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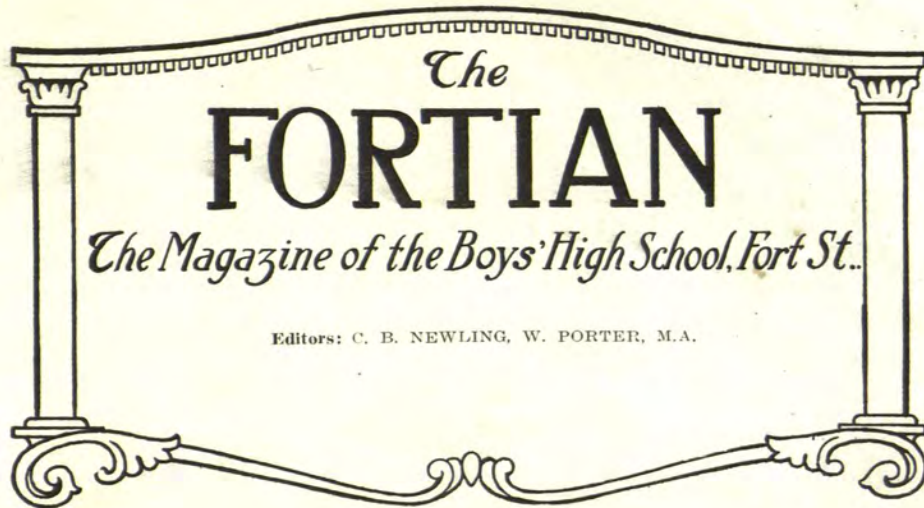
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EXAMINATIONS.

ARISTOTLE said: "A life without examination is not worth living." Not being a prophet, he would doubtless be surprised at the meaning which modern conditions suggest for his words. Still, we are not altogether abusing his great name by applying the above quotation to our competitive system of examinations. For while these are not an ideal test of knowledge, they are the fairest and best available, and bring out also many moral qualities, such as courage, perseverance, self-denial, pride in honest achievement.

Viewed in this light, they are valuable, nay, indispensable, as a preparation for the ceaseless examinations imposed upon us by the conditions of later life. The stern test of warfare was but the "final" to many a Fortian who had been prepared for it in his school life.

Few things please us so much as to see our Old Boys displaying in wider fields the virtues and abilities that were fostered in our halls. We realise that in "winning through" they are keeping our flag flying, and maintaining the great reputation bequeathed to them. Especially at the University is this evident. In all faculties the number of Fortians among the graduates last December and March was very large, out of all proportion to the alumni of other schools. And the distinctions, too, were of outstanding character. Dr. M. B. Fraser, securing first place in Medicine, gained that honour for the School for the fourth time in the last ten years. E. W. Haggett, with First Honours and the University Medal for Dentistry, and a host of others scarcely less prominent, furnish a list that should make every Fortian feel proud of his predecessors. Our boys know that when they leave us for the University or any profession, they will find their seniors have "blazed the trail" for them, and have given a distinctive character to the name of Fortian.

OLD BOYS.

The following Old Boys have received appointments as Junior Resident Medical Officers:—

To Royal Prince Alfred Hospital—

Dr. M. B. Fraser.
Dr. W. J. Chapman.
Dr. J. R. Allison.
Dr. G. M. B. Hales.

To Sydney Hospital—

Dr. D. W. Little.
Dr. I. A. McLean.
Dr. V. St. C. Mulhearn.
Dr. C. J. Logan.
Dr. J. C. Green.

To Royal North Shore Hospital—

Dr. W. V. Jacobs.

The following have received appointments as Articled Clerks to the legal firms opposite their names:—

R. L. Head, B.A., and W. G. Tester, B.A.,
to Messrs. Clayton and Utz.

R. W. Aubrey, B.A., to Messrs. Asher,
Old & Jones.

H. R. Booth to Mr. A. E. Whatmore.

R. S. Hicks to Mr. H. C. Garling.

A. L. Somerville and J. H. Parks to
Messrs. Wynne & Johnson.

E. G. Ryan to Mr. C. Servetopulos.

C. H. Dunlop to Mr. B. C. Ronald.

A. H. Garratt to Messrs. Holdship &
Holdship.

Bruce Edwards, who is Metallurgist and Sugar Chemist at the Colonial Sugar Refining Co.'s Macknade mill, N. Queensland, recently paid the School a visit. He informs us that several Old Boys are in the C.S.R. Co.'s employ. R. K. Bannister and Geoffrey Braund are at Hambleton mill, N.Q.; F. Mallam is at Harwood mill, Clarence River; Fred. McKechnie, who was previously a chemist at Broadwater and Congdon, is now an accountant in the company's office; whilst V. J. McPhee is also on the clerical staff.

Mr. N. Esserman, B.Sc., who is Chief Physicist in the Commonwealth Arsenal, recently paid the School a visit. Associated with him, though on the engineering side, is Ray Doyle, who was his classmate in the old days in the Old School.

W. J. Swan, LL.B., who has lately been admitted to the Bar, has received the appointment of Private Secretary in the Premier's Department.

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We heartily congratulate our Old Boys upon whom degrees were conferred as a result of the University Examinations of December, 1920, and March, 1921.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.):

J. H. Algie, III, Honours English.
R. L. Head, II, Honours English.
W. G. Tester, II, Honours English.
L. W. Taylor, Wigram Allen Scholarship in Law.
A. Y. Jennings.
E. P. Patterson.
V. R. White.

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.):

A. V. Langker, B.A., B.Ec.
W. R. York.

Bachelor of Dentistry (B.D.S.):

E. W. Haggett, Honors Class I. and University Medal.
R. H. Cloutier, Credit in Clinical Dentistry, Credit in Mechanical Dentistry.

Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.):

R. A. Quigley, B.Sc., Honours Class II.
J. F. McIlraith, Honours Class III.
E. Paxinos, Credit Mechanical Engineering.

A. R. Sims.
A. F. G. Stafford.
A. H. Wright.

Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery (M.B., Ch.M.):

M. B. Fraser, Honours Class II.
J. R. Allison, Honours Class II.
D. W. Little, Honours Class II.
W. J. Chapman.
J. C. Green.
B. Hales.
W. V. Jacobs.
C. J. Logan.
I. A. McLean.
V. S. Mulhearn.
W. Yurn.

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.):

R. O. Cummings.

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (B.Sc. Agr.):

R. H. Anderson, Honours Class II.
F. A. Perkins, Honours Class II.

Bachelor of Economics (B.Ec.):

A. B. Cleland.
W. R. A. Kilpatrick.
F. S. McCarthy.
A. E. Saxton.
W. J. Sear.

Honours at Yearly Examinations.

Arts:

Y. R. Andrew, High Distinction History II., High Distinction English II.
S. C. Jenkins, High Distinction Latin I.
N. J. Bell, High Distinction English I.

Science:

G. Walker, High Distinction Physics I., High Distinction Geology I.

Engineering:

SECOND YEAR.

R. W. J. Mackay, High Distinction Engineering Chemistry, High Distinction Engineering Construction.
V. T. England, High Distinction Engineering Geology.
A. W. Stone, Distinction Engineering Geology.

FIRST YEAR.

W. H. Stephenson, Distinction in Engineering Drawing and Design.

Law—Intermediate LL.B. Exam.:

L. W. Taylor, Wigram Allen Scholarship for General Proficiency, Pitt Cobbett Prize for Constitutional Law.

Medicine:

FIRST YEAR.

W. H. King, Distinction Chemistry, Credit Physics, Credit Botany, Credit Zoology.
R. T. C. Hughes, High Distinction Physics, Credit Chemistry, Credit Botany.
R. R. M. Perkins, Distinction Botany, Distinction Physics.
A. J. Sullivan, Distinction Chemistry, Credit Physics, Credit Zoology.
A. V. G. Price, Credit Chemistry, Credit Physics.
W. F. Mallein, Distinction Botany.
S. Pearlman, Credit Botany.
J. A. Holt, Credit Physics.
H. D. Ashton, Credit Physics.

Economics:

H. C. Leggatt, High Distinction Public Administration.
C. M. Orr, Distinction Commercial and Industrial Law.
W. R. A. Kilpatrick, Credit Commercial and Industrial Law.
N. S. Jenkins, Credit Commercial and Industrial Law.
J. B. Crum, Credit Commercial and Industrial Law.
A. A. Pickering, Credit Economic Geography.

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THE OLD BOYS' UNION.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Old Boys' Union was held in the Assembly Hall at the Department of Education on Friday evening, May 6.

Mr. H. V. Evatt was voted to the chair.

The Secretaries and Treasurer's reports were read and unanimously adopted; and a vote of thanks was accorded these officers.

On the call for nominations for the office of Patron, one name only was submitted, and Mr. A. J. Kilgour, B.A., LL.B., was thus elected unopposed.

Mr. H. V. Evatt, M.A., LL.B., was unanimously elected President.

On the motion of Mr. Mackaness, it was decided that the number of Vice-Presidents should be at least ten, and the following gentlemen were duly elected:—Sir Joseph Carruthers, Mr. Justice James, Mr. P. Board, Mr. F. A. Coghlan, Mr. A. J. Hare, Mr. W. M. Apperley, Professor J. I. Hunter, Mr. S. Lasker, Dr. Grant, Dr. A. J. Collins, Mr. E. H. Booth, Mr. G. Mackaness, Major Selmes, Mr. W. York, Mr. A. L. Deloitte, Mr. C. A. McIntosh.

Council members elected were:—Dr. C. Paine, Dr. I. McLean, Messrs. W. Freeborn, Kinninmont, Quigley and L. Langs-

worth, Captain of the School for the current year.

Messrs. G. D. McIntyre and H. W. G. Spencer were elected Hon. Secretaries, and Mr. R. L. Head Hon. Treasurer.

The question of a permanent War Memorial was then discussed and after considerable deliberation it was decided to place in the School a bronze tablet, bearing the names of all Fortians who made the supreme sacrifice, and in addition to compile a complete list of all Old Boys who took part in the Great War. Their names, together with their war services, will be engrossed upon vellum and bound in book form, and the volume will be kept in a glass case in the library. All arrangements in this connection were left in the hands of the Council.

