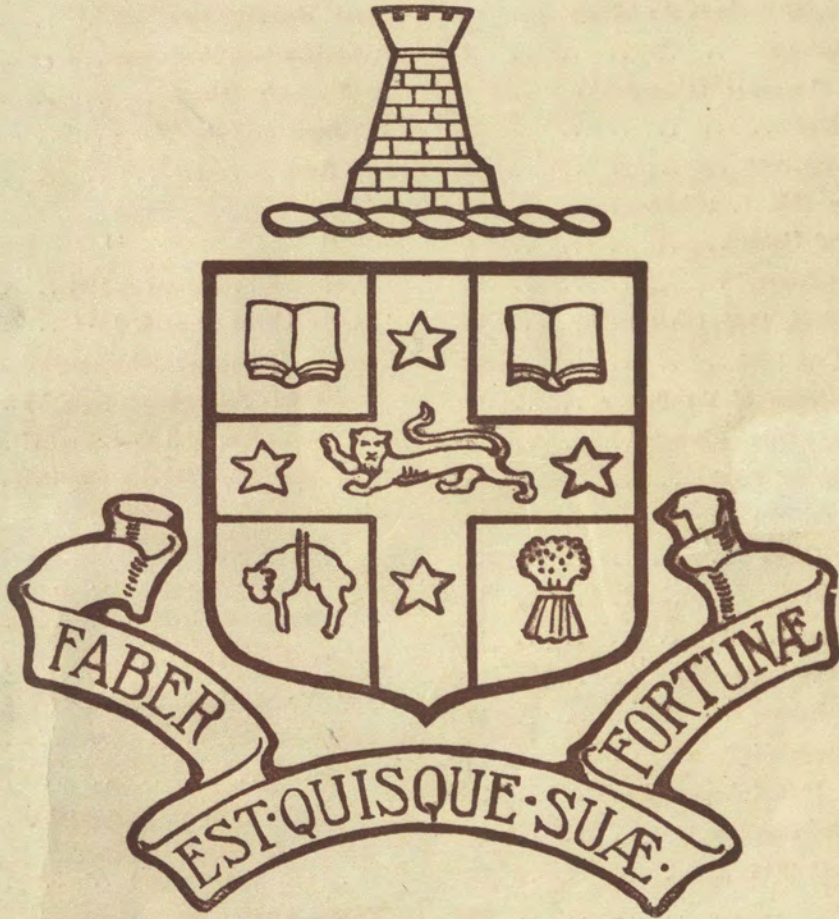


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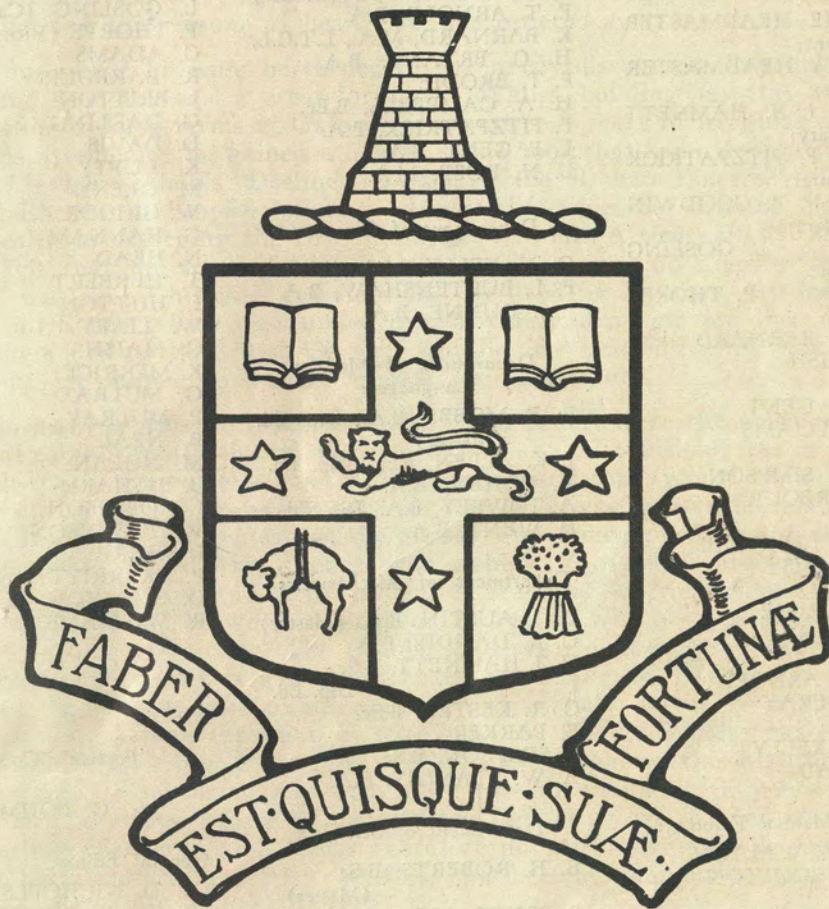


