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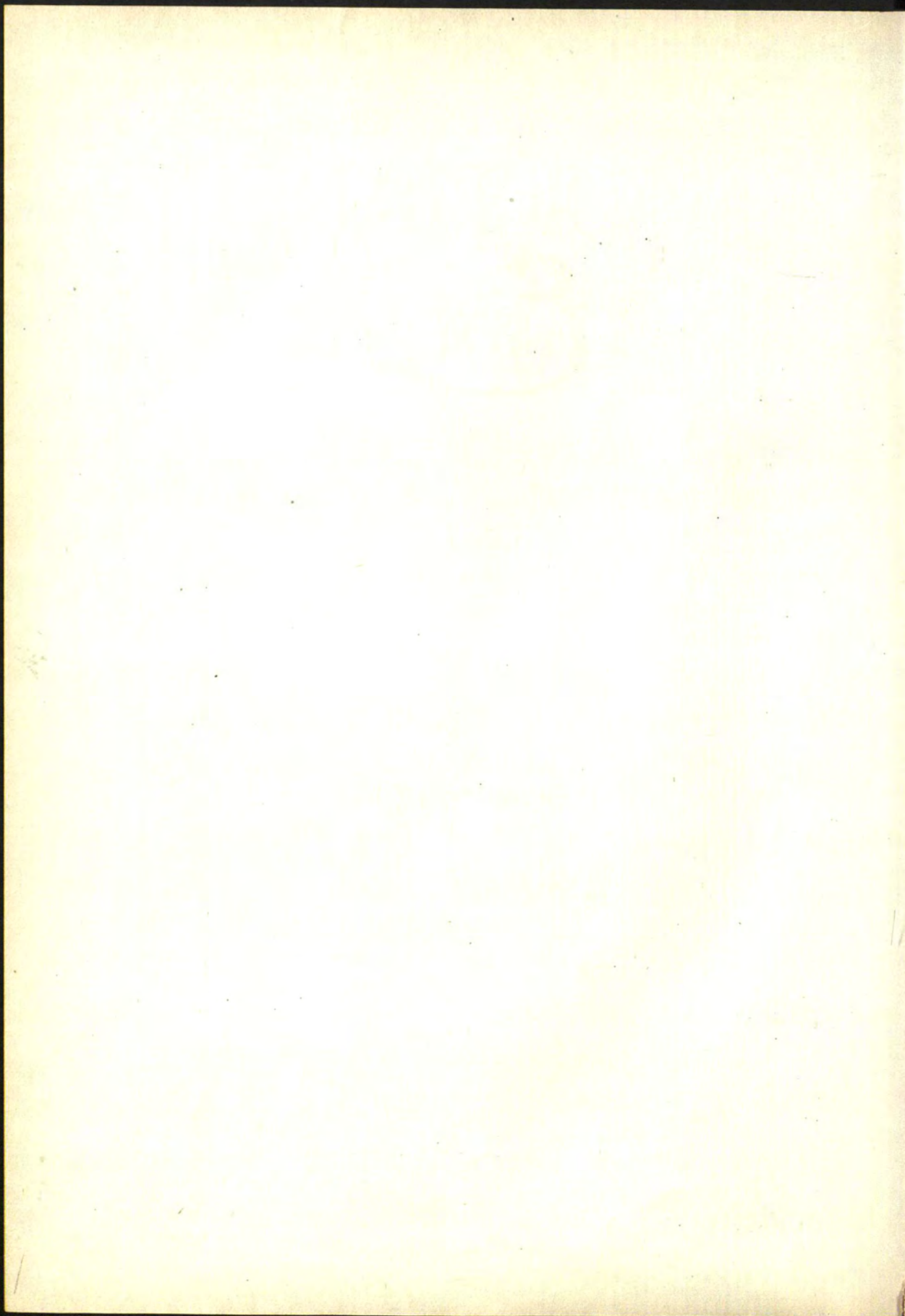
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Editorial

NOW that the time of annual examination comes round once more, the great problem above all others that vexes the fourth year mind is this, what vocation am I to follow as my life's calling?

The tendency of a High School training is to lead to the professions, while the professions are few in number, and in some measure overcrowded. There is, of course, always room at the top, and youth is cheered with the hope that its place will be there. But only a few will reach the utmost heights, and we are scarcely sorry for that. One Niagara is sufficient for a continent, and it has been said more than once that genius is extremely difficult to live with perpetually. There was one woman, indeed, who thanked God that her husband was a fool. Clever men, she said, were always worrying about their work, and had time and thought for nothing else; her husband, conscious of his own littleness, was on that very account ready to do anything she desired, and proved himself an exceedingly useful man around the house. And perhaps when all has been said, it is not what we do in life that counts for half so much as how we do it. Given the right spirit, it will make little difference whether we sweep a street or rule an empire.

Unhappily this is a Utilitarian age. The first question we ask about anything and everything is, What is the use of it? What will it bring to me? What is its cash value? However, if we desire no other knowledge or attainment than that which is likely to bring us money, we are well on the way already to making front-rank fools of ourselves. There is much we all have to learn at School that we cannot put to any immediate use, but life is gladdened and enriched thereby, and helped to find its way further from the brute, and that is something for which we may be eternally grateful. We are all somewhere between the ass and the angel, and our enemies see the ass in us, and our friends have glimpses of the angel, and the great object is to become the angel we can be, or in other words to realise ourselves. Plato dreamed of a world of philosophers—people who sit up all night and worry over things that common people never even heard of. But such a world will never be seen except in a dream. Yet a world of philosophers would be far preferable to a world of fanatical money-grubbers who will have nothing except the alchemy that can turn all they touch into gold.

If we must be Utilitarians, let our great question be, Of what use can I be in the highest way to poor, long-suffering humanity?

There are a few things that may perhaps serve to guide us in our perplexity. We live within four walls. First, the wall of circumstance. It is not only unprofitable but senseless to spend our time railing against the fate that ordained our birth in poverty and hardship, and that has compassed our way with sickness and other disadvantage. We can but accept, however reluctantly, the limitation that has been imposed. There is, again, the wall of opportunity. In spite of all we can do for ourselves, we sometimes find that the doors are slammed in our face. The door of failure closed in front of Goldsmith and thus turned him from Medicine to Literature; to Literature, also, Dickens was turned by the closing of the door of Misfortune; and other instances of the kind are only too numerous. Humanity in general has not regretted these changes. There is, too, the wall of taste. The thing we do must be congenial to us, or we shall walk the way of restless discontent that binds life in shallows and in miseries, and makes unhappy everybody whose life we influence. And the other limitation to our choice is the wall of capacity. If we undertake to fell trees we must know something about it; if we undertake to enter Parliament, we ought to know something about law-making, and about social and political life. Half the trouble of our time comes out of the fact that some will insist upon being statesmen who ought to be bricklayers, some will be preachers who ought to be cab drivers. We must do the task for which we are qualified.

If we could take these principles as some indication of guidance into life, we should be fairly sure to enter it with happiness and confidence, and to bring it to a successful issue, leaving the world better for our presence in it, and more capable of working out its own salvation and deliverance.

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CLASS NOTES.

4 C.

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,

The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea,"

whilst the day of judgment and retribution approaches fast, when we shall reap as we have sown. However, we are still the same happy-go-lucky group.

As our school life draws to its close and utter darkness hangs over our several heads, we congratulate ourselves on the magnificent manner in which we have come through, despite taunts and indignities flung at us by unthinking demagogues, and despite the various denunciations of the past year.

Nevertheless, our ranks are sadly depleted by the loss of our esteemed Senior Prefect and his more popular colleague, whom we leave reluctantly to revel in the various delights of mathematics for another year.

With his going, however, one of the landmarks of the School goes; a big thing in the life of the School, and his portly figure with his cricketing and football prowess will be sadly missed. The inevitable must happen, and so a few short weeks what comfort will be conveyed to us by the words of our bard:

"All is over and done."

4 B.

After four or five years of hard work, coupled with the happy experiences of a lifetime, the present members of 4B. regretfully leave their old School to enter a harder and sterner school—that of the world.

Although we do not wish to eulogise ourselves, still we feel it our duty to inform those who must now endeavour to uphold the honour of the School that 4B. has been one of the finest fourth year classes throughout

the life of Fort Street.

Placing aside scholastic attainments, for the coming L.C. will serve to show our superiority in all branches of learning, 4B. has excelled in all departments of sport.

It has been the proud possessor of no less than eight of the 1st XV., including the Captain and Vice-Captain, Shead and Welch, respectively, whilst in all other grades it has been similarly represented. In athletics, 4B. claims the champion athletes of the School in Spence, Shead, Campbell, De Ville and Welch. In swimming, Shead, Welch and Brewster are the School champions, whilst in boxing, Sullivan holds the championship of the School.

Thus, in the close of our school days, we, the members of 4B., can read with pride such a fine example of school patriotism. It is to be hoped that the future fourth year classes will endeavour to rival if not to eclipse the splendid example set by the existing 4B. Class.

4 A.

Already many of our comrades have gone out to face the great ordeal. They have taken, each, their leave of Phineus, and, with one accord, we wish them Godspeed through the Clashing Islands into the Euxine Sea, whence soon we shall see them carry off the Golden Fleece in triumph.

And now our own happy life, which no Clashing Islands will overshadow.

"Le petit ermite" now devotes his leisure hours to the writing of Baconian Latin, and his present reverence for the moralist has led him, he informs us, to contemplate in the near future a Baconian version of Seneca.

A well-known member from amongst us, and, in fact, a notorious teetotaler,

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advises "the practice of abstemiousness during the forthcoming repast; for," he urges, "those who eat not parsimoniously, yea, even penuriously, are doomed to the torture of perennity."

A Senior Debating Society is already undergoing the process of inauguration, and as it is to be a permanent institution, we predict it a successful career. Consequently, butter boxes are in great demand.

To wind up, let me speak the truth: 4A. is a class of genius, ingenuity and perseverance without exception, and its members are the most openhearted and generous fellows in the world. You ask them!

2 D.

2D., as our contemporaries are well aware, is the most perfect collection of geniuses that has ever had the pleasure of honouring Fort Street with its august presence; but for the benefit of the children who inhabit the far-off precincts of the top floor, let it be universally known that we are It (with a capital "I").

At our head stands the invincible Higgs, so far as learning goes, to whom the coming exam. is but a joke, a huge jest. Byrne and others uphold the family, or, rather, the class, name on the field of sport, to wit, the Petersham Oval; and we are packed full of military tacticians, having no less than six (6) non-coms. in our midst.

