia Day and Allies' Day; wattle for Wattle Day; and, last but not least, green for St. Patrick's Day. No, the girls were never afraid or ashamed to wear the old green!

"Yes! I say, sir, the days of chivalry are gone!"—here the Senior banged his fist hard on the table, making the pens dance—"the days of chivalry are gone! No longer shall ye ancient Troubadour (he is exceedingly skilful with the harp), no longer shall ye ancient Troubadour escort Rowena of the Court, no longer

shall Mai de Rosebud shower her favours on knights who have distinguished themselves, for, alas! they are no more. Ah! those happy days, they are no more! We have gone out of an historical building, and are leaving historical associations! *Hinc illae lacrimae!* No, sir, my muse won't work—I cannot give you that poem I promised for the "Fortian till next issue—"

And he opened his copy of Bacon's Essays.

X.

"KUBLA KHAN."

Revised Version.

(With sincere apologies to Coleridge and all his admirers.)

In Petersham did Kubla Khan
A stately house of fame decree,
Where many a kindly, learned man
Should teach the young Australian
To earn his L.S.D.

Full three floors high the dome did rise;
The universe it seemed to fill:
It towered to the wondering skies,
The cynosure of neighbouring eyes,
The palace on the hill.

In meadows bright with daisies pied,
On sloping bank, and grassy dip,
The bee from flower to flower did glide,
And, just across the other side—
There was a rubbish tip.

But what avail'd such strength and grace
(Valhalla lit with Phoebus' beam),
Without some grand, immortal race,
Supple of form and fair of face,
To make its name supreme.

They came, I saw them as they came,
With measured step along they strode
(All large of head and loose of frame,
And some were halt, or blind, or lame),
Down Parramatta-road.

No curious glance to either flank
At ancient oak or towering pine,
No jest they made, no childish prank,
But ope'd their bags and down they sank
With Sallust's Catiline.

But, sad to say, this mystic clan—
Foredoomed to sin by Adam's fall—

Declined in grace, like ancient man,
Laid down their books, and all began
To play football.

Beneath a tree guard's chequered shade
An orator gave utterance free;
Part Cicero and partly Wade,
Extensive knowledge he displayed
Of Hughes' policy.

But hark! what sound is this I hear?—
The far-off music of a bell;
With lagging feet, and faces drear,
They troop along from far and near
Into the quadrangle.

They take their ranks—all noise is hush'd,
When lo! an automobile toots;
HE comes, with pale cheek faintly
flush'd,
He sees the hair is nicely brushed,
Inspects the teeth and boots.

Unstay'd, I reach the second floor;
My eye the varied prospect drinks;
But swift from out an unseen door
Are wafted odours all abhor,
This is the Hall of Stinks.

With frenzied haste I turn to fly—
Our Anzac sternly blocks the way;
I see the murder in his eye;
He yells: "Are you a German spy?"—
I didn't wait to say.

—R. K. B.

They say all poets woo the Muse—
A dictionary is what I use.

—R. K. B.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

Mr. Kilgour has received many letters from Old Boys at the front, including two from Bugler Will Lyon. The first letter, written on board a troopship in the Mediterranean Sea, gives an account of the voyage from Australia to Egypt, and the writer's subsequent movements up to the time of approaching Marseilles.

Bugler Lyon, in one portion of his letter, says:—

"While marching through Heliopolis one day I recognised Mr. Fraser. He recognised me, too, but as I was on the march we were unable to converse. However, I am afraid it would not do for me to mention the name of every Fortian I have met since leaving. On the 'Argyllshire' there were Lts. Sewall and Cuthbert, Ptes. Swallow and Freeborn, Hutchinsson, Young, and myself, while on this ship ("Ingoma") there are really too many to enumerate, though Sgt. Evatt, Ptes. Reg. Nancarrow, Jack Thompson, — Siddaway, and Roberts are among the number. It would be safe to say that any Fortian enlisting would not be long without a friend."

The second missive, written under date 7th July, 1916, from the 1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, details the landing in France, and subsequent events up to the time when Bugler Lyon was wounded in the thigh by a shrapnel bullet on June 25.

After a most interesting journey of 60 hours through France, which provided a pleasant contrast to the desert sands of Egypt, the unit relieved the Northumberland Fusiliers near Armentières, at a point called Bois Grenier. Here the men had to endure a bombardment with gas shells, of the asphyxiating as well as of the "weeping" type. On the night of May 5th "Old Fritz" put over 20,000 shells on a front of 300 yards in two hours. Pte. Nancarrow, an ex-Fortian, was wounded on this occasion, but is now convalescent. About a month later a shell pierced the officers' dug-out, killing Capt. Ferguson and Lt. Campling, and wounding Lt. Barlow. Lt. Broadbent was unhurt.

Bugler Lyon continues: "I was wounded by shell fire on the eve of June 25th. The enemy were shelling with 4.2's, and from a shrapnel burst in the air a piece struck me in the left thigh, rather low down and on the inside. I was indeed fortunate that the piece did not strike either the bone or artery, for it is a fair size, and would have done considerable damage. As it is now, it is a matter of time before I shall be able to walk, when I hope to rejoin my unit."

In a letter to Mr. Mackaness, Trumpeter Alan Dyce remarks that he has passed through quite a number of novel experiences. Anent the journey from Suez to Cairo, he exclaims: "Imagine a Fort-street senior sleeping on the floor of a third class carriage devoted to the conveyance of niggers from 2 a.m. till 5.30 a.m., and being grateful for the chance to sleep!"

An attack of numps gave Tr. Dyce an enforced holiday of three weeks in No. 4 Hospital.

Bivouacs in horse stables were followed by camping in open trucks—40 men to a truck—the landscape revealing nothing but "sand, dirty niggers, and flies."

Geo. Thompson, — England, Stubbins, J. Craven, and — Mackenzie were among the number of ex-Fortians whom Trumpeter Dyce met near Cairo. The receipt of a copy of the "Fortian" afforded great pleasure—especially the examination results.

Angus Leslie, another ex-Fortian, writing to Mr. Kilgour, under date 21/4/16, from Ferry Post, on the Suez Canal, mentions that going for a swim on the first day of his arrival, he met Hildebrand and Tom Ross. He fell in with Rutledge and Powell subsequently. He prophesies that Hal. Kinninmont's 60secs. for the 100 yards will be beaten easily at the "Anzac Carnival," since there are many Fort-street boys among the competitors, and there is a current to help.

Like others, the writer expresses his indebtedness to the school for the knowledge of French which he has already found very useful. He expects that on entering France he will have a still greater debt to acknowledge. He is still keeping "close down to the school motto: 'Faber est,' etc."

An Old Boy who was at Gallipoli writes:—We do not get about all day with long, serious faces—not we; we have our games and jokes just as much as before. I think amongst our crowd we have the champion wag. He keeps us all alive; no matter how adverse the circumstances, his unquenchable spirits always keep up right on top. He has attempted on several occasions to start a trench paper, but owing to shortage of materials, adverse circumstances, and Johnny Turk, it proved very disheartening, so after sundry editions he let the matter drop. However, I am quoting extracts from the sundry editions of that powerful organ, "Ruthless Times":—

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He puts a joke up on our champion grumbler (who is destined to suffer from dissatisfaction till eternity). Having been wounded, Private Grumbler was evacuated, and managed to hit England. While in the hospital there he found a yearning message from a girl donor on a new-laid egg. "Will you write?" was scrawled underneath her address. The grumbler did. Sitting up in the bed with the butt end of his indelible he fired off on a postcard, "Your egg was bad!"

During the heavy rainstorm on Anzac a "wet" edition was issued. Notice was published, on account of appalling oceans of mud, to the effect that: "Ration and fatigue parties swimming to the firing line must keep a sharp look out for hostile submarines." A tale was told about flooded trenches and the inevitable parcel. How carpet slippers were delivered from a raft to a man in the trench, who forthwith crawled into a "funk hole" and asked his love to change them for a motor launch or a pair of stilts.

The column devoted to "First Aid for Malingerers" makes a moving tale.

A contributor tells how he started "blue murder and green flares" in the night by turning loose in the enemy's lines a tormented cat, with a bully-beef tin tied to her tail.

The page for "Lost and Found" is very amusing, as a rule. One edition advertises a diary as being found and notes it records a disappointment, thus:—

"12.15.—Mail in! Box for me. Shall dine sumptuously.

12.20.—Box opened! Only socks and insect powder, one gimlet, a phrase book and 'Hints to Lonely Soldiers,' by one 'who'd like to be lonely now.'

"12.25.—Dinner—a fag end!

"12.30.—Spade work after gold, water and the well-known short cut to Australia."

He puts another joke over on Private So-and-So, lately evacuated for Cairo. How he wooed a cafe keeper's daughter in parrot French that failed owing to the treachery of his teachers in the trenches.

The "Gardening Question" was raised and shrewd advice about the best seeds for the Gallipolian sand and clay, and prizes (packets of Woodbines) for the best tuft of primroses raised in the trench.

Still all good things come to an end, and the last edition wound up as per the following:—

"Editor gassed." — "Star reporter mauled on the wire."—"Whole staff and gear buried on Press-day by H.E. howitzer shell, 11 in. It caved in the whole parapet. Nobody left but the printer's devil.—Yours truly."

Before closing, I should add a piece of poetry by a Tommy contributor of the "Ruthless Times." The poem is called "Toothless Rhyme":—

"Two Scottish laddies at Ypres
Were harried and worried by snypres,
So to flummox tormentors,
They crawled on their 'ventres,'
And—Pouf!—went a nest o' the vypress."
This all helps to make a letter long, if not interesting.

Nothing ever happens here now.

Trumpeter Maurice Mulready, a Fort Street boy, probably the youngest Australian who went to the front with the first contingent, and has nearly completed two years out there, has written to his father, Warrant-Officer Mulready, the following account of the big fight at Romani:—

"I pulled through that big fight all right, so do not worry. I came through with a clean skin, but some of my old comrades did not. We were in the first line of defence, the absolute thick of it, in the first attack. Don't think I am boasting. We went out at about 2.30 on the morning of August 4, and got in touch with the enemy a couple of miles from camp. The squadron separated. I am in — Troop. — Squadron, you know. We formed a screen to draw the fire, and no sooner did we hit the top of a ridge than they began to fire into us. You never heard anything like it. We went about and down the hill a little, and dismounted for action, and up on the ridge again, and started firing. I got off 25 rounds of ammunition here.

"We again mounted, and retired at full gallop. The sensation I cannot describe. It's great. You imagine me galloping full stretch, rifle slung over shoulder, a fast little mare under me, waving my hat, yelling, whistling, and the bullets simply a hail. Over another ridge and then halted, and dismounted, and again up on the ridge and started firing. I stopped here about two hours, and then another chap and I brought in a wounded mate that had been shot through the chest and out the back. While coming in with him I had my pants torn by a bullet (my nearest shave).

"At the commencement of the fight I said some little prayers that I might pull through all right, and I shall always believe in those little prayers, as I believe they saved me. Anyhow, I lasted till midday, going all the time, running on foot. We advanced and retired about two miles, and our brigadier was a champion. He will do me. He was with us all the time, urging and encouraging us. We were all going strong, and fixed the Johnnies (Turks) up in good Australian style.

"We had a great victory here. Thousands of prisoners, and knocked and

outed plenty besides, and we beat them in about 30 hours. The Johnnies don't half like the steel with an Australian behind it. We charged them with fixed bayonets. When the boys got near them up went their hands, and we took them prisoners. They were coming in absolutely in droves, and we finished the fight. Things are quiet now, but we really don't know for how long, but, oh, malcesh (never mind), let them all come.

Well, now I think I shall say good-night and rook majem (go to sleep)."

Just as we were completing this edition, letters came to hand from the following O.B.'s on active service:—

Captain A. J. Collins, A.M.C.
Pte. Wallace Freeborn.
Pte. Cyril O. Smith.
Trumpeter R. C. Ackland.
Pte. R. Stokes-Hughes.

WHAT OUR EX-SENIORS HAVE DONE AND ARE DOING.

We continue hereunder the series of articles on our old boys who have passed through the Senior Class. This constitutes No. 3 of the series. We shall be glad to receive any additional information regarding those mentioned herein. An asterisk denotes that the owner is on active service.

Seniors, 1909.

*ALFRED M. LANGAN (Captain, 1909). Passed successfully through his Medical course. Graduated M.B., Ch.M. Now on active service as Captain A.M.C. somewhere in France.

ERIC W. FRECKER. Graduated M.B., Ch.M., with First Class Honours, 1915, and Gold Medal, after a wonderfully successful course, during which he gained High Distinction every year and both available scholarships. Now practising his profession.

*HUBERT VICTOR CHEDGEY. Graduated LL.B. with Honours. Admitted to practise as a solicitor. Now on active service as Lieutenant A.I.F.

*STANLEY A. RAILTON. Graduated M.B., Ch.M., with Honours. Did one year as Resident Medical Officer Sydney Hospital. Now on active service as Captain A.M.C.

*CEDRIC M. SAMSON. Graduated M.B., Ch.M., in 1915. Enlisted as Captain in Royal Army Medical Corps, now on active service.

RALPH J. BLANCHARD. Entered Faculty of Arts, Sydney University. Obtained his B.A. degree with Honours in English and Philosophy. Studied for Presbyterian Church. Ordained to the Presbyterian Ministry.

ROBERT J. SILVERTON. Graduated M.B., Ch.M., with Honours. Now Resident Medical Officer, Sydney Hospital.

HARRY V. McLELLAND. Obtained his LL.B. degree, Sydney University, with Honours. Admitted as a solicitor.

Now practising on his own account in the City.

*HUGH A. WALL. Graduated M.B., Ch.M., at Sydney University. Then was accepted for duty as Captain A.M.C. At present reported to be in France.

*NORMAN ZIONS. Graduated M.B., Ch.M. Then took up duty as Captain A.M.C. On duty at Randwick General Hospital.

*IDRIS MORGAN. Had a most brilliant Medical career. Graduated M.B., Ch.M., with First Class Honours and Medal. Spent two years as Resident Medical Officer at Prince Alfred Hospital. Now at the front as Captain A.M.C.

*WILLIAM K. McLEAN. Articled to a surveyor. Obtained his Licensed Surveyorship. Went through an Officers' school, and now on active service as a Lieutenant A.I.F.

LESLIE S. ANDREWS. Entered Public Service. About to sit for Final Examination as a surveyor.

*ALAN C. ROBB. Also took up surveying. Then, having passed his Final Examination, like the majority of his year enlisted, but failing to obtain a commission went away as a Sergeant in the Engineers. We had a letter from him a few months ago.

*BRUCE M. CARRUTHERS. Graduated M.B., Ch.M., 1915. Left for the front as Captain in the A.M.C. Now either in Egypt or France.

1910.

JOHN G. FERGUSON. Obtained the best Pass of his year at the Senior Examination. Then removed with his people to California, U.S.A. We had several letters from him, and believe he obtained the B.Sc. and B.E. degrees at the University of California. He is a nephew of Mr. Justice Ferguson.

CECIL D. WALLACE. Graduated B.E. with Honours in Engineering. Now employed as an Assistant Engineer, Department of Public Works, Sydney.

*GEORGE L. BALDRICK. Graduated as LL.B. with Honours in Law. Enlisted and is now a Lieutenant in A.S.C.

*H. V. BRETT. Obtained his degree in Engineering, and is now Engineer Sub-Lieutenant on H.M.A.S. "Pioneer."

HYMAN SYMONDS. Graduated M.B., Ch.M., with Honours at Sydney University. Now resident at one of the local hospitals.

*ARTHUR SIMS. Obtained a Peter Nicol Russel Scholarship in Engineering. Graduated as B.E., then enlisted, and became a Sergeant in the Engineers.

PHILIP H. C. BURNS. Articled to a solicitor. Will proceed to his LL.B. degree at the end of the year.

*CARL O. HELLSTROM. Obtained his M.B., Ch.M. degrees with Honours. Now a Captain A.M.C., on active service.

GORDON H. GODFREY. Obtained his B.A. with First Class Honours in Mathematics. Then became a Master at a Queensland Grammar School.

Now Assistant Mathematical Master at Sydney High School.

*CEDRIC W. MURRAY. Graduated M.B., Ch.M. With Dr. C. W. Bray was sent as Captain A.M.C. to New Guinea, where he now is.

*GUY B. HARDEN. Graduated B.E., and then enlisted. Left Sydney as a Lieutenant in Engineers.

*WALLACE C. STAFFORD. Having obtained his degree as an Engineer, he also enlisted, but failing to get a commission, left as a Sapper in the Engineers.

GERALD A. MURRAY. Now a 5th Year Medical student, Sydney University.

*EDGAR H. BOOTH. Graduated with Honours as B.Sc., Sydney University. Became Demonstrator in Physics. Then enlisted, and obtained a commission as Lieutenant.

*CHARLES W. BRAY. Captain of the School, 1910. Graduated M.B., Ch.M. Then obtained a commission as Captain in A.M.C. Now doing duty in New Guinea. We published a long letter from him last issue.

*ERIC G. LEASK. Obtained his B.A. with high Honours at Sydney University. Enlisted as Private, became Lance-corporal. Killed in action, August, 1916.

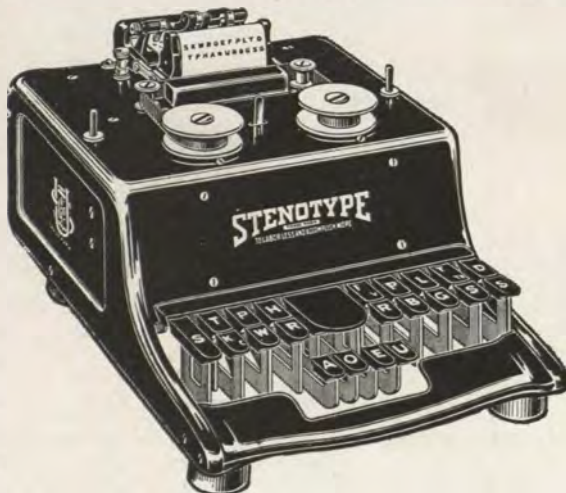
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"WHEN THE PIE WAS OPENED"



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Cartoons of the Moment.

ROUND THE SCHOOL.

Since the last "Fortian" was issued there have been several staff changes. Mr. G. Shaw enlisted, his place on the Mathematical staff being taken by Mr. H. Thompson, B.A. Mr. G. J. McKenzie also got into khaki, his successor being Mr. A. H. Fraser, B.A., from North Sydney High School.

Among the old boys who have enlisted we note the name of the Rev. Thomas Terry, now Captain Chaplain, attached to the Queensland A.I.F.

We desire to record our appreciation of the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Loewenthal in presenting to the Library a complete set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, together with a revolving book-case.

Mr. Cusbert has now taken charge of the New Library, and reports a very satisfactory attendance, and increase in the number of borrowers. The response to the invitation of the Headmaster to donate new books to the School Library has been very gratifying, over five hundred having been received. Some of them are very fine volumes. But we still require more to make the shelves look even tolerably well filled.

We understand that cinematograph pictures of the opening of the new building were taken and have been shown on the topical gazettes in various suburbs. We should secure a set of this film for use in days to come. When we have our Assembly Hall we should get a moving picture instrument for teaching purposes.

We have received the following note from Gordon Draper, telling of the death of his brother George:—

"My brother, George N. Draper, No. 1121, Sergeant 'C' Coy., 1st Battalion, enlisted immediately after the declaration of war, and landed at Anzac on the morning of the 25th April, 1915. During the first hour he was shot on the left side ammunition pouch, the concussion exploding his own cartridges and blowing out his side. His comrades, when retiring, had to leave him, and until February last we thought he was prisoner. Unfortunately we have been informed that he was killed in action.

"George will, perhaps, be remembered as one of your school's representatives in the Coronation Contingent of a few years ago, and in which he held the rank of Sergeant-major.

"Although only 19 years of age, he was recommended for the first commissioned vacancy which should occur after his battalion had been in action."

The following is a list of new pictures that have recently been framed and arranged on the walls of the various classrooms:—

1. Michael Angelo's "Sybil" (Delphic).
2. Michael Angelo's "Athlete."
3. Michael Angelo's "Moses."
4. "The Dying Gaul."
5. "Laocoon."
6. "Aurora," by Guido Reni.
7. "Milan Cathedral."
8. "Holyrood."
9. "Homer."
10. "Cornfield" (Constable).
11. "Melon Eaters" (Murillo).
12. "Shakespeare's Birthplace."
13. "Knight of Malta" (Giorgione).
14. "The Tailor" (Moroni).
15. "Return to the Farm" (Troyon).
16. "Spring" (Anton Mauve).
17. "Fisherman and Ring" (Paris Bordone).
18. Corot's "Ville d'Avray."
19. Corot's "Sunset."
20. "Notre Dame, Paris."

We have received the following news regarding the three brothers Cuthbert. Niven is now a lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion in France, while Noel is a lieutenant and intelligence officer of the 1st Infantry Brigade, and acting G.S.O. Ross, the eldest brother, is an engineer doing transport work on the Channel.

The following letter from a very old boy appeared in the "Sunday Times" of 27th August last:—

Mr. Aubrey Mowle writes: "I was a pupil of the Fort Street School in 1856 and onwards, and for many years connected with the Municipality of Petersham, and helped in its early days to build it up to its present importance, and therefore interested, from a sentimental point, in both institutions. At the opening of the new School at Petersham on the 18th instant, the Premier stated that the Government were indebted to the Municipality of Petersham for altering the name of a street to Fort Street, and thus preserving continuity. The name of the street altered was formerly Norwood-street West. It was practically a lane, running from Palace street to the School ground, and is certainly not worthy of the historical name of Fort Street. I suggest that the Petersham Council resume the properties, which would not cost a large sum, between (now) Fort Street and Queen Street, and thereby make a fine approach to the School, which would do honour to the High School, the Municipality of Petersham, and the name of Fort Street."

PROBLEMS.

1. A very small elephant, "whose weight may be neglected," balances himself on a spherical ball whose diameter is 10 inches, which he moves with a uniform velocity "V" up an inclined plane of inclination "A." At the same time he raises his trunk with uniform accelerated velocity from a vertical to a horizontal position.

Find the locus of the centre of gravity of a fly which moves a complete revolution of the trunk in the same period.

2. A stout gentleman on turning the corner of a road suddenly finds himself in the presence of a bull, who immediately pursues him with a uniform velocity, "V."

An observer (at a safe distance) calculates that the gentleman's speed varies inversely as the square of his distance from the bull, and as the inverse of his own weight.

Suppose the gent.'s initial velocity to be "U," and that the heat of the weather causes his weight to vary inversely as the cube of the time he has been running, find where the bull will catch him, if the initial distance between the two be "D."

OBITUARY.

We have to announce with deep regret the death of another old Fort Street boy, Roy M. Alexander, who after a severe nervous breakdown, passed away on the 1st of September, aged 24 years. He was a brother of Dr. N. M. Alexander, Clive Alexander, and Julian Alexander, all Fort Street boys.

It is with deep regret that we have also to record the death of one of our First Year boys, Moreton Chapman, who died on the 29th September, after an operation for pneumonia. To his parents we extend our deepest sympathy.

We also desire to extend our feelings of deepest regret to Keith MacFarlane, of 3C, who lost his father last month.

Thanks to the kindness of Messrs. Nangle, Hibble, and Murray, of the Sydney Technical College, a fine collection of classical busts has been made available for the adornment of the School, while Mr. Baker, of the Technological Museum, has been good enough to promise us four pedestals.

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At the time of writing, all the Winter Sports are concluded until, at least, till after next Easter Vacation.

Taking all things into consideration, Fort-street has done very well in the various branches of sport which it has taken up. The many teams which we have put into the field have been severely handicapped in having no "home ground" on which to practise—though this defect has been remedied by the Department of Education, which has obtained Petersham Oval for us three days a week—and I might say, they have gone right through the season without any practice, and considering we have won several competitions we have done very well indeed. The performances speak well for the athletes of the School, and one can form an idea of what "would have been" had we had the necessary facilities for training.

In passing, I may mention that it is to be hoped that the new conditions will develop more sporting instinct in the masters as well as the boys. Many of the boys who have been doing their best to uphold the reputation of the School in the field of sport complain that there is no encouragement given to the boys to take up sport, and the laws of the school in regard to sport are not stringent enough. Let me state a few of the defects. First of all, there are too many names on the "stay at School" list. It would do those boys, who are constant supporters of this list, more good to get out and indulge in a little healthful and manly sport. The same applies to those who put their names on the "Home" list. These boys, who belong to the latter set, care not at all for the reputation of the school, which is to be kept up in sport as well as in the scholastic sphere, and many of them and other "scalers" from sports prefer to go to the pictures and various other forms of amusement than to take an interest in the school.

It seems a strange thing to say that out of the large staff of masters we have, sufficient men cannot be found to take charge of the representative teams. Until this is remedied the school will not attain the high standard of profici-

ency which it reached in years gone by. I hope that now conditions seem more favourable to us more interest will be shown both by the lads and masters.

Whoever has charge of the boys in their various sports next year have some excellent material to work again, and who, with a little luck, should come out on top next season.

As for Rugby, such boys as Shead, McPhee, Vandenburg, Steel, Little, Elliott, and others too numerous to mention should perform well.

Many veterans (e.g., Munro, Hart, etc.) will be procurable to uphold and retain the baseball premiership next year, while in Soccer such players as Spencer, Stitt, and Boyle should again do well.

The school has "young bloods" who are tennis enthusiasts, and by next year they should be matured, and so give a good account of themselves.

RUGBY.

Second Fifteen.

This team, under Skipper Roy Allen, were compelled to uphold the honour in the football field gained in previous years. There being no first grade competition in the High Schools this season, this team was, in a manner of speaking, the representatives of the school—one might say the first grade, although many first graders were prevented from playing on account of their weight—the team required to have no more than a 9 st. 3lb. average.

With a lot of new blood in, the team did remarkably well, only suffering defeat once at the hands of Sydney High School by 19-6. I may state that the team which defeated us easily overstepped the weight limit, but we avenged this defeat later on in the season by defeating their legitimate team by 63-0.

After this defeat in the first match of the season we "went right through" undefeated after a comparatively easy course, and getting better as the season advanced. We ended up by having only 25 points notched against us, 19 of these being scored by S.H.S., and 6 by Technical H.S.

I will now give a faithful and unprejudiced criticism of the players:—

- ROY ALLEN** (Capt.) has led his team to victory on all but one occasion this year. In addition to being captain of the best team in the school, for 1916 season, he also had the honour of leading the 1st fifteen during 1915 and 1914. His team was runner-up in 1914, and had an undefeated 1915 record. The above evidence sufficiently proves his capability as an exponent of Rugby football. In his position he is the best our school has produced. He can play in any position, and always show himself one of the best. The school will miss him next year.
- HEAD.**—His first season as full-back. Played a splendid game throughout the season. Line kicks, handles, and tackles splendidly. He should be one of the best footballers the school has ever produced. He caused excitement wherever he played.
- McPHEE.**—Little Mac, with his 100 lbs. net, puts one in mind of a veteran—really a great little footballer, and when he puts on more weight should, like his friend and colleague Shead, do well.
- HAMILTON.**—Tom was unbound until several matches had been played, but his standard of play merited his inclusion in the team. Handles, kicks, and runs well. Has a good idea of football, and with a little more weight will make a fine wing three-quarter.
- MALONEY.**—Mal. played several games with us and did good work. For one of his size he is too game—rash, I might say. Be careful, Mal., or you will get hurt. Use your head and don't run risks.
- VANDEBURG.**—Vandy was good, but not very consistent. Wants to get rid of the ball more frequently and not try to score so much. In nick he is a good scorer, but his desire to score often leads him astray. With a little coaching, with his side-step he should turn out a brilliant inside centre three-quarter. Handles very well.
- STEEL.**—One of the best all-round footballers the school has seen. Tackles splendidly. I think this is quite sufficient for him.
- HEAD.**—Roy, one of our brainiest footballers, can always be relied upon in a tight corner.
- CLOUTIER.**—Our little "old man" is probably the best footballer the school has ever turned out for his position. As scrum half I think he eclipses the high and mighty Jock Morgan, of several years ago, and now playing with the Uni. 1sts. Criticism is not necessary here, but I must say that times out of number he saved the team in many emergencies.
- MEERS.**—The "chestnut galloper," in my opinion the best forward playing High School football this season. He could do the work of two men, and after it be fresh. Handled well, and worked like a bullock. No criticism necessary.
- LITTLE.**—Our "little bull," as lock, played one of the most consistent games in the team. As regards work—well, his cognomen will suffice. A splendid forward.
- HAGGETT.**—"Tim" as breakaway played very well, and shone out both in close work and open. Gradually learning to tackle. Had misfortune with big toe. Ask him about it, all inquirers.
- RILEY.**—Our little forward (7st. 11b.), under circumstances played well; has a good idea of football. Wants to put more ginger into his work.
- POWELL.**—Our 16th man, who played several matches with us, in which he performed creditably. Wants to be more careful as regards kicking in the ruck.
- ARMSTRONG.**—One of our bull-headed forwards, who played a good game consistently. He wants to develop a harder tackle.
- McINTYRE.**—Old "Chook" is one of our hardest workers, although at times he gets annoyed—at times righteously and likewise unrighteously.
- ELLIOTT.**—Another "bullocker," who in one game, as a result of his "bullocking," received slight concussion. Were he to develop a little more science he might do better. Try it, Ern.
- GOLDING.**—As centre, Donga did well all through the season, giving us a fair share of the ball. Played under difficulties on several occasions. Ask him about his nose, boys.
- Billy Grime had no luck with his team—3rds—for several of his best were drafted into the 2nds. Hecker Lane was easily the best man in the team, with Billy running a good second. These boys, although very light, put up some very fine performances against older and heavier teams.
- The 4ths, although defeated in many games, nevertheless were not disgraced. Being the lightest team in the comp., they did very well, their draw with Tech. being the most creditable. Though small, there is good material in this 15. Keep your eyes open, 3rd grade manager, next winter.

Rugby Results.

Below will be found a table of results of the games this winter:—

SECONDS.

F.S. v. Parramatta (2). Won 12-0, 23-0.
 F.S. v. S.H.S. (2). Won 63-0; lost 6-19.
 F.S. v. Hurlstone (2). Won 12-0, 3-0.
 F.S. v. N. Sydney (2). Won 36-0, 21-0.
 F.S. v. T.H.S. (2). Won 10-0, 15-0.
 Total: For, 214; against, 25.

SOCCER.

The season has been a somewhat chequered one, but we can congratulate our second and third grade teams on being well up in the list. The seconds, in fact, are runners-up, a place which, though not as good as their unbeaten record of last year, is still creditable.

The firsts have suffered many mishaps. Miles had to abandon the game for some weeks, and Parker, who succeeded him in goal, and could ill be spared from his old place, broke his arm playing Rugby. Stitt certainly did well in his place, but the two losses weakened the team. Smith and Spencer deserve special mention for their consistent work, but we desire hereby to pay our tribute to the team as a whole for the perseverance that kept the members at their posts in spite of many discouragements.

The second graders are both clever and fast. The work of K. Jennings reminds one of the brilliant Gilbert Storey. He seems sometimes to be playing half of the enemy by himself and beating them. Dexter and the gigantic skipper, N. Porter, with the safe, canny Scot, McLeod, did good work in a team which has no "passengers."

Our first few matches were really try-outs for the third grade team, a fault which we hope will not be repeated now that we have our own ground to practise on. Court, Owen, and Holland are very sure players, the latter being a most unselfish member. They seem able to put the ball where it is most needed, and rarely fail to meet it when coming their way. Storey lives up to a name famous in Soccer annals. He has the judgment of a veteran.

Taken all round, we can say that we have kept the flag flying, and are full of hope for the future. The competitions are only of three years' standing, and we are thankful that the game has now a firm footing in the school and every prospect of retaining it.

Soccer Results.**FIRSTS.**

F.S. v. S.H.S. Won 2-1.
 F.S. v. T.H.S. Lost 1-5; draw 0-0; lost 0-1.
 F.S. v. S.H.S. Lost 0-2.
 F.S. v. S.H.S. Lost 0-2

SECONDS.

F.S. v. S.H.S. Lost, 0-1.
 F.S. v. Pet. Won, 4-2; lost, 1-2.
 F.S. v. N.S. Won 2-0.
 F.S. v. Parramatta. Lost, 0-3; lost, 0-2.
 F.S. v. T.H.S. Won 4-0.
 F.S. v. S.H.S. II. Won 2 1, 5-0.

THIRDS.

F.S. v. S.H.S. Draw.
 F.S. v. T.H.S. Lost 0-3, 0-1.
 F.S. v. Pet. Won 2-0, 6-0.
 F.S. v. N.S. Won 2-0, 1-0.
 F.S. v. Parramatta. Draw 1-1, 1-1.
 F.S. v. T.H.S. II. Lost, 1-2.

BASEBALL.

The High Schools' winter baseball competition was brought to an end two or three weeks ago, and as a result our first grade team was able to secure the premiership for three consecutive seasons. Our success is more than noteworthy; the newer players far exceeded our expectations of them, and proved themselves match-winning factors on more than one occasion. Comments on the players themselves would be too long, but special mention must be made of Munro, Searle, and Kallmeyer, who, through their consistency, were the mainstays of the team. Ellis, as a pitcher, is "some class;" those who remember his pitching against Sydney High School in the final know how well he held the opposition down. The final was the match of the season. The presence of some of the staff and of the boys made us more confident, and to the newer devotees of the game a thrilling and spectacular game was provided. At the end of the 6th innings High School led by 8-2, but a couple of good hits in our next innings made the game still doubtful as to the issue; scores, 8-5 in favour of S.H.S. Sydney High School seemed to fall to pieces at this stage, and F.S.H.S., profiting by their discomfiture, gained the ascendancy, and evened matters up. In the 9th innings two S.H.S. men were out, none on the bases, but "Nannas" and "Mac" made errors each, and S.H.S. again led. Eleven innings had to be played before a decision could be arrived at, and in the 11th we came out victors 11-10 in the most exciting game of three seasons. Although a fairly good side, taken individually, we often lacked combination; but this will be eliminated with more practice after time has been given to recuperate after the summer sports.

The second team won about 60 per cent. of their matches, and seeing that all were comparative strangers to the game they soon grasped the A, B, C of it, and progressed with remarkable celerity. Densley and Holt are the makings of fine players, and deserve places in the higher team next season.

The general outlook for next season

is at present exceedingly rosy, despite the fact that our ranks will be depleted by the absence of two of last season's stars. Other schools will be more considerably weakened, and if we play with the same vivacity and enthusiasm of this last season we can confidently say that we will be well to the fore in the baseball world.

We are very sorry that our esteemed catcher, Jimmie Searle, has left us. He will be greatly missed both at baseball and cricket. We wish to extend our sincere sympathies to "Less" Macfarlane on the death of his father. Mac has also left us.

Most of our members are now looking

forward to the cricket season.

Mr. Gale says, "All good baseballers are cricketers," and this accounts for the rush.

Baseball Results.

FIRSTS.

F.S. v. S.H.S. Won 6-3, 8-5; lost 7-3.
F.S. v. T.H.S. Won 15-7, 13-2; lost 5-2.
Final won v. S.H.S., 11-10.

SECONDS.

F.S. v. S.H.S. Lost 5-12.
F.S. v. T.H.S. Won 13-6, 8-4.
F.S. v. Pet. A. Lost 0-33, 0-16.
F.S. v. Clev. A. Lost 3-14, 16-14.
F.S. v. Clev. B. Lost 4-9.

AUSTRALIAN NIGHT.

Purple haze upon the mountains,
Crimson flush behind the range,
Deepening into golden glory,
Shifting scene of constant change.

Yonder peaks now silhouetted
'Gainst the paling after-glow,
Each in wavy outline mirrored
In the dusky pool below.

Far beyond the last lone mountain,
Where the earth and heaven blend,
Where the air is clear as crystal,
And the black swans nightly wend.

Where the evening stars shine brightly,
By the fleecy clouds caressed,
In a blaze of crimson glory
Has the red sun sunk to rest.

When the shades of evening deepen
Over field, and bush, and byre,
Through the cloud-veil slow descending
Gleams of bright celestial fire.

And the lustre soft descending
O'er the wild Australian hills,
Lends a cold and ghostly whiteness
To the murmuring mountain rills.

And across the scrubs' dim darkness
Wanders far the moon's white light,
Dipping in the fern-clad gullies,
Lending softness to the night.

O'er the crooked sapling forests
On the rough and broken plain;
O'er the blackened box-tree corpses
By the heat of summer slain;

O'er the gaunt and ghostly grey-gums
On the stony tree-clad height,
With the dry-bark's muffled tapping,
Beating out the pulse of night.

Slipping 'tween the broken rafters
Of some hut, which lifeless lies
Like a skeleton unburied,
Grinning ghastly at the skies.

In the grey of coming morning
Over all descends a hush,
And an all-pervading silence
Dominates the lonely bush.

Soon the wreathing, twining columns
Of the pallid mist will rise,
At the first faint flush of dawning,
Creeping up the eastern skies.

Faintest pink soon edged with crimson
Shading down to golden hue,
Dappled o'er with fleecy cloudlets,
Framed in sky just turned to blue.

Blood-red o'er the hills ascending
Through the scattered clouds of dun,
Comes then Phoebus in his splendour,
O'er the pathway of the sun.

And the earth's melodious songsters
Cry a farewell to the night,
As it hurries swiftly westward
With the coming of the light.

And the feathered chorus carols
With a varied song and gay,
And the land awakes to gladness
At the dawning of the day.

—R. K. BURNETT.

SOME UTTER NONSENSE.

The Result of Too Much "Fag."

By shuffling gait and footsteps lag
 Revealed to all a weary "fag,"
 He sat him down upon a stone
 Dejected, wretched and alone.
 "Alack, ah, well-a-day!" quoth he,
 "The height exact of yonder tree,
 Is plainly by the law of Zeus
 Just eighteen miles— But what the
 deuce—

That chiming clock provides a gem
 In Maths.—it moves with S.H.M.—
 The pendulum, I mean," he said,
 "To me 'tis plain as pink is red;
 By this same thing, now, I can show
 That, if the earth did faster go,
 Myself and you and everyone
 Described parabola round the sun
 And if you don't believe me, see
 In Coriolanus, page 8, 3.

This Coriolanus, by the way,
 Wrote 'So Long, Letty,' so they say.
 'Tis also said he made his home
 In the eternal city—Rome.
 To me, the 'phone book clearly shows
 In Mosman that he sought repose.

"Well, there's a motor, I declare,
 And by the nine gods I will swear
 That when it round a corner goes
 (For so says Mr. B., who **knows**)
 Its waltzing on its two back wheels,
 A law of motion thus reveals.

"Now there's old Sallust over there,
 The fellow with the purple hair—
 I have't on good authority
 That he first taught geometry.
 They say he met his death, poor man,
 By falling off a motor van.
 But whether that be true or no
 'Tis plain at least that this is so—
 If A takes place, and follows B,
 Why, this is simple, don't you see.
 'Praesse,' you must use, my son,
 Still to retain the place you've won.
 If you in twelve months wish to be
 A brilliant, rising LL.B.,
 'Tis now believed by ev'ryone
 The earth is smaller than the sun,
 If this is so, then why, I say,
 Keeps not the sun the rain away?"

The poor wretch rolled upon his side,
 He smote upon his breast and cried,
 "Ah! woe is me"—to rise he tried,
 And fainting gasped, and gasping died.

EPITAPH.

Take heed, take heed, ye passers by,
 And for this martyr heave a sigh,
 Here lies Horatius Hector Spag
 Who lost his life through too much fag.

—B. HIGGINS.

Coriolanus and The Mob.

(N.B.—Catsmeat states that the following episode is founded on fact.)

Scene I.

Enter Coriolanus, clad in toga praefecti.
 Cor.: Ah! here I am again, with my lovely golden locks and my pretty little prefect's medallion. Now I will have to display my authority, as becomes a prefect, and hie me to the large, sheltered, and centrally-placed courtyard, where the hydra-headed multitude is wont to assemble. How I hate their stinking breaths! O! what joy it is to chase them from the courtyard, over which I, of the golden locks, do possess sole control.

(His hat blows off.)

It is my springy golden locks! My hat will not stay on!

Scene II.

A large courtyard, sheltered, with ventilators in the ceiling, and mensae arranged in rows on the floor. A number of plebeians are assembled, evidently citizens of the place.

(Enter Coriolanus.)

Cor.: Avaunt, ye of the rank-scented many! Shake a leg! Clear out! This is **my** parade-ground, not yours!

1st Cit.: Half-a-mo, Signior!

Cor.: Hence, old goat!

Cits.: Bah! Boo!

Cor.: Cheek, i' faith!

(Grabs one small citizen by the trousers)

I'll teach you to talk to me like that! Me, Coriolanus, of the noble band of—

Cits.: Let's chuck him out—

1st. Cit.: On 's neck!

(They all swarm round Coriolanus, crying—)

Citizens! Citizens! Citizens!

Voice from Centre of Throng: Help-ho! Praefecti! Seniors! Help-ho!

(After a few minutes' scuffling, the yellow head emerges once more, the Cits. vanish, and Coriolanus proceeds to brush himself.)

Cor.: Ah! good, i' faith! That's good practice for a footballer like me! It's my strong, fat legs, I can't help it! I bet it'll take some butter to pacify the big, black bruise on the 1st Citizen's shin! All honour to thee, my small boot, but you were directed by my brain! And brains rule the world! Ah!

(He soliloquises on his good fortune, leaning with his back against a door-post.)

Scene III.—The Same.

(Enter, at the opposite side of the courtyard, a great band of mutinous Cits. They advance stealthily, then 1st Cit. stretches out his hand towards the door against which Cor. is leaning.)

Cor.: Yes, I was a bit of a fool. I suppose, to call help when I knew I could manage the business myself. It was a wonder they didn't take a tumble—

1st Cit. (pushing the door hard): Ha! ha! You've taken one too! Yellow curls! Haw! Haw!

(Cor.'s head emerges from the dust, and he looks through the glass door.)

Cor.: Why! the mighty mob are after me! Discretion is the better part of valour! I must fly!

(He flies, but alas! at the other door is also a crowd of Cits. Coriolanus is trapped!)

Jupiter! have mercy upon me! They have me! Oh! to think I will fall into their ravenous maws!

(Bells ring outside, a stentorian voice is heard.)

Cor.: Saved! Saved!

(Enter Dux.)

Grand Tableau.

CATSMEAT.

War Euclid: Q.E.D.

The Lyonian, the organ of the Lower School at Harrow, has the following propositions in the current issue:—

"A subaltern is one who has position but no magnitude.

"A Turkish communique lies equally on any point.

"An obtuse officer is one more stupid than a superior officer, but less so than two staff officers.

"A trench is that which has length, breadth, and stickiness.

"Two officers in mufti from Brixton and Mayfair respectively cannot be in the same circle, and if they meet would cut one another.

"A soldier equal to a Tommy is equal to anything.

"An observer and a pilot who are in the same line meet in the same plane.

"An 'old dug-out' is often a plain figure with a Sam Browne belt round its circumference.

"If things are double the price of the same thing obtainable elsewhere, it is a War Office contract."

TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir,—Many questions have been asked concerning the results of the All High School Sports. One person asked me why we could not produce as good athletes as other schools. In my opinion, we can. But how can we find them? No sports meeting has been held for two years, and naturally interest in athletics has lagged. It is impossible truly to represent our school without holding a meeting of our own. We must find the runners first, and then train them. This year the competitors for

the various events were guessed at, not that these boys did not do their best, but are there any better in the school? I am sure no one could answer this question, since the one means of comparison is absent, i.e., interest. I hope, if by chance Fort-street is not at the top of the list next year in most sports, that it will not be on account of the same reason as this year.

Yours sincerely,

"HOPEFUL."

Some few weeks ago Dr. Arthur wrote to the Headmaster, suggesting that Fort Street should lend a helping hand to the Soldiers' Settlement at French's Forest. The idea was eagerly supported, and a block of 7 acres allotted to our boys.

During the vacation between forty and fifty of them spent the whole or part of their holidays clearing the block and preparing for building operations. The movement is a good one, and deserves success.

SOME HOWLERS.

Latimer was a martyr who was tied to a stake and said to Ridley, "Cheer up, brother Ridley, you'll soon be dead."

Pythagoras is known as a personification of the transmigration of souls and the inventor of the right-angled triangle.

Lord Raleigh was the first man to see the invisible Armada.

The South of the U.S.A. grows oranges, figs, melons, and a great quantity of preserved fruits, especially tinned meats.

Hooker when a boy spent his time minding sheep and reading horrors (Horace).

A Passive Verb is when the subject is the sufferer, e.g., I am loved.

The saddest thing King John did was to lose his crown in the laundry.

The father of Henry IV. was John o' Groat.

Cicero was banished to Macedonia, where he wrote the Book of Lamentations.

The American war was started because the people would persist in sending their parcels through the post without stamps.

Prince William was drowned in a butt of Malmsay wine; he never laughed again.

Richard II. is said to have been murdered by some historians; his real fate is uncertain.

"Perventum erat."—There was a very strong wind blowing.

"Je ne suis pas de votre avis."—I am not one of your birds.

"Vergilium vidi tantum . . ."—I have seen too much of Vergil.

"Ses cornettes garnies d'un triple rang de dentelle."—Her gums ornamented with a triple row of teeth.

"Curatis vulneribus alii profecti domus."—Some started homes for curing the wounded.

"Clara illa Romana civitas."—Clara, that Roman citizenship.

"Les yeux noirs se baissèrent."—Black eyes kissed him.

"Acie[m] duplicem instruxit."—He drew up his line of battle at the double.

"Aes triplex."—A threepenny bit.

"Il est en train de diner."—He dines in the train.

"Facile princeps."—An easy-going Principal.

The tides are caused by the sun drawing the water out and the moon drawing it in again.

Q.: A man has x miles to travel; he goes a miles by train, b miles by boat, and c miles he walks; the rest he cycles. How far does he cycle? A.: d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w miles.

Triangles are of three kinds, the equilateral or three-sided, the quadrilateral or four-sided, and the multilateral or polyglot.

If the air contains more than 100 per cent. of carbolic acid it is very injurious to health.

Algebraical symbols are used when you don't know what you are talking about.

The bore of a thermometer tube is made small so that the mercury shall not be too heavy for the heat to lift.

The mechanical advantage of a long pump handle is that you can have some one to help you pump.

St. Andrew is the patent saint of Scotland; the patent saint of England is Union Jack.

You put "c'est" before a noun when you do not know its gender.

A graven image is an idle maid with hands.

The Home Office is where Home Rule is made.

The brown bear lives upon nuts, wild honey, etc. but the grisly bear lives upon the slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

In the houses of the poor the drains are in a fearful state and quite unfit for human habitation.

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IN publishing an additional list of names that have reached us since the last issue of the "Fortian," we cannot but help feeling a thrill of pride that so many of our boys—a number of whom may be called present boys, in as much as they have been students within a year—have shown that they feel that, at the present juncture, there is an obligation cast upon them to step into the breach and do their bit for their country.

We have now a list of 996 names, 117 of whom have made the supreme sacrifice, and whose number we grieve to note is almost daily mounting up. To the parents, relatives and friends of these boys of ours, we offer our deepest sympathy. Fort Street honours their memory, and when the war is concluded, will see that their names are recorded in some enduring form.

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OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

The University,
30/5/17.

Dear Fortians,—

At the University, as it is to-day, you can easily imagine that the social side of academic life is sadly wanting. There are many factors at work in the production of this unfortunate state of affairs. First of these, of course, must be the steadying influence which this terrible war has had, and must have, upon most of us. Secondly, the acceleration of the present Fourth and Fifth Medicine courses has made the men of those years (the senior men at the University) more or less occupied. It is of the third factor, however, which I wish to speak to you, for it affects the men of early years, and men who are likely to come up to the 'Varsity in the near and distant future. As your school motto says, "Faber est suae quisque fortunae," so is a University life just what a man makes it. To make the most out of it, one must not merely set out to "swat and cram" for exams.; he must live in the University and for the University. He must make it, as it were, his little world, wherein he forms his friendships, which may be life-long, and where he moulds his character to become an efficient citizen of a mighty Commonwealth. In order to do this, he must take some little interest in the various phases of 'Varsity life. While he should in no way neglect his scholastic duties, he must realise that a University is not a knowledge shop, wherein he absorbs all that lecturers tell him, and then, at the yearly examinations, when saturated with facts, exudes them, as water from a sodden sponge, under the pressure of an examiner. Such a man is a useless appendage to society—he lacks personality, individuality, and self-confidence, the three main assets of the professional man.

Remember that Fort-street has in the past produced brilliant scholars, who were brilliant sportsmen and active members of the student body. I need only conjure up the name of such men as Capt. A. J. Collins, Eng.-Lieut. G. B. Harden, R.N. (an interstate Rugby player), H. V. Evatt, M.A. (late President of Union), Capt. B. M. Carruthers, A.M.C. (All Schools' 100yds. Champion and member of S.U. Athletic Club), and John McKee (year rep. Med. V.), to give point to my remarks. In a word, give of the best that is in you, and you will reap the greatest benefits from a University life.

One cannot but admire the great public spirit shown by many of the Old Boys, who have felt the call of duty to their motherland. Each day adds a fresh name to the list of Fortian soldiers. T. E. Bradshaw, of the Faculty of Law, is the latest addition. He has enlisted, and

is at present in training. Capt. R. C. Wiburd ("Jumbo"), A.M.C., was for some time in Melbourne, and is now at sea. Capt. G. A. Lawrence ("Guido"), A.M.C., is abroad with his old and inseparable pal, Capt. "Bill" Roberts, A.M.C. Dr. H. Wall, R.N., who served as Captain in France with the R.A.M.C., is now Surgeon on one of H.M. Destroyers in the North Sea, while Capt. B. M. Carruthers and R. Silvertown are both on active service. Capt. C. Bray has returned from Rabaul, and Capt. C. Murray is somewhere in France, while Capt. K. Flook, A.M.C., having taken unto himself a wife, immediately went abroad. Capt. Eric Frecker and Idris Morgan have both long donned the khaki, and "Jock" Morgan, the latter's brother (late Med. I.), makes another of the gallant Anzacs, while Norman Esserman (Eng.) swells the happy band of munition workers in England. Lieut. Owen Moran (late Med III.), an old Fortian, famous as a cricketer and tennis player, has seen much fighting in France. Fortians must thrill with pride to hear of the honours bestowed upon one of their Old Boys, Capt. W. Fenwick, A.M.C., who was awarded the Military Cross for gallantly dressing wounded under heavy fire.

At the University, too, Fort-street men are holding their own. John McKee (Med. V.) is year representative in the Undergraduates' Committee. Fred Liggin (Med. V.) is still President of the Christian Union, in which office he is ably assisted by L. Holland (Med. III.), who is Hon. Secretary. Gordon Holmes (Med. V.) is student resident at Sydney Hospital, while Boyd Lunks (Med. V.) is still at Callan Park. Dr. Vic. Asher is resident at Newcastle Hospital, and was recently in the peculiar position of being senior to Sir T. P. Anderson Stuart, who was temporarily resident up there. Fortians will also be happy to learn that many of the Old Boys in present Med. V. are much admired by the fair sex. At least half a dozen of them are contemplating taking the final step before going on active service, and only I fear the vengeance, and blows which they would shower on my humble head, I would be delighted to announce their engagements to you "en bloc." No doubt, however, they will "proclaim the joyful tidings" in due time. Dr. T. K. Potts (Theo) has just finished his term as senior at Prince Alfred Hospital, and is leaving to take up a practice in the country. It is rumoured he is contemplating matrimonial bliss, while Clive Alexander, looking rather obese, is resident at Lewisham.

I am, Yours sincerely,

ÆSCULAPIUS.

For Valour.

We desire to offer our congratulations to Lieutenant Ronald C. Osborne, who has been awarded the Military Cross; and also to Gunner Norman Hargreaves, who has gained the Military Medal. Both are Old Boys of Fort-street.



NOEL A. HOLMES.

Mentioned in despatches for gallantry in the field in France.

Noel Holmes went away with the first Australian troops as wireless officer of a troopship, but landed at Egypt, and subsequently joined the Engineers as signaller, being later attached to the Light Horse, and finally transferred to France with a Howitzer Battery of Artillery, and it was whilst with this branch that he earned distinction, and is now in the Officers' Cadet School in England training for a Commission. He is the only son of Captain

A. Holmes, late A and I Staff, and nephew of Major General W. Holmes, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., who is commanding a division in France, after having taken Rabaul and commanded a brigade in Gallipoli.

Military Cross.

News has been received that Major D. R. Brown, an old Fort Street boy, has been awarded the Military Cross.

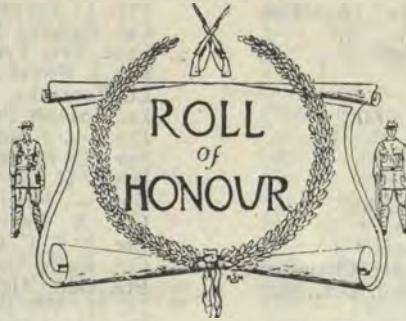
Major Brown, who was a Duntroon College cadet, left Sydney shortly after the outbreak of the war as lieutenant in charge of a machine gun section. He took part in the landing at Gallipoli, and was subsequently twice wounded, the second time badly. On recovery he was sent to France, and at Pozieres earned the Military Cross, and later the D.S.O.

Mr. Harrie B. Lee, Chief Officer of the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade, has received a cablegram from his son, Captain Harrie B. Lee, R.A.M.C., informing him that he has been awarded the Military Cross for his services in France. Captain Lee holds the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the Melbourne University. He has been with the Australian Forces in France for two years, and is an old boy of Fort Street, from which he passed the Senior Exam. some twelve years ago.

Military Medal.

Not yet 21 years of age, Private Cecil Davies, of Leichhardt, displayed such courage in the firing line as to merit the award of the Military Medal.

Born in Annandale, Cecil Davies received his education at Fort Street, and was employed at Dalgety's when he enlisted, in October, 1915. He was only in camp for two weeks, when he was sent to Egypt, and thence to France. He was a driver in the Artillery, but is now a bombardier.



Having made a very careful revision of all the names now inscribed on our Roll of Honour, we are in this issue able to publish a complete list of all those old boys whose names have not been contained in previous issues, though some of them enlisted quite a considerable time ago.

Killed in Action.

Pte. R. C. Ackland.
 Sgt. F. A. Bramley.
 Lt. H. Barter.
 Gnr. Roy P. Bell.
 Capt. L. Keith Chambers.
 Pte. — Campbell.
 Lt. Niven Cuthbert.
 Lt. Clement La Motte Chauncey.
 Sgt. Athol Eldershaw.
 Spr. Geo. Wm. Ferguson.
 Pte. Dene Fry.
 Pte. G. A. Grant.
 2nd Lt. Richmond Gordon Howell-Price.
 Pte. R. A. Jamieson.
 Pte. Arthur Geo. Lord.
 Lt. Eric Lowther.
 Lt. L. Marjason.
 Pte. A. E. Meggy.
 Bomb. R. McDouall-Stuart.
 Pte. J. W. Olson.
 Pte. Fred. Portus.
 George Richardson.
 Reg. Sandels.
 Pte. Morris Redwood.
 Lt. Richard Seldon.
 Pte. Gordon Smith.
 Pte. Colin Lindsay Smith.
 Cpl. James R. Struthers.
 Lt. Alex. Small, M.C.
 Pte. Ronald Stuart.
 Lt. Selwyn Upton.
 Lt. C. H. O. White.
 Pte. Wm. Wright.
 Lt. Harold Wilthew.
 L.-Cpl. R. A. Bolton-Wood.

Died of Wounds.

Sgt. H. O. Broadbent.
 Lt. John S. Ferguson.
 Pte. Alan McKinlay.
 Pte. W. G. McLaughlan.
 Sgt.-Mjr. Albert J. Wood.
 Cpl. Harold W. K. Wood.

Died from Accident.

C. N. Ryder, Aviator Mechanic.

Died from Illness.

Sgt. George Hansel.

Missing

Lt. Clarence Collier.
 Lt. Archie Gowing.
 Pte. William Spring.

Enlistments.

Capt. C. H. Armitage, A.M.C.
 Driver Harold M. Adams, A.S.C.
 Pte. Leslie R. Adams, A.M.C.
 Trooper Rolf Adelt.
 Gnr. Edwin C. Arnold.
 Gnr. Robert H. Andrews.
 Pte. Rupert C. Ackland.
 Capt. Marcus Alexander, A.M.C.
 Lt. Robert Adamson.
 Pte. A. Arnold, A.M.C.
 Lt. Clive Backhouse.
 Pte. C. Benson.
 Signaller Frank E. Brett.
 Sgt. Raymond Bullock.
 Gnr. Roy P. Bell.
 Drvr. Arthur Biggs.
 L.-Cpl. R. A. Bolton-Wood.
 Lt. J. Burgess.
 Gnr. A. G. Braund.
 Gnr. F. G. Braund.
 Sgt. F. Blair.
 Pte. H. Blair.
 Pte. Clive Bowen.
 Pte. Richard Brady (enlisted from Canada).
 Lt. Frank Best.
 Pte. Thurston Bowring.
 Gnr. Arthur G. Barnes.
 Lt. H. Barter.
 Bombdr. A. Linley Barton.
 Pte. Percy Ralph Bissett.
 Pte. R. I. Burdon.
 Gnr. H. K. Bannister.
 Sgt. J. T. Cox.
 Pte. Leonard B. Collins.
 Sgt. Edward P. Campbell.
 Sglr. Athol Cochrane.
 Pte. Ben. W. Champion.
 Lt. Leslie Cleland.
 Capt. Clarence R. Collins.
 Sgt. Stanley Cox.
 Lt. Maxwell Cottam.

Lt. Norman Clarke (Aviation Corps).
 Pte. Stanley Cornwall.
 Sgt. Edwin Cramp.
 Cpl. Cedric Cramp.
 Pte. C. Christmas, A.M.C.
 Pte. Eric Cumming.
 Pte. J. Curran.
 Pte. W. Clisdell.
 Gnr. Frank Victor Cobb.
 Sgt. Esca Chambers.
 Cpl. H. D. Chambers.
 Lt. Clement La Motte Chauncey.
 Sgt. Robert Crawford, D.C.M.
 Lt. A. J. Croll.
 Pte. John Croll.

Pte. C. Furness.
 Cpl. Edward S. Foott.
 Capt. Eric Frecker, A.M.C.
 Pte. I. Foxall.
 Lt. Forsythe.
 Lt. Joseph Furlonger.
 Pte. —. Field.
 Spr. C. B. Fernon.
 Drvr. H. B. Fernon.
 Gnr. —. Ferris.
 Cpl. A. Fraser, D.C.M.
 Pte. J. F. C. Gallagher.
 Cpl. Earle Gates.
 Pte. Geo. Alex. Grant.
 Lt. H. W. Gilchrist.
 Pte. Archibald R. Gamble.
 Pte. G. Henley.
 Pte. Harold Hudson.
 Pte. Bevan Wm. Jas. Henderson
 A.S.C.
 Gnr. Henry Holden.



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ALBERT EDWARD MEGGY,
 Killed at Lone Pine.

Pte. Frank Crummer.
 Sgnlr. E. Dennis (Divisional Engineers).
 Lt. J. E. Duff.
 Pte. J. J. Duff.
 Pte. M. Doutty.
 Pte. Maxwell Digby.
 Capt. C. J. Davis, A.M.C.
 Pte. Cecil Davies.
 Sgt. A. R. Davidson, D.C.M.
 Capt. Harry Douglas, R.A.M.C.
 Pte. Frank Evatt.
 Pte. Sidney Easy.
 Pte. Clement Andrews Etherden.
 Cpl. Clive Edmonds.
 Pte. Rex Ford.