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## EDITORIAL

## THE VISION OF RHODES

*"So when a great man dies,  
For years beyond our ken  
The light he leaves behind him lies upon the paths of men."*

Forty-four years ago there passed away in Africa a man of vision, Cecil John Rhodes. He was the youngest of five sons brought up in an English Vicarage, and for reasons of health he was ordered away to South Africa.

From cotton growing he turned to the newly-discovered diamond and gold fields and soon amassed a great fortune. Whilst building up this wealth, he found time to keep terms at Oxford, where after 8 years of irregular and inconspicuous attendance he gained a degree. One book that had a profound influence on his life was Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." That book turned Rhodes to Empire building. In his life-time he devoted his energy and wealth to enlarging the British Empire in South Africa. He worked quickly as he felt that his span of life was short. There was no time for loafing. "A loafer" was one of his chief detestations. He lived for 49 years, just long enough to see all South Africa pass under British rule and a new province that bears his name added to the British Crown. But he felt that his work was far from finished. He longed to project himself into the future.

"So many worlds, so much to do, So little done," were the words of Tennyson that came from the lips of the dying Rhodes. His vision was a union of English-speaking people — and a British Empire that would be a power to preserve world peace, so he provided for the labourers to continue his unfinished work. In his will he bequeathed the money and indicated the methods, and so was born the idea of The Rhodes Scholarships, 36 of which are given annually to the British Empire, and 32 to the United States of America. These are open to University students between the age of 19 and 25, who have completed at least two years of their course. The Scholarships are worth £400 for three years and are tenable at Oxford, where the Scholars must take up residence at one of the colleges. Six of these Scholarships are awarded annually to the six States of Australia, and since their inception in 1904 only one Rhodes Scholar has come from Fort Street. This was Robert N. McCulloch who gained this high honour just 20 years ago. "Bob" was only with us in his fourth and fifth years. He had never been to school before. During these two years we learned to appreciate his sterling character, and it was therefore not surprising that he measured up to the high standards set by Rhodes, and became the pioneer along a new trail leading out from Fort Street.

Rhodes did not want his scholars to be mere book-worms, neither did he wish them to be just muscular specimens of humanity. In his will he directed that candidates should be judged on —

- (a) Ability and scholastic achievements.
- (b) Force of character, capacity for leadership as shown by manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship.
- (c) Physical vigour as shown by fondness of, and success in, manly outdoor sports.

No doubt, as you dwell on these qualities you will feel a sense of your own imperfections and regard your chance of selection as a future Rhodes Scholar to



be a remote one. Nevertheless, it is a code of character which has all the essentials for a fine and full manhood, and even if you never become a Rhodes Scholar like Robert N. McCulloch, in striving after those qualities by which Rhodes desired to find men to carry on his purpose, you will have done something for yourself and for your fellows, and for the better world for which so many Rhodes Scholars and other fine men have fought and died.



## A Message from the School Captain

We, who are in our fifth year, are soon to face a new life. For five years the majority of us have been at this School and yet how quickly have these years flown. For some they have passed too quickly, and in this case the boys look forward to the new life reluctantly. To the remainder of the School I give this advice: to make the most of your opportunity. Do not join the ranks of the minority that fears work. Strive for a goal that other Fortians have strived for. Let the old Fortians such as Sir Edmund Barton, Sir Joseph Caruthers, John Hunter and Dr. H. V. Evatt, be the milestones to attain on your road to success.