Before closing the meeting, the chairman expressed his gratification at the large number present and considered such an attendance a happy augury for the future.

The "Fortian" most heartily commends the Old Boys' Union to all other Fortians as the best means of keeping in touch with old friends and of maintaining the traditions and ideals of which we are all so proud.

Notes.

A War Memorial Fund is to be opened immediately.

It is proposed to hold the Annual Dinner in June and a Quarterly Smoke Social. A dance in conjunction with the ex-pupils of Fort Street Girls' High School is also mooted.

The Union has decided to donate annually two silver cups for the best all-round athletes—senior and junior. The recipients of these trophies will be determined at our Annual Sports Meeting, which is to be held in September.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The present year has been a bounteous one for the Library and its subscribers. Over 400 books have been purchased out of School funds and added to the Library shelves.

The English section of the Library shows a fulness hitherto lacking. Other sections have also added to their stature. A new section, dealing with the Great War, has also recently made its appearance. When further funds are available it is proposed to establish a section stocked with up-to-date books on popular science. There is plenty of scope for expansion in this and other directions, as the book capacity of the Lib-

rary is approximately 4,000 volumes, and at present the Library contains 2,500 books.

Several copies of "Merit and Democracy" have been added to the Library shelves. These were part of a generous gift of 100 volumes made recently by Mr. R. A. M. King, solicitor, 3 Castle-reagh Street, Sydney. This is not the first time Mr. King has shown his practical interest in the School. For the present gift we desire to tender our sincerest thanks. Such gifts as those of Mr. King naturally prompt the hope that other friends and Old Boys of the School may do likewise.

EXAMINATIONS.

Leaving Certificate Examinations, 1920.

- Armstrong, Allan Cameron, 1H 2B 3B
5B 6B 8A 10B.
- Bayliss, Stuart, 1H 2B 5B 6B 9B 10B
21B.
- Best, Raymond John, 1H 2B 3B 6B 8B.
- Bingham, James Frederick, 1H 2L 5B
6B 8B.
- Blanchard, Louis Geo. Kenneth, 2B 5B
6B 8B 10L.
- Blunt, Littleton Heady, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B
8B.
- Booth, Henry Roy, 1H 2H 3H 5B 6A 9B
18A.
- Callow, Francis H. McC., 1H 2A 5B 6B
9A 10A 21H.
- Cassin, James Michael, 5B 6B 7B 10B
25 pass.
- Crain, Walter A. Thos., 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B
10B 21B 25 pass.
- Culey, Arthur Charles, 1H 2A 3A 5A
6A(x) 10H.
- Davis, Keith Joseph B., 1B 2B 3B 5B 6A
8H 10B.
- Dunlop, Colin Hector, 1H 2H 3B 5B 6B
8B 10B.
- Elliott, Edward Talbot, 1B 2L 6B 8B.
- Garratt, Arthur Henry, 1A 2A 3A 5A
6A(x) 7A 10A.
- Godfrey, Errol Alwyn, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B
8B 10B.
- Goode, Caleb James Frew, 1H 2B 5B 6B
9B 21H.
- Hagan, John Elwin, 1H 2B 3B 5B 6B 8H
10B.
- Hake, Alfred Charles, 1B 2B 5B 6B.
- Hannaford, Beresford Arthur, 1B 8B 14B
18B.
- Hicks, Russell Stuart, 1B 2B 5B 8B 21B.
- Howe, Geoffrey Langford, 1B 2B 3B 5B
6A 10A.
- Hunt, Robert David, 1B 2B 5B 6B 8B
10B 21B.
- Jones, Charles Richard, 1A 2B 3B 5A
6A(x) 8B 10A.
- King, William White, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B
8B 10L.
- Kirkpatrick, Michael Alex. A., 1B 2L
5A 6B 8B 10B.
- Lawson, Samuel, 2B 9B 10B 21A.
- Levings, Edward Winchester, 1A 2B 3B
5A 6A(x) 8H 10A.
- Loewenthal, Louis Samuel, 1A 2B 3A
5A 6A(x) 10H.
- Mathews, Harold Victor, 1H 3B 5B 6A
8H 14A 18A.
- McDougall, Joseph Henry, 1B 2B 5B 6B
8A 10L 21B.
- McGrath, Raymond Herbert, 1H 2B 3B 5B
6B 8H 10B.
- Murphy, Frank, 1B 3B 5B 6B 8H 14B
18B.
- Neal, Frank Thomas, 1B 2A 3B 5B 6A
8B 10B.
- Nicholson, James, 1B 2B 5B 6A 8B.
- Parks, Jack Henderson, 1B 5B 6B 8B
10B.
- Peak, Herbert F., 1B 2B 5A 6A(x) 7B
10A 21B 25 pass.
- Pearson, Thomas Allen, 1B 2B 5A 6A
7B 10B 21B 25 pass.
- Quayle, Athol Frederick, 1H 2B 3H 5B
6B 7B 10B.
- Ridley, John Edward, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B
8B.
- Ryan, Edward Gerald, 1B 2B 3B 5B 6B
8B.
- Sillar, Keith Irving, 1B 2B 3A 5B 8B
11B.
- Somerville, Andrew J. L., 1H 2B 3B 5B
6A 8H 10B.
- Taylor, Douglas David, 1B 5B 6B 8A 14B
18B.
- Waddington, William Joseph, 1B 2B 3B
5A 6A 7B.
- Willcox, Jack Bryce, 2B 5B 6B 9B.
- Wyndham, Harold Stanley, 1A 2B 3A 5B
6B 8B.

A. H. Garratt (2nd place in State), A. C. Culey, E. W. Levings, H. R. Booth were awarded bursaries.

Exhibitions were awarded to the following:—

ARTS: E. A. Godfrey, J. H. McDougall, R. H. McGrath, H. S. Wyndham.

LAW: H. R. Booth, C. H. Dunlop, A. H. Garratt, J. E. Hagan, A. J. L. Somerville.

MEDICINE: A. C. Armstrong, L. H. Blunt, E. W. Levings, F. H. M. Callow, A. C. Culey, K. J. B. Davis, C. J. F. Goode, G. L. Howe, L. S. Loewenthal, A. F. Quayle, K. I. Sillar.

ENGINEERING: T. A. Pearson.

SCIENCE: C. R. Jones, H. F. Peak.

AGRICULTURE: W. J. Waddington.

ECONOMICS: H. C. W. V. Matthews, F. Murphy.

ARCHITECTURE: W. W. King.

As a result of the Leaving Certificate Examination the following boys were awarded scholarships tenable at the Teachers' College: R. H. McGrath, J. E. Hagan, A. J. L. Somerville, C. R. Jones, H. F. Peak, H. S. Wyndham, E. A. Godfrey, E. G. Ryan, T. A. Pearson, J. E. Ridley, J. F. Bingham, R. D. Hunt.

The Honours obtained were: English 14, Latin 2, French 2, Greek 2, Mathematics 6, History 6, Physics 2.

Intermediate Examination, 1920.

- Atkin, Stacy, 1A 2A 3B 4A 5A 11A 14A 15B.
 Banks, Arthur Jeston, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B.
 Bartlett, Norman Percival, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Black, Hermann David, 1A 2B 4B 5B 7B 11A 29A.
 Boorman, Raymond Horace, 1B 4A 5A 6B 7B 11A.
 Booth, Ivan Charles, 1A 2B 4A 5A 6B 7B 11A.
 Brigden, Charles Arthur, 1B 4A 5B 11B.
 Buckle, Frederick Nelson, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6B 7A 11A.
 Buckley, John James, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6A 7A 11A.
 Budge, Joseph James, 1A 2B 4B 5A 6B 7B 11B.
 Burgis, Henry Wykes, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B.
 Bussman, William Ernest, 1B 3B 4B 5B 6B 7A 11B 75A.
 Carroll, Reginald Gordon, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B.
 Champion, Arthur Edmond, 1B 2B 5B 11B.
 Child, Albert George, 1A 2B 4A 5A 6B 7B 11B.
 Clarkson, Stanley Leigh, 1B 4B 7B 29B.
 Cobcroft, Geoffrey Stuart, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.
 Conder, Jamcs, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Cotterell, Jack, 1B 5B 6B 7B 9B 11B.
 Denton, Joseph William, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Dickinson, Henry Black, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6A 7B 11B.
 Douglass, John Walter, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B.
 Dumble, John, 1A 2B 4A 5A 6B 7B 11A.
 Edmunds, Harold, 1A 2A 3A 4A 5A 7A 11A 14A 15A.
 Emery, Oscar William, 1A 2A 4A 5A 6A 7A 11A.
 English Herbert Spencer, 1A 4A 5A 6A 7A 11A.
 Fenn, Robert George, 1A 2A 4A 5A 6A 7A 11A.
 FitzRoy, Ferdinand, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Foy, Kenneth John, 1B 2B 4B 11B.
 Freeman, Cecil Sydney, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B.
 Cash, Ivor Prosper, 1A 2B 4A 5A 6B 7B 11A.
 Gillard, Geoffrey, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.
 Glover, Jack Albert, 1A 2B 4A 5A 6B 7B 11B.
 Griffin, Gerald George, 1A 2B 4B 7B 11B.
 Griffiths, Harold Noel, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Gunther, Carl Ernest, 1A 2B 4A 5A 6B 7A 11A.
 Hamnett, Harold James, 1A 3B 4A 5A 7A 11A 14A 15B.
 Harris, Frank Dangar, 1A 2B 4A 5B 7B 11A.
 Higgins, Allan William, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Hodgson, Frederick Arthur, 1A 2A 4A 5A 6A 7B 11B.
 Hogbin, Herbert William, 1A 2A 4A 5A 6A 7B 11B.
 Holland, Hector, 1B 2B 4A 5A 6B 7B 11B.
 Hunter, Hector Albert, 1B 2B 4B 5A 6B 10B.
 Jackson, John William, 1A 2B 4B 5A 6B 7A 11A.
 Jenkyn, Norman Alexander, 1A 2B 4A 5A 6A 7B 11B.
 Kemp, William Henry James, 1A 2B-3B 4A 5B 11B 14B.
 Kench, Arthur, 1B 2B 5B 11B.
 Lansdown, Percy Norman, 1A 2B 4A 5A 11B 29B
 Laphorne, Reginald John, 1A 2A 4A 5A 6A 7B 11B.
 Laundry, Norman S. Leslie, 1A 2B 4A 5A 6A 7B 11B.
 Lenthén, Lewis Harris, 1B 2B 5B 6B 11B.
 Lewis, Clive Hammond, 1B 2B 4A 5A 11B.
 Lochrin, Hector Nicholas, 1B 2B 3A 4A 5A 11A.
 Lynch, Stanislaus Bede, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Mackenzie, John Hewison, 1A 2B 3A 4B 5B 7B 11A 14A 15B.
 Mackenzie, Kenneth Wilson, 1B 2B 4B 7B 11B 29B.
 McCutcheon, George Charles, 1B 2B 5B 6B 7B.
 McDermott, Devereux, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B 14A.
 McDonald, Charles Llewellyn, 1B 2B 5B 11B.
 McDowall, Courtney Wm. James, 1A 2B 4A 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 McDowell, David Alexander, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B.
 McGilchrist, Arthur Ernest, 2B 4B 6B 7B 11A.
 McKern, Charles Fredk., 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 11B 14B 15B.
 McLelland, Charles, 1A 2A 4A 5A 6B 7A 11A.
 Meers, Neil, 1B 2B 4A 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Messner, Victor, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11B.
 Mortimer, Raymond Nicoll, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 11B.
 Newman, Arthur Charles, 1B 2B 4A 5A 7B 11B 29B.
 Noble, Alexander McDonald, 1A 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.
 Noldt, John Henry, 1A 2B 3B 4B 5B 14B.
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Smith, William Algie Stewart, 1B 2B 4B 5B 6B 7B 11A.	The following qualified for the Public Service: C. E. M. Gunther, H. Edmunds, W. E. Bussman, J. D. Nicholson, J. M. Bayliss.
Solomon, Philip, 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 14B.	At the Intermediate Examination 16 bursaries were awarded, of which no less than 5 came to our boys. The names are: H. Edmunds, C. E. Gunther, C. McLelland, H. S. English, H. J. Hamnett. We heartily congratulate our lads on their well merited success.
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The Yearly Examinations at the School.