We are, in short, angels—of both varieties. We are also believers in "class" distinction, as one who mistakes us for 2C.-ites finds to his cost.

2 B.

We are still taking an active part in the sport of the School, hoping to become Prefects some day. We possess no great intellectual geniuses, but we are proud to say we hold a high place in sport. In Fountain we have the winner of the School Championship, while Harman and Polkinghorne also claim a place in the class. In grade sport we shine. We are represented by two in first grade cricket, and one in first rugby, first

tennis, second rugby, second soccer, first baseball and second cricket.

In the coming swimming carnival we hope to hold a respectable position, having several good junior swimmers.

2B. can well blow its trumpet, for we manage the Bugle Band, being represented by four budding balloon blowers.

For some days past our captain has been missing. The general idea is that the aeroplane from Coogee has overcome gravity and gone on for ever. We hope he will be back in time for his funeral!

2 A.

The dread disease of "Fagitis" is settling down on some of us with drastic results. However, in spite of the pessimistic prophecies, 2A. is expected to do well in the future exam.

Professor Warrenski still gives Euclid some hard thinking.

Our honoured captain has placed 2A.'s standard a "few pegs higher"—History—first place in the year.

E. R.

Class notes must be written, so here goes.

In football we have one rugby and five soccer captains, beside third and fourth grade representatives.

Class and grade cricket are well represented, but swimming is our forte.

Several pieces from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" have been successfully acted by some of our fellows.

Mr. Grant has dropped his well-known saying anent "Juveniles et imbecilles" since some enterprising youth added, "Gentiles, crocodiles and turnstiles."

C. R.

We did quite well at the recent sports, gaining about a dozen points. But that is not all. We gained quite a number of passes in the last exam., and we expect to gain as good a percentage of passes as any class in the Remove.

Our class started the Shakespearian plays which are now being enacted in the other classes. We have a number

of representatives in grade cricket, and at the end of the season we expect to be able to produce quite a strong team of class cricketers.

B. R.

B.R. is this year the sporting class of the Remove. During the year 1919 we were well represented in grade sport, having 1 first and 1 second grade tennis players, 1 third grade Rugby, 2 fourth Rugby, and 6 third grade Soccer.

In the Annual Sports Meeting B.R. secured first place in the Remove Handicap, and 14 Years Championship.

Lane, the runner of the class, secured 6 of the 10 points obtained in the Junior Division at the Combined High Schools Sports Meeting, and is worthy of the utmost praise. At Rugby we lowered the colours of E.R. by 8 points to 3; and we hope to show our strength at cricket in the coming season.

We are strong, not only at sport, but in our class work also. We have, among us, many lads far better than boys of higher Remove classes, but

the yearly examination will give these boys their chance.

1 D.

The class of good sports and great scholars.

At our sports we secured 15 points, viz.: Tug-of-War, 2; Jacobs, 5; Prior, 3; Mackay, 2; Newnham, 1; Lumly, 1; and Oliver, 1.

We were also very well represented at the Combined High School Sports, as we had 3 competitors, viz., Jacobs, Lumly, and Bragg.

Jacobs, our most promising athlete, secured third place in the High Jump under 14 years.

1 A.

In 1A. the results of the examination were very good, our best boys being Salkeld, Ramage, Bowen, Gardiner, Sykes, Darling, Muelman, Murdoch, Palmer, and Taylor.

"The Fortian" is surely going to have a rival in the "1A Chronicle," which will be published shortly.

Our Rugby Football Team defeated 1B. and 1C.; 1D. refused to play us.

PERSONAL

Mr. H. H. Thorne, B.Sc., has been appointed Lecturer in Mathematics at the Sydney University. He was an old Fort Street boy, a P. N. Russell scholar, took his B.Sc. at Sydney University, won a travelling scholarship which took him to Cambridge, and took a B.A. there, but was unable to complete his Honour course because of the war. He therefore went in for aeroplane design and aeronautical research at Farnborough.

Mr. G. J. Burrows, B.Sc., has been appointed Lecturer and Demonstrator

in Chemistry at the Sydney University. He graduated in 1910 with first-class honours and a medal for Chemistry, and was then appointed demonstrator, acting as such ever since, except for three years, during which he was Lecturer in Chemistry at the Royal Military College, Duntroon. He has published a number of papers dealing with scientific investigations. Mr. Burrows is an old Fort Street boy.

Dr. Charles W. Bray, late of the A.A.M.C., Rabaul, another Old Boy

of Fort Street, died at the Moore Park Emergency Hospital on August 3. A few years ago he was captain of the School.

W. Ford, who played baseball for the School in 1914-1915, and since then played for the Waverley District Club, this season pitched for the New South Wales State Team which defeated Victoria.

It may be of interest to Fortians to know that in the last list of honours an Old Fortian in Lieut. Theo. Grace was awarded the M.B.E. He went to Gallipoli with the 4th Battalion, and was transferred to the 56th Battalion in Egypt on the formation of the 5th Division. Wounded severely at Fromelles on 19th July, 1916, he was unconscious for eight days, lost his eye, and was promoted to Lieutenant. He returned to Sydney in May last.

Philip Harris, one of the founders of "The Fortian," was Editor of the "Aussie," the official paper of the A.I.F., for about three years.

Congratulations to H. W. McLelland, Old Boy, on his fine performance as runner-up for the Amateur Golf Championship of the State. "H. W. McLelland in pre-war days was a regular competitor in big events, but since going about three years ago to reside in Wollongong he practically ceased to play. He is a natural golfer, to whom practice seems to make little or no difference. On the whole he is a better match player than a medal scorer, but sheer will power makes him a redoubtable opponent under either condition. I have seen him play his mashie better than he did in the recent tournament, but he has lost none of his skill on the greens where his putting is as deadly as it is unorthodox."—"Daily Telegraph."

Dr. Fred W. Liggins, an Old Boy of Fort Street, who graduated M.B. in 1917, and then went to the front as a medical officer, has returned to Sydney and been accepted as a medical missionary for service in India Dur-

ing his career at Fort Street and at Sydney University, he was a strong supporter of the Christian Union Movement. We wish him success in his new sphere.

It will interest Fortians to know that H. L. Collins, captain of the A.I.F. Cricket Eleven, which recently toured England and Africa, is an old Fort Street boy.

We desire to congratulate heartily Dr. Archie J. Collins, M.B. Ch.M., M.C., D.S.O., who has been appointed to succeed Dr. Clayton as Superintendent of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Dr. Collins, who is a very distinguished Old Boy of Fort Street, gained a brilliant pass at the Senior Examination in 1907, winning the medal in English. He then entered the Medical School at the University, graduating as M.B. et Ch.M. in 1913, gaining first-class honours at Graduation, and winning the Parkinson Memorial Prize for Pathology. At the outbreak of the war he was Assistant Superintendent of Prince Alfred Hospital, and was just about to proceed to England to take up the Walter and Eliza Hall Travelling Medical Fellowship, to which he had been elected, when the call to arms came, and he enlisted as a captain in the A.M.C. After nearly four years' active service, during which he rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and was awarded the Military Cross and D.S.O., he was appointed Assistant Director of Medical Services, which position he held till the conclusion of the war, when he returned to Sydney.

Lieut. James E. Murray, B.A., who has been appointed Master of Modern Languages at Fort Street, has had the honour of M.B.E. bestowed on him by the King.

Lieut. Murray, who was previously on the Modern Language Staff of Fort Street in 1913, was awarded a travelling scholarship to enable him to study modern languages abroad. He returned to Sydney in 1916, and enlisted in February of the same year.

He gained a position on the Intelligence Staff, and since the Armistice has been Senior A.D.C. to General Hobbs, C.O. of the Australian Corps. At present he is attending a three-months' special course at Paris Uni-

versity. We hope to have him at work with us immediately we resume next year.

Since writing the foregoing Lieut. Murray has resumed his duties at Fort Street.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

"Our sport shall be to take what they mistake:
And what poor duty cannot do, noble respect
Takes it in might, not merit."

—(M.N.D. V.I.)

Within recent months there has been a gratifying revival of interest in dramatic work amongst the non-examination classes, studying our immortal bard.

While there is little doubt that such activity is another manifestation of that reaction which all are experiencing after the weary years of suspense and anxiety, still interest in the work seems to have been chiefly responsible for the successful efforts in this matter.

Not the least interesting discussion at present engaging our attention, is the question as to whether Shakespeare should be read or acted. For us, this is certainly more than an academic matter. We are convinced that even a tolerable representation in order to supplement the study of the play, not only adds interest and pleasure to the work, but distinctly heightens the interpretation of character and the understanding of the plot. For the individual it provides an opportunity to express his personality in the interpretation of some part—a fact which must have been strikingly apparent to those students who witnessed the successful efforts made recently by the Remove Classes and Third Year.

The scenes chosen for representation were the "actor scenes" from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The first—Quince's house—was presented by C Remove, the part being taken

by Black (Bottom), Burgess (Quince), Higgins, Spence, Scotter, and Newman. To this class credit must be given for initiating the whole movement, under the direction of Black and Burgess.

The second scene—in the wood—was presented by D Remove, and intelligent work was displayed by Shaw (Bottom), Bowring (Quince), and Gillard (Starveling). Coberoft, Fitzroy, Lincoln, Brigden, Griffiths (Puck), with Smith, English, Shaw and Jenkyn (fairies), took the remaining parts satisfactorily.

The "Play within the play" was splendidly presented by a caste from E.R., led by Gunther, as Quince; Hogbin (Pyramus), Pfeiffer (Thisbe), McLelland (Wall), Sheldon (Moonshine), Lynch (Lion), Child, Sender, Laphorne, and Jackson did very pleasing work. The honours of the morning were accredited to Hogbin, as Pyramus.

Third Year followed, with a representation of the "Trial Scene" from "The Merchant of Venice." The team which had read the play for its private study, provided the company, and made a very successful showing. Davis, as Shylock, set a standard well worth emulating, and displayed a finish hardly expected of him. The remaining parts were well performed by Elliot, Howe, Hopman, McPhail, King and Lawson. The company was highly complimented

by Mr. Kilgour. A short scene from "The Merry Wives" has since been acted by Mathews—captain elect—as Falstaff, Taylor (Mr. Ford), Murphy (Mistress Ford), McCulloch, Nicholson, Hopman, Lawson and Hanaford. The costumes for this scene were excellent, and we have all received a very practical lesson on the remarkable possibilities offered by the proper use of rouge and toilet powder.