The higher planes, spiritual, intellectual, raise man above the ordinary level and make of him a new creature—a person to be respected and admired. We belong to a School that is able to give us this. A School with a tradition, a background, and pupils who have in them the power to attain this, so why should we fail? It is up to you, for "every man is the maker of his own fortune."

This year will see a number of friendships broken. Friends who have been together for five years will part and yet a greater number of these friendships, which Fort Street has created, will live on.

Turning to the Third Years, I would like to wish them the best of luck in the coming examination. It would not be fitting to close this mes-

sage without expressing to Mr. Hamnett, on behalf of the school, our sincerest thanks for the role that he has played in the last two years. To you goes most of the credit for the school's meteorical rise in the world of sport. We now hold a position we have not held for many years. A remarkable rise indeed.

Also I wish to thank the Ladies' Committee for the fine work they have done this year for the school. Thank you, ladies.

In referring back to sport, there is something that cannot be ignored. That is the fact that too many are content to let the next man do it while they applaud. If we are to hold our position in sport the attitude must change. Everybody must take some active interest in sport.

So, Fortians, to the task. Remember the school and what it stands for; remember our predecessors. Do not let crumble the foundation they have built for us, build it higher! They have handed us the flag — it is for us to raise it higher and pass it on to those who will follow us. Keep it flying.

What better inspiration do we want than is contained in our motto —

*"Faber est suae quisque fortunae."*

LAURIE T. GOSLING, School. Capt.



## Donations of Books to the Library

The Library records with much pleasure the gifts of books by the following donors: R. Bainton (4A), J. Overy (1C), J. Percival (1C), C. Barnes (1C), E. Shaw (1C), G. Clarke (1C), and Mr. Barnard.

These books will be read and enjoyed by hundreds of boys before they become worn out.

We hope the above excellent example will be copied by all boys who have suitable books at home.



## Staff Changes

We regret that since our last issue we have to record the loss to the Staff of Messrs. Burden, Outten, Foley, Bailey and McLaughlin.

Mr. Burden has been promoted to the position of Deputy Headmaster of Canterbury Junior High School. While congratulating him, we regret his departure, for his ability, genial personality and interest in all School activities made him a worthy member of the Staff.

Mr. Outten has taken his well-earned long leave, and there is always the fortunate chance that he may return to give us the benefit of his ability and service.

Mr. Foley earned a well-deserved promotion to the position of Language Master at Tamworth High School. Mr. Foley, as teacher and football coach, will be genuinely missed by Fort Street.

Mr. Bailey, whose work with the School Orchestra, will long be remembered, has become an Assistant Supervisor of Music.

Mr. McLaughlin, the School Counsellor for too short a time, has joined the Research Branch at Head Office. His short stay made us really sorry we did not see more of him.

Come to take the place of these gentlemen are Messrs. Mobbs, Kester, Towsey, Campbell and Waters.

The first four gentlemen came to us from Army service and Mr. Waters from Kogarah. We give them a sincere welcome and have already learned to value them.

A most pleasing innovation this year has been the employment of a School Secretary. This young lady has gladdened the eyes of many by her youthful charm and relieved the staff of many onerous labours.

The thanks of the School go to Mrs. Hays for her efficient work in the tuck shop and her many services to the School.



### FORTIAN COMMITTEE.

Back Row (Left to Right): D. Killeen, W. Adams, O. Phillips, P. Winkworth, D. Chinn.  
Front Row (Left to Right): B. Laidlaw, R. Bainon (Business Manager), Mr. G. Bohman (Master in Charge), D. Nicholls (Editor), D. Glenn (Sports Editor), R. Johnson.



## Speech Day

Fort Street celebrated its first peace-time Speech Day since 1939, on Thursday, 9th May, in the Memorial Hall, with the Mayor of Petersham, Alderman J. F. Laxton, presiding.