This year, instead of giving a certificate of merit to the top boy in each class, it has been decided that the first three scholars in each subject in each of the years not taking the I.C. or L.C. shall receive such recognition. We have pleasure in publishing their names and percentages.

When all the pupils in any subject are in one class, the first boy only will receive the Certificate.

First Year.

ENGLISH:

Howarth, 93
Burrows, 90
Bates, 86

HISTORY:

Howarth, 95
Bates, 90
Aitcheson, 85
Doyle, 85
Walker, 85

LATIN:

Howarth, 96
Walker, 94
Bates, 94
Child, 94

FRENCH:

Wheeler, 98
Burrows, 98
Howarth, 98

GREEK:

Bates, 85

MATHS. I.:
 Crow, 87
 Shaw, 81
 Horton, 81
 Caisley, 81
 Godfrey, 81
 MATHS. II.:
 Burrows, 93
 Brennan, 87
 Sheldon, 86
 SCIENCE:
 Alexander, 85
 Buckle, 83
 Farlow, 82
 Doyle, 82
 Howarth, 82
 Manning, 82
 BUSINESS PRINCIPLES:
 De Vere, 70
 SHORTHAND:
 Adams, 74
 GEOGRAPHY:
 Young, 91
 JAPANESE:
 Lessing, 80

Remove Year.

ENGLISH:
 Betteridge, 83
 Airey, 81
 McKinnon, 77
 Wilson, 77
 HISTORY:
 Beeby, 91
 Airey, 89
 Newnham, 88
 LATIN:
 Airey, 98
 Newnham, 96
 Betteridge, 95
 FRENCH:
 Airey, 98
 Moroney, 83
 Rowlands, 88
 GREEK:
 Bissaker, 77
 MATHS. I.:
 Holt, 77
 Tucker, 74
 Airey, 74
 MATHS. II.:
 McKinnon, 96
 N. Payne, 90
 Hale, 89
 SCIENCE:
 Airey, 87
 G. Williams, 82
 McKinnon, 81
 Newnham, 81
 O'Byrne, 81
 BUSINESS PRINCIPLES:
 Darling, 75
 SHORTHAND:
 Palmer, 92
 GEOGRAPHY:
 Ramage, 90
 JAPANESE:
 Bowen, 88

Third Year.

ENGLISH:
 Simmatt, 80
 Doig, 74
 Paine, 74
 Sharpe, 74
 HISTORY:
 Paine, 80
 Stewart, 77
 Doig, 71
 LATIN:
 Amsberg, 88
 Higgs, 86
 Langford, 83
 FRENCH:
 Wilson, 92
 Higgs, 92
 Brereton, 91
 GREEK:
 Hancock, 70
 MATHS. I.:
 Higgs, 93
 Vout, 93
 Wilson, 91
 MATHS. II.:
 Higgs, 92
 Vout, 84
 Sharpe, 83
 SCIENCE:
 Higgs, 97
 Sharpe, 93
 Doig, 92
 BUSINESS PRINCIPLES:
 Wilson, 78
 ECONOMICS:
 Mackney, 71
 GEOGRAPHY:
 Routley, 68

OLD FORTIANS IN PUBLIC LIFE.

Mr. J. T. Keating has been recently appointed to the very responsible position of Under-Secretary for Lands. He has had long and varied experience in this Department and was Secretary to the first Federal Capital Commission.

Mr. F. Leverrier, B.A., LL.B., B.Sc., K.C., who has been elected Vice-Chancellor of the Sydney University, attended Fort Street in the early days.

Mr. F. O. Steel, the newly-elected President of the Sydney Stock Exchange, is an Old Fortian. We desire to extend to him our heartiest congratulations on his election to this important position in the commercial world.

The Honours Board has been brought up to date by the addition of the names of successful candidates in the I.C. and L.C. of 1920.

The beautiful gold medal presented by Mr. Lane for best batting average, 1st Grade Cricket Competition, was won by Byrne.



FORT STREET HIGH CRICKET TEAM, FIRST GRADE PREMIERS, 1920-21.

Names reading from left to right.

Back Row. N. Gildea, A. Crowe, D. R. Kirkpatrick, A. Taylor, Mr. F. Potter, R. Waddington, J. M. King
Front Row: T. A. Byrne, M. A. A. Kirkpatrick (Vice-Capt.), N. Alexander (Capt.), L. A. Langsworth, R. Phillips, H. W. Spencer.

Congratulations.

"The Fortian" congratulates:

Mr. L. Rose upon his graduation as M.A. with First Class Honours in the School of History.

Mr. J. Murray upon his promotion to Taree, and Mr. McKenzie on his appointment as Master of Modern Languages.

Wallace Freeborn, M.M., upon his election as President of the Sydney University Undergraduates' Association. This Old Boy enlisted at the age of sixteen, and after being severely wounded in France, returned to Fort Street to complete his studies, and gained an Exhibition. His fellow-students at the Varsity have given expression to their estimation of his worth by bestowing upon him the highest honour in their gift.

Malcolm Fraser on obtaining first place in the State in graduating as Bachelor of Medicine.

I. W. Wark, who after leaving Fort Street, went to Scotch College, Melbourne, where he was dux in 1915 and 1916, has had a brilliant career at Melbourne University. In 1917 he gained the Dwight prize in natural philosophy, part 1, and chemistry, part 1, while in his second year he won the Dixon scholarship, and the exhibition in chemistry,

part 2, finally graduating B.Sc. in April, 1920. In the final honour examination this year he graduated M.Sc., in addition to winning the Kernot scholarship in chemistry, and the 1851 prize, and has proceeded to Cambridge to pursue his studies.

Arthur Culey on obtaining the Council of Education Scholarship. This scholarship, which is tenable for three years, was founded in 1889 by a gift of £300 from the subscribers of a memorial to the Council of Education. Competition is restricted to the sons of teachers or officers of the Department of Education. The money was allowed to accumulate till it produced £50 per annum, which happened this year, so Culey is the first holder.

E. Little, B.A., LL.B., B-en-D., L-es-D., upon obtaining the unique distinction of qualifying for the New South Wales Bar and the Parisian Bar. Mr. Little was assistant officer in charge of legal matters in the Department of Labour and Industry. He went on active service with the A.I.F., and after the Armistice took a course of study at Paris University, where he graduated as Bachelier en Droit, Licencié ès Droit.

Staff Changes.

Since our last issue several changes in the staff have taken place.

Mr. J. E. Murray, M.B.E., B.A., has been promoted to the Headmastership of Taree Intermediate High School. His position as Master of Modern Languages has been filled by the appointment of Mr. G. McKenzie, B.A., B.Ec. The Department of Modern Languages also lost Messrs. Darcy Smith and D. Short, who have gone to North Sydney and Tamworth respectively; they have been succeeded by Messrs. Dennehy and M. Levy, B.A.

In the Department of Mathematics, Mr. H. Thompson, B.A., returned to Fort Street to replace Mr. James, B.A., who went to Orange.

Of the Science Staff, Mr. Geo. Johns, B.A., B.Sc., went to Lismore and was succeeded by Mr. D. Drake, from Taree. From the Department of Classics, Mr. L. C. Carrington, B.A., was appointed to Lismore High School, and Mr. M. Geddes, M.A. (Glasgow), B.A. (Dublin), has taken his place. Mr. A. L. G. Mackay, D.C.M., B.A., Dip. Ed., has been added to the English Staff.

The Raymond and Frank Evatt Memorial Prize.