One of the most pleasing features of all the performances was the costume display. The enthusiasm and industry of the people at home were exploited, and the resultant costumes were both suitable and economical.

Our productions were purely for class presentation, and as elaborate or expensive settings were tabooed, we have every reason to be pleased with the results.

During the remaining weeks of the

year an effort will be made by other groups in Third Year to produce a scene from, perhaps, each of the following plays:—"The Taming of the Shrew," "All's Well," and "Julius Caesar." Some ambitious spirits would even attempt the fascinating scene where Macbeth meets the witches for the first time. Although such a development must, perhaps, be regarded as a pious aspiration, we are convinced, nevertheless, that the formation of a strong dramatic society, as suggested by Mr. Kilgour, will be quite practicable, with such promising material in the Remove Classes to support the lead given by the Fourth Year boys of 1920. Third Year has apparently matured in the twilight of its day, and redeemed itself by the degree of public spirit lately displayed. Such an awakening augurs well for the next year's outlook.

L.F.K.



Since last publication, the following are to be added to our Roll of Honour:—

Military Cross:

Capt. S. H. Carroll.
Lieut. R. G. Atkins.
Lieut. S. Tindall.
Lieut. A. W. Cooper.

Military Medal:

Corpl. S. J. Nimmo.

D.S.O.:

Major H. Glover.

M.B.E.:

Lieut. J. E. Murray.
Lieut. Theo. Grace.

To all the above we offer our heartiest congratulations, on their well-merited decorations.

Casualties since our last issue:—

Killed:

J. V. L. Moore (Gunner).
D. A. Magee.

Additional names of Old Boys who served abroad:—

Lieut. R. G. Atkins.
Sergt. B. R. Arnold.
Lieut. C. R. Browne.
Chief Production Officer Robt. Burn.
Capt. S. H. Carroll, M.C.
Pte. Cyril Caldwell.
Pte. Bert. Caldwell.
Lieut. A. W. Cooper, M.C.
Gunner S. Ellitt.
Driver F. Garnsey.
Major H. Glover, D.S.O.
Lieut. P. Harris.

Major R. D. Holman.
 Capt. H. G. Humphries, A.M.C.
 Pte. P. A. Johnson.
 Sergt. D. Leathart.
 Sapper C. Landon.
 Corp. S. Nimmo, M.M.
 Sergt. W. R. Neilson.
 Lieut. F. N. Montgomery.
 Gunner J. V. L. Moore (Killed).
 Pte. D. A. Magee (Killed).
 Gunner R. Olliffe.

Lieut. F. A. Pickup.
 Corp. J. G. Robertson.
 Lieut. Walter Smith.
 Trooper Clifford Salmon.

We regret to state that our Roll of Names is still far from complete. The Headmaster will, therefore, be very pleased to know of any Old Boys who are not yet on his list.

School Concert by Conservatorium Artists.

In accordance with the scheme inaugurated by the Director of the Conservatorium, the School, at the beginning of last term, was favoured with a fine lecture and concert of classical music by a Conservatorium party of instrumentalists and vocalists. As we are still without the long-promised Assembly Hall, the Petersham Town Hall was engaged for the purpose, and provided accommodation for the whole School. Mr. C. V. Boulf gave a captivating address on the value of musical education, theoretical and practical; he emphasised the powerful appeal music makes to our natures, how it can stir us to action, can soothe us in pain and in grief, and refine us and make us more sensitive to those deeper, higher needs of our soul's life. The lecturer briefly touched on the life of Mozart and Haydn, outlining the salient features of chamber music, of which these two masters wrote so much. He reminded us of the pleasure to be derived from the social re-unions of small groups of players and singers meeting in one another's homes, and playing and singing together the beautiful compositions of the great musicians.

After playing over the various themes, in order to familiarise us with the main ideas, three of the students played a trio of Haydn for piano, violin and violincello. Its tuneful melodies, its contrasted moods, were

well interpreted by these young artists.

Mr. Boulf himself, who is a professor of the violin at the Conservatorium, delighted us with a fine, vigorous movement from that great modern Slavonic writer, Dvorak. Here, the piano and violin seemed to have put on a new spirit, the spirit of the modern world, with its unrest, its intensity of life, its richer content. The two players caught us up in their own flight, and we were made to feel how good it is to be alive, and to have some work to which we can devote our energies. We do not forget old "papa" Haydn, and the sweet-singing Mozart, and when we are tired of the bustle and strife we shall turn to them and find wonderful calm and strength flow in on us.

The concert included a 'cello solo from a very promising young student; also some fine excerpts from the Operas were sung, with piano accompaniment.

Altogether, we are very grateful to Mr. Verbruggen and the visitors for arranging this great opportunity for us, and we trust that these lecture concerts will be given more frequently, that many more of us may be urged to learn to sing and play, and find more lasting and satisfying pleasure in the cultivation of good music.

L.C.M.

The Trip to National Park.

Of the journey to the Park, on Saturday, October 26, we shall say nought, except that, "en route," our young friends were in great danger of bronchial strain, as a result of vieing with each other in the rendering of sweet music.

When the train stopped, the Masters got out; the boys were already well on their way down the hill, in cheery defiance of all the rules and regulations ever composed by Railway Authorities since the beginning of time.

Once at the bottom, we awaited the arrival of our guests, the Masters; and off we set in the boats, in fine style. What joy did we not experience on perceiving the beads of honest sweat pouring from the brow of our particular guest. (If you think we let 'em shirk work you've guessed wrong! Pardon the pun!) Revenge is sweet! Here were we, sniffing the ambrosial atmosphere, while our taskmaster of yesterday puffed, as he pulled wearily at the heavy oars. R-r-revenge!

But we were too tender-hearted; we actually softened so far as to try a hand at "crab-fishing" ourselves. In this we were eminently successful, as bow-oars noticed when we shot into his lap, after a particularly hefty, and particularly ill-aimed heave.

As to the scenery, it was splendid. From the river level the eye ascended by innumerable rocks, which peeped

out of their earthy fastnesses to bid us a polite "Good morrow," through the countless trees, to the lofty summit, which proudly held high its head amidst its many brothers against the background of a Springtime sky. Around, the loving bushes and green grasses sipped thirstily at the cool water's edge; and behind us, a troupe of "dead marines" bobbed and bowed gracefully to the "furrow," which, as our poetical friend, or enemy, have it as you will, Samuel T. Coleridge, informs us, "followed free."

Further along, the aspect changed. In place of sloping hillsides, we glided with a gentle swish, or frantic splash (when a "crab" was caught), 'twixt rugged brown cliffs, whence dipped, with a pleasant plash! plash! cool dribblings from the mosses above. Here the wind was hushed, and wee bushes, coquettes that they were, blossomed beautifully midway up the bare cliff face, and nodded shyly as we passed.

Having gone as far as the laws of men and nature allow—the water being very shallow, and a square-faced notice-board being visible in mid-stream—we landed, and, when the laggards put in their appearance, we co-operated in the preparation of lunch. This over, we set off to try the other branch of the river, to visit "fresh fields and pastures new."

My word! we had a grand old time.
B.D.

The Senior Literary and Debating Society.

On the 24th October, at a meeting of the Senior Classes, it was decided, following the suggestion of Mr. Mackaness, to form a combined Senior Literary and Debating Society.

The following officers were elected:

School-boy Vice-President: H. Mathews.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: E. W. Levings.

Editor MS. Journal: R. McGrath.

Sub-editors: R. Mayer and K. Davis.

Committee: J. Parks, D. Taylor, and J. J. Nicholson.

A constitution was also drafted, and approved by the members. The meetings will take place every Friday afternoon, in the Library.

SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day, which was postponed from Easter, owing to the influenza epidemic, was celebrated on Thursday, June 19. A representative gathering of parents and friends occupied seats arranged on the lawn in front of the School, and listened to addresses by the Minister for Education (Hon. A. G. F. James), Professor David, and the Director for Education (Mr. P. Board).

In his annual report, the Headmaster said that there were at present 601 boys in attendance at the School. Owing to the High School Course having been extended from four years to five, Fort Street was, last year, represented by a smaller number of pupils at both the Intermediate and Leaving Certificate examinations than for many years past. The percentage of passes in the former was 96, and in the latter 95. With regard to the award of University Exhibitions, the School had every year surpassed every other school in the State in the number won. More than one in every six had been awarded to Fort Street scholars. To date, a list of 1,343 names of Old Boys who had enlisted had been received, but this was by no means complete. Mr. Kilgour added, that he hoped a suitable memorial would be erected in recognition of this hearty response to the call of war. It was also mentioned, that during the year the various branches of sport in the School had flourished, and that every boy was compelled to take up some activity.

Mr. James, himself a Fort Street "Old Boy," said he was more than gratified at the success attained by the School in all spheres. In congratulating them, he congratulated himself. He mentioned a new scheme to afford increased opportunities to boys desirous of going on the land. More attention was to be devoted to agricultural high schools. He added that he had hopes of increasing the salaries of Sports Masters, as he considered their work a most important

part of the education of our future men and women.

In the course of his address, Professor David related some humorous incidents of his own school days, and impressed upon the boys the virtues of courage and comradeship, advising them to be workers with the head, heart, and hand.

The following is the list of certificate winners:—

Form 4R.—Dux: Howe. English: Jenkins. History: Hind. Latin: Jenkins, Storey. French: Storey. German: King. Greek: Howe. Mathematics: Howe. Science: Howe. Business Principles: Hind. Economics: Hind. Geography: Hind.

Form 3B.—Dux: Garrett. English: Assheton. History: Assheton. Latin: King. French: Loewenthal. Greek: King. Mathematics: Garratt, Loewenthal. Science: Garratt.

Form 3A.—Dux: Fraser. English: Fraser, Hagan. History: Fraser, Matthews. French, Fraser. Mathematics: Culey, Grundy. Physics: Fraser. Business Principles: Fraser. Economics: Fraser. Geography: Marlin.

Form E.R.—Dux: Higgs. English: McVea. History: Garratt. Latin: Higgs. French: Garratt. Mathematics: Wilson. Higgs. Science: Wilson. Geography: Brereton.

Form D.R.—Dux: Simmatt. English: Simmatt. History: Crisp. Latin: Manderson, Dudley. French: Sinclair. Greek: Dudley. Mathematics: Mizen, Simmatt. Science: Goodwin. Geography: Simmatt.

