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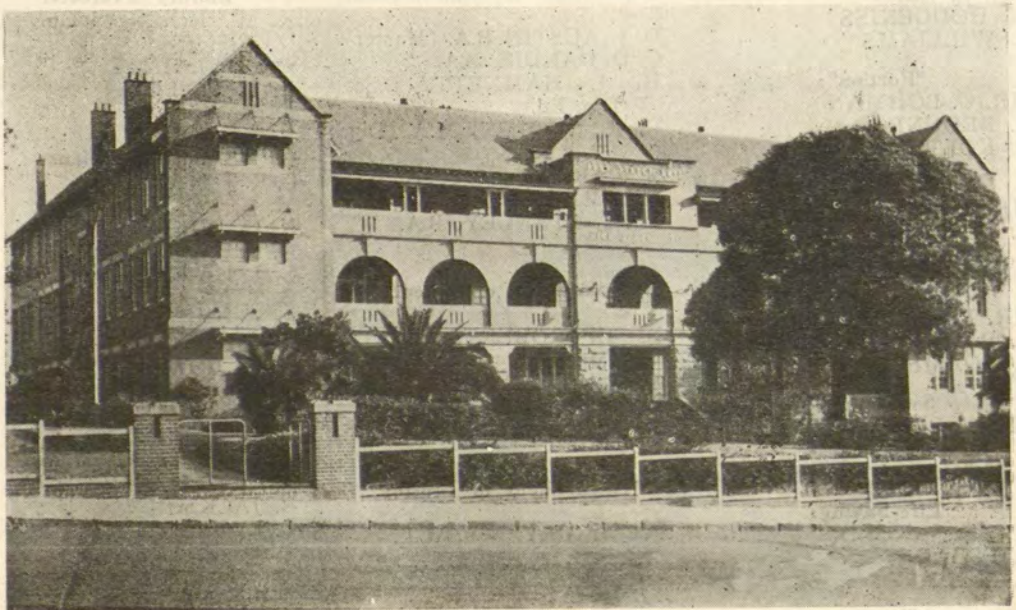
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EDITORIAL

Our Coming Centenary

Fort Street is still battling—still not out after 97 years of great achievement in every field of human endeavour. We cannot reach our hundred, like a batsman, with one superb stroke, but must come to it singly and steadily. As attention on a century-making feat in cricket becomes more intense as the effort creeps to its climax, so it will be in each annual step as we approach our centenary.

Interest in this memorable anniversary is already awakening in many quarters. Parents, old Fortians, masters and boys are already beginning to discuss the most appropriate and practical form of celebration. We can safely leave the planning and the organisation with the adult mind. We feel that their efforts will be in keeping with this great occasion and that out of them will come some permanent recognition that will remind us in the years to come that a very great centenary had been celebrated.

As for ourselves, there will be many at school now, who will be Old Fortians when the great year arrives. But there will also be many who will still be students in 1949. It is for them to ask what they will do to "add something more to this wonderful year."

Boys, your greatest contribution to these celebrations will be to resolve that for the next three years you will work and play so steadily that it will be said that the year 1949 was the greatest in the glorious history of this School.

Old boys will revisit us for a grand reunion to look over the scenes of their schooldays and to exchange happy reminiscences of bygone work and play. These will come proudly, perhaps a little patronisingly, to look over the present boys. They will feel that they have in many ways helped to raise the name of Fort Street high in the world. They look to you to carry on and increase the lustre of their fame. In peace and war they played the game and won imperishable fame.

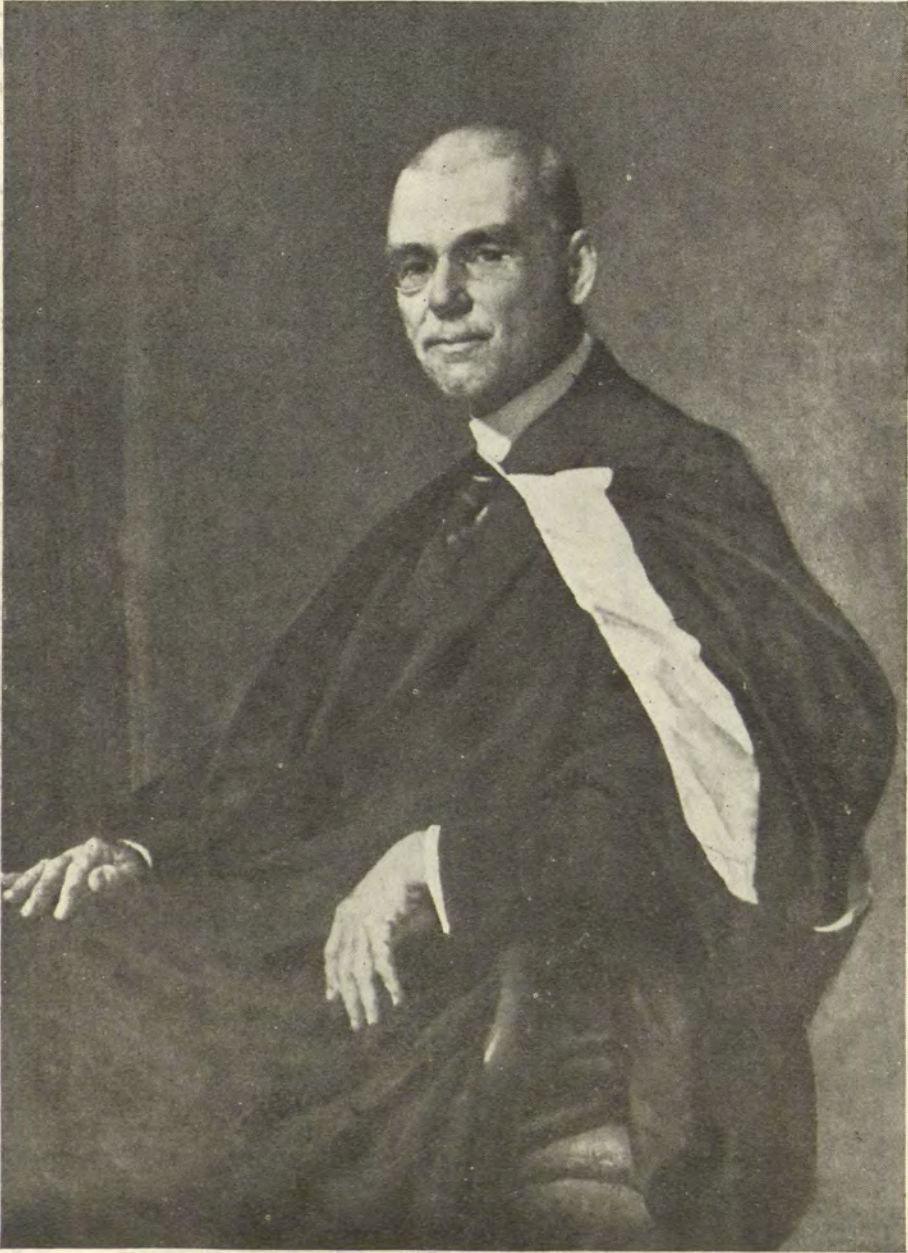
In the balances they were weighed and were not found wanting. They have preserved and bequeathed to you a great heritage. Prove yourself not unworthy of it and of those who joyfully anticipated this event and whose sun set before the centenary year of 1949.

Remember them then and always.



FORT STREET BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL STAFF, 1945.

Back Row (Left to right): F. Brodie, F. Burtenshaw, L. Foley, B. Goodwin, K. Barnard, H. Bryant, S. Pryor, D. Bailey.
 Middle Row: R. Cull, V. Cohen, F. Fitzpatrick, A. Stanley, V. Outten, L. Gent, E. Arnold, F. Simpson, H. Marks.
 Front Row: J. Dunne, L. Rose, O. Kelly, G. Bohman, N. R. Mearns, (Headmaster), D. J. Austin (Deputy Headmaster), R. Burdon, B. Roberts, E. Parker, J. Allen, H. Went, D. O'Sullivan. Absent: H. Hamnett and C. Dandy.



THE LATE ALEXANDER J. KILGOUR ESQ., B.A., LL.B.
(1861 - 1944)

—From the Painting by Norman Carter.

The Late Mr. Kilgour.

All Fortians were saddened by the passing on at the end of last year of a former headmaster, Mr. A. J. Kilgour. He was known to all Fortians, and all Fortians loved him as the man who made Fort Street great. Students, parents and teachers revered him for his greatness, true greatness that springs from the heart, the soul and the mind.

It is almost impossible to judge the benefit which Fort St. received from him. He brought with him the knowledge of a great teacher, a good sportsman, a splendid organiser, a true humanitarian, knowledge which he gained in a career of rapid promotion. He occupied many headmasterships of ever increasing importance—Goodooga (1882), Braidwood (1886), Plunkett St. (1891), Neutral Bay (1901), Chatswood (1904) — until, in 1905, he was appointed to the headmastership of Fort St. Model School which position he held for twenty-one years until his retirement in 1926.

Besides his scholastic career, he held an interest in the legal profession. Having gained his B.A. in 1894, he received his Baccalaureate of Laws in 1904, and in the same year was called to the Bar.

During his headmastership of Fort St., many changes took place. In 1912 Fort St. became a high School, and a few years later, in 1915, the boys' school was shifted from the then century-

old fort on Observatory Hill to a new building on Taverners Hill, Petersham. But it must be remembered that it was Mr. Kilgour who laid the foundations of our great school through which so many great and famous men have passed.

Those Fortians who were fortunate enough to know Mr. Kilgour personally, recognised in him the real, educated Australian man and gentleman. He always displayed those qualities — honesty and uprightness — which endeared him to those with whom he came into contact. He was always ready with a guiding hand to help those who had fallen; although stern disciplinarian, his justice was mollified by mercy.

He showed others how to live by himself living the good life.

Fortians have sorrowfully taken leave of him; not in the spirit, but in the flesh. We have said "Good night" to the Old Man of Fort Street. In fairer lands, they have said "Good morning".

- - - - A fitting epitaph:

"Mortals that would follow me,
Love Virtue, she alone is free,
She can teach ye how to clime,
Higher than the Spheary chime,
Or if virtue feeble were
Heav'n it self would stoop to her."

THE LITTLE MEN.

Based on the Peer Gynt. Suite.

See! they trip adown the glen—
Six small nymphs and six small men;
Swaying heads and tapping toes,
Steps as light as breeze that blows.
Swirling skirts of diamond hue,
Floating cloaks of azure blue.

Hark! the tambourines are playing,
While the light is slowly greying;
They bow—they waltz—they drift apart.
They whirl and sing with magic art:
Flitting wraithlike down the glade.
Past the oaks in line arrayed,
Doing homage to their queen—
Sights like these are rarely seen!

The day swift fades to welcome night,
The glade is ringed with fairy light—
"Trim your candle, bring your lamp,
Don your cloak against the damp!
Off we go to play in dreams,
Off we whisk in pale moonbeams,
With up and whirl, that's how we dance—
Hear us laugh as on we prance!

In we float on moonbeams bright,
In goblin-green—a gorgeous sight!
With sword and shield we chase all fears,
We charm away your fretful tears!

To young and old, and senses numb,
When sleep is come, n'er fear, we'll come!"
J. S. POOLE, 5A.

An Appeal to Fortians

Now that the Second World War has ended, it is only fitting that, just as our present hall was erected in memory of those Fortians who fought in the First World War, we should show our gratitude to those who struggled and suffered in the last war. We also wish to remind Fortians that in 1949 we celebrate our centenary. The most practical expression of our gratitude and rejoicing would be some such project as the erection of a modern, fully-equipped gymnasium on the School premises, and the levelling of the less-used portions of the lower playground to provide

a sports and athletics training ground, or perhaps the erection of a swimming pool.

Both of these facilities have been lacking for some time, but more especially since the beginning of this year, when Fort Street's interest in physical training and athletics was rejuvenated.

So we call upon all Fortians, past and present, masters and scholars, Old Boys' Union and Ladies' Committee, parents and Headmaster, to begin immediately a fund for the practical expression of our double rejoicing, the Victory and the Centenary.

MY COUNTRY.

New Zealand, land of geysers,
Of boiling pools and springs;
Of vast wide mountain-ranges,
Of valleys deep and green.

Sheep grazing on the pastures green,
Which stud the countryside,
Cool mountain slopes, in ferns encased,
All call me home to bide.

My country is in early morn
Waken'd by many birds,
Whose calls ring o'er the glimm'ring lakes
To reach the scattered herds.

Ranked with the leaders of this world,
She holds her head up high
Within her borders I was born,
May I return to die.

—T. FIELD, 1A.

Our New Headmaster

At the beginning of this year it was our duty and our pleasure to welcome Mr. N. R. Mearns, late of Newcastle High School, to the headmastership of our school. We have since found that our faith in the Department of Education was justified, as it has sent to us for our headmaster, a man who from the beginning has shown himself to be a person of whom we can be proud.

His record as a teacher is one of rapid promotion. After serving as Science Master at Newcastle and Parramatta High Schools, he was appointed in 1924 to the headmastership of Broken Hill High School. After a number of years he became headmaster at Grafton and then at Lismore, after a short period as a temporary secondary inspector. In 1934 he became headmaster of Newcastle High School.

Mr. Mearns' military record is scarcely less brilliant. Originally a member of the 20th Battalion he was twice wounded in action, at Pozieres and Lagnecourt, while he later became attached to the 5th Brigade, H.Q. From then until the end of the fighting, he was a

member of the 2nd Division, H.Q., in connection with which position he was mentioned in despatches. After the armistice, he was appointed Education Officer to the 2nd Division, while later, our new headmaster became the Assistant Director of Education, in charge of all the A.I.F. depots in England. Once more, he was mentioned in despatches.

Already have we had a taste of his determination to make Fort Street excel as a school, in his sweeping changes in our sporting life, his removal of those old-fashioned, irksome restrictions on the senior school, and in his carrying out of the long-delayed reform of the tuck-shop. We look forward to further changes and additions, such as the restoration of the Fort Street area, and the erection of a gymnasium.

So, on behalf of all our fellow Fortians, we wish to extend a hearty and sincere welcome to our distinguished new headmaster, hoping that he will succeed in all his reforms, will succeed in becoming our greatest headmaster, will succeed in making Fort Street a true School of Gentlemen.

A Message from the School Captain



Mr. N. R. MEARNS.

A Message from the School Captain.

We have come to the end of our school years and it is time to take stock of ourselves and our status.

Have we progressed throughout these years, have we remained stationary, or have we retrogressed?

In general, we cannot stand still. We must either advance or slip back. There are many directions along which we can travel. We can be satisfied with our work at school if we can truthfully say — we are stronger, more skilful, know more facts, are more tolerant, more agreeable to our fellows and have a greater desire to co-operate with others.

The end of the year will see the breaking up of some friendships, but many will be life-long. Whatever the sphere we chose, I am sure we will often think back to our old school and dwell on it with happy memories. How quickly have these five short years flown, especially the last — and best.

To third year, I wish you the best of luck in the forth-coming examinations, while on behalf of the pupils I want to thank the teachers for their assistance in school work as well as the many important activities and functions of school. Above all, I want to express the gratitude of the boys for the ever ready help of the Ladies' Committee and the willingness with which they give it to us. I want to thank the prefects for their co-operation and remind first year second years that among you are future prefects, and that when these are elected, they do their duty for your benefit and that of the

school, so help them to carry out their duties.

This year Fortians have shown their real enthusiasm — some for scholastic work, some for sporting activities, some for both. Congratulations to all our sportsmen who, no doubt, in years to come, will be prominent on the field, especially the members of our three undefeated teams. Your old schoolmates will be proud to say they knew you.

What a difference the house system has made to our sport and in a year or so the grade teams will reap the benefit of the Sportsmaster's work. I sincerely thank the Headmaster and Mr. Hamnett for the new spirit they have given to our school sporting activities.

Many, however, have not shown this vigorous will to succeed and have been content to applaud while others carry off the laurels. The more enthusiasts and doers we get in this school, the greater will the school become, and the farther will its reputation spread. Indifference is the one sin, and the one virtue is enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is the spirit that aims, that achieves, that builds, that wins. The conclusion of the war has brought about a new and fresh enthusiasm, and in leaving school at this time, the competition is keen, and will be even more so in the years to come, when you reach the same stage in your life that we have reached. Take the opportunity while it is offered to you.

Good luck, Fortians and remember:

"Faber est suae quisque fortunae."

Speech Day.

The Annual Speech Day this year was held on Friday, 25th May, not the last day of first term, as that day was granted as holiday to celebrate the victory in Europe. The function was held in the Memorial Hall, with Alderman Quinn, representing Petersham Council, in the chair.

Proceedings were opened by the rendition of the overture "Handel in the Strand" with our talented Clinton Smith playing the piano solo. Apologies were then offered for the Minister for Education (Mr. Heffron) and the Mayor of Petersham and Mrs. Laxton. We were pleased to see present our late headmaster, Mr. Christmas, the Hon. Sir Bertram Stevens, an old Fortian and the president of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. Weinberg. The Chairman then gave a short address welcoming the guests.

A vocal solo with flute obligato, "The Gipsy

and the Bird" was sung by John Reddie, with the flautist, Allan Short accompanying him. The Headmaster then presented his report for the year 1944. He drew attention to the fact that the centenary of the school takes place in four years and suggested that a football field and gymnasium would make a suitable memorial.

Sir Bertram Stevens then gave an address urging the school to do its utmost to retain its past honour and glory. After this speech, the gathering was entertained by the school choir in a delightful rendering of Strauss' "Blue Danube" and Offenbach's "Barcarolle".

As the last strains of these glorious airs died away, the Sportsmaster rose to give his report on the sporting activities during the past year. We should like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Hamnett to the school in this his

voluntary capacity.

The report was followed by the presentation of the Rose Cup for the best house in all sports. This was followed by the presentation of the Hannan Cup for aquatic sport. It was later reported that the Old Boys' Union had presented a cup for football, Mr. Austin one for athletics in memory of his late son, Dvr. Frank Austin, the Ladies' Committee one for cricket, Mrs. Head one for tennis. We wish to publicly thank those kind donors for this great manifestation of their interest in the school.

Haydn Skinner then gave a 'cello solo "Le Cygne". This laudable effort was followed by an address by the Director of Education, Mr. McKenzie. He congratulated the Headmaster and staff for their splendid work during 1944.

He said, that although there were many Fortians, who by hard work, had achieved great fame, there were very many who had not gained the positions in life they should have, because they failed to make the best of the opportunities offered them at school.

At the conclusion of his speech, the academic prizes were presented by Mrs. Mearns, and the sports prizes by Dr. Cull, President of the Ladies' Committee. Mr. Christmas then proposed a vote of thanks to those who had participated in the proceedings. This motion was seconded by the President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. Weinberg.

The morning's activities were concluded by the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

The Library Paintings.

When the only mortal remains of former headmasters of Fort Street were exhumed and removed from their rather unimpressive resting-place on the library walls to be placed in the less occupied and consequently more suitable sepulchre, the Memorial Hall, Mr. Barnard and Mr. Rose, always on watch for ways of improving the library, selected with excellent taste in colour and quality nine paintings in order to restore to the library the cheerful effect which side-whiskers and moustaches had destroyed.

These paintings, comprising some of the middle if not the higher class of art, are done in bright, cheerful hues and encompass a wide range of style. Hung effectively and in attractive frames, they help marvellously in brightening the library and giving it that distinguished air which it should possess.

"The Pickwickeans Arrive at Eatanswill", a scene from "Pickwick Papers" shows those lovable characters of Dickens in one of the most humorous parts of the book.

"The Visit", a painting on the style of the great master Rembrandt is typical of the Dutch art of that period; the sombre colours — dark rich browns and reds — making this a very lovely piece of art.

"Budding Spring", is one which appeals to all because of its lovely neutral shades and the de-

lightful representation of the English countryside in Spring. One can almost smell the bluebells, which carpet the ground 'neath the spreading elm trees.

As a contrast we have "Victory" portraying Nelson's flagship, the "Victory". It almost makes you sad the days of sailing ships are past, it captures so skilfully the spirit of adventure they inspired.

Another depicts a scene from a Cornish village. The quaint houses with their thatched roofs and flowers clinging to the walls, the seagulls winging above the clear blue sea add to the charm and peace of this beautiful scene.

A homely fire-side, bringing back memories of the days when wood was plentiful, and a typical old English squire entertaining two friends to a glass of port and a pipe are the subjects of the next delightful painting.

Of the others, "A Venetian Scene," a fine view of the Cathedral at Rheims, and a Dutch scene, there is little to be said except that they continue the general effect of brightness which prevails through the collection.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Barnard for his initiative and intelligence in taking such an important step towards making the library the best in the schools of the State. Let us give him our full support in the ensuing year to enable him to continue his wonderful work.

The Cadet Corps.

This year has been one of outstanding achievement and increase in enthusiasm and efficiency. The strength of the Corps is now 236 as against 123 last year, and we now have two companies.

The standard of the training during the year in field work, weapon training, map reading and squad and arms drill has been most satisfactory; the result attained is largely due to the keenness and efficiency of our cadet-lieuts. and their N.C.O.s

A Bivouac area at Glenfield has been obtained by S.O.S.C. and week-end bivouacs are now held periodically. Field Days are also held from time to time and are a pleasant combination of field training and an enjoyable day's outing.

The Annual Camp was held in conjunction with other detachments during Easter week. Fort St. turned out the guard for Visitors' Day and was highly complimented on its outstanding efficiency. We also had the honour of leading the march past of detachments at an inspection by General Plant. Our detachment has built up for itself an excellent reputation for bearing, discipline and efficiency, and it is considered that these Annual Camps play an important part in the school training of the boys who are fortunate enough to participate in them.