Mr. H. V. Evatt, M.A., LL.B., a very distinguished Old Boy, who is now practising at the Bar, has offered an annual prize for an essay, as a memorial to his two brothers, Raymond and Frank, both Fortians, who fell in the Great War.

This year the subject was: "Australia as a nation."

Mr. Evatt personally read the essays, and in making his adjudication, said:

"After careful consideration I have decided that the Memorial Prize should be awarded to and divided between W. R. Crisp and W. S. Howard (aeq). Both essays are excellent, showing great, though differing, originality. I may say that the standard of the essays was extremely high, and reflected great credit on the Old School."

The Dramatic Society.

The value of Dramatic work for the study of Shakespeare, was proved last year by the success which attended Mr. Stanley Warwick's "Henry V." venture. But not only was this valuable from the Shakespearian point of view, but great benefit was derived by the students who took part, in the art of elocution. Mr. Mackaness has therefore proposed a scheme for the present third year classes to perform "As You Like It." A capable teacher of elocution, it has been suggested, will come out to the School and train the would-be Thespians for one hour per week for ten or twelve lessons. Then, if the performers are found capable, the play will be first presented at Petersham Town Hall, and afterwards, if successful, at the King's Hall, in Sydney.

The erstwhile actors of 3C. have fallen in with the plan enthusiastically and are anxiously awaiting the results of negotiations with the elocutionist. Already several scenes have been played with considerable success, although the performers received no help from outside.

One scene was especially pleasing—one of the forest scenes in "As You Like It." Orlando was played by Hogbin, Rosalind by Sender, Jaques by Vincent, and Touchstone by McLelland. Although difficulties were experienced because the

stage was small, and no scenery or costumes were provided, Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Mackaness, and some lady visitors thought that, if this were a fair sample of the ability of the third year, there would be no doubts as to the success of the proposed performance. We believe that other scenes are at present in rehearsal.

In order to test the pronunciation and accent of the boys in some of his classes Mr. Mackaness has, as a preparation for the play, inaugurated a new system—at present in working order. The boys are asked to give a ten minute speech on a subject in which they are interested. We hear that this has been carried out with great success in American and English schools, where one student, we are told, lectured seriously on "How to Brush One's Hair." Subjects requiring deeper thought, however, have been chosen by Fortians who have had to speak.

We are expecting to see an excellent performance from our Fort Street actors, for they have shown what they can do, both in "Henry V." and in "The Midsummer Night's Dream." If they maintain their old standard, and have expert tuition, we shall not be disappointed.

ALPHEUS.

Taylor Memorial Prize.

After the death of Mr. Joe Taylor, an effort was made to raise funds to perpetuate his memory. This was so successful that Peace Bonds to the value of £50 were purchased. The interest each year will be devoted to the purchase of annual prizes for the best passes in

Geography in the Leaving and Intermediate Certificates. The winners for 1920 were:—Leaving Certificate, H. V. Matthews; Intermediate, J. H. McKenzie; and the books will be presented at the forthcoming Speech Day.

Ode to the Mosquito.

[With apologies to Kingsley. Written only now that winter is here, and the bard need not fear any mosquito for another four or five months at least.]

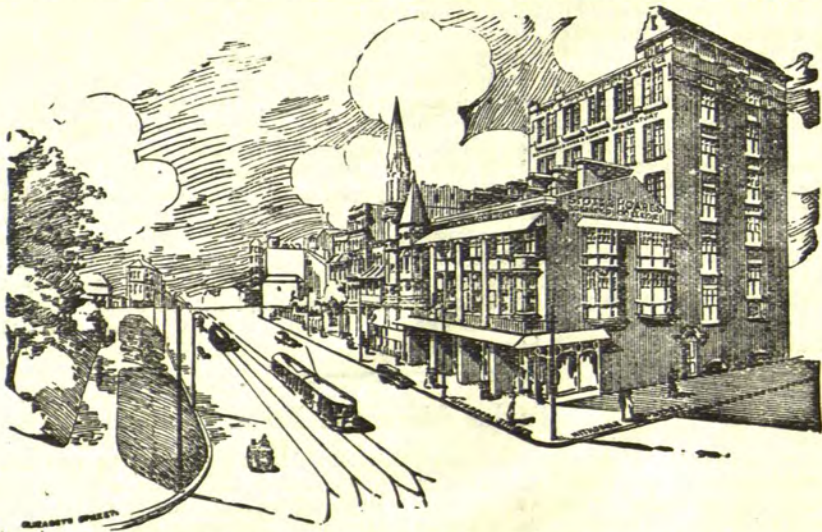
Welcome, fierce mosquito:
Shame it is to see
Odes to everything on earth,
Ne'er a verse to thee.
Welcome, wild mosquito,
To the summer nights,
When the heat-bathed sleeper
Feels thy savage bites.
Tired we are of winter,
Tired of peaceful rest;
Thou alone canst brace us,
Stir us to our best.
Tired we are of winter,
With its chilling air,
When thy pleasant humming
Isn't anywhere.

Grim creature of the summer,
Keep us from our sleep,
For everybody hereabouts
Wins his rest too cheap.
Thou wilt make us realise
That we must be men,
That we must endure travail
Till winter comes again.
Winter is too easy—
Let's us off too light;
Summer, through thy efforts,
Chastens us all right.
Come; and strong within us,
Stir the sluggish mind,
Make us jump and hit around,
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ANZAC DAY.

The celebration this year was of an impressive and inspiring character. At 11.45 all classes assembled in the Quadrangle and, under the conductorship of Mr. L. C. Mote, M.A., sang Kipling's Recessional. Upon the conclusion of the singing, everyone, with bowed head, re-

mained silent for one minute in token of respect and admiration for our valiant dead.

The Headmaster then delivered a forcible address upon the ideal and example which the Anzacs have bequeathed to posterity.

SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day, which was held on the afternoon of the 26th May, was attended by a very large number of parents and friends of the School, and the proceedings were of a most enthusiastic character. Mr. H. J. Elliott, Chief Inspector of Secondary Schools, was in the chair, and Mrs. Elliott presented the prizes and certificates. After Mr. Kilgour had read the Annual Report, Professor J. I. Hunter, who occupies the Chair of Anatomy at the Sydney University, one of our Old Boys, delivered a most interesting address. He said "that the School played a great part in the building up of the nation. The commonwealth of the human body consisted of billions of units, all working in a well-governed system for the good of the whole. The School was training units, all of which had functions which were indispensable and honourable. The scholars had the essence of

democracy in equality of opportunity, and the records of the past showed that they had made good in after life, aiding in every way in the development of the country. The continuity of human effort from generation to generation led to the uplifting of the human race. Upon the attitude of the mind depended a great deal of the future happiness of the individual, and the traditions of Fort Street stood out as a splendid example of what was possible in youth."

Mr. Elliott then spoke a few words, complimenting the School on its achievements and emphasising the rapid growth of secondary education facilities in the State.

After the prizes and certificates had been presented, the National Anthem was sung, and the proceedings ended with the usual cheers, after which the visitors were entertained at afternoon tea.

EMPIRE DAY.

Despite the pessimists Empire Day was fine and the new Union Jacks and Australian flags hung somewhat limply from the flagpoles. The Quadrangle was gaily decorated with bunting, and when the School assembled there was a general air of expectancy. The guard of honour, under Lieutenant Humphries, looked spick and span, and was inspected by General Sir Charles Rosenthal. Hearty applause greeted the distinguished visitors, who included Sir Chas. Rosenthal, Sir Henry Braddon, Major Shillington, Major Selmes, Mr. Hoskins, M.L.A., and, later, the Honorable E. A. McTiernan, Attorney-General, and Mr. Lazzarini, M.L.A.

Proceedings were opened by singing "Advance, Australia Fair," after which Sir Chas. Rosenthal addressed the School. He mentioned the large number of Fortians who had fought and died for Australia and the Empire during the Great War. It was, he said, because of the sacrifices of these and such as these that our land now enjoyed freedom, and could offer equality of opportunity to all. The present generation of school-boys had been left a glorious heritage, and it

behoved them to prove themselves worthy of the prize of their high calling. This could be done by being loyal to themselves, to each other, to their School, their land and their Empire.

Sir Henry Braddon brought to our remembrance the wonderful reign of Queen Victoria, whose birthday had been chosen as Empire Day. He outlined the marvellous progress and expansion that had occurred in the size, trade and prosperity of the Empire since her accession in 1837. He pointed out that Australia's advancement had been fostered by the unceasing protection of the British Navy, that were this withdrawn Australia's freedom would not be worth three months' purchase.

Major Selmes referred to Lord Forster's epigram, Australians for Australia, quoting from His Excellency's speech the following lines:

"Do what you can, being what you are,
Shine like a glowworm if you can't like a star.

Work like a pulley if you can't like a chain.

Grease the wheels well, if you can't drive the train."

Mr. McTiernan referred to the symbolism of the Australian flag, and said that it had received recognition among the flags of the world on account of the great sacrifices made by Australia's sons during the Great War. The Empire was proud of Australia, and it was a proud title to be able to say "I am an Austra-

lian." The Attorney-General ended in an appeal for mutual trust and mutual loyalty to Australia and the Empire.

Major Shillington, Mr. Hoskins and Mr. Lazzarini also spoke, and proceedings closed with ringing cheers for the King, the Empire, and Australia.

Helping Rudyard to Kipple.

On reading Mr. Kipling's "Ship that Found Herself," Professor Naitrof was inspired to do for his School (in a far superior manner, of course) what that author had done for so humble a thing as a floating conglomeration of pieces of steel. If a ship could speak in the thin notes of its individual parts and then with a corporate voice, surely a school should have something to say, and Percy P. Naitrof was the person to hear it. Flushed with high resolve and a superfluity of ice-cream sodas, the great reporter set about his task. One Wednesday afternoon he stole back to the School; he walked silently through all the rooms, straining his ears for whatever fell from their contents; could hear nothing à la Kipling; finally, disgusted, sat down in the Library. There he went to sleep. He was awakened suddenly by an animated conversation around him, conducted by the different genii of the building.