Form C.R.—Dux: Pacy. English: Pacy. History: Pacy. Latin: Michelson. French: Lancon. Mathematics: Coulter, Dymock. Science: Coulter. Geography: Michelson.

Form B.R.—History: Frew. Geography: Davies.

Form A.R.—Dux: Davies. English: Davies. History: Howard. Mathematics: Cook. Science: Davies. Business Principles: Langsworth. Shorthand: Mackney. Art: Williams. Geography: Howard.

Form 1E.—Dux: Gunther. English: Klineberg. History: Hogbin. Latin: Buckle. French: Gunther. Mathematics: Gunther, Hogbin. Science: English. Geography: Barker.

Form 1D.—Dux: Dickenson. English: Buckley. History: Dickenson, Wilson. Latin: Bowring. French: Norman. Mathematics: Harrison, Dickenson. Geography: Bussman.

Form 1C.—Dux: Messner. English: Black. History: Higgs. Landsdowne. Latin: Messner. French: Burges. Mathematics: Newman, Messner. Science:

Landsdowne. Geography: Landsdowne.
Form 1B.—Dux: Richardson. English:
Withers. History: Whiffen. Latin:
Thackeray. French: McGilchrist. Mathe-
matics: Harley. Science: Chaimowitz.
Geography: Williams.

Form 1A.—Dux: Edmunds. History:
Edmunds. French: Hammett. Mathe-
matics: Hammett, Edmunds. Physics:
Edmunds. Business Principles: Atkins.
Shorthand: Hammett. Geography: Ed-
munds.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

The Annual Sports Meeting was held at the Petersham Oval, on Wednesday, September 3. The weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance of parents and friends quite satisfactory. Unfortunately, on account of a sugar shortage, afternoon tea was not available, but as the right gentlemen for the position were placed in charge of the pavilion, the ladies did not miss this so much as under other circumstances they might have done. The function was excellently arranged; the Sportsmaster (Mr. C. Kelly) proving himself an organiser of exceptional merit. In fact, the caretaker of the Oval—no mean authority—said that he had never seen a similar event so well managed; that every teacher knew his task, and was to be found doing it. Some of the achievements of the boys were remarkably good; but we must content ourselves with the following list of results:—

First Year Handicap (75 yards).—Harman 1, Jacobs 2, Lumley 3.

Seventeen Years Championship (100 yards).—De Ville 1, Shead 2, Amadio 3. Time, 11 1-3sec.

Fifteen Years Championship (100 yards).—Somerville 1, Foy 2, Banks 3. Time, 12 1-5sec.

Sixteen Years Championship (100 yards).—Fountain 1, Dudley 2, Polkinghorne 3. Time, 11 3-5sec.

Second Year Handicap (100 yards).—

Langsworth 1, Dudley 2, Polkinghorne, 3.
Remove Year Handicap (100 yards).—
Banks 1, Black 2, Somerville 3.

Fourteen Years Championship (100 yards).—Lane 1, Black 2, Harman and Garratt tie, 3. Time, 12 1-5sec.

Senior Broad Jump Championship.—
Spence, 19ft. 4½in., 1; Amadio, 18ft. 9in.,
2; Shead, 18ft. 4½in., 3.

School Championship (100 yards).—
Fountain 1, Campbell 2, Spence 3. Time,
11 2-5sec.

Sixteen Year Championship (100 yards).—Fountain 1, Dudley 2, Polkinghorne 3. Time, 11 3-10sec.

Junior Broad Jump.—Harman, 16ft.
10½in., 1; Garrett, 16ft. 8½in., 2; Robin-
son, 16ft. 6½in., 3.

Fourth Year Handicap (100 yards).—
De Ville 1, Ridley 2, Arnold 3.

Twelve Year Championship (100 yards).—Jacobs 1, Mackay 2, Owen 3.

Thirteen Year Championship (100 yards).—Waddington 1, Pearlman 2, Oliver 3. Time, 13 1-10sec.

880 Yards Championship.—Shead 1,
Campbell 2, Amadio 3. Time, 2min. 17sec.

Senior 220 Yards Championship.—
De Ville 1, Spence 2, Davis 3. Time,
25 3-5sec.

Junior Championship (100 yards).—
Harman 1, Spence 2, Black 3. Time, 12
1-5sec.

Junior 220 Yards Championship.—
Cowie 1, Spencer 2, Garrett 3. Time, 28sec.

Remove Year Handicap (100 yards).
Banks 1, Black 2, Somerville 3.

Second Year Handicap (100 yards).—
Langsworth 1, Dudley 2, Polkinghorne 3.

Third Year Handicap (100 yards).—
McDougall 1, Matthews 2, Nicholson 3.

Obstacle Race.—Prior 1, Larkin 2,
Shaw 3.

New Prefects.

The following are the names of the newly-appointed Prefects:—E. W. Levings, L. Loewenthal, A. Culey, R. Booth, J. Ridley, F. Matthews, A. H. Garratt, R. McGrath, E. Elliott, H. Mathews, W. Wyndham, D. Gemmell, J. Hopman, and K. Davis.

H. Mathews was elected Captain of the School for 1920.

“The Fortian” offers its hearty congratulations and its best wishes for a term of useful service in the interests and honour of the School.

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

Again, as in previous years, at the yearly Examinations in the Faculty of Medicine, our Old Boys have been worthily upholding the traditions of the School. We congratulate them all most cordially, and trust that this time next year we will find them occupying a similar distinguished position. In particular, mention should be made of M. B. Fraser, W. V. Jacobs., and A. E. G. Gilchrist; of A. E. Bye, who was top man in the Second Year, in which there were over 170 successful candidates; and of E. W. Haggett, who obtained High Distinction in the Department of Dentistry.

Special credit ought to be given to R. M. Ponton, who gained fourth place in the Second Year Exam., inasmuch as he has only returned after several years' active service abroad.

ENGINEERING.

Inorganic Chemistry.

R. W. J. Mackay.

DENTISTRY.

B. W. Champion.

A. R. J. Wooller.

2nd YEAR.

Credit in Anatomy and Mental Anatomy.

A. J. Arnott.

A. A. Slocombe.

PASS.

R. Q. M. Cloutier.

A. J. Goodman.

3rd YEAR.

High Distinction in Physiology.

E. W. Haggett.

MEDICINE.

1st YEAR.

L. R. Anderson.

G. W. Ashby.

A. J. Blackburne.

J. S. Crakanthorp.

E. C. Egan.

F. Grainger.

K. A. M. Kilgour.

R. J. Kristenson.

J. F. McCulloch.

W. L. Macdonald.

A. R. Mealey.

J. J. McIntosh.

F. V. Munro.

M. H. Owen.

H. Pearlman.

N. A. Porter.

R. W. B. Schuch.

A. B. Smith.

2nd DEGREE.

F. T. Allen, B.A.

J. A. Baker.

R. K. Burnett.

W. A. Bye.

D. G. Carruthers.

C. G. Champion.

N. M. Cuthbert.

S. R. Dawes.

W. Freeborn.

W. I. T. Hotten.

E. R. G. Kirkpatrick.

B. H. Lewis.

J. Morgan, B.A.

L. Opit.

D. W. L. Parker.

R. G. Ponton.

R. F. Shepherdson.

S. Shineberg.

E. M. Steel.

R. S. Steel.

B. A. Stephen.

3rd DEGREE.

CREDIT:

A. L. Bryant.

H. S. Harper.

PASS:

A. H. Murphy.

E. G. Schwartz.

FOURTH DEGREE.

Pathology, Operative Surgery, and Surgical Anatomy.

Caur Scholarship for Proficiency in Subjects of 4th Year.

M. B. Fraser.

Parkinson Memorial Prize for Pathology:

M. B. Fraser.

Clipsham Memorial Prize for Operative Surgery:

W. V. Jacobs.

DISTINCTION.

M. B. Fraser.

A. E. G. Gilchrist.

CREDIT.

W. V. Jacobs.

J. R. Allison.

D. W. Little.

I. A. McIean.

A. B. S. Owen.

N. St. C. Mulhearn.

F. T. Willard.

PASS.

W. J. Chapman.

G. M. B. Hales.

C. I. Logan.

G. L. Saunders.

W. Yum.

SCIENCE.

C. E. Lambert.

W. F. Machin.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE.

L. H. Judd.

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| FIGHTING FORTIANS |
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LIEUT. MOLLOY was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatches, for his services in the war.

LIEUT. ARTHUR WILSON COOPER, of the 53rd Battalion, has, for conspicuous services, been awarded the Military Cross. The following is from the London "Gazette," dated January 31, 1919: "Lieut. Arthur Wilson Cooper, during the attack on Peronne, on September 1, 1918, though wounded at the beginning of the operation, continued to lead his men with great gallantry. When the advance was held up by a strong-point, held by the enemy in force, and protected by unbroken wire, he overcame all opposition, and so enabled the attack to progress. When the final objective was reached, he was the only officer left in the company, and he carried out the consolidation with great initiative and resource. His devotion to duty, endurance, and personal courage were a splendid example to his men." On this occasion he was wounded, and again on September 3, 1918. Before enlisting, Lieut. Cooper, M.C., was employed at the Works Department, Sydney.

MR. C. F. ELWELL, an Old Boy of Fort Street, considerably distinguished himself as a radiographic engineer with the Allied armies. Amongst other notable services he solved the problem of speedily erecting a large radio station directly connecting Rome with the United States, and he has now been awarded the Cross of the Knight of the Crown of Italy. The entire equipment of the Rome station, which is one of the largest in the world, including three masts 714 feet high, was designed and constructed by him.

After graduating at Leland Stanford

Jnr. University, U.S.A., in electrical engineering, he was engaged in a large private enterprises, and when Dr. Jordan chose a list of the 10 greatest graduates of the University, he included the name of C. F. Elwell.

MAJOR C. A. SWINBOURNE, after finishing his course at the old school, entered the Railway Department, and at the same time continued to cultivate his military hobby by joining the Sydney Scottish Rifles under Captain Sinclair Maclagan. That was in 1901. After five years he transferred to the Australian Rifles, with the rank of captain, and the soldier leaven still working, he accepted a position in the Fiji Constabulary, combining with it the command of the only European military force in the island. Early in 1914 he came to England on working leave, and becoming attached to the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, passed through the musketry and machine gun course. He was on his way back to Fiji when the war broke out, and tried to return, but was ordered to continue the voyage, and from the islands he came, in December of that year, with a small contingent to England again. He joined the King's Own Scottish Borderers as captain, but was immediately afterwards instructed to return to Fiji to train European and native troops for local defence.

