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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.

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE:** Alan D. M. Mearns, Bruce R. Overend, George L. Saun-

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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, Cecelia 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.

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#### 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 Duraek, 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.

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#### 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 Birehgrove 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.

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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.

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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 Segart.

**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.
- Trixië Durie, the Grace Fraser Scholarship.
- Rosalie Collins, half the Yaralla Scholarship.
- Minnie Wade has also become a resident student for 1916.

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**FORT STREET OLD BOYS AT THE UNIVERSITY.**

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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.

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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 stumies 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 him 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 natorial 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.

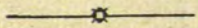
Walking the Greasy Pole.—S. Crakanthorp, 1; H. Myers, 2.

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.	
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## OUR CHAMPION SWIMMER.

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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.

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ROUND THE SCHOOL.

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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.

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Our congratulations to Crakanthorp, not only on winning the 100yds. Championship of

the School, but on winning all the other distance events also.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Another member of the Staff, Mr. G. Shaw, has enlisted for active service abroad. He goes into camp on the 1st of next month.

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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.

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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.

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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

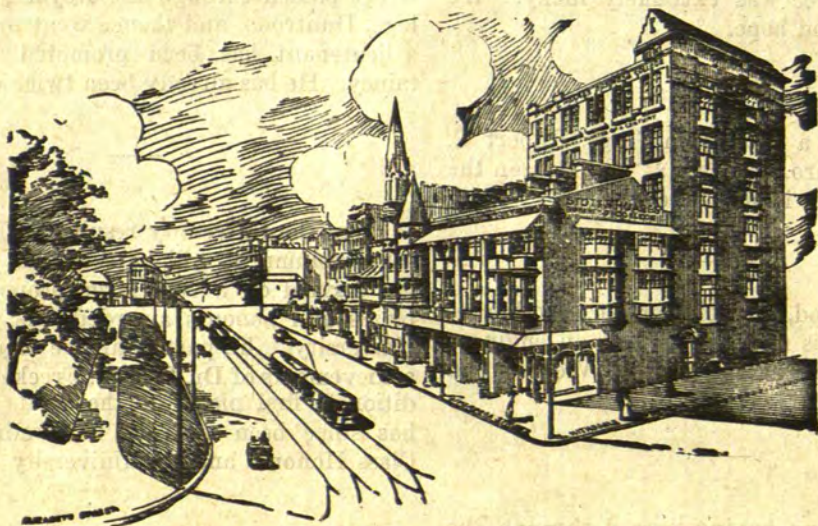
This, we are glad to say, will not affect his work in the school, as his lectures will be delivered to Evening Students only.

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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 Lenehan. 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 "Backsheesh," 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.

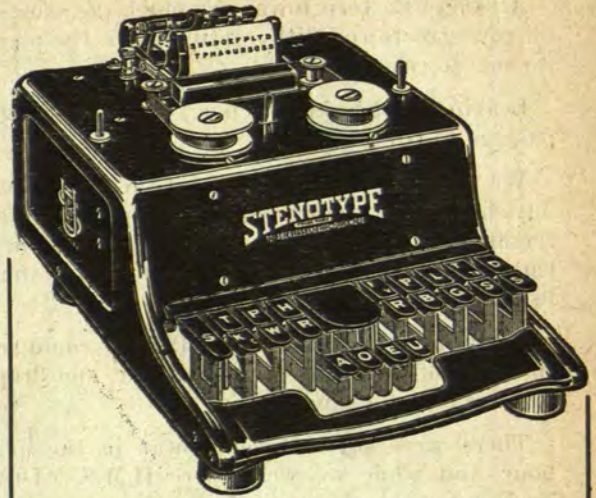
Each village is surrounded by deep trenches and barbed wire entanglements.

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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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.

J. LENEHAN.



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