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LIEUTENANT H. BARTER,
 Killed in Action.

Sgt. William Holden.
 Pte. A. W. Hooke.
 Pte. Eric Howell-Price.
 Capt. J. Hunter, A.M.C.
 Pte. Henry Alfred Hartley.
 Pte. James Haig.
 Pte. Bert. Hudson, A.M.C.
 Pte. A. S. Hodgen.
 Pte. —. Hesper.
 Sgt. Jack Humphrey.
 Pte. Malcolm Hay.
 Pte. Frank Hargreaves.
 Pte. Percy Hibble.
 Pte. H. S. Hudson.
 Tpr. C. B. Huthnance.
 Pte. —. Harris.
 Pte. N. M. Hay.
 Pte. N. B. Irwin.
 Spr. J. H. Ivers.
 Spr. Horace R. Jones
 Gnr. S. R. Jones.

Drvr. F. W. Jamieson.
 Lt. Leonard Judd, D.S.O.
 Pte. G. L. Kennedy, A.M.C.
 Tpr. Geo. Stanley King.
 Pte. Leslie Lee.
 Pte. Robt. Adair Long.
 Pte. Sid. Lyon, A.M.C.
 Capt. Harrie B. Lee, R.A.M.C.
 Driver Athol Vivian Loewenthal,
 A.A.S.C.
 Pte. Vivian B. Lublin.
 Lt. Fred. Mailler.
 Capt. Idris Morgan, A.M.C.
 Pte. Alan McKinlay, D.C.M.
 Pte. Henry Mandelson.
 Pte. Leslie Morrison.
 Capt. A. McKean.
 Capt. Clarence F. Mills.
 Lt. R. A. Miller.
 Pte. Harold Meers.
 Pte. W. Matthew.

Drvr. C. E. Newlin.
 Cpl. Albert Henry Newman.
 Drvr. Marland Neild, A.S.C.
 Pte. J. W. Olson.
 Lt. Essex A. E. Picott.
 Flight-Comdr. Elias Phillips.
 Sgt. George Price.
 Gnr. F. Packer.
 Pte. A. Peacock.
 Pte. Fred Pinnock.
 Gnr. A. C. Pettitt.
 Pte. Fergus Paterson.
 Tpr. Cleve Pines.
 Pte. Harry Pierce, A.S.C.
 Pte. — Parkes, A.M.C.
 Trpr. Jas. Patrick Parker.



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 Lt. John McLean.
 Pte. Eric McGuire.
 Capt. — Marr.
 C.S.M. John More.
 Gnr. Geo. Macnamara.
 Pte. Chas. Macnamara.
 Tpr. Sidney Marshall.
 Pte. F. McQueen.
 Lt. G. Marjason.
 Mechanic Norman P. Moss.
 Pte. E. Mundell.
 Pte. K. McLaughlan.
 Gnr. A. McLellan.
 Pte. W. G. McLaughlin.
 Pte. A. E. Meggy.
 Lt. Edwin F. McLeod, R.N.
 Capt. Ralph Noble, A.M.C.
 Sgt. J. Gordon McKenzie.
 Pte. Eric Moss.
 Pte. John Noble.



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LIEUTENANT N. CUTHBERT,
Died of Wounds.

Pte. Albert N. Robertson, A.M.C.
 Gnr. W. A. Ranson.
 Capt. S. G. Rowe.
 Pte. Gerald Ryan.
 Capt. S. Railton, A.M.C.
 Capt. Colin Ross, A.M.C.
 Pte. Morris Redwood.
 Pte. Oscar Rhodes.
 Pte. Walter Robertson.
 Lt. A. Railton.
 Corp. W. L. Rutherford.
 Batty.-Sgt, Major Geo. Roffey.
 — Frank Reichenbach.
 — George Richardson.
 — John Richardson.
 Av. Mechanic C. N. Ryder.

Pte. Lees Rowbotham.
 Sgt. G. A. Ross, D.C.M.
 Lt. W. Rutherford.
 Lt. Robinson, 47th Batt., 12th Brigade
 Pte. S. Sane.
 Pte. Gavon B. Smith.
 Pte. N. W. Swadling.
 Pte. Russell Sinclair.
 Pte. — Sinclair.
 Pte. Harold South.
 — R. Scobie.
 Sgt. — Stevens.
 C.S.M. Leslie J. Scott.
 Lt. Alex. Small.
 Flight-Lt. Gerald Stafford.
 Spr. Hugh E. Steel.
 Motor Driver Claude Stanley Smith.
 Engineer Robert Stevens.
 Bugler Eric Storey.
 Pte. Chas. Asher-Smith.
 Capt. Robt. J. Silverton, A.M.C.
 L.-Cpl. Leslie Stuart.
 Sgt. Beresford Shervie.
 Pte. Thos. Sargent.
 Reg. Sandels (Artillery).
 L. Sandels (A.M.C.).
 Gnr. E. E. Skinner.
 Corp. N. Simpson.
 Pte. Arthur Simpson.
 — G. Stewart.
 — G. Sherman.
 Pte. Chas. B. Snodgrass.
 Sgt.-Mjr. A. C. Stanton.
 Pte. Ronald Stuart (Main).
 Tpr. Albert Angus Stewart.
 Pte. Clifford Terrill.
 Pte. Harry John Tompkins.
 Sgt. Reginald F. Tompkins.
 Lt. Percy L. Tompkins.
 Cpl. Harold J. Thornton.
 Pte. B. G. S. Twedale.
 Spr. David Thomas.
 Lt. Ernest Taylor.
 Pte. Norman Tully.
 — A. Thompson.
 — Roy Thornton.
 Gnr. Frank Telfer.
 Pte. Rowland T. Tapp.
 Trooper Claude Tuckwell.
 Trooper Heydon Tracey.
 Capt. Wilfrid Vickers (A.M.C.).
 Gnr. Ronald Wolff.
 Gnr. W. Wright.
 Pte. Alan K. Walker.
 Sgnlr. Arthur Watts.
 Drvr. Reg. Wise.
 Pte. H. P. Woolcott.
 Pte. Geo. Williams.
 Sgt. Eric Williams.
 Pte. Geo. White.
 Lt. Keith Willis, 2nd L.H. Brigade
 Train, A.S.C.
 Pte. Leslie G. Walker.
 Capt. Roy Wiburd (A.M.C.)
 Tpr. B. Walford.
 Lt. H. Wilthew (killed).
 — Reginald Clifford Dudley Williams
 (Engineers).
 Pte. A. J. Wright.
 Pte. W. Wright.
 Pte. Harold Keith Wright.
 Sgt.-Mjr. Albert J. Wood.

Corp. Harold W. K Wood.
 Pte. P. J. Young.
 Pte. Cyril Young.

LANCE-CORPORAL R. A. BOLTON-
 WOOD.—Lance-Corporal R. A. Bolt-
 on-Wood, eldest son of the late Mr.
 Alexander Wood, of Glebe Point; and
 Mrs. C. Bolton-Wood, of Gerard-
 street, Neutral Bay, was killed in
 action on August 29. Lance-Corporal
 Bolton-Wood was 23 years of age, and
 was born at Burwood. He was edu-
 cated at Fort-street, and on leaving
 there he joined the staff of the Go-
 vernment Savings Bank, and at the
 time of enlisting was at the Newtown
 branch. He served on Gallipoli. He
 was invalided to Malta, and later to
 England.

PRIVATE G. A. GRANT.—Private Geo.
 Alexander Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs.
 George Grant, of Dalley-road, Naremb-
 burn, and Bukkulla, Inverell, has been
 killed in action in France. He was an
 old Fort Street boy.

LIEUT. NIVEN CUTHBERT, second
 son of Captain John Cuthbert, of the
 Sydney Marine Underwriters' Associa-
 tion, died in France on November
 7, of wounds received in the Somme
 battle on October 30. He was born in
 London 22 years ago, and was edu-
 cated at Fort Street.

Prior to the war he held a commis-
 sion in the 26th Infantry, and after a
 period of training at Liverpool and
 Duntroon College he left Australia as
 O.C. 10th Reinforcements, 2nd Bat-
 talion, in October, 1915. He arrived in
 France in March last, was gazetted
 first lieutenant in April, and was one
 of the first to go over the parapet
 in the taking of Pozieres in July last.

In civil life Lieut. Cuthbert was on
 the staff of the Colonial Sugar Com-
 pany, stationed at Mackay, Queens-
 land, when war broke out. His bro-
 ther, Mr. J. R. Cuthbert, is engineer
 on a transport in the Mediterranean;
 the other, Lieutenant Noel M. Cuth-
 bert, is on the Western front. All
 three are old boys of Fort Street.

CORPORAL JAMES STRUTHERS.—
 Killed in Egypt, 21st December, 1916,
 Corporal James R. Struthers, aged 21
 years, only son of the late Dr. James
 R. Struthers, of Rylstone, N.S.W.;
 grandson of the late Sir John Struth-
 ers, Aberdeen University. He also
 was one of our old boys.

SAPPER G. W. FERGUSON.—Mr. and
 Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, of George-street
 North, have been advised that their
 son, Sapper George William Fergu-
 son, was killed in action in France,
 on October 25, 1916. He served in
 Egypt prior to going to France. He

enlisted in 1915, at the age of 18 years, and prior to enlistment was an apprentice on the A.U.S.N. Company's Levuka. His brother, the late Lieut. J. S. Ferguson, also a Fort Street boy, of the Engineers, died from wounds received in action in France, in July last.

GUNNER ROY P. BELL, who has been killed in action in France, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bell, of Croydon Park, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. Slade Brown, of Stanmore. He was educated at Fort Street, and adopted accountancy as his profession. He was an A.I.I.A. and A.I.A.V., having acquired the double distinction at an earlier age than had been previously accomplished by any student in Australia.



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GUNNER ROY P. BELL,
Killed in Action.

across the open under machine-gun and rifle fire, and reached his objective. When wounded, he returned to duty after his wound had been dressed, and set a fine example during the operations of the next two days. Deceased was educated at Fort-street, and at 15 years of age went to Dundee, Scotland, to be apprenticed to the engineering profession. He spent five years there, taking honours every year in his technical course. Returning to Sydney at the age of 21 years, he received an appointment in the drawing office at Cockatoo Island, and was subsequently transferred to the Naval Office, Mc'bourne. In January, 1915, he went to England to enlist, and received his commission with the East Lancashire Regiment. Deceased was 25 years of age.



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**LIEUT. CLEMENT LA MOTTE
CHAUNCY.**

PRIVATE RONALD STUART.—Mrs. Main, widow of the late Rev. J. T. Main, of the Presbyterian Church, has received information that her son, Private Ronald Stuart, aged 22 years, was killed in action on February 27. He was well known in the town and district of Richmond. He was educated at Fort Street, and at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, after which he spent two years on his uncle's plantation in the New Hebrides, from which he returned in order to enlist. He fought both on Gallipoli and in France.

LIEUT. A. C. SMALL.—Lieut. A. C. Small was killed in action on October 23. He was wounded on July 8, and for his gallant conduct from July 7 to July 9 he was awarded the Military Cross. The official report states that he led his platoon nearly 600 yards

A Sydney solicitor, who was killed in action in France on April 2 last. He was a son of Mr. F. L. Chauncy, Bingara, formerly of Cootamundra. Deceased was the grandson of Mr. James Gibb, one of the pioneers of Cootamundra, and the owner of Berthong Station. Lieutenant Chauncy was 24 years of age, and was educated at Fort Street. He served his articles with the late Mr. A. E. Roberts, the well-known footballer, who was killed at the front. Shortly after Mr. Roberts's death, Lieut. Chauncy decided to go to the war.

PRIVATE ARTHUR GEORGE LORD, an old Fort Street boy, was killed in action in France on the 15th April last. He was a son of Mr. W. Lord, of Berry. On leaving School, he entered the firm of Pitt, Son & Badgery, and later joined his father's business.

CAPTAIN E. A. LEE.—Official information has been received by Mr. H. T. Lee, of Chatswood, late of Lewisham, that his son, Captain E. A. Lee, an old boy of Fort Street, has been admitted to the 2nd British Red Cross Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound in the knee. Captain Lee is 22 years of age, and served on Gallipoli. He was invalided home with typhoid fever, and returned to duty in charge of reinforcements to his old battalion. His brother, Lieutenant Leslie W. G. Lee, another Fortian, who also served on Gallipoli, is now in France.

STAFF SERGT.-MAJOR BERTIE BERMAN.—It is with the deepest regret that we have to include the name of Staff Sergt.-Major Bertie Berman on the list of old boys who have given their lives for the Empire. He was killed in France in March last. We desire to extend our sympathy to his father and mother, and to assure them that Fort Street will cherish his memory.

SIGNALLER COLIN LINDSAY SMITH, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Smith, Railway Station, Wagga, was killed in action in France on April 2. Deceased, who was not 20, left Sydney in 1915 as a private, and was for some time in Egypt. He went to France, and was wounded on July 29, 1916, invalided to England, and returned again to France as a first-class signaller in February of this year. He was an old scholar of Fort Street Boys' High School. Before enlisting, he was on the staff of the Wagga Lands Office.

BOMBARDIER RONALD H. B. McDOWALL STUART died of wounds in France, aged 22 years. He was educated at Fort Street, and was the grand-nephew of John McDouall Stuart, the Australian explorer. His brother, another Fortian, has been invalided to England suffering from enteric.

PRIVATE FRED PORTUS, who volunteered for active service immediately war broke out, was killed in battle on April 23, aged 27½ years. He was a cricketer, footballer, and tennis player; captain of the Yeo team at cricket and football. Some years before, Private Portus played with the Wentworth Rugby Club, and afterwards was a member of the Western Suburbs first Rugby Union fifteen. He was an old boy of Fort Street.

TROOPER ROLF ADELT.—Mr. Louis Adelt, of Wollstonecraft, has been notified by the Defence Department that his youngest son, Rolf, has been wounded and admitted to No. 14 Australian General Hospital, Egypt. He

left Sydney to join the 12th Light Horse in October, 1915. He is an old boy of Fort Street.

PRIVATE WILLIAM SPRING, son of Mrs. Spring, Renwick-street, Drum-moyne, was reported missing on April 11. He went through the battle of Pozieres and Armentieres, and had been in France and Egypt for twelve months. He enlisted at the age of 17 years. He was rejected ten times on account of his age, but succeeded in passing at the eleventh attempt. He was educated at the Fort Street High School, and previous to enlisting was a student at Wollongbar Agricultural College.

LIEUT. MENDELSON'S DEATH.

General Birdwood's Sympathy.

Mrs. Mendelsohn, of "Ullenbar," Raglan-street, Mosman, has received the following letter from General Sir William Birdwood, concerning the death of her son, Lieut. Berrol Mendelsohn, one of our old boys:—"I only wish there was any news of comfort that I could give you regarding your son. Colonel McConaghy has furnished me with what little information there is available. Your son did extremely valuable work in the action of the 19th and 20th July. The Commanding Officer received a report about midnight on the 19th, to the effect that this company had been hard pressed by a severe counter-attack of the enemy, and in this attack, to our great regret, your son was killed. He was an officer of the highest ideals, and very efficient, and his loss has consequently been most severely felt by the battalion, and by his colonel, who regarded him as such a trustworthy friend.

"He was buried where he fell, with other brave men, and if it can be possible for you to derive any consolation in such a heavy loss, I think you may do so in the knowledge that he probably met the death he would have himself preferred—as a brave soldier, fighting for his King and country. But, after all, this can be of little comfort to a mother. Believe me, I do most deeply sympathise with you in your great loss, and I think it is the most difficult part of my duty seeing brave men go, and being unable to do anything in the way of affording consolation to those who have been bereaved. But, after two years' fighting alongside the Australian soldiers, I think you probably realise my deep affection for them, and how anxious I am to do anything I possibly can to help them in the work of self-sacrifice, which is before everyone almost daily.—With again my deep sympathy, yours sincerely, W. E. Birdwood."

Letters from the Front.

The Headmaster has recently received letters from the following old boys who are at the front:—A. Stubbs, T. H. Ivers, Corp. C. C. Smith, Capt. A. Langan (A.M.C.), Capt. C. R. Collins, Capt. A. J. Collins (A.M.C.), J. Marshall, H. A. Stokes-Hughes, R. Dean, H. A. Dwyer, J. Dexter, N. C. Hargreaves, H. South, W. Lyon, J. Moors, Capt. W. H. Roberts (A.M.C.), C. Ballerum, C. F. Lynch, E. A. Lee, H. T. Peirce, H. G. Hudson, Capt. Cedric Murray (A.M.C.)

From a letter from Jack Storey (III. Med.) we learn that his brother Eric, an old boy of Fort Street, has been fighting in France for the past eleven months. The latter mentioned in one of his letters that he had met several O.B.'s in France, among them being Bert Bernan (since deceased), Tom Ross and Arthur Jennings. Eric Storey is now only 17 years old.

We have received a letter from Dr. Archie Collins, now in the trenches in France, from which we cull one or two paragraphs. He says: "My battalion was relieved by Clarrie's (Captain C. R. Collins, for many years on the staff of Fort Street), but he has now gone back to be Adjutant of one of the schools for officers somewhere near Amiens." "Though a medico, I like being in the infantry better than clearing station work. Of course from the professional point of view it does not amount to much, but I am seeing the war." "I have had the pleasure of firing machine-guns and trench mortars—most exciting, I tell you, for such a peace-loving person as myself. I see a good many old friends, but few Fortians. The last I saw was Errol Knox, whilst in London. He is just the same old stick. He has been transferred from his battalion to the Flying Corps." "When the spring offensive begins, we expect to find them (the Huns) surrendering in thousands. Already they have shown a great disinclination to fight in hand to hand encounters."

Some years ago the "Fortian" contained some very interesting letters from an officer in the service of the P. & O. Company, Edwin F. McLeod. We have received news that having gained his master's certificate, he became second officer of the R.M.S. "Malwa," and R.N.R. At the outbreak of the war he joined the Royal Navy as Lieutenant on H.M.S. "Europa." He was present at the evacuation of Gallipoli, then invalided home, and is now Instructor on Navigation at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Lieut. McLeod's father is himself a Fort Street

old boy of 50 years' standing, and has three other sons on active service, one a sergeant in the infantry, one in the Flying Corps, and one an engineer on aeroplane construction at Vickers, Son & Maxim's.

CAPT. C. R. COLLINS, 47th Battalion, writes from France:—

"We have just come out of the line, after having been in for over a month. All Gaul is still divided into three parts—mud, shell-holes, and ruins. In our sector the high explosive shells have so torn up the ground that what remains looks like huge seething billows of earth. Add to this the occasional heaps of brick, being what were once towns about the size of Richmond and Windsor; and an odd collection of riven trunks which were once rather dense woods, and you will get a fair idea of the effect that modern gunnery has on the landscape.

"It is curious, here, how a tag of half-forgotten learning comes back to one. Do you remember the story in Livy Book IX. of the stern old Roman cavalry leader who when his soldiers asked to be relieved from their so great labours, told them that they might dismount and scratch themselves. I never properly appreciated the true significance of that tale till I had been in the trenches a week or two, when we ourselves were scratching every spare minute. The corpus pediculosus (that's the medical slang for them; soldiers call them chats), like the poor, is always with us. He has even enriched our vocabulary. We have the verb 'to chat,' and the gerundive, 'chatting.' Speaking of vocabulary, the Australian soldier will be rather macaronic in his speech after the war. He prefers his own word 'dinkum' to the Tommies' 'pukkah,' but he has adopted many Arabic and Hindustani words into his everyday speech. 'Imshi' (Arabic) is the equivalent of the Canadian 'Beat it.' It is very imperative. 'Bin' and 'Felush' (both Arabic) mean respectively 'girl' and 'money.' 'Blighty' (Hindu) means 'home,' and is applied exclusively to England. 'To get a blighty' is to receive a wound that invalides one to England. Behind the lines our men and the French make themselves mutually understood in a curiously mixed dialect. For instance, a thing is 'no hon.' You 'compris' a person or you 'no compris.' 'Na poo' is about the champion specimen. It is corrupted from 'il n'y en a plus,' and covers quite a multitude of meanings."

CAPT. W. H. Roberts, A.M.C., writes from a troopship:—

"Truly the Fortian is ubiquitous. I've unearthed two on this ship, Gnr. Arthur Biggs, brother of man at 'Varsity; Dvr. Frank Evatt, brother of 'Our' Evatt (1911). They are in the December quota Field Artillery, and will write to you in due course."

GUNNER STOKES-HUGHES writes:—

"Our Battery has a good football team—just about beat Fort Street, I think. We have had sports galore lately. I managed to take a second place in the 880 yards, and third in the high jump. Chas. Harrison won two events, and came third in two. Bill Lyon and myself were mentioning the old boys we have met, and came to the conclusion that Fort Street was doing all the fighting for England."

CAPTAIN A. M. LANGAN (A.M.C.), Captain of Fort Street in 1908, writes from France. (We are sorry space will not allow us to publish all his long letter.)

"Our chaps went over the parapet at 6 o'clock, entered the German trenches a few minutes later, and remained there eleven hours. They did so at great cost to both sides. I worked as I have never done before, and as I never wish to do again. For seventeen hours I was cooped up in a little dug-out, with shells bursting all round it (why they never hit it I don't know), blood to the elbows, and without food, drink, sleep or rest of any kind. It was a nightmare. The men were magnificent. Never once did I hear a whimper or a complaint. The stretcher-bearers worked like Trojans, under a hellish fire, and earned very great praise from headquarters."

CORPORAL C. G. SMITH (7th B.A.C.) writes:—

"In our unit there are several old Fort Street boys. Our Captain is S. G. Rowe, a senior in the same year as my brother Hudson; while my camp mate is Gunner E. J. Thorne, who joins with me in sending you all our best wishes."

SAPPER T. H. IVERS (1st Signal Squadron, 1st Anzac Mounted Division) writes from El Arish, and also sends several snapshots.

"Some few months ago I opened a parcel which I had received from some thoughtful soul at home, and wrapped in the centre of the miscellaneous assortment was the latest 'Fortian.' 'Strike me — (a number of colours and something else)! What's this you got?' remarked a friend from the op-

posite side of the tent. 'The blooming "Fortian"!' He happened to be one of the unfortunates who tailed wearily up 'the avenue' from Princes street on a Monday morning. He asked a few questions about my associations with 'the joint,' and mentioned Archie Collins as being a cousin of his. One name brought up others, and a host of recollections. But Eric (Eric Long is the tent mate's name) was struggling with irregular verbs and 'A Tale of Two Cities' when examinations had long ceased to trouble me, but notwithstanding the interval of a few short years, the spirit of the old School had not changed according to his narratives. A few days ago he received a parcel containing a pair of socks knitted by no less a personage than Miss Partridge. We have received writing paper autographed by Queen Mary, but a pair of socks knitted by Miss Partridge is an acquisition indeed. You probably remember Jack Croll and his brother. I came across both of them when I was in the 2nd Sig. Troop at Serapeum. Jack informed me that Keith Willis (Keith, I think, was his Christian name) was down there also, in the 2nd L.H. Brigade Train (A.G.C.). I never met him as we moved over the canal to take over a Divisional Signal Office, when the infantry were moving out to France shortly afterwards.

"Well, I give the new house 'block'; and Eric sends a pat along for it also; and if it is as fortunate in its staff as it was in the days when I was there (for I have been at Petersham as well as every soul who ever passes through its honoured portals), it will still remain the best place in Australia for our boys to learn their alphabet."

Ode to the Tuck-Shop.

Welcome, dear old Tuck-shop!
Shame it is to see
Odes to everything on earth;
Ne'er a verse to thee.
Welcome, bright old Tuck-shop!
Beneath the scene of strife,
Beneath the scene of worry,
Where care and work are rife.
Tired we are of Latin,
Tired of Physics, too;
Showers of strong invectives
Pierce us through and through.
Tired of French and Trig. we are
Through each endless day,
Jovial old Tuck-shop,
To thee I sing this lay.
We come, as came our fathers,
We come, Tuck-shop, to thee,
To give us consolation
For each calamity.
We come, and strong within us
Stirs young Australian blood;
Bracing sinews only:
We come just like a flood.
—REGESLEY.

In the Trenches.

(By a Fortian.)

Perhaps the most interesting branch of trench life is that of the Battalion Scouts. The chosen few that go to make up this "small band of brothers" are excused from all fatigues, and it is their duty to act as snipers and observers in the daytime, for which purpose they are allowed to wander up and down the front line, apparently as their own will dictates.

But when night comes on, with its many added labours and discomforts, when the brilliant Verey flares commence to light up the parapets with a white, dazzling glare, and Fritz, who perhaps has seemed to sleep during the long hours of the tedious afternoon, wakes up—his many rifles crack and spit flame, and his numberless machine-guns stutter out nameless tunes as they sweep our parapets; and the air overhead seems alive with the hissing of bullets—then the real job of the Scouts commences.

It has been found essential that the space between the two front lines should be constantly patrolled, to prevent Fritz from getting over-bold and making No Man's Land into German land. This naturally falls to the Scouts, and the patrols are generally chock-full of interesting little incidents and excitements.

I will now attempt to give you a true picture of just what such an ordinary patrol is like.

Our Scout officer had fixed on the bay whence we were to sally; all sentries had been warned. Wonderful to relate, there had been no contradictory orders from battalion, brigade or divisional headquarters, and five of our little section were assembled in the fire trench. And viewed from the light of subsequent reminiscence, we must have presented a formidable if not ludicrous spectacle. Dressed in any old clothes we were lucky enough to have found, our faces covered with a dark Balac-lava cap, gas-helmets within easy reach, and armed with whatever weapons our own particular fancy desired—a revolver, a bayonet, or a "knobkerry," which is a particularly effective instrument—a kind of heavy cog-wheel mounted on an entrenching tool handle; and last, but not least, four or five bombs. These bombs are beautiful pieces of work, nice to handle, powerfully charged, and evenly serrated so that on explosion they will burst into numerous small fragments. They are a part of what we called iron-rations for Fritz.

"All ready?" said our Scout Lieutenant. A chorus of "Yes" in reply, and

up we went in turns, climbing over the parapet and scrambling down the other side.

Now, in a trench well covered from flying bullets, there is, unless the shelling is heavier than usual, a deep feeling of security. But once over the top with the cold night wind blowing round your ears, and your feet and hands making a tremendous row, or so it seems with the empty jam and bully beef tins which litter the ground outside, you experience at first an awful sense of being alone and unprotected, as if you had left home for the first time, and were at the mercy of the cold, hard world.

Well, we all lay there for a moment, stretched out on the wet muddy earth, with the water steadily soaking up round one's knees and elbows, and then one by one attempted the crossing of the entanglements. And with the wire strewn about for some fifteen yards or so, with each touch starting a hideous jangle, threatening, to the alarmed senses, to draw the fire of the whole German Army—this is not too easy.

Wriggling under, where possible, and with no other alternative stepping over some difficult length of wire, torn and scratched by the murderous barbs, we were all nearly across when Phut s-s-s-s-s-z!—a flare flared up directly in front, and those caught erect "froze" and tried to look as much like a post as possible. By good luck we were not observed, and when it was comparatively dark again, proceeded, crawling on hands and knees until it seemed that we had gone at least half a mile, when another Kindly Light shot up overhead, and with deliberate and characteristic Teutonic frankness, revealed to us that we had only gone about fifty yards, and were now on the top of part of an old disused, waterfilled trench.

But—. A rapid burst from a machine-gun just on the left, and the ground around us was cut up with a hail of lead. I can assure you that we needed no telling to fall down the side of the hole and splash into the icy-cold water. There we stood shivering, our feet sinking steadily into the soft oozy mud, and with the water encroaching on our breast pockets. Indeed, the shortest man afterwards declared that only his nose was out.

The transformation had been so rapid and unexpected that we could not repress the laughter at our miserable plight. However, it had only been a chance aim, and when quietness again reigned, we ventured to go on.

Soon reaching a point about one hundred yards out, as the trenches were only about 180 yards apart, we changed our direction, and struck off (or slid off) lengthways between the two lines, which now seemed to have settled down for the night's work.

There was but an occasional rifle-shot, and from our position we could plainly hear Fritz working at his parapet, which our artillery had only that day been at great pains to demolish—the smothered cough and the sudden ring of pick against shovel.

The moon was just rising over a jumble of broken woods on the right, and all No Man's Land was bathed in a pale, silvery light, by which we actually caught sight of a big burly form silhouetted on the top of the parapet, wielding heavy blows with a great hammer, the dull sound of which was distinctly audible.

Moving on, we came to a high patch of grass, which we viewed with suspicion, and stopped to inspect. It turned out to be a large pile of bones, with their rotting clothes and full equipment—water bottles and ammunition complete, but all terribly cut and smashed about by what must have been machine-gun fire.

It was but one heap of many. This very ground had been the scene of a particularly gallant but unsuccessful attempt to straighten the line exactly twelve months previously, when the Tommies had been forced to retire through lack of reinforcements, leaving only the dead to occupy the ground that they had won. The whole ground was

nothing but a mass of great shell craters and forgotten lines of trenches, dimly outlined by torn pieces of sand-bags, bully beef tins, and broken rifles, over all of which had come the rain, leaving a thick layer of mud and slush.

Suddenly a furious and rapid detonation broke out behind us; a sound of mighty rushing winds overhead, and Crash! Crash! a salvo of shells burst directly over the German front line, the lurid red flashes showing up in a startling manner after the recent semi-darkness. I suppose it was only our artillery firing off a few spare rounds, but knowing that Fritz would probably reply with shrapnel, our officer gave the word to return. A sharp "Halt! Who goes there?" answered by the password, and we clambered over the parapet again, and dropped down on the fire-step, safely home again.

A few scattered high-explosives now came crashing over, sending up a shower of earth and splinters as they struck. But as the artillery ceased, the machine-guns opened out with a discordant rattle, countless flares again shot up, casting long flickering shadows behind our lines, as they slowly sank back to earth.

Gradually all the "strafing" slackened, quietness, hardly broken by a single rifle-crack, again reigned supreme, and that peculiar hush descended, when everything seems to sleep and there is no noise in that brief half-hour which exists just before the dawn and "Stand to!"

W.F.

THEOPHRASTUS REDIVIVUS.

"Classes—shoon! Pick up—bags! Right—turn! Quee-eek mahch!"

These commands are indulged in by certain masters in the School which is honoured by my company. (N.B.: Matter of opinion.) Sometimes we have a variation in the shape of "Pick up paraphernalia," or occasionally "Stan—datt—eesss!" accompanied by a trembling of the lower jaw, a jump, a blast of the whistle, and the formation of about four chins, rolling and superimposing upon each other from the original one to the neck.

That is the sort of thing one gets for about two hundred and seventy-three days in the year, except when "he" comes, and having kept his boots clean in an automobile, inspects those of less fortunate individuals.

One master, who teaches a foreign language, once told us that the masters

got much amusement "out of the lot of you." So I desire to say that boys get a great deal of fun out of masters in general.

One who teaches a language, which is not English, causes great amusement (out of class) by his wonderful contortions. He stands up and bellows such phrases as "Dites-lui D'aller," with enormous emphasis on the "de." He places one foot on his chair, he kneels on the desk before him, he flings his arms about, fists clenched, hurls words across the room, turns about, bangs the blackboard, stamps about, and uses more breath over such words as "de" and "à" than over all others put together. But he can teach, in spite of this.

Another master has been known to smile six times during the current year—five times at the same pupil!

A SECOND-YEAR BOY.

Examination Results.

Intermediate Examination.

The following are the results of the last (1916) Intermediate Examination. Of the 107 candidates who were presented, 101, or 94.5 per cent., passed. Two boys, Kristenson and McIntosh succeeded in scoring the maximum pass of seven A's, in English, French, Latin, Maths. I. and II., and Science, a result obtained by only two other boys and one girl throughout the whole State. We offer them our hearty congratulations.

In the following list, the numbers indicate the following subjects:—1, English; 2, History; 3, Geography; 4, Maths. I.; 5, Maths. II.; 6, Latin; 7, French; 8, German; 14, Business Principles; 22, Greek; 23, Shorthand.

- Anderson, Frank Wellington, 2B 4B 6A 11B 22B.
 Anderson, Leighton R., 1B 2B 4A 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Andrews, Patrick Holman, 2B 5B 6B 7B.
 Arnold, Eric Thomas, 1B 2B 4B 6B 7A 11B.
 Barwick, Garfield E. J., 1B 2B 5B 6B 7A 11A.
 Burnham, Charles Alfred B., 1B 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Caswell, Arthur Vyner, 1B 2B 3B 7B.
 Cawley, Arthur Faraday, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 8B 11B.
 Chapman, William Keep, 2B 4A 5B 7B 11A.
 Christie, John Alexander, 1B 2B 7B 11B.
 Cooper, Thomas Alan, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 8B 11B.
 Coote, Maxwell Milton, 1B 2B 4B 6B 11B 22B.
 Court, Wilfrid James, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6B 7B.
 Cunliffe-Jones, Maurice, 1B 4A 5B 6A 11B.
 Cunningham, Allan Murray, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6A 7B 11B.
 Davidson, John Y., 1B 2B 4B 6B 7A 11B.
 Davies, Walter Leslie, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7A 11B.
 Davis, Huia Albert, 1B 2B 4A 5B 7A 11B.
 Day, Frederick Wm. H., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Dexter, Harry Norman, 2B 3B 4B 5B 7A 14B 23B.
 Edwards, Harold William, 1B 2B 4B 5B 8B 11B.
 Ellen, Charles Henry, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 11A.
 Fernie, Alan, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 7A 11B.
 Fitzhardinge, John Ross, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Fraser, Alexander George, 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Gill, Ross Edward, 2B 3B 4B 11A 14B.
 Goodhew, Eric Joseph, 1A 2B 6B 7A.
 Goodwin, Vaughan S. J., 1A 2B 3B 4B 5A 6A 7B.
 Goodwin, William Hague, 1B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B.
 Hall, James Rutherford, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Hamilton, Moreton William, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7A 11B.
 Harland, Charles W., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 8B 11B.
 Harris, Philip Stephen, 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 14B 23B.
 Harris, Raymond Stephen, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 9A 10B 14B.
 Henry, Rupert, 1B 2B 4B 6B 8B 11B.
 Hind, Wilfred Leonard, 1B 2B 3A 4A 5B 7B 11B 14B 23B.
 Holland, Arthur Samuel, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B.
 Hotten, Harry George T., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Houston, Joseph Morgan, 1B 2B 5B 6B 11B 22B.
 Howe, Edmund James G., 1B 2B 6B 11B 22B.
 Jacobs, Edwin Archie, 1B 2B 3A 4B 5A 7B 11B 14A 23B.
 Jenkins, Selby Clifford, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Jennings, Kenneth, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6A 8B 11B.
 Johnstone, Henry, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 8B 11B.
 King, Max S. G., 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 8A 11B.
 Kristenson, Ronald J., 1A 2A 4A 5A 6A 7A 11A.
 Lambert, Charles Edward, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.
 Law, Charles Allen, 1A 2B 4A 5B 6A 8B 11B.
 Lister, James, 2B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Littlejohn, Edic S., 1B 2B 6B 7B.
 Machin, William Fred, 1A 2B 4A 5B 6A 7A 11A.
 Macleod, Kenneth Douglas, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 MacPhee, Lennox Jack, 1B 2B 3B 11B.
 Madgwick, George Edward, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Mallam, Laurence Fred, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Martin, Sydney Hope, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7A 11B 14B 23B.
 M'Intosh, Alan Sydney, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B.
 M'Intosh, James Joseph, 1A 2A 4A 5A 6A 7A 11A.
 Metcalfe, John Wallace, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Mitchell, John Russell, 4A 5B 6B 11B.
 Morison, Alan Keith, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A.
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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places—I.P.S.A. Speed Exam., April.
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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Places—Intermediate Theory, September.
 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Places—State Typistes, September.
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 Pearlman, Henry, 1A 2B 4A 5A 6A 7A 11B.
 Pearse, Thomas Ernest H., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B 22B.
 Pickering, Allan A., 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 14B 23B.
 Piper, Douglas, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Poole, Frederick J. V., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.
 Potts, Lancelot Frederick, 2B 3B 4B 5B 8B 11B 14B 23B.
 Powell, Lachlan Sinclair, 1B 2B 3A 7B 11B 14B.
 Quayle, Athol Frederick, 2B 4A 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Quigley, Mervyn Henry, 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 11B 14A 23B.
 Rheuben, Percy Edward, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5A 8B 11B 23B.
 Riley, Charles Oswald, 2B 3B 5B 14B 23B.
 Robertson, Stuart W., 2B 4B 5B 11B.
 Robinovitz, Arthur D., 1B 2B 4A 5B 6A 8B 11A.
 Round, Mervyn Sydney, 1B 2B 4B 6B 7B.
 Rydge, Albert L., 2B 4B 6B 7B.
 Salter, George J., 2B 4B 5B 11A.
 Samuelson, Alexander B., 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 8B 11B.
 Saxton, Maurice Colin, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 8B 11B.
 Scotter, Roy Wilfred, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B.
 Sear, Thomas Walter, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6A 8A 11B.
 Sharpe, George Metcalfe, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 11B 22B.
 Shead, George, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 7B 11A.
 Simpson, William Keith, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11A.
 Smith, Alan Victor, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B.
 Steel, Thomas Harold, 2B 4B 5B 6B 8B 11B.
 Storey, Thomas Edward, 1B 4B 6A 7A 11B.
 Thomson, Samuel Lewis W., 2B 6B 11B 22B.
 Thurgood, William Alfred G., 1B 2B 3A 7B 14B 23B.
 Topham, Henry George B., 1B 4B 5B 6A 7A.
 Wang, Marcus Frederick, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 8A 11B.
 Ward, Kenneth Edwin, 4B 5B 7B 10B.
 Warlters, Geoffrey H., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Warren, Thomas Bruce, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B.
 Welch, Harry Derek, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 7B.
 Westbury, William Warren, 1B 4A 5B 6B 8B.
 Williams, David Lynton, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 7B 11B.
- gained by Buckland, Paxinos, Frew, Burnett, Ashby and Bryant. Below will be found a list of the passes and honours gained.
- The numbers following the names indicate the subjects in which each candidate passed:—1, English; 2, Latin; 3, French; 4, German; 5, Mathematics I.; 6, Mathematics II.; 7, Mechanics; 8, Modern History; 9, Physics; 10, Chemistry; 11, Geography; 12, English and Geography for Engineering Matriculation; 13, Business Principles; 14, Economics. The letter "H" signifies honours, "A" first-class pass, "B" second-class pass, and "L" a pass at a lower standard. The sign (x) denotes that the candidate has gained honours in mathematics.
- Allan, A. J., 1B 5A 6A 7B 8B 10A 17 pass.
 Allen, Cecil Roy, 1B 3B 5B 8B.
 Armstrong, H. G., 1B 4B 5B 6A 7B 8B 10B.
 Ashby, H. L., 1H 2H 3H 5B 6B 7B 8B 10H.
 Asher-Smith, Charles, 1B 5B 8B 10B.
 Beann, Sidney J., 1B 4A 5B 8H 10B 19B.
 Bohrsman, Rudolph Cary, 1L 3B 5B 6B.
 Boyd, Victor A., 1A 2B 4B 5A 6B 7B 8A.
 Bradshaw, Albert E., 1B 2B 4A 5B 7B 8B.
 Bryant, Arnold L., 1H 2H 3H 5B 6B 7B 8B 10H.
 Buckland, Edward B., 1H 2B 3B 5A (x) 7A 8B 10H.
 Burnett Roland K., 1H 2H 4A 5A 6B 7B 8B 10H.
 Cleland, Alfred B., 1H 2B 4A 5A 6A 7B 8A 10A.
 Cloutier, Roy Q. M., 1B 3B 5B 6B 7B 8L.
 Crakanthorp, M. C., 1B 4A 5A 6B 7B 8B 10L.
 Fayle, Dalrymple Harris, 1B 3B 7B 8B.
 Firth, William Balfour, 1B 3B 5A 7B 10A.
 Frew, Charles A., 1H, 2A 3A 5B 7B 8H 10H.
 Golding, William Henry, 1B 3B 8B 10B.
 Grant, Edgar Ernest, 1B 4L 8B 14B 18B 19A.
 Green, Harry Allison, 1B 2B 3A 8B.
 Haggett, Edward W., 1B 3B 5B 6A 7B 8B 10H.
 Hamilton, Thomas, 1B 2B 3B 8B 17 pass.
 Harper, H. S., 1B 2L 4B 5A 6B 7B 8B 10A.
 Higgins, Bede R., 1H 2A 4H 5B 6B 7A 8H 10B.
 Johnston, D. S., 1B 2B 4B 6B 7B 8A 10B.
 Kilpatrick, W. R. A., 1H 2B 4H 5A 6B 7B 8A 10B.
 Kirby, Frank L., 1B 2B 3A 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Kitt, William A., 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 7B 8B 10B.
 Lynch, William D., 1B 6B 7B 8B 14B 19B.
 May, Harry E., 1B 5B 6A 7B 8A 10B 19B.
 M'Carthy, F. S., 1L 3B 5B 6B 8B 14B 19B.
 M'Dowell, Hilton Joseph, 1L 5B 8B 10B.
 M'Ilwraith, J. F., 1B 3B 5B 6B 7B 8A 10A 17 pass.

Leaving Certificate Examination.

At the 1916 L.C. Exam., 57 candidates were successful, the best passes being

Milne, John Wrangham, 1A 4H 5B 8H 10B.
 Moore, Armond Oliver, 1L 5B 6B 8L 14B 19B.
 Moss, Percy Curtis, 1L 5A 6B 7B 10B 14B.
 Murphy, Algernon, 1A 2B 3H 5A 6A 7A 8A 10B.
 Myers, Harry Maldon, 1B 4B 5B 8B.
 Orr, C. M., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 8B 10B.
 Paterson, E. P., 1B 5B 6B 8B 10B 14B 19B.
 Paxinos, E., 1A 2B 3A 5A 6A (x) 7A 8B 10H 17 pass.
 Saxton, A. E., 1B 2B 4A 5A 6B 7B 8B 10B.
 Schwartz, E. G., 1B 2L 4B 5B 6B 7B 8B.
 Sear, William J., 1B 3B 5A 6A 8B 10A 14A 18B 19A.
 Shanahan, T., 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A (x) 7B 8A 10H 17 pass.
 Shepherdson, R. F., 1A 2B 4H 5B 6B 7B 8H 10A.
 Sinclair, Frank Clark, 1L 4B 5B 8B 10L.
 Sky, D. H., 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A (x) 7B 8A 10A 17 pass.
 Stafford, Alan, 3B 5B 7B 10B.
 Walker, Leslie George, 5B 7B 14B 19B.
 Walker, William J. O., 1A 2L 3B 5A 6B 7B 8A 10B.
 Warland, John Durban, 1B 2B 3B 5B 8B.
 West, Henry, 1A 2B 3A 5B 6B 8B 10B.
 White, Norman Roy, 1B 2L 4A 5B 8H.
 Worrall, Leslie William, 1B 2B 4B 8B 10A.
 Yates, Arthur S., 1A 5B 6B 7B 8L 10B 14B 17 pass.

Honours List at Leaving Certificate Examination.

Frew, C. A., English I. (third place), History I. (first place), Physics II.
 Burnett, R. K., English I., Latin II., Physics II.
 Higgins, B. R., English I., German I. (3rd place), History I. (2nd place).
 Bryant, A. L., English I., Latin II., French I. (5th place), Physics II.
 Cleland, A. B., English I.
 Ashby, H. L., English II., Latin II., French I., Physics II.
 Kilpatrick, R. A., English II., German II.
 Buckland, E. B., English II., Maths. II., Physics I. (3rd place).
 Murphy, A. H., French II.
 Shepherdson, R. F., German I. (4th place), History II.
 Milne, J. W., German II., History I. (3rd place).
 Paxinos, E., Maths. II., Physics II.
 Sky, D. H., Maths II.
 Shanahan, T. M., Maths II., Physics II.
 Bealin, S. J., History II.
 White, W. R., History II.
 Haggett, E. W., Physics II.

University Bursaries and Exhibitions.

As a result of the Leaving Certificate Examination, 29 Exhibitions and 6 Bursaries were awarded to Fort Street

boys, distributed among the following Faculties.

Exhibitions.

ARTS (2): V. E. Boyd, B. R. Higgins.
 MEDICINE (13): H. L. Ashby, H. G. Armstrong, A. L. Bryant, E. B. Buckland, R. K. Burnett, C. A. Frew, H. S. Harper, A. H. Murphy, E. G. Schwartz, R. F. Shepherdson, W. J. O. Walker, H. J. West, W. B. Firth.
 DENTISTRY (1): E. W. Haggett.
 LAW (1): J. W. Milne.
 ENGINEERING (5): J. F. McIlwraith, E. Paxinos, T. M. Shanahan, D. H. Sky, F. L. Kirby.
 ECONOMICS (8): S. J. Bealin, A. B. Cleland, W. R. Kilpatrick, W. A. Kitt, C. M. Orr, A. E. Saxton, W. J. Sear, S. McCarthy.

Bursaries.

C. A. Frew, E. A. Paxinos, H. L. Ashby, A. Bryant, R. K. Burnett, A. H. Murphy.

Class Examination Results.

At the Annual Examination in December, the following boys obtained dux and first places in the various subjects of the First and Third Year Examinations, and to them certificates were presented on Speech Day.

1A.—Dux, Albert Edward Fraser; English, John Peter Larsson; History, Keith Marlin; French, Keith Marlin; Maths., Albert Edward Fraser; Science, Albert Edward Fraser; Business Principles, Albert Edward Fraser; Geography, Frederick Henry Turner.
 1B.—Dux, Arthur Rex Knight; English, William Gordon Mathieson; History, Donald Quin; Latin, Wallace Wm. Harry King; Greek, Wallace Wm. Harry King; Maths., Arthur Rex Knight; Science, George Oliver Woodford.
 1C.—Dux, Bertram Rea Newton-Tabrett; English, Horace John W. Willings; History, Bertram R. Newton-Tabrett; Latin, Horace John W. Willings; Greek, Bayley David Johnston; French, Francis Basil Brooke; Maths., Erroll Godfrey; Science, Alfred James.
 1D.—Dux, Henry Dawson Ashton; English, Samuel Pearlman; History, Arthur Magnus; Latin, George Walker; French, George Walker; Maths., Henry Dawson Ashton; Science, Henry Dawson Ashton and Raymond Paget Mayer.
 1R.—Dux, Arthur James Willcock; English, Arthur James Willcock; History, George David Butler; Latin, John William Smyth; Maths. I., Gilbert Clarke; Science, Gilbert Clarke; Business Principles, John Hart; Short-hand, James Cassidy.
 3A.—Dux, James Bishop Crum; English, John Baden Bryant; History, Hector W. G. Spencer; Latin, Leslie Porter; French, Roy Bateman; German, Geoffrey Rowley; Maths., James Bishop Crum; Science, Ernest Brien

- Lough; Economics, James Bishop Crum; Geography, James Bishop Crum; Business Principles, Ernest Vandenberg.
- 3B.—Dux, Russel! Aubrey; English, Harry Barnett; History, Russel! Aubrey; Latin, Harry Barnett; French, Russell Aubrey; Maths., Sydney R. Dawes; Science, Sydney R. Dawes.
- 3C.—Dux, Yerbury Ray Andrew; English, Yerbury Ray Andrew; History, Edward Chas. Egan; Latin, Edward Chas. Egan; German, Edward Chas. Egan; Maths., Yerbury Ray Andrew; Science, Solomon Shineberg.
- University Honours.**
- Among the most important of the honours gained by our old boys at the University at the December, 1916, and March, 1917, Examinations, we note the following:—
- H. V. Evatt (Arts and Law).—1st class honours in Philosophy at the M.A. Examination; George and Matilda Harris Scholarship for Law.
- E. A. S. Jerdan (Arts III. and Law).—Fraser Scholarship for History; 1st class honours History at Graduation; Wigram Allen Scholarship for Law; Pitt-Cobbett prize for Constitutional Law.
- P. N. W. Anderson (Science, 1st Year).—Geo. Allen Scholarship for Maths.
- H. R. Schmidt (Engineering II.).—High Distinction, Maths.; Credit, Physics; Credit Engineering Drawing and Design; Credit, Mechanical Engineering.
- W. H. Lush (Engineering II.).—Credit Maths.; Credit, Engineering Drawing.
- J. S. Storey (Engineering II.).—Distinction in Physics, Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Construction; Credit, Maths.
- C. J. Watt (Engineering II.).—Distinction in Physics and Engineering Construction; Credit, Maths.
- Angelo Lewis.—Honours, Class I., at Final Exam. in Civil Engineering.
- Lenoy A. Swan (Economics II.).—High Distinction, Economics II.
- E. W. Frecker.—M.B., Ch.M.; 1st class Honours and University Medal
- G. A. Lawrance }
C. R. Wiburd } Second-class Honours
Clyde Davis } at Graduation in
C. O. Hellestrom } Medicine, M.B., Ch. M.
J. G. Hunter, B.Sc. }
- A. D. F. Mearns (Science I.).—Credit, Maths.
- R. A. Quigley (Engineering I.).—Credit, Maths.
- A. V. Langker (Arts II.).—Credit, Economics I.
- J. Hunter.—First place 2nd Year Medicine.
- J. Paling.—Second place 2nd Year Medicine.

"Chicanery."**Everyday Quotations.**

This isn't a poem, it isn't a song,
Its got e'en its rhythm and metre all
wrong;
It won't fill you with sadness, nor fill
you with joys,
It's only a bit of chicanery, boys.

Be serious, seniors! Now listen to me,
The necessary sufficient conditions you
see;
You'll be told till you're sick as you are
on the ocean.
These things must exist in the harmonic motion.

D'ye see my point, boys? If you do I'll
say more.
You fellows that often have had this
before,
Just take my advice when I give a suggestion,
You're sure to get this in your number
2 question.

So call this a poem, or merely blank
verse;
You can call it just rubbish, or perhaps
something worse;
But if you compare Scott or Burns line
by line,
You'll find no appreciable difference in
mine.

—R. A.

Evening.

The sun is slowly sinking in the west,
And soft sea breezes stir the tree-tops
slow;
The grandeur of the day's last ruddy
glow
Is mirror'd on yon rugged mountain
crest.
With silence deep, serene, the earth is
blessed.
The noisy brooklets seem to whisper
low,
The flowerets now no more their beauty
show;
Now every woodland songster seeks his
nest.
Across the heavens is swept a dusky
veil,
All spangled fair with twinkling eyes
of light,
Where moonbeams with their radiance
pure and pale
Pour out their gifts of brilliance to the
night.
O Eve! when thou dost reign in queenly
power,
How bounteous are thy raptures, peaceful
hour.

H. SHAW, 4B.

We have this issue to congratulate Mr. H. W. Apperly, on having been appointed general manager of the A.M.P. Society.

Class News.

The Seniors.

Nobody pretends that the life of a senior is worth living, but since there must be a Senior Class, 90 of us have undertaken the responsibility, and are on view from Monday to Friday inclusive, in Class Rooms 3, 4 and 5. Perchance two or three will be absent, but have no fear, we shall see their bright faces again, for there is not one of us eager to sell hosiery, or "drive a piece of wood into a hammer with a nail."

To our friend "the man on the street," history would appear a harmless subject, but we "know better." A skilful French diplomat and statesman was up for criticism. "This man," someone remarked, "trimmed his sails to suit every wind that blew, now a Republican, now a Royalist. But as soon as Napoleon's ship was sinking, he abandoned Napoleon and . . ." The wonder is that we were not all drowned along with the "upstart monarch."

What was intended to be a friendly meeting or discussion took place recently during a Practical Physics lesson, to decide in what scene of the play King Lear is actually insane. Some maintained that he kept his faculties till the last, others asserting that they could see nothing but madness in his words and deeds from the outset. While the Moderates were giving their views, a disturbance took place between a number of the Extremists. Kilogramme weights were flying in different directions, but few casualties were sustained. The conflicting parties were separated by a Latent Heat experimenter, who used the steam-jet to good purpose.

Little William Beggs causes a deal of trouble to our "lightweight" Jock, who cannot help treading on him. Jock is still under 21 stone, yet he is excluded from the "fifteen" owing to his being overweight. Never mind, Jock, put your weight into the baseball.

Many are the troubles and woes which befall 4B; some have been to their "own funeral" through the perorations of Cicero and others. Yet we are proud to possess our new addition, the "Big Push Hero," who in a modest manner takes his abode in the back seat, frequently assailed by various questions about the war, which he good-humouredly answers. He is now one of the prefects, and we all agree he thoroughly deserves this honour.

"Donga," we are assured, will lead the 1st Grade to victory this year; and we all wish him luck in his new position as captain of the First Fifteen.

(H)opit suffers terribly with his nerves, as was evident when a certain master spoke gently to a member of

the class. Opit completed two Simple Harmonic motions above his chair, and then came down to rest again, with a mingled screech of pain and terror.

English lesson.—Translate "Cum canerem reges et proelia, Cynthus aurem vellit et monuit"—"When Cynthus wishes, and places a light upon the dog, the kings and battles."

Beware of the 4B XV. forwards, K.K. and others, full-back William B., referee "Veteran Jock."

R. NUT.

Third Year Notes.

By this time the honoured Class 3C has progressed considerably, or, more correctly, been propelled forward along its chequered course in third year, by the despairing efforts and gruesome admonitions of our mild-tempered masters.

The dark shadow of the Half-yearly Exam. has now loomed up from all the formidable and ghastly shapes of the future. Like irreproachable students, consumed with the desire to do well in the sphere of learning they have taken as their province, most of our class are regularly burning the midnight oil.

Various sarcastic insinuations have been made about a few argumentative "Scotchmen" and "old women," who occupy the rear seats in our classroom, and who are all reported to be suffering from an exceedingly large amount of the troublesome disease of Enlarged Head.

Perhaps an eloquent orator will produce reform.

The career of the Literary and Debating Society of the gods of Third Year has not, on the whole, been successful. A short time ago, a solemn court was inaugurated to judge on the merits or demerits of an alleged criminal treason in which case the accused made a wonderful impersonation of a criminal, but, sad to relate, it ended with little more than a liberal display of rouge and bristling moustachios, and, incidentally, an execrable plot.

The honourable jury (some of our 3B compatriots) were so disgusted with our poor though laudable attempts, that they left their honourable places, set aside for them purposely, and hurried to catch the train to Sydney. Yet we may claim to have made a success in some branches of this art, encumbered as we are by a committee which shows a surprising amount of ignorance even in the very fundamentals of oratory.

3B debating attempts have been rarely disturbed during the past half-year by long-winded oratories. The sentiment on the whole is good, but the acclamation is too regular. Few members are inactive, yet a certain con-

federate is especially fond of the political phrase, "The matter, in my opinion, has been fully dealt with."

At a literary afternoon recently held, we were favoured with an interesting portion of Major Mackenzie's diary. The second item, perhaps, upset the solemn state of the master's mind. The subject was from Shakespeare's "Tempest," while his interpreter was an Irving (?) in his place. A third item illustrated the style and joviality of the Anzac papers printed on Gallipoli. I should think the installation in the classrooms of the Anzac patent fly-trap illustrated in this item would be of considerable benefit to the "fag" weary students.

3A Class has been participating in all branches of sport.

Waddington, Little and Sullivan are First Grade Rugbyites. Andrews and Webb are Second Graders, Andrews being captain of his fifteen. Anderson is captain of the Second Grade baseballers. "Sidder" Martin is captain of the Second Grade Soccerites. Some of the remainder of 3A Class play Class Soccer, and the remaining few members play the energetic Game of Tennis (?).

On Friday, 11th instant, a Mock Trial, "Bardell v. Pickwick," from Dickens, was held. The "lads" of 3C were cordially invited, to which they responded. The trial turned out a great success, thanks to the efforts of our Chairman, Mr. J. Taylor, and the committee, also the actors.

In the recent Rugby match against Sydney High School, the 3A representatives in the team scored the majority of the points. They scored seven out of the twelve; Waddington scoring four by a well-kicked field goal, and Little scoring three by a well-gained try in which other members of the team helped.

Second Year News.

2D has been unfortunate enough to lose temporarily the services of two of its prominent members. Robertson broke his leg playing football a few weeks ago, while Willcock has been seriously ill from blood poisoning.

Claud, one of the leading lights of 2D, commenced the season as a member of the Tennis Club, but when he heard that some benevolent persons were giving prizes for shooting, he transferred his affections to the Rifle Club.

We have read the 2A scribe's jottings for the month, but can only cull one paragraph worth reproducing. Mr. — was heard to remark, "Those 2A chaps are the brightest lot I've taught for many a day." But was it truth or sarcasm?

One member of the 1917 model class (2B) has discovered that Algebra and Neuralgia are words closely allied, both

coming from *algea*, which, being translated, means "pain."

"Hello! is that Fort Street?" Well, its 2C speaking—yes. Yes, we are all here making strenuous efforts to keep our studious heads above the water of the approaching examination, but it would seem that the sword of Damocles must inevitably descend on some of us, and at times thoughts enter our confused heads as to whether after the days of trial we are 2B or not 2B 2C or are we 2C and 2B 2R.

Examinations—the agony of the thought—"the toad beneath the harrow knows." Several of us are already on the verge of nervous breakdown, brought on by severe attacks of "workitis" and acute "fagitupatomorum."

Is it any wonder that we look pale and wan? Yet despite the efforts of Caesar and Perrault to disturb our equanimity, and the "pawing" nightmares of the "murmuring" dark brought about by the egregious, distressful, barbarous ceremonies of that firked and ferreted auto-been-hung old fool, Spokeshave, and the boring properties of the "drier poems" of Beetlefeet Worthwords, we still strive to survive as a class and repel contrary insinuations with scorn.

First Year Notes.

We of First Year have been eagerly awaiting the publication of our first "Fortian." Our "freshness," added to the fact that we have not yet seen what our older brothers produce in the way of class news, accounts for the timidity of First Year in rushing into print.

In numbers (as, of course, mentally), we are the strongest of the Years, and have crowded the 1R veterans out of the top floor, Second Year having to admit them into their domains.

In sport we are already beginning to make our presence felt. Though none of our men were seen out on the grade cricket fields in the past season, we are well represented in 4th and 3rd Grade football. We claim, among other baseballers, Alexander, who pitches 'em for the Seconds; we have 35 enthusiastic "racket smashers," while the remainder provide many a good set-to in the Rugby and Soccer class competitions.

One of our classes is publishing a class monthly, the "Coo-ee," the management being in the very capable hands of Higgs and Snelling, of 1C.

With our first Half-yearly over, and the Midwinter Vac. at hand, we "small boys" in the First Year are beginning to regard ourselves as quite old hands, and have shaken off those feelings of awe which filled our breasts during our first few weeks at Fort Street. How the frou-frou of the flying skirts of black-stoled masters impressed us those first mornings, when we were being packed away in our allotted spaces in

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the third heaven, which is above the pleasant tuck-shop! How we quaked with admiring fear before gowned "foreigners" who propounded those ever-green posers, "Quid est hoc?" and "Qu' est ce que c'est?" How our faith in all our previous learning waned when a high-browed scientist, vernier in hand, demonstrated how capable of error was our erstwhile trusted football! And then, shall we ever forget the disappointment we knew when our mathematical Colossus (staturally speaking) had only 1000 marbles left out of 1, after deducting -999 of "them"?

Nevertheless, we have been very much impressed by the wise sayings of certain masters, as:—Hats off. GO'. Take that note (musical!). . . . Get steady, you fellows. That's very slovenly (martial!). . . . Now, I've something I want to say to you boys (magisterial). . . . Go to detention, sir (a classical allusion). . . . Now then, please; Don't do that, please (Continental, very). . . . Just look at him. You SILLY ass (commercial).