The Corps now has its own miniature rifle range in the school grounds and many of the Cadets have developed into efficient marksmen due to the weekly range practice. Shooting matches have been held against Sydney High

and the School has competed for the first time in the Empire Shield, open to Detachments throughout the British Empire. It is to be hoped that Inter-School shooting matches will soon be a regular feature of Cadet Corps.

Cadets are now issued with service dress uniforms and webbing equipment. The Corps also has its own two-inch mortar, Bren L.M.G., .303 and .310 rifles and sub-machine guns. Parade Days are Tuesday, for N.C.O.s, and Thursday, General Detachment parade. On these days, qualified Army personnel are sent out to instruct our cadets and to supervise their training.

The following cadets gained their commissions: Cdt./Lts. Andrews, Smith, Farebrother, Bowden, Eslake and Liney, and they have carried out their duties as Platoon Commanders very efficiently. H.Q. Platoon has been under the charge of Cpl. Wilson who acquitted himself with distinction at the Course for Signals Instruction.

The thanks of the C.O. are due to Capt. J. K. Allen and Lieut. D. O'Sullivan for their work during the year. Capt. Allen has handled the difficult and constant work of the Store and all equipment issues and Lieut. O'Sullivan has been responsible for the training of the Cadets, including organisation of the syllabus, of training, range practices and field days.

In conclusion, it may be said that the year has been a most successful one, from every point of view, and the enthusiasm now shown should result in even greater achievement next year.

HIDDEN BEAUTY.

He that loves a ruby lip,
Admires a sparkling eye,
Must not forget that beauty,
With Time, will always die.

For soon the outward beauty wanes,
But inward charm will live,
For she who has a virtuous heart,
True love and faith will give.

"When Love with fingers unrestrained
Entwines about your soul,
Young man, do not forget to make
The inward charm your goal."

—K. Dufty, 4A.



PREFECTS, 1945.

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Prize List, 1944

FIFTH YEAR

- R. McDonald: Killeen Memorial Prize for Dux of School; 1st in French.
 A. Jessup: Lodge Fortian Prize (Senior) for 2nd in Proficiency; John Hunter Memorial Prize for best student entering Faculty of Medicine; Verco Prize for Mathematics.
 J. Lundie: Sender Memorial Prize for Student displaying the Finest Spirit in Sport, Studies and General School Activity.
 A. Watters: Headmaster's Prize for School Service.
 J. Timbs: Taylor Memorial Prize for Geography (L.C.).
 J. Blackmore: Bertram Stevens Prize for Economics.
 K. McDonald: Baxendale Prize for English.
 R. Philip: Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship.
 M. Gardner: 3rd in Proficiency; 1st in Physics.
 L. Harvey: 1st in Latin.
 R. Myers: 1st in German.
 K. Slinn: 1st in Mathematics I; 6th in Proficiency.
 A. Barkell: 1st in Modern History.
 D. Casimir: 1st in Chemistry.

FOURTH YEAR

- W. Lyons: Dux; 1st in Chemistry.
 W. Hodgekiss: 2nd in Proficiency; Baxendale Prize for English; 1st in Latin; 1st in French; 1st in German.
 J. Poole: 1st in History.
 H. Simes: 1st in Mathematics I; 1st in Mathematics II (aeq.).
 R. J. Smith: 1st in Mathematics II (aeq.).
 R. Atkinson: 1st in Physics.
 C. Wood: 1st in Economics.
 R. Foskett: 1st in Geography.
 K. Jones: Raymond and Frank Evatt Memorial Prize for an Essay on an Australian Subject; Baxendale Prize for Best Lecture on a Modern Author.

THIRD YEAR

- K. Dufty: Dux; Baxendale Prize for English; 1st in French (aeq.); Lodge Fortian Prize for General Proficiency (Junior).
 J. Britton: 2nd in Proficiency; 1st in French (aeq.); 1st in German.
 B. Figgis: 1st in History (aeq.).
 R. Garde: 1st in History (aeq.).
 A. Tow: 1st in Latin (aeq.); 1st in Mathematics I (aeq.).
 H. Skerritt: 1st in Latin (aeq.); 1st in Mathematics I (aeq.).
 B. Ditchfield: 1st in Mathematics I (aeq.).
 P. Thorpe: 1st in Mathematics II; 1st in Elementary Science.
 N. Hawkins: Taylor Memorial Prize for Geography (I.C.).
 J. Lawrence: 1st in Business Principles (aeq.).
 N. Ardron: 1st in Business Principles (aeq.).
 L. Gosling: Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship (Junior).

SECOND YEAR

- H. Merriman: Dux; 1st in Geography; 1st in Business Principles.
 P. Richardson: 2nd in Proficiency; 1st in French (aeq.).
 R. Jessup: Baxendale Prize for English; 1st in Mathematics I and II.
 H. Skinner: 1st in History.
 R. Johnson: 1st in Latin.
 J. Crooks: 1st in French (aeq.); 1st in German.
 O. Phillips: 1st in Elementary Science.

FIRST YEAR

- D. Pegum: Dux; Baxendale Prize for English; 1st in Elementary Science (aeq.).
 G. Richardson: 2nd in Proficiency; 1st in Mathematics I (aeq.); 1st in French.
 D. Munns: 1st in History.
 R. Delamonthe: 1st in Mathematics I (aeq.).
 K. Cabrera: 1st in Mathematics II.
 G. McLeay: 1st in Latin.
 D. Child: 1st in Elementary Science (aeq.).

THE HAPPY RIVER

Down the glen and round the bend,
 There runs a little river,
 Among the roots and jumping shoots
 It dances here and thither.
 It gurgles and gushes on its way,
 To where the bushfolk dance and play.
 And when the night is drawing nigh
 It listens to the night owl cry,
 But when the night is over
 And dawn comes with the day,
 It lifts its head with happiness
 And dances on its way.

It loves to watch the little birds
 Come fluttering through the trees,
 So beautifully and happily
 So dainty and so free.
 It loves to watch the great grey eagle
 Come swooping from its nest,
 So high, so great, so gracefully,
 And one of Nature's best.
 But when the rain comes with the storm
 And all of life seems dead,
 It slowly slides upon its way
 To where the sun shines red.
 (By J. BAKER, 1C.)

Leaving Certificate Passes

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| 1. English. | 10. Physics. |
| 2. Latin. | 11. Chemistry. |
| 3. French. | 14. Geography. |
| 4. German. | 16L. Lower Standard |
| 5. Maths. I. | Maths. |
| 6. Maths. II. | 16Q. Qualifying Maths. |
| 8. Modern History. | 17. Economics. |

H1 signifies first-class honours; H2 second-class honours; x denotes honours in Mathematics.

Allison, R.—1A 3B 5B 8A 14B.

Baker, K. L.—1B 3B 5B 6B 10B 11B.
 Balding, G. A.—1B 3B 5B 6B.
 Barkell, A. K.—1A 3B 5B 8H2 11A 14H1.
 Barton, R. M.—1A 2B 3B 5B 8A 11B.
 Bedford, E. L.—1B 3B 5B 8B 11B 14B.
 Bedford, K. L.—1A 3B 5A 6A 10H2 11H1.
 Blackmore, J. A. P.—1A 3B 5B 8B 11A 17A.
 Bodin, H. S.—1B 3B 5A 6A 10H2 11H2.
 Bottomly, K. C.—1B 3B 5B 6A 10H2 11H1.
 Brown, N.—1B 3B 5A 6A 10B 17B.
 Butler, E. B.—1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 10B.

Carnwell, R. H.—1B 2B 3B 5A 6B 10A.
 Casimir, D. J.—1B 3B 5A 6B 11H1 17B.
 Casperson, D. J.—1A 2A 3H2(o) 5A 6B 10A.
 Chambers, E. W.—1A 3B 5A 5B 10B 11B.
 Christmas, J. F.—1B 3B 5B 6A 10L 11B.
 Clarke, B. A.—1A 2B 3B 5A 6A 11B.
 Clifton, M. J.—1B 3B 5B 6B 10B 17B.
 Colwell, J. D.—1A 3B 5A 6A(x1) 10A 11A.

Dahl, D. J.—1B 3L 5B 6B 11A 14L.
 Diplock, P. T.—1B 3B 5A 6B 10B 11A.
 Donnan, J. A.—1A 3A 5B 6B 10B 11A.
 Dove, D. N.—1A 3B 5B 6B 10B 11A.
 Driscoll, K.—1B 3B 5B 6B 10B 17B.
 Durbin, K. L.—1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 11A.
 Dwyer, A. L.—1B 3B 5A 6B 10B 17B.

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 Edgar, K.—1B 3B 5A 6B 10B 17B.
 Evans, J. R.—1B 3B 5B 6B.
 Everingham, C. C.—1B 3B 5B 6B 10B 14L.

Fatt, R. G.—1A 2B 3B 5B 6B 11A.
 Fielding, F. R.—1B 3B 5B 8B 11A 14H1.
 Fitzpatrick, M. D.—1B 3B 5A 6A(x2) 10A 11A.
 Fitzsimmons, B. A.—1B 2A 3B 5B 6B.
 Fokes, M. S.—1A 3B 5B 6B 10B 11A.
 Foy, S. L.—1A 5A 6A(x2) 7B 10B 11B.

Gale, B. M.—1A 3B 5B 6B 10L 11B.
 Gardner M. J.—1A 3B 5A 6A 10H1 11H1.
 Garside N. E.—1A 2B 3B 8H2 10B 16L.
 Gibson, R. M.—1B 3L 5B 8B 11H2.
 Goodchild, J. C.—1B 2B 3B 5A 6A 10B.
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 Harris, J. P.—1B 3B 5B 8B 11B.
 Harrison, D. A. W.—1A 2B 3A(o) 5B.
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 Hill, N. A.—1A 3B 5B 6B 10B 11B.
 Hills, D.—1A 3A(o) 5A 6A(x2) 10B 11A.
 Hinds, N. A.—1A 3B 5B 6B 10B 11B.
 Hobbes, A. F.—1B 3B 5A 6B 11H2.
 Hopes, W.—1B 2A 3H2(o) 5B 6A 10B.
 Hopkins, P. B.—1A 2B 3B 8B 16Q.
 Howard, G. K.—1A 3B 5A 6A* 10B 11A.

James, K. B.—1B 3B 5B 6B 10B 11A.
 Jarvie, J. M.—1B 2B 3B 5A 6B 11A.
 Jessup, A.—1A 3A(o) 5A 6A(x1) 10A 11A.
 Jollow, F. C.—1B 2B 3B 11H1 16Q.

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 Miller, K.—1A 2B 3B(o) 5B 10B.
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 Potter, D. E.—1B 5B 6B 11B 17B.

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 Rickard, D. W.—1B 3B 5B 6B 10L.
 Ridge, B. J.—1B 3B 5B 8B.
 Ridley, J. R.—1B 3B 5A 6B 10A 11A.
 Rose, C. P.—1B 3B 5B 8B 10A 17B.
 Ross, L. M.—3B 5B 10B 14A.
 Rudling, T. A.—1B 3B 5A 6B 10B 11B.

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 Stewart, D. R.—1B 3B 8B 14B 16Q.
 Stuart, N. R.—1B 3B 5B 6B 11B.
 Swinden, J. D.—1B 2B 3B 5B 6B 10L.
 Tangye, J. D.—1B 3B 5B 6B 10B 14A.
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 Thompson, R. D.—1B 5B 6B 10L.
 Timbs, J. J.—1B 5B 6A 10A 14H1.

Tracy, C. J.—3B 5B 6B 10L 17B.

Udall, G. G.—1B 3B 5A 6B 10B 14A.

Walsh, J. R.—1A 3B 5A 6A(x1) 10A 11A.
 Walters, K. H.—1B 3B 5A 6B 10B.
 Watson, D. R.—1A 2A 5B 6A 10A 14H1.
 Watson, J. G.—1B 3B 5B 6B 11A 17B.
 Watters, A. R.—1A 3A 5A 6A(x) 10A 11A.
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 Williamson, N. N.—1B 2H2 3B 5A 6B 10L.
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 Fuller, B. R.

Gale, C. W.
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Hannam, G. J.
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Scott, K.
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 Sharp, I. W.
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A LETTER FROM CAPTAIN NORMAN ROSE.

Reprint of a letter written by Captain Norman Rose, released from a German Prisoner Of War Camp and now awaiting transport in the United States to bring him home after five years' absence.

It is to be sincerely hoped that his return will be in the near future and that he will receive the welcome he so truly deserves.

John Hopkins Hospital,
Baltimore,
Maryland.

13th Sept., 1945.

I left Boston last Saturday mornin^g and after a train trip of two hundred and seventy-seven miles in four and a half hours I landed in New York to spend the week-end there. On Sunday I went up to a private home in Connecticut where I had spent the previous Sunday. There they have a very fine home with extensive grounds, fruit-trees, tennis court, and bathing pool. On Monday morning I came down to Baltimore (one hundred and ninety miles in three and a half hours) to the famous John Hopkins Hospital. It just reminded me of a first day at school. Everythin^g seems so strange and different. Believe me, it is extremely hard settling down again. All of us, however, have to do this sometime, so it will be all the less difficult when I arrive home.

Here I have a very big room to myself — at least fifteen feet by thirty feet. You could almost train a dog in here. The hospital is very large with one thousand beds and being up for well over fifty years is rather a maze. I am just beginning to find my way around without getting hopelessly lost. For the first time I am feeling the atmosphere of one of these American hospitals. It is impossible to get this by spending just one or two days in a place. One of the John Hopkins' hospitals was in Sydney with the American army for some time. Friends here are therefore very interested in Australia as they have had many glowing reports in letters sent from there.

I should be spending nearly a week in Chicago and will try to see Niagara Falls on the way across. To save time, I will probably fly from Chicago to the west coast. Train travelling is not particularly pleasant. Air transport is so comfortable and speedy now and surprisingly cheap, when one takes into account the saving on meals, tipping, etc. I have lived remarkably well over here, but the money is lasting out very nicely. In fact, I have spent only five hundred dollars out of the one thousand two hundred, and more than half my leave is up.

So here's hoping I will be seeing you about November the first.

Norman.

PASTORALE.

By B. NEAL, 4A.

When the last long line of cattle linger on the
distant fold,
And the ancient bells of hamlet near their curfew
clear have tolled,
Now the land, once bathed in golden light, takes
on a cold gaunt grey,
As I watch this scene with heavy heart, so dies
another day.

So dies another day with all its sorrows and its
joys,
And still Old Time goes marching on, and still
it life destroys.
And I wonder, as I linger yet, how many souls
this day,
Have ceased to heed this vast vain world, in peace
now slumber they.

That last long line of cattle has now reached at last
its goal,
And the bells from yonder hamlet have long ceased
their tale to toll,
The gathering dusk creeps onward as I homeward
make my way,
And I leave this scene behind me, as now dies
another day.

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Play Day, 1945

Fort Street's Annual Play Day, 1945, was not as great a success as usual because of the doubt whether or not it would take place; nevertheless, the standard of plays was as high as usual. However, fortunately for us, the news that Japan had surrendered was received when everyone was present at the performance, so that the actors were able to continue. The attendance was very poor compared with previous years, but this was no doubt due to the universal uncertainty. Those who failed to make an appearance didn't know what they were missing, because most of the plays presented were particularly good. Contrary to expectations, they were nearly all tragedies, there being only one senior comedy, produced by 4A.

The number of plays was reduced this year as it was found that there were too many last year for performance on the one day; so the first and second year classes combined, producing four plays between them. Although some of the plays had been produced before nothing was lacking in their appeal to the audience, who, however, spoilt many of them. It seems that they couldn't understand tragedies, for laughter often appeared when pathos was expected.

Play Day was held on August 15th and the Play Nights on the 17th and 18th. The six plays chosen for performance at night were "Great Aunt Jemima," 1A and 1D; "Misunderstanding," 4A; "The Sub-Editor's Room," 4B; "The Good and the Bad," 4C; "In Port," 5th Year, and "The Decision," 5A. It was originally proposed to produce "Great Aunt Jemima" on Friday evening and "The Sub-Editor's Room" on Saturday, but Hannam, a member of the cast of the latter play, unfortunately met with an accident. This disqualified "The Sub-Editor's Room," so that "Great Aunt Jemima" had the honour of playing on both nights.

Once again we had Mr. Barnard's knowledge behind the production of Play Day, and wish to thank him and all the staff for their untiring efforts to make it a success. They did a very fine job in writing and producing individual plays, and I am sure that in thanking them we are expressing the wholehearted thanks of the School.

As usual, the Choir sang on Play Day and the two nights, and there were very fine vocal solos by Barry O'Brien and 'cello and cornet solos by Haydn Skinner and John McParland respectively. The musical direction was again

undertaken by Mr. Bailey, and we wish to thank him also for his efforts with the musical programme. The School would also like to express its appreciation for the co-operation extended by the Buttonhole Fancy Costume Company.

Below is a brief comment on the individual plays:—

1A and 1D—"GREAT AUNT JEMIMA."

This play was well produced, but the plot was easily discerned from the beginning. Nevertheless, the colourful costumes and the humour, both subtle and obvious, made the play the success it was. Of course, we must remember that money isn't everything, but the Royal family found it difficult to do without. However, I know we all sympathise with them over the acute shortage of eggs. Barry O'Brien was the bright spark.

1B and 1C—"FORTY SINGING SEAMEN."

The forty singing seamen, who were really only twenty-seven, provided a delightful change from the gloomy atmosphere provided by the tragedies. The costumes were bright, but the diction could have been improved. Although a poem, not a play, it was well received by the audience, who enjoyed the brief respite from all the dramas.

2A and 2B—"THE DYSPEPTIC OGRE."

The novel opening of this play attracted the audience's attention, and it was held for a fair period, but the length of the play was the deciding factor against its selection for Play Night. Nevertheless, it was well produced and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Thomas, the Ogre, played his part well, his diction being very sound, but Heckenburg's accent was very doubtful. However, Hawkins, as Frances, won many hearts from the onlookers.

2C and 2D—"MACAIRE."

Adapted from the play by Stevenson and Henley of the same name, this play completely deceived the audience, who couldn't decide whether it was a comedy or a drama. Boxhall gave a good performance as Robert Macaire, but Emery ("Napoleon") received all the laughs. Unfortunately the diction was very weak in places, this making the plot difficult to follow, whereas otherwise the play might have been a success.

4A—"MISUNDERSTANDING."

"Misunderstanding," written and produced by Mr. Bohman, was a humorous skit on the "goings-on" of a modern family of to-day, but it didn't seem to appeal to the adults in the

audience. Easily the best comedy, it was a satisfactory conclusion to an enjoyable day. All the cast functioned well, particularly Dufty as Ivor ("Sensitive") Plant and Skerritt as Grandpa Honey, while Head amused the audience with the well-timed entrance at the end. Amusement was also caused by the delay in the lighting, but it must be remembered that it is very difficult to switch on all the lights at once.

4B—"SUB-EDITOR'S ROOM."

The bright spark in this play was Hannam, and it was unfortunate that he was unable to appear on Play Night. The plot was interesting, but the scene where Hutton was talking to Mulray was rather difficult to understand. Stanton gave a convincing performance, and Adams as the milk-vendor was excellent.

4C—"THE GOOD AND THE BAD."

This drama was one of the best of the day, but it was easy to realise what the outcome would be. The atmosphere was well sustained by the characters, who were all convincing. Machin, as Mrs. Kentish, was brilliant, and played his role better than most amateur actors could have, and it should be remembered that he had a large part to remember. "The Good and the Bad" thoroughly deserved its selection on Play Night.

4D—"THE CAPTAIN OF THE GATE."

For a Senior play, this tragedy was poor; the acting was weak, and the characters barely audible. The soldiers' costumes and the zeal of one or two of the players were the only things to recommend.

5th YEAR—"IN PORT."

This play was easily the best of the day, all the characters acting brilliantly. It was totally enjoyed by the audience, the humour appealing to everyone. Rew gave a fine polished performance which could not be bettered, while Campbell, as Robert Adderley, portrayed a desperate character very well. The difference between Rew's calm manner and Campbell's furtive glances provided an excellent contrast and McPhee was a true gentleman's gentleman.

5A—"THE DECISION."

This play showed that Broune excels at drama nearly as well as he did in comedy last year, despite the fact that his part did not allow any "fancy" acting. Jones also played his part well as Claude Warburton, but the best performance was given by Delaney as the heroine, Jean Warburton. He was the best girl of the day. The plot was good, all the characters combining well and being exactly suited to their respective parts, especially O'Donnell as "that villain O'Neill."

Empire Day

Once again, we as members of the great British Commonwealth of Nations, had the privilege of honouring our Empire on May the 24th. This year, however, we met under happier circumstances than we had for more than five years, for still in our minds there echoed the great news of the peace in Europe. Nevertheless we bore in mind that we had still to contribute a united and determined effort in order that the remaining enemy of democracy and mankind might be beaten, for all times.

As usual, four young Fortians delivered appropriate and interesting addresses, extracts from which have been printed below:—

EMPIRE BUILDERS

The growth of the British Empire falls into two periods divided by the Treaty of Versailles in 1783 which marked the conclusion of the American War of Independence. Previous to this date England had built up

a large overseas empire but in 1783 she lost her American colonies which now form part of the U.S.A. Since then she has formed an even greater empire—indeed the greatest the world has ever known.

From France, as a result of the War of Spanish Succession and the Seven Years' War, England received various parts of Canada. The great leaders responsible for these successes were the Duke of Marlborough and William Pitt the Elder. Thanks to Robert Clive's work over the same period England finally gained supremacy in India.

In 1788 Governor Phillip landed in Sydney, discovered by Captain Cook in 1770 and this, with other settlements in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, founded England's prestige in the Pacific. Among one of the most colourful stories in this sphere is that of Sir Stamford Raffles, who acquired Singapore for England.