The Chairman opened proceedings by welcoming the guests, and then delivered a short address in which he said the School was not measured by a yardstick but by the efforts of the boys and masters. The School Choir then sang a bracket of two numbers, "Tales from the Vienna Woods" and "Nocturne," with Keith Allen giving a piano solo, "Liebestraum."

This was followed by the Headmaster's Report. In his report Mr. Mearns once again drew attention to the lack of a gymnasium and modern tuckshop in the School. He stated that we should be grateful to the old Fortians and remember what they had done, but that the present pupils were living up to their standard and must try to surpass it. All present then gave a hearty rendition of the song "The Bells of St. Mary's."

The Sportsmaster's report was delivered by Mr. Hamnett, in which he dealt with the first year of the House system, which had been remarkably successful.

Following this the Choir sang "Sanctuary of the Heart," with Barry O'Brien and John Reddie as soloists, accompanied by Jack McParland on the cornet.

The Chairman then called on the Minister for Education, Mr. R. G. Heffron, to make an address. In Mr. Heffron's address he said he would like to see Fort Street boys and Fort Street girls having Speech Day together. He went on to say that it will be very expensive to modernise all schools and build necessary new ones, but all must be prepared to pay for such an essential duty as education. The next item was the singing of another community song, "The Riff Song," which was enjoyed by all.

At the end of this song Mrs. Mearns presented the academic prizes and Mrs. Harland, President of the Ladies' Committee, presented the sports prizes, including the new House Pennants. Alderman Duff, President of the Old Boys' Union, then concluded with a short address.

The morning's proceedings were concluded with the singing of the School Song and then the National Anthem.



## Prize List, 1945

### 5th YEAR

- William Hodgekiss: Killeen Memorial Prize for Dux of the School.  
 John Poole (Senior), Peter Richardson (Junior): Lodge Fortian Prize for Second in Proficiency.  
 Ronald Smith: Sender Memorial Prize for Scholar Displaying Finest Spirit in Sport, Studies and General School Activities.  
 Raymond Paine: Headmaster's Prize for School Service.  
 William Lyons: John Hunter Prize for the Best Student entering the Faculty of Medicine.  
 Noel de Ferranti: Verco Prize for Mathematics.  
 Keith Jones: Raymond and Frank Evatt Memorial Prize for an Essay on an Australian Subject.  
 Keith Jones: Charles H. Harrison Memorial Prize for the best Fifth Year Boy in English.  
 Laurence Gosling: John Mills Memorial Prize for Fourth Year Pupil Displaying Outstanding Qualities.  
 Reginald Foskett (L.C.) and Harold Merriman (I.C.): Taylor Memorial Prizes for Geography.  
 John Norfor (Fifth Year), John Robinson (Fourth Year): Bertram Stephens Prizes for Economics.

- William Hodgekiss: Herbert Percival Williams Shakespearean Prize.  
 Keith Jones (Fifth Year), Mervyn Nolan (Fourth Year), George Haines (Third Year), David Regum (Second Year), Noel Allen (First Year): Baxendale Memorial Prize for English.  
 Geoffrey Kolts: Baxendale Prize for Best Lecture on a Modern Author.  
 Kenneth Rew (Senior), Richard Williams (Junior): Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship.

### 4th YEAR

- Kevin Dufty: Dux.  
 Brian Ditchfield: Second.  
 Mervyn Nolan: English.  
 Barry Neal: History.  
 John Britton: Latin.  
 John Britton: French  
 Charles Maish: German.  
 John Britton: General Mathematics.  
 Neville Head: Mathematics I.



Colin Macdonald, Peter Thorpe (aeq.): Mathematics II.  
 Geoffrey Wall: Chemistry.  
 Brian Ditchfield: Physics.  
 John Robinson: Economics.  
 Donald Anderson: Geography.



## 3rd YEAR

Peter Richardson: Dux.  
 Owen Phillips: Second.  
 George Haines: English.  
 Max Casimir: History.  
 Peter Richardson: Latin.  
 Peter Richardson: French.  
 John Crooks: German.  
 Brian Nielson: Mathematics I.  
 David Glenn: Mathematics II.  
 Brian Nielson: Elementary Science.  
 Harold Merriman: Geography.  
 Harold Merriman: Business Principles.