We're waiting for that LITTLE fellow in the First Year. (Becoming historical.)

Round the School.

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the death of one of our Second Year boys, Burnham, of 2C Class, who died from appendicitis in December last, immediately after the Intermediate Exam. Our sympathy goes out to his sorrowing parents.

After a lapse of a couple of years, the awards of the Parkes Bursary prizes have been resumed. At our Annual Speech Day, Mr. W. C. Shipway, Chairman of the Trustees of the Fund, presented the 1914 prize for best pass in the State, English and History, at the Intermediate Exam., to Charles A. Frew. Our congratulations.

Last year (1916) in the list of undergraduates at the University, there were 148 of our old boys, distributed among the following Faculties: Arts, 12; Law, 13; Medicine, 90; Economics, 9; Science, 2; Dentistry, 4; Engineering, 17; Agricultural Science, 3.

Fort Street has now three distinguished old boys engineers in the Royal Australian Navy. They are Engineer Lieutenants D. Stafford B.E., H. V. Brett, B.E., and Cleon Dennis, B.E.

Among old boys who have returned from the Front recently is Dr. Archie McLean, who, it will be remembered, accompanied Sir Douglas Mawson on his South Polar Expedition. Dr. McLean enlisted in England, and, after many months' service, is now on furlough, recovering from appendicitis. He gave a fine address on 27th April last to the members of our Students' Christian Union.

Among other old boys whom we have chanced across is Sergeant Eric Hurt, who, notwithstanding that he lost his right eye at Pozieres, looks well.

We are very pleased to be able to note that two of our old boys, Jolly and Booker, obtained first and second places respectively at the First Year Examination at the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

Mr. E. M. Wellisch, M.A., D.Sc., one of our most distinguished old boys, has recently resigned his position as Professor of Physics at Yale University, U.S.A., and has now been appointed one of the Lecturers in Mathematics at Sydney University. Dr. Wellisch won the medal at our University in Mathematics at Graduation, and also a Travelling Scholarship at Cambridge, where he did some valuable research work.

We also desire to offer our congratulations to Mr. George Burroughs, B.Sc., another distinguished Fortian and University scholar, who has been appointed Lecturer in charge of the Department of Chemistry at the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

We congratulate E. Elliott and V. Kirwin on passing their First Examination for Solicitors' Articled Clerks, and Beehag and Servetopulos on passing one of the sections.

Though a trifle late, we desire to express our welcome to Private Wallace Freeborn, who, after enlisting at the age of 16 and seeing nearly two years' fighting, was wounded at Pozieres, recommended for the Military Medal, and is now back at School completing his Secondary Course.

This reminds us that one of our Fourth Year boys, James Duff, enlisted a few days ago, and is now in khaki. Good luck to him.



RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The School is now the proud possessor of the McManamey Shield in its first year of competition, and it is to be seen hanging in the west wing of the building. Our chief aim, this season, is to retain this shield, as we have every prospect of doing. But as our opponents are equally intent on wresting it from us, and feel sure that they can do so, we are bound to encounter most determined opposition.

Mr. Roberts used his reputation and bulk at the delegates' meetings, which both passed off in the usual stormy fashion. He effected a rise from 9st. 3lbs. to 9st. 5lbs. in the First Grade average, while those of the Second, Third and Fourth were raised 7lbs. each.

We have succeeded in forming a team for each grade, and yet there are a few who are left without a game. This is a pity, but arrangements will be made, if possible, to cater for these enthusiasts.

First Round.

1st Grade—Fort Street defeated Technical H.S., 14-10.

2nd Grade—Hurlstone beat Fort Street, 12-6.

3rd Grade—Fort Street defeated Hurlstone, 9-8.

4th Grade—Fort Street defeated Peter-sham, 6-0.

The latter match was stopped owing to an accident to one of our representatives, Robertson, who had the misfortune to break his leg.

First Grade.

Our First Fifteen promises to develop into a fine combination, and though there are a few palpably weak points, this cannot be avoided if we are to keep our team under-weight. It includes the veterans from last year's team, "Donga" Golding, "Chook" McIntyre, Head, Vandenberg, "Dud" Little, and Elliott, while "Snow" Seddon is a valuable acquisition to the back division, and "Spence" has joined us from the ranks of the Porters, as all loyal Fortians should.

Fort Street I. v. Technical High School.

The football season of 1917 opened with a most interesting and strenuous contest between Technical High School and Fort Street High School. Fortunately the day was fine, and the ground in excellent condition after the recent heavy rain. From the opening kick-off, Fort Street showed a marked superiority in attack. The greater part of the first half was played in their opponents' "25."

Within ten minutes of kick-off, Fort Street scored a try, through Hall, but failed to convert.

The score remained at this till within a short time before half-time, when "Tech" made a fine rush and scored a try, which was converted successfully.

The scores at half-time were: Technical High, 5; Fort Street, 3.

Throughout the game up to this, Fort Street had played the better game, keeping "Tech." on the defensive. Consequently the forwards figured most prominently, Golding, McIntyre and Little being especially prominent.

The second half was more open, and gave more opportunity for individual play. After a few minutes Fort Street scored again through Moloney, but failed to convert. Scores: Fort Street, 6; "Tech.," 5.

After another interval of strenuous football, Head got the ball and scored. Fort Street, 9; "Tech.," 5.

"Tech." High now came with a rush, and by a piece of brilliant play, crossed the line and easily converted. "Tech.," 10; Fort Street, 9.

The game was now most exciting, and after many good attempts, Seddon secured the ball and scored the best try of the game. It was an excellent piece of play, one of the few bright spots in a fiercely contested struggle. Vandenberg kicked a good goal. Score now was: Fort Street, 14; "Tech.," 10.

As might be expected in the first game of the season, very little brilliant play was seen. Both sides were a little raw to the game. Among the forwards, Golding, McIntyre, Little were most prominent. Hall, a newcomer to First

Grade, played well, but made a few mistakes through impetuosity. He will make a good player later. Among the backs, Seddon, Head and Vandenberg played well.

The game, practically throughout, was in the hands of the forwards, who outclassed "Tech." forwards.

—W.R.

Fort Street v. Sydney High School.

Spectators at Petersham Oval on Wednesday, May 16, witnessed the most interesting match in this season. Sydney High School had a good team, particularly in the back division, and Fort Street were hard put to it throughout the game. Their final success can only be attributed to better staying powers and the doggedness of a team with its back against the wall.

The play was very fast and open. Our opponents' three-quarter line was well organised, and played with fine combination.

As in the former match, our forwards outclassed the opposing side, and by hard, driving play, balanced matters. Elliott and Little shone out time after time, and ably backed up the work of Golding & McIntyre.

The game in both halves was much the same; plenty of fast, open work, marred by too much kicking for the line. The final scores were 12 to 6.

Of these points, 4, obtained by a field goal by Waddington, may be put down to sheer good luck.

Fort Street team has much to learn in the way of organisation and combination. This can only be learned by practice, i.e., sectional practice—not by scratch matches. The same applies to other teams of the School.

Footballers must realise that the oval is available for practice on Tuesday and Friday in each week. Every player should attend. The forwards must practise their particular part of football tactics, the backs theirs, and all players go through regular "drill" in passing, tackling, etc.

To date Fort Street 1st Grade has played two matches, and won both.

We have an invitation from Hawkesbury College to play their 2nd team on June 9. This should be an interesting and enjoyable trip.

2nd Grade.

Fort Street v. Hurlstone Park.

This match, the first of the season, was played at Petersham Oval (2/5/17), and was won by Hurlstone 12-6—an unsatisfactory start for us.

The game throughout was highly interesting, but both sides were unfortunate in not scoring more points. Hurlstone backs worked in fine harmony, and the defensive line kicking of their centres should in future be emu-

lated by Fort Street. In attack, the winners showed greater dash, better combination, and made more use of their opportunities. Let down badly at times by the full back and three-quarters, Fort Street found themselves in many a tight corner, and were only saved by the work of the forward brigade, led by Maguire.

Unfortunately, our backs showed no combination whatever, and the spectacle created by "Keystone" passing rushes would have been amusing had the result not landed us in trouble. The individual work done by Lane, Smith, and particularly Andrews, was very fine indeed. They must remember, however, that one player does not make a back division. When our backs spend time and energy in learning each others' play, we will have a division second to none in the competition.

Fort Street tackling was graceful—done in the best kid-glove style, and fully three Hurlstone players were laid gracefully on the sward during the afternoon. Mostly one saw futile clawing at the air or grass. Ryan was the exception in this respect. There was one outstanding feature which in a sense compensated our loss. When everything pointed to a big defeat in the second half, Fort Street rose to the occasion, and the result was a brilliant try by Andrews.

Fort Street v. Petersham.

Fort Street won against a lighter set of players who, though hopelessly beaten, yet showed a great amount of grit. Fort Street showed great improvement in backward and forward divisions. The forward loose play was fine, and Leck, Maguire, Rowley and others did well. Unfortunately, Maguire thought, at times, that he owned the ball.

Fort Street scrum did not work satisfactorily. We seldom won the ball, and when we did, it came back too slowly to the half-back. This matter will have to be remedied.

Forwards must follow on very quickly, not once or twice, but all the time.

The three-quarters showed up well in the last ten minutes, although the ability to run quickly, pass smartly and accurately and anticipate play is still lacking. Webb earned his place as centre three-quarter, and good kicking in defence was shown by Smith. Galbraith played well during the second half, and promises to develop into a sound wing three-quarter. As captain, Andrews left nothing to be desired, and when he learns to cut in, go straight ahead and bring his backs with him, he should do great things for the whole team. Vivers and Ryan played well. Tries were scored by Andrews (3), Brewster (2), Galbraith, Welsh, Rowley, Leck, Smith

and Ryan one each. Maguire kicked two goals. Final scores: 37-0.

Football Record.

Match against Hurlstone, May 2nd, 1917.—The game opened with a faulty kick on the part of Fort Street. Armstrong made a ridiculous attempt to find the line. There is no advantage to be gained by this unless the kicker is a really good "kick"; generally speaking, a kick down the field pays best.

Our quarters started well, but they were unable to maintain their effort. Dwyer did good work all through, in spite of a couple of blunders—likewise Armstrong.

Generally speaking, our passing was weak; again and again chances were missed by fumbling, chiefly on the part of Muir and Langford, though Porter offended in this respect also.

The quarter line was too extended. The day of the long pass is over. Absolute certainty with the short, swift pass is the modern method, and our quarters will have to practise it. The weak spot in our armour, however, was our forward line; half of them did not seem to know what was required of them. Pelham, in spite of his captain's admonishments, was repeatedly out of his place, and was more often to be found

in the quarter line than in the "ruck," where he belonged.

Three of the forward line, Perkins, James and Barry, are evidently unaware of the fact that the ball cannot be picked up out of the scrum. Perkins no less than three times offended in this manner, and the score that our opponents made were obtained off Perkins' breach of this law. However, Perkins did good work. He has the energy; all he needs to make him a good front-line man is practice and a wider knowledge of the game. Grime, as usual, did well; he piloted his team as well as they would let him, and would have done better had they heeded him more. Our forwards were too slow in both getting down and getting out of the scrum. Practice is the panacea for this ill. Grime's kick for goal was the event of the afternoon—in fact, the only decent kick done by our side.

Three don'ts for next time—

Don't pick the ball out of the scrum.

Don't pass in your own 25.

Don't run back with the ball.

4th Grade.

2/5/16.—The first game of the season was played at Alexandria Oval, our opponents being Petersham. An enjoyable game was brought to an unfortun-

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ate conclusion by an accident to our scrum half, Robertson, who had the bad luck to fracture his left thigh. This occurred half way through the second half, and the Petersham lads very generously refused to continue the match, thus giving us the game, the scores being 6-0 in our favour. We are looking forward to our second meeting with our friends from Petersham, who have shown themselves to be true sports.

16/5/16.—S.H.S., our next opponents, gave us a good game on their home ground, Wentworth Oval. The final scores, 3-3, give some idea of the even nature of the game. Our forwards showed an improvement of form, but their scrum work is very weak. Sproule, as captain, kept his men well in hand, and when he has a decent scrum, should pile up more victories for the 4ths.

SOCCER.

There is little to chronicle in this sport up to date. Our 1st Grade has not yet played a match. Our 2nds met with the redoubtable Parramatta team, and suffered a 3-1 defeat at their hands. We have no reason to be ashamed of this, as their forward line was as clever as ours, and much heavier. Owen displayed his usual sureness in the halves, tackling much bigger fellows bravely and well. Conly should make a rattling player with practice. We need a stronger and faster back line, and if only our forwards would eat more pudding to make up that deficiency in weight!

How about making them life members of the tuck-shop?

The 3rds beat Petersham B 4 to nil, the goals being scored by Shanahan, Brooks and Barnett. Spencer inherits a great name, and lives up to it. He makes a very sure left half, with plenty of speed.

This team is very optimistic, and we think it has good reason to be so. Its members set a good example by attendance at practice.

The game generally is maintaining its popularity throughout the School, most classes in the first, second and third years having formed teams. Mr. Bauer, with the assistance of Messrs. Grant and Mote, is organising a class competition. The treasurer has just recovered from the shock of meeting bills for new footballs, all of which we hope to see well worn by the end of the season.

We hope, too, that with the benefit of Mr. Kelly's experience and enthusiasm, the 1st Grade will at last have a chance of winning the competition. They have stuck to their work under hard conditions for a long time, and deserve to score this season.

BASEBALL.

1st Grade.

The opening match of the season resulted in a defeat of the 1st IX., due in a great measure to the absence of our captain and "star," Ellis Munro.

Owing to lack of practice, the play on the whole was not good. The want of combination in the infield, weak batting, and loose handling of the ball were the chief contributing causes of defeat. But with more practice and a full team we hope to turn the tables on Sydney High School at our next meeting, and avenge our first defeat of 19-5.

Kallmeyer pitched to Macfarlane, the Second's catcher, for two innings, but Mac's size and weight prevented him holding safely, and our opponents scored 9 before we had scored at all.

Kennett then pitched well with Kallmeyer catching.

Densley at first base played a fair game, but like Kallmeyer, found that his new mit wants working into shape.

Symes at second base was weak. He must pay attention to his catching.

Holt at third base did not show up well.

Stephen at short stop "pouched a fly," but had little to do.

Gracie, Cummings and Mallam fielded well, Gracie being the weakest of the three.

Densley was easily the best with the club, hitting two "3-baggers" and getting home twice. Stephen, Kennett and Cummings also got home, making our total 5 to our opponents' 19.

2nd Grade.

The opening match of the season was with S.H.S., at Waverley, and resulted in a victory for Fort Street, the score being 11-6. This was a very creditable performance, considering it was the team's first try out. All the infield, and especially the battery, worked well with only one error—a missed tag. Alexander pitched finely.

The second match, Fort Street v. Petersham (last year's competition winners) was won 12-11. Fort Street scored heavily in the opening innings, and gained a lead of 6 runs. But Petersham rallied well, and assisted by a wild throw from our first bag to home, brought the score to 12-11. Fort Street then won with an innings to spare.

Alexander again pitched well, being most reliable.

Macfarlane ably seconded Alexander in his catching, and also used the club to some effect.

Brooke played a good game at first base, and was ably assisted by his infield mates, wild returns being very exceptional. Anderson fielded well at second base, and succeeded in cutting off a good many in this position.

Holt was rather disappointing with the bat, but his field work was good.

Byrne must move and think more quickly.

Kirkby in the outfield justified his inclusion in the grade team. He batted and fielded just as well as a veteran.

Coulter fielded and batted weakly.

Godfrey might improve his batting and watch foul flies more closely.

TENNIS.

Grade matches have resulted so far in victories for Fort Street.

The Firsts won by a narrow margin at Parramatta against the local High School, while the Seconds came out on top at Marrickville against Cleveland Street B. The Second A team did not play, owing to some misunderstanding about the court.

The Library and its Attendants.

At Fort Street there is a room set apart as a Library, which, however, is not freely appreciated by the boys, especially third and fourth year students. This room is entrusted to the care of a master and certain seniors whose peculiarities may interest our readers. Mr. Roy Headwind, Chief Librarian and Grand Keeper of the Keys, although ignorant of his would-be assistants, is a worthy gentleman and a sport, having batted for 90 minutes and scored 99 against a team arranged by Mr. Brown, who stopped his century by a shrewd throw. He is also "some" footballer, having scored well playing against the team of Cicero and Bradley, and having almost equalled the two best players of that team, Mr. Author and Mr. Prose, helped, however, by Mr. Kelly. This fact is not surprising to the Referee, and is shown by the numerous references to the player as, e.g., "You know that, Roy." But he more often than not does not know, so he puts on a wise smile which is sufficient for the purpose. In footballing he is only enthusiastic insofar as that gentleman's self alone is concerned since he resented the suggestion that more footballs be supplied and class competitions arranged. However, this gentleman is a decent fellow, a good librarian, and what is more than anything else, a good Fortian.

Mr. Isaac, the worthy son of Abraham, though perhaps not as antiquated as his name suggests, and who sits near the throne of the Grand Keeper, is very officious in appearance, though not in reality. He has not the gift of hoarding money so common with his race, but he has a love for spending it. He may often be seen taking a sheet around collecting money from offenders against Library regulations, a penny here, and threepence there.

Mr. Wallie Rester, the worthy ever-smiling, key-jingling Librarian, who acts the Boswell to Mr. Headwind, asserts his authority as Librarian by making more noise than anybody in this room, thus attracting attention and respect.

Wallie, however, has joined the admirers of the tuck-shop genia, and is a great patron of ice cream and chocolates. He also amuses himself by writing essays forty pages long, but he is a literary worm ever battering upon the works of Tacitus, Moliere and Browning. However, he is no sport, except for his weekly bath in the Domain, Owing to the approach of winter, he will now be compelled to have only sun baths till next summer.

Mr. Charles Began, the lover of idleness—how adorable and consistent!—is a Librarian who refuses to record the names of those in the Blue Book who taste of the fountain Hippocrene, visit Parnassus, and end up by reading "The Sentimental Bloke." Mr. Began, however, digests whole volumes of history which results in him coming top in history, bottom in Physics, and being sick for the other subjects. However, I should advise him to study Physics so as to know at what angle he must incline when being propelled by the trained boot of the Grand Keeper, so as to prevent him running the enchanting flower garden—what flowers, what lawns, what landscapes!—below; especially when he takes home volumes of the Historian's History of the World to swallow after supper.

Mr. Fweddy Garlick, better known as the sergeant of No. 1 Section, 13th Platoon, D Company, has no interest in the Library, preferring the tuck-shop, and may be seen at recess reading "Kick-er-Tum," and stroking the well-trained part in the middle of his head with a pencil.

In conclusion, I should suggest that Mr. Headwind enter for the popularity of Fort Street's sports; Ike keep account of his collections for fear of being ill; Rester write an autobiography and to beware of Eloies and lively saveloys, Mr. Began to chew his history diet better, and to attend to the Library, Mr. Garlick to attend to No. 1 Section, making drill worth living for, and perhaps earning him promotion to private's rank.

—AMICUS.

Photographic Problems and their Solution.

It is proposed in these notes to discuss, each issue, one or more of the various problems that the novice in photography must master, before he can hope to make much advancement in his hobby.

It is assumed that the beginner already has a camera, and has been shown how to load it with plates or films, and how to operate the shutter. The first problem that confronts him, is that of the selection of the subject for his first attempts.

"Selection of Subject" in pictorial work is a problem that must be deferred until the beginner has mastered the rudiments of exposure and development. Any outdoor subject will do for the first experiments. Most beginners make the mistake of starting on portraiture—one of the most difficult branches of photography. It is much better to begin on some simple outdoor subject, e.g., landscape—with or without figures in it. Having selected the subject for the first attempt, the next problem is, What exposure must be given? This is the problem that I intend to discuss in this issue.

The Problem of Correct Exposure.

The question of exposure is all important. When the plate has been correctly exposed, half the battle has been won, and the beginner has advanced well on the way towards his goal, viz., the making of a successful print.

The conditions which influence the amount of exposure to be given in order that the plate may be correctly exposed are:

- (1) the speed of the plate or film used;
- (2) the nature of the light;
- (3) the diaphragm or "stop" used in the lens;
- (4) the nature of the subject.

I will discuss the influence of each of these factors in turn.

(1) Speed of Plate.

Plates are made of different degrees of sensitiveness to light action. For example, if the correct exposure with a slow or ordinary plate is one second, with a fast plate it may only be one-quarter or one-sixth of a second; all other conditions remaining the same. The simplest plan for the beginner is **always** to use the same kind of plate for everything. Later on, when he has acquired a little more skill, he may use different plates for different subjects, but many advanced workers use the one kind of plate for nearly the whole of their work.

Films cannot be obtained in the same variety of speeds as plates. Most of the

roll films on the market are about the same speed as a special rapid plate, since they are used chiefly in hand-cameras, where a quick exposure must be given, because the camera cannot be held steady in the hand for much more than one-tenth of a second.

For the same reason, the plate user with a hand camera should confine himself to the one make of rapid plate.

(2) The Nature of the Light.

All daylight is derived from the sun, either directly or reflected from clouds, water vapour, dust, etc., in the atmosphere. The greater the thickness of air that the sun's rays have to penetrate in reaching the earth's surface, the weaker the light will be. In summer time the sun is more directly overhead than in winter, therefore the summer sunlight at midday is more powerful than that of winter. In the morning and afternoon the sun's rays also have to penetrate greater thicknesses of air, therefore a bigger percentage of the sunlight is blocked by dust, vapour, etc., in the air.

It follows that the light at midday is much stronger than that in the morning and afternoon, even when there are no clouds about.

But height of the sun above the horizon is only one influence which affects the strength of the daylight. Clouds between the sun and earth obstruct light according to the density of the clouds.

They may be so thin that cast shadows can still be faintly seen (diffused light), or so thick that we speak of the day as dull or very dull.

Sometimes, also, vapour, fog or dust in the atmosphere greatly alters the colour of the light. Light in the early morning and late afternoon is usually much yellower than in the middle of the day, and photographic plates are much less sensitive to yellow light than to white light.

It will thus be seen that the strength and nature of the light, and consequently the exposure that must be given, vary according to the month of the year, the hour of the day, and the state of the atmosphere (bright, cloudy, dull, very dull, etc.).

Physical obstructions also materially alter the value of the light falling on any object—especially if it is not in direct sunlight. An object on an open plain receives illumination from the whole sky. Anything in the way of trees, buildings, roofs, walls, mountains, etc., must cut off some of the light of the sky which illuminates an object, and must therefore materially increase the exposure required. It will thus be seen

that it is in connection with the judgment of light values that the main difficulty occurs. Considerable help on this point may be gained by consulting exposure tables such as those given in Wellcome's Exposure Record and Diary (price, one shilling and threepence). In this book light values for the different months of the year, and the different hours of the day, and also for different states of the weather (bright sunlight, dull, very dull, etc.) have been drawn up, and afford a very useful guide. Full instructions are given as to the use of these tables.

Such tables can, at the best, be approximations only. "Bright sunlight" even, varies considerably. The light may be much brighter when there are light clouds brightly illuminated, and so reflecting much light on to the surroundings, than when there is a clear unclouded sky. The most accurate method of allowing for the light is to actually test the strength of the light by means of an actinometer (or exposure meter). In this instrument the value of the light is tested by noting the time it takes for a small piece of sensitive paper to darken to a painted standard tint. In this way the relative value of the actual light which falls on the subject is measured. The exposure will be directly proportional to the time it takes the paper to darken to the standard tint (the "actinometer time," as it is called). Thus if it takes 10 seconds one day and 20 on another, the same subject on the second day will require double the exposure it did on the first (using the same plate and stop). Thus one simple actinometer test allows for all the variations of light according to the month, time of day, state of weather, etc., which require twelve monthly tables in the other method, and it does it with far greater accuracy, too.

Actinometers do not require much skill to use. Full instructions are given and any photographic salesman can show you how to use one in a few seconds. They are cheap, and soon earn their cost by the saving of plates which would otherwise be spoilt. Perhaps the best and cheapest for a beginner are the Imperial Exposure Meter and Reckoner (about one shilling and threepence), or the Watkins Bee Meter (about 3/6). The prices may be a little more now.

The Imperial is quite a useful one—used by many advanced workers, and costs less than a box of quarter-plates. I strongly advise every beginner to buy one and use it constantly.

(3) Stop Used.

The camera is a dark room, and the only window to it is the lens. The iris diaphragm resembles the blind of an ordinary window. When the blind is right up, a flood of light gets into the

room. As you lower the blind the light inside the room gets less and less, and it becomes more difficult to see clearly. In the same way as you close the iris diaphragm or use a smaller "stop" you let a smaller amount of light in to the plate, so you must let it act for a longer time to get correct exposure, i.e., the smaller the stop used the longer the exposure that must be given. The increase required can easily be worked out mathematically. Stops are usually marked f8, f11, f16, f22, f32, etc. This means that the diameter of the stop is one-eighth, one-eleventh, etc., of the focal length of the lens. (Roughly, by focal length of the lens is meant the distance between lens and plate when focussed on a distant object.) Now, the light the "stop" lets through will depend on the area of the opening, and the areas are proportional to the squares of the diameters. The areas of f8 and f11 are as one-eighth squared to one-eleventh squared, i.e., as $1/64$ to $1/121$. It will thus be seen that f8 has nearly twice the area of f11, therefore it will let in twice as much light in the same time, so that the plate must be exposed twice as long when using f11 as when using f8. Similarly f16 will require four times the exposure that f8 does, and so on. The general rule is that for each smaller stop you double the exposure, e.g., f32 requires double the exposure of f22, f16 double f11, and so on.

Stops are sometimes marked with numbers which express the relative exposures required, but space does not permit of dealing fully with this matter here. Anyone who has a camera so marked, and who does not understand it could bring it to the Science Room and have it explained to him.

(4) Nature of the Subject.

It is obvious that some subjects must require more exposure than others; for example, a portrait taken in a room must require a longer exposure than a group of children playing on the seashore.

If an actinometer is used, this is allowed for to a considerable extent by testing the actual value of the light which falls on the subject. But in spite of this, certain allowances have to be made for special subjects. The general rule is—the nearer and darker the shadows of the subject the more exposure is needed. Always expose to correctly render the nearest shadows in which detail is required. Thus it is obvious that open beach scenes, harbour and water scenes generally, sea and sky, etc., have not the heavy near shadows of an ordinary landscape, therefore will require less exposure. Open landscape will require less exposure than one with heavy foreground objects. The farther

you are away from lights and shadows the less the contrast between them; they become "evened up" because of the intervening atmosphere (chiefly due to water vapour or dust).

Finally, in the distance high lights and shadows merge into one another and become one continuous band of a bluish grey colour.

Thus, the more distant the nearest shadows become, the less the exposure necessary.

Tables of relative values of different subjects are given with the exposure tables and calculators. Wellcome's Diary gives a series of pictures to illustrate the different classes of subjects.

In conclusion, I would reiterate the advice given before—invest in an exposure calculator or actinometer.

Even advanced workers find them necessary, therefore, how much more essential are they for a beginner who

has not a fund of previous experience to draw upon for his guidance? It will very quickly repay the money spent upon it by the plates saved, and the better results secured.

If your camera has one stop and one shutter speed only, of course all that can be done is to snapshot in a bright light.

Above everything else, avoid under-exposure if possible. Good results can be obtained from over-exposure, but if the plate is much under-exposed it might as well be smashed at once.

The best way to hold the camera so as to avoid movement when making the exposure can best be shown practically. Anyone can get advice on this point by bringing his camera along.

Next issue—"Development and Fixing."

M. MACKINNON.

LATE SPORTING.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

Rugby First Grade.

Fort Street I. v. Parramatta High School

Played at Petersham 23/5/17. This was easily the most strenuous match of the season. The result was a draw, 11 points each, and gives a very efficient idea of the game. Both teams were in good fettle, and were most evenly matched.

The Parramatta boys are a very even team and play a good combined game. Our boys on this occasion were "patchy." The forwards particularly so. With only four minutes to play the score stood at Parramatta 11, Fort-street 8, and the prospects were not bright. Then came the most exciting four minutes that our barrackers have had. The Fort-street forwards made one great effort and by sheer determination, scored another try, making the scores even. This team from Parramatta has not been beaten and will afford a very interesting contest for the shield.

Fort Street v. North Sydney High.

Played at North Sydney 30/5/17, and resulted in a walk-over victory for Fort-street. Scores, 35 to 8. The North Sydney boys have no combination, and consequently were easily beaten. Seddon, of Fort-street, had a "day out," scoring three tries and making the other scores possible. Chaplin, a recruit from the R.V.A., played well on the wing, and scored one try. This match should afford an object lesson to our lads. No team can hope to win by relying upon individual "star" players. Combination is the watchword. There were one or two good players in N.S., but the team lacked

cohesion. They did not work together, and consequently lost.

Fort Street v. Sydney High School B Team.

Played at Petersham 6/6/17, and resulted in a win for Fort-street. Scores, 21 to 9. This was a very fast game, affording more than ordinary opportunity for "open" play. The forwards missed the old warrior—Golding—who was laid off with a bad leg. Jefferson played an excellent game in this match. Among the backs, Vandenberg shone out, scoring three tries and kicking three goals. The team has lacked a good goal kicker, and it is to be hoped that Van. will continue to develop in this direction. "Snowy" Seddon again played well, and Roy Head responded well in those tight places where brain and not brawn is needed.

To date, Fort-street I. hold pride of place in the First Grade Competition, leading Parramatta by one point.

The first round has been played, and we have met every team in the competition, defeating them all except Parramatta.

Fort Street I. v. Hawkesbury College II.

On Saturday, June 2, the Fort-street I. Team journeyed to Richmond and played Hawkesbury College second team. A most enjoyable trip. The lads left Sydney at midday, arriving at the College about 2.45, and commencing the match at once. The College lads were much heavier than our boys, but lacked science. Fort-street won by 14 to 6, due to the excellent play of "Snowy" Seddon. This player from Petersham has been a distinct acquisition to Fort-street. He has the requisite speed, activity and quickness of thought that make a good

five-eighth. Fearnley, Golding and Hall played well in the forwards. Head, Van. and Andrews, in the back division.

After the match the lads were taken round the various establishments at this great Agricultural College, and were afterwards the guests of the students at dinner. We left Richmond at 8 p.m. and had a very quick journey home, the time passing almost too quickly for a proper appreciation of the musical talent in the team. Altogether a very pleasant day was spent.

Second Grade.

Fort Street v. Technical High.

This match was played on the Sports Ground, and resulted in a win for Fort-street, 25 points to nil. Although Technical High played gamely right on till full time, there was never any doubt regarding the result.

Fort-street forwards played well in the open, and being the heavier, soon had Technical in difficulties. The work of the back divisions of both teams was good, although, of course, Fort-street had more chances of shining in attack. Lane, as breakaway, and Galbraith, Andrews and Smith as three-quarters, played well. Tries were scored by Leck, Lane, Welch, Nielson and Andrews; Maguire kicked three goals.

Fort Street v. Hurlstone Park.

The result of this match—a scoreless draw—speaks for itself, and it seems very evident that the "final" of the competition will be played by these teams. Hurlstone forwards played a more concerted game, although Fort-street players shone out individually. Maguire playing a really good game. We all hope to go one better next time by defeating these classic farmers.

Fort Street v. Petersham.

Played at Petersham Oval June 6th, and won by Fort-street, 34 points to nil.

Third Grade.

Fort Street v. Parramatta.

A splendid game in the second half. Of the first half we prefer to say nothing. The forwards worked together better

than they ever have done, Anaby particularly distinguishing himself. The weak point in the armour was the full-back, but owing to the activity of the forwards he had not much to do. The forwards must remember that it is a breach of the rules and one liable to a penalty kick to lift the feet before the ball is in the scrum. They offended again and again at Parramatta.

Grime, as usual, did the work of two. Porter and Langford did more than their share on the quarter line. Dicky proved himself a five-eighths worthy of the team.

Fort Street v. Cleveland Street A.

Well contested in first half. Splendid play by Grime. In the second half Dickie gave our opponents a try by a "speculation" kick. The correct play there was either to let well alone or fall on the ball. The latter, perhaps, would have been better.

The play, however, was good—in spite of the final score, 17 to 3. The field goal our opponents got, though they deserved it, was obtained through one of our lads breaking one of the most important rules of the game, viz., never to pass in your own 25. One of the forwards passed, and the pass, intercepted cleverly by a Cleveland-street quarter, was turned by him into a nice field goal.

Fourth Grade.

23/5/'17.—4th Grade, a bye.

30/5/'17.—The "Fourths" are not saying very much about their match against Cleveland-street. Our trip to Redfern Oval resulted in a win for our opponents, the final scores being 18-5.

Sproule scored the neatest try of the season, and Phelps converted with his own particular kick—a cannon off the cross-bar.

6/6/'17.—Technical High School gave us a good game at Marrickville Oval, and once more we can face the school with light hearts. The score should have been greater, but we were content with 5-nil, and a well-fought game. Armstrong crossed the line, and Phelps added the extra points by means of a very neat kick. This time he went fully six inches over the bar.

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It is several months since the last "Fortian" was published. Readers who ask why, will find their answer in the increased cost of printing. The last issue resulted in a loss of £3. It is only by rigid economy that we hope to make this issue pay for itself.

We desire here, editorially, to place on record our deepest sympathy with Mrs. Haddock and her family on the great loss they and the School have suffered by the sudden death of our esteemed colleague, Mr. D. A. Haddock, whose decease is referred to in another column.

Is Fort Street satisfied with its present hat band? We have heard many say they are not. Can anyone suggest or design a better? There is another question also being discussed, viz., "Should the Prefects, as in other schools, have a distinctive hat band?" What have our correspondents to say?

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THE LATE DAVID A. HADDOCK, B.A.

We have to record with very deep regret the death of Mr. David Alfred Haddock, B.A., of the English staff of Fort Street. A sketch of his career is appended.

Mr. Haddock was born on 14th May, 1883, at Wallarong, near Morpeth, N.S.W., where his father was headmaster of the Public School.

At the age of fourteen he passed the Examination for Pupil Teachers. The same week his father died, after a long and painful illness, leaving a widow and family of five girls and a boy, the subject of our sketch. Being the eldest, he was thus early in life faced with heavy responsibilities, and nobly he met them.

His first appointment as a teacher to Stockton dates from 20th October, 1898. He entered the Training College in 1903, and came through very creditably. Then, after a few months of "relieving" work, he spent some years at Kogarah School, teaching during the day and attending University Lectures at night.

In his Arts course he obtained High Distinction in Chemistry, and at the examination before graduation in 1911 secured a unique result. He had attended lectures in English II. expecting to complete his course thus, but a few days before term ended discovered that by regulation he must, in order to graduate, take the Third Year Course as well. He had to cover the year's work in a few days, and not only passed, but was placed **first on both lists**.

From Kogarah Mr. Haddock was sent as first assistant to Hay District School. His headmaster there described him as "the best man in front of a class that I have ever seen."

Of his work at Fort Street since July, 1912, it is hardly necessary to write. First in History, then in English, he obtained results which justified the oft-expressed opinion of his colleagues that he had no superior at his work in the Service. He was no mere Gradgrind, but made his teaching both solid and attractive. He had a quiet, easy power over all his classes, and secured and held their attention.

He found time to write articles of considerable literary merit for this magazine, those written quarterly by "The Small Boy" being of perennial interest. Some of his occasional verse, written to meet a hurried demand for "Farewell" songs, pleased us so well that it has retained its place in every such function.

An ex-Colour-sergeant of one of the old Volunteer regiments, he was lately reviving his military interests in the Rifle Club, when his career of usefulness was suddenly cut short by death on 21st October last. The date (Trafalgar Day) has often suggested thoughts of duty, and it is fitting that we should associate it with him.

Our profoundest sympathy goes out to his widow and three little girls.

Mr. Haddock once laughingly said, "I think I must have been intended for a gentleman of leisure," explaining that he liked a bit of painting, a bit of music, a bit of sport, and, in short, a life of many interests. Fate decreed for him a nobler destiny, and his many gifts were exercised not simply for self-gratification, but in rendering "justly, skilfully, and magnanimously" the service by which he found a livelihood.

Only now, when he has left us, are we able to see these qualities in their real strength, so harmoniously were they blended. It means much to Fort Street that such a master was with us for over five years, enriching the School with his quiet, forceful, effective personality. We mourn our dead comrade, who never spoke ill of another, who modestly keeping in the background, was ever ready with efficient service when needed, who could not scamp anything he undertook, and of whom it can truly be said—

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might
stand up
And say to all the world 'This was
a man.'"

—W. P.

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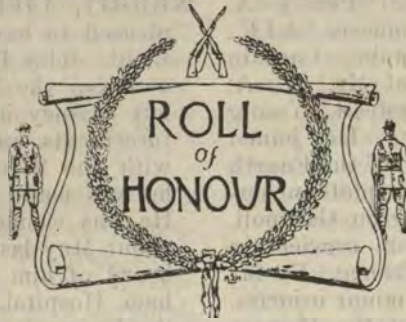


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Killed in Action—

Bellamy, E. C., Gunner; Bennan, B. E., Staff Colour-Sgt.; Burges, J. C., Lieut.; Chatfield, Keith G., Sig.; Cork, E. E., Corpl.; Edgington, F. S., Lieut.; Etherden, C. A., Pte.; Getting, G. A., Pte.; Haig, J. D., Flight Sub-Lieut.; Hosking, J. M., Staff Sgt.; Howell-Price, R. G., Lieut.; Lord, A. G., Pte.; Murphy, A., Gunner; New, E. C., Lieut.; Reboul, E., Pte.; Ridley, W. J., Capt.; Smith, R. A. W., Lieut.; Smith, H. E. B., Lieut.; Spring, W., Pte.; Stuart, R. H. B. McD., Bombr.; Williams, W. F., Gunner; Asher-Smith, G., Gunner; Skinner, A. G. A., Lt.

Enlistments—

Agassiz, C. T., Lieut.; Adam, Alex. S., Pte.; Adamson, D., Pte.; Barker, S. W., Lieut.; Boyd, V. A., Pte.; Bramley, C. F., Pte.; Burnett, R. K., Pte.; Dale, G., Gunner; Diver, E., Pte.; Dinsey, G. E.; Doyle, —, Lieut.; Doyle, R. H., Sapper; Dugan, R. B. R., Sgt.; Dummer, L. S., Lieut.; Eames, H. R., Gunner; Edgington, F. S., Lieut.; Elphinstone, W. I., Pte.; Firman, G. W., Capt.; Gartrell, R. J., Gunner; Giles, J. H. B., Lieut.; Godfrey, R. P., R.F.C.; Granger, J., Corpl.; Green, E. O. K., Lieut.; Henry, J. D. D., Capt.; Holcombe, A., Gunner; Hardwick, H., Pte.; Hosking, J. M., Staff Sgt.; Hollis, N., Lieut.; Jarvis, R., Pte.; Matthews, S. J., Pte.; Matthews, W., Gunner; Maitland, R. R., Sergt.;

McGregor, C. W., Sapper; McNaught, M., Sergt.; Miller, K. G., Gunner; Munro, H. C., Lieut.; Murray, W. A.; Norington, H., Pte.; Ormsby M., Tpr.; O'Keefe, V. W., Corpl.; Ozannie, B. S., Tpr.; Peacock, R. H., Pte.; Perkins, W., Flight-Lieut.; Philips, R. W., Gunner, N.Z. Field Artillery; Pye, C. H., Driver; Ross, C. R., Pte.; Roydhouse, B. R. W., Pte.; Samuels, H., Pte.; Sangster, Sapper; Shakespeare, A., Pte.; Shepherdson, R., Pte.; Smith, H. E. B., Lieut.; Smith, R. A. W., Lieut.; Stowe, R., Sergt.; Williams, W. F., Gunner; Worboys, C. C., Comp. Sgt. Major; Agassiz, S. S. M., Lt.; Earl, Oliver, Pr.; Eager, D'Arcy H. S., Driver; Johnston, Reg. S., Gunner; Mackenzie, M., Pte.; Peacock, R. H., Pte.; Pudney, C. B., Gunner; Stonham, C., Pte.

CORPORAL E. E. CORK.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Cork, of Arncliffe, have received word that their son, Corporal Ellis E. Cork, aged 20, was killed in action on September 26. Corporal Cork enlisted at the age of 18 years from the Department of Education. He was attached to reinforcement of a battalion which left Australia on March 14, 1916, and arrived in Egypt in April, being transferred later to Salisbury Plains, thence to France in September, 1916. After being promoted to corporal, he was offered further promotion to proceed to India for employment on the permanent staff there, but preferred to stay in France.

CAPTAIN P. A. LAMBERT.—News has been received of the promotion

of Lieut. Parker ("Pax") A. Lambert, of the Pioneers, A.I.F., to the rank of captain. Captain Lambert is a son of Mr. H. A. Lambert, "The Homestead," Young street, Neutral Bay. He joined the "Fighting 13th" of the Fourth Division, and was a platoon sergeant at the landing on Gallipoli, and has since seen service in Egypt, Sinai, and France. So far he has escaped with minor injuries. On the formation of the Pioneer Battalion, he was transferred to it. At the evacuation of Gallipoli, he was a company sergeant-major. He received his commission in Egypt, and his subsequent promotion was attained in France. He was formerly a Fort Street pupil, and a member of the Coronation Contingent of Senior Cadets.

LIEUT. W. S. MOORS.—Mr. Moors, of "Waiwera," Lavender Bay, has been advised by cable that his youngest son, Lieut. Wilfred Stanley Moors, who was recently wounded in France, is now progressing favourably, and that he has been awarded the Military Cross.

PRIVATE G. A. GETTING.—Pte. George Alexander Getting is reported to have died of wounds on October 18. Deceased was the elder son of Mr. P. E. Getting, Superintendent of Quarantine, and Mrs. Getting, of Manly. He was educated at Fort Street School. Prior to enlisting two years ago, deceased was employed as a cadet draftsman in the Lands Department. His only brother, Midshipman Frank E. Getting, is serving with the Grand Fleet.

REBOUL. PRIVATE EDWARD, was killed in action in France on the 6th October last. He was 22 years of age, an Old Boy of Fort Street, and while here made his name as an athlete, winning the 100 yards championship of the Public Schools of N.S.W.

WRIGHT, LIEUT. J. L.—We are pleased to have to announce that Lieut. John L. Wright has been awarded the Military Cross. He left Sydney in command of reinforcements, and arrived in France with the Second Division, where he was made machine-gun officer. He was wounded in the abdomen about May last, and when we last heard of him he was in Birmingham Hospital. Jack's career at the University, where he had a P. N. Russell Scholarship, was a very successful one.

WRIGHT, MAJOR ALAN, son of Mr. Inspector Wright, has now been wounded no less than three times, and is at present in hospital. From latest news, he is in charge of a machine-gun section of the 5th Division. His brother, Lieut. Jack Wright, went to England and entered the School of Instruction for Officers at Emanuel College, Cambridge, where he had the great honour of being placed first on the list at the final examination. He was then sent to a special machine-gun school at Grantham, where he now is. The third and younger brother, Corporal Keith Wright, is also in khaki, and has been in camp at Liverpool for the past six months, while the last son, Stuart, went into camp on the 5th instant.

STUART, BOMBARDIER R. H. B. MACDONALL.—Mrs. Sutton, the mother of Bombardier MacDonall Stuart, an Old Boy of Fort Street, who was killed in France about May last, has received letters from several of his officers, who speak highly of her son's devotion to duty. Major M. D. Wilson writes: "A heavy shell burst near him, and the boy was killed instantly. I wish to assure you of my personal sympathy in your great loss, for your boy was at all times a good soldier, and an upright man, beloved and respected by all ranks." Lieut. Dobson writes: "On the day of his death, I personally saw him go to the assistance of a wounded English soldier, who had

just been hit by shell fire, regardless of the fact that another shell would quite possibly follow the first. His death is a loss to the battery, and to the regiment, as he promised well as a N.C.O..”

MULHOLLAND, CAPTAIN D. V.—

We have received news of the promotion of another Old Boy, D. V. Mulholland, to the rank of captain. He left here as a corporal. His brother Keith has also joined up.

McLEAN, LIEUT. J. M., whose brother Bruce is still at Fort Street, and who was also an Old Boy, has been reported “missing, and believed to be among the killed.”

CHIDGEY, LIEUT. VICTOR.—Staff Sergt. Major Chidgey has written to the effect that his son Victor has been promoted to lieutenant from corporal. Lieut. Chidgey, who had a highly successful legal career, and obtained his LL.B. at Sydney University, was practising as a solicitor when he enlisted in May, 1916, in the Divisional Cyclists’ Corps.

MUNRO, LIEUT. H. C., has also been promoted to lieutenant, after two and a half years’ active service. His brother writes: “By now he has picked up Arabic, and acts as interpreter to the officers.”

BARKER, LIEUT. WILLIAM.—Lieut. Barker’s sister writes us

regarding her brother: “He enlisted on the first day that volunteers were called for, being then only 18 years old, and went with the First Expeditionary Force to New Guinea as a private. He returned with the other members of his unit in the following February, suffering from malaria, and with the rank of corporal. His health prevented him from joining the forces again till the following September, when he re-enlisted, and remained in camp until the following May, leaving with the 34th Battalion as a warrant-officer (the highest non-commissioned rank), having in the meantime passed through an officers’ school of instruction, although too young to be granted a commission. He gained his first star while in training on Salisbury Plain, and his second on active service in France last February. He is now in charge of a trench mortar battery in Belgium. He entered Fort Street School, on the commercial side, late in 1908, and left it to start work in the accountancy firm of Carruthers, Farram & Co., Stanway House, King street, in May, 1911.”

EVATT, LIEUT. RAY EVATT, M.C.—Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Evatt and her boys—all of them Fortians—on the death of her son and their brother, Ray, who was killed recently in Flanders. It was just previous to his death that he was awarded the Military Cross.

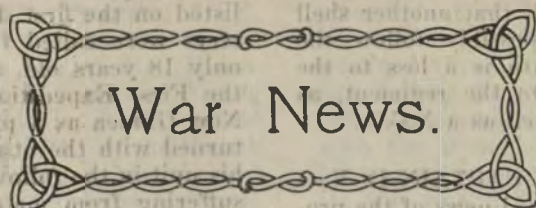
CAPTAIN AND PREFECTS.

The annual election of Captain of the School and Prefects took place this month. Almost unanimously the choice of Captain fell upon

JAMES J. McINTOSH,

to whom we offer our heartiest congratulations upon the great honour that his comrades have conferred

upon him. The following have been named as Prefects for 1918: McIntosh (Captain of School), Bryant (Senior Prefect), Andrew, Blackburne, Cawley, Crakanthorpe, Egan, Fitzhardinge, Garland, Kilgour, Kristenson, Lambert, Munro, Porter, Smith, Steele. Our congratulations to them also.



War News.

Sgt. R. A. W. Smith, a Fort Street Old Boy, has recently been granted a commission in the Australian Forces. Lieut. Smith passed the Junior from this School in 1909, and on the outbreak of war in 1914 enlisted in the First Expeditionary Force and went to Rabaul as a private. After serving his time there—six months—he was sent back to Sydney and discharged, his time having expired. He later re-enlisted, and was attached to the 19th Battalion. He left Australia as a sergeant, and was sent to Egypt, thence to Gallipoli. He landed at the latter place in September, 1915, and was there until the evacuation. His battalion was then transferred to the Canal, and later on to France. It was here that he was sent to an officers' school of instruction, and obtained his commission.

a total of ten hours flying per day for a squadron of eighteen men was a fair performance. Stafford brought down two Germans, and was already attracting notice, when one day he got into a desperate fight with an enemy formation. His under-carriage and propeller were both shot away, and his wires and struts were badly broken up. In a semi-conscious state he fell 6000 feet, and then recovering himself, managed to get the machine under control. He planed down to within a few feet of the ground, when both wings folded up, and he fell into a shell-hole. Fortunately by this time he was 200 yards within our lines, and when rescued from the wreck he was found to be suffering from little more than shock."

This is our Gerald, whom we heartily congratulate on his brave achievements.

A short while ago Mrs Stafford wrote to us that her son Gerald had won his wings as a Flight-lieutenant. A few days ago the special correspondent of "The Sun," writing from London on "Sky Swimmings," recorded the following incident:—

"Marvellous Escape.

Major Blake told me the extraordinary story of Lieutenant Stafford's escape. Stafford is an Australian, and is now in hospital in England. Stafford had been in France for four weeks, during which time he had done 127 hours' actual flying. This is a remarkable record, and it is worth remembering that in the early days of the war the official R.F.C. handbook laid it down that

Major David Brown, M.C.

Major David Brown, M.C., one of our Old Boys, and one of the first officers to graduate from Duntroon Royal Military College, has received the personal congratulations of General Sir Wm. Birdwood on his fine work at Pozieres. Through the courtesy of Major Brown's mother, we are able to reproduce General Birdwood's letter:—

"1st Anzac Corps,
"30th Sept., 1916.

"Dear Brown,—

"This is a line to congratulate you very heartily upon the Military Cross, which I am so glad has been awarded you for your good work at

Pozieres last month. I know how, on the night of the 18th. in an intense bombardment of our front and support lines, which killed ten and wounded twenty of your men, you continued to carry out your work, and to push forward and seize the enemy's strong point in advance of our lines, and how you organised the work of recovering our bombs and ammunition which had been buried by the enemy's fire. I know, too, how when the enemy tried to envelop the flank of your party, you counter-attacked with strong bombing parties and saved the situation. You also did very valuable service in installing machine guns which you maintained in position in the face of determined attacks until the following morning. It is by displaying such courage and leadership that we are going to win this war, and I sincerely trust that you may be spared to see it through to the end.

"Yours sincerely,

"W. S. BIRDWOOD."

A CHAPLAIN AT THE FRONT.

France, June 22, 1917.

Dear Mr. Kilgour,—

Reading a letter from home this morning, I found enclosed a newspaper cutting, in which was your statement of the number of Old Fortians in the A.I.F. The cutting reminded me of a long-standing intention to write to you, and during this brief lull in operations, I take the opportunity of doing so. You may not remember me—but I was Curate at St. Philip's Church during the year 1909, and as such visited the old School every week, renewing my acquaintance with old scenes which have always had a charm for me. Even as I sit now in my dugout, with the rain pouring steadily, out in the trench, I cannot help thinking back to the dear old place—the dingy old classrooms (when I was a youngster

in the lower school)—the Armoury, and Orderly Room—(we were very martial in those days)—the Art Room and Chemistry Room, in each of which I spent two years, the playground teeming with life, the busy feet hurrying up and down the old avenue; and I feel that I want to see it again, and long to grip hands with fellows who sat beside me there at the School.

It is ever so easy to meet old Fortians here at the front. When I first set foot in Cairo, the first sergeant to whom I addressed myself was Newman Humphreys, an O.F. Out on the desert, the first man I met when we arrived in camp was Aird. Two others, Percy Moore and Arthur Noake, have been Chaplains, as I have, for two years. Last January in England I chanced to meet Eric Upton, who was a couple of years behind me at School. While we talked, a third, whose name I forget, said, "Did I hear you fellows say you were at Fort Street? So was I!"

Eric has been killed, but he left a name which will be honoured always—worked his way up from the ranks, won his commission, and died as he had always lived in the trenches, unselfishly, sharing the common toil and the common hardship with all the boys.

We have just come through the terrible ordeal of Bullecourt, and a little later the great victory at Messines. When all the chronicle of the war is written, amongst the first deeds of valour will be found those performed at Bullecourt, deeds of self-sacrifice which must be written in a Book greater than any of ink and paper—I think so. In 26 hours, to my knowledge, the enemy counter-attacked no less than thirteen times, each time in massed formation. Time after time that grey wave came roaring across the No Man's Land, and time after time it wavered and broke. In one or two places only the Germans set foot in our trenches, but were very soon driven out again. Our fellows stayed through an inferno of shells and gas,

for two weeks, and never in that time yielded a foot of trench, in spite of these massed attacks, but in turn inflicted heavy losses on the enemy with rifle and machine-gun fire. It was terrible, but it was glorious; and when our artillery opened up, it gave us a sort of homely feeling at once. We suffered pretty heavily at Bullecourt, and were soon afterwards removed to another front. The Battle of Messines is over, but it has removed a danger spot, and given us the hold of a valuable position. The whole thing was over in a few hours, although there was the inevitable counter-attacking by the Germans. As the supports (to whom I was temporarily attached) went forward at a trot in the darkness, I recognised, by his voice, my oldest chum at Fort Street. We went up School together for seven years, and up to the time of our meeting here, had not met for just on ten years. I said "Hullo, John," and to my surprise (for it was dark) he replied at once, "Hullo, T—, old boy, warm work isn't it?" We haven't met since, but I heard that he came through safely.

Things are quiet just now. The artillery is pounding away, it is true, but one becomes strangely inured to that, and I remember when one night the artillery had been going solidly for some hours, and it all ceased fire suddenly, and we who were sleeping awoke at the cessation of firing.

Life becomes more or less mechanical out here—all except the dull ache which reminds us sometimes of home and of those who are thinking of us: and the agony of wounds, too—but somehow the boys have become so hardened by "roughing it," that they bear pain and wounds in a way that frequently makes me ashamed of myself. They try their utmost to stifle their groans, even when badly wounded, and more than once or twice I have heard one say to a surgeon about to operate, "Save

the pellets for me, Doc., please; I want to send them home!"

The weather has been fearfully hot during this week, but rain has been falling steadily for two days, and the temperature has fallen appreciably, though the consequence is, that instead of being choked by clouds of dust, we now plough about in a thick soupy mud. Rain is still pouring down, and the night is pitchy black. A verse from the Testament occurs to my mind, where it says, "And it was night." It must have been like this, when the powers of darkness were abroad to destroy. Within thirty yards, perhaps, of where I sit, is the German line, watching for us, and so the two armies sit, grimly watching in the darkness for any movement on the part of each other, and the boys in the trench here stand silently in the rain, but sticking to the job with a grim, half-humorous thought at the back of their minds, I suppose, that "some day" they will be relieved, and will get somewhere—where they can have a bath, and find, perhaps, a little sunshine. Home seems too much and too far away to long for, but all the news is good, and believe the end to be drawing near. Please God it is.

It is very hard to imagine Fort Street School as being anywhere but in the old place, but I do very heartily wish you all the success in the new that you had in the old. The spirit of Fortians will always be the same, wherever they may be, if it is nourished by Godliness and manliness, which as far back as I can remember have always been encouraged by precept and example at Fort Street. How much we owe to past generations of our masters, I know now. I enclose a copy of some verses which appeared in the London "Times" last Christmas. I value the scrap, and so send you the copy. The words are most appropriate, and take me back to School whenever I read them. This is a rough note, but under the circumstances I need not apologise for it.

My very best wishes for you go with it.

Believe me, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

THOMAS TERRY.

My mails are always addressed to me thus—

“Chaplain Captain T. Terry,
Church House,
Dean’s Yard,
Westminster,
London, S.W., I.”

and I shall be very glad to hear from you if you can spare time to write. At present I am attached to the 4th Divisional Artillery

—T.

To the School at War.

We don’t forget—while in this dark December

We sit in schoolrooms that you know so well,
And hear the sounds that you so well remember—

The clock, the hurrying feet, the old school bell:
Others are sitting in the seats you sat in;

There’s nothing else seems altered here,—and yet
Through all of it, the same old Greek and Latin,

You know we don’t forget.

We don’t forget you in the wintry weather,

You man the trench or tramp the frozen snow;
We play the games we used to play together

In days of peace that seem so long ago;
But through it all, the shouting and the cheering.

Those other hosts in graver conflict met
Those other sadder sounds your ears are hearing—

Be sure we don’t forget.

And you, our brothers, who for all our praying

To this dear school of ours come back no more,
Who lie—our country’s debt of honour paying—

And not in vain—upon the Belgian shore;

Till that great Day when at the Throne in Heaven

The Books are opened and the judgment set,

Your lives for honour and for England given,

The school will not forget.

—C. A. A.,

in the London “Times,”
December, 1916.

Letters from the Front.

Letters from the front have been received from the following Old Boys:—Pte. Cedric Cramp (several), Sgt. E. B. Bennett, Lt. Cyril Shappere, Lt. John Dexter, Lt. N. M. Cuthbert, Pte. Victor Hall, Sgt. C. Asher Smith, Gnr. Fergus Paterson, C.M.S. Geo Hansel (died of illness), and Chaplain Capt. Thos Terry.

Mr. Ivo Kerr, B.Ec., accountant, an old Fortian, and one of the firm of Bowler and Kerr, has been appointed Assistant Commissioner of the Australian Comforts Fund, and will shortly leave for England.

We regret to note that Captain Clarence M. Collins, for some years on the staff of Fort Street, has been severely wounded in France.

Cedric Cramp, in a letter to us, mentions that he has met the following Old Boys: C.S.M. J. V. Gallagher, Ronald Ponton, Capt. John Hunter. A.M.C., Shearman, and Hill Adams, who at the time of writing were all well.

DISSERTATION ON VARIOUS FORMS OF THE PESTILENCE.

Hobbies are great and marvellous things. The riders of the same hobby-horse form an indissoluble secret society stretching from pole to pole. These societies have their own grip and passwords, and at times even become a menace to the community. Take, for example, the great and honourable society of rose-growers. Rose-growing is a disease to which great scientific minds seem most susceptible. At any rate most of our science staff is affected with it. But the chief exponent of the methods of this ancient and most potent association is a commercial master, who cannot as yet, however, have allowed the dire and dreadful disease to warp his whole nature, for (though it has turned his hair grey) he nevertheless gains and retains the respect and admiration of everyone with whom he comes into contact. But alas! I think he is an incurable, since every day almost he wears the sign of his iniquitous order in the form of a (to some eyes beautiful) *Flor de Cabage-rose*. However, there are others on the staff who are almost as bad as he, because of their like affection, and in their dementia, perhaps, they might rise and overwhelm the poor authors of this, and so we must not say too much. But yet another word before we leave this dangerous subject. The password of ye most noble and honourable order of Rose-growers is, we believe, "Foul Carl Droschke" or some such heathen name. So if the reader should wish—alas!—to become incorporate to this savage secret society, the way is open.

But rose-growing, if the most virulent, is not the only disease which attacks the minds of the Fortians—(weakened, we are inclined to think, by prodigious mental exertions). Photography is nearly as bad. Camera fiends are everywhere; at first they took photos of the School in such numbers that they loosened the slates and lead on the roof, so that when we had a few drops of rain, the slates dropped down. Unluckily,

there were more of the ubiquitous camerists (or is it more correctly spelt Cammorists, after that (in)famous Italian secret society?) were underneath. This frightful and ferocious fellowship have—like the rose-growers—a password of their own. "Time of exposure" or "Kodak" will secure admittance into its sombre secret.

The disease of the camera, however, reached its climax lately, culminating in the worse than Hunnish atrocity of the photographic display in the Education Department building. Then it was that the Camerists showed their worst side. Not content with visiting themselves the den of horrors containing the result of their crimes, they inveigled other and innocent Fortians into going with them. The worst offender in this respect was a master, who should have shown a better example. But alack! alack! this gentleman is hopeless. He also suffers from the roses—and so we can safely say he is hopeless. Thus only can be explained his crime in offering a reward to the miscreant who might entice a dozen poor, innocent people (preferably long-suffering relations) into visiting the rogues' gallery, also.

Most of the other diseases to which the School has been exposed have (thank goodness!) been merely spasmodic. The worst of these was the stamp-collecting mania. For a while it seemed as if this epidemic was to spread through the School, but fortunately this was prevented by the sturdy constitution, which survived the attack. At present, however, there is still another drawback to life. This is the enthusiast who persists in using the number of his tram ticket as a hand at cribbage.