Finally he was allowed to proceed on active service, and as an officer once more in the North Lancs. he was detailed for duty in Salonika, where he spent most of his time. He received the order of O.B.E. in March, 1918, and has since returned to Australia and Fiji.

The School Hatband.

The Headmaster has decided to offer a prize of two guineas for the best design for a new School Hatband submitted to him. Now, you

budding commercial artists, get to work, and see what simple, but original, artistic designs you can produce.

Fortians at the Inter-Allied Games.

"The grand old institution" was well represented in the A.I.F. team of swimmers chosen to train for the Inter-Allied Games. Wherever swimmers do congregate, you are sure to find Fortians, and so at the Royal Automobile Club Baths, London, dozens of Old Boys were present every day, to see the team in training, and the Fortian members thereof, Harold Hardwick, Albert Barry, Tommy Adrian, and Jack Dexter.

After so many seasons away from the game, they all found it particularly hard to get into condition; but by the end of May, after seven weeks' solid training, the times were improving, although in no case were they up to old performances.

Harold Hardwick, as unassuming as ever, came over from Palestine, primarily, to compete in the Inter Theatre of War and the Army Boxing Championships. The former competition he won easily at Aldershot, where he was also the recipient of a Cup, presented for the competitor showing the best sportsmanship, on the vote of all the contestants, of whom only a few were Australians. In the Army Championships, he won easily, but had the decision given against him, much to the amazement and indignation of all the newspapers, which devoted much space to the absurdity of it.

Albert Barry, who, unfortunately, lost his leg at Messines, showed good form early, and before the Games started could go close to the minute for the hundred, and also performed well over 220 and 440 yards.

Tommy Adrian was unlucky enough to develop appendicitis, just when he was giving promise of getting back some of his old form, and was thus out of the Games.

The team gave numerous exhibitions in England before leaving for Paris, at the end of June. As well as the Fortians mentioned, the team had the assistance of such champions as Longworth, Solomon, Stedman, Springfield, and Morris.

The Americans, who organised the Games, treated the Australians very well. The swimming contests were held in the Lac St. Jacques, in the Bois de Boulogne, which, although a little dead for speed, was as delightful a spot for a carnival as could be found. The competitors and officials comprised a most cosmopolitan crowd, including French, Roumanians, Czecho Slovaks, Greeks, Italians, Belgians, etc., who were all most enthusiastic.

The first day's racing proved to our boys what a champion Ross, of U.S.A., is. It may be of interest, in view of his approaching visit to Sydney, to describe his stroke. He commences with the American flutter kick, lying flat on the water, as in the crawl, at the same time striking with his left arm; then, turning distinctly on to his right side, as in the trudgeon, he uses a scissors kick, with his right arm striking. His arm movement is very deliberate and strong. It is hard to say how he would compare with Longworth at his best, but he did all that was asked of him, in winning 100, 400, 800, and 1,500 metres free style, and 100 metres back-stroke championships.

Fort Street was represented in all the events in which the team participated. Hardwick swam fourth in 400m. (Longworth 2nd, and Stedman 3rd), third in 800m. (Longworth 2nd), and second in 1,500m. Albert Barry was not selected to swim in any of the events, and Dexter swam into the final of the 100m. (Solomon 2nd, and Stedman 3rd), and competed in the 200m. breast-stroke race.

The big event was the 800m. Relay, for teams of four, which the Yanks reckoned they were sure to win, but as we thought the same of ourselves, plenty of argument ensued. The Australians called on Longworth, Stedman, Hardwick and Dexter to uphold their reputation, in a race similar to that won at the Olympic Games in 1912. Amidst the delighted cheers of the spectators, with whom the

Yanks were most unpopular, the team won by 50 yards from the American team. Harold Hardwick, Tommy

Adrian, and Dexter have now returned, but Barry is still in England. J.D.

FAREWELL TO SENIORS.

The farewell on Friday, November 7, to the boys about to sit for the Leaving Certificate Examination, was a function of more than usual interest. For some years, on account of the disturbing influences of war, the usual ceremonies have been in abeyance, a few words of farewell at the School covering the whole procedure. This year there was a return to the former glory, and an elaborate dinner at Sargent's rooms, given by the Senior Boys to the Headmaster and Staff, marked the occasion.

During the afternoon a few brief and interesting valedictory addresses were delivered at the School by the Headmaster, the Deputy Headmaster, and Messrs. McKinnon, Porter, Taylor, and Mote. Honour caps were presented to Alan Smith and Crakanthorp; and opportunity was taken to present F. Spence and H. Spencer, respectively, with the Senior and Junior Athletic Cups which they had won. Mr. Taylor mentioned, as a fact of some interest, that of the original teaching staff of the School in 1905, only Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Mackaness, and himself remained. It was a pleasure to see so many of the Old Boys of the School present at this function.

But the great event was at 6.30, when a company of over 100 gathered in good form to do justice, both to the provisions and the occasion. The chair was taken by A. E. Fraser, the School Captain, with the Headmaster at his right hand, and the Deputy Headmaster at his left; and the proceedings were conducted with a grace and decorum worthy of the best traditions of the School. Mr. Kilgour paid a handsome compliment to his present Staff, when he assured the

gathering that he was surrounded by the ablest staff he had had since he came to the School.

The speeches of the boys who proposed or replied to the toasts, displayed great talent, and the elocutionary and musical items by Messrs. Bauer, Taylor, Mote, Marks, and Norman Bell were greatly enjoyed. The Toast list, which was heartily honoured, comprised "The King," "The School and Staff" (proposed by the School Captain, and responded to by the Headmaster), "The Departing Seniors" (proposed by Mr. Mackaness, and responded to by Waddington and Brewster), "Our Future Seniors" (proposed by Willings, and responded to by the Captain-elect, H. Mathews). Each and all of the boys emphasised the benefit received from their sojourn under the influence and teaching of the School, and their regret that the time had come to sever their connection with it, and its many happy associations. The recollection of its fellowship would be a stimulus and strength to them through all the days before them, and a power which, they believed, would help them to attain the best of which they were capable. Their hope was, that they would never be guilty of any action unworthy of so great a School.

The School songs were sung with great spirit, and the war-cry, in its fearsomeness and enthusiasm, left nothing to be desired. The gathering broke up a little after ten o'clock, with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," cheers for the King and the School, and in a general spirit of rejoicing at the success which had characterised the entire celebrations.

SUNNY STREETS.

It looks so calm and peaceful—this green street of which I shall tell you—barred with its shadow and sunshine, with its misty vistas drawn between, that had you walked beneath its avenue of trees on that pleasant day which I have in mind, you would never have dreamed that the occupants of those houses were engaged in a kind of deadly warfare that had overshadowed their past, was blighting their present, and was reaching out hungry arms to grasp their future as well.

To make this sunny street more remarkable, it is located somewhere in Sydney — not somewhere in France, and though you may never walk along it, at least you have seen a similar street many a time, unconscious of the battles of pathos and humour and the bitter conflicts that shake it every day. Not to make a mystery of the obvious any longer, the name of this warfare which has marred more lives than even hoary time can count, is Rivalry, Hypocrisy and Simulation. And its war-cry, generally whispered in an undertone of elation, is: "Wait till the next-door folks see this!" or "Just watch old Brown go green with envy."

Let us look into this sunny street some Monday morning. On the particular day in question Miss Piker comes airily down the street—Miss Piker is what she pleases to style "a lady's help"—elegantly attired in a flaring red sweater trimmed with imitation white fur, and carrying a brilliant purple leather bag, bearing golden letters "T.I.P." at least four inches high.

Of course you mustn't think from the sweater that the season was winter; not by any means. It was the middle of November; but of course Miss Piker was a fashionable maid, and in her elegant red sweater and white fur, she looked like a modern Venus emerging from a smelter's furnace.

"Here at last," sighs Mrs. Millard,

as she perceives her newly-hired washing-maid, though of course her late arrival causes very little anger, in that it will give the folks next door a good chance to see her.

Nor was Mrs. Millard far short in her mental decisions. In this everlasting neighbourly warfare there are eyes glued to every window and ears to every door, seeing and listening, recording and storing away. Across the street, Mrs. Card's servant was watching, or rather glaring, with nostrils dilated like those of a runaway charger. "Green cap and red sweater and white fur," she was muttering; "I like that Piker girl's nerve. But wait till she sees my new hat and earrings at church next Sunday. My! won't she go yeller! I'll bet she'll want new brass letters for her purple door-mat!"

Other remarks and reflections ran up and down Sunny Street like a tidal wave.

"Mrs. Millard would be better employed if she did her own work instead of hiring chorus girls," commented Mrs. Silo.

"Yes, and her husband only working in a pickle foundry!" added another. "The idea!" they all agreed.

And then Miss Flossie, precocious child of the street, burst into her mother's kitchen breathless and excited. "Oh, momma! What do you think? That awful Miss Piker's just gone in next door, all dolled up like a circus. I'll bet that red-headed aunty of Bungler's must be coming to-day!" Then, after a pause, partly to see the effect and partly for emphasis, she added: "Oh, momma! Wouldn't it be great if her old aunt just got here in time to fall down dead in front of them?"

Warfare of all kinds is a curious and terrible thing, but what can be more deadly than conflicts like these? When Mr. B., for example, challenges the street with a brand new automobile, not a Ford either, everybody

nods and says: "If he can afford it, so can we." Thus it goes on.

Now, take that fine piece of asphalt in front of Mr. S.'s house. Mr. S. applied to the Council for that gloriously superior footpath, because Mr. W. had just had his front lawn graded and terraced. Naturally, "St. Belljo" couldn't see such a walk-over; consequently the new front blinds and the pink paint. For the next month or so Sunny Street suffered from a contagion of white-enamelled garden seats and a hideous variety of green-lattice measles, both of which were further supplemented by a fresh outbreak of new hedges, coloured borders and ornamental miniature poplars.

Of course things went from bad to worse. Mr. Spadger installed a fine spacious aviary, despite the cost of wire-netting, and as Mrs. Fliflaf,

whose egret-plume headgear was a feature of the Sunday morning service, indignantly proclaimed, "It was a cruelty to the poor little creatures to keep them so cooped up," with emphasis on the "coop."