In 1919 Jan Smuts became Premier of South Africa. This man, born in the colony, had

been educated at Cambridge and on his return had made a rapid rise. One of the leaders in the Boer War, he represented at the Peace Conference, after which he worked with zeal to bring back prosperity to South Africa, mainly by his efforts to make Britons and Boers one people. In 1910 his efforts were crowned with success and Cape Colony, Natal, Transvaal and Orange Free State became the Union of South Africa.

So it has been due to men like Smuts that this empire is what it is, a successful miniature League of Nations and everyone, once a year, has the chance to remember that he belongs to the British Empire.

—P. Richardson, 3A.

WHAT THE EMPIRE TAUGHT THE WORLD.

To-day it is fitting that each of us should think about "What our Empire has taught the world."

The Empire has shown to the rest of the world that self-government is best. The government of the people, for the people and by the people, which is democracy, has pulled Britain through crises which seemed insurmountable.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister of England for six years, gave utterance to a truth which in civilization's present state of bewilderment stands out as a beacon light of hope to the world. Referring to the British Empire, he said: "We are almost the last country standing for freedom of speech and freedom of conscience."

Fear of liberty's being trodden down precipitated two wars with tragic loss of life. Freedom will never perish while the British Empire still survives and the liberty-loving world may take heart from the fact that there is a lot of life in Britain yet. In every continent and in every ocean still stands the Union Jack for freedom of speech and freedom of conscience.

And yet these liberties and privileges do not extend so far that crime and moral degradation are allowed to pass unheeded and unpunished. We all know that every Britisher has a true and unchanging sense of justice. It was Britain's sense of justice that caused her to enter this war. We all know that she refused to see lesser countries persecuted and ill-used. The same thing was the cause of World War I, and throughout the years Britain has always been ready to come to the assistance of countries in need.

—K. Dufty, 4A.

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

We've all read of him, heard of him, and seen him on the screen, but it is not often that we stop to think how really great he is and how much he is responsible

for the safe position of the British Empire to-day. Mr. Churchill began his eventful reign of office when, in early May, 1940, the people of the British Empire expressed their dissatisfaction with the then Prime Minister, the late Mr. Neville Chamberlain. Simultaneously a plea came from all parts of the Empire for a man who could and would lead us to the ultimate victory we all wanted so much, but which, in those dark days, seemed intangible. The peoples of the British Empire realized that only two fates were then open to us—total and irreparable annihilation or hard-fought-for salvation; and they also knew that the right man, only, as Prime Minister could lead us to that salvation.

That man was found in Winston Churchill. The Empire realized this as soon as Mr. Churchill had been sworn in, when he said "I would say to this House, as I have said to those who have joined the Government: I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat. We have, before us, many, many long months of struggle and suffering, but we shall attain in the end, victory, however hard and long the road may be, for without victory there is no survival."

So, when some of our hearts experienced fear, we looked to him and reaped from his courageous spirit an abundant determination and will. A great part of the fortitude of the British people displayed during the shocking Blitzkrieg period can be attributed to the inspiring leadership of Mr. Churchill. The whole world faced complete destruction and Churchill played no small part in rescuing it from its abominable fate.

Recently he quite sincerely put it to the people whether or not they still wanted him . . . he said, "We have come to the end of our first highway; if now you, the peoples of the British Commonwealth, desire to put me, an old man now, out to pasture, I will be ready to obey at any instant and without question or remark, your sovereign command."

Winston Churchill has, by his nobility of nature, his thorough belief in what he deems correct, his determination and sincerity, so inspired us, the people of the British Empire, that we can surely refer to him not only as Prime Minister of Britain, but of the Empire of Great Britain. He symbolizes all that the Empire has ever stood for, as he clearly showed when he recently concluded a great speech with the words, "Blessed be our God, Rule Britannia, God save the King!"

—K. Jones, 5A

THE BROTHERHOOD OF EMPIRE

This year's traditional observance of Empire Day is the sixth since the outbreak of World War II and we meet in the knowledge that at the outbreak of war the Empire was scheduled to play a very vital and protagonistic role in

meeting the enormous onslaughts that were to come from the powers of Evil in Europe and the Pacific.

In 1940 the German Luftwaffe commenced its diabolical bombing of helpless civilians in the South-East England area. Immediately the whole of the British Empire began to send relief in the form of medical supplies, blankets, emergency rations and everything necessary for the relief of bombed-out families. For years now the whole of the British Empire has been rationed with foodstuffs so that the people of England might not starve. This is the spirit that has kept the British Empire together in the past and which will continue to mould the Empire into a brotherhood that must certainly lead the world and all mankind.

During the early part of the war the Empire Air Training Scheme was inaugurated. Canada, with its endless miles of rolling prairies, offered to make available its open spaces for the scheme and immediately thousands of trainees from every corner of the Empire were sent to Canada to train under a scheme that was destined to turn the tide of the air war. Men from every part of the Empire were now fighting together on every battlefield, side by side in naval engagements and wingtip to wingtip in the battle of the skies. It is the spirit of aid to each other, this feeling of brotherhood, this dogged and determined spirit that eventually right must triumph, that is winning the war to-day.

Then you say, there must be something which causes this spirit, some driving force that makes this spirit possible. Yes, there is some-

thing, there is an ideal for which we are fighting to-day and for which so many lives are being sacrificed. This ideal can perhaps be summed up in what is known as the "Four Freedoms," "Freedom from Fear," "Freedom from Want," "Freedom of Worship" and "Freedom of Speech." It is to maintain these four freedoms that men are sacrificing their lives to-day, glorying in the knowledge that by their sacrifice they are keeping the world safe for their sons and daughters after them, as they inherited the Empire from their forefathers, who gave blood and sweat and toil to make the British Empire what it is to-day. We have inherited our Empire from men like Raleigh, Clive, Pitt, Rhodes, the Anzacs, men who devoted their lives to a cause so that the Union Jack might fly over the Empire on which the sun never sets.

So, then, let us look forward to a new world, a new era, a new life brought about by the blood paid in this turmoil. Let all the British nations work together with one aim **forever**, striving ever onward and upward in the construction of a world in which there is peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

This is the true meaning of Empire, the union of several individual nations working and fighting as one to maintain an ideal. Let us who are but yet her sons carry on the tradition of Empire that our children after us may benefit by our efforts in endeavouring to uphold an ideal that can never be crushed. Let us toil as did our forefathers and show them that we are not unworthy of the sacrifices made by them for us.

—R. Broune, 5A.

Debating Activities

Early in the year those connected with debating in the school looked forward to the 1945 Hume Barbour season with high hopes and with, what we thought, justified confidence. Our success, however, was not all that we desired, but, nevertheless, 1945 can be considered a season which provided keen interest and enjoyment and untold benefits to those who were allied with the school's debating activities.

The team to represent the school was finally selected as follows—R. Broune as first speaker, W. Hodgekiss as second speaker, and K. Jones as Whip. Mr. Gent ably filled the position of coach.

It is opportune to point out here that this year the leader's reply was eliminated from de-

bates held under the auspices of the Hume-Barbour Society and also to explain that Fort Street was placed in a different debating zone to that in which we had previously competed. The schools we now met were Sydney Technical, Sydney High and North Sydney Technical High.

Our first competition debate was against Sydney Technical on the subject "That the War has proved Detrimental to the Character of the Australian People," and although Fort Street as a team were perhaps better than our opponents the Tech. whip was just good enough to bridge the gap and give his team the winning margin.

One would have thought that the dismay we suffered at losing our first debate would have

materially affected our display in the following debate; but this was not so, or we next met our debating rivals of long standing—Sydney High. Both teams threw everything they had at the topic, which concerned the banning of certain radio artists, with the result that it was anyone's debate until right up to the time when the decision was announced in favour of Sydney by the narrowest of margins.

Our third and final Hume-Barbour debate was against North Sydney Tech. and our team, now beginning to function as a team, showed marked improvement in winning quite easily. The unfortunate part was that we made our run too late to have any effect and we were now out of the competition for the year.

In addition to Hume-Barbour functions several social debates were held, namely those with the Teachers' College, Canterbury, the Old Boys and Fort Street Girls. In addition to providing an enjoyable time for debaters these debates were most helpful in giving us the practice we were so much in need of.

Comments on the members of the team:—

R. Broune, as opening speaker, could always be relied upon to present a clear and well-defined case with a delivery that was cool and smooth but nevertheless solid and effective.

W. Hodgekiss, as second speaker, always had the strength of argument and logic essential in the debate while his manner was always as lively and sparkling as one could desire.

K. Jones, as whip, had the difficult job of both whipping and summing up. However, he could always be relied upon for an excellent speech and to give the team its final touch of polish. It is noteworthy that he scored excellent marks against some of the finest speakers in the competition.

Finally the team would like to express its appreciation to Messrs. Bohman and Gent for their assistance and advice. There is not much incentive for a teacher to remain with a losing team, yet Mr. Gent, despite our setbacks, was always as enthusiastic and keen as ever and we feel that the school is greatly indebted to him for his services.

MISUNDERSTOOD.

The dark silhouette of a man slid silently through the shadows like a phantom on the loose.

Although he could not see me, he seemed to be conscious of an unseen watcher. His build was slight and mouselike.

He couldn't have been very old, but gave the appearance of being a bent jelly-spined, wizened natured, hen-pecked husband and I would have thought so only for his mysterious and stealthy manner. Here and there he dodged, hardly ever walking in a straight line as though frightened that a sworn enemy might put a bullet in his back if allowed to take aim. He lurched and fell. I thought perhaps I should help him, but no, he slowly raised himself and continued to walk groggily in dazed condition along the pathway.

I followed him in the pitch black darkness of night, glimpsing him only when a brilliant beam of cold, condensed moonlight struck his crouching figure.

The cobbled streets resounded with his footsteps which were magnified in sound by the contrast of stillness that prevailed throughout the village because of the late hour.

He lightened his footsteps, probably being aware of the noise.

Coming to a house, he cautiously pushed the gate open and walked onto the lawn, closing it quietly behind him. Mumbling something about oil, he unlocked the door and walked in.

I hurriedly jumped over the fence onto the grass, then slipped through the open doorway.

A torch with hand attached (for that was all of him I could see) glided across the room and started to ascend the stairs.

I was uncertain whether to stop him or not, fearing that he carried a firearm. He reached the top of the staircase and approached a room across the hall. Then with a somewhat desperate effort I called out or rather piped out from my hoarse throat:

"Stop! Stop, there! I say."

A rather husky-voiced individual answered, "Sh-Shush, old man, I say be quiet, do you want to wake my wife?"

The Ladies' Committee

General satisfaction was expressed at the Annual Meeting held on the 27th September with the result of the year's activities.

"Father and Son Evening" was again very popular as shown by the attendance. This particular evening is now firmly established and a most useful function.

A Variety Concert held in the School Memorial Hall was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, the artists being of a very high standard.

A dance at the end of each term has proved very popular and we hope to be able to continue these dances for the boys and girls of

Fort Street School and their friends.

Quite a number of many kinds of enjoyable afternoons were held throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Headmaster, Staff and boys, and especially Mr. Stanley, Mr. Parker and Mr. Dandie for their co-operation and also to thank all my fellow-workers for their loyal support during my four years as Secretary.

I now offer my best wishes for the coming year and may it eclipse in every way the efforts of the year which has just closed.

D. Heffron,
Ex. Hon. Secretary.

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Physical Education.

Physical Education, rightly applied can form an essential part of those educational means which will lead to the realisation of the aim of education:

"To clear from human eyes the dust;
 To melt from human hearts the crust;
 To cleave from human wills the rust."

Physical training has a twofold effect; on the one hand a physical effect, and on the other a mental and moral effect. Exercises, if properly conducted, develop in youths a cheerful spirit together with alertness, decision, concentration and perfect control of brain over body.

Physical training has been revived to a certain extent since part of the Hall has been set aside for the purpose, thanks to the kindness of the Headmaster; however we have found from experience that this gesture is not all what it may first seem, for we are more often, for some reason or other, out of the Hall than in it. Due to the lack of accommodation, materials and staff, the boys at Fort Street have only one period for P.T. per week (the syllabus lays down that there should be at least two periods). Mat-work, vaulting and kinesthetics are carried out in the Hall, and soft

ball is played, while those who play basket-ball are rarely seen through the smoke screen of dust they raise when in action. Volley Ball is played in the Hall and, with the most care for the rest of the year, we hope to have only one broken electric light shade to our debit.

The school enjoyed a vigorous game of basket ball, between the Teachers' College and a representative team from the Senior classes. The College team won 24-18.

Our greatest need at Fort Street is a properly equipped gymnasium. This historic school should be second to none in the Commonwealth in this respect. Surely funds are available, and if not, they could easily be procured for such an urgent need in a great school like this. The centenary celebrations are close at hand and could we have a more useful memorial to commemorate the progress of the school for the past hundred years than a well-equipped gymnasium?

No doubt Mr. Mearns has made many improvements since he came here last February, and will, we feel assured, take this project in hand. We feel that boys who come to this school in the future should have one of the best equipped and modern gymnasiums in the metropolitan area, for the development of their physical and moral character.

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A RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT.

The Fort Street Orchestra

Music in education until quite recently suffered from a lack of educational essentials and did not form part of the high school curriculum as it should have. But, fortunately, today it is recognised as art and is favourably regarded by educational authorities. However, for over four years there had existed, an orchestral combination of high standard — the Fort Street Orchestra. A nucleus of it still exists and performs occasionally.

Since its inception in 1939, the orchestra had been built up by its organiser, arranger and conductor, Mr. D. A. Bailey to a high standard of achievement. From the following year, labouring under many difficulties and setbacks, the orchestra commenced to perform at many of the school's functions, including the popular annual Play Day. In 1941, an operetta was attempted with encouraging results, the soloists and orchestra being entirely drawn from the school. In the same year, two double-sided records were made in Sydney. It was not long before the orchestra became better known and at a Conference of Music Teachers, a performance was arranged as a demonstration of what could be achieved in schools.

Another public appearance followed at the conclusion of Music Week with a performance in the Sydney Town Hall.

During the last eighteen months the 1st prize at a Ryde Talent Quest was carried off and

auditions for three broadcasts were successfully completed, the last being made in February. Together with two singers, one a member of the staff, the orchestra appeared at the Variety Concert held in the school hall early this year. At the beginning of August, in true school spirit, a representative group of our musicians joined the Combined High orchestra, winning fresh laurels for Fort Street. A broadcast concert followed at the Sydney Town Hall and Mr. Bailey was accorded the rightful honour of being appointed leader of the orchestra.

Even though the orchestra was missed by Play Night patrons this year, a small ensemble helped to accomplish the success of the evenings.

While the orchestra's repertoire consisted mainly of specially arranged standard orchestral pieces, anything from musical comedy and opera to concertos and descriptive works was performed with equal success.

Finally, to the founder, Mr. Bailey, who is also our music-master, must go congratulations for the success which his institution gained. His unflagging energy and devotion inspired and welded together a living and memorable example of what teamwork and school spirit can achieve.

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TO LUCILLE.

When in this foreign land I fight,
Midst blood and clashing steel,
For God and king and all that's right,
Against a cruel nation's might,
Upholding truth and honour bright,
I dream of you, Lucille.

Like music to a war-torn band,
The bells of victory peal,
And o'er a scarred and saddened land,
We thank God for His guiding hand,
The day was won for the motherland,
For you, my dear Lucille.

Now as upon death's eve I lie,
My wandering thoughts reveal,
Those cherry lips and laughing eye,
And now Lucille I heave a sigh,
The truest loves must say good-bye,
Farewell, my sweet Lucille.

B. NEAL, 4A.

PEACE LETTER.

Dear George,

Well, here I am writing to you again as I promised in my last letter. Great things, however, have happened since then. This war-weary world has finally wearied itself of war. Our last aggressor has met his fate; the ultimate fate of all peace breakers: destruction.

I could imagine your feelings when you heard that long-expected word "peace" over the radio. Since then I suppose you have been celebrating (though I don't myself see how that is possible in a tent in the depths of the New Guinea jungle) and partaking in wistful daydreams about the future: your wife and children, your home, your old friends and your enemies, your sport and your days out.

I could never fully hope to describe to you how Sydney took the news, but I will try to the best of my ability:— I was just finishing off writing a letter to one of my clients when one of the boys on my staff, excitement written all over his face, rushed in yelling, "The war's over". At first no one would believe it for we had had many such scares in the last few days, but on hearing the noise which was rising from Martin Place below (I was in that new office I was telling you about in my last letter), I realised that the much expected news had finally come through. By this time all my office girls had raced over to the adjoining windows and following the examples of other buildings in the "Place", they began throwing bits of telephone books, old paper, and torn-up lunch bags out onto the milling crowds beneath.

As I was closing the door of my office before descending to the streets I had just time to see my much thought over letter grabbed by an excited secretary, torn up, and thrown from the window to join a fluttering cloud of paper that was steadily issuing from our window.

Reaching the ground floor as quickly as I could, I opened the door and was briskly carried off in a down-flowing stream of exuberant-seeming people. All this had happened in a quarter of an hour. I had just gained my balance when about ten girls who were employed in the building next door, attacked me. The strength of these young girls amazed me. It took me a whole five minutes before I could effect an absolute escape. From here on I kept well away from street doors. I thought I would look foolish with my lipstick-covered face and thereon pulled out my handkerchief and essayed to remove it. But it was of no use for the more I rubbed it off the more the opposite sex, undeterred, embraced it on. Therefore I tried no longer, as I could see I was not the only pebble on the beach. Looking round all I could see was paper above me, paper beneath me and a happy, smiling, singing, paper covered people in front of me.

In half-an-hour, Martin Place was crowded out. In a way it reminded me of a river. A river is comprised of many different currents, some moving upstream and some moving downstream, so it was with Martin Place. Thus if you wished to move towards Macquarie Street, you had to edge over into a current of people who were moving that way. There were many of these currents moving up and down Martin Place. I saw many funny incidents, too many in fact, to tell you about, but there was one that was particularly notable. There were two soldiers wishing to cross Martin Place, but this was nearly impossible, because the currents of people were only moving up and down, so one of them was dangling a piece of string with a loop in one end in front of him and was saying "Make way for Pluto." Of course the people would then make a path for this supposed-to-be dog whom the other man was pretending to pat; and so they reached the other side of the street with no difficulty.

But is it not all a happy tale. Walking home (most trams and buses had stopped); there were many sad and detestable incidents I witnessed, drunken men lurching and tottering in the side streets, two-up schools in full progress in the middle of George Street, and beautiful park trees with broken branches and some even uprooted by the so-called revellers. They say, though, there is a Jekyll and Hyde to everything.

At home to-night, reviewing what I had seen this eventful day, I could not help but think this is a truly strange world.

. . . A couple of years of drought, then rain, and the people in the city go around shaking hands, slapping people on the back and congratulating each other on the drought being over, while the tired, strained farmer lifts his face to heaven and smiles again; a terrific storm strikes the land and continues for a couple of days and then suddenly ends. The same thing happens; the people on the land congratulate themselves but the weary sailor, who has fought nature and won, simply smiles and says to his companion: "Well, we've won through."

And I suppose it is the same with this war. The soldiers and oppressed who have borne the strife's hardships lift their eyes to heaven, smile and say, "Well, we've won through," while an unopposed city goes mad with joy. Just a bit of mournful philosophy. But why philosophy when war is over and peace has once more dawned upon the world.

I will have to close now for I have yet to write again the letter to that client.

Your old school chum,

DON,
—D. NICHOLLS, 3A.

The Sender Memorial Prize.

Among the Australians who lost their lives on the ill-fated Hospital ship "Centaur," was a distinguished old boy of the School, Major I. H. Sender. After a very strenuous service as Medical Officer in Egypt, Greece, Crete and Palestine, he was on his way to New Guinea to carry on his heroic work, even though his state of health entitled him to a long period of leave from his arduous duties.

Isador Sender attended Fort Street in 1918-22, passing out with a very good pass at the Leaving Certificate Examination, including first-class honours in English and History. He won the Evatt Memorial Prize for 1922. He was a school prefect and had been in first grade teams in Football, Cricket and Debating.

To his memory, his wife, Mrs. Sender, has given an annual prize to be known as the Sender Memorial Prize for Good Fellowship. The prize is to be awarded to the boy who, in the opinion of his fellow fifth year boys, shows the best school spirit in sports, studies and school service.

At this year's "Father and Son Evening," a Silver Plate was unveiled in the Assembly Hall on behalf of Mrs. Sender by an intimate personal friend, Mr. London. This plate will contain the names of the winners of the prize. The first name to appear on the plate is that of Jim Lundie, the Captain of the School for 1944.

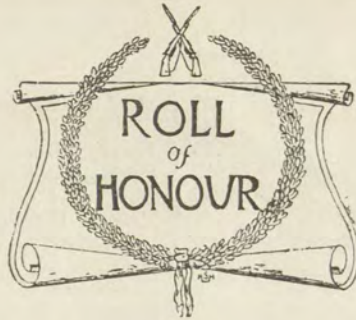
GOD AND WAR.

Blood and sweat,
 A man stretched out upon the wire,
 Mud and gas,
 The rattle of Death's scythe,
 Faces white with fear,
 Ten seconds and the hour is come,
 From far across the field of Hell.
 A flash of green, a man rises but to fall;
 Ten thousand feet above this bed of pain,
 Hover the black messengers of oblivion.
 Birds man-made, but eagles with a lust to kill!

Nerves tensed, the farm-boy and the clerk,
 Pray to God, to whom they go.
 Fear, like a wave, impinges upon their senses—
 Hands clench, eyes glitter.
 Then, the commandant's arm moves up,
 Grim signal for the march to Hell.
 Brutalized, senses dazed, they rush against their
 fellow-men.