Well, hoping that the "Fortian" will take measures to eradicate the awful plagues which turn honest Fortians into pestilent malefactors, we conclude in the hope that also the motor maniacs and their adherents will soon recover.

—W. D. and H. O. Wilkins.

Class News.

First Year Notes.

1 A.

We are resting securely on our perch on the roof, and are getting along quite famously. Our laurels are fresh in sport; Langsworth has won the First Year Handicap; our Firsts pulled off the First Year Soccer Competition. We have now taken up skating as a pastime (in the hat room), and pay weekly visits to the Crystal Palace. Diverse opinions on the subject of conscription are airily expressed. The Noes have lost a noisy agitator in John David Patrick Joseph.

1 E.

1 E is undoubtedly the premier class of the First Year. E for efficiency, energy, and enthusiasm. We have two representatives in the second-grade cricket, and an enthusiastic lot of budding swimmers (excuse the mixed metaphor), while the detention line is occasionally honoured by a few of our members. We express our great regret (?) that the chirping of the Sparrow will no longer be heard in our room, that species of the feathered tribe having made a flight to 1 B room. Our two kewpie dolls, bought at the recent auction sale on France's Day, persistently smile down upon the masters from the picture rail.

1 R.

Our class is still as famous as ever for its versatility. Our new Captain, Neil, has had greatness thrust upon him in the form of the new homework register, which indeed is a weighty tome. The class is well to the fore in all School activities. Hendo is booked for two months, and Titch for five years' detention. The classical (?) accumulation of flotsam and jetsam is vainly endeav-

ouring to hold its own against the hordes of Caesar—the transcendental and supereminent intelligents of the class (known by the proletariat as the commercial element) are quite at home with trial balances, ledgers and codes.

We feel under a deep sense of gratitude to our masters in their struggles to uplift us during this half-year. Mention should be made of our modern language professor, with his (in)accurate aim and the little French song: *Quelle-heure*, our Mathematical adviser, has still failed to bring the "decent axe"—that useful implement of aggression—object unknown. C. H., with Newton's various fallacies—oh! a *lapsus lingue-laws*, is trying to get us to swallow some very dry physic.

Embryo field-marshal's desirous of being coached in things military, kindly communicate with Sergt. E. T. Elliott.

Second Year Notes.

2 A.

In the class, traces of chronic contemplations of approaching unpleasant anticipations have been found regarding some rumour of an exam. *Sommes-nous découragés?* Certainly not; though the machinations of Ovid and ever-loving Julius der "Bellah" "Gallicah" are trying to disturb the peace.

As for the first, it is very nutritious if taken in small quantities, but we think the "v" is a misprint for "r."

As for Caesar—Eboniza!—but what of the commercial section—to speak of Latin—as throwing pearls before swine, whereas of course to the "Classicals" throwing swine before pearls.

We hang out *beaucoup de* congratulations to "Roobey" on his recent unparalleled success in connection with his engagements at the

War Office, and all wish him many happy returns of the day. (Does he?)

A novel and distinctive rag-time characteristic of 2A production, which is making a great "hit" among the more talented and symphonious members. The first verse is short, and will be recognised at sight:

D, r, m, f, s, l, t, d.
Hist! Hist!
Wow!!

The chorus is even more delightful.

The scanning system is very defective—reversed iambic pentameter slightly distorted, with a diffusion of anapaestic hendiadys adding much to the beauty of expression. The noble and inspiring thought contents, too, are picturesquely portrayed.

So much for Latin and Art? How's French? Oh, getting on splendid; only to mention "Dites," and the class springs off the mark in a wonderful fashion. The "passé antérieur" and "those 6" are still "très embarrassants," and the jubsunetive is shrouded with mystery, and "C'est" and "Il est"—C'est un bombastic bugbear.

2 D.

Many of our most "shining" members are gradually losing condition owing to their overwhelming (?) desire to establish records in the recent "agonizing dilemma." One of the above repeatedly takes exception because "This here ain't in the syllabus."

The condition of Montague Marmaduke Montmorency is becoming more serious; he fears the presence of a T Hun in the School. Kerensky badly hurt his leg when trying to establish a record on his newbus. He reached about 00001 miles per century.

2 B.

The hustle of the past few months has not blighted our "latent heat." We have seen the fellow who keeps himself amused by making weird noises, "clucking" his tongue against the roof of his mouth;

equally well do we know the young sprite who by a method of friction "under the palms," diverts the attention of all who take an interest in morning drill (although it is "part of the School curriculum"; and again one who was **very rudely** told he wore "a smile like a sick calf."

2 R.

After much hard labour and many broken resolutions, we have passed through the keen contest of examination. The sporting life of the class is not extinct, Kirk and Chidley having represented us well in various grades of cricket. The latter has distinguished himself as a captain of the third team. Our numbers at the Domain and Leichhardt have been exceptionally high.

Third Year Notes.

3 B.

Our class is attaining an athletic excellence equal to that of any class in the School; with boxing, swimming, jumping, etc., our collective muscle is becoming formidable. Furthermore, our academic studies have brought forth latent powers of poesy: our poet laureate has added the following lines to the Aeneid:—

Is acer sed jaco tuis masta ad te
Canlu possus sum jam

Notha jam potissem te.

Which, being interpreted, is—

"Nay, sir," said Jacko to his master, at tea,

"Can't you pass us some jam?"

"No! the jam pot is empty."

This effusion will convince the master who constantly affirms that we know NOTHING.

3 A.

The commercial brains of the country still hold the place of eminence in the sporting field. In first-grade Rugby we are represented by Little and Waddington. At the School Sports Little, O'Donoghue, Amadio and Martin secured places. In boxing we o'ertop the Third Year in our skill and deftness, and are on the way to becoming the champions of the School. Mens sana corpore sano.

HONOURS TO FORTIANS.

Since the last issue of the "Fortian," we have received news of the following honours awarded to Old Boys:—

D.S.O.—

Major H. B. Lee.

Military Cross—

Major Harrie B. Lee, A.M.C., Lt. Ray S. Evatt (killed in action), Lt. Guy Harden, Lt. R. G. Howell-Price, Capt. J. L. Wright, Lt. Edgar H. Booth, Lt. Wilfred S. Moers,

Capt. J. D. D. Henry, Capt. S. A. Railton.

Military Medal—

Pte Alex S. Adam, Gunner Davd. Justice, Pte. W. Young.

D.C.M.—

Lieut. N. A. Holmes (Royal Flying Corps), Cpl. A. Fraser, Pte. A. G. A. Skinner, A.S.C., Sgt. G. A. Ross.

Mentioned in Despatches.

Capt. A. J. Collins, A.M.C., Lt. E. O. K. Green, Capt. Jas. Doherty.

OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

(By H. T. I.)

We of the University are very glad to see the fine response of Old Boys and students of Fort Street to the call of the Empire.

We also wish to bid the Fortians who have sat or are sitting for examinations at this time the best of success.

As regards our life at the University, third and fourth year Medical students are now resting on the oars, having passed the strenuous August exams. There are six Fortians in fifth year, twenty in fourth year, and about the same number in each of the other years. In other Faculties there is also a very fair representation, and altogether many "spoils to the victors" have fallen to the lot of Old Boys.

Although competitions in sport have largely been abandoned while the war continues, we still indulge in cricket, tennis, and swimming, and especially in the latter Fortians have distinguished themselves. W. R. York is secretary of this club, and by his enthusiasm he has formed a strong list of active supporters under the presidency of Mr. W. A. Selle, B.A., a popular ex-teacher of Fort Street High School, and now Clerk of Examinations at the University.

I would like to say a few words to

those who will be next year freshers at the 'Varsity:—

1. Firstly: You should have some badge or something which will make you known to Old Boys up here. The latter, if they know you are from the old School, will be particularly glad to help you in whatever way they can.

2. Secondly: We advise you in your first year particularly, and also as much as possible afterwards, to enter into University life to the full. Go to the Debating Society, the Christian Union, and especially the Sports Union's meetings. Play some game up here, and keep up your exercise while not neglecting your studies.

3. If possible, try and live at one of the University Colleges. It is a great advantage. In regard to this, there is a new Methodist College, Wesley College, which is especially suitable. There are nine students now enrolled, four of whom are Old Fort Street Boys, and I can assure you they will be only too pleased to do what they can for freshers from the Old School.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Old Boys at the University, we wish the whole School, both staff and students, a Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.



EDITORIAL REVIEW OF 1917.

One cannot but feel proud of being a Fortian, when he looks back over the sporting achievements of our fellow school comrades, during the past twelve months. In practically all branches of sport, you will find our School well to the fore. Let us look down the list together.

Our Rugby season was one of the most successful in the history of the School, and "Fort Street has always been a Rugby School." This is the second year the "McManamey Shield" has been in existence, and we are proud to say it has never left Fort Street. Not only did we win the First Grade premiership, and were also the runners-up in the Second and Fourth Grades, but we were the only High School who entered all four.

The Soccer season may also be regarded as a success. Although we did not win the First Grade competition, every game with the Premiers was keenly contested.

Our First Grade Baseball team met with little success. Their efforts, however, were eclipsed by the Second Grade, who won their competition.

Our Swimming Carnival, held early in the year, proved a great success, and we all sincerely hope that Fort Street will continue to be "the home of natorial champions."

Then at cricket we have proved ourselves to be superior to all opponents encountered, as yet, in the First Grade, since the opening of the present cricket season. These boys are upholding the finest traditions of our School.

Perhaps one will be disappointed when he thinks of the poor showing of our boys at the Combined High School Sports, but let us remember it is the first time for three years that we have had a meeting of our own—"Rome was not built in a day."

Tennis has gained in popularity during the year, and many of the younger boys show much promise.

Possibly one of the most pleasing features of this review is to note that boxing, under the supervision of Mr. Dave Smith, has been introduced into the School.

The Honour Cap Committee will have great difficulty in choosing the recipients, for never were there more who satisfy all three conditions of being "a scholar, an athlete, and a gentleman."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—

Allow me to draw your attention to the fact that in my opinion the sport of the School is sadly degenerating. Fort Street in the past

was proud of its sporting reputation, but a Fortian now can only look with regret on its present status.

Kindly permit me to suggest a few reforms.

More encouragement and catering should be given to the non-grade players, for these are the recruits for grade.

Then regarding the allotting of the material from the sports press. Instead of it being in the hands of the boys, it should be under the supervision of a master or the Senior Prefect, seeing that he is the representative of sport in the School.

Our display in the Combined High School Sports clearly demonstrates the lack of training in the School. We have the Petersham Oval at our disposal several afternoons every week, and it is only on the eve of the sports that advantage is taken of this for training. The Sydney High School have been the most successful, and it is "up to us to get a move on."

It is disheartening to any Fortian to think that Fort Street, which has produced such swimmers as Barry, Hardwick, Adrian, Lyons, Crackanthorp, and the many others, should be scraping for a relay team of six to represent the School 48 hours before the entries closed. Who is to blame?

Then in regard to tennis, we have room enough for two courts in the School ground, and steps should be taken for their construction when the Sports Union fees for 1918 are in hand.

I am, etc.,

—A. B. C.

PROSPECTS.

(By the Sporting Editor.)

Many of our finest athletes are now leaving us, and the opinion rife throughout the School is that the immediate future is very gloomy indeed. Let us remember, boys, that

we are Fortians, and if we cannot show a review at the end of 1918 almost equally as good as the 1917, then it will be time enough to be pessimistic.

Other schools are also suffering as we, but in very few High Schools so severely. However, it is on us who are left behind that the responsibility rests, and may we quit ourselves as worthily as our predecessors have done. We have in our fourth year elect many boys who will by no means disgrace the School in their favourite sports. Let us see whom we have: Our Senior Prefect should do well at Rugby next year, and should also uphold the honour of the School at the Combined High School Sports Meeting. Prefect Allan Smith will probably be the finest all-round sport in the School, playing First Grade Rugby and Cricket, and will represent us at swimming and athletics. Prefect Tom Steel, swimmer, sprinter, and footballer, should do well. Prefect Crakanthorp will be our crack swimmer. Prefect Frank Munro is a First Grade soccer player, and also intends to take athletics seriously. At cricket we will have Waddington, Anderson, Kennett, and others; at swimming, besides Crakanthorp, Steele, and Smith, we will have Towner and Gracie. Our First Grade baseball should do well, as the Seconds (Premiers) move up one grade. At athletics, besides our prefects, Welch, Davis, Galbraith, Sullivan, and many more should do well. Mr. Porter has been on the lookout for promising Soccerites, and we should find no difficulty in placing a splendid XI. in the field. Then at Rugby, if we are coached, and practise a great deal, our first fifteen, which will include some of the 1917 representatives (Little, Hall, Sullivan, Bryant, Smith, and Waddington) should again win their competition.

Many reforms in school sport are also rumoured, and I can announce with certainty that more interest will be taken in "the small boy." Previous Fortians have never included names of promising players.

right down to the ranks of inter-class players. I hope all successive ones will. We have at present many boys in first and second year who should be encouraged to persevere at their sport. As I write this several names of boys occur to me, and I cannot refrain from mentioning a few—Ball is a future First Grade cricketer; he has met with success in the Third Grade, both with bat and ball. Dudley, another young boy, should do well later as a sprinter, while Quinn is our most promising long-distance runner. Bennet has a growing reputation as a swimmer. Space does not permit me to mention any more.

The blackboard to be erected and used for sport notices only will be a pleasing departure. Here, every Thursday morning, the results of the previous day's matches will be posted up.

Care is also to be taken that the Sports Union Committee meet regularly, all members of the Union will elect their representatives. This also is a new departure. Fort Street has been too conservative with regard to "boy" management of sport. The whole School never has had this privilege previously. In conclusion, I appeal to all Fortians to elect as their representatives boys who will not be afraid to exercise the powers entrusted to them.

FOOTBALL.

Rugby—First Grade.

Once again we have shown ourselves to be the finest exponents of Rugby football in the High Schools' Competition, for never once in the whole of the competition did we suffer defeat at the hands of a rival.

Owing to an exceedingly low average weight (9st. 5lbs.) being decided upon at the delegates' meeting, we were unable to place our finest first fifteen in the field. Much worry was caused through this necessity, and a slight miscalculation (10lbs.

for the team) was the reason of our subsequently losing a match, after our previously winning it, by reason of T.H.S. protesting.

We are especially indebted to Mr. Roberts for the keen interest he took in our team. To him our success can be largely attributed. Prefect "Bertie" Lewis kindly acted as touch judge throughout the season, only missing one game.

Matches on our home ground were well attended, especially the final against Parramatta, when practically the whole of the School was present. It was a fine exhibition of Rugger, a hard-fought, clean, even contest. The scores (12—3) by no means reflect the difference in play, for our forwards met their equals and our victory is due to the superior combination of the backs.

Thus we have succeeded in retaining within our walls the McManamey Shield for the next twelve months at least.

The following is an appreciation of each of the players who have lived up to the best traditions of Fort Street in the football world:—

GOLDING (Capt.).—The veteran Donga was unanimously chosen to skipper the team. He was a very popular captain, having an intimate knowledge of the game, and the necessary "generalship." We were very unfortunate at losing him so early in the season. He was exceedingly unlucky, being injured on several occasions, and was finally put out of action with a dislocated elbow. He is an ideal centre-forward.

MACINTYRE.—"Chook" played the majority of matches as centre-forward, and gave us a fair share of the ball. He tackles very well, and in the opening game damaged his ear. It was there after a source of worry.

FEARNLEY.—"Jock" is truly a bullocker—plays with great vim and

uses his weight to its best advantage. Shines in the loose and in ruck—known by all opponents.

JEFFERSON.—Also a front-row forward; was especially useful in “line-outs.” He was always very prominent in dribbling rushes. Enough said.

THOMPSON.—“Joe” was not discovered until the season had considerably advanced. He plays a very spirited game, and has improved wonderfully.

HALL, our lightweight, is “Joe’s” colleague in the second row. He is always on the ball, but is a little too impetuous. Should do well next season.

BRYANT.—“Johnny,” our “right breakaway” throughout the year, worked hard, and was very consistent. Next year he will do better.

ELLIOTT.—“Ern,” our other “breakaway,” is probably the finest breakaway in the competition. He was very quick in getting around the serum. Shines in the open; breaks through well in the line-outs.

LITTLE.—“Bull,” our “lock,” is in my humble opinion, the best forward in the pack. He is one of the most promising players in N.S.W. He knows all tricks worth knowing. Has the knack of backing through opposition in the line-outs. He tackles well, is excellent in the ruck, and quick to seize an opportunity.

SPENCER.—“Hector” was converted from the older code, and shows great promise as a “Ruggerite.” He always played a “nippy” game at half. Was knocked about considerably. Ask him about his bandages, boys!

SEDDON.—“Snowy” always created a sensation. He is a player with great natural ability, and with the power of seeing the weak spot in his

opponents’ defence. He has a fine side-step and the requisite pace for the successful try-getter.

HEAD.—Roy proved a worthy successor to “Donga” after the latter was injured. He “skipped” our team ably on very many occasions. He had a neat line kick, was excellent in defence, and saved the team times without number. He is our most brainy player—a very popular captain.

SMITH.—“Smut” was really promoted from the Second Grade, but his inclusion considerably strengthened our team. He, too, is excellent in defence, and has a neat drop-kick. Let us see more of it next season, “Smut”!

ANDREWS.—“Pat” was really captain of the Seconds, but he, too, was a tower of strength to our team. He has a tricky run, but would do better if he always ran straight.

VANDENBURG.—“Ernie” is one of our finest three-quarters, and particularly shines in attack. He has the happy knack of rising to the occasion. He is the finest sprinter in the team. He has the most goals kicked to his credit also.

WADDINGTON.—Bill is a particularly fine full-back. He is very heavy, and can tackle and bring down anything. He is a good drop-kicker, and also handles and line-kicks well.

SULLIVAN, our sixteenth man, played several games in the forwards, but his weight was the trouble. Hard luck! but it will be your turn next season.

GRIME.—Billy also played several matches with us to bring down our average weight. Although captain of the thirds, Billy is a first-grader in all but weight.

CUMMINGS played the few concluding matches with us. It is a pity

he was not found sooner, for he played a dashing forward game in the final. Can also play in the quarters.

FREEMAN.—“Freeo” was our extra back. He played generally at full-back and brought down heavy men considering his weight. He also made a good wing three-quarter.

The following results are worthy of any previous First Grade team:—

F.S.H.S. v. T.H.S. (2), Won 14-10: 22-11.*

F.S.H.S. v. S.H.S. (a) (2), Won 12-6: 23-3.

F.S.H.S. v. Parramatta (2), Drawn 11 all: Won 6-5.

F.S.H.S. v. N. Sydney (2), Won 35-8: Won by forfeit.

F.S.H.S. v. S.H.S. (b) (2), Won 21-9: 41-3.

*Subsequently lost by protest.

Final—F.S. v. P.H.S., Won 12-3.

Total—For, 175; against, 58.

Rugby—Second Grade.

Our competition was won by Hurlstone. The deciding match was most exciting. In the first half Fort Street, with the wind and sun against them, scored seven points to nil—a try by Maguire, and a field goal by Smith, and to us the game seemed won.

At full time the scores stood only 10-8 in our favour. Then one of our backs fumbled, and full time saw us attacking with the score 11-10 against. Hurlstone had won the competition, but we could not deny them the credit they deserved.

The competition gave opportunities for good football to several players. Maguire, who transferred with “The Sports from Petersham.” and played brilliantly throughout the season, and it is a pity that we have lost him for next season’s rugger.

Parker, Welch, Leck, and Clemens also did good work. As breakaway Lane had few equals in Second Grade, and should do well with the “firsts” next season. Smith, a recruit from gentle soccer, did fine work with the backs. As a wing player Tom Galbraith showed up very well. Good kicking and strong running were the features of the season.

Mr. Keller took a great interest in our team and is an invaluable coach.

Rugby—Third Grade.

“The Thirds” cannot be said to have performed brilliantly during the past season, but nevertheless the team was not disgraced. Although “ ’tis somewhat late to trouble,” I would urge more practice next time.

We commenced our season well by defeating Hurlstone.

The team was ably skippered by “Billy” Grime, who was the originator of most of our “moves” which ended in “a try.” A few of these or a few “Billies” were needed when we played Parramatta (the less said the better).

North Sydney, and also Cleveland Street (A) lowered our colours, but we were again successful against Hurlstone and accounted for Cleveland Street (B).

Besides our brilliant scrum half, and captain—Grime—we had several promising players who again will do well next season. There is “Fuzz” Porter, our five-eighth, and Audley who played some good games as breakaway. James (centre), Debus, Stevenson, Shorrocks and Perkins were the best of a good set of forwards.

Our three-quarters are also a promising lot—Dickie, Langford, Houston, and Dickie, “the queen of the Thirds.” Arnold played full-back for the majority of our matches.

Altogether we had a very enjoyable season playing the game for the game’s sake, and much credit is due to Mr. James, our master for the interest he always took in the team.

Rugby—Fourth Grade.

The "Fourths," under Captain Sproule, had what may be considered a successful season. We only experienced one defeat in the opening round and that was inflicted by Cleveland Street.

We have also very many promising players in our midst, who should do well in a higher grade next year. Sproule, our captain, has all the qualities of a "skipper." He plays scrum-half and is noted for his tackling. Armstrong, as five-eighth, is very useful in attack, McDougall is a very fine full-back for his size. Phelps and Laxton were the pick of our forwards.

Class Rugby.

Many inter-class matches were played by the younger boys, mainly of the second year. The majority of these games were played at Leichhardt.

The boys are very desirous of thanking Mr. Baldock for the keen interest he took in their matches, for not only did he organise, but he and Mr. Moody often refereed and gave these "the recruits for next season's 'grade'" much excellent advice.

A match was also arranged against North Sydney, and I am pleased to say we were victorious by 8 points to 3.

The following players showed the most promise and should do well in the Grade next season:—Backs: Bennett, Endicott, Garrat, Fraser, L. Wall and Clark. Forwards: Gosper, Hipsley, Ashton, Densby, Stevens, Assheton, Malcolmson and Finlayson.

Soccer—First Grade.

The standard of play in the First Grade was fairly good, but owing to the superior weight of the Sydney

High School eleven, we were unable to win the competition. If matched against a team of our own size we could have more than held our own.

Our forwards were both fast and sure, using brilliant footwork, and combining splendidly. "Duchy" Holland, our centre-forward, played well throughout the season. Warboys, our outside left, has the most goals to his credit.

The main support of the team was Bishop Crum, our centre-half, who was noted for his splendid head work. "Dinkum" Eve, our popular captain, always played a great game as "right back." His defence was sound. The "left back," Frank Munro, ably supported his captain, and was very consistent. Then, too, we also boast that our "goalie" is the finest for his age in the State, that is to say our "dark horse," Dudley.

Crum and McLeod represented our School on several occasions with the Combined High School team. Eve was especially mentioned for excellent play against the Education Department. Dudley and Holland were also picked to accompany a representative school-boy team to Newcastle.

Soccer—Second Grade.

The concluding matches of the season have resulted fairly well, although we were unable to turn the tables on Parramatta High School, whose combination of size and science earned them first place.

On May 30 we defeated North Sydney, 1-0, after a closely contested game, with a few exciting moments. A little practice was indulged in on June 6 at the expense of Cleveland Street. Ball and H. Jennings had the credit of our only goal on May 30, but Storey and Conly were now given their day out, scoring more than half of our 8 points. Jennings and Cunningham particularly dis-

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tinguished themselves. We greatly regret the latter's departure.

One of our greatest games was against S.H.S. on July 11, resulting in a scoreless draw. Many excellent shots were made by both sides, and we were saved by our splendid goalie, Dudley, now, alas! commandeered by the Firsts.

The match with the Technical H.S. on the previous Wednesday (won—2-1) provided some interesting play. The T.H.S. backs saved some desperate cases, but they could not score in the second half.

Our second match with them we won by 1-0, scored by Smith, our old friend, who now assists the "Handballers."

Speaking generally, we had a rattling team, but the personnel thereof fluctuated too much. In one week we lost Day (right half) and Cunningham (centre), thus breaking up our impregnable half line. What we should have done without the sure-kicking, unruffled Owen, I shudder to contemplate. "Pat" Only left us in the same week. He was remarkably fast and fearless, a trifle too impetuous perhaps, but his good humour never failed him. We wish these boys every success in their new spheres.

Davis, our left back, did solid work throughout the season, and our forward line acquitted itself well—but weight was needed. "Peter" Jennings has the makings of a great player, he has natural ability and also studies the game. Pickering filled very creditably the gap caused by Martin's illness. Storey and Ball (both now a little less impetuous) have done very clever work.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. Porter, on behalf of the team, for the enthusiastic interest he took in our team.

Soccer—Third Grade.

Possibly we did not perform as brilliantly as the higher grades, but

by no means have we disgraced our School.

Under "Pat" Shanahan we were led to victory on no less than four occasions, whilst on two others we ended with even scores. We had the honour of finishing up fourth in our competition.

Our captain usually played a fine game, but by far the best player in the team was Heagney, our centre-forward. This boy has great prospects before him. Jenkins, our goalie, is also worthy of being noted. Pelham and Jenkins (junr.) should do well in a higher grade next season.

Class Soccer.

Soccer is the most popular winter game amongst us, the boys of the first year. Very few of us as yet have had the honour of representing the School in grade competitions, but I am sure it is the aim of each to uphold the honour of the School in the First Grade.

Most of our games were contested on the Leichhardt Flats, and the season ended with the final between two evenly matched teams, 1A and 1B, the former winning by 1 goal to nil.

The most promising players among many others were Polkinhorne, McLean, Lancon, Cleary, and Kelly, forwards; Abbot and Jones, halves; McVea and Rezonico backs.

BASEBALL.

First Grade.

The season opened and closed decidedly disastrously for our First Grade team. In the first place we lost the services of our pitcher and skipper, E. Munro, just at the beginning of the season. Secondly, the majority of the First Grade

players, nominated to play at the opening matches, deserted the team before the season was half over.

The most notable game of the season was our match against S.H.S., when we were defeated by the narrow margin of 2 runs (5-3).

The following lads were prominent for their batting:—Waddington, Kalmyre, Kennett, Densley and Stevens. Symes pitched far beyond all expectations. Kennett played his position at "first bag" magnificently. Anderson at "short stop" also did well.

Second Grade.

A very successful season was closed with the final match against Petersham on the local Oval. According to the "Sun," it was the finest schoolboy game seen for years. The scores (7-5) in our favour indicate the closeness of the game.

Petersham led early, the scores being 4-3; then, in the fifth innings, their lead was increased to 5-3, the sixth innings was scoreless, and in the 7th we drew level, 5-5. Petersham succumbed for nil in the eighth, and then we obtained 2 (7-5). Through the fine work of our battery, Petersham again did not get a man past the box—three strikes out for Alexander. This was the end, and Fort Street left the field winners of the competition.

Alexander is a pitcher with exceptional ability. During the season he obtained over 100 strike-outs, and on all occasions was cool and resourceful. He headed the batting table also with Brooke and Anderson equal for second place. Beside these three the most promising of a splendid team are Gracie, Byrne and Tyler.

Second Grade Baseball Table.

	Won.	Lost.	Pts.
Fort Street H.S. . .	11	1	22
Petersham	9	3	18
Sydney H.S.	4	8	8
Cleveland St. H.S.	0	12	0

CRICKET.

First Grade.

As the Christmas holidays are looming up in the foreground, we have to report that our First XI. has been progressing favourably, not being as yet, defeated.

The first match of the season was played at Redfern Oval against North Sydney High School. It resulted in a win for us by an innings and twenty-two runs. North Sydney won the toss, and decided to bat. In less than two hours—thanks to the splendid bowling of Kennett and McDonald—they were dismissed, having made 100 runs. Fort Street then batted and made 176, of which Spencer and Seddon were responsible for 38 each. North Sydney were again quickly dismissed for 54 runs, Kennett (7 for 43) and McDonald (3 for 10) were again responsible for their quick dismissal.

Our second game was against Sydney High School at Wentworth. This match has not been finished as yet; the score stands at S.H.S., 9 for 170.

Then again we have commenced our next match against the Technical High School at Waverley Oval. This match also has yet to be finished. T.H.S. won the toss, and decided to take the field. After batting for two and three-quarter hours, we compiled a total of 214. The principal scorers were: Spencer 110, Kennett 39, and Seddon 20.

These are all the fixtures played to date, but many of our finest players have the honour of repre-

sending the School in the Combined High School XI., which plays in the Second Grade District Competition. Spencer, Seddon, Brown, Kennett, and Waddington have played regularly. The last mentioned did particularly well against the Western Suburbs District Second XI., scoring 80 runs in the first innings, 39 in the second, and capturing 3 wickets for 34 runs.

Hector Spencer, our captain, is an excellent batsman. He played a particularly fine innings against T.H.S. The 110 runs to his credit were compiled in a very fine style. He is also a splendid fieldsman, and a good "skipper."

Seddon is also a particularly good all-round man. He has been a very consistent scorer, and is good behind the pegs.

F. Anderson is another promising colt, and is a good all-round man; bats, bowls, and fields well.

The two bowlers who have met with the most success are Kennett and McDonald. The former has captured the most wickets to date, whilst the good medium-paced balls of "Mac" have accounted for many.

Third Grade.

Although the season has only been in swing for a few matches, yet something must be said with regard to the standard of play of the "Thirds."

Heagney, the captain of the team, is a good all-round player, whilst the vice-captain, Ball, is probably the most promising junior in the School. Audley and King each have a big score to their credit, as will be seen from the table. Shanahan and Storey have performed creditably, especially in fielding. Heagney, Symes, Haynes, and Ball are all excellent bowlers, who are going to do well in First Grade in a season or two.

Mr. Fraser takes a keen interest in the team, and is to be congratulated for his enthusiasm. So far the team's prospects of winning the competition seem very bright, and may they continue to be so. Results to date:—

Lost to S.H.S. by 26 runs—
F.S.H.S., 54 (Heagney 16, Ball 15).
S.H.S., 80.

Defeated Cleveland HS. by 28 runs—
F.S.H.S., 96 (Ball 54).
C.H.S., 68 (Haynes 3 for 22, Ball 4 for 13, Cleary 2 for 8).

Defeated Petersham by 124 runs—
F.S.H.S., 192 (Ball 59, Audley 50, King 42).
P.H.S., 68 (Ball 3 for 23, Symes 4 for 18, Heagney 2 for 16).

SWIMMING.

The Approaching Combined High Schools' Carnival.

In December, 1916, Fort Street carried off shields for both the senior and junior events at the Combined High Schools' Swimming Carnival. For these shields, however, we have looked in vain.

At the end of the year the School suffered a severe loss in losing M. C. Crakanthorp, their former champion, who scored 14 points for the Senior Shield, and who also made a name for the School by winning the 100yds. Championship of N.S.W. for youths under 20 years of age. G. Shead, who also did well as a junior, has left us. E. Willoughby and J. McPhee, who promised to do so well, have also gone.

However, we have still a few who will not disgrace the name of Fort Street. S. Crakanthorp and T. Steel should represent the Seniors well after a little training. Bennett in the Junior, with good training and plenty of practice, should be vic-

torious. W. Furniss is, of course, relied upon to carry off the Back and the Breast Stroke Championships in both the Senior and Junior events.

In the 660yds Relay for six Seniors, there is a slight difficulty; however, we have obtained six representatives who, if they take the matter seriously, and train, should without doubt do well. They are: S. Crakanthorp, T. Steel, W. Towner, Bennet or Gracie, A. V. Smith, and L. McDonald.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

More especially during the winter months did this sport prove popular among boys of all ages. We were very unfortunate, however, as the weather considerably interfered with the carrying out of our programme.

Two Winchester rifles were purchased on our behalf by the Sports Union, assisted by our own funds.

The late Mr. D. A. Haddock had charge of the shooting, and with him many pleasant afternoons were spent at Randwick. None will feel the loss of Mr. Haddock more than the members of the Rifle Club.

The Club later on in the year obtained permission to use the miniature range at the Petersham Town Hall, which we made good use of.

The finest shots of the year were Arnott, Baker, Fraser, Myers, Hewitt, and Campbell. We hope that the interest it merits will be taken in this sport during 1918.

BOXING.

The latest sport introduced into the School is boxing, and we are all

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"Dave" is putting us through a splendid course of boxing, and has expressed his surprise at the high standard already attained to. He has a very pleasant manner, and is a very popular instructor.

The class contains boys of all sizes, right from the first year to the fourth, and we all enter into the "straight lefts" and other hits with vigour.

No names are outstanding as yet, but the boxing column will not be so empty when the "Grand Tournament" is to be held.

Harold Hardwick, the ex-amateur heavyweight champion of the British Empire, since enlisted for active service, is an Old Boy of this School. I wonder how many champions are at Fort Street now.

TENNIS.

Grade.

The tennis season may be regarded as a moderate success. The First Grade team, consisting of Fitzhardinge, Morgan, Field, and Brown, defeated the majority of the teams in their competition. They finished the season as "runners-up" to North Sydney High School.

In the Second Grade the School was represented by two teams. The "A" team (Slocombe, Biggs, Anderson, and Taylor) were undefeated, when "the strike" necessitated their withdrawal from the competition.

Class Tennis.

Tennis was particularly popular among the boys of the first and third years. The first year formed a Club and played regularly at Summer

Hill, whilst the Seniors played many interesting games at Croydon.

Boys of all years played on the courts at "All Souls," Leichhardt. Of these boys, Scotter, Mackay and Simpson showed great promise, as did also many boys new to the game.

ATHLETICS.

Fort Street Seventh Annual Athletic Sports Meeting.

We held our sports once more on 29th August last, after a lapse of three years, at the Petersham Oval. The attendance was not up to expectations, but this deficiency was counterbalanced by the enthusiasm of the competitors. However, there were very many distinguished citizens among our interested spectators.

Over 1000 entries were received, and much class rivalry existed as to which class should have the most wins. Among the Juniors, 2 E scored the most points, whilst 4 C had a narrow margin over 4 A in the Senior division.

The most successful Senior competitor was C. Morgan, who scored 9 points, whilst D. Seddon holds that honour for Juniors.

Space will not allow us to publish the complete list of results.

The Combined High Schools' Sports.

Our School met with very little success at the above sports held at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 7th September.

We regret to report that we were easily outclassed by the winners, in both the Senior and the Junior competitions. We look to the future to retrieve our lost laurels.

However, we must congratulate those boys who did bring a very

slight amount of honour to the School, viz:—

B. Lewis, who won the 440yds. Senior Championship.

C. Morgan, who was second to Webb in the 1-mile Championship. (Winner's time, 5.1).

E. Welch, who was second in the Junior High Jump, also the Junior Relay Team (Seddon, Davis, Cozens, Dudley), which gained second place.

A Mathematical Problem.

Let $MV =$ the momentum of a motor car, where M is the driver and V the velocity. If V is sufficiently great the car will reach PC . In general V will then be zero. For low values of V , PC may be neglected,

but if V be high it will be necessary and sufficient to square PC , after which V may be anything you please. Then $PC + LSD = PC$ squared.

If LSD is small as compared with M , we may substitute ALE for LSD . If LSD be made sufficiently great, PC will vanish.

When JP is substituted for PC , as may be the case when $PC-M$ is large, the solution is difficult, because no amount of LSD will square JP , the quantity JP squared being impossible.

The quantity PC varies greatly, and this may result in an arbitrary value being assigned to V , differing largely from the real value. This may, in the limit, lead to M vanishing for an indefinite period—which is absurd.

HONOUR CAPS.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD.

1. Honour caps shall be awarded only by the General Committee of the Sports Union, acting on the recommendation of the Honour Cap Sub-committee.

2. Candidates for honour caps must have been attending Fort Street School for a minimum of two years.

3. Candidates for honour caps must have passed the intermediate or leaving certificate examination.

4. In awarding the honour 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 school-mates.

5. In awarding honour caps the committee shall take into consideration the number of sports the candidates have taken up and success in each.

6. Honour 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).

RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

Ten Commandments.

(Fort Street Revised Edition.)

1. The Head is thine only Boss. Thou shalt have none other heads but him.

2. Thou shalt not tread on the main staircase.

3. Thou shalt not take thy master's name in vain, even if he doth not hold thee guiltless and giveth thee detention.

4. Six days shalt thou rest and enjoy thyself; on the Sabbath shalt thou do thy Homework. Likewise, remember to keep holy the Wednesday afternoon.

5. Honour the prefect at the Tuckshop door. Neither attempt to tread on his corns, nor to puncture his waistcoat, for he stands between thee and the results of hasty eating.

6. Thou shalt not steal—from drill to the Tuckshop.

7. Thou shalt not murder—foreign languages.

8. Thou shalt not adulterate the midnight oil.

9. Thou shalt not proffer false excuses for thy lateness or thy absence.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy master's car, nor yet a ride therein.

—H. H.

The Day's Timetable.

9 a.m., Entering the gates—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."

9.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.m., as the motor horn toots—"When He Cometh."

9.5-10.30 a.m., first two lessons—"Art thou weary, art thou languid?"

10.30 a.m., at the Tuckshop door—"Meekly wait and murmur not."

11 a.m., Saving the King—"There we suffer grief and pain."

11 a.m., interviewing the late-comers—"Tell me the old, old, story."

11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., struggle with Latin and Maths—"Fight the good fight."

12.30 p.m., dinner—"Come, ye thankful people, come."

1.15-2.45 p.m., more lessons—"Go, labour on."

2.45-3.30 p.m., last lesson—"Sleep on, beloved."

3.30 p.m., as the clock ticks out the second—"Christians, awake!"

3.30 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.m., classes dismissed—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

3.35 p.m., detention class—"All are safely gathered in."

1.30 a.m., or thereabouts, after finishing homework—"The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended."

—R. A.

Things We Miss.

The usual speech on the increase in the hat-size of the Third Year.

The speech on the degeneracy of any Year compared with the same

Year of the preceding year.

The daily boot-inspection.

The tin-whistle solos with which drill masters once were wont to console the saddened physical exercisers.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION.

From recent results of examinations posted at the University, we have culled the following successes of Old Boys:—

Faculty of Medicine—

SECOND DEGREE EXAM.—
Pass: W. J. Rundle, M. B. Fraser, D. W. Little, C. E. Percy, J. R. Allison, A. G. S. Gilchrist, A. B. L. Owen, W. V. Jacobs, S. F. Gill, N. St C. Mulhearn, J. McLean, A. S. Furness, G. L. Saunders, W. Yam, B. R. Overend, S. Asher, W. J. Chapman, C. J. Logan, O. W. Mater, and F. T. Willard.

THIRD DEGREE EXAM.—John Harris Scholarship for Anatomy and Physiology—John I. Hunter; High Distinction—John I. Hunter; Distinction—J. M. Paling, J. Hughes; Credit—L. L. Holland, C. L. Paine, J. C. Green, K. K. Spence, H. K. Porter, F. S. Hausman, W. K. Mus-

ton; Pass—A. E. Allum, H. M. Cutler, G. T. Ferris, S. U. Gentile, H. T. Illingworth, N. E. McLaren, J. D. Maude, E. W. Rivett, L. J. Scott, J. S. Sherwood, C. R. Smith.

FOURTH DEGREE EXAM.—
Credit—H. C. Barry, G. H. Pfeiffer; Pass—R. G. Arnott, S. K. Dwyer, A. J. Metcalfe, E. B. Reed.

Dept. of Dentistry—

FOURTH YEAR EXAM.—Pass—L. R. Firth.

Dept. of Engineering—

SECOND YEAR EXAM.—Engineering Construction—Pass, R. A. Quigley; Mechanical Engineering—Pass, R. A. Quigley.

THIRD YEAR EXAM.—All subjects—W. H. Lush, C. J. Watt.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Kilgour's youngest daughter, Dagmar Claire, who passed away after a brief illness on the 28th November, in her 22nd year. She was in her Second Year Science at the University, and was loved by all who knew her. On behalf of all Fortians, past and present, we desire to extend to Mr. and Mrs. Kilgour and family our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their great sorrow.

It is also with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Alan Mearns, an Old Boy, who passed the L.C. Exam. two years ago, and then took up Science at the University, where he was having a very successful career. His brother, Lient. Ross Mearns, A.I.F., who is on active service, was for some time on the staff of Fort Street. We extend our deepest sympathy to his parents on their great loss.

Answers to Correspondents.

(C.E and 7A.)

Query: Is a knowledge of Anglo-Saxon necessary to good motor driving?

Answer: Not absolutely necessary. Still the vocabulary, though limited, is incisive and to the point. The knowledge of Anglo-Saxon is, you see, more useful in starting a broken-down car than in driving one. Students of Early English literature are generally good car-starters.

Query: Does a Latin scholar visit old tombstones in order to learn Latin, or does he learn Latin in order to visit the tombstones?

Answer: Both or neither. Some scholars whom we know derive great amusement both from Latin and tombstones. Other people don't, however, and these view the headstones in order to—well, we'll explain why next issue.

Query: Why has capital punishment been abolished, and some slight measure of toleration allowed to commercial students?

Answer: The extreme penalty was abolished in order that these hardened heretics might recant, as the Inquisition was found to be of no avail.

Query: Is photography a branch of physics, or physics merely a branch of photography?

Answer: We are inclined to think that physics is a branch of photography, and that the whole of science was invented for the benefit of the camera fiend.

Query: Why are Rugby footballers chosen to do the Horatius act at the Tuckshop door?

Answer: None required. Let the correspondent try the job himself, and the answer will be clear.

After the Examination.

1. A triangle is a three-sided square.

2. The Cortes was a Spanish Parliament which afterwards went to Mexico and conquered the inhabitants who were ruled by a King named Monte Carlo.

3. Homer was born in seven cities. He afterwards wrote two long poems in Greek about the siege of Troy, beginning "Arma virumque cano."

4. What Tyler was the man who shot William Rufus. He also had a cat, and became Lord Mayor of London after the death of the King. The proverb "What-ho" is supposed to have been derived from his name.

ROUND THE SCHOOL.

Our heartiest congratulations to John I. Hunter on gaining first place, High Distinction, and the John Harris Scholarship for Anatomy and Physiology at the Third Degree Examination in Medicine.

We desire to acknowledge subscriptions from Walter H. Bradshaw, Leslie Sadler, and Harry Liebmann (O.B's.), all of whom write from Darwin, Northern Territory. The two latter are engineers on board the s.s. "Mataram."

We have received, and desire to acknowledge several poems from R. McGrath, which are still under consideration; a ballad from "A Fortian" which may appear later; and several letters to the Editor.

Answers to Miscellaneous Questions

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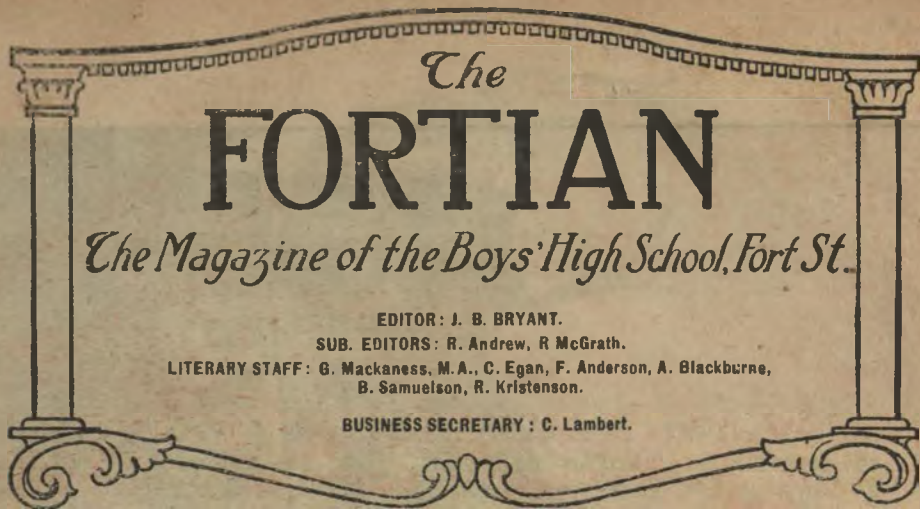
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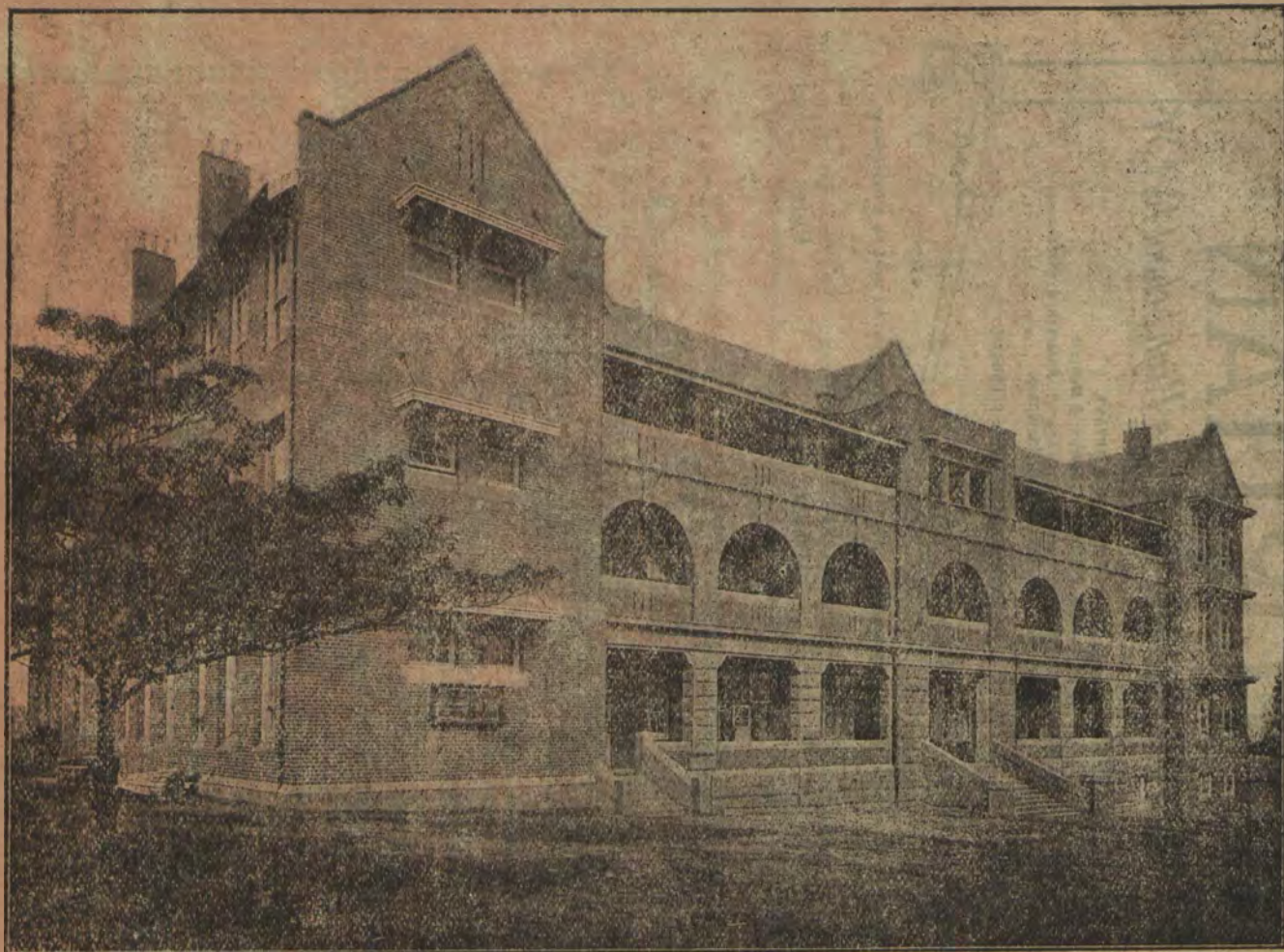
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Fort Street Boys' High School, Petersham, N.S.W.



Assuredly, 7th August, 1898, marks an epoch in the history of Fort Street. On that memorable day the first edition of "The Fortian" was published. Consider how many youthful achievements of her sons—in later years enrolled among our national heroes—have been recorded on its pages, since its inauguration.

Our magazine has undergone many vicissitudes, both in size and structure. It has expanded from a minute pamphlet of six pages, each 5 inches by 4 inches, costing $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per copy, up to its present form. Probably no change has been so crucial as that which is ushered in by this issue. Let us here record our appreciation of the work of Mr. Mackaness, our retiring editor.

For nearly sixteen years our former editor laboured untiringly in the interests of this journal. No work was too arduous for him to undertake. But Mr. Mackaness now feels he is no longer able to devote the time necessary for the preparation of this magazine, which it merits.

However, we will do our utmost to maintain the former literary standard, and at the very outset we place our sole aim before your notice. The main purpose of this journal is to foster an *esprit de corps* in our school.

In pursuance of this aim, we will endeavour to keep our readers well acquainted with the achievements of Fortians, of former years, and of present students—in all spheres and walks of life.

In conclusion we sincerely hope that the slight alterations we have made in the arrangement of this issue will meet with your genuine approval.

A REGRET.

We regret that we have not been successful in obtaining the block of the Boxing Class, nor that of the photo recently taken of the assembled school. Although the former has reached the melting pot; we are confident that the latter will appear in our next issue.

Many of the staff of this paper have over-taxed their physical capacity. One of our sub-editors has been confined to his bed for many days; another of the literary staff caught a severe cold, which later developed into bronchitis, through sitting in a draught whilst writing the history of the school, at the Mitchell Library. A third individual laughed so much at his own jokes that he afterwards suffered from neuralgia. Oh, well, such is life—but we hope to come up smiling for many issues yet.



Once more we publish a list of old boys who have enlisted in the cause of liberty. We have made a careful revision of all the names on our Roll of Honour, but we will be pleased if our readers would forward us names and particulars of other fighting Fortians.

Enlistments.

Anderson, W., Pte.; Bedford, P. Sgt.; Bell, G. F., Gunner; Burns, R. H., Corp.; Barkell, V. F., Pte.; Bell, Cyril, Lt., R.N.R. (in charge of patrol boat); Brindley, C., Sgt.; Charet, Bruce F., Corp.; Cheal, R.,

Gunner; Corrigan, L., Lieut.; Crompton, R., Gunner; Cush, W. L., Sergt.; Dargan, —, Tpr.; Davies, J., Bombr.; Fayle, D., Tpr.; Fearnley, J., Pte.; Gibb, J., Pte.; Gibson, H., Air Cadet; Gibson, J., Pte.; Greenfield, V. P., Sapper; Hardy, J., L.-Cpl.; Harris, P., Lieut.; Harris, C., Pte.; Hunt, R., Lieut.-Colonel; Higgins, K. B., Pte.; Ives, M. F., L.-Cpl.; Jones, W., Pte.; Jolly, H., Sapper; Kirwan, V., Pte.; Lupton, L. S., Gunner; Linsley, G., Lieut.; Linsley, A., Driver; Lord, Alfred J., Tpr.; McShane, R., Signaller; Mulhall, L., Pte.; Mulholland, H.,

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Cadet, Watson, W., Sgt.; Watson, A., Pte.; Worth, O., Pte.; Wilkinson, N., Lieut.; Young, Thos. R., Pte.; Younggreen, O., Pte.

Killed in Action.

We also regret to record that Lieut. L. J. Corrigan has made the supreme sacrifice.

FOR VALOUR.

Fort Street has played and still is playing a great part in the present conflict. All have shown themselves worthy of our great school—but we particularly wish to congratulate Captain STANLEY RAILTON on his decoration. We here reproduce a letter from General Birdwood to our hero:—

1st Anzac Corps, B.E.F.,
France,
29th October, 1917.

Dear Railton,—

This is a line to congratulate you most heartily upon the award to you of the Military Cross, which you have so fully deserved for your conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations at Polygon Wood, on the 30th September. I know that during the heavy enemy counter-attack the accommodation

of your aid post was over-taxed, which necessitated new cases being treated in the open. This you did under continuous heavy fire, with utter disregard for your own safety, though on one occasion a shell burst alongside, killing the stretcher-bearer assisting you, and again wounding your patient.

Thank you so much for your gallant conduct, which resulted in the saving of many lives, and with good wishes for the future,

Yours sincerely,
W. R. BIRDWOOD.

We further desire to congratulate Captains A. J. Collins and G. A. Lawrance (A.M.C.)—recipients of the Military Cross; Lieut. Leonard Judd, on becoming a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

FIGHTING FORTIANS.

CORP. CEDRIC CRAMP writes that he has met many Fortians in France, among whom are Lieut. Moore (formerly a Master), C.S.M. Gallagher (Old Boy and Master), Priv. Hill Adams; also Captain John Hunter (formerly of the Mawson Expedition). He has had many exciting adventures, and is well.

DRIVER D'ARCY EAGER writes, saying he is on the eve of departure for the Front. He mentions many distinguished Old Boys, including Lieut. Guy Harden, M.C., and Capt. E. Frecker (A.M.C.).

CAPTAIN G. W. FIRMAN inserted a notice in the troop newspaper of H.M.A.T., ———, asking For-

tians to interview him. He has forwarded their names for our Honour Roll.

PRIV. W. T. SIDDALL was at the time of writing in England—at Salisbury Plains. He had been an assistant in the Dispensary on the ship "——."

SERGT. W. S. CHAPMAN has passed through the Officers' Training School, Trinity College, Cambridge. He has seen two years of Active Service, and will return to the front with a commission.

DRIVER G. LINSLEY has received his commission for bravery and resourcefulness on the field in France.

DRIVER A. V. LINSLEY, his brother, is also with the Field Artillery, in France, and is proving himself worthy of his Alma Mater.

PTE. J. MARSHALL has been suffering from trench fever, but is now returning to the Front.

AIR-CADET H. B. GIBSON is at present studying to obtain a commission as Air Pilot, at the Central Flying School, Laverton, Victoria. He was a Coronation Cadet.

PRIVATE J. GIBSON, his elder brother, also a Fortian, has been at the front during the last two years.

GUNNER E. McDouall Stuart has been invalided home. He is doing well, however, and will be retained in the barracks for light duties. His Colonel speaks very favourably of him. This hero has had a brother, Ronald, an Old Boy, killed in action near Arras, recently.

SERGT. STOKES HUGHES, in writing to the Headmaster, tells of great preparations for the coming offensive. He has seen much

fighting in France, and has met Fortians in all Divisions, and on all parts of the Western Front. He, later, was operated on in England. While convalescing, he met Mr. G. McKenzie, one of our masters. Hughes has now recovered, and has passed for a commission.

LIEUT. J. DEXTER, of 53rd Battln., desires us to convey his "best wishes to the staff and pupils of good old Fort Street."

MAJOR C. W. C. MARR, M.C., also writes to his old school, from Bagdad. He sends his best wishes to all. Major Marr is the Commanding Officer of the 1st Australian and New Zealand Wireless Squadron, in the Mesopotamian Expedition.

LIEUT. J. MURRAY, a former master of our school, has written from France. He wishes to be remembered to all.

DR. W. H. ROBERTS, who returned recently from the Front, is now Superintendent of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Camperdown.

"THE FORTIAN" STAFF.

Modestly we wish to record that we are the most industrious as well as the most brilliant Editorial staff imaginable. It should be our duty to edit your paper only, but it really seems that all endowed with literary talent are on our staff, judging by the fine response to our appeal for contributions.

Our Editor is too busy writing a book on "The Freedom of the Press" to write about himself. Only occasionally does he exercise his authority, he might mention, and that is when he suppresses his Subs. One Sub. Editor threatens to make our journal a "Comic Cuts" by his poor attempts at what he considers wit. His colleague Mac always contributes enough poetry or not, to fill a Saturday's "Herald."

We have a very fine staff, too. Each

is a specialist in his own department. Kris. is certainly a military maniac, Frank a sporting fanatic, Sammy an historical authority, whilst Queenie worries everybody "Around the School," and Charlie L. is a true Business Manager. We should not omit, however, another Charlie, Andy's "Boswell." Our Deputy Chief Censor has a restraining influence over our puerile spirits.

The Censor is the main personage on our staff. He sits in his office, armed with a big blue pencil, and when

CENSORED.

THE LATE MR. R. J. JONAS, B.A.

Once again the angel of death has visited the teaching staff of the old school, and it is our very sad duty to record the death by accident of Mr. Reginald J. Jonas, B.A., whilst cycling between Rylstone and Mudgee, on Sunday, 10th inst.

'Tis but a few weeks since Mr. Jonas left us to take up duties as Mathematical Master at Mudgee High School, and so recent is our association with him that we feel he was still a member of the Fort Street staff.

We desire then, to pay a last, though indeed, inadequate tribute to an excellent teacher, a beloved colleague, and a sterling man. The late Reg. Jonas was an old Fortian who joined the Education Department on leaving school, and who, after serving his probation as a pupil-teacher, passed through the Teachers' Training College during 1908-1909. Throughout his college course he was held in very high esteem, both by students and lecturers. His academic attainments were of a high order, and specializing in mathematics, he displayed so much aptitude that he equalled the best in his year, and was distinguished enough

to be appointed to the staff of Fort Street, while still an ex-student and under-graduate.

For the past six years, therefore, Mr. Jonas has been exercising those abilities which he possessed in a singular degree as a teacher of mathematics, and the influence of a sincere and good man gifted with an attractive personality has been operating for the benefit alike of student and colleagues.

A widowed mother and sisters mourn their loss, and remind us of the duty he so cheerfully rendered to those at home. We extend to them our profound sympathy.

Fortians, who were privileged to come under Mr. Jonas, will not need reminding of the debt they owe the man who has gone. His simple sincerity, straightforwardness, sound common sense and independence of spirit, remain as an example to us all; the ability he ever displayed leaves us doubtful that his place can be filled, and we are saddened at the loss of our beloved friend, who attracted us by a benevolent humour which delighted when directed towards us most, and which formed such a large proportion of a bountiful spirit.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

Upon entering 3rd Year we were delightfully surprised to find that one period a week was reserved for debating purposes. This period was used to its full advantage by us budding orators, but when we were just becoming highly proficient (?) in this art we were promoted to 4th Year.

Here, to our dismay, we discovered that the examination looming on the horizon forbade the expenditure of one period per week on debating, which is not an examination subject. Does this necessitate the relinquish-

ing of that delightful pastime?

Might we not form a School debating society in our own time?

Such a society, formed of our best speakers, would tend to increase the amity in the School, and would provide us with some very interesting entertainments.

If such a society were formed Fortians would no longer be forced to blush and keep silent when the leading lights of other schools' debating societies are discussed.

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Class News.

As "The Fortian" is edited by Seniors, and the majority of articles appearing therein are by Seniors; we have decided to publish the "Class News" of the Junior Classes.

We would especially place on record the enthusiasm of 1 D. (born 1918), who have presented us with a budget of short stories, limericks, etc. Why not run a class paper 1 D.?

First Year Notes.

1 A.

We are a class of Sportsmen. We have some fine swimmers of whom Burgoyne is the best. At football we expect that Watson, Burgoyne, Phillips, Merrett and Peake will play up well.

We have elected F. Merrett as Class Captain, and he, Watson and Burgoyne are our most popular 1 A-ites.

We have four Senior Cadets, two of whom drill in Sergt. Horace Willing's platoon. His two assistants are "Spud" Murphy and Blunt. "Spud's" new exercise is "Heels Firm, Hips Raise."

1 B.

Here we are again. 1 B., ever noted for its prowess in sport (especially football and swimming), will be represented this year in all branches of sport. We have a sure winner for the 1st Year Championship in the coming carnival. We also hope to win other races. We have the distinction of having in our class representatives of our Eastern Ally of the Rising Sun (an honour which no other High School has ever dreamed of having). The next time this magazine is published, Fort Street will be still astonished at the great sporting and intellectual ability 1 B. has displayed. Hurrah for 1 B.