## FIRST IN CLASS

3A: Peter Richardson.  
 3B: Robert Eagleson  
 3C: Thomas Davies.  
 3D: Harold Merriman.



## 2nd YEAR

David Pegum: Dux.  
 Garry Richardson: Second.

David Pegum: English.  
 John Dick: History.  
 Evan Sutton: Latin.  
 David Pegum: French.  
 Garry Richardson: German.  
 Peter Correy: Mathematics I.  
 David Pegum: Mathematics II.  
 Garry Richardson: Elementary Science.  
 Roy Hegarty: Business Principles.  
 Peter Gresser: Geography.

## FIRST IN CLASS

2A: David Pegum.  
 2B: Richard Bentley.  
 2C: David Anthony.  
 2D: Roy Hegarty



## 1st YEAR

Malcolm St. Clair: Dux.  
 Frederick Hinde: Second.  
 Noel Allen: English.  
 Frederick Hinde: Social Studies.  
 Alan Nielson: Latin.  
 Frederick Hinde: French.  
 Malcolm St. Clair: Mathematics I.  
 Malcolm St. Clair: Mathematics II.  
 Frederick Hinde: Elementary Science.

## FIRST IN CLASS

1A: Malcolm St. Clair.  
 1B: Ronald Parsons.  
 1C: John Levi.  
 1D: Harry Dalziell.



## Obituary

### MR. L. MILVERTON

On Monday, 25th February, 1946, the Staff and pupils of the School were stunned by the tragic news of the sudden death of Mr. Milverton during the previous week-end. He was 62 years of age.

After a period in another branch of the Public Service, he was transferred to the Education Department. When the boys' section of the Fort Street High School was transferred to Petersham in 1915 Mr. Milverton came to the School as caretaker. Thus, at his passing, he had completed 31 years of continuous service at this School. It was indeed literally continuous. Such was his devotion to duty that he preferred to be at his post rather than take his annual leave.

It was as manager of the Tuck Shop that he came in more direct contact with pupils. Here

his influence was most marked. Always courteous, obliging, considerate, quietly spoken and open-hearted, he did not fail to win the goodwill of pupils and teachers. His name has and always will be held in the highest esteem by ex-students of the School; he will be remembered not as Mr. Milverton but, with affection and respect, as "the Caretaker."

He always put the welfare of the School first, himself last. The years of faithful service had taken their toll; latterly he had toiled both day and night. But he worked uncomplainingly right up to the day of his death. The manner of his passing was as he had wished.

I was privileged to be a close friend of Mr. Milverton. I knew him well. He was one of Nature's gentlemen.

—V. R. OUTTEN.



## Old Boys' Union

During the war the Old Boys' Union decided to suspend its activities because so many of its members were actively engaged in the service of their country. As far as the Union is aware some five hundred Old Boys were in the armed services. All these Old Boys have acquitted themselves well, many gaining decorations. Unfortunately, many, too, have paid the supreme sacrifice. To the relatives of these men the Union wishes to extend its sincere sympathies.

In 1945, however, it was decided to revive the Old Boys' Union, and since that time it has progressed beyond all bounds. The Union now has more than 300 financial members, while the mailing list is approaching the 600 mark.

The aims of the Union are to promote a feeling of good fellowship and good citizenship in the true traditions of the School, to render material assistance to the School and thereby to its pupils, and to assist boys leaving the School in their entry to any desired vocation. It is to further these aims that the Union conducts its activities.

These activities consist mainly of social functions and sporting events against the School. A programme of proposed activities for 1947 appears below. During 1946 the Union's functions have been highly successful. Two dances have been held in the School Hall, one of these in conjunction with the Fort Street Old Girls' Union. Also conducted with that Union was a Victory Ball at the Town Hall, Petersham, which proved a very enjoyable evening.

In all, three football matches were held against the School, in which the School were the eventual victors. However, the Old Boys evened the score at the Athletic meeting when they swept the field by 43 points to 15. Further sporting events are scheduled for the near future.

