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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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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.; Ozanne, 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 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

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.

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.L.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 (infamous 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 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 jubsunctive 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. Moors,

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 natatorial 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, Crakanthorp, 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 scrum. 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.

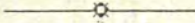
Our three-quarters are also a promising lot—Dickie, Langford, Houston, and Dickie, “the queen of the Thirds.” Arnold played full-back for the majority of our matches.

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.

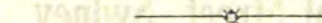
**Class Rugby.**

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.**

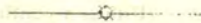
The standard of play in the First Grade was fairly good, but owing to the superior weight of the Sydney

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.**

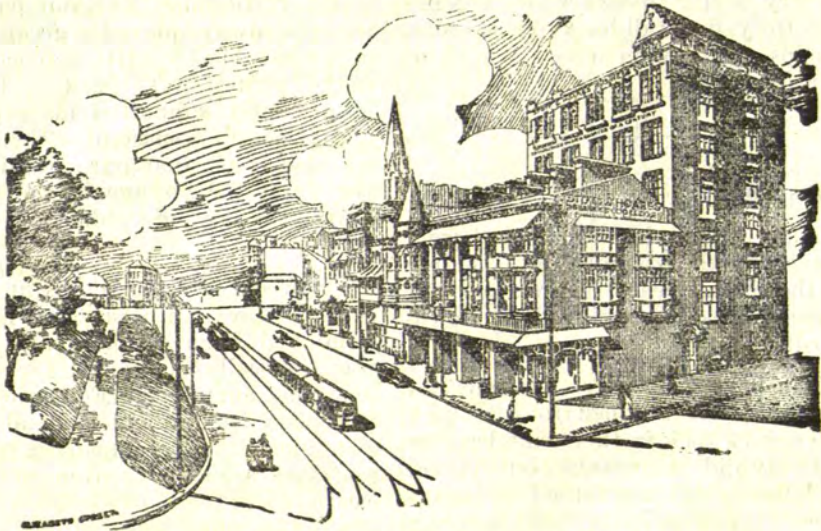
The concluding matches of the season have resulted fairly well, although we were unable to turn the tables on Parramatta High School, whose combination of size and science earned them first place.

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! commanded 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" Conly 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-

senting 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).

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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.

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

The Day's Timetable.

9 a.m., Entering the gates—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."

9.4½ 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!"

3.30½ 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.

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, Lieut. 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.