1 C.

The following phrases are quite common in our class:—

"You can't make these sounds unless you look positively ugly. Now then, e-e-o-e-e. Again"

One master often uses "thou" and "thee" for a change, no doubt.

We have several "Dons" in our class. Most of us are going into knickers next suit.

We are anxiously awaiting the football season when we are going to "towel" all the other First Year classes, just as 1 C. did last year.

1 D.

1 D.! Long may it reign!

Some of these had an entirely wrong idea about High School work; but willingly set out to "play the game" by working hard. French was one of the new subjects, and so some of the phonetics sounded rather funny, such as, the rolling of R's. Some said, "rth," and "ara," while most got the proper, rrrrrr."

Then in Latin also most of us were inclined to speak English Latin instead of Latin, and the effect is worth hearing.

1 E.

We are always prepared to prove that we are the best First Year class.

Beware, ye other fags of 1 A., 1 B., 1 D., 1 C. The question was asked this week if the brains of the boys in 1 E. were as big as their bodies. The answer is undoubtedly—Yes! but the brains of the boys in other First Year classes are as big as their bodies, therefore they are not of much size.

1 E. has been placed in the highest position in the School, namely, the top floor, and we mean to keep our position.

Our only regrets are that—

Waddington is so fat, Towle has vermilion locks. Skinner is so skinny. Drew cannot draw, Robinson is not a Crusoe, Meers is in tears, and Whiffen can whiff anybody or anything in the room.

May the glorious standards of 1 E. never be lowered!

Remove Year Notes.

R. A.

At last we have lowered our position. No—not as the best class in general, but—to the second floor.

Our studies are—well, er, er—as opinions differ, it would be just as well to apply to our Form Teachers. Amongst our prominent members we have a budding colonel, who, at present, is studying the difference between right and left turn. (See "Infantry Training, 1914.")

Willie has set up a business (silhouetting) 6d. a time.

B. R.

"King Henry" and "Long John Silver" are weekly mutilated by the star actors.

"Ferris," or "Farris" or "Whatever your name is," is able, contrary to the opinion of a certain historian, to do French and Geometry at once, much to the annoyance of our Maths. Master, when he is drawn from the throes of the "Pons Asinorum."

Lately we have been trying to learn if "Le Vrai Héritier" était Le vrai héritier ou un imposteur.

We are well represented at grade cricket by Cummings, 3rd grade, and Haynes, who has played for the 1sts. We hope to succeed at rugby this year, as we have some very promising players.

The front seat is well represented in the swimming circle, specially "Olden," who can't swim an inch.

C R.

The outlook in sport for this year is very promising; in Soccer, we have some "white hopes," including Bentivoglio and Maclean, both captains from last year. N. Alexander upholds the class flag in 1st Grade cricket, and McLean when the hughes blow.

A good swimming subscription—topped by McLean, the Scotch one, with 12 at 1d. = 1/-

Recently there has been weeping and gnashing of teeth, for the "good boys" did rise up and "bump" the evil ones of the class—"the 5 fools."

And now the gardener hath shar-

pened his mower, and raked the grease from, and cropped close the locks of the boy from Italy, and the boy from Wentworth Falls.

D R.

Since we have been on the second floor the density of the air being heavier, we do not breathe so freely; while work must have increased with the density of atmosphere. Little boys hanging out of the window are safer now, not having so far to fall.

Like other Remove Classes, we are composed of all the old First Year classes, but R. D. is the only Remove that has a few promising "Fish Shop Controllers" (Greek scholars). Cricket and swimming seasons are now nearing a close, and we are looking forward to rugby and soccer; when several of the class will play in the grades.

Among the Soccerites: Dudley and Spencer are the most prominent, while Phelps, Lane and Hawthorne play grade rugby.

Second Year Notes.

2 A.

We are still in our old perch, but are of a happy combination. The "Classical Section" are but "slowly" progressing, and are known by their "dog Latin." The Commercials are still going strong with their books and ledgers. We are working well on time in our mathematics, but do not work hard enough, according to our mathematical adviser. We do not learn English for the purpose of passing the exam., but just to enjoy ourselves. We have lost our "mascot," who has been promoted to a Remove class. Our thoughts are still immersed in the depths of "Dites-lui d'aller," and surrounded by terrible masses of rules and phrases.

2 B.

Still 2 B? In training for another run? Truly the old order hath changed, for the old class is, in name, no more.

We, their successors to the title, are grinding at it; starting with a steady canter, with a touch of spur

and gimmel in the early stages; to open out with a splendid spurt past the judges in November.

The younger members are playing up to the eccentricities of the classic authors, for which a good memory and vivid imagination seem most requisite. Undoubtedly the renderings of these "Gems of the East" are often weird and strange. Were the venerable Gaius to alight in the

School, 'twere well he had no hair to stiffen; although in faith, 'twould wither any laurel. One finds it difficult to give an opinion on Greek. We have him who considers that it "gives a fellow tone; a sort of classic polish; you understand?" While that opinion is met by others of a far more hostile nature—"Any way, we're in it; and have got to stick in; so make way!"

11 A.M.

And I fared forth from the Western Gate of the city.

And behold, upon an eminence, a philosopher sombre, dignified, within an engrilled pulpit, did hold harangue.

And before him, in serried ranks sinuous as the meanderings of his theme, the adolescents did foregather in their hosts; fat boys, freckled boys, blonds, browns and albinos, the hirsute saturnal of the parsimonious, the oleaginous flamboyance of the fop, the grizzled shock of the dreamer, the dazzling aureole of the Bluebird, the gloom of Tartarus, mirrored in the Semite curl.

And theirs were faces that betokened the sage, the thinker, the saint, and the merchant—nor were there lacking beauty of spirit, nor martial ardour, nor the soul thirst of the aesthete to be—nay even honesty and piety were portrayed on the rough canvas of their faces—poet, painter, and priest, what roles you will in the veiled repertory of the dread Sisters.

And the Great One expatiated on the Past's glowing splendour and the Fair Promise of the Future; a tale he told of Corporate Spirit, of the Birth of the School—of old unhappy far-off things, and battles long ago. . . . of her progress across the stage of time, of illustrious sons—of them that had fared forth from her walls to the field of Life, some to Success—nay, some to Death untimely, for the Lion strove

in travail, nor called for cubs in vain.

And there strode athwart the ranks one—after his King yeleft—of form rotund, of countenance content, with head downcast scanning the sandals of the sinners; and, ever and anon, his eloquent right shot forth, and hurled to perdition or reserved for future reference him whose footgear mirrored not the visage of the Censor; whereat, forsooth, the imprecations of the onlookers, albeit sotto voce, did wax fierce, expressive—nay, considering their youth, promising.

But he heeded them not but he took himself to where they of the Teaching Order did hold themselves in seemly modesty apart.

And lo! there consorted suddenly unto them stealthily, clandestinely, even as a thief in the night, a tall gaunt figure which divested itself of its wallet and its coat, and proceeded to assume an air as though it had not just arrived two periods late; but all fruitless the guile, for with hand outstretched and manner irrepressible there approached he of the Roman voice, of the Roman garb, nay, of the Roman name—"Salve, O Dari, maturius ut semper venis, sic itur and astra, sic, sic. . . ."

But I passed onward.

KAVALLO.

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THROUGH THE SPECTROSCOPE.

By Professor Naitrof.

“Mr. James, Minister for Education, stated that the practice of going to school without boots was encouraged. . . . He did not propose to provide hot dinners” (Daily Paper).

When Mr. James has had time to do a little more encouraging, things should be interesting. It will be a common sight to see the staff receiving visitors clad in their togas, smiles and bare feet. But probably they will wear carpet slippers at school if the way be rocky and they inadvertently tread on a sharp stone. At all events it will be a very good thing for the pupils, as it will be an easy thing for the “detention-for-a-week” student to strew tacks in an unwary master’s path.

But the Minister does not wish us to remember him solely as a beneficent reformer. “He does not propose to provide hot dinners.” At best he thus shows he is no true economist, for surely he could use up all the boots for which staff and pupils will have no further use, and provide us all with boiled sole for a week or two; at worst Mr. James thus shows himself an enemy of the hot pie faction and an ally of the iniquitous ice-cream party.

The conscientious objector has been discovered in a new Wednesday morning form. “You see, old chap,” he said to Professor Naitrof, “It’s this way. If I go swimming I stand a chance of getting drowned; if I go shooting I might get shot; they say rowing is bad for the heart; at cricket I might get hit in the eye with the ball. If I go to football I’ll probably get squashed; if I stay at school I might have to do some work. Then tennis is such a fool of an old woman’s game; the pictures are bad for the eyes (here the Professor loudly sniggered); and its such a beastly nuisance going home. What on earth am I to do?” The Professor, able intellectual lad though he is, could not answer him

and had to stand passive watching the conflict in the conscientious one’s soul.

Professor Naitrof’s elderly friend, Paulowski Vitsekiovolsk was coming up Parramatta Road, when suddenly he saw an awful spectacle. At first Paulowski thought that it was the result of the Bolshevism which he had that morning imbibed in liquid form. He saw two prefect’s medals walking down the street in the direction opposite to his. Vitsekiovolsk stood aghast. Suddenly all became clear to him. As the medals passed him he saw two bodies behind them, and he realised that it was only our two baby prefects bravely struggling to the tram.

First Year boys are warned that scooters are not allowed in front of the Headmaster’s office, neither are they allowed to play marbles on the quadrangle.

“Lettres de Cachet were blank, signed forms without any name on them, used for putting people in prison without a trial.” Thus spake the sage in the history lesson. Professor Naitrof, when he heard this epigram fraught with the terse wisdom of an ultra-sapient mind, immediately plunged slowly into one of those respective moods of his. His thoughts wandered swiftly to the events of the yester-morn. It was then that, while attempting to ambulate through the Tuck-shop door in his usual fashion, like the “super-skites” of the bottom front verandah, he met with an abrupt command to decorate the end of a queue of hungry mortals and forced to wait his turn—and he a third year student, too! Then it was that he wished that Lettres de Cachet were still in vogue, and that he could use one to incarcerate the haughty minion of an overbearing despotism in the don-jons beneath the store-room. What was that! The Professor awoke suddenly from his meditation. It was only the history master

lettre-de-cacheting him in the detention room to make up the half hour he had wasted dozing.

One of our mathematical students recently went to a boxing contest, and the following is his account of the exhibition:—

Bruiser v. Basher.

Round I.—The pugilists squared up, and circled round on their axes, striking a few blows of small momentum, which were insufficient to disturb their equilibrium. Bruiser was then acted on by a strong force, which threw his Centre of Gravity out of the position of equilibrium, and the blow being converted into rotational energy, his point of support remaining fixed, he struck the floor with a dull impact. The gong then sounded the end of the round.

Round II.—Basher advanced on Bruiser with great momentum, which was destroyed by a straight left, and he described a beautiful parabola, recovering his position of rest on the mat, where he remained several seconds, the end of the round saving him from defeat.

Round III.—Both combatants now described Uniform Circular motions, until Bruiser flew off at a tangent, acted on by a blow from Basher, finishing up on the ropes. He recovered almost instantaneously, however, and was seemingly undamaged by the concussion at the end of the round.

Round IV.—Basher was acted upon by an upwardly directed force which caused him to rise in the air till "g" caused him to descend. Several complicated geometrical designs were traced out by the fighters until Basher was given such energy of translation by Bruiser, who exerted a force of several billion ergs, that his inertia was insufficient to destroy the momentum, and he struck the ropes with such force that their elastic limits were exceeded and the tension caused them to snap. Bruiser was declared the winner while Basher investigated several new constellations.

The Prof.'s Answers to Correspondents.

E.C.E.—What are the seven wonders of the world? I know two of them but can't think of the other five.

Answer—

- (1) Temple of Education, Taverner's Hill, Petersham.
- (2) The front fence of the said Temple.
- (3) Our Motor Colossus of the Roads.
- (4) A Prefect's Meeting.
- (5) The Tuckshop and its management.
- (6) A 1st Year class learning Japanese.
- (7) The Fortian Staff.

A.H.B.—I wish to buy some scientific books; where can I get "The Latent Strength of the Egg"?

Answer: From any one engaged in the last conscription campaign.

Seeker for Knowledge.—Which named in order are the three best periodicals (1) in Australia.

Answer: Well, "The Bulletin" is just about 2nd, and "The Triad" 3rd.

Benevolent.—Can you tell me where I can get about 50 copies of a bright periodical suitable for hospital use? I will repay.

Answer: Yes! On the summit of Taverner's Hill, Petersham.

Anxious.—Is there going to be a new hat-band introduced? I have just bought one, so I'm anxious.

Answer: A new hat-band has been proposed, accepted and the motion indefinitely shelved. Your great-grand children might see it, but they might also ride in the proposed underground railway, or walk across the North Shore Bridge.

Thoughtful.—Should not the wearers of school blazers get a license as treadingers?

Answer: The question is too ribald and undignified to merit serious contemplation.

Interested.—Are prefects allowed to administer corporal punishment?

Answer: Yes! if the subject of the castigation is too small to offer re-

sistance, otherwise moral dissuasion is employed.

McStingy.—Is the library free to members of the Sports Union?

Answer: Yes, if the member pays 2/- for a signed autograph of the

master-in-charge of the library as a memento of his school days.

Oh, well, I must obey the editor's orders and ring off now, boys, life's short.

PROFESSOR NAITROF.

THE REVELATION.

CHAPTER I.

(i) The Multitude and the Meaning thereof. (ii) The Elders.

1. And behold, as I slept, I dreamed a dream.

2. And lo, I saw a great multitude set forward, and begin to go up the hill, and up the hill they went—but before they were come nigh unto the top thereof, some were aweary, and well nigh did faint, because of the heavy burden which they bore.

3. And within the walls of the Great Temple, yea more magnificent than the edifices unto our Gods, a great multitude did gather together from the four winds.

4. A Patriarch, even as our fathers of old, did issue his mandates unto these unhappy brethren.

5. And behold, I saw many sinners entering through the wicket gate, and hasten like unto one that was all the while treading on forbidden ground, and by no means thinking himself safe until he was swallowed up in the great multitude.

6. And as I dreamed, I saw many "Elders" climbing steadfastly up the narrow way which leadeth unto the "Chamber of Mystery."

7. I, and the rest of the company, did hear a noise like unto that of music, yea even of a harp, issuing forth; and a voice, liken unto the croakings of the frogs of Pharaoh, expatiating the beatitudes found in wisdom.

8. Lo, all the multitude were divided, and behold in the midst of each was a doctor of learning, who was astonished at their answers.

9. And I continued on my journey.

CHAPTER II.

(i) The Realm of Wonder. (ii) The Book of Doom.

1. When the sun was nearing its zenith, the multitude did hie themselves unto the "Realm of Wonder," situated in the underworld.

2. For here, it has been contrived to set up a fair—a fair wherein should be sold all sorts of vanity pleasing unto both, the "Youth" and the "Elder."

3. Now, at that time, many gathered at the sacred portal where the Guardian Angel essayed to hold in check the hungry throng.

4. Within the "Realm of Wonder" many did gather nigh unto the smooth table, from whence to gain a glimpse of the promised celestial provender.

5. And behold, I saw an "Elder" seize a gourd of wine, and pour it into an earthen pot, and so let it stand till the sediment was well nigh dissolved, and then he drank of the delicious nectar.

6. Then lo, the clarion sounded, and the mighty host arose, and did run forth, until finally they were gathered into one great concourse.

7. Here they lifted their voices in harmonious melody, with joyous rapture, in a song like unto the psalms of David. And their leader in ecstasy did raise his hands on high, even as Joshua of old.

8. And I dreamed there was a great figure clothed with sombre raiment. And I looked and saw him open "The Book of Doom," and engrave therein the names of the sluggards.

9. And as he wrote, they trembled

yea—even wept; and not being able to contain, they broke out with a lamentable cry, saying one unto another, “Woe is me; what shall we do to be saved?”

CHAPTER III.

(i) The Pilgrims: (ii) The Delectable Mountains: (iii) The Patriarch.

1. All the pilgrims in the quest of knowledge had again met in their assemblies, and the sheep had been divided from the goats. All were now perusing, diligently, manuscripts pertaining unto higher things.

2. And lo, now, I was high up above the face of the earth, well nigh unto the heavens above the earth.

3. And I did look forth across the

plains, and even as the day was clear unto the Delectable Mountains.

4. Far down below were the beautiful flowers and the green pastures; yea, even the great antediluvian barrier.

5. When suddenly the great Patriarch Omnipotent cried mightily, with a strong voice, saying—“O, Ebenezer, why art thou not assembled with thy brethren. Wist ye not, that as a man sows, that also shall he reap.”

6. And thereupon I laid up these words in my heart, and was sore afraid, and I did reel to and fro, like a drunkard.

7. Fear, and the yawning depths, yea like unto a bottomless pit were upon me. And lo, I was falling. . . .

8. And behold, it was a dream.

“A WISH.”

I have woven my verses together,
 where tinkling cascades gleam,
 I have loved, and wooed, and plighted
 my troth to the silver stream,
 I have followed the whispering
 breezes that wander away to the west,
 Till I stood at the gates of the evening
 in blood-red glory dressed.
 I have solved the mountain's secrets,
 I have followed the echoes home,
 To the heart of the rocky ridges that
 rise to the sunlit dome.
 Far down in the deep dark gorges
 in the depths of the masterful
 hills,
 Where the torrent pours on in the
 darkness with a rushing that
 rises and fills
 The valley with rumbling murmurs
 that echo and die away,
 I have seen the storm sprites muster
 with wind and rain for the fray.
 I have stood on the furthest east-
 ward in the very dawn of the
 day,
 Till the mist wreaths rose in the
 heavens and haloed and van-
 ished away;

Till the day blushed rose and crim-
 son when the sun-god took her
 hand,
 And together they trod in glory
 their way o'er the beautiful
 land.
 I have watched the moon rise golden
 among the tall blue trees,
 That are rustling and waving to-
 gether like sapphire sprays in
 the breeze,
 Seen how the falls shine silver and
 dash like ribbons of light,
 To the pool that glitters beneath it,
 like a great bright jewel in the
 night.
 I have woven these roughly together
 and am hoping one humble
 verse may,
 Recall to the mind of the reader some
 glorious well-spent day,
 And perhaps you will learn nature's
 secrets, may tread the golden
 way,
 To the rose-red gates of the evening
 on the brink of the silver day.

R. McGRATH.

“I am a part of all that I have met.”—Tennyson.

Examination Results.

Intermediate Examination.

The following are the results of the last (1917) examination of the 91 candidates who presented themselves—88 succeeded. We offer our hearty congratulations to Albert Fraser and Wallace King on their noteworthy success.

The subjects of examination are arranged in 28 sections, and the numbers in the list of successful candidates refer to the following sections:—(1) English, (2) History, (3) Geography, (4) Mathematics I., (5) Mathematics II., (6) Latin, (7) French, (8) German, (9) Physics, (10) Chemistry, (11) Physics and Chemistry, (14) Business Principles, (22) Greek, (23) Shorthand.

Alexander, Julian K., 1B 2A 4B 5B 6A 7A 11B; Anderson, Octavius, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 11B 22B; Armstrong, Allan Cameron, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B; Ashton, Henry Dawson, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 11B; Assheton, Charles Fredk., 1A 2A 4B 5A 6B 9B; Ball, John Edward, 1B 2B 4B 5B 7B; Bell, Norman James, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6A 11B 22B; Blanchard, Louis Geo. K., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B; Blunt, Littleton Heady, 1A 2B 5B 6B 7B 9B 11B; Brennan, Chas. Armstrong, 1B 2B 3A 4B 5B 7B 11B 14B; Brewster, Morton William Giles, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 7B 11B; Brooke, Francis Basil, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B; Callow, Francis Henry McC., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 22B; Campbell, George Edward, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6A 7B 11A; Clarke, Gilbert Francis, 2A 4B 5B 6B 11A; Cox, Claude John, 1A 2A 5B 11B; Cozens, Arthur Wilson, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 10B 14B 23B; Darling, Alexander George, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5A 10B 14B; Densley, William Pryor, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B; De Ville, Louis William, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B; Docksey, Montague Chas., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B; Ebert, Henry Oswald J., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 11B 14B; Finlayson, Harry, 1B 2B 5B 6A 7B; Flindt, Joseph, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 11B 14B 23B; Forbes, Walter, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 7B 14B 23A; Fraser, Albert E. C., 1A 2A 3A 4A 5A 7B 11A 14B 23B; Galbraith, Thomas L. R., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B; Garratt, Arthur Henry, 1B 2A 4A 5A 6A 7A 11B; Gilmour, John Reginald, 1B 2B 5B 6B 9A 11B; Godfrey, Errol, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 7B; Goldberg, Norman, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6B 7B 11B; Goode, Caleb James Frew, 1B 2B 5B 6B 11B 22B; Gosper, Neville George, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 7B 11A; Hall, Edwin R., 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 11B; Hall, Herbert Henry, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 14B; Hampton, Douglas, 1B 2B 3A 4A 5A;

Hawkins, Cecil Alfred M., 1A 2B 4B 5A 6B 11B; Heagney, John Charles, 1B 2B 3A 4B 5A 10B 14B 23B; Hipsley, Edwin Burton, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B; Holmes, James Keith, 1B 2B 3A 4B 5B 14B; Holt, John Ackland, 1A 2B 5B 6A 7B 11B; Hourn, Charles John, 2B 3B 4B 5B 14B; Hunt, Arthur Henry, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5A 14B; James, Alfred Lynn, 1B 2A 4B 5B 6B 9B 11A; James, Clarence Alex., 1B 2B 5B 6A 11B 22A; Jerrems, Charles Albert, 1A 2B 3A 4B 5A 7B 14B; Kennett, Henry Edward P., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 14B; King, Wallace Wm. H., 1A 2A 4A 5A 6A 11B 22A; Kiss, Oliver David, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B 22B; Knapp, Arnold Spencer, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6B 7B 11B; Lamborn, Wilfred Leslie, 1B 2A 3A 4A 5B 11B; Lane, Eric Wesley, 1B 2A 5B 6B 7B; Levings, Edward W., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B 11B; Loewenthal, Louis Samuel, 1A 2B 4A 5A 6B 7A 11B; Magnus, Arthur Cyril, 1B 2A 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B; Marlin, Donald Keith, 1B 2B 3A 4B 5B 7B 11B 14B 23B; Massey, Kenneth John, 1B 2B 3B 10B 14B; Mathieson, William G., 1A 2A 4A 5A 6A 11B 22B; Mayor, Raymond Paget, 1B 2A 4B 5B 6B 7B 9B 11B; McCleery, Frederic Cyril, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6A 11B 22B; McGrath, Raymond Herbert, 1A 2A 4B 5A 6B 7B; Molony, Maxwell Eville, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 7B 11B; Nagle, Maurice Adrian, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B 22B; Neilson, Raymond Harvey, 1B 2B 3A 5B 10B 14B; Newton-Tabrett, Bertram R., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B 22B; Nichol, Frederick L., 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 7B 11B; Pearلمان, Samuel, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7B; Perkins, Robin R. McG., 1A 2B 4A 5A 6A 11A 22B; Pettigrew, David M., 1B 2B 3B 4A 5A 10B 14B 23B; Price, Andrew Edmund, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5A 11B 14B; Rosten, David John, 1B 2B 3A 4B 5B 14B; Ryan, Chanel Philip, 1B 2A 4B 5B 6B 7B; Seddon, Dudley Cecil, 1B 2A 3B 4B 5B 14B 23B; Smith, Burton Howard, 2B 5B 7B 11B; Smyth, John William, 1B 2A 4B 5A 6A 7A 11A; Stephinson, William H., 1A 2B 4A 5A 6A 11A 22B; Stevens, Thos. Louis, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B; Steward, William Arthur, 1B 2B 3A 4B 5B 14B 23B; Symes, Keith Patrick, 2B 3B 4B 5B 14B; Tregenza, Thomas David, 1B 2A 3A 4B 5B 14B; Turner, Frederick Henry, 1A 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B 14B; Walker, George, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 11B; Walker, Ian James, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 10B 14A; Wannell, Eric Lethbridge, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B; Warren, Reginald Dryden, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B; Willings, Horace John W., 1B 2B 4B 5B 6A 11B; Woodford, George Oliver, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 11A 22B; Worboys, Roy Andrew D., 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 22B.

Leaving Certificate Examination.

We are publishing below the results of the November (1917) exami-

nation. Of our candidates all save two were successful. Practically all who so desired qualified for entrance into various Faculties of the University. The finest passes were gained by Roy Head and Alick Bye. Our congratulations to them both.

In the following list, the names are arranged alphabetically. The numbers following the names indicate the subjects in which each candidate passed in accordance with the following statement:—(1) English, (2) Latin, (3) French, (4) German, (5) Mathematics I., (6) Mathematics II., (7) Mechanics, (8) Modern History, (9) Ancient History, (10) Physics,

(14) Geography, (17) English and Geography for Engineering Matriculation, (18) Business Principles, (19) Economics, (22) Greek.

The letter "H" signifies Honours, "A" first-class pass, "B" second-class pass, and "L" a pass at the lower standard.

The sign (x) denotes that the candidate has gained Honours in Mathematics.

Algie, John Hopetoun, 1H 2B 3B 5A 6B 8A; Arnott, Alwyn James, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 8B; Aubrey, Russell Willis, 1A 2A 3B 5B 6A 7B 8H 10B; Baker, John Adrian,



The Silhouettes above are the work of James, of R.A. They are sketches of comrades in the same class.

1B 2L 5B 8A 10B; Barnett, Harry, 1H 2H 3H 5A 6B 7B 8A 10B; Bohrsman, Rudolph Cary, 1L 2B 5A 6A 7B; Boyle, Archibald Courtney, 1B 2B 4B 6B; Bye, William Alick, 1A 2H 4H 5A 6A 7A 8H 10H; Carruthers, Douglas G., 1B 2B 3L 5B 6B 7B 10B; Champion, Charles Geoffrey, 1B 2A 3A 5B 8A 10B; Chiplin, Eric Walter, 1B 5B 6A 7B 8B; Crum, James Bishop, 1A 4B 5A 6A 8A 14A 18B 19B; Cummings, R. O., 1B 2A 3A 5A 6A(x) 7A 8A 10H 17 pass; Davis, Alick Sidney, 1A 2B 3B 6B 7B 8A; Dawes, Sydney R., 1H 2B 3L 5A 6A(x) 7A 8A 10H; Dickson, William Hay Baker, 1B 2L 5B 6B 7B 8B; Evatt, Clive Raleigh, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7B 8A 10B; Eve, Henry Dunman, 1B 8B 14B 19B; Field, Jack Maurice, 1B 5B 7B 8B 10B; Freeborn, Wallace, 1B 3A 5A 6A 7B 10B 17 pass; Furness, W. G., 1B 2B 3B 5A 6A(x) 7A 8B 10H 17 pass; Golding, William Harry, 1B 2B 3L 5B 6A 7B 8A 10B; Golomb, Gilbert, 1L 4B 5B 8B; Goodman, Alfred John, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 8B; Grime, Wilfred Frank, 5B 8B 14L 18B 19A; Head, Roy Leverton, 1A 2H 3H 5A 6A(x) 7A 8A 10A; Hotten, William Ivor T., 1B 2B 3A 5A 6A 7A 8A 10A; Hughes, Robert T. C., 1B 2H 3H 5A 6A(x) 7B 8B 10A; Jefferson, F. M., 1B 2L 5A 6A 7B 8B 10A 17 pass; Jenkins, Norman S., 1B 3B 8B 14B 19B; Kirkpatrick, R. E. G., 1B 2B 3B 5A 6B 7B 8B 10H; Law, Thos. Boyd, 1A 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 8A 10B; Lewis, Albert Julius, 1B 5B 6B 8A 14B 19A; Lewis, Blake Hammond, 1H 2H 3B 5A 6A 7B 8A 10A; Macdonald, William Lawrence, 1A 5B 6B 8B 10B; McIntyre, Gladstone Duncan, 1B 2B 5A 6A 7B 8A 10L; McWhirter, Albert Edward, 1B 2L 5A 6B 7B; Morgan, Cecil Collard, 1L 5B 7B 8B; Morphew, Harold Everett, 1B 2B 4B 5B 8B; Mould, Reginald George, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 7A 8A 10B; Opit, Leon, 1B 2B 4A 6B 7B 8B; Parker, Douglas Wm. Leigh, 1H 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 8A 10B; Salkeld, Leonard Alex., 1H 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 8H 10B; Shaw, Harold Moffatt, 1H 4B 5B 6B 8A; Shineberg, Solomon, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A(x) 7B 8A 10H; Slocombe, Aubrey Allan, 1H 2L 3B 5B 8B 10L; Spencer, Hector Wylie Golby, 1B 4B 5B 6B 8H 14A 18A 19A; Stephen, Bruce, 1A 2L 4B 5A 6B; Taylor, Laurence William, 1H 2A 3B 5B 6B 7B 8H 10B; Tester, Walter George, 1H 2H 3B 5A 6A 7B 8H 10B; Thompson, Joseph George, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 8H 10B; Vardenberg, Ernest, 1B 5A 6B 8A 14L 19B; Vickers, Stanley Edwin, 1B 2B 4L 5B 7B 8B 10B; Watts, Frank, 1H 3B 5B 6B 7B 8H 10B 17 pass 19A; White, Norman Roy, 1A 2L 5B 6B 7B 8H.

French II., Maths. II.; Barnett, H., English II., Latin II., French II.; Cummings, R. O., Maths. II., Physics II.; Salkeld, L. A., English I. (1st), History II.; Taylor, L. W., English I., History II.; Lewis, B., English (2nd), Latin II.; Watts, F., English II., History II.; Shineberg, S., Maths. II., Physics II.; Algie, J. H., English II.; Parker, D. W., English II.; Shaw, H. M., English II.; Slocombe, A. S., English II.; Furness, W. G., Maths. II.; Aubrey, R. W., History II.; Thompson, J. G., History II.; Spencer, H. W. G., History II.; hWhite, N. R., History II.; Kirkpatrick, R., Physics II.

Summary of Honours.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.
English	3	7
Latin	1	5
French	1	2
German	0	1
Mathematics	1	5
History	2	7
Physics	2	4

University Bursaries and Exhibitions.

Of our candidates, 32 were awarded Exhibitions, distributed among the various Faculties. In addition, 7 University Bursaries were obtained by Fortians.

EXHIBITIONS.

Arts (3)—Head, Taylor, Tester; Law (3)—Aubrey, Shineberg, Davis; Medicine (15)—Barnett, Bye, Dawes, Golding, Hotten, Hughes, Kirkpatrick, Law, Lewis, Opit, Parker, Stephen, Thompson, Champion, Freeborn; Dentistry (2)—Morphew, Slocombe; Engineering (4)—Cummings, Furness, Jefferson, Watts; Architecture (1)—Vickers; Economics (4)—Crum, McIntyre, Salkeld, Spencer,

BURSARIES.

R. Head, A. Bye, R. Cummings, B. Lewis, T. Hughes, S. Shineberg and R. Aubrey

PUBLIC SERVICE EXAM (Professional Division).

B. H. Lewis, J. B. Crum, C. G. Champion, A. J. Lewis

SPEECH DAY.

The annual Speech Day function will be held on Wednesday, 27th inst. Mr. P. Board, M.A., C.M.G., will preside, and Mrs. Board will present the certificates. Proceedings will begin at 2.30. Friends and parents are cordially invited to be present.

Honours List at L.C. Examination.

Bye, W. A., Latin II., German II., History I., Physics II.; Head, R. L., Latin I., French I., Maths. II.; Dawes, S. R., English II., Maths. I. (3rd), Physics I. (2nd); Tester, W. G., English II., Latin II., History I.; Hughes, R. T., Latin II.,

FORTIANS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Faculty of Arts.

Latin I.—J. D. Warland, D. S. Johnston, H. Savage, E. P. Patterson; Latin II.—J. W. Anderson; Latin III.—F. A. Walton; English I.—R. H. Anderson, D. S. Johnstone, J. D. Warland, E. P. Patterson, A. H. Baldock, L. W. Worrall, M. Roddy; English II.—H. Sayage, P. C. Spender; English III.—S. K. Barker, A. G. T. Kench, E. A. Walton; French II.—H. Savage; History I.—J. W. Milne, E. P. Patterson, J. D. Warland, L. W. Worrall; History II.—J. W. Anderson, E. A. Walton, P. C. Spender, A. S. T. Kench; Honours—S. K. Barker; Philosophy I.—E. P. Patterson; Philosophy III.—J. W. Anderson; Mathematics I.—H. H. Laird, B.A., LL.B.; Economics and Commerce: Accountancy I.—A. B. Cleland, B. R. Higgins, W. B. A. Kilpatrick, A. V. Langker, F. S. McCarthy, G. M. Orr, A. E. Saxton, W. J. Sear; Technology of Commercial Products—L. A. Swan; Public Administration—L. A. Swan.

Faculty of Medicine.

1st Degree Examination.—Renwick Scholarship—C. A. Frew; Pass—H. L. Ashby, A. L. Bryant, W. B. Firth, C. A. Frew, T. Hamilton, H. S. Harper, E. G. Schwartz, W. J. O. Walker; Honour Lists—Chemistry I.—High distinction, A. L. Bryant; Credit—H. S. Harper, C. A. Frew, R. K. Burnett, R. F. Shepherdson; Botany I.—High distinction, C. A. Frew; Distinction, H. L. Ashby; Zoology—Distinction, C. A. Frew.

4th Degree Examination.—Pathology, Operative Surgery and Surgical Anatomy—W. W. Feather, N. M. D. Fox; M.D. Examination—Pathology—A. L. Maclean, B.A., Parkinson Memorial Prize; Surgery—G. R. Halloran; Dentistry I.—Chemistry—Distinction, E. W. Hagget;

Physics—E. W. Hagget; Botany I.—D. H. Fayle.

Class Lists

Physics I.—J. E. McIlwraith (Eng.), T. M. Shanahan (Eng.), C. A. Frew (Med.), E. Padinos (Eng.), H. L. Ashby (Med.), E. W. Hagget (Dent.), A. J. Allan; Chemistry I.—A. J. Allan; Zoology I.—H. S. Harper; Geology I.—A. J. Allan; Mathematics I.—A. J. Allan; Completed 2nd Year Examination—P. N. W. Anderson; Chemistry II., P. N. W. Anderson; Physics II.—P. N. W. Anderson; Botany II.—R. S. Andrews; Math. II.—P. N. W. Anderson; Astronomy—W. F. J. Hatfield, B.A.; Engineering—J. F. McIlwraith, E. Paxinos; T. M. Shanahan, D. H. Sky; Honour List.—Geology I.—High distinction, J. F. McIlwraith.

2nd Year Examination.—Agriculture—Distinction, R. H. Anderson, P. Hindmarsh, B.A.; Chemistry II.—Pass—R. H. Anderson, P. Hindmarsh, B.A.; Botany II.—Credit—R. H. Anderson, P. Hindmarsh, B.A.; Agricultural Geology—P. Hindmarsh, B.A., R. H. Anderson; Department of Economics and Commerce—Economics I.—S. J. Bealin, A. B. Cleland, B. R. Higgins, W. R. A. Kilpatrick, W. A. Kitt, F. S. McCarthy, A. E. Saxton, W. J. Sear; Economics II. and III.—E. P. Austin, A. V. Langker, F. E. Widmer, B.A.

Business Principles and Practice.

Mr. H. G. Braddon's Prize for Business Principles—A. B. Cleland, B. R. Higgins, W. J. Sear, A. E. Saxton, S. J. Bealin, W. R. A. Kilpatrick, A. V. Langker, F. S. McCarthy, W. A. Mogridge, C. M. Orr.

Economic Geography.—Distinction—A. B. Cleland, B. R. Higgins. Pass—S. J. Bealin, W. H. Mogridge, H. C. Norman, W. A. Kitt.

MILITARY NEWS.

There is a scene of great activity when the "Angel Gabriel" has just sounded the "fall-in." The school now forms up daily at 10.45 in various squads of about twenty members, and indulges in physical training. The Life Savers, however, are exempt, as they attend their Life Saving classes, held during the same period.

These squads are under an officer, or an N.C.O., and up to the present the system has worked satisfactorily.

All are entering into the spirit of the movement, and orders are carried out with great vim.

A detachment, under Lieut. Moody, represented the school at the Police and Firemen's Carnival, but were vanquished by the veterans of the 28th Battalion.

Our Senior Cadets are organised into two companies—the one commanded by Major Roberts, ably seconded by Lieut. Moody—the other is commanded by Lieut. Porter. Each

platoon is commanded by a subaltern who are members of the school, or University undergrads. The various officers in Major Robert's company are: 2nd-Lieut. Roddy, 2nd-Lieut. Jefferson, 2nd-Lieut. Kristenson, and 2nd Lieut. Bryant (Prov.). Lieut. Porter has many able officers in charge of the platoons of his company—2nd Lieut. Harper, Arnott, and Boyle.

Recently classes have been formed in order that officers and senior non-coms. may become more proficient in physical training. This is probably the most important subject in the syllabus for Senior Cadet training.

Lieut. Agassiz, an Anzac and a Fortian, has visited the school to explain the rudiments of physical culture. He gave us a very interesting lesson, and was pleased with conduct of our boys and their attitude towards their work.

We wish to congratulate Lieut. Kristenson on his recent appointment. We must also extend our best wishes to 2nd-Lieut. Garland, Baker, and Gardiner, who are now in command of platoons in 36th Battalion.

Owing to the transfer of many officers and senior non-coms., it will be necessary to hold an examination

in the near future. There are two vacancies for C.S.M.

Our cadets need to take more interest in physical training. This is going to be the main sphere of operations in Cadet work. It also will aid the sport by developing ability in running, leaping, etc. We want athletics to be established more fully at the school.

Our Cadets lack ambition—there are not enough applicants for promotion to N.C.O. rank.

The Junior Cadets, under Lieut. Baldock, are reported to be progressing favourably. At present they are undergoing a course of Life Saving drill under the control of some of our staff and Seniors. In addition, by regulations, all Junior Cadets must be able to swim. Hence it is necessary for them to go to the baths every week in order to be efficient at the end of June next.

All Militia men, Senior Cadets, and Junior Cadets will be pleased to know that the Defence Department is considering the advisability of constructing a miniature range in the school grounds. It is likely to become an accomplished fact in the near future.

Fortians! Take a greater interest in your Cadet work—you are on a good wicket—make the best of it!

A FORTIAN IN PALESTINE.

Among recent letters received by the Headmaster is the following:—

Just a few lines from an old Fortian. I have met so many old school-mates over this way and had such "yarns" with them of days gone by that I thought that the Headmaster of the school we all think of with such fondness and from whom we have all benefited so much both directly and indirectly, would be pleased to know that a host of old pupils still meet and talk about the old times round Princes Street, laugh about the old struggles with the masters and fight anew the old football and cricket struggles of the past.

I met Fortians in all sorts of out of the way places. I met one (Dinning) the other day while watering my horse at a trough. A new captain came to our unit, and I at once recognised him as a lad who once sat near me while Mr. Selle tried to drum the meaning of tangents and co-tangents into us. I was visiting the 1st Regiment and found a chap reading the "Fortian," and I am sorry to say another lad I have chased round the old Moreton Bay Fig trees years ago, died in my arms at our clearing station. He had kept up the traditions of the school that made a man of him.

I hope I do not bore you with all this "chatter" but one gets these feelings out here, miles from any-where, and one can't keep them bottled up; you must put them on paper or burst.

We have had a pretty miserable time lately with the hard, rough work of the big offensive, and then as soon as we settled down the wet season caught us and the rain and mud made us make sarcastic refer-ences to the land of milk and honey. But it is infinitely better than the desert we have left far behind, and

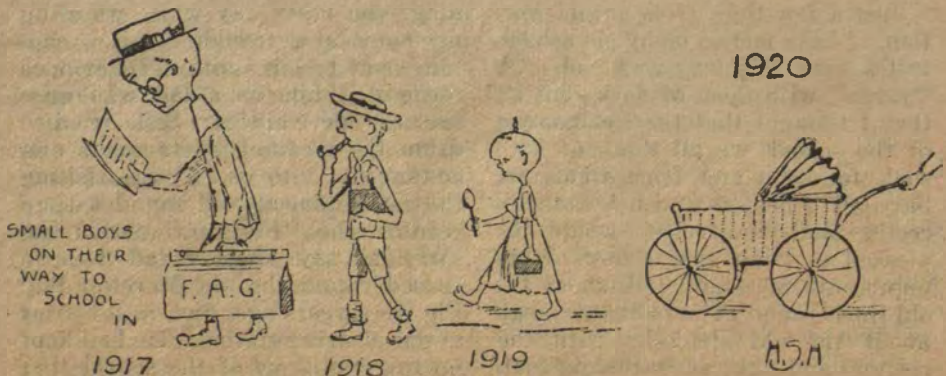
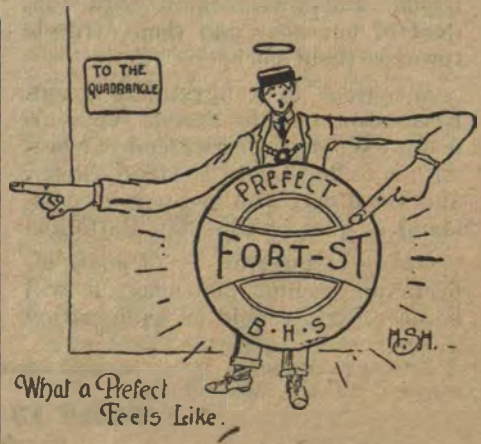
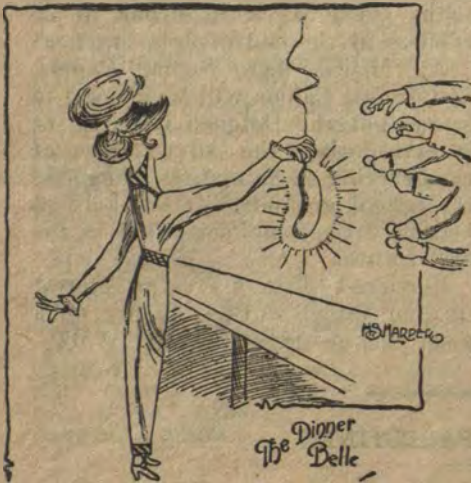
now that rain has brought the green grass and beautiful flowers out, the country is a pretty sight.

Well, Mr. Kilgour, I suppose I had better close. I could fill this book, but it was old memories that prompted me to write to you, but I don't want my old memories to bore you. So wishing you and the old school (in new surroundings) the best of good luck,

I am, yours sincerely,
 L. SANDELS (Tpr.),
 17273, 1st Light Horse F. Amb,
 Anzac Mounted Div.

OUR CARTOONS.

These Cartoons were drawn by Sid Harper, a Senior of 1916. We are sure they will be appreciated by all who know anything of school life.



Each year the new boys seem to be smaller than those of previous years.

Around the School.

Personal.

Mr. H. F. Treharne, B.A., has resigned in order to take up the position of Secretary to the Board of Examinations at the Conservatorium of Music.

Mr. John Collins and Mr. Grantal Giovanelli, both of the Teachers' College, are filling the gaps as Assistant Masters of Mathematics. Mr. H. M. Woodward, B.A., has also been appointed to our English teaching staff. We extend a hearty welcome to them all.

Mr. Fraser, B.A., we regret to note, sustained a severe fracture of the leg, as a result of a motor cycle accident, during the last week of the vacation. He was obliged to remain in Taree Hospital for six weeks, but has now returned home. He has our sincere sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Joek Fearnley, one of the most popular of last year's seniors, has been accepted for Active Service. Joek was one of our finest athletes, and was a fine specimen of young manhood. He has the best wishes of all, for a safe return.

Reginald Mackay and Roy Bate-man have been elected prefects by the Headmaster. Our congratulations to them both.

Private Wallace Freeborn, M.M., who enlisted during his 3rd Year, served several months in France, gaining the Military Medal at Pozieres, and was wounded in the attack. On his return he re-entered the school in February with the intention of continuing his studies. All will be pleased to know that our hero has been successful in gaining an exhibition in the Faculty of Medicine.

Clive Evatt has passed the entrance examination to the Royal Military College, Duntroon. John Rubie another of our boys has been admitted to the Royal Naval College, Jervis Bay.

Freddy Garland and Archie Boyle have entered into articles with H. L. Brown, Culwulla Chambers.

The "Fortian" desires to extend a very hearty welcome to Mr. Miniechi Miyata, who has arrived from Japan to initiate some of our First Year students into the mysteries of the Japanese tongue.

Here and There.

The librarians report the library to be well patronised by the new seniors in particular. The results will tell.

The patronage of the tuckshop far outvies that of the library. The prefect on duty has much trouble in keeping the hungry crowd at bay. The prefects serving will never be seeking employment in the days to come.

There is great difficulty in supplying text books this year. The shipping accommodation is used for better purposes than carrying text books. We must make some sacrifice.

The Fourth Year especially welcome the new seniors, who have joined their ranks from country schools. We all join in welcoming the First Year. We hope it will not be long before they are true Fortians.

The garden, with its neatly designed "Fort Street High School," is a real ornament to the building. In the senior rooms the classical language of Virgil, and the speeches of Brutus and Antony, are punctuated by the clicking of the lawn-mower. The garden is a picture, but the fence.....?

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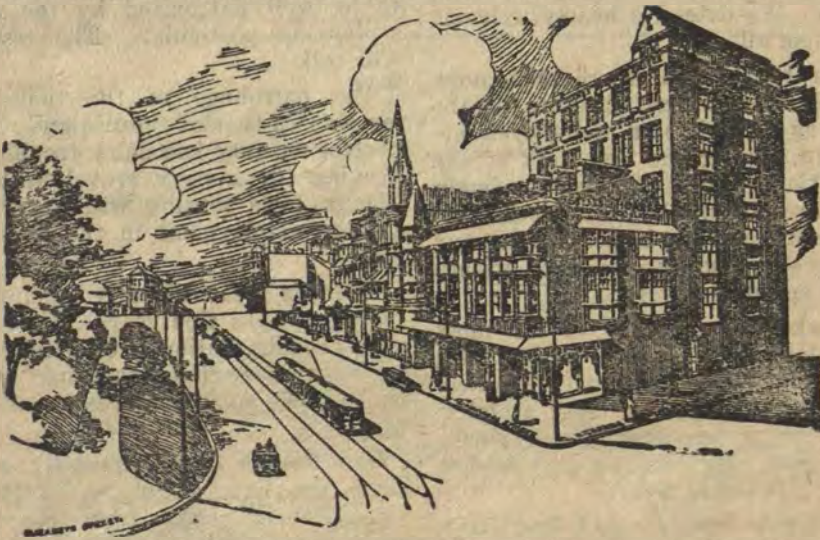
"Pleasure is nothing else but the intermission of Pain, the enjoying of something I am in great trouble for till I have it."—Seldin.

"He whose own worth doth speak, need not speak his own worth."—Fuller.

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WHEN THE SUNSET SKIES WERE RED.

He had tramped all day in the blazing
heat,
In the glare of the flaring sun;
He could scarcely stand on his aching
feet,
For he hadn't sighted a run.

And the white-hot sand of the desert land
Glittered and dazzled his eyes;
Not a breath of air, not a puff of cloud
Stood in the deep blue skies.

So he tramped along, and the bright sun
shone
In the depths of his sad grey eyes,
He tramped straight on, till the sun was
gone,
And red were the sunset-skies.

Till the twilight fell on the treeless plain,
And the silence of night had come,
Till the night-lights came in the sky again,
And twinked one by one.

When the morning came on the plain
again
The sky o'erhead was black,
And the lightning flashed through the
driving rain,
And shone on the lonely track.

He struggled on, but his strength was
gone,
For the fire of hope was dead;
And the driving rain swept the steaming
plain,
And the thunder clashed o'erhead.

It clattered and clashed, and rumbled and
crashed,
And rent the inky sky,
And the lightning flashed as its white
tongue slashed
The sullen clouds on high.

He had reached the edge of the dry
Barrang,
That now was a dashing flood,
When a thrill of joy to his senses sprang,
And warmed to his very blood.

For over the stretches of muddy land,
Pale in the drifting rain,
He saw old Riley's station-home
Nestling upon the plain.

The flood in the wide Barrang was swift,
For it sped with a headless rush,
And its crest was dark with the wild
spindthrift
Torn from the desert brush.

And he knew 'twere folly to try and cross
That boiling cauldron of foam,
Yet the last of his hopes was just across,
Just across on the sodden loam.

He shouted in vain o'er the soaking plain,
But the sounds brought no reply,
And the daylight's wane, and the pouring
rain
Drifts o'er the dusky sky.

But hunger stole to his aching brain,
And the toil of the day will tell;
He was sold and weak, and the soaking
rain
Had scattered his nerves pell-mell.

So he looked once more to the further
shore,
And the fire crept into his blood;
He would reach that shore or see no more
The plain or the whirling flood.

He dashed straight into the foaming
stream,
And swam for the further side,
But his strength's no match where the
white waves gleam
On the crest of the angry tide.

The whirling currents have seized their
prey,
And swept him down to the west,
The rain still falls in a night of grey,
But the wanderer's soul's at rest.

And the currents are taking him down to
the sea,
Drifting along,
Lulled by the strains of a faint melody,
Sorrowful song.

So he drifted along, and the bright sun
shone
In the depths of his sad grey eyes;
He drifted straight on, till the sun was
gone,
And red were the sunset skies.

—R. McGRATH.

The honourable prefects have in-
stalled themselves as "watahs" in
the tuckshop; delicious place! We
notice that the environment agrees
with them! Very much so.

"What do you think you're doing
here, Ginger?"

"Me! I'm here to serve my
school." Which is evident seeing
that a Secondyearite found a brick
in his pie yesterday.

"Reading is the key that admits us
to the whole world of thought, fancy,
and imagination."—Lowell.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our present Headmaster, Mr. Kilgour, is a Fort Street Old Boy. He was a pupil at the School under Mr. Bridges, whose memorial tablet is on the northern end of our building.

Fort Street always has been the "home of natatorial champions." Harold Hardwick swam 100 yards in 1 min. 2 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs. at the carnival in 1906. However, his time was broken by Albert Barry, who on 1st March, 1908, swam the same distance in 1 min. 1 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

The following is a quotation from a "Fortian" dated 22nd June, 1902:—"Douglas Mawson, another of the School's Jubilee matriculants, has already achieved distinction in his profession, having been appointed Junior Assistant in Chemistry at the University."

Fort Street won both the first and second grade Rugby competition in 1909. There was no Soccer played at the School then.

Mr. H. W. Apperly, general manager of the A.M.P. Society, is an old Fortian.

Mr. L. C. Mote, M.A., of our staff, is an Old Boy. He passed the Senior in 1905, gaining 1st Class Honours in French, and 2nd Class Honours in Mathematics.

In the spring of the year 1910, Wednesday afternoon sport was first introduced. Previously various competitions were held on different days of the week, and an all-round athlete would often be absent from his class on several afternoons. In that year many new sports were introduced into Fort Street. A cycling club was founded, and rowing was enthusiastically taken up. The Balmain Club's sheds were availed of.

Honour Caps were first awarded in May, 1905. There has not been an award every year, the standard being very high, and few have attained to it. Hall Kinnamont, Jock Morgan, G. Holmes, and L. Firth were the last to receive them—for the year 1913.

SIMILES.

As wet as a fish—as dry as a bone,
 As live as a bird—as dead as a stone,
 As plump as a partridge—as poor as
 a rat,
 As strong as a horse—as weak as a
 cat,
 As hard as a flint—as soft as a mole,
 As white as a lily—as black as a coal,
 As plain as a pikestaff—as rough as
 a bear,
 As light as a drum—as free as the
 air,
 As heavy as lead—as light as a
 feather,
 As steady as time—as uncertain as
 weather,
 As hot as an oven—as cold as a frog,
 As gay as a lark—as sick as a dog,
 As slow as a tortoise—as swift as the
 wind,
 As true as the gospel—as false as
 mankind,
 As thin as a herring—as fat as a pig,
 As proud as a peacock—as blithe as
 a grig,
 As savage as tigers—as mild as a
 dove,
 As stiff as a poker—as limp as a
 glove,
 As blind as a bat—as deaf as a post,
 As cool as a cucumber—as warm as
 a toast,
 As flat as a flounder—as round as a
 ball,
 As blunt as a hammer—as sharp as
 an awl,
 As red as a ferret—as safe as the
 stocks,
 As bold as a thief—as sly as a fox,
 As straight as an arrow—as crook'd
 as a bow,
 As yellow as saffron—as black as a
 sloe,
 As brittle as glass—as tough as a
 grizzle,
 As neat as my nail—as clean as a
 whistle,
 As good as a feast—as bad as a witch,
 As light as is day—as dark as is pitch,
 As brisk as a bee—as dull as an ass,
 As full as a tick—as solid as brass.

—♦—
 "A novel is in its broadest defini-
 tion a personal, a direct impression
 of life."—James.

THE NAUGHTY GREEK GIRL.

(By the "Greek Accusative.")

Miss Alpha, though she led her class,
Was yet a most unlovely lass;
She had a little sister Theta,
And she would often bang and Beta,
And push and pinch, and pound and
pelt her,
And many a heavy blow she Delta;
So that the kitten e'en would Mu,
When Theta's sufferings she Nu.

This Alpha was so bad to Theta,
That every time she chanced to meet
her
She looked as though she'd like to
Eta;
And oft against the wall she jambed
her,
And oft she took a stick and Lambda;
And for the pain and tears she
brought her
She pitied her not one Iota;
But with a sly and wicked eye
Would only say, "Oh! fiddle, Phi!"

Then Theta cried with noisy clamour,
And ran and told her grief to Gamma,
And Gamma, with a pitying Psi,
Would give the little girl some Pi,
And say, "Now, darling mustn' Khi."

Two Irish lads of ruddy cheek
Were living just across the creek—
Their names—Omicron and Omega;
The one was small, the other bigger.
For Alpha, so demure and "striking,"

Omega took an ardent liking;
And Mike, when once he chanced to
meet her
Fell deep in love with little Theta;
And oft at eve, the boys would go
And on the pleasant waters Rho.

So when the helpless little Theta
Nu Alpha was about to Beta
She down upon the banks would Zeta,
And cry aloud, and shout like fun—
Run, Mike! run Micky, Omicron!!!

—♦—
"There is no creature whose inward being is so strong that it is not greatly determined by what lies outside it."—George Eliot.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

"The age of miracles is not yet passed." In the last edition of your paper you published my letter re steps to be taken for the improvement of our School sport. I am extremely gratified to notice that practically all my suggestions have been availed of by the higher authorities.

We now find a check is being kept on all material issued, and the School is taking a greater advantage of the Oval. The election of the boys' reps. on S.U. Committee, and the School's excellent choice, makes one think the future will be bright and cheery.—I am, etc.,

A.B.C.

—♦—
"Endurance is the crowning quality, And patience all the passion of great hearts." —Lowell.

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"Culture's double end is to make us appreciate the life about us, and to make that life worth appreciating."—Mallock.

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"A man of culture is defined as 'one on whom none of the finer flavours of life are lost.'"—Mallock.

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"A gentleman possesses high erected thoughts, seated in a heart of courtesy."—Sidney.

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"More, and more, mankind will discover that we have to turn to poetry to interpret life for us, to console us, to sustain us."—Arnold.

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". . . One day with life and heart Is more than time enough to fill a world." —Lowell.

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"Sorrow is the mere rust of the soul. Activity will cleanse and brighten it."—Dr. Johnson.

—♦—
"Who fights With passion and o'ercomes, That man is armed With the best virtue— Passive fortitude."—Webster.

SOME SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS.

Tennyson, the greatest Roman prose writer that ever lived, wrote the "Iliad" and "Paradise Lost."

Milton, when twelve years old, wrote a hymn beginning "Letters from a Gladstone mind."

There are three kinds of Downs—North Downs, South Downs and Eider Downs.

Henry VIII. was very fat besides being a non-conformist.

Magna Charta means the Queen has lost her garter; the French is "honi soit qui mal y pense."

Cologne is famous for the odour made there.

To germinate is to become a naturalised German.

A refugee keeps order at a football match.

People often lose their consciences when they are ill.

Charles I. was going to marry the

Infanta of Spain. He went to see her and Shakespeare says he never smiled again.

Cecil Rhodes founded Boadicea.

Charles II. told the people they could get drunk and gamble and do what they liked. This is called the Restoration.

The King was not to order taxis without the consent of Parliament.

The Inquisitions were Customs Duties levied by James I.

The Philistines are Islands in the Pacific.

"Boys to guide the plough and pen" means boys to plough and look after the fowls.

A synonym is a word you can use in place of another one, when you don't know how to spell the other one.

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The Sports Union Committee.

Fort Street has now finally broken away from its old conservative method of sport management. It was determined to hold an election to give members of Sports Union the opportunity of electing five boys from third and fourth years, who in conjunction with the School Captain and Senior Prefect, were to be appointed to positions on Committee. The election took place and the following five boys were elected:—S. Crakanthorp, W. Waddington, A. V. Smith, F. Munro and F. Anderson. These, together with the School Captain, J. J. McIntosh and the Senior Prefect, J. Bryant, now occupy places on the Committee. Partly through their influence steps have been taken towards obtaining coaches for different sports, for example, Mr. J. Searle has been successfully approached in regard to cricket, and the grade players have already had several lessons from him.

The following masters were chosen for the respective sports, and they, I feel sure, will ably fill the positions and help the name of Fort Street to forge its way to the foremost position in school sport.

Mr. Keller (Rugby), Mr. James (Cricket), Mr. Bauer (Swimming), Mr. Woodward (Baseball), Mr. Porter (Soccer), Mr. Fraser (Tennis), Mr. Moody (Rifle Shooting).

These masters together with Mr. Roberts (Sport's Master), Mr. Burgin (Hon. Sec.), and Mr. Hatfield (Hon. Treas.), also the seven school representatives for the S.U. Committee, under the presidency of Mr. Kilgour.

The Committee has in its control all matters relating to sport and intends to encourage the young Fortians, for in these lies the future generation of seniors whom it will behoove to keep unsullied, and foremost in everything the name of Fort Street as their predecessors have done.

The Committee found it necessary to increase the annual S.U. subscription from half a crown to five shillings, as the funds were in a very bad financial condition. However, I think that this increase will be amply justified, when one takes into consideration the benefits which are bound to result therefrom. Moreover in comparison with other schools the fee, even now, is very moderate. It is intended to encourage more class sport, for therein lie the future grade players.

It was decided that the Committee should meet once a month to discuss all business. By this arrangement all grievances can be promptly discussed, and remedied. Hence, I think, that I can predict with safety a very good year with regard to sport management.

Now, on behalf of the Committee, I would like to say a few words to parents of Fortians, especially to those of new First Year boys.

First allow your boys to go in largely for sport, for in sport they will lay the foundation of a sound constitution, and this is absolutely essential if they are to lead a life of study.

Secondly, take an interest in your boy's work, and sporting attain-

ments at school—for this will encourage him to persevere.

Honour Caps.

To win an "Honour Cap" is the highest glory a Fortian can attain to in the sporting realm of this school. We have very much pleasure in announcing that the Headmaster, convenor of the Honour Cap Committee, has recommended to the S.U. Committee the following winners for 1917:—

Roy Head, Hector Spencer, Ernest Vandenberg.

We tender our sincere congratulations to each of them on being found worthy of such a high honour.

CRICKET.

First Grade.

Tabulation of games played:—

F.H.S. v. N.S.H.S., won by an innings and 22 runs.

F.H.S. v. T.H.S., won by an innings and 30 runs.

F.H.S. v. S.H.S., lost on first innings by 40 runs.

F.H.S. v. S.H.S., drawn.