Finally things came to a head. One day Mrs. Lundy suddenly mysteriously and suspiciously disappeared, and the next morning this column appeared in the "Tongue-wag and Gossip-chatter":—

"Mrs. Lundy, the well-known resident of 'The Grange,' Sunny Street, is at present spending a week enjoying the sea breezes at the 'Hotel Pacific, Manly City.' She will visit friends in Mosman and Pott's Point on her way home."

And so it goes on.

Ours is a beautiful country, and we live in a happy age.

R. McG.

INTERMEDIATE SEND-OFF.

It was a bright and happy company of over a hundred that met in the Art Room at the School on Friday afternoon, November 21, for a little fellowship and song, prior to the Intermediate Examination, which began on the succeeding Monday.

The chair was taken by Norman Larkin, with the Deputy Headmaster at his right hand. Feeling reference was made to the absence of Mr. Kilgour, whose sudden illness was an occasion of distress and regret to the whole gathering.

The room was tastefully decorated with flowers and bunting, and refreshments were lavishly provided by the boys, who acted as both hosts and waiters.

Only two toasts were submitted—that of "The King," which was duly honoured by all, and that of "The Examinees," which was proposed by

the Deputy Headmaster, and gracefully acknowledged, on behalf of the boys, by the Chairman. Mr. MacKanness conveyed the best wishes of the School and staff for success at the examination, and he expressed the hope that the boys would do themselves justice, and uphold the honourable traditions of their great School.

Intermediate songs were sung with great enthusiasm, recitations were given by Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. W. E. Porter and Mr. J. S. Marks, and colour sketches by Mr. C. J. Bauer caused much amusement.

It was unanimously voted that the function was a huge success, helpful alike to masters and boys, and creative of the genuine school spirit, which makes one so proud to be spoken of as a "Fortian."

VIRGIL ON TRIAL.

It is expected that the following will appear in the "Educationalist" on or about the year 7007 A.D.:—

Publius Vergilius, alias Maro, appeared before the High Court yesterday on a charge of debasing a high intellect to the purposes of writing Latin. Several execrable Latin hexameters were adduced in evidence, but some of these were asserted to be the work of one Quintus Horatius Flaccus, otherwise known as Horace, declared to be the son of a manumitted slave, and the prisoner was accordingly given the benefit of the doubt, and charged in respect of certain works expressly admitted to be his own productions.

For the prosecution it was alleged that innumerable innocent schoolboys had lost many nights' sleep through the study of these aforesaid questionable hexameters, that they had also lost many marks in class over the same works, that some had been so far corrupted as to begin to display interest in and even love for Latin verse, and that very many boys had lost in reputation and dignity because their studies were not in harmony with Latin as written and expounded by Publius Vergilius.

It was also stated that these so-called poems had been taken by many as sacred books, and that they had been regularly used in some instances for arts of divination, this being contrary to the established practices of an Australian civilised community, which was constituted mainly of worshippers of the twin deities, the Sun and the Surf.

In other cases it was known that some had been so far misled by their pernicious teachings as to regard them as works of wisdom and beauty, calculated to refresh a weary mind and cheer a disconsolate heart.

For the defendant it was pleaded that the chief occasion of offence (a volume of twelve parts called the "Aeneid") was only undertaken at the special and urgent request of the Emperor, who refused to be happy till he got it, and that the Emperor was therefore the responsible party, against whom it was ultra vires for the Court to proceed.

One witness for the defence, a precocious young man named Alfred Tennyson, caused great amusement by insisting upon giving his evidence in verse, concluding with an apostrophe to some unknown deity as follows:

"I salute thee, Mantovano,
I that loved thee since my day
began,
Wielder of the stateliest measure
Ever moulded by the lips of
Man."

Among the witnesses were many High School masters, whose opinions were in such violent conflict that it was impossible for the Court to determine whether they were giving evidence for or against the prisoner. The jury, comprised of University professors, was dispensed with at an early stage in the proceedings, as the professors insisted upon talking in a language which bore too striking a resemblance to that of the works which were being investigated by the Court.

After long discussion His Honour Judge Pendens decided that there was clear evidence of malice aforethought on the part of Publius Vergilius, and he sentenced the prisoner to continue to suffer without mitigation the scurrilous reputation which he already possessed in the eyes of schoolboys throughout all generations.

Old Boys' Union.

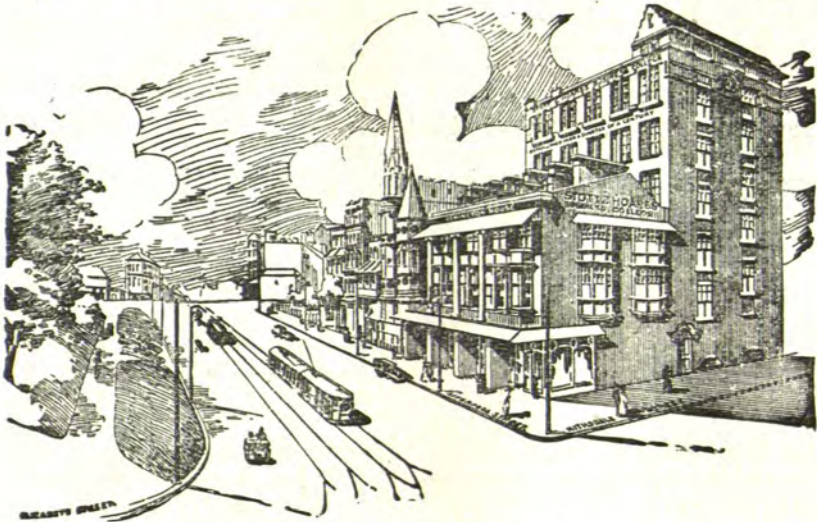
Efforts are being made to resuscitate the Old Boys' Union, which has been in abeyance since the beginning of the war. We should be very pleased

if Old Boys would send along their addresses to the Headmaster, so that they could be notified of the date of the next meeting.

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FAVORITE BOOKS.

The Editor has insisted that I shall write an article on my favourite book. Vainly have I protested that my favourite book is my cheque-book. He has merely instructed me to lay aside my mercenary habits, and write what I would have written had the lustre of my early ideals not been dimmed by the dust-clouds of a perverse education and a still more perverse disposition.

It would, I find, be much easier to write on the books that are not favourites, and whole issues of "The Fortian" for years in succession might be filled with their titles. Among them would be many school books. For, after all, what is it that makes a book a favourite? One Samuel Butler, said, once upon a time, that he wrote in order to have in old age, when he could write no longer, something that would be sure to please him. The book that had helped him most to accomplish this was "Lives of Eminent Christians." It seems that Mr. Butler could write only on a sloping desk, and compose freely only in the reading-room of the British Museum, which was not provided with sloping desks. It was therefore necessary for him to select some book which no one was likely to want, which was portable, and which could be used to write upon. The "Lives of Eminent Christians" fulfilled all requirements, and hence became his favourite book. It had only one rival—a Cyclopaedia of moral and religious anecdote, which had this disadvantage, that the seductive title might have tempted him from his true purpose, in order to find out what a moral and religious anecdote was. So far as concerned mere reading, one book was as good as another; but he chose his favourite for a very different reason.

Then different books appeal at different stages of life. Juvenile imagination is captivated by Jules Verne or G. A. Henty, while advanced years are revelling in books of another order. Even then, there may be isolated instances like the old lady who was so interested in the newspaper serial that, when the doctor told her she was dying, she wrote the editor, and asked

for the remaining chapters, because she could not bear to die without knowing how the story ended.

Changes of mood also have something to say about the books that are favourites at different times, though one finds it difficult to imagine the mental condition of the man whose constant favourite was the dictionary. He explained his curious taste by saying that there was no other place where peace, happiness and prosperity were always to be found.

Then, of course, it makes all the difference whether one is reading for pastime or for instruction; though, in both cases, the appearance of the book—its cover, its type, its paper—increase or diminish the pleasure of reading. Sydney Smith has said that "No furniture is so charming as books, even if you never read them or never even open them." But then we are particular about the sort of furniture that is to occupy our house.

If we were to speak of fiction only, it would be a more easy matter to say something about one's favourite author, though perhaps even our favourite author has no one book that possesses an overmastering appeal above all his other works. Lord Acton, at his death, left a list of a hundred books that he wished his son to read, and everybody knowing his great reputation, rushed to the list, only to find that it consisted of books mostly German, and entirely theological; and this naturally gives the impression that the list was merely a joke. At any rate, says Lord Rosebery, if any man in his honesty and conscience proceeded to read the best hundred books in any list right through, he would never wish to read anything again. As then we respect the authority of so great a critic as Lord Rosebery, and, on the other hand, have no desire that through reading our favourites others should be led to discard all reading for evermore, what is the use of writing upon favourite books at all? Let everyone choose his own favourites, and let us be therewith content.

Exchanges.

We desire to acknowledge the following exchanges:—"Royal Blue" (Peter-sham Commercial and Girls' Inter. High), "Magpie" (East Maitland High), "Camberwell Grammar School Magazine," "Record" (Sydney High), "Parramatta

High School Magazine," "Unleian" (Unley, S.A.), "Hermes" (Sydney University), "Falcon" (North Sydney), "The Bindyite" (Dubbo High School), "Fort Street Girls' High School Magazine."

An Attractive Examination Paper.

The following examination paper has been suggested as a fitting close to the year's work. Neither pen nor paper would be required for it; in fact, nothing more than free access to the Tuckshop:—

ANNUAL EXAM.

Time, 2½ Hours.

Candidates are Expected to Attempt at Least Five Questions.

1. It is said in a list of Boarding House axioms, that a pie may be produced any number of times. Prove that this is impossible in the case of iced cakes. Two cakes allowed for the experiment.
2. Illustrate the truism, that any two tarts and a bun are together less than one square meal.
3. "Ice Cream Soda has a tendency to disappear more rapidly than any other kind of soft drink, and with increased acceleration from the first taste thereof." Is this correct? One glass and a quarter allowed for proof.
4. "Every boy knows when he has had enough." Discuss the fallacy underlying this sentiment.
5. "A bee-line may be made from any one tray of lollies to any other tray." Is this a desirable procedure from the point of view of: (1) Physical digestion; (2) Moral propriety; (3) Nightmare?
6. If there were six cakes, and only two currants in the whole six, and no possibility of telling from the outside in which of the six the two currants were concealed, should one be justified in appropriating six cakes, in order to produce the currants aforesaid?
N.B.—In this experiment, the currants must be produced, or the cakes returned.
7. "Nature abhors a vacuum." Illustrate and prove this statement with as much alacrity as possible. Materials provided. All candidates are expected to attempt this question.
8. "On account of the super-refined scarcity of sugar this season, the small lollies are not as big as the large ones." Can this assertion be accepted unconditionally? If so, why not? Not more than four tri-coloured twisters to be consumed during this experiment.