What did this grey-clothed man feel upon the
 bayonet's thrust?
 A flash of steel, a stab of pain, life's thread is
 cut.
 And through a blinding flash of light,
 He sees the world below,
 Beside him walks a man in white.
 Deep inside of him, Religion, toy of a god-less
 world,
 Says, "This must be God."
 The messenger smiles and points to a revolving
 sphere,
 Half visible through the mists of Time.
 "They say, "This is a war to end all wars,"
 Fool man! no sooner is the blood dry upon the
 sand,
 Than the world takes up the sword of slaughter.
 No! I only am the Eternal Peace!

W. HODGEKISS, 5A.



SERVICES LIST

	<i>Final year at School</i>		<i>Final year at School</i>
Adamson, Roy, Died P.O.W., Germany, F/Sgt.		Brodie, Capt., AAMC.	
Adcock, N., RAAF	1940	Bronger, Norman, AIF.	
Aiken, G., RAAF	1943	Broomfield, T., RAN.	1944
Amsberg, G.	1921	Brown, Donald, RAAF.	1943
Anderson, W. E. C., AIF	1940	Brown, N., RAAF.	
Andrews, Y. R.	1918	Brown, Lt., RAN.	
Argall, D., RAAF	1940	Burge, Arthur	1934
Argall, J.	1939	Burley, Jack, RAN.	1941
Argall, R.	1942		
Arnott, A. J.		Caiger, Victor K., Killed	1942
Astell, J., RAAF.		Caldwell, S. D., Lieut. RAE.	1930
Astridge, E. S.		Carver, Warren, AIF.	1941
Austin, Frank H., Killed Railway Accident	1937	Carwardine, K.	
Austin, Jack	1931	Carwardine, W., Bombadier	
Austin, K. J., AIF.	1939	Chalmers, John, Major, Killed	1927
		Chapman, B.	1943
Badge, W., AIF.	1935	Chapman, Neville, AIF.	1939
Baines, W. G. H.		Charker, John, Sgt., A.I.F.	1938
Baker, Don., RAAF.	1940	Charker, R., Navigator, F/Sgt., RAAF.	1940
Barkell, A.	1944	Chaseling, Brian	
Barkell, —.	1942	Chidgey, F., AIF.	
Barnwell, John, Killed Air-raft Accident	1940	Cheetham, F., A.I.F.	
Barraclough, George, Killed	1940	Cloutier, R. M.	
Barrell, —., R.A.N.		Cole, J. P., RAAF.	
Beach, R.		Coleborne, Brian, MBE., DFC.	
Beaumont, E. V., RAAF.	1930	Conlon, A.	
Bell, R. J., Killed, RAAF.	1938	Connell, Douglas, Killed	
Bell, W. J.	1944	Cotter, Owen, AIF.	1939
Bellhouse, A., RAAF.	1931	Crags, E. A., F/Lt. RAAF.	1927
Bennet, D., AIF.		Crain, W. A. T.	
Benson, H., Sgt., AIF.		Crane, B. D., RAAF.	
Berry, B.		Cranston, Tom, RAN.	1933
Binns, Ken.		Crichton, G. F., Pilot, RAAF.	1937
Bissaker, Francis, Killed		Crook, Leslie C., Lieut. AIF., Killed.	
Black, Ivan, Lieut., RAN.		Crook, T., RAAF	
Blackall, Peter, RAAF.	1941	Cull, O. B., RAAF.	1943
Blessing, William, Killed	1930	Cull, R. O., AIF.	1931
Bloomfield, T., RAN.	1935	Curtis, Neil, W., F/O., DFC.	
Blumenthal, C. B. D., F/Lt., RAAF.	1939	Cusack, Bruce, AIF.	1939
Blumer, A.		Cutler, M., Dr., 5th AGH.	
Blunden, W. R.	1933		
Bowmaker, William		Dalziell, L., AIF.	
Boyd, B., RAN.		Dalziell, R., RAAF.	
Brady, Bede, Killed	1934	Dane, Colin	1939
Bramfield, T.		Dane, F. L. R., W/O., Pilot, RAAF	1938
Breaden, Thos., R.A.N.	1941	Davies, E.	

	Final year at School		Final year at School
Davies, J. H., F/O. Radar, RAAF.	1939	Harding, R. E., Missing over Germany, RAAF.	1942
Delaney, D., F/O. Pilot, RAAF	1941	Harvey, Bruce	1939
Doig, B.	1921	Harvey, Lloyd, F/Sgt., Navigator, RAAF.	
Douglas, P., RAAF.	1937	Hay, James	1933
Dove, Edward, F/O., Pilot, RAAF	1937	Hearne, Henry J., F/Sgt. Air Gunner, RAAF.	1938
Dowey, R. J.		Heins, R. N., F/O. Pilot, RAAF.	
Dunbar, Geoffrey, F/Sgt., Navigator, Killed, RAAF.	1939	Hemsworth, E., Killed	
Dunbar, William		Herps, M. D., W/O.	1934
Dunlop, Ian, Died in New Guinea		Hides, R. J.	1944
Dyer, Kenneth, Killed		Hills, John, Killed, RAAF.	1939
Eagle, R.	1940	Hinde, L., AIF.	1941
Egger, R.	1940	Hinde, R., AIF.	1941
Ellis, Balfour, RAAF.	1939	Holland, L., Killed	
Ellis, K.	1927	Horan, —	
England, V.		Howe, K., RAAF.	
Ennis, J., F/Lt., DFC.	1932	Hudson, A. L.	1942
Eslake, E. J., RAAF.	1942	Hudson, L., RAAF.	
Evans, Ivor J., F/Lt., Pilot, DFC., RAAF.	1938	Hughes, Paterson C., DFC., F/Lt., Killed, RAF.	
Evans, O.		Hughes, W. R., Lt. RAN.	1918
Evatt, Peter, Lt.	1938	Hunter, G. J., RAAF.	1944
Everingham, C., RAAF.	1943	Hutchinson, L. L. F.	1944
Febbutt, W., POW., Major, AIF.		Irvine, Arthur, Lt. Col. AIF.	1925
Femon, R.	1943	Jay, Edgar, Killed	
Fensom, R. E., RAAF.	1944	Jenkins, Allan M., RAN then RAAF.	1932
Ferguson, —		Jenning, N., RAAF.	
Fitzroy, F., Sq/Ldr.		Johnson, M., RAAF.	
Flockhart, Colin K., F/O. Pilot, Killed, RAAF		Kable, G., RAAF.	1939
Flook, C., Cpl. AIF.	1918	Karnaghan, J., Killed	
Foreman, E. K., POW., RAAF.	1940	Kelshaw, J., RAAF.	1939
Foskett, R.		Kench, Graham, RAN	1931
Gailey, W. G., W/Com. RAAF.	1931	Kerr, John, Lt.Col.	1931
Gay, E., RAF., Killed		Kerridge, Gordon	
Gazzard, R. G., RAAF, Killed		Kerwin, P., AIF.	
Gibb, C., Major, AIF.	1931	King, E., Sgt.	
Gibbons, A. J., AIF.	1940	Lamble, G.	1928
Gibson, Dr.	1929	Langsworth, B.	1934
Gibson, P., Sq/Ldr.	1932	Larkin, N., Major	1921
Gilbert, Lionel, RAAF.	1941	Lawson, B.	1934
Gill, Aubrey J., RAN.	1937	Laurendet, Edward, RAAF.	
Gillies, R., DFC., Killed		Learmonth, J. A.	1944
Gledhill, C., Dr., MBE.	1923	Ledsam, L., Killed, RAAF.	
Glover, Keith, N., Sgt. AIF.	1938	Leggo, H.	1933
Goddard, L., POW.		Lennox, A.	1943
Graham, O.		Leslie, A. C.	1943
Grainger, A. H.	1924	Levings, Dr., POW.	1920
Grant, A.		Levitus, Mannie, Killed, Darwin	
Grant, J., RAAF		Levy, A. N., Missing over Germany	
Grant, W., Dr., AIF.		Levy, Russell, P/O., Killed Aircraft Acc.	
Gray, K., POW Malaya, AIF.	1936	Lovell, Lt.Col.	
Gray, T., RAAF.	1940	Lovell, S., Colonel	
Greening, E. S., RAAF.	1941	Lowenthal, L., 5th AGH.	1920
Greenwood, D. J.		Lowndes, A., Capt., AIF.	1927
Gunn, K.	1943	Lundie, D. C. P., Killed	
Guy, K., RAAF.	1941	Lundie, J. P., RAAF.	1940
Ham, Geoffrey, DFC., F/Lt., Missing be- lieved killed	1940	Lunney, Henry, Sgt., AIF.	1938
Hamilton, Don., Dr., RAAF.	1929	Macpherson, Keith F., RAAF.	1937
Hammer, Alf., Capt., AIF.	1931	Madsen, F.	1930
Hancock, W., killed		Magee, Paul, RAAF.	1932

	<i>Final year</i>		<i>Final year</i>
Magrath, Cedric, AIF.	1941	O'Connor	
Major, F. K., Killed, RAAF.	1934	Orkney, R.	
Marsfield, RAAF	1938	Pacey, Keith M., RAAF.	1944
Marsh, Cecil, Capt., A.I.F.	1940	Pacey, Ronald E., F/Lt., RAAF.	1935
Marsh, N., Lieut. AIF.	1938	Packer, Frank, RAAF	
Marshall, T.	1942	Paine, Robert, Killed Malaya	1921
Marshall, Tom, AIF.		Paisley, Robert	1933
Martin, F. E.		Palmer, J. T., Capt.	1938
Mater, O. W.		Parker, Alec., Capt. AAMC.	1929
Maunder, E.		Parker, Jack, Sgt. AIF.	1929
Maybury, Wilfred H., RAAF.	1937	Parsons, J., RAAF	
McAuley, James	1933	Partridge, D., Killed	
McCann, N., F/Lt., RAAF.	1939	Partridge, G. S.	1944
McCrabb, Killed	1933	Pascoe, RAAF.	1938
McCrae, M., Killed		Paton, J., Killed RAAF.	
McCredie, B., RAAF.		Patterson, R., Killed	
McCredie, Hugh, AIF	1937	Peatty, Ivor, Sq/Ldr. RAAF.	1931
McCurdie, Lt.		Penkeith, M. R. P.	
McCurdie, RAAF.		Ponman, E. L.	
McDonald, K., RAAF.		Peterson, B., Captain	1931
McDonald, W.		Peterson, R. A.	
McDougall, J. H.		Pinkey, Capt., Killed, AIF.	
McIntyre, Ken, (School Capt.) DFC., RAAF.	1938	Pitcher, E. E.	1924
McKenzie, D. F.		Porter	
McKinnon, Desmond, AIF.	1942	Porter	
McKnight, Alan	1934	Porter, Norman	
McLean, G., F/Sgt., Killed, RAAF.	1931	Porter, Ron	1930
McLelland, K. S.		Powell, L. S.	
McLennan, R., AIF.	1942	Powys, David C., AIF.	1940
McLeod, Ian		Priestley, B.	
McMullen, C., DFC.	1926	Prior, C., Brigadier	
McPherson, J.	1937	Prior, J. H.	1912
Mead, R.		Ramsay, F. R.	
Mears, C., RAAF.		Redmond, Dr.	1929
Melville, Robert, Killed	1933	Rees, V., RAAF.	
Melville, Robert Pope	1931	Regan, L., Killed	1939
Melville, William	1926	Reynolds, E. G., Radar, AIF.	1942
Menzies, G., Killed		Reynolds, R.	1929
Merton, M., RAAF.		Richardson, G. A.	
Metcalf, Norman, AIF.	1934	Richardson, K. S., Dr.	
Middleton, A. D., AIF.	1941	Rickard, D. E., W/O.2., AIF.	1940
Middleton, Ian, RAAF.	1939	Richworth, N.S.	
Middleton, H. C. (Dr.), AIF.	1936	Roberts, Alan L., AIF.	1939
Miles, R. J.	1943	Roberts, John, LAC.	1941
Milne, K.		Roberts, M., Captain AIF.	1937
Milverton, E.	1929	Robinson, Eric., F/O., Pilot, RAAF.	1940
Minett, J. G.		Robinson, H., AIF.	1940
Monteath, John, W/O., AIF.	1939	Robinson, S.	1942
Moon, J., RAAF.	1940	Robson, Keith, RAAF.	1940
Moore, Barney, J., W/O. Pilot, RAAF.	1937	Roderick, Don, AIF.	1935
Moore, E. G.		Rolls, Pat M., P/O. Pilot, Missing, RAAF.	1942
Morgan, Frank, F/O. RAAF.	1939	Rose, M. N.	1933
Morrison, Alistair, RAAF, F/O., Navigator, Missing	1938	Rose, N. H.	1929
Morrow, —		Rose, Ron L.	1924
Mulray, K.		Rose, W. D.	1940
Mulvaney, Jack, POW., released after D-day		Ross, G. L.	
Mulvaney, G., Killed, RAAF.	1940	Rothwell	1933
Mulvaney, George, RAN.		Russell, Jack T., W/O., RAAF.	1940
Mulvery, Geo., AIF.		Russell, W.	1940
Mutton, L.		Ryan, John	1937
Nielson, Jack, AIF.		Ryan, Ron., RAAF.	1942
Nixon, Peter, AIF.	1940	Sargeson, John M.	
Nolan, A.	1944	Satchell, Anthony, RAAF.	1944
Nolan, H., Lt. AIF	1937	Satchell, R. A.	1944
		Satchell, V.	1942

	Final year at School		Final year at School
Scott, N., RAAF.		Tulley	
Sender, I., Major, Killed	1922	Tumuth, R.	
Sender, Les	1932	Turnbull, Capt. AAMC.	
Sewell, J., Dr.	1932	Turnbull, G., F/Sgt., Killed, RAAF.	1931
Shaw, M. A.	1943	Tyrrell, Alan, F/Sgt., Wireless Air Gunner, RAAF.	1939
Shepherd, J., Killed		Wagland, Capt.	1933
Shepherd, W., RAAF.		Wallace, K. E., POW., RAAF.	1936
Sheridan, D., Pilot, RAAF.	1940	Walsh, Fred, RAAF.	1932
Short, B., Navy	1939	Walsh, Tom, Killed	1932
Short, D.		Waterer, Fred, F/Lt., Navigator, RAAF.	1937
Shuttleworth, W.		Watson, Bruce, Sq./Ldr., RAAF	1931
Simmonds, Edwin W., Sgt. Radar, RAAF.	1939	Watson, D. C.	1944
Simpson, L. W.	1943	Watson, Mervyn, A., RAAF.	1938
Slater, A., POW., RAAF.	1933	Watters, A., Signaller, Intelligence	1944
Slater, H. B., RAAF.	1941	Watto, H., Lt., AIF.	
Sly, R., Killed		Webb, L. J. (Lawford) AIF.	
Small, R., Killed, RAAF.	1940	Webb, Langford, AIF.	
Smith, A. L., Killed	1940	Webb, Norman, AIF.	
Smith, Charles T., Major, A.I.F.	1928	Webb, Richard	1939
Smith, R., Killed		Webb, Ron	1929
Smith, William G., A.I.F.	1939	Weinberg, Coleman, POW., AIF	
Spencer, Anthony, AIF.	1940	Wells, Sid, Navy	1940
Spinks, Ivan, AIF.	1935	West, J., RAAF.	
Spinks, Noel, AIF.	1936	Westall, H. C.	1944
Spraggon, J.	1937	Wheeler, L., AIF.	1937
Spooner, Killed	1935	Wheeler, M., RAAF.	1937
Spray, M. E.	1944	Whitehouse, J., RAAF.	1943
Squires, R. P.	1944	Whiteley, E. A., RAAF	1933
Stephenson, David, W/O. Pilot, RAAF.	1940	Whiteley, J. T. R.	
Stevens, Kenneth, F/O. Navigator, RAAF.	1938	Wickens, Robert, Sgt., POW. Malaya	1932
Stewart, D. N., RAAF.		Wiggins, R., A.I.F.	
Stewart, G. H., RAAF.	1940	Willcox, J. B.	
Stilling, Gordon, Killed		Williams, A., Fl/Sgt., Killed, RAF	1933
Sullivan, J.	1932	Williams, Leonard, Sq/Ldr.	1925
Symonds, G., RAAF.	1937	Williams, R., RAAF	
		Williams, William, F/O.	1932
Tate, K.		Wilson, F. W.	1925
Taylor, David, POW., Killed, RAAF	1938	Winter, F.	
Taylor, J., RAAF.	1934	Wishart, A.	
Taylor, L.	1933	Wockwitz, R., AIF.	1944
Taylor, Peter, RAAF.	1939	Woodward, R., RAAF.	1936
Taylor, Robert, RAAF.		Wootten, G., RAAF.	
Taylor, W.		Wright, L., Drowned, HMAS Yarra	1924
Thirgood, Les., A.I.F., Lt.		Wybrow, Ken	1933
Thompson, R. A. S., F/O., RAAF.	1937	Wyndham, H., RAAF.	1923
Thurly	1943	Wyndham, N., Major, 5th AGH.	1924
Townsend			
Tresseider, J., Killed	1939	Young, Alfred, Sq/Ldr., Killed	1933
Trevitt, J. W. (M.A. Rev.), POW., died July 1942, at sea	1930	Young, Gordon, Colonel, AAMC.	1929





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SPORTS

Sportsmaster's Report.

In December, 1942, the Fortian published "The School is passing through a lean period in football. Whatever be the cause, and several have been suggested, Fort Street has lost temporarily the proud position she once occupied in the school football world." The statement referred presumably to the High School competition, in which the standard of play is very high, so that such a lean period will undoubtedly be the frequent lot of any school in which a continual flow of enthusiastic and capable footballers is not trained each year to make up or those who leave the school, or grow too big for the weight restricted grades. Similar remarks also apply to Cricket, Athletics, Tennis and Swimming, for in these major sports our school meets the other Metropolitan High Schools, and comparison of the results which are published in the press is inevitable.

It could perhaps be argued that too much store is set by results and that if we make the boys sportsmanlike and send them into the fresh air we are doing enough, but experience shows that the boys themselves are affected by a succession of school defeats, becoming dispirited and apathetic, not only towards their sport, but towards other corporate school activity. Consequently, to remedy and prevent the recurrence of the condition described in the quotation become the prime duty of the school's sporting organisation.

Emphasis must be laid upon, and encouragement given to those sports in which we compete externally, any other game or code being relinquished, at any rate until such time as we have no cause to feel that our relative position has ever been much better. I feel that the solution of the problem lies in the Wednesday afternoon activity of the submerged 600 boys who at any given time of the year are engaged in what is known as "Class Sport". Can it be said that these boys are playing their games with similar interest, energy, equipment, assistance, (though perhaps less actual skill) as the 100 or so who play each Wednesday in Inter-High School competitions? As long as the answer to this question is in the negative then will the school have the "lean periods" referred to in the quotation.

It was in order to capture that interest of the 600 by providing them with competitions as thrilling and well organised as the P.S.A.A.A. competitions that the House System was introduced to Fort Street

THE HOUSE SYSTEM.

The House System divides the school into four smaller High schools which compete with each other as if they were separate bodies in competitions as far as possible the same as the inter High School with regard to the nature of the games and the rules covering them. Each House has its own Captain, and a vice-captain, in charge of each sport, also its own house recorder at the Athletic and Swimming Carnivals. At the last Athletic carnival, House "War-cries", cheer-leaders, and coaches were very prominent.

Perhaps the most gratifying reaction to the introduction of the House System has been the way in which the seniors have taken to coaching the lower grades of their own houses. Two afternoons a week were used for this self-appointed task during the football season. Nothing finer can be imagined for the purpose of breeding a healthy and homogeneous spirit from top to bottom of the school, and to the seniors who took on this work must go the unstinted admiration of everybody connected with Fort Street. The response of the small boys in the sixth grade House teams was instant and excellent, and constitutes an assurance that our Jubilee year will see no "lean period" either in School spirit or in sporting performance.

In order to give continuity to the scheme and to make quite clear the basis for awarding the valuable trophies which have been donated, the following House Constitution was submitted to a full Union meeting and adopted.

HOUSE CONSTITUTION.

1. There shall be four Houses — Christmas, Kilgour, Mearns and Williams, comprising respectively all the boys in the School Rolls classified according to surnames.

(2) The Houses shall compete for the Rose Cup, the Hannam Cup, the Ladies' Committee Cup, the Old Boys' Cup, the Frank Austin Memorial Cup, and the R. L. Head Cup.

(3) The House competition Programme shall closely follow the C.H.S. programme with regard to codes or rules, numbers of grades and age or year restrictions and weight where considered advantageous.

(4) The Rose Cup is awarded to the champion House in all sport. The champion House is that House which gains the greatest number of points in all sport according to the proportional

rating scheme previously agreed to viz.:— Football 160, Cricket 150, Aquatics 100, Athletics 60, Tennis 30.

(5) The Hannam Cup is awarded to that House which gains the greatest number of points in the four Aquatic sports according to the proportional rating scheme previously agreed to, viz.; House Races on Wednesdays, 100, Annual Carnival 200, Life-saving 150, Water Polo 50; subject to the following conditions:— (a) Wednesday races or novice events at the Annual Carnival shall count 3, 2, 1 points. (b) each house shall be allowed a maximum of three competitors as post entries in each race. (c) In Water Polo each representative shall score 2 points, with a further 10 points divided for meritorious play according to the estimate of the master in charge. (d) Life Saving points shall be those adopted by the R.L.S.S.A. plus a bonus of four each for the Arthur Parker Cup Team, PLUS 2 extra each if they run third, 4 if they run 2nd, or 6 if they win. (e) Championship events at the Annual Carnival shall count 6, 4, 2, points and relays 15, 10, 5 points.