"Look here, Mr. Stool," an indignant voice shrieked, "let me tell you that if you did about one-tenth of the work I do, you'd be carried to your grave three or four times a day." It was an ordinary class-room stool that spoke.

"Huh!" sneered a supercilious science-room stool in reply, "Why you —"

"Gentlemen, gentlemen," murmured an unscratched, well-polished master's table, deprecatingly, "dignity, y' know, dignity above, all things."

"Yes, of course," the stool flung back; "you never have to do any work; you can afford to be dignified. Why, if I never had anything to do save hold up a teacher's book or his elbows, I'd be ashamed to live. You great big bloated profiteer, why don't you do a little work and sweat some of that varnish off you?"

"Burn me splinters," bellowed an ordinary-looking, well-scratched, much-initialled desk, "but that's the way to talk to the mangy, podgy lout."

"Such low-bred, vulgar things," the table sniffed to the chair. "My dear fellow, I don't know how you tolerate their company."

"Yes, such 'orrible language they use. Besides, it aint as if any of 'em really

work. If they had to put up with what I have to and be sat on by hulking big schoolboys all day—then they'd have somethin' to complain about."

"Oh! What you have to put up with, indeed," interlocuted a red-squared mathematical blackboard. "Now, if you had a compass-point poked into you as often as I have, you could talk about suffering."

"He, he," giggled the chair. "Let me tell you, young feller-me-lad, that many and many's the bent pin that has been put on me."

The blackboard retorted in a huff, "Really, —," when a plain blackboard interrupted him with a "Hush! brother. Don't disgrace our family by arguing with such a plebeian lot. Besides, what is mere physical pain to the acuter mental agony I endure. Consider, all of you, how it lacerates my very soul to have those torturing French and Latin words written on me. Only such a strong-constituted creature as myself could survive one lesson of them. And look at the barbarous Maths they write all over me, too. Shocking, I call it."

"Really," began the chair, when a huge voice murmured softly, "Hush! Each of you do your appointed part. Is not that enough that you must quarrel as to who does most?"

"Why, 'oney, who are you?" the chair asked, unabashed.

"I'm the voice of the School," thundered the reply, and in such terrible tones that Naitrof took to his heels in fright and bolted down the sacred main staircase. He stopped running at the tramline and made a vow that, in view of its nightmare-producing effects, he would not visit the tuck-shop ever again—for that week at least.

NAITROF.

We are looking forward to a visit by the Taree football, tennis and athletic representatives in June. Fortians were very well treated by the people of Taree last year, and we are anxious to give our visitors a good time during their stay.

LIFE SAVING.

Our Junior Life Saving team, whose photograph we reproduce by kind permission of the "Sun," were successful in regaining for the School that much coveted trophy, the Hendry Cup. The winners were coached by Mr. Humphries and gave an admirable performance.

On the other hand, the Seniors lost the Cosgrove Shield, which for the past year hung on the walls of the western corridor. The winners were The Technical High School, whose victory was fully deserved.

The following boys have gained awards for Life Saving:—

Silver Award of Merit: K. Buchanan.

Bronze Medallion: D. Shaw, N. Routley, G. Harman, H. Penrue, J. Hawthorne, L. Mandelson, A. Stapp, A. Palmer, J. Morgan, R. Waddington.

Proficiency Certificates: A. Young, A. Gange, R. Williamson, N. McIntosh, G. Forshall, J. Morgan, R. McCall, A. Cupit, E. Perrin, D. Sharpe, R. Semmatt, S. G. Hale, L. Wright, R. King, J. Holt.

Instructor's Certificate: G. Harman, M. Prior, A. McGilchrist, R. Waddington.



FORT STREET HIGH SCHOOL LIFE-SAVING TEAM

Which after a lapse of four years, has regained the Hendry Challenge Cup.

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Standing: J. F. Morgan, Mr. W. Humphries (Instructor), A. E. Palmer.

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DEBATING SOCIETIES.

The Senior Literary and Debating Society.

The interest in debating on the part of our seniors has been sensibly quickened since the New Year. In our career as a Debating Society throughout 1920, we learnt the elementary and fundamental rules of the art, while an active part in the debates themselves was taken by but a small minority.

However, under the guardianship of Mr. Newling, who took a warm and untiring interest in our success, we really had a fruitful year, and all enjoyed our meetings. His criticisms and "candid communications" upon our speeches were appreciated by everyone, and it is to him we owe much of the success that we have now attained.

At the beginning of this year, the Society was reorganised and christened with the name under which it is now known.

In Byrne we have an able chairman, and one whose sincerity, and firm knowledge of debating, makes him perhaps the member best fitted for the position.

Langford has proved himself to be an ardent and businesslike Secretary.

The meeting at which the electioneering speeches were made was the most successful yet held. Here we missed the voice of one of last year's best speakers, in the person of McAlpine, who has left us.

Since this meeting everything has been a success. Impromptu speeches, which ever proved a failure last year, have been abolished. We have still, however, a few unruly members, who indulge in childish by-play. Should they continue, a sergeant-at-arms will be necessary.

At present Spencer and Larkin are Premier and Leader of the Opposition respectively, and under their leadership two interesting debates have been held.

"That Bachelors should be Taxed" was Spencer's first motion, while the Opposition ably defended the unmarried men. Larkin, being an unmarried man, spoke very appealingly, but the patriotic spirit and sense of duty, expressed by the Premier (who, by the way, is also a bachelor), apparently won the day.

The Premier's next motion was "That the Federal Capital should be removed to Canberra." Again he retained his supremacy, but this time he won by a small number of votes.

It will be remembered that at the end of each of these two debates a recount was called for, indicating that a "good fight" was made by both parties.

At the last meeting, owing to the fact that the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition were otherwise engaged, Doig and Snelling assumed the offices for the day, and were ably assisted by Higgs, Payne, Lane and Kerr. The motion was that "The battleship has now become obsolete." An interesting debate followed, but the Ministry won by a large majority.

To Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Gale we are very grateful, on account of the interest they are showing in the welfare of the Society. Their advice, that a syllabus of debates should be drawn up, and that speakers should be chosen some time before hand is to be followed.

Every member has expressed his willingness to speak when called upon, and as a result arrangements have been made for some weeks ahead. The chief speakers of the year, so far, are Messrs. Hopman, Langworth, Crisp, Higgs, Larkin, Doig, Spencer, Snelling, Lane and Breden.

Another fact, worthy of mention, is that each party is pursuing its line of argument with much more tact.

Hitherto, each speaker has given his own opinion on every side of the question, resulting very often in a reiteration of arguments expressed by a previous speaker. Now, however, every member of a party reviews the subject from one particular standpoint, and thus the thoughts are made consecutive.

We are now making arrangements for a "Mock Trial" and a fictitious case is being composed by one or two of our leading lights.

Last, but not least, I must mention the "Manuscript Journals." These may, in fact, be justly spoken of as the most prominent feature in our Society's work. Since their introduction they have proved a huge success.

The new edition of a combined "Journal," written by members of 4A. and 4B., is awaited with pleasure, and its success is already confirmed.

Unfortunately, our Society will very likely be disbanded at the end of this term, on account of the approach of the L.C. Examination.

However, we feel confident that we will have established a reputation that will challenge all efforts to excel it.

To the rising fourth year and to the future seniors, we wish success, and hand them the banner, hoping that they will carry it on to nobler heights. C.

3 A.

When our Society was inaugurated the speaking was crude and unfashioned, but at our last meeting our members showed great improvement. From the beginning Lochrin, Kirby, Taylor and Black were our stars, and it is still hard to find loopholes in their arguments, but in the persons of Quinn, Pollack and Thompson our improvement is shown.

It is a pity that our time is so limited, for the majority of the speakers fail to finish in the specified time—perhaps in the near future we will be able to overcome this difficulty. On the 15th of April we had a debate with 3B, who, we are sorry to say, beat us on points. Lochrin, on behalf of 3A., moved that "Prohibition is not in the best interests of humanity," and brought out many strong points. Norris led the Opposition and succeeded in convincing everyone that he is a good speaker. Black and Newman had spoken for the Government, and Budge and Conder further emphasised the points made by their leader.

Although beaten, we have in mind a

further arrangement of inter-class debates. Surely we can hold our own as we have done on the various fields of sport.

The conduct of our meeting leaves little to be desired. Strict attention is paid to the speaker, but we have too many interjections, and here we desire to inform these nuisances that their silence would be deemed a personal favour, otherwise we will have to take the step of expulsion.

We look forward to the Friday afternoons, as they give us a chance to get rid of our long-pent-up feelings. Our debate is always a success—no lad goes away without some new ideas and after all, that is the main thing.

In conclusion, we would like to thank our president, Mr. Keller, who is endeavouring to elevate the tone of the class. He is interested in our young Society, and watches very intently the fashioning, as it were, of the crude clay into polished china. We appreciate his efforts. "SEC."

3 B.

Following the excellent custom of having Third Year Debating Societies, we have found amongst us some very promising speakers, the best being Norris, Holden, Shaw and Conder.

Between ourselves we have had a mock trial, several impromptu speeches, which, being thrown open for discussion, resolved themselves into miniature debates; and organised debates on "Prohibition" and "Trade Relations with Germany."

The subject chosen for a debate with 3A. was "Is Prohibition in the best interests of humanity," and resulted in a win for us.

We are now awaiting a talk by Walker on a caravan tour he has just completed.

While some members of the class seem afraid to stand up and talk, we have no doubt that this shyness will soon wear off and that they will prove themselves capable speakers.

3 C.

The 3C. Debating Society came into existence on March 4, 1921, and at once met with unanimous support. The utmost enthusiasm was aroused, and an energetic committee, consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and two members, with the hearty support of the Chairman, Mr. Newling, made a careful selection of subjects which would give full exercise to all the hidden "silver-tongued orators" concealed in our midst, and so far the response has outdistanced all expectations.