F.H.S. v. N.S.H.S., unfinished—Fort Street has won so far on first innings.

For the first four matches we were led by our popular captain, Hector Spencer, but now as he has left the old school, it became necessary to elect a new captain. The choice fell on Alan Smith, our old friend "Peter," who fills his position capably. He has also taken "Snowy" Seddon's place behind the sticks. Those prominent in first half of season were Spencer, 110 v. T.H.S., 38 v. N.S.H.S.; Seddon, 38 v. N.S.H.S., 37 v. S.H.S., 20 v. T.H.S.; Waddington, 40 v. S.H.S.; Kennett and MacDonald were the star bowlers. Kennett obtaining most wickets, but at a greater cost than "Mac's."

In the recent match v. N.S.H.S., Brown 42, and Jackson 31, batted well; while MacDonald, 5 wickets, and Anderson, 4 wickets, shared bowling honours. Smith shaped well behind the sticks.

The Selection Committee of First

XI., comprising of Smith, Waddington and MacDonald, has been commandeering some Third Grade players, much to the woe of Thirds, under Pill Shanahan and Storey.

Mr. J. Searle has been out twice to coach the "firsts," a service which we appreciate highly. Having been a champion wicket-keeper himself, he has been able to supply our new wicket-keeper with much helpful advice.

Mr. Searle also emphasizes most strongly the point of running well between the wickets, and therein, no doubt, lies the winning of many matches; he gave us lessons also in fielding practice, and placing of the field.

To finish, I would like to thank Mr. Roberts on behalf of first-graders for coming down to the oval on practice days. He is the first master to do so, and we much appreciate this service.

Second Grade.

This grade has not been doing too well this year, but last Wednesday they proved themselves to be stickers, as they were only just beaten on first innings by Petersham, the "runners up" team, but the match was not finished when this goes to press.

Those prominent are Brooke, Dwyer, Byrne, Clemens, Densley and Dudley. Byrne and Dudley batted well against Petersham for 23, and 17 n.o., respectively, nearly winning the match. Dwyer, Byrne and Clemens obtained two wickets, while Shaw three and one run out, comprised the total.

Third Grade.

This grade is leading in its competition by three points, having been beaten twice.

Ball, the Captain of the team, is the most promising of the thirds, both as a bowler and a batsman. Storey is likely to develop into a future first-grade batsman, whilst King and Haynes also show ability with the bat. Cleary, Cummings, and "Fuzz" Porter are also excellent bowlers.

Last but not least is Shanahan, the man whom the players and the captain swear by. He is the mainstay of the team, if not in cricketing ability, then in argument for the rights of the thirds.

ROWING.

The sports list has had a new item added in respect of rowing. Many Fortians have joined the Leichhardt Rowing Club, and may be seen every Wednesday afternoon enthusiastically learning this pleasant and invigorating pastime. We have secured an excellent coach in the person of Mr. Eastmuir, an Interstate oarsman, and if it is possible for us to attain proficiency, we will gain it under such tuition. Our progress is slow but sure, and by the end of the quarter we hope to carry off all the inter-high school races of the State.

We hope that some of the members who have joined will not become lax in their practice as such would be a great detriment to success.

LIFE-SAVING.

Life-saving classes have been established at the school, and examinations for the Award of Merit (Silver Medallion), Hon. Instruction Certificate, Bronze Medallion and Proficiency Certificate will soon be held.

W. Waddington is sitting for the Award of Merit.

Three are sitting for the Hon. Instructor's Certificate—W. Waddington, S. Crakanthorp, and A. Smith.

There are also eight sitting for the Bronze Medallion, and eighty for the Proficiency Certificate.

In all there are six squads under the instruction of Messrs. Roberts, Scott, Porter, Waddington and Crakanthorp.

Sports Union Jottings.

The Committee has discussed the question of a Medallion for Sports Union members instead of ticket as used now. It is of exceptionally

neat design, with a Fort in gold and white on a maroon ground. This is a pleasing departure.

Another matter the Sports Union intends to take up and encourage is the wearing of blazers by first-grade representatives. Many of our leading sports have already obtained them. The Union pays for the badge and lettering on pocket if the boy pays for the blazer.

The Sports Press and Management of Materials is now under control of a senior. Hence the leakage and loss of sports material which occurred last year will be remedied.

It is intended to form the Rifle Club as soon as the carnival has been held. The miniature range at the Petersham Town Hall will be available every Wednesday afternoon for intending members. Lieut. Moody will be in charge.

Now to deal with prospects for the coming year. We again hope to put a team in every grade in rugby, and will try our hardest to retain the McManamy shield so gloriously won last year. The few veterans remaining (Smith, Bryant, Waddington, Hall and Sullivan) will form the backbone of the new team. There is also a lot expected from new Fortians, especially from those bigger chaps from the country.

Our baseball prospects are very bright. The second grade competition was won last year, with only one defeat; and the first grade would have also been won if there had been co-operation amongst players.

The seconds will move up and should again come out on top. We will have among others, Alexander, Densley, Brooke, Byrne, Holt, Anderson.

In soccer there is sure to be a team in every grade, and it is practically certain they will acquit themselves with honour.

At tennis such champion players as Fitzhardinge, Morgan, and Brown should experience no difficulty in annexing the competition.

Wanted a war-cry by Grade Ruggerites.

LATE SPORTING.

On 15th inst. the 220 and 440 yards championships of the School were swum at the Domain Baths. Both these events resulted in a win for S. Crackanthorp. In the 220 yards the other placed boys were J. McIntosh, the School captain, and L. MacDonald; in the 440 yards, McLean and Lister.

In the latter race eight boys ob-

tained the certificate granted to those competitors finishing under a standard time.

The 880 yards championship will be decided after the carnival, and all entrants who complete the distance under 20 minutes will receive a certificate.

In the next edition of "The Fortian" the photos of the School champion swimmer and several of finest athletes, will be published.

FROM THE EDITOR'S FILE.

Correspondence.

The Editor especially welcomes correspondence from all interested in the welfare of their school, and this journal. If you wish to know about any matter of to-day or of the past, or the future, write to us.

X.Y.Z.—The attendance at the F.S.H.S. Swimming Carnival, 1910 constitutes a record. It is estimated there were 2,500 persons present.

Utopia.—The Prefect System was inaugurated in 1908 by Mr. Kilgour. The object was to assist the masters in maintaining discipline.

Kog.—We have not been able to find the information you require—but nil desperandum. Perhaps next issue.

Y.T.—The record score by one of our first graders stands at 369. It was compiled by Landon against Leichhardt S.P.S., in September, 1905.

Enquirer.—Yes, both the "Sun" and "Evening News" publish a page dealing with school sport every Tuesday.

M.A.—There was a Roy Head at Fort Street in 1911. He, too, was a brilliant scholar, gaining 6 A's and a B in the Junior Examination; he was prox. ace. for algebra.

B.R., N.G.—Your article would

have been censored.

K.J.—We prefer items of local interest.

L.McD.—Sorry, but lack of money prevents its publication.

J.B.—Previous article on same topic.

H.P.—Too late for publication.

Exchanges.

We beg to acknowledge the following exchanges with various educational institutions. The same may be perused by members of the library:—

"Hermes" (University of Sydney), "The Record" (Sydney Boys' High, Ultimo), "The Novocastrian" (Newcastle High), "The Royal Blue" (Petersham Commercial), "The Quondong" (Broken Hill High), "The Babblers" (North Sydney Girls' H.S.), "H.A.C. Journal" (Hawkesbury Agricultural College).

Our Next Issue.

Henceforth we intend to publish this paper regularly every quarter. Our next issue will appear towards the close of the month of May. We invite the whole school to show its practical support by writing literary (?) articles. Its success depends on you.

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WINNERS OF THE P.S.A.A.A. COMPETITION FOR 1918.

Reading from left to right, the names are:—K. McLeod, S. Crakanthorp, Mr. W. Roberts (Sports Master and Instructor),
W. Waddington, H. Davis.

Block kindly lent by the "Sun"



VAINLY we have endeavoured to stimulate your interest in our school magazine. It is not practically supported. Our contributors are few, and the material contributed is not on popular topics.

When the present Editorial Staff took up the reins of office, all suggested improvements were discussed. We set ourselves the task of sounding the school's opinion, and then endeavouring to cater for popular taste. We attempted to revolutionise the whole publication, and now invite criticisms as to whether it has been for better, or for worse. Criticise us adversely, if you will, but shake off this apathy, which apparently enshrouds the vast majority.

It has been as evident to us as to you, that our paper should be more than a budget of statistics, published quarterly. We clearly realise it should be more literary than it was in preceding years.

Rightly or wrongly, we have decided to abolish the Class News of the senior classes. The talent of their correspondents should be devoted to the writing of original articles. We maintain also, that the "Round the School" column should contain all news of vital importance. Junior Class News we retain, for its preparation serves as a period of probation for the younger writers, who will replace us in a few years. Their news counterbalances the tendency to make this a seniors' paper.

The reader has no conception of the excessive labour the "get up" of "The Fortian" involves upon the Editor and his Literary Staff. It is very disappointing to all concerned when this journal does not meet with enthusiastic support.

Although an exceedingly high literary standard has been set, we are confident that there is sufficient ability to attain to the required level. Hence we appeal to **you** to assist us in establishing "The Fortian" as the premier magazine of the High Schools.

We exhort **you** to show your love for our Alma Mater by contributing literary articles, poems, paragraphs of interest, cartoons, etc., etc.— terseness, fitness and originality being essential.

OUR FEAT—WE APOLOGISE.

All editions prior to our last, for the past two years, were published at a loss. This loss was defrayed by the profits of that blessed institution—the tuckshop. Now, however, we are able to declare our complete independence, that is so far as monetary aid is concerned. Well done! Business Secretary.

We also sincerely apologise to Williams, who, through error, was not accredited with the silhouettes published in our last issue.



Since the publication of last issue, we have received the names of the following old boys now fighting with the A.I.F.

Enlistments.

Armstrong, John Edward; Lieut., Tunneling Corps.
 Bosward, Jas. H.; Gunner.
 Bissett, Norman H. A.; Staff-Q.M.-Sergt.
 Borton, Cecil S.; Private, 4th Batt.
 Clarke, Albert Jas.; Gunner.
 Curtis, R. C.; Private.
 Cosgrove, W. R.; Sergt.
 Carney, A. J.; Driver, A.S.C.
 Down, Reginald D.; Sapper, 1st Aust. Mining Co.
 Davis, Thos.; Sapper.
 Evans, Harrie S.; Lt.-Colonel, Chief Paymaster.
 Green, Edwin Chas.; Gunner.
 Godson, Richard D.; Corpl.
 Horswell, Roy Humphrey; Private.
 Heard, George; Lieutenant.
 Horswell, Horace Rudolph, Private.
 Humphries, W. A.; Private.
 Hilditch, Robt.; Sapper, Field Engineers.

Ives, Wm. F.; L.-Corp.
 Knox, Arthur W.; Corp. (killed in action, 6/9/17).

Lundy, Clarence R. C.; Lieutenant, M.C.
 Loveday, Lindsay; Lieutenant, M.C.
 Milne, W. H. G.; Private.
 Moyes, Wm. H.; Private, 30th Batt.
 Magee, Reginald; Private.
 Mackenzie, Donald; Private.
 Pearce, J. R.; Trooper, 22nd Reinf., 12th A.L.H.

Thompson, R. W.; Private, A.M.C.
 Turner, Wm. Terry; Private.
 Taylor, Clifford G.; Trooper.

Killed in Action.

Sandels, Reg.; Gunner.
 Knox, Arthur; Corp.
 Spratt, Stuart F.; Lieut.

Died of Illness.

Hansman, Edgar; Air-Mechanic.

Honours Conferred.

Lundy, C. R. C.; Lieut.; Military Cross.
 Loveday, L.; Lieut.; Military Cross.
 Collins, A. J.; Major, A.M.C.; Bar to Military Cross.
 Lawrance, G. A.; Capt., A.M.C.; Bar to Military Cross.

FIGHTING FORTIANS

We have ascertained the following particulars from various sources with regard to Old Boys on Active Service:—

COLLINS, ARCHIE J.; MAJOR, M.C., A.M.C.; and LAWRENCE, GUY A.; CAPT., M.C., A.M.C.—It is only some three or four months ago that Drs. Collins and Lawrence were awarded the Military Cross for gallant services. Now news has just arrived that each of them has been awarded a bar to his Cross for further distinguished work in the Field Ambulances.

LOVEDAY, LINDSAY; LIEUT., M.C.—We are also pleased to be able to notify that Lieut. Lindsay Loveday has been awarded the Military Cross for valour in the field.

BELL, LIEUT. CYRIL, R.N.R., who was at Fort Street 14 years ago, is now on

active service in charge of a patrol boat.

WRIDE, C. N., TROOPER, who left Sydney in the Light Horse, has now been transferred to the Australian Flying Corps.

CRAWFORD, ROBERT, LIEUT., of the 4th Batt., one of the original Anzacs, who left Sydney as a Sergeant, and who has been wounded twice, has been promoted Lieutenant, and is now back again in the firing line.

LUNDY, CLARENCE, R. C., LIEUT, M.C., when only 18 years of age, enlisted on 14th August, 1914, as a Sapper in the 1st Field Co. of Engineers, and sailed with the first contingent for Egypt. He was among the first Australians to land at Gallipoli. On the Peninsula he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and was mentioned in General Munro's despatches for distinguished services during the evacuation. He has been in France and Bel-

gium since March, 1915, and at Pozieres was commissioned and transferred to the 1st Pioneer Battalion. On 23rd February, 1918, he was decorated with the Military Cross by the King at Buckingham Palace for gallant and distinguished services at Bullecourt. Lieut. Lundy has now received a permanent appointment in the Indian Army.

McLEAN, ARCHIE L., CAPT., A.M.C., one of our Old Boys, who was Medical Officer to the Mawson Expedition, and afterwards was away close on two years on Active Service, and was invalided home last year, has now returned to the front.

SPRATT, STUART FRANK, LIEUT.—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Spratt, of 62 Pitt-street, Sydney, have been notified that their only son, Lieutenant Stuart Frank Spratt, died of wounds in France on April 18, aged 23 years. He was born at Burwood and educated at Fort Street High School. Shortly after the landing at Gallipoli, in which he participated, he was wounded, but later he was present at Lone Pine. He was a prominent amateur athlete, and a member of all the sports committees in connection with his battalion, and was a most successful competitor in the events, winning a high reputation amongst the men. In April, 1916, he won the Anzac Cup and the obstacle race at the big swimming carnival arranged for the

troops after the evacuation. While training as an officer at Worcester College in England he captained the Worcester 1st Fifteen at football, and Eleven at cricket, and at the regatta in connection with the college he won six events and obtained one second prize out of seven starts. After leaving the college he played with the A.I.F. Headquarters Staff in a football match against an English team, the former winning by five points to nil, the whole of the points being scored by Lieutenant Spratt. He made a total of 101 points in 13 matches during the season. Out of 197 points scored by Worcester College at football he scored 89. Before leaving Sydney he was regarded as the best all-round amateur athlete in the Sydney Y.M.C.A.

BOOTH, EDGAR H., CAPT., M.C., an Old Boy of Fort Street, has been promoted to a Staff-Captaincy at the front. He is a distinguished B.Sc. of our University, and has his only brother, a Captain in the A.M.C., at the front.

SPIER, C. M., MAJOR.—We have received a card of remembrance from Major C. M. Spier, Officer Commanding the 14th Aust. Machine Gun Co.

BOWLER, HENRY JOHN, LIEUT., who left Sydney as a Sergeant in the Artillery, and was wounded in July last, has been promoted to a Lieutenantancy in the 110th Howitzer Battery.

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ROUND THE SCHOOL

Personal.

Mr. F. G. Brown, B.A., B.Sc., who has been our Senior Mathematical Master for the past two and a half years, resigned during March last. A presentation was made prior to his departure, by 4B., of which class he was Form-master. Mr. Brown has started a coaching college, and he has our best wishes for success in his new sphere of activities.

Mr. Lionel Dare, B.A., who has for some time past been connected with the Department of Modern Languages, has also resigned. Our former master is now completing his Law Course at the University. 4 R. made a useful presentation to Mr. Dare, who was held in great esteem by all his pupils.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Roberts, our popular Sportsmaster, on his efforts to make Fort Street predominant in all branches of sport.

Lindsay Price, one of our old boys, who recently returned wounded, called to see our Headmaster and the School, some few weeks ago. He has resumed his Engineering career at the University.

Victor Boyd, another old boy, visited the School just prior to his departure for the front.

Hugh Stewart, familiarly known as "Stoo," a well-known figure about the School, has taken up a position in the Commonwealth Bank.

Roy Head, our popular Captain during 1917, was elected representative of Arts I. at the University, by twenty-eight votes to twenty.

Mr. R. D'Arcy Smith, Mr. Dare's successor in the Department of Modern Languages, spent no less than ten years of his life in France, residing within a few miles of Paris. He was

also for a couple of years an Undergraduate studying at the University of Valladolid in Spain.

Mr. A. H. Fraser, B.A., we are pleased to notice, has taken up his duties once more. We are pleased at his recovery.

Canon Goddard, of All Saints', Petersham, weekly conducts his scripture class. There is always an excellent attendance of Seniors.

Professor Murdoch, who is in charge of the Department of Japanese at the University of Sydney, pays a weekly visit to Fort Street, where he keeps a watchful eye upon the progress of the Japanese Class.

Here and There.

Anzac Day was suitably commemorated at Fort Street, by the saluting of the flag, and the singing of the National Anthem. Mr. Kilgour spoke on the significance of the day, and proceedings closed with hearty cheers for our boys at the front.

The Red Cross appeal was well responded to by our School. Daily, for weeks before the 26th, auction sales of sweets, etc., were held on the quadrangle. Mr. Roberts skilfully officiated with the hammer. In addition, one hundred and ten house badges adorned the windows. 3 B. darkened their room with no fewer than twenty-six.

As a result of these efforts combined, the Red Cross Fund will benefit by the sum of £50.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the Fort Street Old Girls, who upheld the honour of the old School so well at the University Examinations.

Nearly fifty Seniors were present at the first Christian Union meeting this year. Rev. F. C. Philip, M.A.,

CARTOONS.

DRAWN BY RAYMOND H. McGRATH.



FOOTBALL: WHEN PORT ST TAKES THE FIELD



BOXING: A MEMBER OF MR DAVE SMITH'S CLASS PRACTICES ON A SMALL BROTHER



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TUGK-SHOP: TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.



SCIENCE: THE SCIENCE FANATIC DOES SOME RESEARCH WORK.



FAGHITMARE: THE NIGHT BEFORE THE EXAM

an old Fortian, Acting Rector of Dulwich Hill, addressed us on "Australia and her possibilities." The annual election of officers resulted in, President, J. J. McIntosh (unopposed); Executive Committee, Johnny Bryant, Harry Hotten, Laurie Macdonald, and Alan Smith. Our congratulations to each.

The membership of the Library now totals over a hundred. Strange to say, the patronage of the younger boys is not sufficiently bestowed on this institution.

A prize for popularity and gentlemanly qualities was recently given by Mr. Dare for Remove Year pupils. The popular choice fell on "Sammy" Langford.

The usual scarcity of text books prevails. Some few have arrived, but there seems no prospect of the remainder being issued.

Mr. Kilgour intends writing some 600 letters of congratulation to dotting parents on their boy's success in the coming half-yearly. As usual the autographs of other masters will appear thereon. The following paragraph is of more interest, however.

The Mid-Winter Vacation commences on Friday, 14th, and expires (notice the literary touch) on 30th June.

A military officer has inspected the site for the proposed rifle range. It

is likely to become an accomplished fact in the near future.

The front fence (?) has survived the attacks made on it in our last "Fortian." More critics have assaulted it in this issue.

The Fort Street Girls' High School, which challenged twenty other Girls' High Schools, has raised £160 for the Red Cross Fund. Well done, Fort Street!

We wish to congratulate Donald McKenzie, late of 4 R., who has enlisted. Good luck to him!

In connection with the scheme for the Insurance of Recruits, the Staff of Fort Street has subscribed £20 necessary to insure one recruit, while the boys have decided to insure two. The total amount at present in hand is £40.

It is rumoured that there has been "a falling off" in the tuckshop profits, especially in lollies and ice cream, since the Prefects "took post" behind the counter. These gentlemen, however, scornfully refute the charge.

We desire to thank Mr. Dick Stevens of the "Sun," and Mr. Clarkson of "The Daily Telegraph," for their kindness in procuring blocks for us. Mr. Clarkson, who is himself an old boy of Fort Street, has a son in First Year.

DISTINGUISHED FORTIANS

DR. ARTHUR B. WALKOM, D.Sc.—

Among the recipients of Degrees at the last conferring on April 13 last, was Dr. Arthur B. Walkom, who had succeeded in gaining the high honour of Doctor of Science with First Class Honours, and the University Medal for Geology. We tender him our heartiest congratulations on his success. After passing the Senior from Fort Street, with high distinction, Dr. Walk-

om went to the University, where he specialised in Geology, gaining in 1910 his B.Sc. with First Class Honours, and University Medal in Geology and Mineralogy; Second Class Honours in Chemistry, and Professor David's prize. Then for a year or two he was demonstrator in geology at Sydney University. On the inauguration of the University of Queensland, he accepted the post of Lecturer in Geology,

which position he still occupies. We feel that Dr. Walkom well deserves the honours that have been conferred upon him.

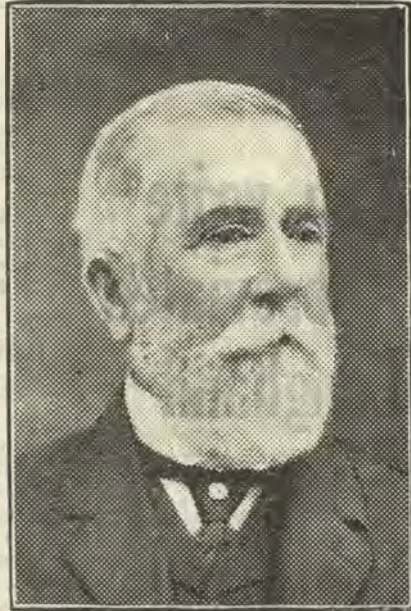
MR. AUBREY MOWLE.—After 54 years spent in the public service of the State. Mr. Aubrey Mowle (Chamber Magistrate, and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Paddington) officially retired on the 30th April. The Courtroom was packed with official, legal, police, parliamentary and municipal representatives, as well as the general public. Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., who presided, remarked that he could not say it was with pleasure he congratulated Mr. Mowle upon his retirement, because his severance from the public service would be severely felt, not only by the magistrates, but by the residents; but he could with pleasure congratulate him on the manner in which he had done his work to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Mowle had now attained the "three score years and ten." Over half a century ago he joined the public service, and in the course of his long official term he had risen to the position of Chamber Magistrate, which was among the most important in the Department of Justice. The position was one in which the occupant could do a great deal of good for the public, and the general regret showed that Mr. Mowle had in every sense been a public servant. The Bench would miss him, and so would his fellow-officers. On behalf of these, Mr. Payten hoped that Mr. Mowle would enjoy his well-earned rest. The eastern suburbs, where he had been looked upon as a king for some time, would miss him.

Mr. W. J. Kessell (Department of Justice), on behalf of the officers of the department, wished Mr. Mowle excellent health, upon bidding a long farewell to his official greatness.

Messrs. W. F. Latimer and C. W. Oakes, Ms.L.A., F. C. Petrie, and H. E. McIntosh (legal profession), Arthur Blix (senior clerk of Petty

Sessions in the metropolitan area), Inspector Gumley, Ald. T. Fairweather, and Sergeant McCulloch (formerly deposition clerk) expressed appreciation of Mr. Mowle's work as a public servant.

Mr. Mowle said that all through his official career he had worked in the interests of his employers (the Government). Among the reforms he had taken a part in accomplishing was the discountenancing of the practice of backing



MR. AUBREY MOWLE,
A Very Old Boy of Fort Street.

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"black maria" up at the main entrance to the police station in Jersey Road, for the purpose of transferring persons to other places. That was now done in the privacy of an allotment which the Government had resumed at the back of the station with that object.

Mr. Mowle can lay claim to be one of the oldest Fortians living. He has always taken the keenest interest in the School, has been a life long member of its Old Boys' Union, and to this day is a constant subscriber to the "Fortian." We wish him long life and a happy retirement.

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MR. D. G. BATHGATE, a B.A. and LL.B. of Sydney University, and an old boy of Fort Street, who has resigned the position of Prosecuting Officer in the Crown Law Office to take up private practice at the Bar, was presented at Police Headquarters with a set of 32 volumes of "The Laws of England" in cabinet form by the police officers and detectives of Sydney.

The Inspector-General of Police (Mr. Mitchell), in making the presentation, referred to the good work Mr. Bathgate had done, particularly in the preparation of the

Eveleigh hold-up, the Commonwealth note forgery cases, the Chinese murders, the Pappageorgi and Five Dock murders, and the I.W.W. cases. He had always been ready and anxious to help the police, and deserved success in his new sphere of operations.

Mr. J. V. Tillett (Crown Solicitor), Mr. Kidston (Mr. Bathgate's successor), and Superintendents Tait, Kelly, Brooks, and Walker also spoke.

All the metropolitan police officers and detectives were present at the presentation.

OLD BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

We are very pleased to be able to place on record the following list of honours gained by Old Boys of Fort Street. We extend to them all our hearty congratulations on their success, and hope that they will continue to keep their old School's name in the forefront by even greater achievements.

Faculty of Arts.

- E. P. Patterson—Credit, English I.
- H. Savage—Distinction, French II.
- H. H. Laird, B.A., LL.B.—High Distinction, Mathematics I.
- T. M. Shanahan—Distinction, Mathematics I.
- A. J. Allan—Credit, Mathematics I.
- D. L. Johnston—Credit, Mathematics I.
- F. L. Kirby—Credit, Mathematics I; Credit, Engineering Design.
- E. Paxinos—Credit, Mathematics I.
- M. Roddy—Credit, Mathematics I.
- P. N. W. Andersen—High Distinction, Mathematics II.; Distinction, Physics II.
- R. A. Quigley—Credit, Mathematics II.; High Distinction, Engineering Design; Credit, Mechanical Engineering.
- H. R. Schmidt—High Distinction, Mathematics III., and First Class Honours at Graduation, Second Class Physics.

Department of Economics.

- A. V. Langker—Credit, Economics II.; W. E. Johnson Prize for Economics II.
- L. A. Swan—II. Honours at Graduation, Economics III.

Faculty of Law.

- A. V. Langker—Pass, Constitutional Law.
- A. T. Shakespeare—Pass, Constitutional Law.

A. G. T. Kench—Pass, Section I.

E. A. S. Jerdan, B.A.—George and Matilda Harris Scholarship for Subjects of Section II.

W. R. York—Prox. Acc. to George and Matilda Harris Scholarship.

S. Redshaw, B.A.—Pass, Section II., Final.

L. B. Swan—Pass, Section II.

Examination for Degree of LL.B.

H. V. Evatt, M.A.—First Class Honours and University Medal.

Faculty of Medicine.

W. W. Feather—Pass, Fourth Degree Examination.

Faculty of Science.

A. B. Walkom, B.Sc.—First Class Honours and University Medal for Geology at D.Sc. Examination.

The following Degrees were conferred on old Fortians on 13th April last:—

B.A. (Bachelor of Arts)

Kench, A. G. T.
Langker, A. V.
Walton, F. A.

B.Ec. (Bachelor of Economics)

Swan, L. A. (Honours, Class II.)

LL.B. (Bachelor of Law)

Evatt, H. V., M.A. (First Class Honours and University Medal)

M.B., Ch.M. (Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery)

Alexander, C. R.
McKee, John
Mitchell, R. S. R.
O'Neill, V. F. A.
Paekham, G. B.

D.Sc. (Doctor of Science)

Walkom, A. B. (Geology, University Medal)

B.Sc. (Bachelor of Science)

Schmidt, H. R. (Mathematics, Class I.; Physics, Class II.)

HERBERT VERE EVATT, M.A., LL.B.

We do not think that in the whole history of Fort Street, and among the many brilliant scholars that have been trained within her walls, that any can excel that of the subject of our sketch, Herbert Vere Evatt, M.A., LL.B., who, at the age of 24, has achieved such eminent distinction in the domains of Law and Letters.



HERBERT VERE EVATT, M.A., LL.B.

Evatt entered Fort Street as a small boy at the beginning of 1905, and passed his Junior Examination in 1909, gaining 5 A's and 2 B's. Two years later, in 1911, he passed the Senior Examination with 9 A's and 1 B, and obtaining the following honours:—

Prox. Acc. to John West Medal and to Aitken Scholarship for General Proficiency.

Medal for Conic Sections.

Prox. Acc. to Medal for English.

First-class Honours (second place to Barker Scholarship) in Mathematics; First-class Honours in English; First-class Honours in Latin; and Second-class Honours in French.

Fort Street showed its appreciation of his high scholarly attainments, qualities as leader, and excellence in the sporting world by electing him Senior Prefect in 1910 and Captain of the School for 1911. The wide variety of his interests may be illustrated by the fact that he captained successfully both the 1st XI. and the 1st XV. He took a prominent part in the activities of the Debating Society, and became a ready and fluent speaker, while he also won success as a prize essayist, gaining the Chamber of Manufactures Prize for an essay on "The Progress of Local Industries," while his brilliant departing speech on the occasion of the farewell to his contemporary seniors will long be remembered by those present.

On leaving Fort Street, he began his undergraduate studies in 1912, entering the Faculty of Arts, and taking up his residence at St. Andrew's College, at which he had received an open scholarship and with which he is still closely associated. His achievements in the subjects of the Faculty of Arts, leading to his graduation in 1915, are notable, not only for their brilliance, but also for the width and diversity of the field which he covered. They may be briefly enumerated in order:

Academic Honours.

Arts I.

Professor Anderson's Prize for Philosophy I.; Lithgow Scholarship for Philosophy I.; Professor MacCallum's Prize for English I.; George Allen Scholarship (aq.) for Mathematics I.; Wentworth Prize Essay on "The Play within the Play in the Elizabethan Drama"; High Distinc-

tion, Philosophy, English and Mathematics.

Arts II.

Professor Anderson's Prize for Philosophy II.; Professor MacCallum's Prize for English II.; Barker Scholarship (æq.) for Mathematics II.; Norbert Quirk Prize (æq.) for Mathematics II.; Wentworth Prize Essay on "The Possibility of a Standard of Merit in Literature"; High Distinction in Philosophy, English and Mathematics.

Arts III.

(B.A. Degree).

Professor Anderson's Prize for Philosophy III.; University Medallist in Philosophy; Coutts' Scholarship for Proficiency in English Language and Literature; Beauchamp Prize for Historical and Literary Essay (value, £25) on "Liberalism in Australia" (first and so far only undergraduate to win this honour); First-class Honours at graduation in Philosophy, English and Mathematics.

M.A. Degree, 1917: Awarded on Thesis, "Social and Political Tendencies in Australia," with First-class Honours.

After completing his career in Arts, he entered the Law School with a view to qualifying for admission to the Bar. In this Faculty, as in Arts, his career was one of exceptional brilliancy. We may note the following honours won while an undergraduate in Law:—

Law I.

Wigram Harris Scholarship for Proficiency in Roman Law and Constitutional Law; Pitt Cobbett Prize for Constitutional Law; first place in year.

Law II.

George and Matilda Harris Scholarship for Proficiency in Public International Law, Jurisprudence and Political Science; first place in year.

Law III.

(Taking two sections and final in one year.)

First-class Honours at graduation; University Medal for Law.

His deep interest in all phases of University life may be estimated by his close association with every University activity. During the whole of his Arts course he was honoured by being elected as Year Representative; became Honorary Secretary, Vice-President, and finally President of the Undergraduates' Association — the highest honour which his fellow students could confer on him. In this connection it is interesting to note that Evatt is the *first undergraduate* to occupy the position of President and also that on his retirement the Committee placed on record "its deep appreciation of the services of Mr. Evatt, in a year in which the Association was confronted with many difficulties as a result of the war, and that later in the year the incoming Committee be recommended to commemorate his work for the Association in some fitting way."

Evatt's literary talents found outlet in his connection with "Hermes," the University Magazine, of which he was first a member of the staff, then Sub-Editor, and finally Editor-in-Chief. His services in this connection earned him a special vote of thanks by the Undergraduates' Association.

One of the finest modern institutions of our University, as all Undergraduates soon discover, is the Union, which has, however, only been in operation during the last five or six years. In its organization and control Evatt took a prominent place, being elected one of its first Directors, then a member of the House, Finance and Debates Committees, then Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, and finally, in 1915-16, the first, and so far only, undergraduate to be elected as President of the Union, the highest honour in University life. During Evatt's Presidency, the Union had a record financial year, inaugurated the University War Memorials Scheme, and was mainly instrumental in securing the completion of the Union Hall, one of the finest halls now in Sydney.

During his undergraduate career,

Evatt was also officially associated with other University bodies, such as the Law Society, the Law Debating Society, of which he was the leader, the University Camp for Schools, and the Science Society. In his College life at St. Andrew's he took, and still takes, a leading part, having for three years been Editor of the "College Magazine," and having been appointed in 1916, while still an undergraduate in Law, lecturer and tutor in English and Philosophy. This position he still holds, while, in addition, he has recently been appointed lecturer in Law.

He has always taken a keen interest in the sporting life of the University, occupying such positions as Hon. Treasurer of the Sports Union, Chairman for Inter-Faculty Football, Secretary of the 3rd and 2nd XV., Secretary of the University Cricket Club, Delegate to the S.U. Sports Union and to the N.S.W. Cricket Association. He has played usually with the Second Eleven (of which he was Captain) and Second Fifteen, but occasionally with the First. Won his College Blues in Cricket and Football; played baseball and hockey with the Second Teams, and was for four years Hon. Secretary of the University Oval and Grounds. In recognition of his devotion to sport, and his services in promoting the athletic life of the University, he has recently been elected a Life Member of the Sports Union—a high and rare honour.

Evatt has held for the past two and a half years the position of Associate to His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir William Cullen, while it may be noted that he has been rejected for active service on three occasions. His Beauchamp Prize Essay for 1915 has recently been published by the Law Book Co., under the title of "Liberalism in Australia," and of it Professor Wood has said: "Mr. Evatt has shown for the first time the meaning and the interest of a movement whose great importance will in future be more fully recognised."

All the Evatt family have been good Fortians. One brother, Lieutenant Raymond S. Evatt, winner of the Mili-

tary Cross, was killed in action last year: another brother, Gunner Frank S. Evatt, after passing the Leaving Certificate Examination and completing his First Year in Medicine, is now at the front, while the youngest brother, Clive, passed the L.C. Examination in 1917, and is now a Staff-Cadet at the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

In concluding our sketch of Evatt, we can only express our firm belief that the honours and distinctions which he has gained as an undergraduate are but a prelude to those greater honours and distinctions which he will undoubtedly gain in public life and as a member of the legal profession.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to bring under the notice of the whole school the necessity for a "buck up" in athletics. These last few years athletics have been allowed by the Sports Union to drop altogether, and only through the efforts of a few enthusiasts, a few points were scored in the last C.H.S. Sports.

The old line of athletes have left, and it is necessary to find new blood.

I am sure that we have the quality here, which only needs to be brought out.

No encouragement is given to the boys to train for sports. If they do so, they do it in their spare time independently of school sport altogether. No effort is made to find out particulars of athletic sports to be held, and frequently sports where there are open events are held, without even the knowledge of either masters or boys. I think that an effort might be made by the Sports Union Committee in the direction of obtaining this information. If these suggestions are availed of by the Committee, I have no doubt that it will be making a move in the right direction.

I am, yours truly,
ALPHA.

[Although we welcome letters of this nature, we consider that your attack on the S.U.C. is not justified. Undoubtedly several Cadet Sports have been held, but information as to place, date, etc., should come through the Area Office. You state that boys are not encouraged to train. I disagree. You have the Oval at your disposal three afternoons a week. Mr. Widmer would be only too pleased to enlighten you on any point. Systematic organised training will shortly be introduced, in plenty of time for Spring Sports Meetings.—Ed., "Fortian."]



CLASS NEWS

First Year Notes.

1 A.

Here we are again, and as a commercial class we will uphold our standard as all preceding commercial classes have done.

We would be grateful if visitors from the Remove Classes would kindly leave their scooters in their own room, and if they would not drop their marbles on the floor, as they are a nuisance to the sweeper.

Burgoyne is beginning to be a poet, but Lloyd has not yet made up his mind what to do.

Watson has begun to play tennis, and Phillips is playing 3rd Grade Rugby. Peak, Merrett and Burgoyne are playing 4th Grade.

In 1 A. some boys are beginning to get pet names (Editor's Note: 1 A. is slow), such as Egbert, Fatty Arbuckle and Kaiser.

1B.

Here we are again, glorious, victorious 1 B. We all agree with the latest cable. "It is stated by a high authority that 1 B. is the best First Year Class." We maintain an exceedingly high position in the School, but, as the seniority works downwards we hope for a speedy descent.

In Len Gartner we have an experienced captain for our class football team, and under his leadership we hope to keep more than our share of the field.

We are sorry to say that we have a couple of persistent "tomeats" in the class who always start "mjyng" during the French lesson. (We believe that they are endeavouring to say "lo myr.")

There is another peculiar being in the class who, being possessed of a locker, must, as we believe, crawl inside to lock it, for he always manages to leave his key inside.

1 C.

Since the last edition of "The Fortian" we have learned a lot. The other classes were bragging about what would happen in the Swimming Carnival and other sports; but what happened? We won the 1st Year Handicap, got second place in the 12-years' Championship, and gained other distinctions in various other races.

Although we are doing well in sport, in school work we are doing even better.

Some boys said they knew some French, and when asked what it was, calmly said, "Paddy voo Voney?" "Ve, ve, Monsur," and thought they had done well, wondering why we laughed. They really meant to say "Parlez vous Francais?" "Oui, Oui, Monsieur." But never mind, we are best at French and Latin (so our dear Masters say).

1 D.

This class has proved itself the best First Year Class in both school work and sport.

We are sorry for the 1 E. students, that they wish to remain a First Year class all their lives and live forever on the top floor.

Our class is well represented in sport, having two teams in class Soccer and one in Rugby, while two members of the class play Fourth Grade Rugby, and the 1st Soccer Team has won all the inter-First Year matches it has played, and only lost by 1 point against B. R.

Our class collection for the Red Cross was £2, which was the greatest amount raised by any First Year class.

1 E.

1 E. has during the last quarter still kept up its reputation and standard. This is amply shown by

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Near Snow's.

our wonderful football team which has not yet met with defeat.

I A.'s expectations as to the Swimming Carnival did not come off somehow, but on the other hand I E. was well represented amongst the winners.

We all regret that Mr. Frazer fractured his leg as his "wooden" one was a source of continual anxiety to those industrious youths who sit in the front seats.

Our geography lesson is a mixture of train tickets, Red Crosses and soldiers' insurance, with a slight sprinkling of tram tickets.

In our midst we have a budding field-marshal, a rugby captain, a soccer secretary and a rhymester.

Once again, I E. is top of the list in sports, and so our standard is still flying merrily.

Remove Year Notes.

A R.

Here we are again! And we intend to stop here. We are well represented in 3rd Grade Soccer. Our Piratical Class Soccer Team are well on the way to the premiership of the competition.

Our Tennis flappers—we blush to say it—are still ping-ponging.

We extended a most hearty welcome to our new "Maitre de Francais." This is the sixth method of French we have had since taking up our abode here. Anyhow, as the sixth method says, we still go "en avance."

B R.

Here we are! B R. again to the fore, especially at football. Two of the members of the Front Seat Society are fagging up the "whys and wherefores" of the noble game (Rugger, of course) while "Fat" is a member of the 3rd Grade Soccer Team. We are represented in all grades of football except 1st.

Mr. Dare and those breezy periods are greatly missed, but we all wish him good luck and prosperity.

C R.

Alexander, our 1st Grade Cricketeer, now plays Rounders (otherwise Baseball).

C R. has been congratulated on every side on its effort for the Red Cross Fund. For the kewpies we raised £3 3s., and almost out-bid 4 A.-4 B. for the first kewpie. However, we obtained the second, which hangs on the electric light socket, and smiles on the teachers. It was also self-evident that the auction sales had been well patronised by the number of jaws wagging during the third period each day. On the board is written "Cur laboremus, O domine, fessi sumus." but the "Domine" takes no notice.

In the recent Aquatic Gala C R. was highly successful, winning nearly all the junior events. McLean, Polkinghorne, and Irwin were the heroes of the day.

We have to regret the loss of our popular class master, Mr. Dare, and add our well wishes for his prosperity to those of the other classes.

D R.

If kewpies help boys to pass exams. D R. will surely triumph in the coming half-yearly, for there are eight kewpies gazing down upon us.

Owing to the liberality of this class, these kewpies were bought at the auction sales, and so far we have secured second place in the Insurance Fund.

In sport D R. is not backward. We have one second grade player and four third graders in Rugby, and one first grade Soccer player. Wells (Buff) captains the class Soccer team, and in the person of Ginger Mick, Kennedy, we have a great motor maniac.

The following matter has been reported in class:—

Five faithful fellows finding fault in French phonetics found detention for five days from the French philosopher and felt fairly finished.

E R.

We are E R., which, as you all know, is the best Remove Class this year.

We excel not only in the exams., where Higgs and Wilson are prominent, but also on the sports field we top the score.

Byrne is a tower of strength to the 1st Baseball; Langford, Larkin and Shorrocks play 2nd Rugby, while "Lofty" McKinnon has shown that he is well acquainted with a rifle.

Besides grade players, Kierath captains a sturdy team of non-graders. As usual we have a number of "smaquet rashers," and Soccerites. Of the latter perhaps Landers is the champion.

Every day a terrible threat of a general "weeding out" is "hung over our heads" by a certain classical master.

Perhaps the artist who daily wastes chalk and disfigures the blackboard will be torn out and trodden out during the "demovation."

Last but not least we wish to congratulate Langford, our captain, on his unanimous victory in gaining the "Dare" prize.

Second Year Notes.

2 A.

Hello! is that Fort Street? Well, it's 2 A. speaking. Yes, yes, we are all here making strenuous efforts to keep our studious heads above the water of the approaching examination, "the toad beneath the harrow." Several of us are already on the verge of nervous breakdown; brought on by severe attacks of "workitis" and "fagitupomorum." Is it any wonder that we look so pale and wan? Those terrible rules and definitions which we find in science, cram our minds full of wonder, until all our "energy" is exhausted. The Classics are still going strong, and the same may be said of the "Commercial Element." Despite the efforts of "Caesar" and "Contes" to disturb our equanimity, we still survive as a class, and repel contrary insinuations with scorn.

We wish to congratulate T. Cunneneen, who recently obtained his commission in the Cadets.

Rugby has taken a good hold in our class. Vivers is a 1st grader; Sandy and "Lloyd George" represent us in the seconds, while "Young Hoppy" alone represents us "in the ancient game of Soccer." "Fing"

is our coming sculler, and "Hon. D. Taylor, P.C." has thrown in his lot with the baseballers.

2 B.

At such a time as this, it is, perhaps, hardly necessary for the acquaintance of our "obscure and—(?) contemporaries," of progress made, and laurels looped. "Too early to boast," you say? Perhaps

but

Probably, no class before us has ever been worked so furiously at the two Proses (L:G); (even by Mr. P.). than has this forlorn company of struggling souls. But, to strike a more optimistic note, no doubt can be felt as to the result; and the same applies, in every instance, to the various other—er—faculties.

To the masters superintending the several branches, I would express, on behalf of the class, our appreciation of the labour their duties entailed; and to one gentleman, in particular, whose interest in his class has never flagged, and whose strict sense of duty has perpetually served as a reminder to most, that although boys, we are here for a purpose. . . . And, through the untiring work of another, it is within the bounds of possibility that 2 B., as a class, will tear aside its old mask of heathenness and . . . Good heavens! But may I say that constant reiteration of this entreaty only serves to keep alive the old savage instincts?

If a dying bull is left to himself, he goes, sure enough; but a red rag will do a lot of damage.

In the field of sport we need not hang our heads, for I believe that we are represented in every branch of school athletics, and well represented, too! Gentlemen!—your glasses! 2 B.!

W.

"The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and have it found out by accident."—Charles Lamb.

"Try to care for what is best in thought and action: something that is good apart from the accidents of your own lot."—George Eliot.

"BOYS OF THE DARDANELLES."

The following extract will appear in the "Antediluvian" in the year 7003 A.D., dealing with the discovery of a fragment of manuscript of to-day:—

"Among the many interesting manuscripts which have been brought to light by recent excavations in what was once known as Australia, the most valuable is undoubtedly the following fragment, which was evidently written to encourage the spirit of self-help in a land given over to ease and luxury.

"We give all the ode that is decipherable, and then proceed to an examination of the facts that can be elicited from the words themselves:

"Old England needs the men she breeds
There's fighting to be done;
Australians heard
To help her every son;
. the bay they sail'd away,
Our pride, Australia's own,
. they're far away,
And some in the great unknown.

"The heading, so far as can be made out, is 'Marsh L., by permission of the 'Sydney'sun.'"

"Much discussion has arisen as to who the Marsh L. referred to is. Most editors believe the reference is to William Morris Hughes, who was a great personage in Australia in the 19th or 20th century, and they point out that Morris might easily be corrupted to Marsh, while the 'L' merely indicates that the aforesaid Hughes was little in stature, a fact which is confirmed by tradition. Professor Hillard says: 'Gulielmo Hughesiensi Australici populi primo homini hoc dedicatum suppleri potest,' in criticism of which Leeman says, 'I don't think.'

"Line 1.—The England referred to was an Empire of some importance about this time. She was involved for about 47 years in what was known as the great war against Hunland. Her supreme need at the end of the time was men, and these she had to breed specially. Bradley remarks, 'Hoc est spurium,' but one fact in support of the accuracy of the text is that the race known as Huns disappeared from the face of the earth about this time. The Australians were last seen in hot pursuit of them.

"Line 2.—This is the sole authority Roby has for saying that the works of Virgil were greatly favoured in the High Schools of those days, and that schoolboys were wont to translate 'Arma virumque cano' as 'Hooray, there's a fight on.' It is mentioned in the 'Snowibaker MSS.' that a certain Davesmith taught fencing and sparring in those days, but the meaning of these terms has been lost in the mists of antiquity.

"Line 3.—Why it should be necessary to state that Australians heard is an almost inexplicable puzzle. The line favours the suggestion of Gilderslodge that the majority of these people were hard of hearing; 'non audiebant.' Hence the occasional refs. in 'Parliamentary and Recruiting Reports' to Australians being deaf to the call of duty.

"Line 4.—Of course every mother should help her son! Perhaps though the reference is to the extremely large families of those days, some being known to consist of five and even eight persons! Allen thinks 'son' should be spelt 'sun,' which we know from other sources was a body possessed of extraordinary powers, e.g., we find it nominating ministries, improving generals, instructing life insurance societies; in fact, this very ode is by permission of the 'Sydney'sun.'

"Line 5.—The word 'bay' presents an insurmountable difficulty. Dustupski (a Russian) points out that boy, buy and bay, though similar in sound, vary in meaning. Mayhap the word should be 'bag,' in which case the reference is to the carrying of their children in bags, which the original (Dr. Smith says 'aboriginal') black Australians are said to have done. Another theory is that bay is the colour of quadrupeds once known as horses; they were used—(a) for making hash-house soups; (b) for drawing plaustra et vehicula for the poorer classes.

"Line 6.—Some say pride was a characteristic of Australian educated circles. The statement of Beresford that a certain Captain Car (whether he was a freebooter or a great lord is not clear) was Australia's pride is too infantile to be worth entertaining, though possibly the words 'karki and blue' (which are the only other part of the MS. that can be deciphered) are an indirect reference to this Captain Car or Karki (name variously spelt), who probably wore blue, either to distinguish himself from the common ranks, or because he was of royal descent. Certainly Captain Car is spoken of most respectfully in the 'Bulletin' MS., and he may well have been a king or premier.

"The poem bears marks of having been composed by Robert Browning. If so, the insult contained in this line will explain the fact that he was never made Poeta laureatus, but was instead adorned with a laurel wreath and exposed to public ridicule.

"Line 8.—The great unknown has not yet been found,' as the 'Educationalist' acutely observes. Various explanations have been offered, such as 'ad caelum,' 'ad immortales deos,' 'ad gloriam.' This is the only line that gives Stevens and MacLunes any reason for maintaining that the ode was written by Shakespeare; they say that

quite obviously 'the undiscovered country from whose bourn' is the same as the great unknown, quod est absurdum. Kellicus remarks, 'Incognita terra est Hibernia, quae pulcherrima insula.'

'A Latin version of this ode by the great authorities of that time, Kilgurus,

Porterus and Grantus (vocab. by Moodicus) is known to have been prepared, but is thought to have been wantonly destroyed in the Domain Riots early in the 20th century.'

—THE PHILOSOPHER.

SPEECH DAY.

We held our Annual Speech Day on 27th March last. An exceptionally large attendance of parents and friends, together with the whole school, assembled on the quadrangle. Proceedings were commenced just a few minutes after the advertised time, owing to Mr. Board's futile attempt to discover our front motor entrance.

Mr. Board (Under-Secretary for Education) was asked by our Headmaster, Mr. Kilgour, to preside. He was cordially welcomed.

Mr. Kilgour then presented his annual report, which stated that all School institutions were in a flourishing condition, and Fortians had been not only exceedingly successful in Secondary School Exams., but our Old Boys, some 152 Undergraduates, had upheld all traditions at the University. (Applause.)

The most noteworthy feature, however, was the manner in which Fortians were conducting themselves at the present time of national crisis. The report stated that 1,169 Old Boys had enlisted for Active Service, of whom 129 had made the supreme sacrifice, and 12 were missing. Many honours had been gained by fighting Fortians, including 21 M.C.'s, 8 M.M.'s, 4 D.S.O.'s, 8 D.C.M.'s, a White Eagle of Serbia, and a Croix de Guerre. (Cheers.)

It is our Headmaster's opinion that pupils are conducting themselves better now than formerly. For ten years there has been no corporal punishment administered at Fort Street. (Cheers.)

Mr. Board was accorded a great ovation on his rising. He first congratulated the staff and pupils on the School's work during the past year. He recalled the successes which Fort Street obtained in his time. In his final year, she did well

in obtaining seven passes in the Junior Exam.; he had the honour of being one of the successful candidates. (Applause.) Since that time Fort Street has taken an increasingly honourable and distinguishing place, in the school exams.—but it has done more than enable boys to become good scholars. It has produced a fine type of manhood who are able to take their place in the foremost rank of Australia's sons, where they have shown of what sort of stuff Fortians are made. (Applause.)

He liked to see a school hold an honourable place in sport, and nothing indicated better the sporting quality of this school than the fact that our Honour Roll contained 1,169 names. (Cheers.) These were upholding and making more illustrious the name of their Alma Mater. (Cheers.) "Hence it was evident," he said, "that the country can rely on such men as these to uphold the pride of Empire, which we must place before all else." (Applause.)

He concluded by saying that all knew Fort Street will play her part when Australia shapes her destiny, and such a great school as ours could be looked to for public-spirited citizens, who would bear the heat and burden of the day. (Loud applause.)

Mrs. Board then distributed the prizes and certificates won at public and school examinations. The Honour Caps and certificates won at the Swimming Carnival were also presented.

Proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem, cheers for the Empire and boys at the front, after which the guests adjourned to the Common Room, which was prettily decorated. Afternoon tea was then served, under the excellent supervision of Mr. Bauer.

THROUGH THE SPECTROSCOPE

By Professor Naitrof.

Books.

"Most of our text-books have been sunk—all the important ones anyhow."

So ran the terse message round the School. The First and Third Years were frankly jubilant, but gloom fell upon the souls of the Second and Fourth Yearites, who somehow realise that the Department will supply them with their books from a great warehouse on the North Shore Bridge, in plenty of time for the Inter., and the L.C., of course. But "its an ill U-boat that does no-Hum any good," and the German subs., which torpedoed the books, intentionally made of them a present to the Huns of the sea—that is the sharks. It must move even a Teutonic sense of humour to imagine a huge man-eating shark conducting a school class at the bottom of the Atlantje, with his waterproof gown and steel mortar board on, and saying things such as, "Now, boys, open your Caesars at page 49; go on, Sharkling."

But, joking apart, Professor Naitrof has it on very good authority that Mr. Salmon Sharkey has been appointed by the Undersea Parliament as Minister of Education. Consequently great changes in fish-education must be expected. For Mr. Sharkey is a great radical, and he thoroughly believes in educating his brother (and sister) fish on to a higher plane. For instance, one of his progressive ideas is the formation of an Anti-Hook and Net Society among the rising fisheriation, and though he regrets that this innovation will destroy the large profits of the State Trawlers, yet he wishes it to be understood that he will not allow such regrets to swim in the way of progress. Of course, many of Mr. Sharkey's ideas are foolishly utopian; they even seem so to Professor Naitrof's Bolsheviki friend, Vitsekiovolinsk, Senior. Even the most I.W.W.-ist socialist does not believe that it is possible to introduce smoking among the Undersea Schoolmasters. But the new Minister for Education asks, why not? "Smoking," he says, "is highly conducive to good teaching; in fact, in the Newswales schools, a master's ability is considered directly proportional to the cubical contents of his pipe; consequently it is absolutely necessary that all teachers should smoke here; we eat and live here; why should we not smoke here?" This was in reply to a

"Fortian" reporter, who was specially equipped with a diving suit for the interview.

At all events, Professor Naitrof and all who gaze with him through the "spectroscope," heartily wish Mr. Salmon Sharkey great success, and take this opportunity to assure him of their hearty sympathy with him and his reforms.

Science.

It is well known that during the Easter holidays the science room was forcibly and feloniously entered.

The evidence all points one way. Certainly! the Captain and the Senior Prefect are to blame—for should they not have camped at the School during the vacation to protect the property? But their's is not all the culpability; for what of the actual criminal? His identity, however, has been virtually determined. He is probably a tuckshop, counter and Quod. Prefect, who possesses such a thirst for scientific knowledge that he could not remain away from the physics lab., but had to return to gain some information out of one of the Science Master's books (for the purchase of any book is contrary to his Scotch principles). It was only by pure inadvertence that he took away a pair of Vernier calipers.

Such overpowering thirst for scientific information is all very well in its proper place, but Professor Naitrof really thinks it should be restrained slightly. For example, if a seeker-for-information wishes to obtain this, really he should go round just as the master is preparing to run for his train (in short, in business hours only) and detain him with questions till this gentleman misses his train and has to wait an hour. Then if the master prepares to while away the hour by giving a lot of unasked information, it is time for the earnest seeker to leave. This, gentlemen, is Professor Naitrof's advice to all physics fiends.

On the Untangling of the Flags on Speech Day.

At our Speech Day function Mr. Board took the chair; Crakanthorp took the cake, and a folio of swimming certificates. And perhaps this was the most noteworthy item on the day's programme—namely,

the graceful way in which our swimmer accepted the laurels bestowed on him by a cheering school. Of course it was nothing to the way in which the Professor modestly took his little certificate—or rather would have accepted it, if it had been given him; but—alas! owing to the vagaries of THEM Naitrof received no acknowledgment of the prodigious effort by which he came 25th in French in the whole Third Year (and when he was doing the year for the first time, too!).

But the greatest incident of interest that happened was caused by King Æolus. The winds are notoriously no respecters of persons, but Mr. Kipling had given Professor Naitrof the impression by his "Winds of the World," that they respected at least the British Flag. But this is not so, and it was proved not so on Speech Day, when some wind or other, probably a low-down southerly, iniquitously and, in a manner calculated to rouse the ire of all true patriots, entangled the Union Jack and our own Australian ensign around their staffs, which jutted forth from third floor windows, over the quadrangle. This gave rise to the grave suspicion that the wind was animated by some traitorous motive, or else that it was of German origin. This latter theory is generally gaining ground among the higher officials of the Defence Department, before which the matter has been placed.

Finally, the Australian Flag was untangled by a sturdy broomstick warrior, who, held by our stalwart full-back, wielded his broom-stick with such effect that the flag finally flapped freely from its support. Cheer upon cheer rent the welkin. But when the formidable pair tried to repeat their performance with the Union Jack—oh, horror of horrors!—they stuck the broom-handle through the flag. Now, surely these youths were acting under instructions when doing this, or else they would have been prevented by some of the masters. Well, then, what does this scandalous action mean? That an attempt is about to be made to form a Fort Street Republic? And is this dishonouring of the British flag the first manifestation of that attempt? If so, what is the Commonwealth Government doing? Why the new Commonwealth police? Why has a Federal Police Department not been established at the School? Surely the detectives could be disguised as tuckshop waiters. Professor Naitrof takes this opportunity, as a true patriot, of protesting against any rebellious action.

My Poems.

(All who are capable of appreciating the beauties of poetry will find my volume of poems highly interesting. Strange to relate, however, I have found it exceedingly difficult to find a publisher. The Editor of

"The Fortian" has been considerate, however, and has selected a few for publication in his journal.)

ON FIRST LOOKING INTO KELLY'S KEYS.

Much have I travelled in the realms of gold,
And ploughed my weary way through classic works,
Where danger waits for luckless wights
and lurks
In every foot of verse so chill and cold.

Of a pleasant guide had I been told,
Which high-souled Kelly, just to spite the Turks
Of masters, now supplies to all, and smirks
To see the tim'rous student now grown bold.

At last I bought, and found the pitfalls gone,
And Livy now to me was but child's play.
My Latin 'prep,' no sooner tried than done,
Once more I could be cheerful, bright and gay;
My very voice took on a different tone,
Thanks to this benefactor of his day.

LA BELLE DAME.

O What can ail thee, youthful boy,
Alone so palely loitering,
While open is the tuckshop door?
Are you suffering?

O What can ail thee, youthful boy,
So haggard, so hard to befriend?
The tuckshop now is crowded full,
And prefects tend.

I met a lady in the shop
Full beautiful—a waiting sprite,
Her hair was up, her smile was spread,
Her eyes were bright.

I bought three apples from her then,
And meat-pies, too, and fragrant cake;
They tasted—oh!—so nice to me,
But now I ache.

She sold me sweets; a nutty crisp,
And tit-bits four; and liquorice blocks,
And now, ah now! Ieed ginger-beer
My spirit mocks.

And when my hunger slakéd was
I left her there and went outside,
And as I left that tuckshop door—
Oh, woe betide.

Then grew I pale; my spirit's voice
Cried out to me with awful call,
"Beware, beware, for mal de tuck
Thee hath in thrall.

And this is why I sojourn here
Alone and palely suffering,
Although the tuckshop fills with crowds
And glasses ring.

4 B. v. the Rest.

(Yes, my dear readers, I, even I, have been detailed off by the Sporting Editor as official recorder of all 1st grade matches. In order that I might cultivate a style before the competition started, 4 B., the premier class, challenged the rest of the School.)

The most important inter-class match of the season was played before a huge crowd, consisting of the oval caretaker, a friend, and his friend's dog. Heetrines (Premiers) won the toss. No coin being available, the dog was used—tail won. "The Taylor System" was responsible for the absence of "the root of all evil."

"The Rest" kicked off against the wind, for the which players were soon gasping. Fatman marked. Play was then held up for some minutes, until he had swallowed a little stimulant. Maude punted up the field, the forwards followed underneath. Smaeinbosh (The Rest) put it out of bounds (hors de combat).

Regan threw in, and much super-uninteresting play followed. Then after numerous scientifically packed serums, the like of which threaten to revolutionise the code, Sheepborn (The Rest) broke away, and giving the dummy to Blackman, Bateburn, Smurphy, Ireland, and the full back, Mags scored in the corner. Blotem failed to add the extras, being a poor mathematician. Half time arrived with the scores unaltered.