(6) C.H.S. Carnival representation in either athletics, swimming, football or cricket teams being an activity of the school as a whole, shall count nothing in the House Competitions.

(7) The Ladies' Committee Cup is awarded to that House which scores the greatest number of points at Cricket, subject to the following conditions: (a) Houses must be compensated for supplying players to the School teams. (b) The scale of compensation shall be 1 for each representative, 2 for a wicket or 20 runs, 5 for 50 runs, 10 for a century or hat trick, 1 for a catch or a stumping. (c) Play time shall be from 1.10 p.m. to 3.10 p.m., and the captain of each team shall supply an umpire. (d) Each House must enter 4 teams, so that the competition shall closely parallel the C.H.S. competition. (e) Matches will extend over two days in general, but if a one day match is ordered, batting time is halved unless the team which bats first is dismissed earlier, in which case the other team goes in immediately. (f) In a two day match the points shall be 80 for an outright win, 60 for a win on the first innings, 20 for a loss on the first innings, 40 for a tie, 30 for a draw, all the foregoing are to be halved for a one day match. (g) The victorious team shall hand in the result slip signed by both captains by recess time on the Thursday after the finish of each match, or forfeit the points. In the case of a tie or a draw this responsibility devolves on the captain of the side which batted first. (h) It shall be the duty of the sportsmaster to equip each team with material similar to that supplied to the School teams, except that composition balls may be used. (i) No more time shall be allowed between innings than is necessary to change material. (j) A follow on may be ordered by the side which

bats first if it has a lead of 50 in third or fourth grade, or 75 in first or second grade. (k) In all other matters except those specifically mentioned herein, the laws of cricket shall apply, but the sportsmaster reserves the right to be the sole judge of any controversial matter, and will interpret the rules so as to benefit school sport as a whole.

(8) The Old Boys' Rugby Cup shall be awarded to that house which gains the greatest number of points in Rugby football subject to the following conditions: (a) Houses must be compensated for supplying players to the school teams. (b) The scale of compensation shall be 1 point for each representative, 2 for each try, 1 for each goal, 2 for each field goal, 3 each for the best two forwards and the best two backs, and a bonus of 3 extra at the discretion of the coach. (c) Each House must enter 6 teams so that the competition shall closely parallel the C.H.S. competition. (d) A full team may consist of 13, 14 or 15 players and shall have the right to stand down opposition players so as to equalise numbers, the breakaway position being the only one affected, and the players stood down, to get half a match each. (e) First and second grade teams are to be unrestricted with regard to weight, third grade must be under 9st. 9lb. Fourth grade under 8st. 6lb., fifth grade under 7st. 3lb. sixth grade under 6st. (f) In grades carrying weight restrictions any team may field a maximum of three players up to 7lb. overweight, all weights being taken as at the beginning of the football season. (g) Each House shall supply six referees who shall be rostered for games involving other houses than their own as far as possible. (h) Times for the matches shall be: first match 1.20 to 2.10 p.m., second match from 2.10 to 3.0 p.m. (i) Points for these matches shall be 10 for a win, with 40 more divided in the ratio of the scores, 20 each for a draw. (j) The victorious team shall hand in the result slip signed by both captains by recess time on the following Thursday or forfeit the points, the responsibility devolving on both in the case of a draw. (k) As in (k), cricket.

(9) The Frank Austin Memorial Cup is awarded to that House which gains the greatest number of points in Athletics, subject to the following conditions: (a) Wednesday Races 100 points, Carnival 400. (b) Wednesday races or novice events at the Carnival shall count 3, 2, 1 points. (c) Each House shall be allowed a maximum of three competitors as post entries in each race. (d) Championship events at the carnival shall count 6, 4, 2 points, tug-of-war in 3 divisions of 8 men senior, 10 junior, 12 juvenile, any weight, shall count 12, 8, 4 points, relay races in five divisions 15, 10, 5 points.

(10) House pennants shall be awarded to the six premier grades in Football, the four premier grades in cricket, two premier grades in tennis and to the premier house in senior, junior and

juvenile divisions in swimming and athletic carnivals, the Senior Athletic pennant is to be of special design and known as the Prefects Pennant.

(11) The R.L. Head Memorial Cup is awarded to that House which gains the greatest number of points in Tennis subject to the following conditions: (a) Houses must be compensated for supplying players to the School Teams, the scale of compensation being 2 points for each representative. (b) Houses compete against each other in two grades with 5 points for a win in first grade and 10 more divided in the ratio of the games won. 3 points for a win in second grade with 7 more divided similarly.

SPEECH DAY, 1945

Soon after the introduction of the House System, Mr. L. N. Rose and family donated a cup, to be called the Rose Cup, for the champion House in all sport, and Messrs. W. and T. Hannam donated a cup for aquatic sport, so that by Speech Day two excellent trophies were already in hand. As a result of the Speech Day function, cups were donated by the Old Boys' Union for Rugby Football, by the Ladies' Committee for cricket, by Mr. D. J. Austin for athletics (to be known as the Frank Austin Memorial Cup) and by Mrs. R. L. Head for tennis (to be known as the R. L. Head Memorial Cup) so that the Houses found themselves with a magnificent array of trophies to be striven for by team effort.

Blues for 1944 took the form of Pennants, owing to war conditions and were awarded to R. Philip, Football and Cricket (double blue) M. Weichman, Football.

I. Scott-Orr and P. Mulray, Life-Saving.

D. Potter and R. Stevenson, Cricket

J. Swinden and N. Hinds, Athletics.

J. Nield, Water Polo.

A. Watters, Debating.

while the Les Johnson Memorial Prizes were won by R. Philip, senior; and L. Gosling, Junior.

P.S.A.A.A. COMPETITIONS.

(1) Football: Six teams represented the school, one became premiers, one runners-up, one third and three unplaced. The all-round standard of our teams was encouragingly high, enabling the school to finish third on the Championship List with 280 points to North Sydney and Sydney with 300 points each in a competition where the standard of performance is always extremely high and is now contested by nine schools.

(2) Cricket: Four teams represented. The results will appear elsewhere.

(3) Athletics: The standard of performance this year was the highest in the history of the C.H.S. so that in running fifth on the Championship List, the school has every reason to regard its position as healthy and the outlook for next year bright.

(4) Swimming: Two records were added to the C.H.S. list by Fort Street in the under 15 panel. The lack of an up to date Olympic Pool within easy distance of the school is deeply felt. There is ample room in the bottom end of the playground for one to be constructed.

(5) Tennis: Four teams represented the school, two winning premierships. The school ran second in the Championship List.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS.

(1) Football: The large number of 24 teams played Rugby Union on six fields at St. Luke's and Cintra Parks. The performance of the premier teams in each grade are given elsewhere. Each House provided referees for the matches in which it was not engaged, and the work of these unselfish Fortians in their important, difficult task gave little cause for dissatisfaction. W. Robinson (Williams) was conceded to be the best of them and he is the first recipient of the Pickering Pennant, donated by Mr. Russell Pickering, of Ashfield, for the best referee in House Football. Towards the end of the season, first grade school footballers, whose competition had finished followed their House teams to St. Luke's Park and lent with coaching, refereeing and touch-judging. Premiership Pennants to be hung permanently at the school, inscribed with the name of the winning House each year were won by—

Mearns House (first grade)

Mearns and Chrismas Houses (co-premiers, second grade).

Williams House (third, fourth and fifth grades).

Kilgour House (sixth grade).

From the other teams many boys showed promising ability, and the attention of future coaches and selectors is drawn to the various House reports.

(2) Cricket: Sixteen teams played in four grades. The results of the Premiership Pennants contest appear on another page.

(3) Tennis: Eight teams played.

(4) Athletics: Regular practice runs were held throughout the season at Goddard oval, but the absence of a marked track makes it necessary to find a more suitable ground if this activity is to be continued next year. About 60 boys participated.

(5) Swimming: Races were held each Wednesday at Balmain.

So far (October) three trophies have been won, the O.B.R.U. Cup by Mearns House, the Frank Austin Memorial Cup and the R. L. Head Memorial Cup by Kilgour.

The distribution of boys in the various sports in the Summer was: Cricket 300, Swimming 270, Life-Saving 100, Water Polo 14, Swimming Instruction Class 37; and in the Winter: Rugby 450, Athletics 70, Tennis 70, Softball 70, Soccer 40.

Five hundred clothing coupons were collected

from the boys and applied to the purchase of football jerseys, athletic singlets, cricket shorts and football sox for hire at nominal charges. It is hoped ultimately to equip House football teams with distinguishing colours, so as to make the task of refereeing a little easier, and give the teams more tone.

Mention must be made of the services to the

school of three 4th-year boys, Eric Skarratt, Cleve Maher, and Andrew Walker, who took charge of the signature books recording the issue of sports material, pumped footballs, oiled bats, built racks, and cheerfully rendered many other tasks much easier for me by devoting their dinner hours frequently to Fort Street.

H. J. HAMNETT.

Athletics.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CARNIVAL.

Our annual Athletics Carnival was conducted on August 9 and 10, being postponed owing to rain. The introduction of the Houses invoked great competition and was a splendid success. The winner of the Frank Austin Memorial Cup for athletics was Kilgour House, who also won the Senior and Juvenile Pennants. Christmas won the Junior Pennant.

The most outstanding athletes were R. Payne and T. Herbert (senior), R. Williams C. Adams and D. Glenn (junior), and R. Hegarty and W. Pearson (juvenile). The only record broken was by W. Pearson in the under 13 broad jump; he cleared 15ft. 5in.

The results were as follows:—

HOUSE TROPHIES.

The Frank Austin Memorial Cup: Kilgour House.

The Senior Pennant: Kilgour House.

The Junior Pennant: Christmas House.

The Juvenile Pennant: Kilgour House.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Senior. R. Payne.

Junior, under 16: R. Williams.

Junior, under 15: D. Glenn.

Juvenile, under 14: R. Hegarty.

Juvenile, under 13: W. Pearson.

HOUSE EVENTS RESULTS.

440 Yards Circular Relay (Points 15, 10, 5).

Senior: Kilgour 1, Christmas 2, Mearns 3.
Time 48.8 secs.

Under 16: Christmas 1, Kilgour 2, Williams 3.
51 secs.

Under 15: Christmas 1, Kilgour 2, Williams 3.
53.8 secs.

Under 14: Kilgour 1, Williams 2, Mearns 3.
56.8 secs.

Under 13: Kilgour 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3.
62 secs.

Tug o' War (Points 6, 4).

Senior: Mearns 1, Kilgour 2.

Junior: Mearns 1, Williams 2.

Juvenile: Kilgour 1, Mearns 2.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS (Points 5, 3, 2).

Senior Division.

100 Yards: T. Herbert 1, M. Glenn 2, J. Atkinson 3. Time 11 secs.

220 Yards: T. Herbert 1, K. Lovell 2, B. Eyre 3. 25 secs.

440 Yards: T. Herbert 1, R. Payne 2, B. Eyre 3. 55 secs.

880 Yards: R. Payne 1, W. Herps 2, D. Nesbitt 3. 2 min. 18.6 secs.

Mile: W. Herps 1, G. Wing 2, B. Neale 3. 5 mins. 5 secs.

Hurdles, 120 yards: R. Payne 1, B. Bishop 2, P. Rooke 3. 17.4 secs.

High Jump: W. Reeves 1, N. Heard 2, R. Payne 3. 5ft. 3in.

Broad Jump: B. Neale 1, R. Payne 2, K. Lovell 3. 19ft. 7in.

Shot Putt: K. Lovell 1, R. J. Smith 2, J. Mulford 3. 36ft. 2½in.

Under 16 Division.

100 Yards: C. Adams 1, D. Davis 2, R. Williams 3. 11 secs.

220 Yards: C. Adams 1, R. Williams 2, D. Lyons 3. 25 secs.

440 Yards: C. Adams 1, R. Williams 2, D. Lyons 3. 57 secs.

Hurdles, 90 yards: R. Williams 1, C. Adams and K. Beaton (dead-heat) 2. 14 secs.

Broad Jump: R. Williams 1, W. Grigor 2, C. Adams 3. 19ft. 0½in.

High Jump: H. Hogg and R. Williams (tie) 1, W. Grigor and B. Hansen 3. 5ft. 1in.

Shot Putt: G. Barnes 1, H. Hogg 2, W. Grigor 3. 38ft. 6in.

Under 15 Division.

100 Yards: D. Glenn 1, J. Scaife 2, M. Casimir 3. 11.6 secs.

220 Yards: D. Glenn 1, J. Scaife 2, W. Cleary 3. 26.3 secs.

Broad Jump: D. Glenn 1, J. Slade 2, B. Neal 3. 18ft.

Hurdles, 90 yards: M. Casimir 1, D. Glenn 2, B. Neal 3. 15.2 secs.

High Jump: M. Casimir 1, R. Atkinson 2, D. Evans and B. Neal (tie) 3. 4ft. 9½in.

Shot Putt: D. Glenn 1, N. Head 2, O. Phillips 3. 32ft. 1½in.

Under 14 Division.

100 Yards: R. Hegarty 1, M. Lamond 2, K. Harrison 3. 12.2 secs.

220 Yards: C. Teudt 1, R. Hegarty 2, W. Laws 3. 28.6 secs.

Hurdles, 60 yards: K. Harrison 1, K. Wilson 2, J. Pedersen 3. 10.8 secs.

Broad Jump: R. Hegarty 1, K. Harrison 2, K. Wilson 3. 16ft. 3in.

High Jump: R. Hegarty and K. Harrison (tie) 1, K. Wilson 3. 4ft. 6½in.

Shot Putt: R. Hegarty 1, T. Pedersen 2, W. Laws 3. 35ft. 2½in.

Under 13 Division.

100 Yards: W. Pearson 1, L. Brown 2, J. Hegarty 3. 12.2 secs.

Broad Jump: W. Pearson 1, R. Thoms 2, L. Brown 3. 15ft. 5in. (record).

High Jump: W. Pearson 1, R. Dingwall

and J. Hegarty 3. 4ft. 3in.

NOVICE EVENTS.

The winners of the Novice events were:—
Senior: L. Gosling won the 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, shot putt and broad jump. G. Mourne won the high jump.

Under 16: A. Rolley won the 100 yards and 220 yards, T. Williams the broad jump, D. Cull the high jump, and D. Lyons the shot putt.

Under 15: G. Donnan won the 100 yards and broad jump, J. Slade the 220 yards, K. Tye the high jump, and G. Barnes the shot putt.

Under 14: H. Rochow won the 220 yards and broad jump, T. Pedersen the 100 yards, and W. Laws the high jump.

Under 13: J. Keighran won the 50 yards, K. Gardiner the 75 yards, B. Moore the 100 yards, A. Beard the broad jump and J. Litten the high jump.

COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS CARNIVAL.

Fort St. upheld the honour of the school again this year; although we did not gain either shield yet we fought well and the important thing in athletics is not the triumph but the struggle. Our Senior Team did well by coming third with 63 points. Congratulations, Seniors! The Juniors came fifth in their division and would have done much better if the under 15 section had been stronger. The Juveniles tried hard and hold good prospects for the coming year. We should do well in all sections next year and our motto is that of the British Empire Games, "*Whether we win or lose to-day, we will play the game again to-morrow.*"

This year provision for athletics was made in the Winter Programme, an innovation for Fort St. Special training was carried out, as far as facilities permitted, at Goddard Park, and should bear far reaching results, provided a proper oval is procured and the right type of boy is made available.

Champion athletes are born with certain natural gifts but not with correct form, e.g., champion sprinters are gifted with natural running speed but not with correct form, which can be developed only after intelligent and persistent practice.

RESULTS:— CHS ATHLETICS.

Senior:—

100 Yds. Div. 1—T. L. Herbert, 3rd.

220 Yds. Div.—T. L. Herbert, 3rd.

Mile—Div. 2—G. Wing, 3rd.

Hurdles Div. 1—R. R. Paine, 2nd.

Hurdles Div. 2—B. Bishop, 2nd.

Broad Jump Div. 1—B. Neale, 3rd.

Broad Jump Div. 2—R. R. Paine, 1st.

Shot Putt Div. 2—R. J. Smith, 2nd.

Senior Relay: Fort Street, 2nd.

Junior.

Under 16—

100 Yds. Div. 2—D. Davis, 3rd.

220 Yds. Div. 1—C. S. Adams, 2nd.

440 Yds. Div. 1—C. S. Adams, 2nd.

440 Yds. Div. 2—R. Williams, 2nd.

Hurdles Div. 1—R. Williams, 2nd.

High Jump Div. 2—R. Williams, 5' 3½", 1st.

Shot Putt Div. 2—H. Hogg, 2nd.

Under 16 Relay—3rd.

Under 15—

Broad Jump Div. 2—J. Slade, 4th.

Juvenile—Under 14—

100 Yds. Div. 2—M. Lamond, 3rd.

Hurdles Div. 2—K. Harrison, 2nd.

Juvenile—Under 13—

100 Yds. Div. 2—L. Brown, 3rd.

Broad Jump Div. 1—W. Pearson, 3rd.

POINT SCORE.

Senior—63 points, 3rd.

Junior—53 points.

Juvenile—26 points.

Aggregate—142 points, 5th place.

STATE SCHOOLBOY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

R. Paine won the Hop, Step & Jump (40' 9½") and came second in the Broad Jump (20' 3½") in the open events.

T. Herbert came second in the 220 under 17.

Results of Combined High Schools' Competitions, 1945.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
ATHLETICS	Sydney	Nth. Sydney	Canterbury	Homebush	Fort Street
CRICKET	Nth. Sydney	Canterbury	Sydney	Fort Street	Parramatta
FOOTBALL	Sydney Nth. Sydney	—	Fort Street	Nth. Tech.	Canterbury
SWIMMING	Sydney	Newcastle	Canterbury	Nth. Tech.	Parkes
TENNIS	Canterbury	Fort Street	Homebush	Technical	Sydney
WATER POLO	Canterbury	Technical	Nth. Sydney	Nth. Tech.	Fort Street

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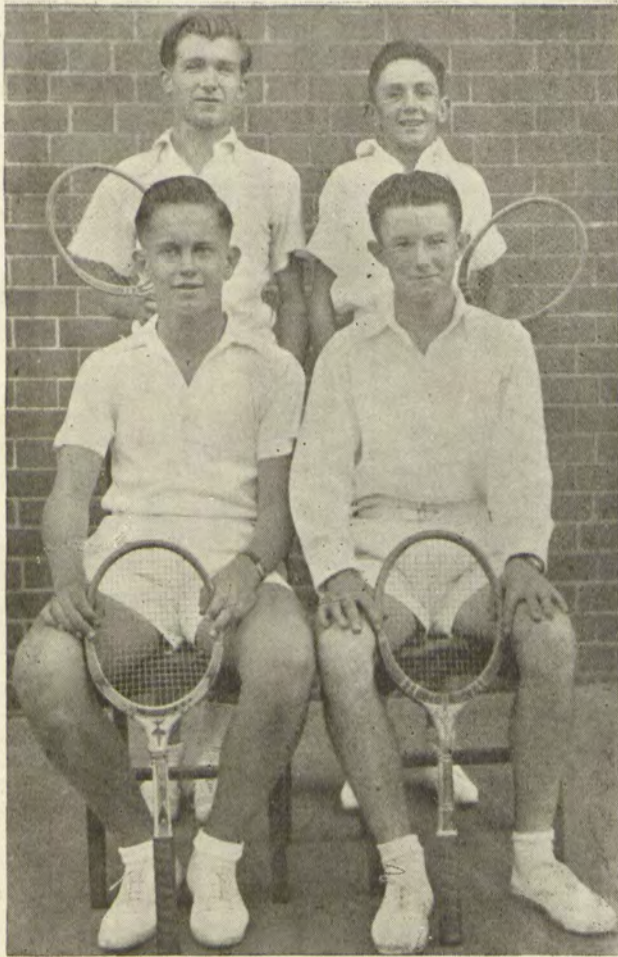
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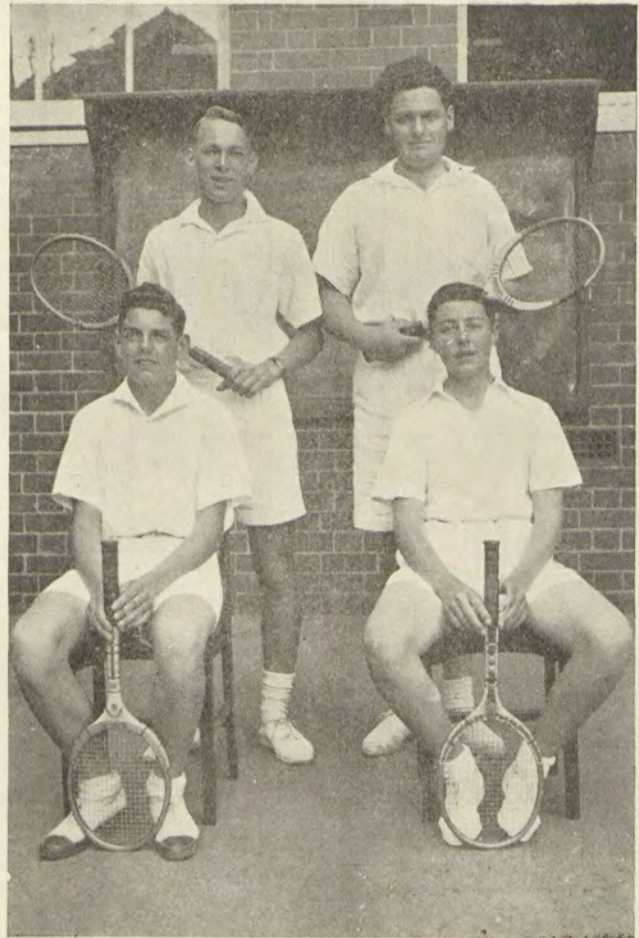
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1st GRADE TENNIS, 1945.
Back Row: M. Gray, G. Hannam.
Front Row: N. Head, D. Nesbitt.