The Society began its active career with a contest between parties representing the Committee and the remainder of the class, upon the subject "Should the Australian Navy be abolished?" The former party was well represented by Gunther, Vincent, and McLelland, while the Rest entrusted their fortunes to Hog-

bin, Phillips and Waddington. The debate was so fiercely contested, especially by Vincent, McLelland and Hogbin, who brought facts and figures to bear upon the argument, that only after several minutes' deliberation was the Chairman able to give the verdict, which fell to the Committee.

That was only the first of a successful series of debates, all showing the utmost knowledge of the subject and a clever placing of facts.

The second of the series was upon the much-debated subject, "Are Strikes Justifiable?" the supporters of which were Fenn, Sender, and Emery, while Laphorne, Child and Edmunds were the Opposition.

After some weighty arguments, which would do honour to Labour members, the verdict was given to the Opposition.

Since then the debates have followed

in a successful stream and have given full satisfaction to all concerned.

These friendly contests have been the means of unearthing many good orators, among whom are Hogbin, McLelland, Fenn, Jenkyn and Potter.

Later, a day was set apart for impromptu speeches, and the results quite justified the selection, some showing volubility worthy of the Domain soap-

box orators. The coming Mock Election is looked forward to with great pleasure.

This Society, besides providing instruction and amusement, is thus a means of revealing oratorical talent, and perhaps, in later days, some successful statesman and barrister may owe his success to the 3C. Debating Society.

L.

A TRUE HISTORY.

A letter reached the School announcing that a new fence was to be erected in front of the School—an iron-rail and brick fence, that would well display to the world our fine gardens and would let a glimpse of green enlighten the tarred horror of Parramatta Road. The Headmaster passed the letter to his Deputy, and, gathering his toga about him, proceeded to execute a step-dance on the front verandah. The Deputy-Head read the letter and fainted. The glad news soon spread to the Common Room and was there received in mingled solemnity and jubilation. Two or three Masters' great hearts broke at the joyous news. But their deaths could not properly dampen the unanimous celebration. Classes were given months' exemptions from homework and dismissed to idleness for the day. A free shout for all at the tuck shop was announced, but the School's sense of manful responsibility subdued excesses, and no great advantage was taken of this offer.

Finally, the great forces behind all this rejoicing began to grind properly. Load upon load of material arrived at the School—iron spikes in millions and bricks in mountains. But—alas!—a strike intervened and the labourers could not get to work and use these. They lay about the yard for weeks. But gradually their masses began to decrease. The small boy of the neighbourhood began to collect the iron pickets, presumably for toothpicks, while his father began to collect the bricks, presumably for dog-kennels. Soon everything was gone. When the strike ended, the Department ordered the work to be pushed on, but no work could be found to be pushed on. A Royal Commission of inquiry was held and the Government forced to go to the country on the Front Fence question. It was defeated and the incoming Ministry announced definitely that no more money would be appropriated for Fort Street's front fence.

Meanwhile, hope deferred had sickened many a Fortian heart. Three teachers, seven pupils and one caretaker had died

in despair. As each one faded away, it was felt fitting to bury them facing the black stretches of the fronting road which their longed-for fence would define. Consequently eleven little graves ran along the front fence, and when tombstones were erected on them by a sympathetic public, eleven neat little monuments stood where the fence should be. It was then immediately perceived that only another stone was wanted to complete a real marble fence. Accordingly a grave was dug in readiness for someone to die, but with strange inconsistency everyone refused to die—they wanted to see the work completed. At length one patriot was found ready to imitate the Roman of old, whose name was—whose name was—. Well, never mind what his name was. What business is it of yours, anyway? He, like the Roman of old, gave his life up willingly; he swallowed two Latin proses and died straightway. He was buried with military honours before an admiring concourse, and his tombstone set up. The dozen stones were then gaily festooned with golden chains. So at last, amid great jubilation, Fort Street gained a new front fence.

NAITROF.

Points from Annual Report.

"Last year there were 251 of our Old Boys in the various Faculties at the University. Of this number Medicine claimed 113."

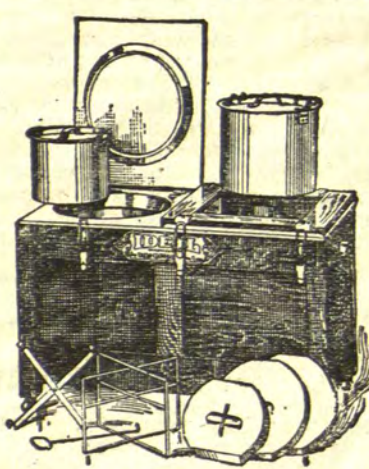
"Since the inauguration of University Exhibitions 1,365 have been awarded. Of this total 232, or rather more than one in every six, have been won by Fort Street boys."

"At the Intermediate Examination the total number of A passes was 290, or 40 per cent. of the total. The subjects which stood out best in A's were English, 52 per cent.; Mathematics I. and II., 43.6 per cent.; Science, 41 per cent.; and Business Principles, 50 per cent."

We have to announce with very deep regret the death by accident at Sofala of a well-loved Old Boy, Norman A. Porter. His cheery, manly disposition endeared him to all who knew him, and in the field of sport he achieved great distinction. He was displaying much promise as a medical student when his career was cut short. We extend the profoundest sympathy to his large circle of relatives and friends, including his brother, Dr. H. K. Porter, another Old Fortian.

The late Charles Haddon Chambers, the distinguished playwright, whose death was announced recently, was an

Old Fortian, a contemporary of the present headmaster. After a few years in Australia, including some spent outback, he settled in England at the age of 22. His best-known dramas are: "The Idler," "John-o-Dreams," "The Tyranny of Tears," and "Passers By." They display a fine sense of humour and mastery of stage-craft, and have given him a high place amongst the writers of to-day. Strangely enough he did not in any of his work draw upon his Australian experiences, but he wrote so recently as 27th December of last year: "I am still thinking of re-visiting Australia. Don't imagine I have lost affection for my native land. . . . My pride in our boys who came over to fight in the war was overwhelming."



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FOOTBALL.

First Grade.

Notwithstanding the defeat of our First Graders in the opening competition match of the season against North Sydney, we have every hope of a very successful season.

The members of the team will soon be in good condition physically, and with the increased knowledge of the game that will follow from regular practice, we hope to be able to register some good wins in our remaining matches.

Our forward division gives promise of being better than that of last year. Pearce, Waddington, and Woodward, of 1920 team, are showing improved form, and should inspire the new members of the pack.

The backs at present are lacking in combined work, but the material is there for a good scoring combination. We expect much from Black and King in the way of tries.

Bentivoglio has pace, and if he increases his knowledge of the game should make one of the best scoring players on the side.

We hope that the practices will be fully attended, and earnestly carried out. This exercise will be of great benefit to the individual players from a physical point of view, and from the team point of view should result in high-class football.

Second Grade.

It is hardly to be expected that our Second Grade team of 1921 will be as successful as the winners of last year's competition; nevertheless, there is every indication that this season's players will be a credit to the School by sustaining our best sporting traditions.

The removal of the weight restriction has widened our field of selection, and the result is noticed in the inclusion of much weightier boys than we have hitherto been permitted to play. Infants like Brereton, McCulloch, and Snelling have thus an opportunity of showing their hand. The Soccer recruits, Quinn, Davies and Hopman have taken kindly to the

game and realise what they have been missing all along. They should develop into good footballers during the season.

Of the last year's team, Harman, Mulhearn and Milne remain to form a strong nucleus. Each of these boys is playing absolutely at his top. Mulhearn filled the aching void left by Sam Langford as hook. Milne is an excellent second-row scrummer and Harman is easily the best Second Grade full-back we have seen for seasons.

Other promising players are Buckley, Stewart, and Sender in the forwards, Hunter, Sharp and Shaw in the backs. Robinson, winner of the Junior Cup (Athletics), 1920, trains constantly and should soon win a place, while Taylor, our champion bowler, is showing promising form. However, the noblest Roman of them all is our friend Lane, who is leading the team from the breakaway position.

Under this able direction, we won our trial games against North Sydney and Sydney High, and began the competition with a 3 to nil victory against Norths on their home ground. The last game was keenly contested, and Norths promise to be very stout opponents.

To retain the premiership would be highly commendable, but such a victory will only be achieved if individual players make the best efforts along those lines continually indicated to them. Each must have his run daily, for only by being in good form can boys play satisfactory football.

Third Grade.

The Third Grade has entered the field very sanguine of success. By the removal of the weight hornet much valuable material, which might otherwise have been excluded, has been made use of. Unfortunately many will still be disappointed, as some thirty boys put in an appearance for first practice match. However, as weight prevents their entry into the junior grades, class combinations will readily absorb the surplus material.

So far the team has done well and

their success has given reason for a successful year. Three matches have been played and all won:—

- (1) 3rd Grade Fort Street v. North Sydney, 9—3.
- (2) 3rd Grade Fort Street v. Hurlstone Agricultural High, 14—3.
- (3) 3rd Grade Fort Street v. North Sydney (competition), 9—5.

A few words of the players and their possibilities.—Two forwards only of 1920 team remain, McLelland and Mandelson, both breakaways—their experience and form of last year should be of great value. Two sturdy freshmen, High and Crow, form a combination in second row, with their 10-stone each and an advantage of height; we expect much from them. Bowman, as hooker, shapes well, and against Norths had a fair margin to his credit in securing possession of the ball. Sandy Phillips, in front row, has gained a reputation as a bustler, somewhat hard to tackle. Crum, his companion, has good weight, and although a little slow his earnestness must bring him success. McCulloch, as lock, has played consistently. Others are McKinnon, who is a recruit to the game, and Duke, somewhat on the light side, should do well.

The three-quarter position has been considerably strengthened this year. Cash, as half, makes up for his size by a gameness in tackling that stands well in our defence. His one weakness is a little slow in getting the ball to the five-eight. Conolly, from Maitland High, brings a reputation as a footballer; he perhaps lacks a little in speed. Gildea, as centre, is so far the best back; he shows initiative and trickiness.

Sloane, from Goulburn High, shapes very well in defence; and Taylor and Tunks, the respective wings, have improved considerably on their form of last year. There remains Gallagher, as full-back, who has so far justified himself in that position.