4 B. forwards now had time to apply the principle of moments to their serum. The remainder were actively engaged in preparing Bradley, from whom much is expected in the second half, when the tests come.

On resuming, Mashme (4 B.), kicked off, and the premier's forwards made a supreme effort to shirk their work. Hand-blue, Crawley, Burnice, shone out in turn. Their nostrils were dilated, their breasts heaved, their forms quivered, and their breaths—"came and went in short pants." A curious incident happened at this juncture—a puncture. When Machine kicked the ball there was a report, as terrific as the one coming next month, "Ome misere"—the sphere burst. At a post mortem examination of M.'s Rugby, alias military boot, a compass leg was found protruding 3.5 inches. The accused pleaded that some unprincipled youth extracted the aforesaid boot from his bag, and inserted that instrument during an Honours Math.'s lesson. Perhaps! Archimedes was so intent working out a problem that he did not notice a knife between his shoulder blades. But, nevertheless, he should not take H.M. Such a student would be able to work out all his football problems by co-ordinate geometry, or graphical algebra, as we know it. The ref. ordered the "Human Ma-

chine" off the field. The Rest were ordered a free kick on the spot.

Then occurred one of the finest passing rushes, so rapid as to be rendered invisible, which ended in Regan falling over the line, which our fishing enthusiast had dropped. No score resulted. Force, was the ref.'s decision.

Now, however, condition told on the tuckshop prefects. Indeed, they deserve to be told on—the idea of a dandified waiter lowering his dignity in deigning to indulge in such a puerile pastime. Prodigious! Then, too, gentle reader, let no member of the weaker sex read any further—"O tell it not in Gath"—the well-beloved Ireland passed away the ball, when tackled.

With five minutes to go, and the scores 3 to 0 in their favour, 4 B. attacked. The backs would do credit to any school out back. Then followed a dribbling rush, which ended in Mags scoring. Heetrines converted in a true Wesleyan fashion. The final whistle went, and both sides tripped off amid the silent cheers of the imaginary spectators.

ADVICE TO AMATEURS.

(1) Don't dribble too fast, you might slip. (2) Never bring Bradley on to the field; it requires a super-human constitution to endure two such pleasures at once. (3) A free kick should not be meted out to an opponent when he is down in the ruck. (4) Players are not allowed to wear spurs or knuckle dusters. (5) A knock on seldom improves the comeliness of an opponent's visage. (6) Don't run for the ball with your mouth open, an appendicitis might result.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I must request some of your valuable space as I have a grievance to air. It is incumbent upon every pupil to indulge in some sport on Wednesday afternoons; and the Senior Prefect and the Sports Master have been very busy of late "rounding up" the shirkers. But why do not these sporting enthusiasts see that our staff actively participate in some sport. For the staid members, who have their dignity to consult, some mild form of athletics could be introduced: perhaps two hundred and fifty turns on the parallel bars, or twenty rounds with Dave Smith. But for those wild and reckless masters who crave for heart-thrilling excitement—howls could be brought in. Of course a doctor's certificate would be necessary. Perhaps the School could insure their lives, too.

Practice could be held daily. Consider what opportunities would be offered to camera fiends: they could snap their history master just as the bugle went. All the other masters would then retire, but this master, a student of the Elizabethan period, would, in emulation of Drake, stoop to finish the game of bowls with the

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words—"they must await their turn good souls," on his lips.

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Thus the Sports Master, at least, ought to favour the acceptance of this idea. It

would thus be a very easy procedure for him to attain to immortality. But instead of eagerness we find in him cold indifference, if not blank discouragement; and it is the same with the Senior Prefect.

Mr. Editor, I trust that your influential and valued paper will devote even a little space to arouse these people to a sense of their responsibility.

I am, etc.,

PERCIVAL P. NAITROF (Prof.).

SUNDAY EVENING.

The golden sun sinks slowly to its rest,
Its light still faintly ling'ring in the west;
The birds are stopping each his cheerful lay,
And distant church-bells usher out the day.

The hill-tops yield their glowing crowns
of light;
The vales have donned their misty cloaks
of night;
And sharply, through the cool, soft ev'ning
air,
The masked owl darts from out his leafy
lair.

What shall to-morrow bring? The distant
bell
Calls to the good folk with its soft-rung
knell;
The organ's breath comes trembling
through the night,
Murmuring forth its holy hymn of right.

The good folk join the praise with voices
true,
Their homage to our Father's Son they
do;
The hymn has ceased—with voices hushed
they pray,
And thank the Lord for yet another day.
—Anon. (R.E.)

HOWLERS.

In the South Sea Bubble heaps of people were irretrievably burst.

Cæsar was stabbed in the eye of March.

When a man is drunk, he swears at his wife, and so renders her unfit for the morning's work.

All geometry begins with a general denunciation.

The knights of King Arthur strove to extinguish themselves in tournaments.

The Black Hole of Calcutta was a place where 146 Englishmen were shut up in a small room with one window. In the morning only 23 of the men were found alive.

"Pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth;
Excuse me, ye sanguinary sod."

B.Sc. stands for Boy Scout.

Before a man can be a monk, he has to have his tonsils cut.

The mineral wealth of a country is the quantity of ginger beer, lemonade, and soda water it possesses.

James I., having no father, claimed the throne of England through his grandmother.

LATE SPORTING.

FORT STREET UNDEFEATED.

Rugby.

1st XV. defeated T.H.S., 23-3. Try-getters: Vivers (2), Bryant (2), Levings. Waddington converted four.

2nd XV. defeated T.H.S., 25-9. Try-getters: Marlin (3), Hood (2), Debus, Clemens. Phelps and Densley converted one each.

3rd XV. defeated Chatswood, 27-0. Try-getters: Fernie (2), Langsworthy (2), Pearlman, Polkinghorne. Polkinghorne kicked a penalty goal. Armstrong and Fraser each converted one try.

4th XV., a bye.

Soccer.

1st XI. drew with T.H.S., no score.

2nd XI. defeated Cleveland Street, 2-1. Shanahan scored two goals.

3rd XI. drew with Deaf and Dumb, 1-1. Cooke scored.

Baseball.

1st IX. defeated T.H.S., 7-1.

Tennis.

1st IV. defeated Petersham, 5-3.

2nd IV. defeated S.H.S., 5-3.

UNIVERSITY HONOURS.

The following honours and distinctions won by Old Boys have just come to hand:

Faculty of Medicine: Final Degree Examination: Honours—Class II.: G. B. Packham, O. G. Tunks, F. H. Wallace, J. McKee, F. W. Liggins, G. C. W. Holmes, R. S. R. Mitchell.

Beauchamp Prize for 1918: E. A. S. Jordan, B.A. Subject: "The Possibilities of an Imperial System for Defence and Foreign Policy."

"IMPERIUM."

(Shakespeare.)

SCENE I.—CURIA.

(Enter Præfecti.)

Præfectorum Princeps: Peace! hear me, Præfecti. Brothers, we must act for the good of the Commonwealth. Full many a time of late have we observed belated citizens entering furtively the gates, each departing with studied neglect of all our laws and customs to his separate seat. This have we determined to put down with iron hand. Henceforth shall station our Præfecti upon the marches of our country and grind these offenders in the dust. Look I to ye, O citizens, to aid me in this matter.

Præfecti: 'Tis well, my lord. O! noble sir, shall we obey thy mandate ere many suns have set.

Præfectorum Princeps: Our eye shall watch well o'er the distribution of the food. The common rabble are wont each day to clamour and to fight before the towering arch of our abode. Look ye well unto this, O Brothers!

Præfectus Balbus: O! sapient sir, this in past seasons have we noticed much, and strive we shall to quell the clamour of these hungry hordes without our gates, and lo! they shall bow down before us as corn before the wind.

Præfecti: O! Brother Balbus, we are grave and learned, and act in one consent.

Præfectorum Princeps: Brethren, we shall also send, throughout the stately halls of this, our forum, a brother of our host, for but of late unto my ears has come a rumour that within these halls do hide some citizens who strive to keep themselves from military obligations. O! silvered heads, strive now, force these youths now to aspire unto our high position. (Exeunt.)

SCENE II.—THE GATES.

(Præfectus on duty.)

(Enter a crowd of plebeians.)

Præfectus: Stop! hold thy rebel feet. Thy names?

First Plebeian: Ha! Ha! Dost now assume such power? Who is he?

Second Plebeian: Let's thrust his insolent words in at his mouth.

Third Plebeian: Say, knowest thou not what you say. Bow low your heads. 'Tis one of the Præfecti.

Præfectus: Ho! rogue; thy name must I inscribe within the tabula of mine to lay before the eyes of my sire. (Writes the names.) Do you attend before his august presence when such shall be demanded of you from the rostrum at the eleventh hour.

Plebeians: O noble sir, we shall obey thy orders. (Exeunt.)

(Enter furtively three seniores.)

First Senior: Soft! Soft! a præfectus on the gate.

Præfectus (under his breath): Lo!

seniores; my eyes grow blind. (Looking away): Lo! how beautiful doth the sun shine on yonder hill.

(Exeunt swiftly seniores.)

Now must my ingrafted love o'ersway the dictates of my duty. Hark! the bugle. I must away. (Exeunt.)

SCENE III.—THE FORUM.

Distribution of Food.

(Enter Præfectus.)

Præfectus: Ho! there, ye cullions! Stand from yon window. Would you be like cats and dogs about their food. Form ye in line, that each may receive his true portion.

First Plebeian: O! noble sir, if you will pardon me, we fear the food doth fade away.

Præfectus: Stand back, you knave! Bacchus holds full sway, and purple fruits lie deep on yonder marble slab.

Second Plebeian (whispering): Let's crowd upon him. The fiend is small and by our weight we now may gain the door. On, citizens! On!

Præfectus: Back, ye wild rabble! (Pushes them back.)

First Plebeian: Ah! cruel master, thou dost now forget the hunger-knawings at our bowels.

Præfectus: Ha! Ha! dost thou repent? Several of ye shall pay for this vile crime. Lo! the magistratus awaits.

Second Plebeian: 'Twere best we wait our turn in quiet, my brethren. Yonder Præfectus be enraged.

Præfectus: With me to the tribunes, traitors! (Exeunt.)

SCENE IV.—TEMPLE AROUND FORUM.

(Several citizens in hiding.)

Enter Præfectus (soliloquising): Thus far by our noble zeal have we induced each youth to do his duty. Ha! what see I there! Come forth! Come forth, I say! Degenerate shirkers! what would you?

First Plebeian: Pardon me, noble sir, but war do I abhor! I cannot steel myself to think of death, wherefore do I abstain from military toil. 'Tis not my nature, sir.

Præfectus: Despicable coward that thou art!

Second Plebeian: Oh! pardon me this once, good sir. I do protest, my heart's not in this treachery. But was I induced by my brother's glib and oily tongue to thus conceal myself.

Præfectus: Off! Off with you to your legions! Ignoble carrion, if thou defilest yonder air with thy rank breath, I'll slay thee. Avaunt! Begone!

(Exeunt Plebeians.)

(Soliloquising) Thus do we with noble zeal discharge our several duties. Long life to the Commonwealth, but longer life to the Præfecti! (Exit.)



RUGBY UNION.

Fort Street is well represented this season in all four grades of football. Much credit is due to the organisation of the Rugby players at this School. Mr. Roberts, our Sportsmaster, ably seconded by Mr. Keller, and supported by Messrs. James, Collins and Baldoek, is responsible. Never before has there been so many candidates for grade.

We would especially record your appreciation of the services rendered by our coach, Mr. "Gus" Widmer, an International three-quarter. Mr. Widmer has instructed all grades on the finer points of the game. Indeed we are very much indebted to him.

First Grade.

We are confident that although it will be "a hard fight," we are going to retain the Shield. Mr. Roberts again will have charge of the XV., which includes several veterans from last year (Hall, Bryant, Smith, Waddington). These players form the nucleus of the team. Many new Fortians, especially Grainger, Hawker, Hunter and Judd, shape well. In addition, many of last year's seconds are stripping with the firsts—Welch, Brewster, Vivers, Ryan, Webb, Levings. From "gentle" Soccer, we have received Munro and McIntosh, who now consider it their duty to play the game.

Johnny Bryant has been chosen to lead the team into action. "Smut" will have charge of the backs.

THE PREMIERS V. N.S.H.S., AT PETERSHAM.

On April 24 we played a practice match against the above. Our opponents were superior to us in the forward division—there being no unity in our pack. Our back division was slightly superior to theirs.

The final scores were in our favour (11-8). Tries were scored by Ryan, Vivers and Hawker, one of which was converted by Waddington.

THE PREMIERS V. PARRAMATTA H.S.

In the opening match of the competition we met and defeated our old rivals, Parramatta, by 9 points to 3.

After the kick off, play hovered for some time about half way. Parramatta broke away and scored. Shortly afterwards they were again attacking, and it looked very dangerous, when Smith saved the situation with a fine kick. The Premiers carried the ball into Parramatta territory. Then a passing rush followed, ending in Ryan scoring—Hall and Levings were particularly prominent. Waddington's kick hit the bar and bounced under. These were the half time scores.

On resuming the Premiers quickly carried the play into Parramatta's 25. From the line-out Fort Street secured and Smith after beating several opponents scored. Vivers failed to add the extras.

Fort Street were now playing splendidly. Parramatta rallied, but our defence was impregnable. Then followed a dribbling rush and Welch crossed the line, in the corner. Waddington failed to convert.

The final whistle went with these scores unaltered.

Second Grade.

The season opened disastrously for us. We met Hurlstone at Pratten Park, and were defeated by 15-0.

Although outclassed our boys battled stubbornly. Hurlstone played especially well in the ruck. Phelps, Debus, Amadio were the pick of our forwards. Martin at half, and Densley at five-eight performed creditably. Hood, on the wing, once broke away, but unfortunately did not score.

With much practice, however, we hope to defeat our rivals next round.

Third Grade.

Considering that it was the first match of the season "with colours up" and that the team had not played together, as a whole, before, the play was fairly good. We defeated S.H.S. by 14-3.

There were plenty of mistakes made, and made by players who should have known better, but they were made good by the energy and activity of the forwards.

During the first half the game was kept too close. In spite of the fact that the play was for the most part in our opponent's twenty-five, the line-out was closely packed. The result was that, instead of using our superior combination in the

quarters, the play was restricted to the forwards in "ruck" work. When the ball did get to the quarters the play was spoilt by the two centres hanging on too long. What use is it having a fast man like Langsworth on the wing if he never sees the ball?

The scrum work was very patchy, although we managed to get the ball often, it was not due to any particularly good management on our part. The channel was neglected altogether, with the result that the ball "jammed" half-way out. This happened again and again, and was one of the chief causes of spoiling the quarters' game. The scrum was too slow in breaking away. The captain called out "out," but it was a long time after that before the pack was working again. The two breakaways were at times too slow in "smothering" their opponents scrum half—and they might have done more to hinder the other two breakaways without becoming conspicuous to the Referee.

Fourth Grade.

Our "fourths," under the able coaching of Mr. Collins, promise to develop into an invincible team.

In the opening match of the season, we defeated Petersham by 11 points to nil. Whiffen scored three tries.

SOCCER.

First Grade.

After a little practice we have selected our first grade team. Compared with the other first grades our players are comparatively small, yet should play well.

The captain is W. Court, vice-captain, N. Porter, and K. McLeod is assistant.

Our forwards are a grand combination. "Fuzzy," centre forward, is a brilliant, nimble and fast player. "Sallie," inside right, is another "star," who is very cunning and tricky. McLeod and Jennings on the left are very tactful players.

We need a stronger and faster back line, as now we only have our old "veteran" Court to defend, and Dudley, the famous "goalie."

Our half line is good—Owen, Crakanthorp and Pickering, who is the most daring player we have.

We consider that, with enthusiastic practising, we will have a chance of winning the competition.

Second Grade.

The second Soccer team opened their competition with a win against Parramatta, at Clyde.

Fort Street won the toss, and in the first half played against the wind. Parramatta kicked off, and the ball was taken to the Parramatta goal. Here we had

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shooting practice (Shannahan in particular), but no good resulted, until McLean, with a good shot, put the ball through.

Then after the kick-off, Shannahan centred and the ball, striking an opposing back, passed through the goal.

Soon after Shannahan again scored with a good shot. Then the half-time whistle blew with the scores at 3-0 in Fort Street's favour.

After the spell Parramatta attacked, and their efforts were rewarded with a good goal from a corner kick. From then on we had much the better of the game, although we scored but two more goals; the ball was always in the Parramatta twenty-five. Full time found Fort Street attacking strongly, with the scores (5-1) unaltered.

Third Grade.

The third grade "Soccer" team played a very interesting match against Parramatta.

The game, which was marked by excellent individual play on both sides, resulted in a scoreless draw.

Our team made a creditable attempt at combined play as far as the right wing was concerned, but unfortunately the same cannot be said of the left wing.

Abbot, Hopman, Neshitt, and Howe shone out most conspicuously, closely followed by Heagney and Benteroglio; the latter is apt at times to be a trifle slow on the ball.

If the forwards show more combination, we may anticipate some victories in remaining matches.

BASEBALL.

First Grade.

The opening match of the season was contested with Petersham at Imperial Oval, the final scores resulting 10-9 in our opponents' favour.

Petersham scored 4 in their first innings. This we equalised in our second. In the seventh the scores stood 8-5 in our favour. Petersham rallied, and assisted by a wild throw made scores 10-8. In our eighth we drew nearer by obtaining one—10-9. Petersham were held down for none, and we began our last innings, and though a man reached third base, he perished there. Petersham won a fine game, which was keenly contested by both sides.

Bad luck accompanied our defeat, as Brooke was injured through a collision, and the loss of his batting and fielding contributed in some degree to our defeat. Byrne, another of our team, was unable to play on account of illness.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Members of the Club are now enabled to participate in their weekly shoot, free of charge. Ammunition is provided by the Defence Department.

Nearly fifty members regularly attend

at the Petersham Town Hall Miniature Range each Wednesday.

McKinnon, Poole and Hake have the highest scores to their credit to date.

Owing to there being no Inter-High School Competition, it has been suggested that members should "club together" to purchase a trophy for presentation to the champion shot in our own Club. Here is an opportunity for generous giving.



SAXON CRAKANTHROP
(Our Champion Swimmer).

1st, All Senior Championship Events.
Captain of F.S. Relay Team.

At P.S.A.A.A. Carnival—

1st, Back Stroke Championship.

1st, Breast Stroke Championship.

Member of Eight-oared Team, 1st.

2nd Diving Competition.

Capt. of Winners of P.S.A.A.A. Life-saving Trophy.

Holder of Silver Medallion, establishing a record time, 13 min. 44 secs.

Holder of Instructor's Certificate.

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TENNIS.

First Grade.

The opening match of the competition proved more than successful, and augurs well for the season's prospects.

The team is comprised of three of last year's members—Brown, Morgan and Fitzhardinge, and their experience should prove invaluable, while Biggs, the remaining member of the team, plays a good consistent game.

The first match, against T.H.S., resulted in a somewhat easy win for Fort Street. The final scores were 7 set to 1 in our favour.

Perhaps the play was not as good as it might have been, yet with a little practice this team will prove a formidable factor in the competition.

Mr. Giovanelli is taking a very keen interest in the welfare of tennis at our school.

Second Grade.

Our Second Grade tennis team, in their opening match, defeated T.H.S.

Jackson and Smith won their four sets, whilst Davies and Cunningham won their first.

The final scores were F.S., 5 sets 37 games; T.H.S., 3 sets 33 games.

Jackson and Smith shared our honours. With practice, this pair are likely to annex the premiership for the team, if supported by the other two members.

CRICKET.

The season closed leaving our Firsts runners-up in the competition to S.H.S.

The last match was against Technical High School at Petersham. Tech. batted and made 165 (Anderson, 64; McDonald, 2-38). We batted and made 3-143 (Brown 94*, Smith 23*). It remained unfinished. Two of our boys, Anderson and Jackson,



ALAN SMITH.

Soccer (1st XI.)—1916.
 Cricket (1st XI.)—1916-17-18.
 Captain—1918.
 Rugby (1st XV.)—1917-18.
 Vice-Captain—1918.
 Rep. at C.H.S. Sports—1917.
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were picked to play against Queensland. Anderson with the N.S.W. and C.H.S. teams, Jackson with C.H.S.

The Third Grade were third in their competition to C.S.H.S. and S.H.S. At one stage they were leading, but lack of players lost them the premiership.

LIFE-SAVING.

Life-saving classes were formed by Mr. Roberts, and were under control of certain masters and juniors. They practised for some time, and the subjoined results amply justify the time spent:

On 26th March, at Coogee Aquarium, the P.S.A.A.A. Life-saving Trophy was contested for. The entrants were Fort Street, 3 teams; S.H.S., 2 teams; T.H.S., 5 teams.

Fort Street teams were as under:—

A.	B.	C.
Crakanthorp	Welch	Fraser
McLeod	Cunningham	Samuelson
Waddington	Wang	Bell
Davis	Scotter	Marlin

The following were the results:—

Fort St. A., 89 points	1
Tech. H. A., 85½ points	2
Fort St. C., 83½ points	3

The conditions to be fulfilled were:—

Laud Drill—3 methods of release, 5 of rescue.

Water Drill—3 methods of release, 4 of rescue.

Resuscitation Drill and promotion of warmth and circulation.

In April the boys prepared by Mr. Roberts and his fellow-instructors sat for the various awards, e.g., silver medallion, instructor's certificate, bronze medallion, and proficiency and elementary certificates.

The results:—

Silver Medallion.—S. Crakanthorp; time allowed, 18 mins.; time taken, 13 mins. 41 secs.—a record.

Instructor's Certificate.—W. Roberts, W. Waddington, S. Crakanthorp.

Bronze Medallion.—46.

Proficiency Certificate.—63.

Elementary Certificate.—4.

This constitutes a school record since 1906.

FORT STREET CARNIVAL.

CRAKANTHROP—CHAMPION.

We held our 28th Annual Aquatic Gala on 21st March last at the Domain Baths. The weather was fine, and a satisfactory attendance witnessed the proceedings.

The exceptionally large programme passed off without a hitch, event following event with clock-like regularity. The handicapping was excellent. The Sports Master, the Starter, indeed all officials, are to be praised for their untiring efforts, and to them much of the success can be attributed.

The feature of the afternoon was the meritorious performance of S. Crakanthorp.

The following are the results:—

First Year Handicap, 33 yds.—Harrison 1, Gartner 2, Freeman 3; time, 24 2-5 secs.
 Remove Handicap, 33 yds.—Neshitt 1, Irwin 2, Buchanan 3; time, 26 secs.

Second Year Handicap, 50 yds.—Jennings 1, Jervic 2, Kerr 3; time, 40 4-5 secs.

Third Year Handicap, 50 yds.—Fraser 1, Tolt 2, Tabrett 3; time, 31 2-5 secs.

Fourth Year Handicap, 50 yds.—Hottea 1, Shanahan 2, Harris 3; time, 38 secs.

12 Years Championship, 33 yds.—Waddington 1, McGilchrist 2, Jackson 3; time, 26 secs.

13 Years Championship, 33 yds.—Irwin 1, Rowtley 2, Pryor 3; time, 21 2-5 secs.

14 Years Championship, 50 yds.—Wood-

ward 1, Herron 2, Burgoyne 3; time, 35 2-5 secs.

15 Years Championship, 50 yds.—Fraser 1, McLeod 2, Thompson 3; time, 34 secs.

16 Years Championship, 50 yds.—Crakanthorp 1, Waddington 2, Lister 3; time, 30 1-5 secs.

School Championship, 100 yds.—Crakanthorp 1, McIntosh 2, Lister 3; time, 1 min. 6 1-5 secs.

Wrestling on Springboard — Senior: Welch 1, Dickie 2. Junior: Stevens 1, Jennings 2.

Six-oared Race.—Smith, Welch, MacLeod, 1; Wang, Hotten, Cooper, 2.

Chasing the Bellman.—Davidson 1.

Old Boys' Handicap, 100 yds.—Gay 1, Ivens 2, Dawson 2; time, 1 min. 8 4-5 secs.

Senior Cadet Championship, 50 yds.—Crakanthorp 1, Waddington 2, Lister 3; time, 30 3-5 secs.

Junior Cadet Championship, 50 yds.—Irwin 1, Pryor 2, Gartner 3; time, 35 4-5 secs.

Diving Competition. — Crakanthorp 1, Polkinghorne 2, Spencer 3.

Inter-High School Relay.—S.H.S. 1, N.S.H.S. 2, F.S.H.S. 3; time, 1min. 57 2-5 secs.

Musical Lifebuoys.—Davis 1, Arnold 2.

Senior Back Stroke, 50 yds.—Crakanthorp 1, McCulloch 2, Smith 3; time, 36 secs.

Junior Back Stroke.—Irwin 1, Bell 2, Forbes 3; time 38 secs.

Senior Breast Stroke, 50 yds.—Crakanthorp 1, Lister 2, Welch 3; time, 44 3-5 secs.

Junior Breast Stroke.—Irwin 1, Grayhurst 2, Herron 3; time, 25 3-5 secs.

Senior Relay.—IV.B. 1, IV.A. 2, II.A. 3. 1 23 secs.

Junior Relay.—X.R. 1, III.A. 2, A.R. 3.

Greasy Pole.—Palmer 1, Fraser 2.

ROWING.

Although the number of boys who have taken up rowing is small, it is to be remembered that there are certain restrictions imposed with regard to weight and height.

The membership at present numbers eleven, but with the advent of the spring months the number should increase; as it is, we have had "to turn down" some twelve or thirteen applications, on account of the restrictions.

We are, in the opinion of the Club-men and the "coaches," well up to the standard required for the Maiden Fours. This, considering the shortness of our tuition in the fine points of the sport, is, in opinion of Mr. Hence, the senior Club coach, remarkably good.

The Leichhardt Rowing Club has, with the aid of Balmain and Glebe, decided to start a High Schools Regatta, which will take place early in the Spring. Crews from all High Schools will be invited to participate.

In this projected regatta, the "small boy" will be considered by the inclusion

on the programme of an open-boat event.

One thing we wish to put before all Fortians is this—that the L.R.C. are extending to our school many privileges and concessions; thus it is up to all real sports to do their best to pay back the debt we owe the Club by trying to make our side of the Club a success.

Especially prominent on the Fort Street side are Dawes, Walters, Christie, and Sullivan. Much praise is due to Mr. Renaulf and Mr. Eastmuir for the interest they have taken in the boys.

It is our aim to defeat Sydney High School and the Western Suburbs Boys' Rowing Club. To do it, we must work hard and consistently.

BOXING.

The resumption of boxing this term was hailed with enthusiasm. The roll up of



WILL WADDINGTON.

Cricket (1st XI.)—1917-18.

Rugby (1st XV.)—1917-18.

Rep. at C.H.S. Swimming Carnival—1917-18.

Member of Winning Team of P.S.A.A.A.

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the old boxing class was particularly good and the enrolling of a large number of new hands in the class may be regarded as proof of the success of Mr. "Dave" Smith's methods.

We regret to say that the class lost a promising recruit when McKenzie enlisted, and whilst on the subject I should like to give expression to the admiration and good wishes of the boys with regard to McKenzie's manly act.

"Dave" is to be congratulated on the way he is handling his material. The older students are getting well into the realms of scientific fighting, whilst the new students are making rapid strides through the rudimentary course.

It is rumoured that a tournament will soon be started. Sullivan, Waddington, O'Donoghue and Dawes are about the best of the class, whilst Walters is also a proposition to be gently handled.



FROM THE EDITOR'S FILE

Contributions.

The Editor will be pleased to receive contributions, which should be given to him or to the Business Secretary. All such contributions, if they do not appear, will be acknowledged in the current issue.

R.McG.—Your "nature" poetry is splendid, but too much is not popular in a school magazine. Why not try some "Persnurkian" jingle on a popular topic?

A.F.—Please don't misunderstand—your "Way to Whip the Kaiser," and "The Noble 8th December," are certainly full of promise for a First Year Boy. Try a popular school topic!

P.P. (Junr.).—Your "Late! Late! Late!" rather misses the mark. Supposing the quoted lines are poetry, how do you reconcile them—
"Peal! Peal! Peal!

With thy slow grave tones, O Bell."
and these of the third stanza—
"And the sergeant he still blows on
The bugle near the master's door."
Of course there is an anachronism in the first stanza. There was nothing grave about the tones of the now broken electric bell. The "Angel Gabriel" mentioned is a corporal, too. Use your eyes and ears.

L.S.L.—Your poem has been traced. It appeared in "B.O.P." some years back. You have changed your name since then.

Y.R.A.—For goodness sake buy a typewriter. How could I send your contribution to the printers? Your word as to its quality is not sufficient.

B.R.—Many thanks for your neatly written page, entitled "My Dug-

out," from the "Anzac Book." You, at least will know how many pages of manuscript I have to wade through.

Hoppy.—Another literary aspirant. Our detectives have traced your "Diseases" to one of Stephen Leacock's books. How often must I wearily repeat—originality is essential.

H.K.—We are using some of your "Howlers"—the rest are held over.

R.H.—Your attempt at war poetry is trite. Try prose.

J.S.—Contribution certainly not poetry. Rhyme poor.

P. and P.—Your article does not merit publication.

E.W.—Too late for publication.

Exchanges.

We beg to acknowledge the following exchanges, with thanks, from various educational institutions. The same may be perused by members of the Library.

"The Record" (Sydney Boys' High, Ultimo), "The Falcon" (North Sydney Boys' High), "The Torch-Bearer" (S.C.E.G.S.), "H.A.C. Journal" (Hawkesbury Agricultural College).

Our Next Issue.

The present Editorial Staff, with one exception, will retire after the next issue. This edition will appear towards the close of the month of August. Support the last paper we will have the pleasure of editing, by contributing literary articles on interesting current topics. Its fate is in your hands.

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THE small boy on his entrance within the precincts of Fort Street is impressed with the dignity and august bearing of the authorities over him—the master in his academic costume, and the prefect with his minor privileges. He is proud to be a unit of such a great institution, proud of its traditions, and immediately flaunts his new school hat-band, and in all probability yards of red and white streamers.

“As with the stroke of the enchanter’s wand” the four or five succeeding years fly by, his trousers are lengthened, his voice is broken, and the use of a razor is now a necessity for his comely appearance. During these vicissitudes the youth has become more and more imbued with the school spirit—the *esprit de corps*—which we see so manifest.

Speedily the time comes when his connection with the school must be severed—severed from the dear Alma Mater, wherein he has spent the happiest years of his life. He attends the Seniors’ Farewell to bid good-bye to the masters and his fellow pupils. Time can never erase the memories of school days. As he sits there for the last time as a pupil, hearing the customary eulogistic speeches of the masters, but paying little heed, recollections of the oval with its cheering crowd, of the school team battling for supremacy, of the general assembly of the tuck shop and its clamour all through his memory.

Bravely he makes his way up the quadrangle steps, striving to swallow the lump that would rise in his throat. The rest of the school are chanting the time honoured farewell chorus with schoolboy vim, striving thus to conceal their pang of regret at the school’s loss.

Love of school is the keynote in the fostering of character. The individual strives, whether it be in the examination room, or in the field of sport, not for his own glory, but to uphold the traditions of his Alma Mater. This school patriotism blossoms out into the wider loyalty—loyalty to the Empire.

We are proud of the sons of Fort Street, proud of their achievement at Gallipoli and in France, of their brilliant scholastic careers, and we are elated by the distinguished positions they hold in the public life of this State. Let us rejoice in the fact that in after years, when we, too, are battling in the world, then “Fortian” will be the password admitting us into the brotherhood of the most upright of citizens.



Killed in Action.

Since our last issue, we have received the names of the following Old Boys who have made the supreme sacrifice:—

Cramp, Edwin; Pte.
 Cramp, Cedric; Pte.
 Davidson, Eric; Lieut.
 Flack, John A.; Pte.
 Haslam, H. W. T.; Pte.
 Hollingworth, R. E.; Pte.
 Linsley, Gordon; Lieut., M.C.
 Moss, Eric S. A.
 Murray, Gilbert; Corp.
 Newland, Herbert S.; Pte.
 Pattison, Albert D.; Lieut.
 Ranson, F. R.; Lieut.
 Sandels, Reginald; Gunner.
 Shute, Eric; Pte.
 Sillar, Roy A.; Capt.
 Trenouth, G. R.; Pte.
 Watkins, Errol S.
 Wilkinson, Neville D.; Pte.

Enlistments.

The following names of Old Boys who have joined the A.I.F. have been notified to us:—

Akhurst, P. O.; Pte.
 Allum, A. E.; Pte.
 Anderson, Robert H.; Pte.
 Armstrong, H. G.; Pte.
 Armstrong, V. M.; Pte.
 Ashly, H. L.; Pte.
 Barnett, J. R.; Pte.
 Bealin, Sydney Joseph; Pte.
 Biggs, Eric; Capt., A.M.C.
 Bogle, Thomas H.; Pte.
 Bradshaw, A. E.; Pte.
 Bradshaw, W. H.; Pte.
 Buckland, E. B.; Pte.
 Buckler, A. J.; Lieut.
 Caldwell, John; Pte.
 Clarke, L. G.; Staff Sergt.
 Clarke, P. A.; Staff Sergt.
 Connolly, T. J. B.; Pte.
 Coppard, Wilfrid; Pte.
 Coughlan, Thomas; Pte.
 Crakanthorp, Hereward; Pte.

Cunningham, Eric; Pte.
 Cutler, H. M.; Pte.
 Daley, James; Trooper.
 Davis, Cecil; Pte.
 Dennett, G. E.; Pte.
 Donald, Wm. Fraser; Staff Sergt. Dispenser.
 Doughty, W. L.; Pte.
 Ellis, Oswald, Dr.; Capt., A.M.C.
 Everett, Keith S.; Pte.
 Ferris, G. T.; Pte.
 Frew, Chas. A.; Pte.
 Furness, Albert; Pte.
 Gentile, S. A.; Pte.
 Godwin, —; Pte.
 Golding, W. H.; Pte.
 Green, J. C.; Pte.
 Hamilton, Thos.; Pte.
 Hansman, F. S.; Pte.
 Hodgson, Harold J.
 Horniman, John; Pte.
 Hotten, W. I. T.; Pte.
 Hughes, John; Pte.
 Hughes, Robert; Pte.
 Hunter, J. I.; Pte.
 Huntley, A.; Sergt.
 Illingworth, H. J.; Pte.
 Jefferson, F. M.
 Johnston, I. S. C.
 Johnston, W. E.; Pte.
 Kerr, I. Whiston; Capt.
 Kirby, F. L.; Pte.
 Kneebone, E.; Staff Sergeant Dispenser.
 Liggins, F.; Capt., A.M.C.
 Little, Edy; Lieut.
 Macfarland, Keith; Pte.
 MacDonald, Ronald; Flying Corps.
 Maude, J. D.; Pte.
 May, Charles G.; Pte.
 May, I.; Pte.
 May, W. E.; Pte.
 McCloy, George Stanley; Pte.
 McLaren, N. E.; Pte.
 Miller, T. J.; Pte.
 Milne, J. W.; Pte.
 Mitchell, Hubert Norman; Corpl.
 Morphew, R. J.; Sapper
 Murdoch, Syd.; Lieut., D.C.M.
 Muston, W. K.; Pte.
 Myers, Harris; Pte.
 Nance, Kenneth; Signaller
 Oag, Stewart; Pte.
 Paine, C. L.; Pte.
 Paling, I. M. A.; Pte.

Paradise, W. E. J.; Pte.
 Patterson, E. P.; Pte.
 Paul, Dugald Rex; Pte., A.M.C.
 Perkins, F. A.; Pte.
 Pethebridge, A.; Pte.
 Porter, H. K.; Pte.
 Prior, Wm. Henry; Capt.
 Rainbow, E. C. II.; Pte.
 Rivett, E. W.; Pte.
 Saxton, A. E.; Pte.
 Sear, W. S.; Pte.
 Sherwood, John; Pte.
 Sillar, Roy Allen; Capt., A.M.C.
 Sky, D. H.; Pte.
 Smith, C. R.; Pte.
 South, Harold; Sapper.
 Spender, P. C.; Pte.
 Stitt, Edward Theo.; L. Corpl.
 Stuart, —; Pte.
 Terry, Frank; Corpl.
 Thisleton, Percy H.; Pte.
 Tunks, Ormond; Capt., A.M.C.
 Turner, Claude; Pte.
 Walter, B. H.; Capt.
 Watkins, Errol Sydney; Pte.
 Welch, Frank; Gunner
 Welch, Septimus; Gunner
 Walker, Osmond L. S.; Pte.
 White, B. K.
 White, G. B.
 Willard, Frank T.
 Woods, Leslie Harold; Sgl.
 Woodward, T. W.; Pte.
 York, W. R.; Pte.

CONGRATULATIONS.

We desire to extend our heartiest congratulations to the following Old Boys who have, since last issue, won military distinctions:—

C.M.G.

Lieut.-Col. H. S. Evans.

D.S.O.

Major A. J. Collins, M.C. (and bar).
 Major H. B. Lee, M.C.

D.C.M.

Pte. Robt. Crawford.
 Lieut. S. R. Murdoch.

Military Cross.

Captain H. M. Hollingworth.
 Captain C. M. Samson.
 Captain L. G. Sewell.
 Lieut. A. Waring.
 Lieut. F. Mason.

Military Medal.

Pte. H. W. T. Haslam.
 Sgt. George McCloy.

Croix de Guerre.

Pte. W. E. May.

And to the parents of Lt. Gordon Linsley, who has since been killed in action.

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FIGHTING FORTIANS

THOMAS, DAVID JOHN; SAPPER.—An Old Boy of Fort Street, Sapper David John Thomas was killed in action on the 13th May, after having seen over two years' active service. He was only 23 years of age, and was the son of Mr. D. Thomas, of Sandy Creek. Before enlisting, he was on the staff of the "Drawback" Branch of the Customs Department.

EVANS, HARRIE SMALLEY; LIEUT.-COLONEL, C.M.G.—An Old Boy of Fort Street, and now Chief Paymaster, A.I.F., Horseferry-road, London, has been awarded the very high distinction of C.M.G. We extend to him our heartiest congratulations.

SAMSON, CEDRIC M.; CAPTAIN, M.C.—It is with great pleasure that we have to note the award of the Military Cross to Captain (Dr.) Cedric M. Samson. Dr. Samson, who is a nephew of the late distinguished English actor, Sir George Alexander, passed the Senior from Fort Street, whence he proceeded to Sydney University, graduating M.B., Ch.M., in 1916. He then proceeded to the front, and has been on active service ever since.

MORGAN, IDRIS; MAJOR.—The Rev. Thomas Morgan, of Strathfield, has received notice that his eldest son Idris (Gus), has been promoted to Major, R.A.M.C. Dr. Morgan is a distinguished Old Boy of Fort Street, who, after passing the Senior with honours, proceeded to the Medical School, Sydney University, where he had a highly successful career, graduating with First-class Honours and the University Medal for Medicine. After two years as Resident at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, he left for the front, was severely wounded, lost his right foot, recovered, and returned to the front, where his promotion has just been received. His brother, John (Jock), a University graduate, and another of our Old Boys, is also on active service.

WINKWORTH, HERBERT E.; LIEUT.—Two and a half years ago Herbert Winkworth enlisted as a private with the A.I.F. Now he is a First Lieutenant, his promotion having been gained on the field. We regret to record, however, that he has been severely wounded. It is with feelings of satisfaction, however, that we hear that, after 18 weeks in hospital, he is now convalescent.

CRAMP, CEDRIC, CORP.; and EDWIN, PTE.—It is with the sincerest regret that we have to record the loss of two of our Old Boys, Corp. Cedric and Pri-

vate Edwin Cramp. They were the sons of Mrs. E. Cramp, of Woollahra. Cedric, the elder, passed the L.C. Exam. very creditably from Fort Street, and proceeded to the University Medical School. Then, when in his second year, he enlisted, and with the A.M.C., in 1916, left for England on the 24th January, 1917, only to die of wounds in the middle of this year.

The younger brother, Edwin, passed the Intermediate from Fort Street, and then entered the Senior Class, but joined up before completing his course. He was also killed this year.

WRIGHT, ALAN H.; MAJOR.—Major Alan H. Wright, an Old Boy of Fort Street, and son of Mr. Stuart Wright, Inspector of Schools, of Walker-street, North Sydney, was among those selected as deserving of special mention in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch of the 7th April last.

PATTISON, ALBERT DALE; LIEUT., who died of wounds received at La Toquet, France, on July 4, 1918, was the eldest son of Mr. John D. Pattison, of the Boulevard, Strathfield, Sydney. Lieutenant Pattison, who was attached to the 104th Howitzer Battery, left Australia in January, 1916, as a gunner. He served with the 13th Battery of the 5th Brigade, and previously with the 20th Battery of the 22nd Brigade. He received his commission on the field at Ypres in November, 1917. An only brother, Sergeant F. D. Pattison, of the 49th Battalion, who has been wounded, is now in Reading Hospital, England.

WARING, ARTHUR; LIEUT., an Old Boy of Fort Street, has been awarded the Military Cross for valour and devotion to duty. He is the son of Mr. A. Waring, Canonbury Grove, Dulwich Hill, and left Sydney as a sapper. He fought through the Gallipoli campaign, then went to France, where he was promoted to lieutenant on the field. He is now with the 4th Divisional Signalling Company. We append two congratulatory letters sent to him by Generals Birdwood and Burgess.

Headquarters,
Australian Corps,
B.E.F., France,
10th June, 1918.

Dear Waring,—

I write to convey to you my heartiest congratulations on the award of the Military Cross, which I am so pleased to see in the recent "Gazette," and which I know you so thoroughly well

deserve for all your consistently good and courageous work for many a long day now.

With kind regards and many thanks for your good services,

Yours sincerely,

W. H. BIRDWOOD.

In the Field, France,
8th June, 1918.

Dear Waring,—

Just a few lines to convey to you, on my own behalf and all our officers, our very warmest congratulations and best wishes on your well-earned recognition in the award of the Military Cross.

We all look on you still as one of "ours," and are all delighted that your sterling services have been so fittingly and deservedly recognised in the high distinction conferred on you.

Yours very sincerely,

W. G. H. BURGESS.

(General.)

MASON, FRANK M.; LIEUT.—An Old Boy of Fort Street, has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in France. He is the younger son of Captain W. H. Mason, R.N.R., late of the nautical training ship "Sobraon," and now Government Shipping Master.

CHAPMAN, W. S. B., LIEUT.—An old Fortian, has been severely wounded, and at the same time promoted to First Lieutenant.

LINSLEY, GORDON; LIEUT., M.C.—An Old Boy of Fort Street, was awarded the Military Cross on the 5th April last, but we regret to have to announce that he was killed in action a few weeks later.

ROBB, ALAN C., writes to us stating that he has been promoted to Lieutenant in the Engineers. He passed the Senior in 1909.

COLLINS, ARCHIE J.; MAJOR.—Youngest son of the late J. P. Collins and Mrs. A. M. Collins, of "Rockwood," Hilda-street, Wahroonga, has been awarded the D.S.O. He is an Old Boy of Fort Street Boys' High School. In 1913, at the University, he graduated M.B. and Ch.M., with first-class honours in Medicine, besides winning the Parkinson Memorial Prize for Pathology. He was then appointed to the staff of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where at the date of his enlistment three years ago he was Assistant Medical Superintendent.

He proceeded to France with Colonel H. S. Stacy's Field Hospital, and in 1917, after the Passchendaele fighting, was awarded the Military Cross. In January of this year he was awarded a bar to his cross. For his valorous services in rescuing wounded during the retreat from Albert on May 25 last,

General Birdwood personally invested him with the D.S.O. General Birdwood's congratulatory letter has just been received by Dr. Collins' mother.

Major Collins, just previous to commencing active military work, was awarded by the University the first Walter and Eliza Hall Travelling Fellowship for Medicine. He hopes to take up research work in the terms of his Fellowship as soon as hostilities cease. His brother, Captain Clarence R. Collins, of the Commonwealth Physical Training Staff, after being severely wounded on two occasions, is back again in the firing line.

TRENOUTH, G. G. R.; PTE.—Mrs. L. Trenouth, of Thirley, Kensington-road, Summer Hill, has been notified that her son, Pte. Godfrey G. K. Trenouth, was killed in action in France on April 30. He was a son of the late Mr. George Trenouth, a well-known Queensland grazier, and was only 22 years of age.

SILLAR, ROY ALLEN; DR.—Mr. J. W. Sillar, manager of the Bank of Australasia (Dubbo), has received a cable message from England intimating that his second son, Dr. Roy Allen Sillar, an Old Boy of Fort Street, has died of wounds accidentally received whilst serving with the Australian Imperial Forces. Dr. Sillar was for some five years a resident student at St. Andrew's College, within the Sydney University, and last year passed his final examinations for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery. Dr. Sillar afterwards passed through his hospital courses at St. Vincent's Hospital and the Royal North Sydney Hospital, and on March 3 last he sailed from Sydney as medical officer in charge of a unit for the front.

RANSON, J. R.; LIEUT.—News has been received of the death of Lieut. J. R. Ranson, which took place in France while on active service. He was educated at Fort Street, and graduated B.A., LL.B., of the Sydney University, and was admitted to the Bar of this State in July, 1914. A year later he enlisted and went to the front with the trench mortar battery, and, it is believed, died from the effects of gas. He was the son of Mr. Edward Ranson, of Strathfield, and was married just before leaving for France.

DAVIDSON, ERIC S.; LIEUT.—Many a heroic soul has passed out in the service of the Empire since the shadow of war crept over our country four years ago, but no finer character than Second Lieutenant Eric Sinclair Davidson, of the Engineers' Corps, has gone West. A manly sane distinction between right and wrong guided his conduct, his life was full of activity, and his work was of the best. After leaving Fort Street, he

spent five years in the workshops of the Adelaide Steamship Company, and attended the full course for Electrical Engineering at the Technical College. He then passed into the Sydney Office of Babcock, Wilcox, Ltd., one of the greatest engineering firms in England. From the draughting office he was sent to take charge for the firm of the electrification of some of the Perth railways for the Railway Commissioner of Western Australia, and so successfully did he accomplish his task that he won the highest approval of the managing director of the firm in London, and a brilliant career lay before him. After the completion of the work, which occupied

two years, he volunteered for active service, and fell gallantly fighting for his country on the 4th July.

AN OLD FORTIAN.

LEE, HARRIE B.; MAJOR, M.C., D.S.O.—
We desire again to offer our congratulations to Major H. B. Lee, M.C., on being awarded the further and higher distinction of D.S.O.

SEWELL, LEONARD; CAPTAIN, M.C.—
Another Old Boy of Fort Street, Captain Leonard Sewell, B.E., son of Mr. W. Sewell, manager of the Queensland National Bank, has been awarded the Military Cross. Our congratulations.

ROUND THE SCHOOL

The school companies participated in the A.I.F. Day march, and brought honour to the School. In addition, through the sale of badges, a sum of £50 was collected.

Numerous messages have been received from the Mining Corps, thanking different boys for the pipes despatched about this time last year.

Acting on the invitation of the Comforts Fund of the above Corps, we have again sent £12 worth of pipes among the Christmas parcels.

We wish to congratulate North Sydney High School on their winning the McManamey Shield.

On November 11 the Leaving Certificate Examination will commence. The fate of the Second Year Boys will be decided during the week commencing

Capt. O. B. Tunks and Pte. Jock Fearnley paid a visit to the School last month. Both were expecting to sail shortly, and were heartily farewelled by the School.

We desire to extend a very hearty welcome to Mr. Chas. A. Gale, who

has been appointed to the position of Mathematical Master at Fort Street. Mr. Gale, of course, is not new to us. He spent many years on the staff as Assistant Master prior to his appointment as Master at the Technical High School.

We are also glad to have him on account of his interest in the Sport of the School. Next year's First Eleven will find him a strong supporter.

We desire to express our sincere sympathy for Brewster of 3B, Sharp of ER, and McGregor, 1D, each of whom has had the sad misfortune to lose his father within the last few weeks.

Dr. Norman Zions, one of our Old Boys, who for the past nine months has been medical superintendent at Newcastle Hospital, has had his salary substantially increased by the board of directors, which has expressed its appreciation of his fine medical and administrative skill. Dr. Zions for some time was chief resident medical officer at the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington.

Visit of the French Legation to Fort Street.

The inspection of the School by the French Legation, under General Pau, is the most momentous event in the history of the new Fort Street. Never will the scenes of the 12th September fade from the memory of those present.

It was the expressed intention of the Department of Education that the Legation should be privileged to see the citizens of the future at work under normal conditions. Normal conditions could not prevail, however, when we learnt that our School was to be honoured by a visit. For nearly a fortnight the projected inspection formed a topic for conversation.

On their alighting, our distinguished visitors, including General Pau, Dr. Andre Siegfried, Commandant D'Andre, Messieurs Mathieu, Leclercq Motte, and Carbiere, were welcomed by Mr. Kilgour. The martial bearing of the guard of honour favourably impressed General Pau, who inspected the arms and made several inquiries as to the mode of training. He then congratulated Major Roberts on the very fine turn-out, remarking through his interpreter, that though the soldiers were quite young, they conducted themselves like veterans.

The party first honoured the Senior Third Year Class by a visit, where a lesson in Trigonometry was in progress. General Pau asked for a sample of the boys' knowledge, and one pupil, greatly embarrassed, successfully solved a given problem. Accompanied by Mr. Board (Director of Education) and Mr. Dawson (Chief Inspector of Schools), the Legation was then piloted to where a French lesson was being given. The General was keenly interested in the acting of a little comedy, entitled "Dans un Restaurant." Other members of the Mission expressed their surprise at the excellent accent and knowledge of French revealed.

Just as the party was leaving, the General's attention was directed towards a design, drawn in colours, bearing the names Marne, Aisne and Somme. Addressing the class, he said that it was a very kind thought of theirs to draw such a picture, and he appreciated it very much. He also asked them to remember the great sacrifices their fathers and brothers were making in the war in defence of liberty and everything that was just.

The library next attracted the visitors' attention, and after it had been duly inspected, the Legation was ushered into the Science Room. A practical Physics lesson was proceeding, and our guests became interested in the determination of the coefficient of expansion.

Subsequently the whole School assembled in the quadrangle, and all were extremely

desirous of an address by the General. They were doomed to disappointment. Under the baton of Mr. Mote, the assembly sang the "Marsellaise," General Pau, Commandant D'Andre, Colonel Lee, and other officers present standing at the salute.

Mr. Kilgour, speaking on behalf of the School, said that they were all proud of the distinguished General and his history, and were gratified at having had the opportunity of seeing and speaking to him. He concluded by calling for cheers for France and General Pau, which were vociferously given.

Dr. Andre Siegfried responded on behalf of the General. He said that the members of the Mission were very thankful for the manner in which the scholars had rendered the "Marsellaise." He said that the boys ought to be proud to belong to such a magnificent institution. Continuing, he said: "Your elder brothers are fighting side by side with the French, not only for the defence of France, but for liberty and for justice. We think a lot of your elder brothers, and are grateful to them and to the Australian nation for what they have done in this war." The Doctor's speech was heartily applauded.

Then followed an unusual silence, and J. J. McIntosh was seen to be making his way through the little group to where the General was standing. McIntosh, after he had been formally introduced, asked in French a favour of the General—would he request a half-holiday in honour of the visit. "Pas un demi-jour, une journée!" he assented in a sonorous voice, and the countenance of Commandant D'Andre relaxed under that superb moustache. General Pau insisted on the Captain mounting the rostrum and announcing the fact to the School. His instructions were followed, but "Mac" was nervous, as probably many of his elders were earlier in the morning. This feeling was intensified when the General shouted across to him, as only a military commander can: "Plus haut! Plus haut!" The School, a minute later, roared its appreciation of the General's kindness. Cheer after cheer rent the welkin.

Naturally, the camera enthusiasts had been very busy, and a little story is told of two of them. On his leaving the School buildings, when walking through the front garden, General Pau suddenly encountered two young amateur photographers. He halted and readily consented to have his photo. taken. After being snapped, he cordially shook hands with each of the delighted lads.

The School sincerely regretted the premature departure of the Legation, and about 100 wended their way across the

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lawn to bid farewell to the esteemed General and his colleagues. The remainder of the boys assembled on the front corridors. The cheering burst out afresh as the visitors were departing. Fort Street had been profoundly impressed by the visit of the representatives of the great French nation.

It is fitting to conclude this brief survey of a memorable occasion with a few impressions of the leader of the Mission, General Pau. All Fortians privileged to be present will always remember the boyish enthusiasm with which the veteran sol-

dier of France joined in all undertakings. His genuine interest in "Young Australia" was particularly manifest, both at the inspection and in the class room. A hearty mode of handshake and his unaffected manner were evidences of his desire to place everybody at their ease.

His simplicity, his good nature, and his homeliness, the latter trait being exemplified in the unpretentious way in which he puffed at rather a large cigarette, all tended to endear him to the Australian schoolboy.

THE LIBRARIANS AMUSE THEMSELVES.

(By Spectator.)

While wending my way through the monotony of school life, I have at times heard odious imputations on the manner in which the library has been conducted during the year. When you have heard the manifold disabilities under which we labour, I think that you will deal with us more leniently. Four prefects were chosen at the beginning of the year to preside over this august branch of learning. Some of these have been conspicuous by their absence or renowned for their distaste for work.

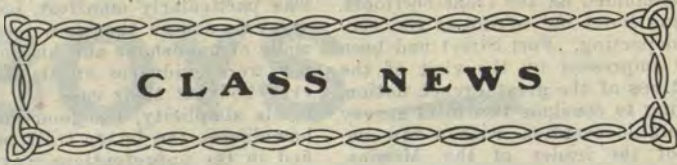
To deal with our most serious offender first, as is the usual procedure on such occasions, I would like to recall to your minds a well respected member of our community, a prefect, enjoying the highest offices of state, and already I believe that you have divined that I am about to mention "Charlie's" honoured name.

Well, Charlie—of course, he bears a more inspiring appellation in everyday life—took upon himself the onerous duties of librarian, an occupation which, however, does not suit his peculiar genius. Once during the year has Charlie deigned to visit "Grub Street" and bring one ray of sunshine to our miserable lives. He came radiant with smiles, and exhaling a faint perfume of the East. We poor 'hacks' were struck dumb with amazement. We dared not show the least sign of pleasure or approbation lest the vision might fade away (towards the tuck shop). Charlie, for it was he, and no myth as we were at first prone to believe, bowed thrice, smiled bewitchingly, and, alas! we have

never been honoured with his presence since.

I have still before me the most painful part of my task, a case of one of excellent ability, manifold accomplishments, winning manners and personality and an ingrafted hatred of work. He is known by all for his high position in the School, but only the Fourth Year students dare to take the liberty of calling him Macpherson. Inordinately proud of his Scotch ancestry, he visits the library daily, hoping thereby to attract new subscribers to an already impeccunious institution. If asked to take charge, he valiantly asserts that he "is on strike for the remainder of the year," because he took the trouble on the preceding day to place a book on the shelf.

Another course of continual annoyance is the regular meetings of the anti-Livians, who take it in turns to expound their views on the profound knowledge of this barbaric historian. I may be permitted to state here that "Spud" is the shining light of this body (as regards intellect), and when he becomes deeply engrossed, his face is lighted by a phosphorescent glow eclipsing by far any of Turner's most gorgeous sunsets. Of course, it is so dull a place, it is essential that we have a certain facetiousness which is willingly supplied by William Little, who is an adept in wit. Thus seeing some of the difficulties under which we wear away our lives, you must be less prone to criticize our efforts in carrying on the library against so many difficulties.



CLASS NEWS

Fourth Year Notes.

This last term has been a fruitful one for the reporters on the "Fortian" Staff. Poor chaps! how their weary heads and feet must welcome the approaching holidays, those days of rest so slowly, oh, so slowly looming closer as the days go by!

The energetic (?) C—— has taken a bad attack of sporting effort. With his usual skill, however, he has left the hard work to fall on the shoulders of the unwary, in this, our honoured and respected guides in the mazes of scholastic thought—the school staff. Briefly, C——, armed with a pencil and piece of paper, got the majority of the staff to enter for a masters' 100 yards handicap—he calls it "the classic event of the Sports Meeting."

We have at last reached the position in which we can no longer appreciate the beauties of the previously divine Vergil. Often when we have sought assistance from "Mr. Sidgwick" and have met with the reminder to "note the alliteration" or some such interesting comment, are we led to exclaim, "Would I could drop Latin!" or to let our thoughts meander back over the realms of study of a bygone year—cold comfort indeed, but the best under the circumstances.

Fortians would like to congratulate Mr. Keller on the training he bestowed on that nippy little half, "Slip" Martin. He has worked up from the raw material a fine footballer, who was worth twice his weight in gold to us against Norths and Parramatta.

Pipes and "bricks" one on top of the other, and a good response to each demand. We don't claim that we are "bricks," but we recognize the splendid work our khaki "bricks" are doing on the other side, and we are only trying to brighten and lighten their lot—may all Fortians at all times come up to the mark when it's up to them to show their appreciation of the men—the real sportsmen—who are "stick-ing it out" at the front.

Third Year Notes.

We modestly admit that this year's Third Year is as good and probably better than all the preceding ones. In the fields of sport and study we have maintained our reputations. But in this latter division many dangers unforeseen and incom-

prehensible continually arise before our astonished eyes, but with the aid of our ever gentle and benevolent masters these are overcome by degrees. Vergil's hexameters disturb the tranquillity of the mind of those far-famed classicals—wiping out for them all that gives substance and savour to life and yet approaching no nearer to the evolution of a saner order of things.

Maths have resolved themselves into a state of the utmost perplexity. With them it is a case of

"Question not, but live and labour."

The labour is manifest, but the questions—well, that depends on the person who asks them.

From on high (in reality, the mantel-piece) a shaggy haired animal which the plebeians call a "dog" complacently regards studious youths. However, being slightly erratic, his honoured (?) presence lasted only but one day.

Both 3A and 3B can boast of an excellent representation in almost every grade in any competition, the former having 14 representatives in grade teams.

Our responses to all calls for the "Days" and the "Pipe Fund" were indeed very generous. We sincerely hope, however, that there will be no more window badges, as our rooms are sufficiently dark already.

3A wish to express their congratulations to their class master, Mr. James, who has taken so much interest in the winners of the Third Grade Rugby Competition.

Remove Year Notes.

Great rivalry is apparent among the Remove Year classes—notably in sport. In the latter, both D.R. and B.R. have demonstrated their prowess. The former has three representatives in the 2nd XV., Larkin, Langford and Shorrock, Byrne in 1st Baseball, Sanders in 2nd Soccer, and the crack rifle shot, MacKinnon.

But there is no doubt that B.R. also plays a large part in the sporting arena. They are top of the list in the Class Soccer comp., and have many representatives in the grade teams also, MacLean in the 2nd XI., and Davison in the Thirds.

Turning to Rugby we find they have Polkinghorne in 2nd Grade, Captain Endicott, Prior, Tillbrook and Houghton of the Fourths.

First Year Notes.

In the A.I.F. Memorial Day collection IC has carried off the honours for this year. We are all doing our best to be true Fortians and uphold our Alma Mater's name in the same way that our Old Boys are doing on the field of battle.

Very interesting class competitions were played during the footer season, and we have many players who should do well in

the future. We have also many able representatives in the junior grade teams.

In the Remove Year another subject has been added to the curriculum of the school—not Chinese—but “acting.” They have been stormed by French, Latin and English masters with numbers of plays, the object evidently being to furnish the school companies with as many budding N.C.O.s as possible.

Education in Japan.

(By an Old Boy.)