2nd GRADE TENNIS, 1945.
Back Row: W. Harland, J. Robinson.
Front Row: B. Booth, B. Adcock.

Tennis.

Yet again Fort. St. has maintained its same high standard in the tennis sphere. In the aggregate point score, much of the school's success was due to our First Grade. This year the team included M. Gray (capt.), D. Nesbitt, N. Head, and G. Hannam, paired as follows: M. Gray, D. Nesbit; N. Head, G. Hannam.

Although some members of the team showed individual brilliance, the success achieved was due to the team spirit that was displayed throughout the season.

In the C.H.S. Competition, the results were:—

Sydney Tech.	8-0
North Sydney High	6-2
Canterbury	5-3
Homebush	5-0
North Sydney Tech.	7-1
Sydney High	7-1

Thus our first grade finished the season undefeated premiers.

M. GRAY ably captained the team. His play featured a double-handed forehand and backhand. His forehand was always strong and attacking, but his backhand was, at times, inconsistent. His backline play was his main characteristic.

D. NESBITT excelled at all times with sparkling netplay. His smashing was forceful and accurate. This, combined with his powerful forehand, proved the deciding factor in many a hard-fought rally.

N. HEAD is a polished young player of considerable ability. Both his forehand and backhand are deep, forceful strokes, which give a sound backing to his net play.

G. HANNAM is a promising young player with a fine array of strokes. Perfect timing characterized his whole game. His pet stroke, a perfectly controlled drop shot, proved invaluable on many occasions.

Unfortunately, Gray and Nesbitt will not be back next year; however, Head and Hannam will prove an extremely solid foundation for our next First Grade Team.

SECOND GRADE TENNIS REPORT.

Following the lead of the 1944 team, second grade this year were again undefeated premiers.

The team consisted of W. Harland (Capt.), J. Robinson (Vice Capt.), B. Adcock, and B. Booth.

The first match was played against Technical High School at White City. Owing to lack of practice together, Fort Street was only able to draw, 4 sets, 37 games each. We were very unfortunate in this match, losing 2 sets 6-5. The next game was against North Sydney High, whom we defeated, 8 sets to love, our team playing very well.

Then followed our greatest victory: against Canterbury. This team, hitherto unbeaten, was playing its best tennis. But our team combined perfectly, looking at all times the victor. We beat Canterbury 6 sets to 2. Then we played Homebush High School, whom we defeated 5 sets to 1,

despite the interruption of heavy rain.

Following this we defeated North Sydney Technical High, 7 sets to one. That day all players were off their game and at times the result seemed uncertain.

Then followed a game in which the weak Sydney Team was defeated seven sets to one.

Thus, in the final point score, second grade beat Canterbury by one point.

The team was paired, Robinson—Adcock, and Harland—Booth.

The individual players were:—

W. HARLAND. The team's captain, whose net play throughout the season was very good, but whose base line play needs improvement.

J. ROBINSON. The team's mainstay. He has an excellent fast service and forehand. His long reach was an asset to the pair on many occasions.

B. ADCOCK. An improving player whose positional and net play has impressed throughout the season, but whose backhand needs development.

B. BOOTH. A consistent player, combining well with Harland to form a sound pair, but whose net play needs a polish up.

In conclusion it would be interesting to note that only 9 sets were lost during the entire season by this team.

THIRD GRADE TENNIS REPORT.

This year the season began with a bye for Fort Street, but in spite of this the team was forced to play its first match the following week in an unsettled state. The selectors had great difficulty in making their final decision and their first choice was a team comprising Clark, Merriman, Norfor, and Wing. This team played the first match against Sydney Technical High, one of the strongest teams in the competition, and was defeated five sets to three. Sydney Tech had played its first match the previous week, a win, and the confidence gained here did much to cause their five-three win against a yet untried team.

For the next match we were supposed to play North Sydney, but owing to rain the match was postponed. The following week a practice match was played against Homebush High, and the result was favourable. Canterbury High was our next opponent and the match was played on Canterbury's courts, with a changed team, Drury and Reid replacing Norfor and Merriman. The result of the day's play was a 6 sets to 2 win for Canterbury.

The postponed match against North Sydney High was placed next and resulted in a win for Fort Street—6 sets to 2. The players for this match were Clark, Merriman, Norfor and Reid, and this was the team that played for the rest of the season.

The next week Fort Street played Homebush at their courts at Burwood. We had high hopes of winning this match, but rain stopped the play after six sets had been played, and the result was a draw—three sets all.

We played North Sydney Technical High after the Homebush match on our home courts at Ashfield and defeated them seven sets to one.

The last match of the season was played against Sydney High at the West Kensington courts. Sydney was a better team and beat us by 6 sets to 2.

Without wishing to mention any one member more than the others we all agree hearty congratulations should go to Clark for his steady play throughout the season.

TENNIS REPORT—4th GRADE.

This team began promisingly, by winning its first match 5-3, but after that the team did not win another match. It must be admitted that in all the games the better team won, but our team could have done much better by putting more concentration and determination into their game. All the boys in the team are in 2nd year and, with a little more coaching and practice, they may win places in the higher grades in years to come. Southcombe, who did not come into the team till the 3rd match, proved himself the player worthy of most mention, possessing both a strong fore and backhand. Storey, Cabot and Correy, the other 3 members of the team, all played far too many bad strokes. Storey, when it came to serving, proved himself the most consistent of the team. Each has his merits as well as his faults, and let us hope for the sake of the School's tennis that the former will soon overwhelm the latter by far. The reserves, Davey and Kench played promising tennis towards the end of the season, and, if they keep it

up, we should hear more of them next year.

THE TEAM.—P. Correy (Capt.), J. Cabot, D. Storey, P. Southcombe. Reserves: R. Davey, K. Kench.

SCHOOL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The tennis championships were held as usual this year and in the senior singles eleven entries were received. The first of the semi-finals played was between Nesbitt and Hannam. This match resulted in some fine tennis Nesbitt winning 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. The other semi-final was between Head and Gray, Head won after a close match 6-2, 8-6. Thus the senior tennis final was played between Nesbitt of Mearns House and Head of Kilgour, Nesbitt winning 6-2, 6-2.

The match was well fought out and provided some excellent tennis. A feature of the match was the steadiness and accuracy of the winner who seemed to be able to score the vital points where needed. Head played well but on the day his opponent proved to be too good.

Both are to be congratulated on their showing and it is certain they should go quite a long way in tennis in the future.

There were seven pairs in the senior doubles, unfortunately Hannam was unable to partner Head owing to an accident. In the final, Nesbitt and Gray defeated Head and Booth 6-3, 6-4.

The Junior Singles was won by our outstanding junior Reid, who met little opposition, but in the doubles, Reid and Cabot were beaten by Storey and Southcombe.



FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL, 1945.

Back Row: M. Pozniak, I. Roberts, B. Addison, A. Eslake.

Middle Row: R. Cull (Coach), T. Herbert, J. Pilkington, R. Smith, K. Lovell, H. Head, J. Hamnett (Sportsmaster).

Front Row: L. Gosling, K. Rew, Roper, J. Mulford (Captain), R. Paine (Vice-Capt.), K. Merrick, C. Adams.

Rugby Union.

FORT STREET FIRST XV.

Although the team did not meet with outstanding success during the season many fine matches were played and at times the team rose to the greatest heights.

Our first match was against the Old Boys, who defeated us 13-5.

Three trial rounds were played, and the team won all—17-0 against Hurlstone, 19-0 against Canterbury, and 13-11 against Homebush.

In the 1st competition round against Hurlstone Fort Street was weakened by the absence of Roper and lost 14-8.

Against last year's premiers, Sydney Tech., we put up a very good all round performance to beat this powerful combination 9-6 in a very exciting game.

Owing to an inexplicable lapse early in the second half against Parramatta, we allowed them to race away to a 16-5 lead. However, we rallied and drew up 16-13 at full-time.

Canterbury had improved considerably and gave us a very hard tussle on a very hard ground. Play was marred by a strong cross-wind, but the ensuing draw of 6-6 was indicative of the play of both teams.

We suffered our heaviest defeat at the hands of North Sydney High, who beat us 16-4. Many thought this side to be the best in the competition.

Against Homebush we won comfortably 6-0.

The match against North Sydney Tech., the only undefeated team in the competition proved to be the most spectacular game of the season. When the time-keepers announced full-time we were leading 10-8, and it was then that N.S.T.H.S. made their final effort and managed to struggle over in the corner. During the whole game not one pass was dropped, nor one tackle missed. N.S.T.H.S. had a weight and age advantage which told in the end.

Our next game was with Sydney High, with whom we had a hard tussle, being beaten 8-3.

Other matches were played against Trinity and Hawkesbury College Second XV., resulting in 14-10 and 33-9 victories respectively.

The team was:

John Mulford: An able captain and a fast, hard-running five-eighth. He was our leading point-scorer. Gained C.H.S. selection.

Raymond Payne (Vice-Captain): A consistent full-back who could be relied upon as a last line of defence.

M. Pozniak: A sound tackler and rake.

Bruce Addison: A tireless, brilliant forward who had the capacity to be "on the spot." Gained C.H.S. selection.

Alan Eslake: Justified his position in a fine pack of forwards. He was always on the ball.

R. J. Smith: A tower of strength in the line-outs and for a player in his first season in grade showed great possibilities.

T. Roberts: A hard tackling forward who was unlucky to receive a broken thumb during the season.

J. Pilkington: In his initial season also, played hard and efficiently.

K. Lovell: A brilliant attacking breakaway who gained C.H.S. selection.

L. Gosling: A hard tackling breakaway who repeatedly broke up our opponents' attacking movements. Gained C.H.S. selection.

K. Merrick: A half-back, small in size, but great in spirit, who was sound in all departments.

K. Rew: A sound centre with the capacity to star. Gained C.H.S. selection.

G. Roper: Our best player. A tricky, hard-running centre who inspired our back division. Gained C.H.S. selection.

C. Adams: A young fast winger who should star again next year.

T. Herbert: Our fastest player and leading try-getter who gained C.H.S. selection in his initial grade season.

The team was also aided by the able services of H. Head, P. Mulray and P. Rooke.

We are looking forward to next year, when we hope to field an even stronger team.

We wish to thank our coach, Mr. Cull, for his untiring efforts and sound advice.

SECOND GRADE.

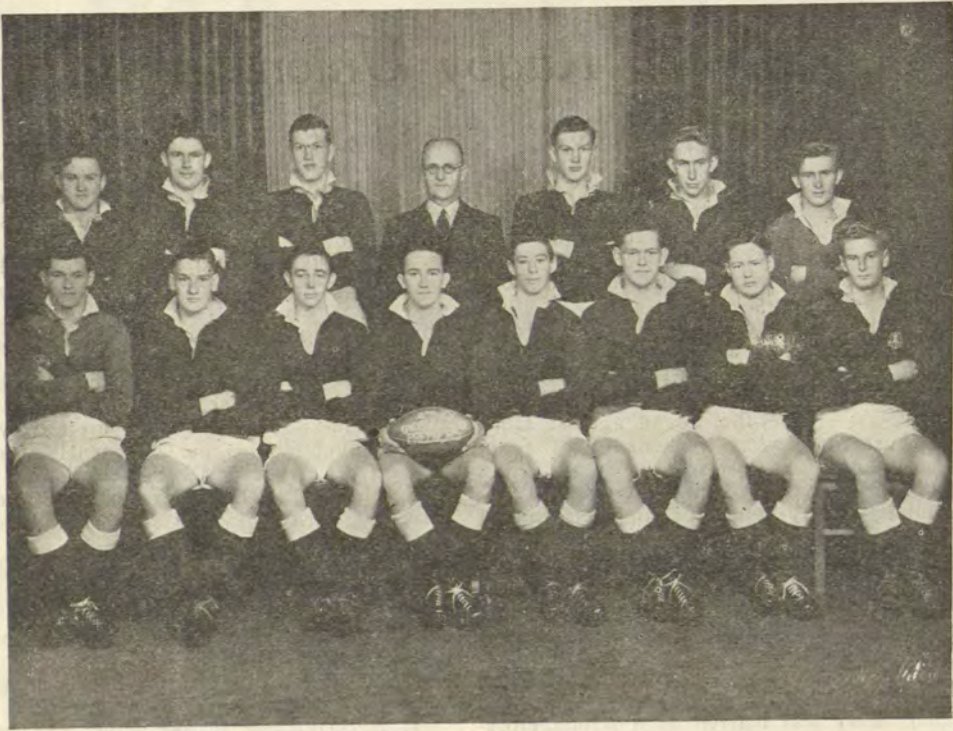
Second Grade, after an excellent season, concluded it by becoming undefeated premiers for 1945.

The Second Grade was a fine combination, bringing great honour and credit to their school. While Fortians play their football as these boys did, the School has nothing to fear as regards its football record.

Rarely has such a fine combination of boys been seen as this year's Second Grade. Some players had not previously played football, but thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. L. Foley, they soon learnt.

A feature of the team was the hard, clean football played throughout the season. Our defence, which was one of the main characteristics of the team, was so solid that not one opponent scored a try against us; the only points against us were penalty goals (three). The team's success was due to:—

- (a) Excellent coaching. Throughout the season the team had the pleasure and privilege of having at its service Mr. L. Foley, who, as well as giving us



FORT ST. 2nd XV.—UNDEFEATED PREMIERS, 1945.

Back Row: G. Barnes, N. Arnold, G. Mulray, Mr. S. Foley (Coach), P. Mulray, G. Wright,
N. Shaw.

Front Row: A. McLachlan, J. Atkinson, R. O'Donnel, M. Glenn (Capt.), W. Lukins,
N. Farebrother, G. Keighran, G. Darling.

Absent: K. Maunder (Vice-Capt.), L. Spray.

much valuable advice concerning the science of the game, inspired us with his enthusiasm, which in no mean way led us on to premiership honours.

- (b) Regular attendances at practice.
- (c) The grand combination of both backs and forwards. The boys played as a team and never lacked the spirit to win.
- (d) The "backing up," the low tackling, and especially the "bustling" tactics of the forwards, proved fatal to our opponents.
- (e) The sportsmanlike manner in which all games were played.

The following is the coach's report on individual players:—

M. GLENN: Our captain, to whom the team owes much of its success. On and off the field, he was everything that a captain should be, encouraging his team to greater efforts both in matches and at practice. All his tries were scored with dazzling runs which left his

opponents bewildered. When the game was toughest, it was then that we could depend on Max to inspire his team to greater efforts and play the best game on the field.

K. MAUNDER: Our vice-captain and five-eighth. One of the smallest but gamest backs in the competition. His swerving runs made many openings for our backs and forwards following on. A hard and straight passer, no one escaped his deadly tackling.

J. ATKINSON: A flying winger, promoted from House football, who made many amazing runs along the line. Truly, the find of the season, whose opportunities were unfortunately few.

N. ARNOLD: A hard playing forward, always on the ball, and a tower of strength to the side. Consistent in attack and reliable in defence.

G. BARNES: Our "wee" lock. Starting off as a back, he found his true position as lock forward, where his play stamped him as a forward of exceptional ability. Perhaps our

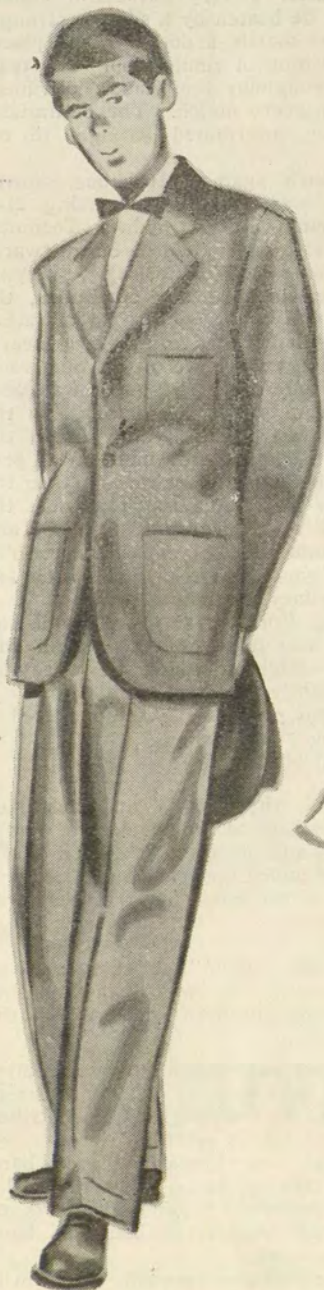
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most improved player, whenever in possession of the ball he was extremely dangerous.

G. DARLING: A winger promoted during the latter part of the season; had little opportunity to show his true worth.

N. FAREBROTHER: A first-rate front-row forward who was always on the ball and particularly brilliant in line-outs, securing the ball time after time, forging ahead to gain many valuable yards.

J. KEIGHRAN: At the beginning of the season we badly needed a full-back. Then from house came Keighran, who proved strong in attack and faultless in defence, was a saviour to us on many occasions.

L. LUKINS: A half-back worthy of any 1st grade side. A tenacious tackler. He secured from rucks and scrums to pass quickly to his backs. Brilliant long straight passes and attacking runs were his specialties.

A. MacLACHLAN: One of the best forwards in the competition, had plenty of dash and eagerness. Our supporting goal-kicker, he scored beautiful long distance goals.

P. MULRAY: One of our most enthusiastic forwards and many times a thorn in the side of the opposing half.

G. MULRAY: No less versatile than his brother was Geoff. A solid second row forward, rugged and hard rucking, should shine with Phil in first grade next year.

R. O'DONNELL: The leading point scorer and goal kicker (37 points). His fine work was always evident, always rugged and keen proved fatal to either opposing half or five-eighths.

N. SHAW: A very dependable solid centre, who handled well and made many fine and determined runs during the season.

L. SPRAY: A fine winger with plenty of pace and capable of finishing off a movement with a strong run. Justified his promotion to second grade.

G. WRIGHT: Sound rake, who secured more than his share of the ball from the scrums in every game. He showed great striking power with his feet and never missed an opportunity.

The results of the games were:—

v HURLSTONE.	16-3 (penalty goal)
v TECHNICAL.	11-0
v CANTERBURY.	13-3 (penalty goal)
v NORTH SYDNEY	17-3 (penalty goal)
v HOMEBUSH.	22-0
v NORTH SYDNEY	3-0
TECH.	
v SYDNEY.	6-0

Out of seven games played, seven were won, the team scoring 88 points to 9 in seven matches. Out of a possible 18 competition points, 18 were gained.

During the season we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. J. O'Donnell, who followed us intently, gave us little hints and also half-time refreshments. We thank you, Sir. We also convey our thanks to Messrs. Hamnett,

Burdon, and Cull for their valuable assistance throughout the season.

3RD GRADE

3rd Grade, after a very successful season, was unlucky to be beaten by a slightly stronger team in the last match, a defeat which placed them in the position of runners-up. The team played well throughout the season, obviously improving after every match. The enthusiasm of every player contributed strongly to the team's success.

The first match against Hurlstone showed that the team was improving, winning 21-6. The second match against Sydney Technical was a hard, fast game in which our forwards and backs combined well to win 13-9. Playing Parramatta High under heavy conditions, the team struggled to a 6-3 victory in a rather patchy game. Canterbury High very nearly stopped our success when we played our worst game, winning only 8-6. The game was very hard but the team played too loosely. In the next match against North Sydney High, the team showed a marked improvement on all previous matches, both in the forwards and in the backs and won 10-3. Against Homebush the team won well 25-0, playing as a team and resisting all temptations of individualism. The team's hardest game was the next match against North Sydney Technical, when after a shaky beginning Fort St. recovered well and won 5-3. The last match of the season was against Sydney High in which we were defeated by a slightly stronger team 14-0.

Throughout the season the team played 8 matches winning 7 and losing 1.

The individual players were:—

D. HEFFRON, the captain and halfback, was an obvious asset to the team. He was a splendid captain and always there when wanted. His defence pulled the team out of many a tight corner and the back line's success was due mainly to him.

ELLIS, the vice-captain and rake, was an outstanding forward. He was always on the ball and his raking improved immensely as the season progressed.

HUTTON, front row forward, was definitely a player of high calibre. His enthusiasm was manifest and his bustling tactics contributed largely to the team's success.

BOWER, front row forward, played hard throughout the season, being always on the ball. He was determined, and his efforts to make ground were very creditable. His hard tackling was an asset.

PEACHEY, second-row forward, was a brilliant performer and will certainly go a long way in the football world. His hard running was aggressive, and often the opposition crumbled under his determined onslaughts.



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3rd GRADE FOOTBALL, 1945.

Pack Row: (Left to right): B. Hosie, I. Hutton, H. Hogg.

Middle Row: E. Peachey, B. Gillett, R. Campbell, A. Bower, G. Mourney.

Front Row: B. Bishop, P. Thorpe, D. Heffron (Capt.), J. K. Allen (Coach) A. Ellis (Vice Capt.), W. Lyons, D. Campbell, W. Grigor (Absent).

HOSIE, second row forward improved throughout the season and played well in the later matches.

THORPE, lock-forward was very versatile. He frequently had the opposition rattled with his speedy, well-thought out play. His improvement was well-earned.

GILLETTE, five-eighth, was an outstanding player of obvious brilliance. He is termed as a "classy" five-eighth. He cut through the opposition to cause his outside backs to score many times. He was dependable, and in time will make a grand player in bigger fields of football.