All the Union's activities are managed by its Executive Committee. This Committee is elected annually at the Union's annual meeting. Below appears a list of the officers and a few notes on their present occupations:—

Dr. H. V. EVATT (Patron): Acclaimed by all as the outstanding Fortian of the year, also as the outstanding Australian. Minister for External Affairs and one of the most brilliant legal men to-day.

Messrs. J. A. WILLIAMS and C. H. CHRISMAS (Patrons): Their outstanding services to the School during successive terms as Headmaster are self-expressive.

Ald. L. E. DUFF (President): Is now the Municipal Council's representative on the Fire Commission.

Mr. W. J. HASTIE (Vice-President): Now Town Clerk of Petersham Council. One of our returned Servicemen.

Mr. G. PETTIT (Vice-President): Left School 1942 when he was School Captain. Now doing 4th year Medicine at University.

Mr. D. WEINBERG (Treasurer): Left School 1914. Now has an electrical contracting business in the city.

Mr. R. BROUNE (Secretary): Left School 1945. Is now an articled clerk to an ex-Fortian solicitor.

Mr. D. BARR: Our other ex-Serviceman member of the Committee. At present in 2nd year at University Law School.

Mr. I. CATHEL: Left School 1943. Was tennis singles champion this year at the University.

Mr. C. CRAFT: Now employed by the Education Department as a teacher in the Correspondence Branch.

Mr. A. DEMPSEY: Left School 1943. Now employed by a big city importing company.

Mr. A. LLOYD: Left School 1943. Is at University studying Economics.

Mr. K. MADDEN: Left School 1943 when he was School Captain. Is now employed on the Commercial Staff of a leading newspaper.

Mr. F. FITZROY: Was a Squadron-Leader in the R.A.A.F. Now is a Chartered Accountant with his own city business.

Mr. R. ROPER: Left School 1943. An articled clerk to a city firm of solicitors and is in 2nd year at Law School.

Mr. R. SMITH: Left School 1945, when he was School Captain. Now in 1st year at University.

From these notes it will be seen that all members are qualified to hold office on the Executive Committee, and the record of the Union this year is a true reflection of the keenness and ability of these members.

It is most timely to mention at this stage that during this year the Union was shocked by the news of the passing of the late John Appleby. Mr. Appleby had for some time previous to his death been Treasurer of this Union, and there was no more enthusiastic member of the Committee than he. For him was predicted a great future, and it was rumoured that he was a certainty to gain a seat the coming State elections. To the widow and relatives of this Fortian whose brilliant career was cut short so tragically the Union extends its most sincere sympathy.





FARMER'S HAS YOUR NEW

# sports outfit for the Christmas holidays

Comes summer, and the almost imperative need for a new, cool sports outfit. We've just your measure in a medium-weight tweed coat, that'll set you high up in the ranks of the school's "best-dressed", and pleated-front worsted sports trousers. The coat is in fawn, brown, blue and grey, and the trousers in fawn, grey and green.

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In pursuance of its policy of assisting boys leaving school, the Union will supply the School Counsellor from time to time with positions that are known to the Union to be open. Also supplied to boys who have just left school is a membership form which boys are requested to fill in and return to the Union. In this way the Union is endeavouring to obtain a list of Fortians each year to add to the Union's records. To those boys who are unable to find a suitable position after leaving school we urge you not to delay in contacting the Secretary of the Union, who will make every endeavour to place these boys in a suitable position.

Next year the Union proposes to hold a programme of social functions, which it hopes will go a long way in renewing acquaintances amongst past Fortians. From the profits derived from these functions the Union hopes to be able to make a beneficial donation to the School on its Centenary. During the next twelve months the Union expects to be able to hold at least one each of the following activities:—

**AGAINST THE SCHOOL:** Athletic Meeting, Football Match, Cricket Match, Swimming Carnival, Debate.

**SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:** Monthly Dance during winter months, Theatre Party, Ice Skating Party, Picnic.

The Union also hopes to be able to send competent men to the School to give a series of lectures on the various professions, trades and businesses. It expects that these talks, if arrangements can be made for them, will be of the greatest assistance to boys, especially to those who are about to leave school.