Before the Restoration of 1868, learning was far from being universal, and of course the education of girls was left sadly neglected, and the plebeian class was contented with acquiring a knowledge of three R's. Therefore it must be noted that the real educational system dates from the Restoration, when class distinction was abolished and equal opportunity opened to all classes.

In 1872 the later Emperor Meiji gave forth the startlingly ambitious declaration: “It is intended that henceforth education shall be so diffused that there may not be a village with an ignorant family, nor a family with an ignorant member.” And his intention has been amazingly fulfilled. It is a rare thing now-a-days to find, even in the lowest class, a man or woman who cannot read and write.

In 1890, the Imperial Rescript on Education was promulgated. As it is generally regarded as an embodiment of the Imperial morals, as it is read at all schools throughout the country on occasions of important national holidays, and as the text is kept in memory by boys and girls attending school, I must give it before I go into detail. The following is regarded as a sort of authorised translation:—

“Know ye, Our subjects:

“Our Imperial Ancestors have founded Our Empire on a basis broad and everlasting and have deeply and firmly implanted virtue; Our subjects ever united in loyalty and filial piety, have from generation to generation illustrated the beauty thereof. This is the glory of the fundamental character of Our Empire, and here-in also lies the source of Our education. Ye, Our subjects, be filial to your parents, affectionate to your brothers and sisters; as husbands and wives be harmonious, as friends true; bear yourselves in modesty and moderation; extend your benevolence to all; pursue learning and cultivate arts,

and thereby develop intellectual faculties and perfect moral powers; furthermore, advance public good and promote common interests; always respect the Constitution and observe the laws; should emergency arise, offer yourselves courageously to the State; and thus guard and maintain the propriety of Our Imperial Throne coeval with heaven and earth. So shall ye be not only Our good and faithful subjects, but render illustrious the best traditions of your forefathers.

“The way here set forth is indeed the teaching bequeathed by Our Imperial Ancestors, to be observed alike by their descendants and the subjects, infallible for all ages and true in all places. It is Our wish to lay it to heart in all reverence, in common with you, Our subjects, that we may all thus attain to the same virtue.

“The 30th day of the 10th month of the 23rd year of Meiji (1890).”

(Imperial Sign Manual. Privy Seal.)

The educational system of Japan is a characteristic attempt to combine in one system the schools and universities of England, America, France, and Germany. The result is an elaborate system embracing five departments:—(1) The Kindergartens, for very young children; (2) Primary Schools; (3) Secondary Schools; (4) Schools of Higher Grade, the name being self-explanatory; and (5) the great Universities with more than ten thousand students, the highest standards of scholarship, and famous teachers from every quarter of the globe.

Primary Schools.

Schools of this grade are divided into ordinary and higher primary schools, both being generally combined. In the former the course extends to six years, and is

compulsory. In the latter the course covers two or three years. The primary course receives children from 6 to 14.

Secondary Schools.

A school of this grade teaches boys who are desirous of entering higher institutions or who are intended for commercial life. Among these secondary schools, most numerous are the middle schools, which correspond to your high schools. A graduate of a middle school is privileged to become a clerk in the Government service without undergoing a civil service examination. The course of study extends to five years, and a boy who has finished six years of the primary school education is qualified, theoretically, to enter a middle school on diploma. But in practice, owing to the number of applicants, the boys are obliged to undergo selective examination at most public middle schools, only about 61 per cent. of the total number of qualified applicants having been admitted during the last five years. During the period 1906-12 the average age of new boys was 13.9.

The entrance examination of middle schools is indeed a fearful ordeal to boys living in larger towns. Take the case of Tokyo, where three public and some ten private middle schools exist. The former conduct the examination simultaneously, and applicants, generally eight to ten times the number to be admitted, crowd the examination room. Those who fail try next a private middle school judged most suitable, for in general the private schools judiciously time their examination to suit the convenience of the unlucky stragglers.

The Curriculum of the Middle School.

Subjects.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
	year.	year.	year.	year.	year.
	hrs.	hrs.	hrs.	hrs.	hrs.
	p.w.	p.w.	p.w.	p.w.	p.w.
1. Morals . . .	1	1	1	1	1
2. Japanese and Chinese . .	7	7	7	6	6
3. Western Language (mostly English). .	6	6	7	7	7
4. History and Geography . .	3	3	3	3	3
5. Mathematics. .	4	4	4	4	4
6. Natural Science . .	2	2	2	2	
7. Physics and Chemistry . .				4	4
8. Civil Government, Political Economy . .					2
9. Drawing . .	1	1	1	1	
10. Singing . .	1	1	1		
11. Military Drill and Gymnastics . .	3	3	3	3	3
12. Fencing and Judo (Jujitsu) . .	2	2	2	2	2
Total . .	30	30	31	32	32

Subjects Nos. 8 and 10 may be omitted, and in fact they are very rarely included in the curriculum, English being taught instead.

Schools of Higher Grade.

There are quite a large number of Government Technical and Special Schools, as well as public and private schools of higher grade. Graduates of the middle school are admitted partly on diploma and partly on examination, the applicants being always far more numerous than the number to be taken. The course extends to three, four, or five years. Many of the private schools style themselves as "University," which admits the middle school graduates without selective examination. On the whole, the graduate's standing is somewhat lower than that of the Government Universities in respect of scholarship.

Now I will take up high schools, as we call them (but they are quite different from those of yours) and tell something about them. As originally constituted, high schools are established primarily for giving special or professional education; and secondly, preparatory education for those desirous of entering universities. The primary object has been lost sight of, and at present they are institutions where students wishing to enter a university have to study for three years.

The average age of new boys was 19 years 6.8 months for 1905-1917. The number of applications for admission makes this record:—1914-15: Applicants, 9,427; admission, 21.48 per cent.

Imperial Universities.

There are four State Universities, viz., at Tokyo, Kyoto, Sendai, and Fukuoka. Graduates of high schools are admitted on diploma in principle. All the courses cover three years, except that of Medicine, which is four years. To each university is attached the University Hall, where students spend two years.

According to the present system, a boy enters a primary school at the age of 6, stays there 6 years, then goes to a secondary school, where he spends 5 years, thence on to a school of higher grade for 3 or 4 years, graduating at a university after 3 or 4 years, according to subject. These courses occupy 17 years or so, and even if no time at all were wasted students would have to graduate from an Imperial University at the age of 23 or 24. Most boys are not so lucky; they often fail in the competitive entrance examination of secondary schools and schools of higher grade (or high schools), which is so hard, as I told you before, or in the promotion examination of a high school or university. And therefore no lazy boy in Japan, as elsewhere, can dream of any success at all.

As I have only a small experience of teaching you, I have no privilege to speak about you yet, but as I taught Japanese boys for 11 years I think I know them well. Simply as students they are ideal, without flattery. I can see them now, as they sat there, apparently so stoical, so Easternly impassive. But those sleepy-

looking eyes were wide awake. Their minds were drinking with a thirst that could never be quenched. And when the next day came they had digested the lesson of the day before, every atom of it, and were clamouring with a hundred questions for more.

THROUGH THE SPECTROSCOPE

By Professor Naitrof.

Dissertation on a Flag Pole.

At Fort Street's Empire Day celebrations, it was seen that the School's Union Jack hung from what was apparently half a railway sleeper.

—(Extract from a newspaper report that was never made.)

There it hung—the sign of liberty, the oriflamme of freedom, the flag on whose wind-wafted folds the sun never sets. It was Empire Day at Fort Street, and the Union Jack had been unfurled. The breeze lifted and tossed it about, thus displaying to the inquiring eye the splendid staff from which it floated. Now do not think that Professor Naitrof uses this adjective "splendid" ironically. For, although to the indiscriminating throng beneath the staff seemed nothing but a cut-down clothes-prop, or perhaps a paling from an old slab fence, yet the Professor and those with him, who could penetrate beneath the superficial appearance of things, saw in that unplanned, unpainted pole something more than a mere stick, something greater than the shiniest, smoothest support could have been. They saw in that pole a symbol of Britain and her Empire, an Empire whose soul and hopes are as rugged as that flag staff, but as strong and enduring. (Here some sneering sceptic will probably interject, "and as cheap, too," but of such traitorous remarks every true patriot and lover of smiles will take no notice.) And so, since he sees in that rough flag pole a symbol of Empire, Professor Naitrof strenuously combats all efforts to raise a subscription fund to buy the school a new one. What need has Fort Street of a gilded flag pole? Surely we can display our patriotism without wasting money on such haubles. A strong, sturdy stick that has helped to

support some good Australian's clothes line will surely support one flag—Union Jack though it be. Let strangers talk as they wish. They do not understand the true emblematic meaning underlying our use of a quondam clothes prop as a flagstaff.

A Warning.

Representatives of the First Year have informed the "Fortian's" correspondent that they are about to apply to the High Court for an injunction to prevent the Prefects and Seniors in general from infringing on the privileges of the First Year by playing marbles and pins.

Wanted—More Amusement.

"How about establishing a Fort Street miniature White City in the Art Room?" (writes one of the Professor's correspondents). "A merry-go-round and a seesaw could be set up in the room itself, and a Slippery Dip or Scenic Railway could be established down the main staircase. A merely nominal charge would be made. Trusting you will pursue this idea further, I remain, yours, etc., P. Volwolinski."

No, sir, we will not pursue this matter further. Anyone in the art room who lacks amusement may see a real circus—and free, too,—by merely descending to the library. There the antics of the librarians are surely good enough for Wirths'; while the agonised efforts of a room full of Fortians to read, whilst some of the Seniors declaim passages from Livy at the tops of their voices, are better than watching worms wriggle on the end of a pin. Moreover, the strenuous endeavours of 49 people to sit at the same time on the five chairs of which the library boasts are alone worth sixpence. For these reasons we intend to oppose any efforts to bring more amusement into our life. Enough is as good as a feast. We do not wish to be entirely surfeited of pleasure.

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Various Kinds of Pockets.

A manifest unfairness is shown in the distribution of pockets in the uniforms of cadets.

—(From Prof. Naitrof's original notes.)

The average cadet has two skimpy pockets in his shirt, and one miserable little half pocket in his trousers. If he wants to warm his hands he must sit or stand on them; if he wants to carry an extra handkerchief, he must put it in his boot, and has all the consequent worry of undoing and replacing his puttee every time he wishes to use it. But consider the uniform of a lieutenant (please raise your hats and give a salute when you read this word). This, the uniform—not the lieutenant (sing the National Anthem here)—has four pockets, each so large that the officer must carry a system of belts and pulleys strapped round his shoulders to enable him to remove anything from or lower anything into them. In these pockets an officer can carry a blanket and a radiator if necessary, with and for comfort, and so he presents a far different spectacle to that of a mere shivering private with blue, frost bitten hands. But besides the injustice of these contrasts, there is another reason against the present pockets on officers' uniforms. Now we do not mean to insinuate that any of those distinguished Fortians who hold commissions are dishonest, but the fact remains that the word "lieutenant" more correctly spelt "loot-tenant," literally means "one who holds or possesses loot." Likewise, the fact remains that their pockets give these officers splendid facilities for loot-holding. Moreover, one parade, in a sham fight, two of them concealed a whole section in their pockets, and so surprised the enemy from the rear. One of them had already been putting this principle into practice and concealing his young brother in one of the sacks at his side (by courtesy called a pocket), and travels in the trains with him thus hidden. Consequently, to prevent a sudden increase in dishonesty and in applications for commissions, and a sudden decrease in railway and tramway revenue, the Defence Department should diminish the size of officers' pockets, and, adding a couple of pockets to each private's uniform, spend the rest of the money thus saved in wiping out the national debt and in shipbuilding. We are sure all true Australians would be thoroughly in sympathy with these reforms.

[Editor's note.—On receipt of this article, inquiries were made, and it was found that the tuck shop and library detail a Prefect every Thursday to watch all lieutenants and to note the contents of their pockets. Nothing incriminating has yet been found in them.]

A Much-needed Institution.

It is rumoured that a School Hair-dressing Saloon is to be opened soon.

Winged rumour, fitting on her eagle's pinions, has whispered to Professor Naitrof that Fort Street is in future to be shaven and shorn. In other words, it is reported that the tuck shop is about to extend its activities by opening a barber's shop in the armoury. At last we may see a Third and Fourth Year of which the members will not go about with hairy adornments on their upper lips. In so far, the shop will be a success. But probably a lot of the 4A and 4R-ites will not trust themselves to the mercies of the 4B Prefects. Fancy allowing a jealous enemy with a keen-edged razor near your unprotected neck. Still, the scheme should work. For one thing, the sale of tobacco to the staff itself should bring in a small fortune, judging by the smoke-impregnated atmosphere of the Common Room. Again, the establishment could cut up this Common Room atmosphere into cubic metres (although the cost of repairing old or buying new saws for this purpose might possibly be prohibitive) and dispose of them for disinfectant, mosquito antidote and slug and snail killer. Also, their class mates would probably drag along once a week at least Fort Street's numerous poets to have their hair cut, the price being raised by class subscription. This alone should prove a most productive source of revenue. Moreover, a great trade in bubble pipes could be commenced with the First Year, while chocolate cigarettes or liquorice cigars might be sold to any of the Seniors who desired to appear the manly wreck, dissipated hero, and the hardened roué. Of course, while making this last suggestion, we are aware that it will scarce meet the approval of many people, but some concession must be made to the MEN among us. Besides, this concession would be of incalculable benefit to those Fortians who do not aspire too high; it would keep closed the mouths of a large number fearful of losing their cherished liquorice cigar; it would beautify their teeth, and it would give the rest of the school something to look up to, a great example to aim at.

Thus, on the whole, the new barbering venture should prove successful, and will be a great thing for the school. The spectroscope experts wish it all success.

—PERCIVAL P. NAITROF.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY COMPANY.

The Sydney University Company, A.I.F., has now been completed, and will shortly go into Camp. We are very pleased to see so many Fort Street Old Boys included in it. There are 18 of them on the Combatant Section and 25 in the Medical Section. Good luck to them all.

A CYCLOPÆDIA FORTANNICA

The Editor will be pleased to accept any contributions to this much needed work. We are unable to publish the whole volume at once, but henceforth a section will appear in each issue of "The Fortian."

ABSENTEEISM is a contagious disease firmly rooted in every school. It is caused by the demise of one's aged grandparents and appointments with dentists, and also results from mental overwork. It occurs simultaneously with such easily feigned diseases as bronchitis, ear-ache and other constant refuges of malingerers. The disease should be stamped out relentlessly by 100 per cent. solution of biting sarcasm, a course of detention, or a neatly couched intimation to enter that Holy of Holies—the Office.

A milder, but more insidious, form of the disease results in the patient missing the whole or the greater part of the first lesson. It is caused by inefficient timekeepers, trams and trains, which always seem to break down. This disease is specially liable to become chronic, and the skin then becomes impervious to the sharpest shafts of satire, and the disease may be regarded as incurable.

ADJECTIVES are of several kinds. The adjectives employed in colloquial Australian are of great service in giving vent to one's feelings when under the stress of some strong emotion. Adjective is also a term used in parsing, and may then include any part of speech, according to the youth engaged in that bugbear of the English lesson. Then the long-suffering master usually indulges in the pure Australian variety in unlimited quantities.

ADVICE is instilled into students daily by unfeeling masters, who doubtless have profited by their misspent lives and have garnered wisdom in the school of adversity. If any of us go wrong, the reason will doubtless be found in the reaction against a plethora of advice. There is also a mercifully small section of beings who spent their existence in dispensing advice gratis on every subject under the sun, but who unfortunately are so convinced of their omniscience that they never by any chance trouble to look up in any competent book of reference the matter on which they expatiate with so much wasted verbosity.

ALMA MATER is a Latin nickname bestowed on their school by students. It affords a handy subject for a Speech Day peroration by any master too incapable

or not sufficiently interested to construct a proper harangue.

ANACHRONISM is a Greek Euphuism for saying that a playwright or poet is so ignorant that he is led into the blunder of connecting the time about which he writes with some invention belonging to a later period, e.g., "Enter Caesar with a train," which becomes laughable when we reflect that locomotives were not invented for nearly 2,000 years after Caesar's demise.

ANNUITY is a mathematical term for a series of equal annual payments. The Library fee and Sports Union subscription should belong to this category, but unfortunately, in a large number of instances, they are rather deferred payments and seem likely to stay so.

ANTIQUITIES are very numerous around the school. In the library is a collection of classical antiquities, which look grave and grim enough to inspire the most ribald with a befitting sense of solemnity. The front fence of the school is a great antiquity, and the rubbish tip adjoining the school should well repay a close and discriminating search by an ardent antiquarian.

ARK was the world's first house-boat and menagerie combined. The admiral and head-keeper was Noah. The steersman was Punchious Pilot. Joan of Ark, Noah's wife, was also on board. Ark is also a geometrical term. There are two of these Arks, Major Ark and Miner Ark (both presumably of the Pioneers).

ARMADILLO is a burrowing animal inhabiting South America. It may readily be tamed and amuses all beholders by its queer antics. It is very susceptible to the charms of music, and may be trained to perform on the bugle with more or less proficiency.

BEER—An article sold in the tuck-shop in two brands only—ginger and hop, a fact which is scandalous. "The Fortian" meditates an appeal to the Pure Food Act to see if a mild alcoholic beverage cannot be substituted for these dangerous drinks.

BILLY—A kitchen utensil generally used in kitchens for boiling water, but of great value to campers-out. Likewise

- a proper name, often belonging to would-be gay Lotharios.
- BLAZER**—A gay and gaudy garment worn by some schoolboys who are quite lost to sense of shame. Blazers are articles of attire made up in the form of highly decorated coats from the scarlet rags which bull-fighting matadors use. They are of no practical use, but attract female attention, just as in their red rag state they attract a bull. On them is blazoned the list of the wearer's heroic victories. "Cracka" wears two blazers at once, as his list could not possibly be flaunted on one only. The name blazer is derived from the Latin verb "blazere"—to shine forth flamboyantly (at least, this is the root which Professor Naitrof gives).
- BLOKE**—The most expressive term out of all English names for man. It is recommended by examiners as the fittest word to translate the Latin "homo" or "vir." It is specially fitted for use in the loftiest poetry or most intellectual prose. Never does it sound so sweet, however, as when softly murmured on the lips of an M.A.
- BLUES**—A disease which is apt to attack Fortians before examinations. The most highly recommended cure for this disease is the reading of "The Fortian." The Blues are also the class of people whose locks glow erubescens in the bright light of the sun.
- BOOKS**—Articles indispensable to education, but not to Education Departments. Also defined (by one who bought some) as "things which cost a lot of money." The last definition, however, is not generally accepted in the highest circles, as sometimes it is thought to pertain to books on racecourses.
- BOSS**—A polite name for the Head—of any concern. Sometimes boss is masculine; sometimes (chiefly with reference to matrimonial cases) it is feminine gender. Sometimes it is an ornamental protuberance in any embossed work. Often it has its uses.
- BOXER**—Two kinds—a boxer and the Boxer. At this school, a boxer is generally a member of Mr. Dave Smith's class. The name, the Boxer, or course refers to Mr. Smith. To whom else could it refer?
- BRUTE**—A word often preceded by "you" and succeeded by a feminine squeal. Its use in this conjunction is too well known to need comment. It is also one of the three Latin words which Shakespeare knew, and which occur in "Julius Caesar"—"Et tu Brute," which, literally translated, mean "O, you Brute!"
- BUGLER**—Synonymous with Armadillo. Not to be confused with Burglar.
- BURSAR**—Generally a country guest, who has had a great deal of luck at the Q.C.; a person paid to be industrious, but who is not industrious because he is paid.
- C**—A prefix to the word "company" (q.v.)
- CARAMELS**—Inedible mixtures of flour, water and colouring. They are indigestible, and tasteless, and are sold in the tuck-shop.
- CARROTS**—An indelibly ginger-coloured donkey's breakfast, often worn as a head ornament by both males and females. On male heads such coverings are called red, ginger, or blue; on females they are always auburn-coloured.
- CATCH**—A verb denoting an action seldom performed by fishermen, and often performed by supervisors in examinations. (Under this connection see "crib.")
- CERTIFICATES**—There are four classes of certificates and only four. These classes are—(a) Qualifying Certificates, (b) Intermediate Certificates, (c) Leaving Certificates, (d) All other kinds of certificates.
- (a) Qualifying Certificates are too common to need mention.
- (c) Leaving Certificates are too rare to need mention.
- (b) **Intermediate Certificates:** These are practically certificates of luck. In reality they merely certify as to the condition of the examiner's liver at a period just after the Intermediate Examination. There is no useful value attached to these certificates, and they are assuredly not ornamental.
- (d) Class four includes many different kinds. There are class result school certificates, doctors' certificates, and swimming carnival certificates—merely to mention the most important. Doctors' certificates are either of physical unfitness or of mental unfitness. Swimming certificates were, until this year, valued because they were never issued.
- CIUDAD-RODRIGO**—A Spanish citadel taken by Wellington; also the famous words spoken by the Mount of Conte Cristo in Bacon's "Hamlet," in answer to the paternal advice given him. The exact quotation runs thus: "At ten o'clock, I'll ci-u-dad; Rodri-go and bring my motor round." This is a good illustration of the effect which the Spanish Armadis had on the development of the English tongue.
- CLASS**—A heterogeneous agglomeration of (supposedly) intellectual molecules. Each component part of a class is sometimes capable of speech, besides being an ice-cream-cool-blooded vertebrate. A class sometimes learns school work, sometimes boxing, but most times nothing. A class is also considered (wrongly, of course) by headquarters as a perpetual money-paying machine.
- C. COMPANY**—A synonym for the very acme of military perfection.
- COMPOSITION**—Usually a weekly and a weakly effort at composition in foreign languages sent in by students of all

years. Also supposedly literary efforts sent in to "The Fortian."

CRIB—Verb and noun. As a noun it is often known by the polite name of key; it is the name of an article of almost universal use. As a verb, crib has a shocking signification. It is synonymous with copy and denotes an illegal action often performed during examinations.

DETENTION—A reward bestowed on small boys by their kind masters. The fortunate youth is thereby entitled to extra tuition gratis. The duration is proportional to merit. Masters are so willing to volunteer their services that a time-table had to be arranged by the powers that be.

DESK—Usually a four-legged contrivance, with three legs longer than the remaining one, or vice versa (〰〰〰). It has undergone many evolutionary changes, and it is difficult to forecast the progeny of the desk of to-day. Possibly it will be suspended from the ceiling to avoid the leg trouble.

DINNER (Reason for a din)—Hence we find celestial provender purchased, amid the clamour of the tuck-shop, known as dinner. Many etymologists consider that the latter part of the noun refers to the inner man.

DIPHTHONG—A venomous bite over a letter.

DISEASE—A noun very much akin to de-
cease.

DISTRACTION—A strange, peculiar emotion, very common in the examination room, when "time" has been called, and the candidate is sorting out some thirty to forty pages of foolscap.

DRILL, TO—To bore; to exercise. Seniors have a remarkable aversion to being bored, hence they strive to steal from drill to the tuck-shop. The two explanations are synonymous. Mental gymnastics are as equally interesting.

'**EADS** are the denizens of the front verandah. The designation is more properly applied to the "Chosen Ones"—"legati Iovis fulminei."

EDIBLE is a term applied by a stretch of courtesy to the indiarubber rolls, tepid ice-cream and pugilistic pies which are exposed for sale in the tuck-shop.

EDITOR is a technical name conferred on a long-suffering object of promiscuous abuse. He is persecuted by a host of parasites, who offer him for his approbation libellous articles and mushy tripe, which is camouflaged as poetry. He is at loggerheads with the Censor, who performs terrible execution on all contributions with his destroying red-pencil, and yet demands "snappy" articles. The harassed Editor seeks solace for his mental wounds by receiving many honourable bodily wounds weekly on the football field.

ENIGMATICAL—The oracular utterances of a scientific Mathematics Master, whose Golden Rule is "Of two synonymous, unintelligible, technical expressions, invariably choose the longer, which is more cryptic and euphonious."

ENTHALLING—The exploits of "Pius Aeneas," as related in sensational hexameters by the popular and prolific novelist, Publius Vergilius Maro.

EXULTATION is an emotion throbbing throughout the breast of a prefect, who, by virtue of his badge of office, has swayed a recalcitrant junior to his will, and sees his impotent victim creep reluctantly towards the "line."

EXASPERATING is an adjective fittingly applied to a rebellious junior who does not see in the youthful prefect the symbol of the authority of the powers that be.

EXPRESSIVE—The language of the said prefect, a forward in the ruck, or a hogged bullocky, which, by its startling similarity, shows the truth of the saying "All men are brothers."

(To be continued.)

THE SNAPSHOTS FROM HOME LEAGUE.

A branch of this League has now been formed here, and is in full swing as a result of the visit of Mr. Riley, the Organising Secretary.

The object of the League is patriotic, and therefore deserving. Photos of relatives of our boys at the front are taken by members of the League, and forwarded to them. These snapshots are highly prized by the recipients, and apart from the pleasure of seeing faces of those nearest and dearest to them, helps to stimulate that determination in the cause for which they are fighting.

You are unable to go; here you have the opportunity of doing something, and everyone with a camera can help. Here is your chance; let your camera help win the war. As you can't be a snaphooter, be a snaphotter.

Many of the members have already forwarded several snaps to the front. It costs nothing to join. Our branch holds the record for membership. Read our Notice Board.

The following were elected as a committee of management:—President, Mr. Kilgour; Hon. Sec., Mr. Bauer; Assistant Hon. Sec., W. Waddington; Hon. Treas., H. Davis; Committee, Christie, Samuelson, Hall, Shirlow, Hogbin, and Somerville.

Any information and material can be obtained from the Hon. Sec.



EDITORIAL REVIEW.

(By the Sporting Editor.)

With the winter competitions completed and cricket and swimming season approaching, a general review of past winter's doings will not be amiss.

The 1st XV., though they did not retain the shield, acquitted themselves with honour, inasmuch as they were runners-up and defeated and drew with winners in the last two matches. The 2nd XV. were also runners-up, and weight alone prevented them from rising higher. The 3rd XV. were leading in their competition when challenged to a final by Parramatta, in which our boys were victorious. The 4th XV. finished fourth in their competition. The non-grade players have been fostered well for further time in the class Rugby matches.

The 1st XI. (Soccer) defeated S.H.S. in the last round by 2 goals to 1. They then challenged and met S.H.S. in the final, but were defeated. The 2nd Soccer, after a very successful season, are runners-up, and the 3rds are well up in the comp. table.

The "rounder" experts have not done too well, but they are triers.

The two tennis teams both finished runners-up. The first team were defeated once, and the second team twice.

Our recent Sports Meeting must be regarded as a success both from the point of view of entries and attendance.

Hence, I am sure it will be seen that the present boys have striven to uphold the honour of the old school. May future Fortians ever do likewise.

RUGBY UNION.

First Grade.

The season has resulted in Fort Street gaining second place in the competition.

North Sydney has won the McManamey Shield held by Fort Street for the past two seasons. The whole season has been marked by a run of "hard luck," especially in the early matches. Next year we hope to bring the shield back to the old school.

The following are accounts of our keenly contested matches against the premiers in the last two rounds.

FORT STREET v. N.S.H.S., AT PETERSHAM.

WON BY FORT STREET, 11-6.

This match drew a crowd of very enthusiastic supporters of either side to the oval.

Many alterations were made both in the personnel of the team and the players' positions on the field. Marlin, a most promising player from the Seconds, took the position of scrum-half, Smith played five-eighths, while both Dwyer and Webb played in the backs.

Some very even play was witnessed in the first half. Steele (North's Captain) marked in Fort Street territory, and the goal resulting made the scores 3-0 in favour of North Sydney when half-time sounded.

With the second half came the final tussle. If Norths won, their title to the shield was assured. Waddington, playing a great game, secured a very neat field goal. From a scrum, Camell (N.S.) broke away and scored a brilliant try—N.S. 6, F.St. 4. Fort Street again attacked, and from a five-yards scrum, Levings secured and scored—F.St. 7, N.S. 6. A few minutes before full time "Waddo" again kicked a brilliant field goal—11-6. Street were still attacking when the "no-side" whistle sounded.

FORT STREET v. N.S.H.S., AT N.S. OVAL.

A SCORELESS DRAW.

Over 1,000 spectators were attracted by the clashing of these two teams in the last meeting of the season.

Fort Street took the field with their three-quarter line much strengthened by

the inclusion of George Shead, who played a very sound defensive game on the wing.

Following on kick-off, Norths pressed very hard, and matters looked black for Street. Our forwards, though, by excellent ruck work, carried the ball into North's territory, where Freeman (N.S.) marked. Marlin, the hero of the game was completely "bamboozling" much heavier opponents.

Fort Street were now playing splendidly, but North's defence was impregnable.

After the well-earned spell, the leather was carried into North's 25, and soon after they forced.

Waddington was playing well, and a mark by him relieved the situation at the only time in the second half when our position was precarious.

Fort Street had the better of the game, and attacked continuously, compelling North Sydney to force on no less than eight occasions. The final whistle went with Street attacking strongly in North's 25.

Our Sports Master, a keen enthusiast, has kindly contributed the following pars on the members:—

JOHNNY BRYANT (Capt.): A strong, reliable forward, generally found in close proximity to the ball. As captain, Bryant has been a success all round. He keeps the pack well together, and is quick to note weaknesses in the opposing side. In the last few matches Johnny has played wing forward in the two-three-two formation, and made good use of his position.

ED. HALL: A brilliant forward—always on the ball, and exceptionally good in attack. His footwork is, if anything, better than his hand work. Hall is one of the few players who can carry a dribbling rush successfully.

McINTOSH, "the deadly tackler," has turned out a good, reliable forward. At the opening of the season Mac knew very little about Rugby, and was almost passed out. Luckily for the team, he was given a chance, and has developed into one of the best players. His old Soccer training stands him in good stead, but his natural ability makes him able to think quickly and seize opportunities.

BATS BREWSTER is an excellent forward. Absolutely fearless, he pushes his way through the opposing scrum, and consistently plays a hard, forceful game. His one fault may be that he is a trifle impetuous.

LEVINGS: One of our best forwards—speedy and sturdily built, he is a difficult player to block. Constantly looking for possibilities, he has been guilty of roving, but this is sometimes excusable.

GRAINGER is our "long man" and has proved his value in the line-out. As breakaway also, he is very good, and plays consistently.

DEREK WELCH has all the qualities of a good forward. On some occasions he has been out of form, but generally plays a good, solid game.

SULLIVAN came into the team late in the season. He took the place of Vivers, and his play has thoroughly justified his inclusion.

ALAN SMITH is probably the pick of the backs. Especially does he show his value in a defensive game. Cool and "heady," he has several times saved the situation by clever kicking. As five-eighth, Smith is always reliable, and will make a score possible if given an opening. The team owes a lot to his generalship.

SLIP MARLIN is the midget of the team, and also may be classed as the best "discovery" of the season. As scrum-half, he is exceptionally nippy and constantly eludes his more hefty opponents. His promotion from Second Grade to first came too late in the season. The team needed Slip in the early matches.

WEBB is a clever centre three-quarter, and also good as half-back. He is the best tackler of the team, and excels in a short dodging run. With a little practice in side-stepping and "dummying" he should be a splendid player next year.

DWYER, though small, is fast and strong. He is a particularly neat player, an expert at catching the ball, and withal a good kicker. As five-eighth and centre he has made few mistakes through the season.

HAWKER, a fast runner and good tackler, plays a good game on the wing.

FRANK MUNRO, the other wing player, is the fastest runner of the team. A little more experience and practice in the fine points of the game should make him a brilliant three-quarter.

WADDINGTON is probably the best known player in the school by reason of his goal kicking abilities. As full-back he is generally reliable, though sometimes too cool.

Second Grade.

In spite of the fact that the competition did not fall to us, a very enjoyable season was experienced by Second Graders, and, as a general rule, the most cordial relations existed with other teams.

To Hurlstone, the winners, we offer our congratulations, for their fine quality as footballers was only excelled by a gentlemanly bearing which made every game

most enjoyable, if not as successful as we should have desired.

Captain Bill Densley did excellent work in his position as five-eights, and maintained the harmony and good feeling that are so essential. In the back division, Marlin and Hood stood out prominently; Arnold (full-back), played very soundly.

The forwards were second to none in the competition, and from a fine lot one selects Perkins, Phelps, Debus, Frazer, Haynes and the genial Dio, who has coined the latest Greek idiom—"Zif."

Third Grade.

FORT STREET v. PARRAMATTA.

The 3rd Grade final, Forts v. Parramatta, was played on Petersham Oval. The game was fast, and evenly contested, both sides showing very good form. Parramatta had a slight advantage in weight, and their backs showed better combination, but Forts forwards excelled. The tackling of the home team was brilliant, in which Dickie was very able. The first score went to Parramatta, who scored a try, which was converted. Soon after S. Pearlman, following a short kick, scored for Forts. Nicholson failed at goal. Forts were penalised in front of their goal, and Parramatta increased their lead—8-3. After half-time, Forts livened up, and from a fine forward rush, Polkinghorne secured and crossed, running round and placing in front of the goal. Armstrong converted. Scores, 8 all. Parramatta being penalised, Polkinghorne potted a fine goal, which made Forts leader—11-8. These were the final scores.

Prominent players were:—

Backs: Lane, Dickie.

Forwards: Pearlman Bros., Polkinghorne and Graham.

Mr. N. James has taken a keen interest in the team and to him much of their success is due.

Fourth Grade.

Fort Street was well represented in the 4th Grade competition this year. Of the 15 matches played, 12 were won and 3 lost. North Sydney, Cleveland Street and Parramatta were the only teams that lowered our colours, but we had the satisfaction of retrieving two of those defeats in our last match and lost but one. If the gods had been kind and given us a second contest with Norths we feel sure that victory would have been ours. We are out of the competition now, but our consolation lies in the fact that we played good, clean matches against allcomers and upheld the honour of "Street." Next year we will be in the field early with a determination to carry everything before us and to report at the close a successful season.

We thank the very few barrackers who followed us through our matches, and

would like to see more next year. Support from the grand stand carries a lot of weight, but, alas! "Go on, Street!" rarely fell on our ears, and we almost starved for barrackers. However, we are not down-hearted, but intend to wait patiently till 1919, when the "red" will be donned once more.

Class Rugby.

The number of Class Rugby teams has been reduced to three, but matches have been interfered with by the weather.

Waddington's team is still the best organized.

Various players have been picked out for the grade teams, where they have done well—notably Whiffin (3rd) and Graham (3rd).

Much interest has been shown in the grade matches, and a lot has been learned by watching them.

The redoubtable 3rds ran all over a combined class team, who lacked combination and skill in handling the ball.

SOCCER.

First Grade.

The season has been the most successful in the history of the school. The competition has been keenly contested, and we have brought glory to Fort Street.

On two occasions we defeated the premiers, on the latter occasion by two goals to nil, Fuzz Porter and Alan Smith (kindly lent by the Ruggerites) scoring.

We regret to report, however, that we were subsequently defeated by S.H.S. in the final.

Our match against the Old Boys resulted in a win for the school by 2 to 1. We also defeated the Education Department team by 2-0, and still have a prospect of showing well in the results of the High School competition. We have to play High School, the present leaders, again, and if we win, a final will be necessary.

In the Combined High School games against University we were represented by Court, McLeod and Dudley in first game, and Court, Dudley and Porter in two others. Porter scored a brilliant goal in his first game, and Court was recognized as a very able defender, while Dudley kept the net clear very well.

FORT STREET v. S.H.S.

AT THE S.C. GROUND.

(By our Special Correspondent.)

Our First Grade Soccer met S.H.S. at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 31st July, and the game resulted in a win for the school by 1 to nil.

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Some credit must attach itself to the performance, as it is S.H.S.'s first reverse for three seasons.

"Fuzz" Porter set the ball rolling, and Fort Street attacked and a corner resulted. Corner kicks were numerous, and before the game had progressed very far Fort Street had scored, the result of a clever movement by Porter, who netted the ball.

Shanahan and H. Jennings on the wings were playing well, and good support was coming from Storey and McLeod.

Our attack was being maintained mainly by the good work of our halves, Owen, Crakanthorp and Pickering, Crakanthorp being perhaps the best half on the field. Our backs, Court and K. Jennings were at their top, and worked well together.

At half-time we were still in front, but before the second session had been in progress long we were being pressed, but Dudley, who was playing well, was equal to the occasion.

Our lack of weight in the forwards was telling now, and we had our work cut out to make any headway at all, but nevertheless, we ran out the winners by 1-0.

Second Grade.

This team, captained by King (M.), has just concluded the 1918 competition. Their career has been a successful one taking everything into consideration, as they failed in but three games out of twelve, two of which went to S.H.S.

During the season we scored 29 goals, while only twelve were registered against us. The latter goal average speaks volumes for the defence. Had the forwards equalled the defence in point of play, there is not a doubt as to where we would have finished in the competition.

During the season an enjoyable visit was made to the Hawkesbury College, where we won—2-1—Towle and Crosier being the scorers.

In a team of general excellence it would be invidious to single out any particular player. They all played well. No objection, however, can be taken to the honourable mention of two "freshers," Cook and Phillips, in the last game. They played like veterans.

Third Grade.

During the season eleven matches were played, of which Fort Street won four, lost two, while five were drawn. The team was good in every department except the "scoring" department. Frequently excellent rushes were spoiled by a lack of finish in attack. In spite of this the margin of points scored was in our favour—16 goals against 8.

All the members of the team played well, and a very pleasing spirit of comradeship and good sportsmanship prevailed throughout the season.

When standing well for the "comp.," we were unfortunate in losing the services of several of our best players, some of whom were lured by "sky-aspiring and ambitious thoughts" into the dizzy eminences of second grade, while one left the school, or in some other way severed their connection with us.

The scorers for season were: Cook 8, Bentevoglio 4, Matheson 2, Davison 1.

Class Soccer Competitions.

These competitions are under the supervision of Messrs. Mote, Grant and Bauer. Fourteen teams from the First, Second and Remove classes are competing. The Leichhardt Flats present quite a lively appearance when the seven matches are in full swing. Much enthusiasm is shown, many players giving promise of getting a position in the next year's grade teams.

R.B.'s First team is leading in the competition with three points from R.A.

A combined team consisting of Watson, Gartner, Lançon, Muir, Jenkyn, Sharp, Wilson, Martin, Phillips, McVea and Fenn has been picked to play the 3rd Grade team as soon as a convenient date is found.

BASEBALL.

FORT STREET v. TECH.

In our match against Tech, we simply had a run over—7-1. Alexander's pitching was of a high standard. Wilcock at right field pulled down a neat fly, which saved a certain score. Holt and Byrne were the most successful hitters.

FORT STREET v. HIGH SCHOOL.

We were "Chicagoed" by High School, who also helped themselves to nine tallies at the expense of our battery. Our display was most disappointing, Wilcock's fielding being the only redeeming feature of our work. A little more judgment when men were on the bases would have prevented a whitewash for us.

FORT STREET v. PETERSHAM.

Our defeat in this game by 8 to 5 was due to some extent to the absence of some of our regulars. Alexander was in good form in the pitcher's box, having nine strike-outs to his credit. Shaw at first base acquitted himself creditably.

FORT STREET v. TECH.

Our losing jinx still remained with us, and after a well contested game we had to be satisfied with the short end of a 5-4

score. The winning run was scored in the ninth on a wild throw by Holt in attempting to trap Mould between third and home. Both pitchers had the batters considerably at their mercy, Alexander being particularly difficult to hit, fanning 14 strikers.

FORT STREET v. HIGH SCHOOL.

Despite an early lead of 4 to 1, we were unable to keep in front, and were beaten 6 to 4. Hyde was practically unhittable in the last 5 innings, whilst Alexander fell down badly in the pinches. Holt donned the catcher's mask and filled the position capably.

FORT STREET v. PETERSHAM.

Although our display of batting was exceedingly improved by Alexander, Byrne and Anderson, fortune refused to allow us to turn the table on Petes, and again we suffered defeat by 13 to 9. "Dug" Taylor at right field played some game.

FORT STREET v. TECH.

Our failure to keep Tech. down in the earlier innings seemed to be the main cause of our reverse (9 to 5). Alexander obtained 16 more take outs.

FORT STREET v. HIGH SCHOOL.

After a most exciting and even game, we at last succumbed to High School in the eleventh "dig" by 10 to 7. Our batting surpassed any of our previous exhibitions, our fielding was all that was to be desired, and by a big "swot" we were alone defeated. Alexander, Byrne and Coulter were our best "swotters."

FORT STREET v. PETERSHAM.

Won, 7-5.

ROWING.

The Fort Street boys who have taken on rowing under the auspices of the Leichhardt Rowing Club have stuck to their work with great persistency, and have learnt to make the best use of their weight, reach and slides, three most important factors in making a fast boat.

It may be of interest to those who are interested in the sport to know that Tech. and Hurlstone College have taken up rowing, and also that the New South Wales Rowing Association have warmly taken up the promotion of rowing in the schools.

Christie, of 4R, who joined up with the L.R.C. in July, has already gained prominence in that club, stroking a "pair"

into first place in two heats, and gaining second place in the final of the club "pair" for the Wheeler Trophy. He already holds four points towards the club trophy.

A Fort Street "pair" will, it is expected, take part in the Balmain "Christening Regatta. The crew suggested is: Sullivan (stroke), Walters (bow), Fingleton (cox). The entrance of Nicholl and Parks in this event would also be appreciated.

Having attained proficiency in the "fours," a "try-out" for an "eight" will soon take place.

The L.R.C. has given permission for an additional ten boys to be enrolled in the school branch of the club. Applicants should ask A. Christie for information they may need with regards to conditions of entrance and fees.

Mr, Renouf, of Petersham, is still coaching the boys, Mr. Eastmuir being prevented by pressure of business.

The advent of fine weather will be the beginning of a most interesting series of regattas, and we hope to do well in the maiden and "under 20" events.

TENNIS.

First Grade.

The season just about to close has been highly successful for the First Tennis. The final position in the competition has not yet been decided, two deferred matches remaining to be played, but the honour of the position of runners-up is well within reach. The team has suffered defeat on two occasions, to N.S. and S.H.S., the latter match being very close, a bare five games separating the final results. Play has been of a high standard throughout the season, yet practice together other than in competition matches would have brought about decided improvement. The following are the results of the matches:—

F.S. v. T.H.S.	5-3
	7-1
	—
v. N.S.	2-6
	—
v. Par.	5-3
	8-0
	—
v. S.H.S.	2-6
	—
v. Pet.	5-3
	7-1

The solid play of the team is well illustrated by the fact that during the season 41 sets were won, whereas only 23 were scored against them.

The members of the team are Biggs, Brown, Fitzhardinge and Morgan.

BIGGS: The most consistent player in the team; good on the drive and over-head smash, and at his best when hard pressed.

BROWN: Three years with the Firsts speaks volumes. A good, steady player, always at his ease. A word of advice: A little more "go" and fewer screws and you will startle yourself.

FITZHARDINGE: Above all, noted for his reliability; a solid drive and service and a wondrous reach put to good advantage.

MORGAN: Captain of the team, now in his third season with the First. Always performs creditably, back-line play being excellent, although service is rather weak.

At the recent High Schools Tournament, Morgan and Biggs highly distinguished themselves, and as a consequence, have been selected amongst the six best first graders to be coached at Double Bay by leading State players.

In the doubles they were only beaten 8-6 by Watt and Williams, the winners of the tournament, whilst in the singles Biggs ran into the semi-finals, where he suffered defeat to Genge after an exciting and close match. Morgan lost by 8-7 in the preceding round in a closely contested game with Kirkland.

Second Grade.

Our second grade team was very successful this season, coming second in the comp.

About the best game we played was against Hurlstone A. Although the final score was 7-1, the games were very close.

JACKSON, our captain, is the best in the team. He has a fine drive, but could improve his serving with practice.

SMITH has a rather good serve, and makes a good partner with Jackson.

DAVIES plays a good game on "net," and on several occasions frightened his opponents with his "bashing."

CUNNINGHAM plays a slow but sure game on the back line, and goes well with Davies.

sented, though it must be admitted that other bouts illustrated more brawn than brain. The first day's exhibition resulted in the following heat winners:—

FEATHER WEIGHT.—Lane, Potter, Robertson, Spencer.

LIGHT WEIGHT.—Martin, Dickie, Marlin, Porter.

WELTER WEIGHT.—Tabrett, Jackson, Shorroek, Byrne, Dwyer.

MIDDLE WEIGHT.—Grainger, Hawker, Arnold.

HEAVY WEIGHT.—Hawker, Sullivan, Judd.

The second day was devoted to semi-finals and finals, and caused great excitement. The following are the winners of the finals, and are the champions in their respective weights:—

BANTAM WEIGHT.—W. Watson.

FEATHER WEIGHT.—E. Lane.

LIGHT WEIGHT.—E. Martin.

WELTER WEIGHT.—R. Shorroek.

MIDDLE WEIGHT.—E. Arnold.

HEAVY WEIGHT.—J. Sullivan.

By far the most interesting bout was that between Jackson and Hunter (Welter Weight). Both lads showed knowledge of the art, and gave a most scientific exposition. In the final, Jackson was defeated by the superior strength of Shorroek. Some of the lads were caught in the toils of the prevailing "influenza," and were not present at the finals. This was unfortunate in more than one instance. The interest shown by the boys was keen, and may lead to a greater number acquiring the "noble art of self-defence" next season. We are indebted to Mr. Dave Smith for constructing a temporary "ring" and making the necessary arrangements for the conduct of the tournament under proper sporting lines. Mr. Harding made a most satisfactory referee.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING.

The Eighth Annual Sports Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 28, at Peter-sham Oval. Weather conditions were excellent, and a most enjoyable day was the result. The interest in athletics has considerably increased during the present year, consequently, the number of entries for the different events was greater than any previous year. The attendance of friends and relatives was fair. Much more

BOXING.

First Annual Tournament.

The first annual boxing tournament was held at Fort Street High School in the School grounds on Wednesdays, September 11 and September 18. Entries were plentiful, and many interesting bouts were pre-

enthusiasm by our boys themselves would lead to greater interest on the part of their friends. The day on which any Fort Street carnival, sports meeting or gathering of boys and their friends is to be held should be heavily underlined in father's diary, and constant reminders given him re the importance of such a day.

The results of the races were highly satisfactory. No absolute records were put up, but generally speaking, the times were very creditable. Frank Munro won the 100 yards Championship of the School in 11 2-5 secs.; C. Morgan put up 18ft. 2in. for the Broad Jump, and also won the 880 yards Championship in 2 mins. 18 secs. The jumping was not satisfactory, and more attention must be given to this branch of sport. C. Morgan proved the best all-round athlete (Senior) by a very comfortable margin of points. R. Dudley gained the same position among the juniors.

The latter is an extremely promising runner, and should carry the school colours to victory next year.

The programme of 30 events was carried out practically without a hitch, thanks to the assistance of the staff and a few energetic workers of Fourth Year.

The following are the results:—

12 Years Championship.—1, Waddington; 2, Jenkyn; 3, Lumley.

13 Years Championship.—1, Black; 2, Wade; 3, Jackson.

14 Years Championship.—1, Byrne; 2, Erwin; 3, Davies.

15 Years Championship.—1, Dudley; 2, Fountain; 3, Marlin.

16 Years Championship.—1, Davies; 2, Campbell; 3, De Ville.

17 Years and over Championship.—1, Munro; 2, Christie; 3, Judd.

100 Yards Junior Championship.—1, Dudley; 2, Byrne; 3, Fountain.

100 Yards Championship of School.—1, Munro; 2, Davis; 3, Christie.

First Year Handicap.—1, Black; 2, Foy; 3, Somerville.

Remove Handicap.—1, Dudley; 2, Fountain; 3, Davison.

Second Year Handicap.—1, Kirkpatrick; 2, Grayhurst; 3, McDougall.

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Fourth Year Handicap.—1, Davis; 2, Christie; 3, Jackson.

220 Yards Championship (Senior).—1, Campbell; 2, De Ville; 3, Christie.

220 Yards Championship (Junior).—1, Dudley; 2, Byrne; 3, Langsworth.

440 Yards Championship (Senior).—1, Morgan; 2, Christie; 3, Campbell.

440 Yards Championship (Junior).—1, Polkinghorne; 2, Binnacombe; 3, Jennings.

880 Yards Championship (Senior).—1, Morgan; 2, Campbell; 3, McKay.

1 Mile Championship.—1, Morgan; 2, McKay; 3, Smith.

Senior Broad Jump.—1, Morgan; 2, McDonald; 3, Densley.

Senior High Jump.—1, Morgan; 2, McDonald; 3, Welch.

Senior Hurdles.—1, Shead; 2, Morgan; 3, Davis.

Junior Hurdles.—1, Hawthorn; 2, Pearlman; 3, Matthews.

Senior Flag Relay.—1, 4A; 2, 4B; 3, 4R.

Junior Flag Relay.—1, DR; 2, 1C; 3, BR.

Sack Race.—1, Pilling; 2, Davis; 3, Palmer.

Three-legged Race.—1, Amadia and Grainger; 2, Jackson and Scotter; 3, Pilling and Cooper.

Obstacle Race.—1, Pilling; 2, Poole; 3, Shanahan.

Tug of War.—1, 3B; 2, 1C; 3, 3A.

PREMONITION.

—◆—

If I should fall, do not grieve for me.
I shall be one with the sun and the wind
and the flowers.

—Leslie Coulson.

If I should fall, my presence may be sought

In all the teeming beauty of the earth.

With every lovely thing that God has wrought

I shall be one, and find in it new birth.

Therefore, within the shadow of the wind

Upon green meadows, or in April grass

And flowers, who wills my presence still might find

Which shall inhabit these until Time pass.

Seek in the gold and purple of the west,

Seek in the sunshine of a summer's day,

Seek in the ocean's silence and unrest

If you would find me; and, while seeking, say:

"He loved all these—he loved all lovely things;

And from them now his living spirit sings."

2nd-Lieut. ROBERT S. LASKER,
Royal Air Force.

(From "Windsor Magazine," July, 1918.)

[Lieutenant Lasker was reported missing on May 20, but is now officially noted as "killed on or about that date." His father is Mr. J. Lasker, of this city, whose comment upon the above poem is: "It shows the class of boys some of us are losing—and he was our only one." While his uncle is Mr. S. Lasker, M.A., well known to Fortians.]

EX UMBRIS ET IMAGINIBUS.

I.

"Great Cæsar," said Harrison to himself, as, to employ his own words, he "swotted" away at his Latin prose, "if this miserable sentence had only been 'We hoped that the city would be taken,' then, 'captum iri' would have been just 'it' as a translation. But that unspeakably contemptible 'would have been' almost spoils the thought of the holiday on Friday. 'Capturum iri'—no, I don't see why it shouldn't do very well, but I recollect the sub-deputy-licitor saying on last prose day that the next time I employ this phrase the 'fascēs' will be laid aside and the 'securis' used on me instead! Oh, that the ink of my pen would only write what the sweat of my brow will not produce!" And he gazed in painful thought out upon the inviting fields. "But what are these figures I see yonder, creeping so stealthily forward? Good heavens! it is the enemy making for the city. Are the sentinels of Rome asleep? Up, Guards, and at 'em! Where's my telescope, that, like Horatius Cocles, or was it Horatio Nelson? I might at least see the laggards skulking behind yon battlements! It will never do for Rome to perish all unknowingly; I must give warning."

II.

Thus it came about that Harrison silently made his way to the city walls, circumvented the foe, and became the saviour and eternal benefactor of the Roman people. For it is unrecorded history that proves how at risk of life and limb he managed to reach the Senate, how he found Cæsar and Pompey both at home (playing draughts to decide who should have the dictatorship), how they secretly gathered their armies together, and, sallying forth from the city back and front, routed the enemy with terrible slaughter.

By and by, when the Roman legions had returned and the populace was quieted, Julius Cæsar insisted that Harrison should accompany him to dinner. "Harrisonius," he said, as familiarly as if he had known him for a lifetime, "ad tabernam (a 'tuckshop' I think thou would'st say) exeedamus, ut crustula emamus. But of course thou wilt more easily comprehend my meaning if I employ thy mother-tongue, which I learned when I took my famous tenth to Britain; well, Harrisonius, an thou desirest any high position in the State, thou hast but to say the word, and Cæsar submits his neck to the heel of thy sandal." "Oh, I say, old son," replied Harrison, "this is too sweet; I should like to be dictator for a while;

there are two or three fellows in particular to whom I owe a little for the insufferable toil they have placed on my innocent shoulders. Frankly, I forgive you for writing a lot of stuff about fighting and Gauls and ditches and ramparts and all that, but I want to be even with Pompey and Cicero and Livy and Virgil and all their outrageous tribe. I've lost more sleep over them and their putrid language than over all other things put together." "Ah," said Cæsar, "methinks I can be thy fidus Achates; I, too, bear countless grudges against Pompey aforesaid, whom the irresponsible rabble call Magnus. And though with all my heart I crave the dictatorship for myself, I will forego my claim, and thine shall it be who hast so nobly served the State in the hour of its peril."

III.

The day came when Cæsar had persuaded the Senate that there should be adequate recognition of the services of Harrison, and that henceforth he should be known as "Harrisonius, civis Romanus, optimus et maximus." Unkind people suggested that the reason why Cæsar stuck out for the title Maximus was that he might thereby have a sly dig at Pompeius Magnus. To placate the feelings of Harrison, Cicero was compelled to deliver a speech of three volumes, extolling Harrison's imaginary virtues, while a company of variety pirates, specially caught and trained by Pompey, led the musical rendition of a new work by Virgil entitled "Pius Harrisonius." Never was such a celebration held in Rome; never had any victorious worthy enjoyed such a triumph. The gods were propitiated; the omens were pronounced fortuitous or propitious (Harrison could never remember with certainty which it was); Cæsar and Pompey became fast friends, and embraced each other in tears, and Harrison started for home to write up the proceedings for the daily paper, the "Acta Diurna." His country villa was only a short distance beyond the city walls, and he was greatly enjoying the walk through the sylvan woods smoking a cigarette Cæsar had given him from a packet labelled "Capstani—decem sestertio," when suddenly "Whizz" went a javelin within an ace of his ear, and he found himself confronted with a whole battalion of savage Gauls. "So thou art the nursling that did'st inform the Romans of our coming," quoth the chief. "Thou art the son of a paltry Plebeian that did'st tell when we would have taken the city. Thou art as mad as sacred geese, and thou shalt die the death of a traitor and in-

former." Upon which the hefty chief, picking up his weapon, thrust Harrison through and through with such mighty thrusts that he did yell most lustily—and woke up to find that he was sitting at his desk in class, having fallen into a troubled dream only to be awakened by the ponderous basso profundo of the Classical master's voice and the sudden crashing of the same master's copy of Virgil upon his offending skull.

"Sic omnes pereunt qui in ludo dormiunt."

—THE PHILOSOPHER.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

We desire to congratulate a number of our Old Boys on having succeeded in passing various examinations in the Faculties of Medicine at the University, and particularly Fraser, for having succeeded in carrying off the Third Year Scholarship.

Faculty of Medicine.

In this connection we are pleased to say that all the scholarships in Medicine for the past 12 months have been carried off by our boys.

FINAL DEGREE EXAMINATION,
M.B., Ch.M.—H. C. Barry, H. H. Crowe,
A. R. Hunt, H. Hunter, A. J. Metcalfe, G. H. Pfeiffer.

THIRD DEGREE EXAMINATION.—
John Harris Scholarship for Anatomy and Physiology, and Distinction at Third Year Exam., M. B. Fraser; Credit: D. W. Little, J. R. Allison, and A. G. S. Gilchrist; Pass: W. S. Chapman, G. M. B. Hales, W. V. Jacobs, I. A. McLean, N. S. C. Mulhearn, A. B. S. Owen, W. J. Rundle, G. L. Saunders, and F. T. Willard.

SECOND DEGREE EXAMINATION.—
Pass: H. S. Harper, J. A. Parkes, W. B. Firth, C. A. Frew, T. Hanneton, H. Green, E. G. Schwartz, H. G. Armstrong, E. B. Buckland, H. J. West, and H. L. Asliby.

Department of Dentistry.

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION.—
High Distinction: E. W. Haggett.

RED CROSS RAZOR FUND.

In response to the Red Cross appeal for razors for our returned wounded in No. 4 General Hospital, Randwick, we have forwarded about sixty up to the present. These have been gratefully acknowledged by the Society. The appeal still goes on, and any lad who can bring one along is urgently asked to do so.

POETRY—OR WHAT?

SACRIFICE.

Sacrifice your football matches,
Sacrifice your picture shows,
Sacrifice your week-end leisure,
Sacrifice your night's repose,
Sacrifice your friends and beauties,
Never let your interest flag,
Sacrifice all other duties,
But don't neglect your FAG!

Class Chorus:

Fag! fag!! fag!!!
Nor stop to eat or drink;
Fag! fag!! fag!!!

Till to a shadow you shrink.

And when your old friend Satan comes
a-knocking at the door,
Say, "Hullo, kid, I'm sorry, but I wish I
could do more."

Sacrifice your recreation,
Though you think yourself a flat.
A good pass in the Leaving—
What is health compared with that?
Sacrifice your reputation—
Let the tongues of scandal wag,
Sacrifice the British nation,
But don't neglect your FAG.

(Curtain on tableau of the class. Angels
chant the chorus at a distance.)
"The Disinterested Spectator" (4B).

INSURANCE OF SOLDIERS.


Under the Soldiers' Insurance Scheme, the School has insured the following soldiers:—

PRIVATE W. G. G. GLACE.
PRIVATE KEITH MACFARLAND.
PRIVATE HOGGBIN.

Pte. Macfarland is one of our Old Boys, and Pte. Hogbin the father of another.

SOME HISTORICAL HOWLERS.

1. Queen Elizabeth was tall and thin, but she was a stout Protestant.
2. During the interdict in John's reign, births, deaths and marriages were not allowed to take place.
3. A conservative is a sort of greenhouse where you look at the moon.
4. The Habeas Corpus Act was that no one need stay in prison longer than he liked.
5. Wolfe gained fame by storming the heights of Abraham Lincoln.
6. Where was Magna Charta signed?—At the bottom.
7. Wellington threw up earthquakes behind him as he retreated.



FROM THE EDITOR'S FILE

Correspondence.

All contributions received during the quarter and not published for various reasons, are hereunder acknowledged.

R.B.—We rather like your “Arion and the Dolphin,” but isn't there a weak ending to the fifth line?

L.—The context is splendid—but the poem is not up to “Fortian” standard. Woo the Muse a little longer!

Anon.—The “War Cry” (not a religious paper) you sent in is meaningless to us. Will you construe for us, please? It is neither Hebrew nor Esperanto.

4B Class Poet.—Originality is essential.

P.T.O.—“Little Billee” with variations, was censored. Do not you yourself think it is just a trifle libellous?

Cricketer.—Yes; C. G. Macartney is an Old Boy of Fort Street.

Exchanges.

We have received the following school magazines during the quarter as exchanges:—

The Record, The Torchbearer, The Falcon, The Mirror, The Babler, The T.H.S. Journal, The Maitland H.S. Magazine, The Novocastrian, Hermes.

Vol. XX., No. 3.

We are publishing this number at a loss. Although we economised in the distribution of the last issue, nevertheless there was a deficiency of several pounds. The cost of printing has increased enormously. Hence it has been decided not to issue the “Fortian” again this year.

Doubtless many consider the writings of the brilliant Professor Naitrof to be the feature of our school magazine. Much of the Cyclopaedia was also written by him. This gentleman, we understand, is about to place his services at the disposal of the University. Who will be his successor?

Finally, Brethren—

“We have fought the good fight, we have finished our course,” hence we appeal to you to support our successors whoever they may be. May their path be strewn with literary contributions! Adieu!