CRICKET.

First Grade.

1920-1921.

Until Christmas the team was very fair, winning two, drawing one and losing one matches. After doing so well, it was thought that with the loss of such good players as "Bill" Waddington, M. Kirkpatrick and J. McDougall, the team would not have very much chance of winning the competition, but it was not until "Kirk" came back and King was discovered that we realised that the team was better than that before Christmas.

The matches resulted as follows:—
S.H.S.B.—We commenced by running up 244, Spencer with 103 and Alexander 68 being mainly responsible. S.H.S. were disposed of for 89 and 52, thanks again to Alexander and King.

PETERSHAM.—Our next attempt realised 212, the honours this time being with Byrne 70, Kirk 39 and Phillips 23. This total will seem more creditable when it is realised that the



W. H. TAYLOR.

Of the Second Grade Team, who during the past season, took 47 wickets for 88 runs, averaging six wickets an innings. He achieved the hat trick on two occasions.

team was very unfortunately without Alex. Petersham succumbed to the good bowling of Spencer, King and Taylor, being disposed of for 81.

NORTH SYDNEY.—This match might easily have been a Test Match, the anxiety being intense in consequence of its importance. Norths won the toss and sent us in. Spencer and Crowe, the opening batsmen, did not last long together, Crowe going down for 9. A procession then started, un-

til six were down for 54. Gildea and Langsworth then got together and stopped the rot, the remaining batsmen taking the score to 165. Waddington surprised us all by making a well-scored 47 not out.

Norths opened up, but King and Spencer knocked their wickets over like ninepins, and they were down for 81. Street batted again, with 144 for six wickets—Gildea 57 not out.

PETERSHAM—FINAL.

With a two-days' match ahead of us, we would have felt confident, but owing to rain we were left to win in one day. A draw would have lost us the competition. The losing of the toss seemed to add to our difficulties, and Petersham sent us in.

We were all down for 58, of which Byrne scored 23 and Kirk 17. Practically all hope was lost, but we turned round and dismissed Petersham for 21. The good fielding of the whole team, the excellent bowling of Spencer and King, and that true Fortian spirit of fighting to the very last, won us the match and the competition.

The season, in all, proved wonderfully successful. Throughout the team represented a happy family, not one instance of disagreement occurring; moreover, an umpire's decision was never on any occasion disputed, and the team carried with them the reputation, forever having been attributed to Fort Street teams, of being a fine lot of sports.

Our hearty thanks are due, in the first place, to Mr. N. James, and in the second to Mr. F. Potter, both of whom showed keen interest and rendered valuable assistance during the season.

Comments on the Players.

N. ALEXANDER, Captain: A very sound bat, an excellent bowler, and a good field—had the misfortune to injure his arm and was forced to retire for the remainder of the season.

M. KIRKPATRICK, Vice-Captain: One of the most finished bats in the team and a very fair bowler. Some of his strokes are reminiscent of the veteran, Folkard.

A. BYRNE: Winner of Mr. A. Lane's batting average medal; undoubtedly the best bat in the team. Not only did he prove consistent and save the team on numerous occasions, but his cricket was of first-class order. He has a variety of strokes, of which many a cricketer could be proud.

H. SPENCER: The best all-rounder of the side. A very pretty bat, a most effective bowler, an excellent field, but above all the humourist of the team. Herbert scored the only century.

KING: A valuable addition from Rock-

hampton; proved a very effective fast bowler. He won the bowling average with 5.66.

L. LANGSWORTH: A fair bat and a good field. Helped considerably in winning the North Sydney match.

R. WADDINGTON: A change wicket-keeper, a good slip field, and a very fair bat; also helped considerably against Norths. Should do very well next year.

GILDEA: An addition from the Seconds; a good wicketkeeper and a very fair bat. A very promising player.

R. PHILLIPS: Another Second Grader; frequently effective with the bat. Has the makings of a good player and should also do very well next year.

TAYLOR. A bowler of the Kellaway type—proved a great asset to the team. His power of keeping the runs down is remarkable.

CROWE: Achieved well-nigh the impossible rising in his first season, from the Thirds to the Firsts; nevertheless justified his inclusion. He has a happy knack of making runs quickly.

KIRKPATRICK, Jun.: Apparently has had the misfortune of not striking his true form, on account of nervousness. However, from what he has done he shows a collection of good strokes all round the wicket, and should prove a champion in Fourth Year.

TENNIS.

First Grade.

Like football, tennis is booming this season. Of last year's First Grade team, Southwick and Telfer remain, and competition has been very keen for the remaining positions. It was decided to enter two First Grade teams for the High School Competition. After several challenge matches it was found that the following were the best available:—

A. Team: K. Southwick, A. C. Telfer, V. Turner, R. Goodsir.

B. Team: F. Little, C. Gibson, K. Foy, B. Dymock.

The competition starts on the 7th May, by which time our reps. should be in good form.

Second Grade.

The fight for position in the Second Grade Competition teams has been even keener than for First Grade. Some players, notably Pollock and Breden, after winning several challenges, are still in danger of losing the coveted honour. A noticeable and very pleasing feature of the challenge games is the number of promising young players from First and Remove years. The best of the colts is Rabe, of 1A., who has won his place in the team. Storey (1A.) and Slack

(C.R.), although unsuccessful this year, will be certainties next.

As in First Grade, we are entering two teams, the members of which will be chosen from the following players:— A. McClelland, K. Scotter, S. Howard, — Rabe, Emmett, K. Foy, Bagnall, A. Speechley, N. Breden, H. Pollock. The first six may be regarded as certainties.

In addition to the Grade teams, it is proposed to establish a reserve team, from which Grade players can be drawn. Of this, Slack, Storey, Mackney, and the rejects from Second Grade will form the nucleus. We have been fortunate in obtaining three courts from the Haberfield Recreation Club; here there will be usually a First Grade and a Second Grade competition match, whilst the reserve team will play amongst themselves on the grass court. Altogether the prospects for good sport this season are very bright.

We congratulate Southwick on reaching the semi-finals of the Schoolboys' Championship of N.S.W. His conqueror won the final.

THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

On March 19, 1921, Fort Street held its annual Swimming Carnival; the great day had been looked forward to by all, with almost unparalleled enthusiasm, and when, at some time within the region of half-past two, the first contestants plunged with an awe-inspiring splash into the icy brine, there was not one person in all the vast crowd above who was not thrilled to the very marrow—so great was the event.

The Firsts and Removites sturdily competed for glory, honour and renown, while the megaphone proclaimed their triumphs with the sonorous voice of a Jove.

In the Remove, the handicap honours went to Hook, who was closely followed by Martin and Iverach, while among the First Yearites Kaehler was first, with Watts and Whaling some distance away.

Several masters, with magnificent abandon, had seated themselves on the edge of the baths. Oh, for the power to transform one's self into an octopus and seize those legs dangling so near the lapping wavelets! An enterprising Second Year student, remindful of past wrongs, splashed when the opportunity presented itself; with an indignant snort the possessor of a new suit scrambled to his feet and scurried away. Betteridge won this event, with Sillar second and Fayle third.

The efforts of the Third Year were hysterically applauded by the onlookers; few, however, realised the great struggle

that was going on. Hodgson, the Hercules of his age, overcame all obstacles; McLelland was second, while a worthy descendant of Isaak Walton narrowly escaped not being placed at all.

The representative of the genus Spencer was admitted to be second, while a youth hitherto unknown to the Goddess of Fame—a golden-locked Apollo named Skinner—was third.

Three only can obtain a place in a race, but few realised this when they entered in the age championships. The number of entries in this class was unique. Sillar, Watts and Jamieson proved to be the lucky ones in the Thirteen Years' Championship. The Fourteen Years' Championship saw the triumph of N. Holt, who snatched the laurels from McCall and the younger Spencer.

The contestants dwindled away when it came to the Fifteen Years' Championship, to such an extent that no heats were necessary. F. Holt was the favourite, and justified the popular choice by a very fine performance. McGilchrist and R. King finished second and third respectively.

"Chips" Woodward easily won the Sixteen Years' Championship, and as a consequence combed his hair and had his photo. in the Sunday papers. L. Routley and Prior toiled painfully along somewhere in the rear.

The Sydney Swimming Club had given us the privilege of witnessing two of their events. Their Fifty Yards Junior Championship was swum in fine style, and it seemed at first doubtful who would be the winner, but Leadbeater soon forged ahead after the first twenty-five yards, winning from O'Connor and Gaynan.

R. Waddington obtained a generous applause from the gallery for winning the Junior Championship of the School, but Nicholls and McGilchrist also received their share.

From a spectacular point of view, the Championship of the School was a foregone conclusion; it was also the same from every other point, including that of the result stewards. Carroll won an easy race; Woodward was doing well up to the seventy-five mark, but then McGilchrist spurted and cut him out of second place.

One of the favourite events of the afternoon is "Chasing the Bellman." The "bellman" and his tormentors provoked great hilarity among young and old. It is a descent from the sublime to the ridiculous when one is sure one holds him, but it only turns out to be another friend in the same quest. One and all were sorry when R. Williamson, by a stroke of rare good fortune, made a fran-

tic grasp at something—he knew not what—and held the luckless “bellman.”

Speculation was widespread as to who would be the first to reach the hundred yard line from among the “Old Boys.” The handicaps were in many cases too severe, and this was why many of our “crack” swimmers of past ages were not prominent. Duff finished first; Kilpatrick and Johnson followed pertinaciously all the way, but could not catch him.

A fine demonstration of technique was given in both the diving competitions; it was a hard task to judge which was the best all-round diver. After much discussion, the judges named Spencer, Carroll and West, first, second and third in the Senior; and T. Holt, R. Nicholl and Hall as the placed ones among the Juniors.

The Musical Lifebuoys provided several laughter-provoking situations. To be a champion at this one must have a head of iron, a good judgment and the brain of a schemer. In this race the derelict seniors, who win nothing else, generally give a fine display of aquatic ignorance; for all that, however, the event is greatly appreciated by all.