LYONS, outside centre, a smart back; was well-noted for his deadly tackling, and often smothered the opposition's movements. He always played a solid game.

HOGG, right wing was a very capable keen player. He had plenty of speed and improved as the season went on and his tackling was a credit to him.

R. CAMPBELL, left wing, was noted for his hard, fast running. His "don't argue" absolutely flattened the opposition, while his bustling tactics stood out brilliantly.

BISHOP, full-back, although only mediocre at first, improved to be a fast, strategic full-back.

D. CAMPBELL, breakaway, a nippy fast forward who was always with the ball. He aggressively tackled the opposing five-eighth and muffled many movements.

MOURNEY, breakaway, a grand, hard-playing enthusiastic forward. His heart was always in the game and he deserves all the praise we can give him.

GRIGOR, as inside-centre and reliable goal-kicker was one of the team's greatest assets. He is an outstanding player whose keen-spirited tackling broke up the opposition's attack and who used his weight and speed to break through the defence. His total points for the season were 34, a very creditable performance.

In conclusion the team would like to thank Mr. Allen, their coach, for his conscientious help throughout the season.

FOURTH GRADE.

Fourth grade played well though unluckily throughout the season, being defeated narrowly on two occasions. Our captain R. Williams of 5A certainly proved his weight in gold. Repeatedly he scored most of the points and quite a number of his speedy bursts would do credit to a 1st grade player. He will most certainly be an asset to the school next year. D. Smeat-

on has developed into one of the best forwards in the school.

Barbour, five-eighth, showed plenty of originality. Reeves' line kicking was always a feature of the matches. Bowden, vice-captain, was the most consistent forward. Dashing and fast, he was always on the ball.

B. Neale played well, as did Barry Neal. Summers was a solid and bustling winger, while winger Glenn was noted for his deadly tackling. Longmuir played solidly and was a great help with his firm tackling. Scott suffered an injury to his ankle early in the competition. The team showed plenty of enthusiasm and should form the nucleus of a good 2nd grade next year. Thanks are due to Mr. Cohen for his valuable assistance as coach, as well as to Messrs. Brodie and Austin for their interest and advice. Representatives in the combined High Fourth Grade were Dickie Williams and Bowden who together scored 11 points of the 17 the combined team scored (Williams 8 and Bowden 3).

Matches resulted:—

Won v Hurlstone 32-5, 20-0.
 Won v Canterbury 5-0; lost 0-12.
 Lost v Tech. High 3-16.
 Won v Parramatta 18-3.
 Lost v North Sydney 5-6.
 Lost v Homebush 0-20, 3-9.
 Won v N. Sydney Tech. 13-5.
 Won v Sydney High 11-4.

FIFTH GRADE.

This team, in its trials, began weakly, being beaten by Hurlstone 11-3 and by Canterbury 33-0. Then, at the beginning of the season they drew with Hurlstone 6-6 after playing a superior game. The following match was lost to Sydney Tech after an inexplicable display. A reversal followed when the team defeated Parramatta 9-8; a close and exciting game. Another surprise followed when the 5ths were beaten by Canterbury only 6-0. They then drew with North Sydney 3-3 in a game they should have won. Then followed another defeat, 9-3 by Homebush. Then they won 8-3 against North Sydney Tech; but lost the concluding match 0-17 against Sydney High, the unbeaten premiers.

The fifths, as a team, played pluckily, but unluckily. Their conduct on and off the field was good and attendance at practice was regular. They concentrated on team work rather than individual efforts and contain many promising players. The team was:—

THOMPSON, our captain, a grand half, has a beautiful combination of dummy and sidestep. He began as a centre but eventually finished as half, where he scored twice in one game. As a captain he always inspired his team to greater efforts.

HOCKING, a fast and elusive five-eighth who is swift in attack and solid in defence.

YARDLEY, a hard running centre, and a deadly tackler who began the season as rake. An unselfish player, he often cut through to make openings for his wingers.

LAWS, a valuable player and utility man. As a forward he was always on the ball. As a back he ran hard and is elusive in attack; in defence he watches his man carefully:

DART, a good winger who scored twice by swift following-up. He definitely deserved his promotion from House Football.

BROWN, another good winger who runs well but who was unlucky; deserved promotion from House Football.

SPICE, a safe full-back who catches well and possesses a deadly tackle.

TUCKER, as left prop. always plays a grand game. He gained selection with Metropolitan Juniors v C.H.S.

HAWKINS, an excellent breakaway, began as half. In the former position he guarded his half and played well in the open.

CARRUTHERS a good rake, good in defence and in loose play.

HORSEY, a good lock, good in defence and in the open.

BURKE, second row, a rugged forward, good in defence and attack.

PARK, second row who suffered a broken arm early in the season, but who joined the team later.

TURTLE, a reliable breakaway, who guarded his half and was good in the open.

The coaching Mr. Bohman gave the team was invaluable and improved the play of all. On behalf of 5ths, I would like to thank him for his coaching and advice.

FORT STREET 6th GRADE.

This year sixth grade had a successful season, being placed third in the competition. The will and determination of the team was apparent on many occasions. Special praise is due to both forwards and backs who, throughout the season, showed their worth.

HORNE, (captain), a good five-eighth. Very dependable and a good leader.

HOLDEN (Vice-captain), a great source of strength to the forwards, his goal kicking was excellent.

MOORE (rake), a good hooker and a hard rucking forward.

HENDRIE (prop.), a good forward and a hard tackler.

SEDDON, a hard rucking forward.

RUSH, a determined and hard player.

BRQWN, a good lock, and strong tackler.

ORR and HERMAN; two good breakaways.

McGOVERN, as a half he was tricky and always behind the pack.

ROBERTSON and JOHNSON; two good centres and always dependable.

GARDNER and SEABURG; a fast pair of wingers and both hard runners.

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WILLIAMS: A good and tricky full-back.

Score were as follows:—

V Hurstville—11-3, 0-22.

V Canterbury—6-0, 4-0.

V Homebush—0-20, 3-6.

V Parramatta—9-9.

V North Sydney—13-0.

V North Sydney Tech—3-0.

V Sydney High—6-0.

V Sydney Tech High—6-0.

In conclusion the team would wish to thank Mr. Brodie for his enthusiasm and interest in the team, during the season.

Cricket.



1st GRADE CRICKET, 1945.

Back Row: J. Hamnett (Sportsmaster), W. Harland, R. Paine, R. Barbour, K. Merrick, L. Gosling.

Front Row: B. Thorby, R. O'Donnell, K. Rew (Capt.), A. McAndrew (Vice-Capt.), P. MacDonald, D. Heffron.

FIRST GRADE.

The season 1945 commenced in February. The first four matches were completed on the one day, whilst the remaining matches covered two days.

The Firsts have been moderately successful and have always played "cricket." The following have participated in matches:—

K. Kew (Capt.), A. McAndrew (Vice), R. Barbour, R. Paine, K. Merrick, L. Gosling, R. O'Donnell, P. MacDonald, W. Harland, W. Heffron, K. Maunder, B. Thorby, A. Searle.

The results are:—

v. Canterbury: Draw. Canterbury 187, Fort St. 8-107.

v. Homebush: Won outright. Homebush 68 and 70, Fort St. 1-140.

v. N. Sydney Tech.: Lost on 1st innings.

N.S.T. 129, Fort St. 82.

v. Sydney: Lost on 1st innings. Sydney 93 and 3-64, Fort St. 64 and 97.

v. Hurlstone: Won outright. Hurlstone 140 and 98, Fort St. 6-165 and 7-130.

v. Sydney Tech.: Lost outright. Sydney Tech. 58 and 2-65, Fort St. 71 and 49.

v. North Sydney High: Lost outright. N.S.H. 8-249, Fort St. 112 and 114.

v. Parramatta: Lost outright. Parramatta 190 and 1-56, Fort St. 100 and 132.

The season's best performances were:—

Best Batting Performances.

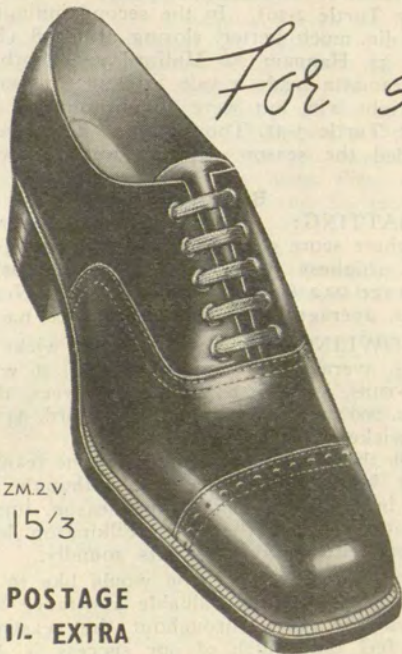
K. REW: 82 n.o. against Homebush, 70 against Hurl., 28 against N.S.T., 30 against Sydney, 21 against Syd. Tech., 20 against N.S.H., 35 against Parramatta.

A. McANDREW: 46 n.o. against Canterbury, 51 against Homebush, 38 and 20 against

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P. McDONALD: 26 and 24 against Hurlstone, 16 against N.S.H.

K. MERRICK: 48 against Hurlstone.

R. O'DONNELL: 17 against Hurlstone, 17 against Sydney.

R. BARBOUR: 19 against N.S.H., 22 against Parramatta.

Best Bowling Performances were:—

P. McDONALD: 4-67 against Canterbury, 3-10 and 5-29 against Homebush, 6-28 against N.S.T., 6-34 against Sydney, 5-43 against Hurlstone, 5-26 against S.T.H., 4-65 against Parramatta.

R. BARBOUR: 4-34 against Canterbury, 6-33 and 4-35 against Hurlstone, 3-61 against Parramatta.

L. GOSLING: 3-26 and 5-32 against Homebush, 3-40 against Sydney, 2-18 against S.T.H., 4-74 against N.S.H.

R. PAINE: 3-17 against Homebush.

K. MERRICK: 3-10 against Parramatta.

K. REW topped the batting with an average of 28, followed by A. McANDREW 22.

In the bowling MacDonald's average of 11.7 (43 wickets) per wicket was the best, followed by Barbour 12, Gosling 13.3 and Paine 14.

The fielding was keen, with A. McAndrew doing some fine work.

In conclusion, the team wishes to thank Mr. Simpson for the assistance he gave us.

SECOND GRADE.

The Seconds had a very successful season this year, only losing one match out of the eight played, and finishing a very close third to North Sydney and Parramatta respectively. The first match was a one-day match against Canterbury at Pratten Park. Canterbury batted excellently to score 9-177 (Rowlands 3-40, Heffron 2-21). Fort St. then went in to bat and after losing wickets early played out time to take the score to 7-127 (Heffron n.o. 52, Mulford 23, Booth 21). Thus the game was drawn.

The next match, against Homebush, was also a one-day match, played at Marrickville Oval. Homebush were dismissed for 95 (Robinson 3-30, Booth 2-25, Rowlands 2-6, Turtle 2-20). At the end of the day Fort St. had lost 5-141 (Robinson 45 ret., Neal 28, Heffron 26), thus winning on the first innings by 6 wickets and 46 runs.

In the one day match against North Sydney Technical at Petersham, North Sydney Technical totalled 155 (Booth 3-24, Turtle 3-23). Fort St. then went in and had lost 6-89 at stumps (Booth 24), thus obtaining a draw.

The next match against Sydney High was to be an all day match, but rain prevented play until 1.30 p.m. Batting first on a rain-soaked wicket, Fort St. closed at 9-102 (Robinson 26, Thorby 23). Sydney was then dismissed for 38 (Booth 2-8, Mulford 4-21, Robinson 1-3). In the follow-on High lost 3-27

(Wing 1-2, Turtle 1-2), thus Fort St. won on the first innings.

Two-day matches were then played until the end of the season.

Batting first against Hurlstone at Glenfield, Fort St. closed at 5-154 (Thorby 43, Wing 36, Neal 20, Mulford 20). Hurlstone were dismissed for 109 (Booth 5-20, Mulford 4-18). In the second innings Fort St. closed at 5-146 (Adcock 47, Thorby 30, Booth 27). Hurlstone collapsed for 59 (Thorby 3-4). Thus Fort St. finished the first half of the season with an outright win.

In the second half of the season the first match was played against Sydney Technical at Petersham. Fort St. quickly rattled up 222 for the loss of 5 wickets (Booth 94, Neal n.o. 68, Wing 28). The partnership between Booth and Neal yielded 168 in a little over an hour. Technical were then dismissed for 25 (Turtle 3-0, Mulford 3-18, Wing 2-3, Booth 1-1). In the follow-on Technical scored only 40 (Turtle 3-23, Wing 2-5, Searle 1-2, Robinson 1-6), enabling Fort St. to win outright.

The next match was against North Sydney High at Chatswood. Batting first, Fort St. scored 108 (Robinson 31). North Sydney then hit up 169 in quick time (Booth 8-69). In the second innings Fort St. scored only 96 (Booth 26). North Sydney were untroubled to score 2-36 (Wing 2-12), thus winning outright. This was our only defeat of the season.

In the last match against the leaders Parramatta, at Petersham, Fort St. batted first and scored 119 (Mulford 58, Robinson 34). Parramatta were then dismissed for 106 (Wing 6-42, Turtle 2-10). In the second innings Fort St. did much better, closing at 6-158 (Robinson 32, Hannam 29, Mulford 22, Thorby 24). Parramatta made a vain attempt to secure an outright win, but were all out for 114 (Wing 4-27, Turtle 3-37, Thorby 2-2). Thus we concluded the season with an outright win.

Best Averages.

BATTING: Booth, 228 runs, average 38 (highest score 94); Mulford, 213 runs, average 23.6 (highest score 58); Robinson, 201 runs, average 22.2 (highest score 45 n.o.); Neal, 151 runs, average 16.7 (highest score 68 n.o.).

BOWLING: Wing, 39 overs, 19 wickets, 121 runs, average 6.4; Booth, 61 overs, 26 wickets, 208 runs, average 8; Turtle, 38 overs, 18 wickets, 200 runs, average 11.1; Mulford, 34 overs, 15 wickets, 185 runs, average 12.3.

On the whole, the members of the team were very keen and the fielding, although rather lax in the beginning of the season, improved greatly towards the end. Pilkington led the team well and kept wickets soundly.

In conclusion, the team would like to thank Mr. Pryor for the valuable assistance he has given the team throughout the season, and we feel that much of our success is due to his efforts.



2nd GRADE CRICKET, 1945.

Back Row: A. Searle, R. Foskett, G. Mournay, J. Robinson, B. Neal, D. Turtle, S. Prior (Coach).
 Front Row: B. Booth, G. Wing, J. Mulford (Vice-Capt.), J. Pilkington (Captain), G. Hannam, B. Adcock.

THIRD GRADE.

Thirds were fairly successful, though the final result was not worthy of the material at hand. The team changed considerably throughout the season, composed of R. J. Smith (capt.), W. Lyons (vice), W. Robinson, W. Adams, B. Gillett, K. Lovell, C. Adams, F. N. Smith, G. Fenton, A. Searle, A. Foskett and G. Hannam at the commencement of the competition. The latter three men were then promoted and Park and Farebrother ably filled the vacancies.

The matches were as follows:—

v. Canterbury: 1st innings win. Canterbury 82 (Gillett 5-6), Fort St. 103 (Hannam 44, Lyons 39).

v. Homebush: 1st innings win. Homebush 58 (Searle 4-21), Fort Street 63 (Foskett 17).

v. North Sydney Tech.: 1st innings loss. North Sydney Tech. 109 (Searle 4-24), Fort Street (R. Smith 30).

v. Sydney High: Outright loss. Sydney High 82 (Fenton 5-22) and 86 (Searle 4-26); Fort Street 60 (Hannam 35) and 78 (R. Smith 29).

v. Hurlstone: Outright win. Hurlstone 41 (Searle 3-8) and 11 (Fenton 6-10); Fort Street 137

v. Sydney Technical: Outright loss. Sydney Technical 157; Fort Street 30 and 52.

v. North Sydney High: 1st innings loss. North Sydney High 184 and 134 (Gillett 3-5); Fort Street 110 (W. Adams 42) and 210 (Fenton 74 n.o.).

v. Parramatta: Outright win. Parramatta 130 and 89 (Fenton 5-45, 8-31); Fort Street 229 (Gillett 40).

BATTING AVERAGES.

	In.	N.O.	H.S.	Ag.	Av.
K. Lovell	10	4	45	137	22.8
G. Hannam	4	—	44	85	21.3
G. Fenton	9	1	74	127	15.9
R. Smith	12	—	34	138	11.5

Robinson kept the wickets soundly and the team benefited by his accepting the slightest opportunity for stumping.

Finally, the team wishes to express the sincere thanks to Mr. Burdon for his assistance and interest and the time he has given up to attend practice.

FOURTH GRADE.

We had a fairly successful season, having to our credit four outright wins and one first innings win. We lost three matches and finished in fourth place in the competition.

Our first match was against Canterbury, and resulted in a win on the first innings. Canterbury scored 56, to which we replied with 71, mainly due to Hillman 14 and Hegarty 10. Bowling honours went to Hegarty 4 for 22, Harrison 2 for 22, and Correy 2 for 13.

Our next match, against Homebush, resulted in a loss on the first innings. We scored 64, including Hegarty 28 and Wilson 14. Due to poor running between wickets, some of our best batsmen were run out. Homebush replied with 116, Hegarty taking 8 for 39 and Correy 1 for 16.

In the match against North Sydney Tech. we won outright very easily. Their first innings totalled 31, to which we replied with 7 for 82 (closed), including Hegarty 38. We then dismissed them for 14. Bowling honours went to Cowgill (3 for 7) in the first innings and Hegarty (7 for 3) in the second innings.

Fort Street was beaten outright in its match against Sydney High. This was a remarkable game, for we scored 18 in the first innings and then dismissed Sydney for 16. These scores were due to a very wet wicket. Our next innings also yielded 18. During the luncheon adjournment the wicket hardened considerably and Sydney scored 23 for the loss of 3 wickets, thus defeating us outright.

Against Hurlstone we won outright. Hurlstone scored 36 in their first innings, and we replied with 44. Hurlstone compiled 64 in their second innings, and we made 6 for 64, thus winning outright. Best batsmen were West 24 not out, Correy 13, and Thurtell 13. Bowling honours went to Hegarty, 6 for 16 and 4 for 23, and Cowgill 3 for 22 and 3 for 10.

Our next match, against Sydney Tech., resulted in an outright win for us. Tech. scored 42 in the first innings, to which we replied with 120. Tech., in their second innings, scored 47, which gave us an innings victory. Our top-

scorers were Williams 38 and Storey 20. Bowlers were Hegarty 6 for 16 and 3 for 17, Correy 2 for 0 and 2 for 12, and Dingwall 3 for 12.

The match against the Premiers, North Sydney, was lost outright. We were beaten by a definitely stronger team. Our first innings yielded 79, including a splendid innings by West, who scored 26 not out, and Storey 12. North Sydney retaliated with 3 for 168 (closed) and then dismissed us for 14. Hegarty took 2 for 44.

The last match, against Parramatta, resulted in an outright win for Fort Street. Parramatta compiled 96 in the first innings, to which we replied with 122. Parramatta's second innings totalled 132 and ours 7 for 106, which gave us a win by 3 wickets. Wilson scored 28 and Hillman 23. Bowling honours went to Hegarty with 6 for 40 and 6 for 51.

The fielding throughout the season has been very keen, and there is an excellent start for a good fourth grade side next year.

The most consistent batsman was West, who averaged 16.5, while Hegarty was outstanding with the ball, finishing the season with the figures of 65 wickets at an average of 4.6.

The team wishes to thank Mr. Went for his patient, invaluable coaching and advice and untiring efforts to better the team.

Life Saving.

Owing to the great enthusiasm which this school has maintained for some years, the Life Saving Season, 1944-5, was another one of great success. During this period 14,999 awards were won in New South Wales and of these almost 12000 went to the Schools. Fort Street won 579 awards which were comprised as follows:

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As a result of this grand effort, 1633 points (18 more than our own record of 1615 established in 1943-44 season) were secured in the Hendry Cup Competition. Thus we won this trophy for the third season in succession. In the past this Cup was held by Knox College for four seasons in succession and that record must be equalled by the school during 1945-46.

Unfortunately the school again failed to win the Pennant for the Best School in the State, being beaten for the second year by Cook's Hill, with 1673 points. While congratulating the winner the School is determined to do its utmost to secure the award next season. If this can be achieved and the 1944-45 performances repeated, the school will hold all trophies available to it. The winning of the pennant calls for a colossal effort because whereas the Hendry Cup Competition is confined to boys' schools the pennant is open to all schools, boys, girls and mixed, High primary and mixed, public and private.

For the second consecutive season, Fort Street won the Arthur Parker Cup, which "is virtually a Championship event," with the best team we have had up to date. The improvement over the past three seasons is indicated by the following official point scores: 1943—121.09, 3rd place; 1944—134.6, 1st place; 1945—139.33, 1st place. The 1945 team was composed of A. D. Eslake (Instructor), R. R. Paine, W. B. O'Reilly, N. C. Arnold and P. E. Mulray, each of whom was a holder of the Award of Merit and the points secured by it were as follows:—

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ARTHUR PARKER CUP TEAM—WINNERS, 1945.

Left to Right: N. C. Arnold, W. B. O'Reilly, P. E. Mulray, A. D. Eslake (Instructor)
Mr. E. T. Arnold (Coach), R. R. Paine.

A. D. Eslake was judged to be the best instructor in the competition and the almost perfect dive was performed by W. B. O'Reilly. If the enthusiasm and efficiency of this team can be equalled or exceeded by future teams our prospects of retaining the cup are excellent.