Note.—(1) Papers to be kept in one bundle; (2) Medical attendance not permitted during the examination.

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Since our last issue, summer games have commenced, and now we may take stock of our doings in winter sport. In 1st Grade Rugby we were less successful than in previous years, winning but three matches out of eight. The XV. were a solid team, but on the slow side, and, whilst distinctions are to be avoided, Shead is deserving of special mention, both as captain and player.

In 2nd Grade, Fort Street succeeded in obtaining second place, with a team which promises well for next year. The 3rd Grade won three matches out of seven; the 4th Grade, four matches out of eight.

During the season, the following boys obtained representative honours:—Waddington, Shead, McLeod, O'Donoghue, Welch, Levings, Pearlman, Polkinghorne, Nicholls, and McAlpine.

In the Soccer code, we succeeded in capturing the Shield, our first team carrying out the programme without suffering defeat. One must confess, however, that the standard of play was below that of our team of last year. In 2nd Grade, we won three matches out of seven; in 3rd Grade, only two matches out of nine. The following boys played in C.H.S. elevens:—Dudley, Jones, Hopman, Towle, Shanahan, Davies, W. King, Storey, Wm. King, and Abbott.

Baseball is not by any means a popular game in the School, and our performances in this sport call for little comment. It is a matter for consideration whether the game should be continued, when material is so expensive, and so few boys participate in the game.

Tennis reached a very high standard in the latter part of the season; our first team won seven matches out of eight, and had to play Parramatta in the final. Unfortunate circumstances led to our representatives being very much handicapped, and they lost the game. Nevertheless, they ably upheld the School's reputation, and their defeat carried no disgrace. The 2B. team won six, the 2A. team four out of eight matches.

ATHLETICS.

Perhaps the most noteworthy happening in sport since our last report, was the

magnificent success of the School in a branch hitherto neglected. Enthusiasm can work wonders, and no one will question the anxiety of our athletes that the School should succeed in its wider athletic activity. The assistance of Messrs. Parke, Sweeting and Pickard was beyond praise, and the attention to training on the part of our fellows remarkable.

Results have been announced at various times; but we desire them now to go on record:—

Victory Celebration Sports (Open to all Schools in Petersham Municipality).

- Mackay, 2nd in 12 years Champ.
- Lumley, 2nd in 13 years Champ.
- Black, 1st in 14 years Champ.
- Polkinghorne, 1st in 15 years Champ.
- Langsworth, 2nd in 15 years Champ.
- Fountain, 1st in Open Champ.
- Fountain, 1st in District Champ.
- De Ville, 2nd in District Champ.
- Davis, 3rd in District Champ.
- Amadio, 1st in Senior Walk.
- Amadio, 1st in High Jump.
- Davis, 2nd in High Jump.
- Arnold, 2nd in High Jump.
- Amadio and Arnold, 1st in 3-Legged Race.
- Scotter and Davis, 2nd in 3-Legged Race.
- Davis, 1st in Sack Race.
- Shanahan, 2nd in Sack Race.
- Fort St. (Davis, Fountain, Dudley, and De Ville), 1st in Relay Race.
- De Ville, 1st in Senior 220 Yards.
- Fountain, 2nd in Senior 220 Yards.
- Polkinghorne, 1st in Senior 440 Yards.
- Langsworth, 2nd in Senior 440 Yards.
- Amadio, 1st in Senior 880 Yards.
- Shanahan, 2nd in Senior 880 Yards.

The School Athletic Carnival.

Ideal weather, a fair attendance of parents and friends, and abundant enthusiasm distinguished our Annual Sports Meeting of 1919. The number of entries exceeded all previous totals, and it is hoped that the day will soon arrive when the number of boys competing will be greater than that of those looking on.

As in previous years, the Staff carried out all duties of management, and valu-

able assistance was rendered by Lieut. Parke, of the A.A.A., and by Mr. Kerr.

Close contests marked every event, and many records were established. As the only previous resumé available is that of the 1918 meeting, the results of that year and of 1919 will have to be the bases upon which we will found our record performances. Records and their chronicling are an innovation, and it is hoped that this step will spur future Fortians to greater things.

1919 Results are as follows:—

First Year Handicap, 75 Yards.—Harman, 1; Jacobs, 2; Lumley, 3. Time, 9 4-5secs.

Remove Year Handicap, 100 Yards.—Banks, 1; Black, 2; Somerville, 3. Time, 12 2-5secs.

Second Year Handicap, 100 Yards.—Langsworth, 1; Dudley, 2; Polkinghorne, 3. Time, 12secs.

Third Year Handicap, 100 Yards.—McDougall, 1; Matthews, 2; Nicholson, 3. Time, 11 4-5sec.

Fourth Year Championship, 100 Yards.—De Ville, 1; Ridley, 2; Arnold, 3. Time, 11 2-5secs.

12 Years Championship, 75 Yards.—Jacobs, 1; Mackay, 2; Owen, 3. Time, 11 3-10secs.

13 Years Championship, 75 Yards.—Waddington, 1; Pearlman, 2; Oliver, 3. Time, 13 1-10secs.

14 Years Championship, 75 Yards.—Lane, 1; Black, 2; Harman and Garratt, 3. Time, 12 1-5secs.

15 Years Championship, 75 Yards.—Somerville, 1; Foy, 2; Banks, 3. Time, 12 1-5secs.

16 Years Championship, 75 Yards.—Fountain, 1; Dudley, 2; Polkinghorne, 3. Time, 11 3-10secs.

17 Years and over Championship, 75 Yards.—De Ville, 1; Shead, 2; Amadio, 3. Time, 11 3-10secs.

Junior Championship.—Harman, 1; Spencer, 2; Black, 3. Time, 12 1-5secs.

School Championship.—Fountain, 1; Campbell, 2; Spence, 3. Time, 11 1-5secs.

Junior Hurdles.—Spencer, 1; Foy, 2; Burgoyne, 3.

Senior Hurdles.—Shead, 1; Spence, 2; Arnold, 3.

Junior Distance Championships—

220 Yards: Towle, 1; Spencer, 2; Garratt, 3. Time, 28secs.

440 Yards: Black, 1; Garratt, 2; Spencer, 3. Time, 63½secs.

Senior Distance Championships—

220 Yards: De Ville, 1; Spence, 2; Davis, 3. Time, 25 3-5secs.

440 Yards: Campbell, 1; De Ville, 2; Shead, 3. Time, 59 3-5secs.

880 Yards: Shead, 1; Campbell, 2; Amadio, 3. Time, 2mins. 17secs.

1 Mile Championship.—Shead, 1; Brewster, 2; Davis, 3. Time, 5mins. 18secs.

Obstacle Race.—Prior, 1; Larkin, 2; Shaw, 3.

Sack Race.—Shanahan, 1; Palmer, 2; Newnham, 3.

Three-Legged Race.—Shanahan and Towle, 1; Larkin and Hawthorne, 2; Foy and Somerville, 3.

Tug-of-War.—E.R., 1; 1D., 2; A.R., 3.

Junior Relay Race.—D.R., 1; E.R., 2; C.R., 3.

Senior Relay Race.—2B., 1; 4C., 2; 3A., 3.

Junior Walk, 880 Yards.—Spencer, 1; Clarkson, 2.

Senior Walk, 1 Mile.—Amadio, 1; Shanahan, 2; Arnold, 3. Time, 9 mins. 18secs.

Junior Broad Jump.—Harman, 16ft. 10½in., 1; Garratt, 16ft. 8½in., 2; Robinson, 16ft. 6½in., 3.

Senior Broad Jump.—Spence, 19ft. 4½in., 1; Amadio, 18ft. 9in., 2; Shead, 18ft. 4½in., 3.

Junior High Jump.—Spencer, 4ft. 8in., 1; Burgoyne, 4ft. 6in., 2; Sharpe, 4ft. 5in., 3.

Senior High Jump.—Amadio, 5ft., 1; Spence, Welch, and Willings, 4ft. 9in., 2.

Junior Pole Vault.—Spencer, 7ft. 6in., 1; Davison, 7ft., 2.

Senior Pole Vault.—Spence, 7ft. 6in., 1; Arnold, 7ft., 2; Amadio, 6ft. 6in., 3.

Old Boys' Handicap.—Morgan, 1; Judd, 2; Munro, 3. Time, 11secs.

The Senior Championship Cup was won by F. Spence, and (the Junior by H. Spencer.

School Records are as follows—

100 Yards, Junior.—Dudley, 12secs. (28/8/'18).

100 Yards, Senior.—Fountain, 11 1-5secs. (3/9/'19).

220 Yards, Junior.—Towle, 28secs. (3/9/'19).

220 Yards, Senior.—De Ville, 25 3-5secs. (3/9/'19).

440 Yards, Junior.—Black, 63½secs. (3/9/'19).

440 Yards, Senior.—Campbell, 59 3-5secs. (3/9/'19).

880 Yards.—Shead, 2mins. 17secs. (3/9/'19).

One Mile.—Shead, 5mins. 18secs. (3/9/'19).

Broad Jump, Junior.—Harman, 16ft. 10½in. (3/9/'19).

Broad Jump, Senior.—Spence, 19ft. 4½in. (3/9/'19).

High Jump, Junior.—Spencer, 4ft. 8in. (3/9/'19).

High Jump, Senior.—Amadio, 5ft. (3/9/'19).

Pole Vault, Junior.—Spencer, 7ft. 6in. (3/9/'19).

Pole Vault, Senior.—Spence, 7ft. 6in. (3/9/'19).

P.S.A.A.A. Sports.

This function, held on Wednesday, October 22, was represented by an attendance from Fort Street, and events were won as under:—

17 Years and Over Championship.—G. Campbell, 1; L. De Ville, 2.

14 Years Championship.—Black 3.

13 Years Championship.—Waddington, 3.
 High School Flag Relay Race.—Fort Street, 1.
 Obstacle Race (13 years).—Prior, 3.
 Senior High Jump.—Amadio, 1 (5ft. 2in., tie with Robison, H.A.H.S.).
 High School Hurdle Championship.—Steed, 2.
 All Schools' Championship, 100 Yards.—Fountain, 3.

FOOTBALL.

Soccer.