R. Nicholl was successful in the Junior Breast-stroke, sending out in every direction waves interrupted or otherwise—the uninitiated no doubt will be ignorant of the irony in this expression, but any desirous of further information are referred to Mr. Hatfield). Brookes toiled in second and Waddington maintained his reputation by coming third.

A hundred yards seems long when one comes to swim it breast-stroke. Few ventured to start in the Senior event, and there were great gaps between the competitors. Carroll had an easy win from McLelland, while Shaw obtained a consolation prize for finishing.

The Greasy Pole occasioned much mirth; the day after a junior boy was

overheard relating that if he were a pirate and he captured a master he would make him walk the greasy pole—a terrible revenge to be sure! It is remarkable to note the facial contortions, the throwing around of limbs and the ignominious duckings this event brings about.

Pearce was the favourite for the Springboard Wrestling, but who could withstand the bullocking propensities of a Lane? Sandy retired discomfited, his costume torn, his manly countenance moist with the brine of Woolloomooloo Bay.

Class feeling was allowed to vent itself during the Relay Races. The juniors were extraordinarily enthusiastic about the race. 2B. proved to be the superior; 2C. was second and C.R. (A.) third. The Senior Relay was monopolised by Fourth Year. Learning prevailed when the 4B. representatives beat the two 4A. teams after a very exciting finish.

Taken on the whole, the day was a great success—there was no one drowned, no one lost, no one dissatisfied. Red and white ribbon was the order of the day, but in future streamers longer than two yards are to be prohibited. Judging by the results, it is possible that Fort Street might manage to win a few events at the next Combined High Carnival.

R.S.

The School Captain for this year is L. Langsworth, whose selection has proved a very popular one.

The Prefects are Langford (senior), Elliott, Snelling, Telfer, Hopman, McCulloch, Higgs, Howard, Mackney, McKinnon, Lane, Crisp, Larkin, Doig, Breden.

Reward.

Why do we work—why toil, and seek,
and strive

Apart from life, from joy, from every-
thing

Of youth beloved, our minds bound by
the ring

Of iron discipline? We are like a hive
Of restless bees; the honey we contrive
To gather—Learning. Swiftly on the
wing

Fleets time; we work and die. Do
poets sing

Our praises? Does our memory still
survive?

And yet life is not barren. Not for
nought

Have we sought truth and labored in
this world.

Reward will come in full before God's
court,

For Truth will never die; it rather
lives,

And living grows and influences all;
To high and low its healing touch it
gives.

“MONSIEUR.”

4th Nov., 1920.

CAMPING.

The stars paled one by one; the eastern and western horizons crimsoned, and the sun in his flame-like robes rose, slowly, majestically over the tree tops. With his coming, birds awakened, and with tuneful notes twittered their morning song. With them, in unison, tumbling rills tinkled even more sweetly over pebbled courses down to the main stream, and on all the leaves dew shone opalescent in the glory of the new-born sunlight.

From the fire before the tent door a thin, white column of smoke arose and the pleasant smell of toast was wafted on the breeze. It was with the zest of a less mature age that the campers attacked the viands before them. Conversation drifted desultorily from one to another, but at the end of the meal it transpired that the day's doings were to consist of very little work and numerous sports, mainly rowing, swimming and "sun-baking."

It was an easy matter to clear and wash the dishes and to prepare for a row. The river between its high banks was checkered with light. The reflections of great trees stood in bold relief on the surface of the water, and here and there an audacious fish—a gleaming flash of silver—would leap gracefully into the air, to fall with a resounding splash into the water.

The rowers, returning to their camp

towards midday, donned bathing costumes, and a few minutes later found themselves stretched at full length on the sand. The water proved delightful, and after an all too short half hour of sport, both in the water and on the sand, the material side of life again cropped up, and all dressed in order to assist in the preparation of the midday meal.

The afternoon was exceedingly hot, and the campers, together with the numerous winged insects of the surrounding bush, were quiet—occupied either in reading or sleeping.

So the afternoon passed and a perfectly ideal holiday was drawing to a close. The westering sun set in a blaze of gold and purple—a few clouds, like lost children in the sky, became edged with myriad colours, which gradually lessened till the whole sky became uniformly dun-coloured.

The moon was past the full, and did not rise till very much later—but it promised to be a beautiful night. The deep-set river, mirroring the starlit sky on its placid waters, seemed to live. Then towards the east the stars grew dim, and the sky brightened as gradually over the hills rose Cynthia—a slender ribbon of silver on the water, widening and intensifying as the moon climbed higher and higher over the hill-tops.

"BIJOU."

Vagaries of the Human Emotions.

It is a remarkable fact that the spectators of a well-written tragedy experience an unaccountable delight from the pangs of sorrow, terror, anxiety and other passions which in themselves would be disagreeable and undesirable. The more the heart-strings are strained, the more pleasure is derived from the spectacle.

The liar who draws the greater crowd round him is invariably the one who can magnify more the dangers, distress and cruelties of life. The secret of his power lies in the fact that the human mind is stirred up and excited by the more gruesome description.

In real life one may lessen sorrow until the memory has faded away from the heart, but the process of lessening will give no pleasure. Yet when we witness sorrow on the stage we derive some unholy delight from it. To confirm this statement I will produce other examples of the minor passions being converted into the major.

Had you any intention of greatly in-

teresting a person by the narration of certain incidents, the best way to do so would be to delay as long as possible the telling of the incidents, and exciting his mind in the meantime by the most outrageous circumlocution.

Nothing makes a friend so dear as his absence or his death. A great work is never fully appreciated until after the death of the author or the artist. A work unfinished as the result of death, is always appreciated more than it would have been had it been finished. Death excites a sympathy, and creates a curiosity to find out what might have happened had not death intervened. In his thirty-fifth book, in the second chapter, Pliny remarked on this long, long ago.

"NONUFFIN."

(Ed. Note: Here followed a long Latin quotation, and after that a mass of unintelligible scribbling. If anyone is sufficiently interested in the subject, he may have a try at deciphering Mr. Nonuffin's writing for his own personal edification.)

Answers to Correspondents.

(We have now reserved space in this paper for the purpose of answering the correspondence received by us during the foregoing month. The following are the answers to that of the past month.)

PREFECT (Petersham)—A thorough course of the duties of a Prefect—especially the ones you mention—the management of a Detention Line and Tuck Shop duties, is contained in "Prefects and Their Duties," by Neville Breden.

WHIRLWIND (Stanmore)—Trigonometry, a branch of Maths., is a delightfully interesting subject, its numerous formulae being like sweet songs interspersed in the delightful books, "Mathematics in all its Branches." But, however, should these formulae not be learned, Trig then becomes a "bone dry" subject.

CONSTANT READER (Randwick)—The Jazz band was inaugurated at Fort Street in 1920. There were four performers—piano, violin, banjo, and tympanist, and the noises that were emitted were wonderful and fearsome. Since then, however, the band has become an institution and has now reached the capacity of sixty performers.

R.E.P. (Dulwich Hill)—If you find that delving into the Classics is of assistance by all means continue this method, but we should recommend a six-months' course of Penny Dreadfuls as an antidote.

H.A.K. (Roseville)—We should recommend you to try versification as an outlet for your pent up feelings. It may aid the affairs of the heart. Secondly, we do not advise you to use the Central Railway Station as your trysting place.

HEARTBROKEN (Newtown)—A genuine case of heartbreak was reported from Fort Street High School on the appointment of the Prefects for a year somewhere in the vicinity of 1921. The heart-broken one, with tear-blind eyes, was whistling one of the famous ballads of the time, "Abe," but it was subterfuge, his object being to conceal his grief.

STUDENT (The World)—For grey hair we would recommend the following: 2 ozs. silva latina, 4 ozs. surdic equations, 12 drs. Browning's "Pippa," 1 pint Hall and Steven's mixture. Mix the dry ingredients well; bake in quick Fortian oven; when brown add mixture. Bottle when cold. Rub well into scalp for five years. All the ingredients may be obtained from any high school.

ACTOR (Ashfield)—Perhaps the best known combination of raconteuse and sketch artist will be remembered in Elsie and Ellen, who appeared in Sydney about 1914-1920. Elsie's musical sketches are to be remembered while Ellen's remarkable stock of historical stories is undying.

Physical Culture.

On the opening night of the Easter Show, our physical culture party of eighty-six, under Mr. Humphries, gave a display of Swedish gymnastics and vaulting, ending a fine performance with a tableau. Many complimentary remarks were passed, concerning the smartness and accuracy of movement in the exercises and the steadiness during the tableau, and rounds of applause indicated the pleasure of the spectators.

The display was repeated on Petersham Oval on 22nd April, in the presence of the Honourable the Minister for Education, when portions of the work were filmed by Messrs. Fox and Co. for inclusion in their Gazette.

The Organising Secretary of the Hospital Friday requested Mr. Kilgour to allow the party to give a display in Martin Place on 6th May. Thirty boys were selected, and on arrival at the stand, found the stage practically deserted. Mr. Humphries had a tableau formed, which quickly drew the crowd. Having thus obtained an audience, the Swedish exercises were performed and greatly appreciated. After this a square was formed and the onlookers were reminded that it was Hospital Friday. Quite a shower of coins from all directions fell on the stage, sufficient to fill five boxes being collected. The performers then went home, proud of having "done their bit."

Fort Street Life.

Nicholas Booth.

Who can live in heart so glad
As the merry Fort Street lad,
Who upon a line may stand
One, among a tearful band?
While he hears the steady crunch
Of the lads who eat their lunch.
He is to the office led
By the good and noble Ted.
'Midst the grass both green and tall,
He may rest till bugle call.
But upon that sacred lawn

Lone, the fourth year sit and yawn;
Or may see in our tuck shop
Fortians strive their thirst to stop.
Chance it that he stops to hear,
Brave Bill Crisp imbue with fear
Some poor child who talks to him
With a lade of dis-ci-pline.
So he wanders round the ground,
Hearing joy in every sound,
Wondering who could be so glad
As the merry Fort Street lad.

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