Two Life Saving Blues were awarded—one to I. A. Scott-Orr and one to P. E. Mulray. Each of these have represented the School in Arthur Parker Cup Competitions and have secured all awards available to them, thereby making valuable contributions towards the winning of the Hendry Cup.

The Life Savers' have found an excellent and particularly generous friend in one of the School's

oldest Old Boys, Frank Albert. Thanks to his beneficence it was possible to present the Frank Albert Trophy—five beautiful cups—to the victorious 1944 Arthur Parker Cup Team, A. Barkell, I. A. Scott-Orr, N. C. Arnold, C. Olsson and P. E. Mulray. The School takes this opportunity of publicly thanking the donor and of assuring him of its determination to continue its excellent work in this activity.

E. T. ARNOLD.

We have all heard of the Royal Life Saving Society but it is not generally known that the awards of the Society are not limited to exponents

of proficiency in the natatorial art. To the devotees of the ociety's objects, in due time, come tangible rewards and evidence of faithful service. Needless to say, the recipient of a Long Service Star, must work (and wait) a long time for such a coveted honour.

To our enthusiastic Life Saving Instructor, Mr.

E. T. Arnold, we extend our sincere congratulations upon being presented with this richly deserved award. During the twenty-seven years he has devoted to this sphere of his activities, the many boys he has trained are living monuments of his earnestness and skill and will each be as proud of the Long Service Star as "Dizzy" must be.

RESULTS OF HOUSE COMPETITIONS:

TROPHY	Christmas House	Kilgour House	Mearns House	Williams House	WINNERS
THE FRANK AUSTIN MEMORIAL CUP (Athletics)—					
Carnival	87	142	94	77	KILGOUR HOUSE
Weekly Races	14	29½	28	28½	
TOTAL	101	171½	122	105½	
THE HANNAN CUP— (Aquatics)					
Weekly Races	19	30	20	31	MEARNS HOUSE
Carnival	30	44	68	58	
Life Saving	37	25	60	28	
Water Polo	9	6	22	13	
TOTAL	95	105	170	130	
THE LADIES' COMMITTEE CUP—					
Cricket	958	929	1566	1888	WILLIAMS HOUSE
THE OLD BOYS' RUGBY CUP	1530	991	1953	1807	MEARNS HOUSE
THE R. L. HEAD MEMORIAL CUP—Tennis					
	117	128	67½	97½	KILGOUR HOUSE
THE ROSE CUP— (ALL SPORT)					
Athletics	12	21	14½	12½	MEARNS HOUSE
Aquatics	19	21	34	26	
Cricket	27	26	44	53	
Football	39	25	50	46	
Tennis	8½	9½	5	7	
TOTALS	105½	102½	147½	144½	

ROSE CUP RESULT, 1945

The Housemasters and boys of Christmas, Kilgour, and Williams Houses extend to the Housemaster, Mr. F. Simpson, and boys of Mearns House, their heartiest congratulations on winning the Rose Cup. It will be presented next Speech Day to R. Paine, the 1945 Captain of

Mearns House, to whose energy and example the boys owe much of their success. Paine will hand it to the newly elected Captain of Mearns House for 1946, P. Mulray, who is charged with the duty of retaining it.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE.

House Master: L. FOLEY, Esq.

House Captain: R. M. BROUNE.

Cricket: C. ADAMS. Rugby: D. CAMPBELL. Swimming, K. DAVIES. TENNIS, B. BOOTH.

Christmas House presents its First Annual Report.

Members of the House may feel well satisfied, that, although the House System has been function-

ing barely a year, the House is now progressing well due mainly to the enthusiasm of members and Vice-Captains. Although the House has not met with as much success in sport as might be hoped, it is certainly no reflection on the keen spirit which exists in the House.

CRICKET.—In this field the House is functioning well and is represented by a fair number of players in Grade Cricket. House Cricket, also,

ably handled by Clive Adams, is running well and games are being keenly contested by players.

RUGBY.—The House is well represented in this sport both in Grade and House Teams. The season was highly successful and although it did not actually win a premiership, the House was runner-up in three grades. Players contested the games in the true spirit and at all times "played the game." It is significant that throughout the season quite a few players were drawn from House teams to represent the school.

SWIMMING.—Although the House boasted the School's champion swimmer, G. Barnes, the House was not able to field a team of sufficient strength to carry on the honours. However, our swimmers did their best and performed very creditably.

ATHLETICS.—This was by far the House's most successful activity. It won the Junior Pennant, the two Junior Relays and was second in the other three. The Juniors of the House performed excellently and only the highest praise is worthy of their efforts. Congratulations are extended to

Kilgour House upon its winning the Frank Austin Memorial Cup.

TENNIS.—In this sphere the House met with some measure of success, being runners-up in the Head Cup for tennis and runners-up in the First Grade House tennis.

During the latter part of the year the officials of the House decided on a House Motto: "The Game is greater than the Player." This motto is especially significant in so far as it sums up the House spirit and as it was the motto of Mr. C. H. Christmas, after whom the House was named. It is to be hoped that the House will continue to function with this motto as its guiding factor.

In conclusion I should like to thank Mr. Foley for his keen and unceasing interest as House Master, Mr. Hamnet for his many helpful hints and suggestions, the Vice-Captains for their untiring efforts, and all other persons who have given their time and energy in the interests of the House.

For the Members of Christmas House,
R. M. BROUNE,

Captain.

KILGOUR HOUSE.

1st ANNUAL REPORT.

At the beginning of the year the House system was inaugurated at Fort Street. This was due mainly to the co-operation of the Headmaster and to the efforts of our new Sportsmaster who had the new system installed and in operation within a week. It was decided to call the Houses after past headmasters and our present head. Thus this House acquired its name—Kilgour House.

The House Captain and Vice-Captain, N. Farebrother and L. Gosling for 1945, were selected by the members at the first official meeting of the House. They and the House Master, Mr. H. Went, together with the assisting Vice-Captains set about organising the House. The proof of their enthusiasm and the support of the whole House was evident at the functions which the House attended.

A member of the House wrote to Dr. Evatt, who attended Fort Street as a pupil, and would have been a member of Kilgour House, asking him to choose a motto for the House. This gentleman replied by sending a list from which to select our motto. It was chosen by a vote of members and so now Kilgour is the only House with a motto, and this nominated by one of Australia's leading statesmen! This motto, "Nihil Forti Difficile" (To the brave nothing is difficult) will stand as an inspiration to Kilgourians of the future.

During the second term an appeal was made to the House to have a pennant made from a piece of material that was in the House's possession. K. Herbert immediately undertook the task and his sister, Miss L. Herbert, presented us with a pennant. A letter of appreciation was despatched to Miss Herbert by the House Master and Captain on behalf of a grateful House.

HOUSE ACTIVITIES.

CRICKET.

L. GOSLING, Vice-Captain.

Our four teams in the first half of the season have been only moderately successful, but what they lacked in skill they made up for in enthusiasm. All four teams are ably captained, but without the help of their team-mates could not have put up such a fine effort.

None of the teams are undefeated, yet two of them suggest that they will do well. Our firsts appear to have had the most success, while scores at various stages of the competition have suggested that all the teams can possibly surprise even the strongest combinations.

SWIMMING.

B. HOSIE, Vice-Captain.

Although our house was third in the Swimming Carnival, it was not lack of enthusiasm that held us back but of experience. We were well represented in all events and L. Gosling who broke the 50 metres record was second in the senior point score. We held our own in the weekly races at Balmain and were represented in the Water Polo team and Life Saving classes and the C.H.S. Team.

We hope that the spirit that prevailed throughout the season will be with us next year and inspire us to greater efforts.

FOOTBALL.

B. GILLETT, Vice-Captain.

In the total points score in the Houses Competition for the Old Boys' Rugby Cup, we finished last, but our boys did their best and played good, hard, clean Rugby. The success attained

by our younger boys, namely, in the 5th and 6th grades, augurs well for the future, and we can expect better results next year. The Grade Teams were a great drain on our strength, in which teams we had about 25 representatives.

Our 1st Grade side, although they enjoyed very little success at all times, played the game.

Owing to lack of players we were unable to field a second grade side.

Our thirds made a bad start but developed into side and played several fine games.

Our 4th Grade was disappointing, but they did their best.

In the 5th Grade Competition, our team started the season well, but unfortunately were beaten in the later rounds.

However, our one shining light was the 6ths, who were undefeated. This team is to be congratulated on its grand performance. The boys played grandly in all their matches and though they had several close games they won the competition easily.

ATHLETICS.

T. HERBERT, Vice-Captain.

This year Kilgour attained outstanding success at Athletics. Following up our lead during the season at House Athletics, we went on to "clean up" at the school carnival by a big margin. This was made possible not only by the ability of our individual competitors, but also by superior teamwork and preparation. This is borne out by the fact that we won three of the five relays and were placed second in the other two.

We won the senior and juvenile divisions, came second in the junior and easily won the aggregate thus securing the Frank Austin Memorial Cup for Athletics for 1945. Good individual performances by T. Herbert and L. Gosling in the Senior, D. Glenn in the Junior, and R. Hegarty in the Juvenile were displayed and led the House to victory.

We hope to repeat our performance next year.

MEARNS HOUSE.

The House system was introduced into Fort St. this year for the first time with great success. Not only was the standard in all sporting activities much higher, but there was always evident an increasing amount of interest and enthusiasm shown by the boys, an enthusiasm and determination to win which had been lacking in past year.

Much of our success must be credited to our popular House Captain, "Napper" Paine, who partly by his own individual efforts, but mainly by his inspiring leadership, led the House on to success on many occasions. The results of our teams are given below:—

FOOTBALL.

We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to all members of Mearns House Football teams for their well-earned success in the Old Boys' Cup for Rugby Union. Our 1st Grade team

as we will retain a good foundation for a strong team.

TENNIS.

G. HANNAM, Vice-Captain.

In the C.H.S. grade teams, competing with other schools, Kilgour had four representatives, three in first grade and one in second grade. Kilgour's three representatives in first grade, Gray (Captain), Head and Hannam, helped largely in carrying their team to premiership honours, whilst the other representative in second grade, Harland (Captain) was the mainstay of the team which also gained premiership honours.

The R. L. Head Cup for Tennis was gained by Kilgour House, the credit being largely due to our first grade House team, who were undefeated. The team consisted of Hamley, Johnson, Finley and Eadie. Whilst dealing with the merits of our House teams, mention must be made of our second grade side, who, although they did not win, never gave in and succeeded with the help of their other team in gaining the Tennis Cup.

As may be seen, Kilgour House had a most successful tennis season, and its representatives in both the House and grade teams would like to heartily thank the tennis coach, Mr. Kelly, for his kindly advice and supervision on all tennis matters.

N. FAREBROTHER, House Captain.

I, as House Captain, would like to express the thanks of the House to Mr. H. Went, our House Master. I also wish to express my thanks to the whole of Kilgour House, particularly the Vice-Captain and our assistants, who made my task easier, had faith in me and assisted me in every way possible in my duties; also in our efforts to improve the House. I trust that in the future Kilgour House will never fall below the standard that was set in its first year. May the House never lose these virtues in the struggle for supremacy but nevertheless always remember "Nihil Forti Difficile."

were premiers and our 2nd Grade team co-premiers; 4th grade and 6th grade were runners-up, and the other two teams, 3rds and 5ths were 3rd. In all it was an outstanding season, and we hope to repeat our success next year.

CRICKET.

At present, the cricket season is still in progress, and at this stage, Mearns is running second in the aggregate. Our 4th grade team are leading by 85 points and appear to have the premiership safe. Our 1sts and 3rds are both coming second and our 2nds third.

ATHLETICS.

In the annual Athletic Carnival held at Peter-sham Oval in August, Mearns House performed very creditably, coming second in the aggregate to Kilgour. R. Paine of 5th year, and Pearson of

1st year were the outstanding performers from Mearns House, each being champion in his respective division. Pearson created new figures in the under 13 years broad jump, with a leap of 15' 6", breaking the previous record of 14ft. 2in.

However it is not to these outstanding athletes, that we owe most of our success, but to every member of the House who entered in the carnival. It may be noted with satisfaction, that Mearns House handed in a record number of entries and these boys who had enough House Spirit and sportsmanship to enter even though they may not have enjoyed any great success, are mainly responsible for our success.

SWIMMING.

The first great test of the newly formed House System at the annual school carnival was, due to the earnest endeavours of all houses, a tremendous success. Keeness of the Mearns younger swimmers enabled us to gain a lead in the point score and this was maintained throughout by the older

boys who swam strongly to success after success. P. Mulray, A. McLachlan and B. Laidlaw, all broke records, while both P. Mulray and A. McLachlan won the Senior and Under Sixteen Championship respectively. Mearns also won the closely contested relay; the members of our team were P. and G. Mulray, R. Paine, K. Lovell, B. Neale, J. Mulford, M. Lyons, O'Reilly, A. McLachlan, and B. Laidlaw.

These wins set our standard for the season for we were well represented in the Arthur Parker and Water Polo teams.

Mr. Arnold's efficient Life-Saving Class had many of our hard-working followers, who gained for Mearns the highest number of awards.

This outstanding performance we feel sure will inspire our teams in future seasons.

In conclusion we would all like to thank our popular House Master, Mr. Simpson, for the enthusiasm he has shown in the past year and we feel sure that much of our success is due to him.

P. E. MULRAY.

WILLIAMS HOUSE.

In this the first year in which the House system has operated, Williams House has been very successful.

We made a very good start in the year's House sport, so successfully, in fact, that at the end of the first half of the cricket season our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade cricket teams were undefeated, and 4th grade had suffered only one defeat. This gave us a lead of about 200 points on our nearest rival for the cricket cup.

In Swimming, also, we had marked success, although we were narrowly beaten for champion House by Mearns.

We started the Football season very badly, and after the first two rounds of the competition, were running last. Coaching of House teams was then undertaken by grade footballers with marked effect, particularly in the junior grades, for we swiftly overhauled Kilgour, and later Christmas Houses, to take second place. This early lapse which gave Mearns House a lead on us of over

200 points cost us the Old Boys' Cup for Football. For the rest of the season we endeavoured to lessen this 200 point lead, and we were able to reduce it to about 100 by the end of the season.

However we were premiers in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade football and if our cricketers keep up their form of the earlier part of the season, we can confidently hope to gain three premierships in cricket, so that out of the 10 premierships in the major sports, football and cricket, we will win 6.

We were not so successful in Athletics, and were third when the total points for the Athletics calculated, although only 30 points separated 2nd and 3rd.

In inter-house tennis we had moderate success, and in the point score for the R. L. Head Cup for tennis, we were second.

Early in the year we lost a capable Housemaster in Mr. Dunn, but gained another in Mr. Kelly. We would like to thank them both for their interest and encouragement throughout the year.

HOUSE CRICKET.

WILLIAMS HOUSE.

First Grade Premiers.

It is indeed a great thing to be able to say that a team has gone through a season undefeated. Such is the case with Williams House First Grade. Out of a total of six matches Williams won four outright and the other two on the first innings.

The first match of the competition resulted in a first innings victory over Mearns. Williams was put in to bat and compiled 96 (Smith 25, Scott 16). Mearns replied with 67.

In the next match, against Christmas, we narrowly missed being beaten outright. Christmas decided to bat and knocked up 71, Wright

taking 5/25. Williams then batted and closed with 5/83 (Simes 27, Scott 22), trying to force an outright win. However, the next day Christmas closed their second innings with 8/110 (Wright 5/30, Williams 2/13). Williams' batting collapsed and just managed to play out time with 9/46 (Wright 14, Thomas 11 n.o., Bishop 8/24) and win on the first innings.

Williams won the next game outright against Kilgour. Kilgour was sent to bat and compiled 28 (Wright 3/9, Simes 2/15). Williams then batted and closed with 6/102 (Simes 37, Wright 19, Scott 12). Kilgour's second innings compiled 70 (Wright 6/32, Simes 4/22).

The next match resulted in an outright vic-

tory over Mearns. Mearns was sent in and knocked up 54 (Simes 5/31, Wright 3/21). Williams replied with 4/108 declared (Scott 33 n.o., Simes 20). In their second innings Mearns compiled 74 (Wright 6/23) and Williams needed 21 to win outright. These were easily and quickly compiled and Williams was well in front in the competition point score at the end of the first half of the season.

In the second half of the season we lost the services of our "demon" bowler, Wright, and one or two others, but it was soon proved were were an "eleven-man" team fighting for our House.

Williams won outright against Christmas on a forfeit in the first round of the latter half of the season.

Then Kilgour was defeated outright after passing Williams on the first innings. Kilgour batted first and knocked up 98. Williams replied with 73. Kilgour's second innings added 87. Then, with fifty minutes to play, Williams needed 112 to win outright. Thanks to R. Williams, 84 n.o., and Scott 27 n.o., the score at full-time was 2-128, and we finished the season undefeated.

This fine record was not the result of the play of one or two men, but it was the result of a team's play. Cricket ought to be an unselfish game. It merges the individual in the eleven; he doesn't play that he may win, but that his side may. I am sure this can be said of Williams Firsts.

We all sincerely hope that the House system will go on successfully all the days of Fort Street.

Second Grade Premiers — Williams House.

Williams Second XI had a very good season, winning four matches outright, two on the first innings and one loss on the first innings to Christmas II. The team from the beginning had a good combination and the fielding at all times was bright, Tweed and Woodhart being always outstanding. Rolley and Thompson were the two best bowlers, Rolley taking 38 wickets at 6 runs per wicket and Thompson 12 wickets at 4 runs per wicket. Rolley's best day was on the 1st match against Christmas II when he took 6 wicket for 4 runs. Robertson and Rolley were the two best batsmen. Their averages being 23 and 8 respectively. Robertson's best day was against Christmas II (in the 3rd match) when he scored 42 not out. Rolley's best performance was in the 1st match against Kilgour when he scored 31. Altogether a very good season.

WILLIAMS — THIRD GRADE.

The team, captained by A. Richardson, played 7 matches, winning three outright and four on the first innings. The results were as follows—

- v Mearns: 1st innings win.
- Mearns 55, (Warren 3-1) and 3-39.
- Williams 5-62 (c) (Tye 14 n.o.).
- v Christmas: Outright win.
- Christmas 32 (Warren 4-17) and 26 (Thomp-

- son 4-6) — Williams 62 (Ross 17).
- v Kilgour: 1st innings win.
- Kilgour 63 (Warren 3-12) and 1-33.
- Williams 103 (Thompson 29, Warren 20) and 68 (Tye 16).

- v Mearns: 1st innings win.
- Mearns 60 (Warren 6-13) and 4-78.
- Williams 90 (Warren 23).

The football season then started but on resuming there was a marked improvement in the form of the members of the team.

- v Christmas: Outright win.
- Christmas 41 (Thompson 3-2, Scott 3-5) and 51 (Scott 7-9 — Williams 7-114 (c) (Richardson 56 n.o., Yeoman 21 n.o.).
- v Kilgour: Outright win.
- Kilgour 30 (Seymour 4-10, Richardson 2-5) and 77 (Richardson 3-7).
- Williams 0-83 (c) (Richardson 46 n.o. Warren 20 n.o.) and 4-42.

- v Mearns: 1st innings win.
- Mearns 113 (Thurtell 5-30, Scott 3-16) and 46 (Scott 2-5) — Williams 153 (Yeoman 27, Tye 22, Scott 21, Southcombe 20 n.o.).

In this last match we missed an outright for the want of a few more minutes play.

Averages—

Batting:—

- Richardson, 146 runs, average 36.5.
- Yeoman 96 runs, average 19.2.
- Tye, 66 runs, average 3.6.

Bowling:—

- Scott 28 wickets, average 3.6.
- Thompson, 16 wickets, average 4.1.
- Warren, 19 wickets, average 4.4.

Thompson Warren, Shae and Sharp did well with both bat and ball. Yeoman, Richardson and Tye were the best batsmen, while Scott, Thurtell and Seymour got good wickets. Warren, Thompson and Tye were tried successfully as wicket-keepers and Thompson and Southcombe were the outstanding fieldsmen during the season.

FOURTH GRADE PREMIERS —MEARNS.

Mearns House fourth Grade cricket, has gained the premiership with a lead of 185 points. The runners-up were Williams.

Our matches were made up of 5 outright wins and 1 first innings win.

The team was not balanced well, because the few bowlers that shone, were not encouraged by the bad fielding. However, the opposition scored very few runs and the wickets fell rapidly.

Le Breton showed that he was able to fell the wickets easily by his medium bowling. Although his direction was not always the best it is expected that he will improve.

O'Brien also showed a very good bowling average. His slow off breaks bowled them or gave our fieldsmen easy catches.

Laws also showed out in the bowling with both a medium and fast off and leg break.

With regard to batting, Le Breton usually got the highest score of each match. He is a hard-hitting man but is frequently tricked by a leg break.

Parsons, (although playing only a few times made good scores every time. He is careful, and watches the ball.

Laws usually bats for a good score and makes his share of the runs. He blocks well and hits hard at those off the wicket.

Levy, a careful batsman sometimes scores about 20 and usually breaks his duck. He is also rather a good wicket-keeper letting only a few get by.

Lawler is a bit inclined to hit at anything, but he keeps his score above the average of the team.

The best batting averages were:—

Le Breton	165	10	16.5
Laws	147	10	14.7
Parsons	103	8	12.9

The best bowling averages were:—

Bowler	Wickets	Runs	Averages ..
Laws	56	72	1.24
Le Breton	19	93	4.89
Parsons	4	8	2
Moss	10	31	3.10

These were the only ones with a batting average with double figures.

The regular team was:—

Laws (captain), Le Breton (vice-captain), Levy, Parsons, Lamond, Moss, Lawler, O'Brien, Moore, Ping, MsDonald.

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