After five years of struggle, at last we have the pleasure of recording that we

have won the First Grade Competition. Last year we were runners-up, with a particularly fine team, and owed our defeat in the Challenge Final solely to the team having played too many outside matches just previously.

It is pleasing to note, in view of some remarks that appeared in last "Fortian," that the game is to be revived in more High Schools this year. Those schools which suffered from a systematic attempt to kill the game, for the sake of Rugby, were "left" in the latter competition, which was won by Tech. High, the strongest and most consistent champions of the Association game.

Calendar of Daily Inflammation.

November.

1, Sat.—Schools invented, 7582 B.C.
 2, Sun.—Sugar first made out of bone-dust, on account of sugar scarcity, 1919.
 3, Mon.—Hans Schmidt discovers gunpowder, 1801.
 4, Tues.—Funeral of Hans Schmidt.
 5, Wed.—Icarus and his aeroplane go up—and come down for good, 5371 B.C.
 6, Thurs.—276th day of first sitting of first Women's Parliament, 3592 A.D.
 7, Fri.—First High School Chemistry experiment conducted, 1763.
 8, Sat.—Several various parts of the first Chemistry Class discovered after the experiment, 1763.
 9, Sun.—William the Conq. contemplates a trip to England, 1066; William the Crank contemplates a trip from Germany, 1918.
 10, Mon.—Mr. Newlywed recovers consciousness after his first taste of home-made bread, during September Bakers' Strike, 1919.
 11, Tues.—Latin first taught in High Schools, 285 A.D.
 12, Wed.—First teacher of Latin found feloniously slain, 285 A.D.
 13, Thurs.—Inhabitants of N.S.W. become Scots, under the impression that kilts might give some degree of independence of tyrannical tailors, 1919.
 14, Fri.—Cold snap necessitates return to former habits, 1919.
 15, Sat.—Strikes ended (?) in Australia, by establishment of Arbitration Court circ. 1912.

16, Sun.—Definitely discovered, that to reform a boy you must begin with his grandmother, 1844.

17, Mon.—First Tuckshop pie eaten by boy, 1347.

18, Tues., 2 a.m.—First tuckshop pie returned with thanks, 1347.

19, Wed.—Sandy McNab, having lost "saxpence," while intoxicated, definitely decides to become a Prohibitionist, 1917.

20, Thurs.—Decision of Minister for Edification, that time spent on study be devoted to sport, and vice versa. Henceforth, to be only two working days per annum. (Year uncertain.)

21, Fri.—Baron Munchoxen, first great Australian "Bullocky," fell into a vat at Homebush Abattoirs, and not seen again, 1287 A.D. His language heard for six centuries afterwards.

22, Sat.—Civilisation makes a mighty leap of progress, by discovery of chemical disinfectant for brandy and soda breath, 1833.

23, Sun.—Decided that boys can do better study with a Girls' School next door, 1900. Decision renewed annually and enthusiastically.

24, Mon.—Death of Archimedes, through an absurd devotion to Geometry, and neglect of Latin prose, 212 B.C.

25, Tues.—Lord de Fyche, inventor of silverfish and "bookworms," cremated at Woolloomooloo, 1648.

26, Wed.—First attempt of a gentleman named Kelly, to make keys fit books (especially Classics), about 1847.

27, Thurs.—Resolution by Schoolboy Conference, that one hour per day be given to practical work on Ice Cream during summer months, 1911.

28, Fri.—Picture Shows declared to be a Necessary Commodity on Wednesday afternoons, 1915.

29, Sat.—On account of increasing cost of living, appetite declared to be illegal; offenders punished by being pushed from a scaffold six feet high (with a rope round their necks), 1919.

30, Sun.—Offices of "Fortian" razed to the ground—no trace of Staff ever discovered, 1919.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Classicus."—No, the reference to Ulysses digging out the eye of the Cyclops with a hot "steak" (perferenti sude) has nothing to do with a Meat Strike in Primitive Ages. Perhaps, seeing that Ulysses was a Greek, you imagined that he kept a steak and oyster business!

"Chicken-breasted."—We regret that we cannot publish your letters from correspondents who have never looked back to the front. If there were another war, we should gladly recommend that you be sent to the Front, though not necessarily as a correspondent.

"Mother's Darling."—The quotation you refer to should read: "Much study is a weariness to the flesh," not the "mind." Someone said, long ago, that he could write plays like Shakespeare's, if only he had the mind to. And an unkind critic replied, "Yes, it is only the mind that is wanting." Doubtless this is why, in some instances, it would be impossible for much study to be a weariness to the mind.

"Tuckshop Devotee."—From one point of view, it would, as you say, save wages, and thus be a more economical way of running the Tuckshop, were every boy allowed to go and serve himself. But think not of the economical results to the Tuckshop, but of the gastronomical effects on the first boy, not to mention the psychological emotions that would be experienced by the other boys who found nothing but an empty showcase!

"Good for Evil."—Your theology and your anthology have got mixed. It was David Harum who said, "Do to others as you expect them to do to you, and do it first." This system of morality is said to be greatly practised by politicians, and hence is quite unfit for schoolboys.

"Wise Man."—Yes, as a well-known Sydney publication put it, a few years ago, a Philosopher is a man who tells us why we are, and what we are, and how we know why we are, and how we are what we know, and what we would be if we weren't, and what precisely Areness

and Wereness are, and why we aren't what we mightn't have been if we weren't, and other such simple and entrancing facts.

"Angelina."—Sorry we have no demand for Love Lyrics. Would it not be better to write her direct, in good English prose? If you care to send the letter to us for criticism, we shall be pleased to censor it, or even to write her ourselves.

"Materialist."—You are quite wrong. A neural process cannot be transformed into a psychical process. To endeavour to do so would be implicitly to set aside plasticity as a psychological, and not merely a biological, fact. It is the logical outcome of a psycho-physical, or, rather, a physico-psychical theory, which, working primarily from the physical side, regards mind as simply an epiphenomenal and collateral product of matter.

"Anti-Bolshevik."—"The Fortian" has only had one reporter in its long history, and he was dismissed for the following reason: As news was growing scarce, the editor said to him, "If anyone has killed a pig, shot a wife, got married, borrowed a stamp, made a speech, joined the army, robbed a bank, bought a Ford, sold a dog, lost his wallet, gone fishing, broken his neck, committed suicide, bought a house, shot a cat, been away, come back home, moved his office, got rich, taken a vacation, been in a fight, got licked, it's news; write a report on it." The report that was sent in was this: "At a recent meeting of the Fort St. Bolshevik Won't Works, it was decided to approach the Headmaster with a request that examinations be abolished. The Headmaster referred the request to the Deputy Headmaster for report, who passed it on to the Subject Masters for suggestions, who in turn sent it to the Assistant Masters for comment, who again handed it to the Prefects for advice, who further sent it to the Class Captains for consideration, who again requested the individual boys of the different classes to conduct a secret ballot on a motion expressive of their views. What really transpired must ever

remain a mystery; but the following resolution was found later on the Headmaster's table: 'That we, the Bolshevistic Won't Works of the new regime, request the Class Captains to ask the Prefects to see the Assistant Masters, with a view to their asking the Masters to tell the Deputy Headmaster to request the Headmaster to interview the Inspectors and ask them to demand of the Education Department that the Director of Education approach the Minister for Education, and convey to him the desire of the entire School that examinations be abolished.' It was further added to the resolution, that until a satisfactory answer be received, no work should be done by any pupil, under pain of three compulsory military drills in one week. It is said, that a Cabinet Meeting was hastily convened to discuss the extraordinary situation, and that members were on the

point of accepting the terms of the resolution, when someone thought of asking the supporters of the resolution to favour the House with their presence in conference. After diligent search, the total number of Bolshevists was found to be one—a malcontent who had copied and been thrown out from exam. All others were found to be enthusiastically in favour of the present happy and harmonious system of examination, which has worked so well for hundreds of years, and given universal satisfaction.' Our reasons for dismissing the reporter were based on two grounds: (1) That he did wittingly and knowingly suggest that Fort Street boys would copy from others, of malice aforethought; (2) That he did wickedly and emphatically declare himself in favour of examinations, such as all good boys and Masters equally and righteously detest.

Ode to a Tom-Cat.

(By Shelley, Junr.)

O little roof-hummer, I have heard,
I hear thee and rejoice (?).
O Tom-cat, shall I call thee bird,
Or but a wand'ring voice?

While I am lying in my room,
Thy love-lorn yell I hear;
And often do I wonder whom
Thou woo'st and lov'st so dear.

Though yelling but to friends female,
Like other midnight row-ers,
Thou bringest upon me a tale
Of long and sleepless hours.

And I can listen to you yet,
Can reach out for a boot,
And lie, till I must needs up-get,
To try and make thee scoot.

To seek thee, do I often rove,
With catapult and bricks;
And if I catch thee, Thomas, love,
I'll end thy fiendish tricks.

Then, farewell! bird, without a wing;
Alas! Thou soon shalt le
No cat, but an invis'ble thing—
A sausage? or a mystery?

Abitur^o Te Salutamus.

(A Fourth Year Departing Lament.)

From thy care, our Alma Mater,
We, thy sons, this day depart,
Each of us thy memory bearing,
Graven in his inmost heart.

Time his swift, stern flight is winging,
Spite of all that we can do;
Still the ancient order changes,
Still the old gives place to new.

For the gifts that thou hast lavished,
For our happy, careless days;
We, to thee, most freely tender
Fullest need of thankful praise.

And throughout the years before us,
Ever as we live and learn,
Through the pleasant fields of memory
Back to thee our hearts will turn.

So, departing, we salute thee!
May thy sons forever be,
In whatever sphere they labour,
Worthy of themselves and thee!

W. KING, 4B.

First Thoughts.

F.S.B.H.S.—Far superior band here seen!

L.S.L.—Leading school light.

Synonymous.—Inattention and Detention.

A common sight in America is a house or a college without a fence. Why not at Fort Street?

In the opinion of Remove boys, essay-writing is by no means an amusement. Why, then, charge 1d. amusement tax on essay portfolios?

Many of the newly-appointed non-coms (short for non compos mentis) have an objectionable habit of talking of a "blank file." Surely, in view of the official edict concerning unbecoming language, this matter should be rectified!

Boys receiving more than 1.25 cubic centimetres of jam in any of the cakes sold at the Tuckshop, are requested to return the surplus, together with their names and addresses, as evidence is needed to convict the pastrycook of extravagance.

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