The Union wishes it made known that it will be grateful for the names, addresses and ranks of all ex-Servicemen. These particulars are required in order to complete a roll of those Fortians who served their country during the war. Particulars should be sent to the Secretary, Box 4209, G.P.O., Sydney, or to Mr. Austin, at the School.

In conclusion, the Union would remind all Old Boys that the Fort Street Old Boys' Union is their Union. It stands for the same fine principles as does the School itself, and by joining the Union you will be able to repay some of the "mighty debt" which all Old Boys owe to the School. Membership forms can be obtained on application to the Union, and yearly subscriptions are extremely small. By joining the Old Boys' Union you are also entering the sphere of social activity outlined above.

*Repay your debt to the School by joining the Fort Street Old Boys' Union.*

## Debating Report

The large number of candidates for selection in the school team this year gave our debating master, Mr. Gent, high hopes for our success. We did not meet with the success we expected, but the season had its bright spots in that the team accomplished two things rarely done by Fort Street teams, namely, victories over the girls in a social debate, and over Sydney High in the Hume-Barbour competition.

Our team made a bad start by losing to Technical High on our home ground with our team unsuccessfully maintaining that "Atomic Research should be under International control."

Undaunted by this defeat, our re-arranged team journeyed to Moore Park where they successfully opposed the motion put by Sydney High that "Political revolutions do not accomplish anything; their one undoubted effect is to throw out one gang of thieves and put in another."

Our boys then travelled to North Sydney, where they debated against Nth. Sydney Tech. High, the subject being, "That the punishment for assault shall be the lash." Once again our team was successful in opposing the motion.

Our victory meant that three teams in our zone had won two debates, and it was decided by the powers-that-be to award the zone final to the team with the highest number of points over the

three debates. Our team was narrowly beaten by Sydney Technical when the points were added up, and so Sydney Technical went into the zone final against Hurlstone Agricultural.

The traditional debates with our sisterschool, Fort Street Girls', were held this year with equal results. The girls proved decisively that "Women should be allowed to retain their war jobs," on their own ground, but the boys evened the score in our own hall, by successfully upholding the motion that "The independence of Egypt is prejudicial to the best interests of the British Empire."

In the recent City of Sydney Eisteddfod, our debating team, T. Williams, W. Grigor, and P. Wishart, won the Junior Debating Championship, thereby gaining a silver cup, which they have generously given to the school. In addition, Peter Wishart was the winner of the gold medal awarded by the Royal Empire Society for an address on "Humanity's Debt to Britain."

Congratulations to these boys for their effort to win honour for Fort Street.

A greater interest in debating was aroused by the Current Affairs periods instituted by Mr. Mearns, and we feel that by their successes our future teams will show proof of the value of this innovation.



FORT STREET BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL STAFF, 1946



Back Row: A. Stanley, B. Goodwin, A. Towsey, E. Arnold, F. Fitzpatrick, L. Rose, K. Barnard, H. Bryant, S. Pryor,  
C. Kester, J. Allen.

Middle Row: J. Waters, V. Cohen, J. Hamnett, F. Simpson, H. Marks, F. Brodie, L. Gent, C. Dandie, D. O'Sullivan, R. Cull,  
F. Burtenshaw

Front Row: E. Parker, O. Kelly, B. Roberts, D. J. Austin (Deputy Headmaster), R. R. Mearns (Headmaster), G. Bohman,  
R. Mobbs, H. Campbell, J. Dunne, H. Went.



# Empire Day, 1945



On the 24th May we once again, as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, gathered to celebrate Empire Day and to honour our Empire. The conditions under which we met were vastly different from those of last year. The battle of the Pacific was over. Japan had surrendered, and once again mankind had a respite from the horrors of war.

We are proud of our Empire and the part which

it has taken in bringing about the defeat of aggression. Although the victory is ours, it has not been gained without tragic loss. We honour the men and women who gave their lives for the things in which they believed. "We will remember them."

As is the custom, four young Fortians addressed the school with interesting and appropriate speeches. Extracts from those speeches have been printed below.

## *The Evolution of the Empire*

The evolution of the Empire is just one long list of glorious victories and achievements. Our early colonizers—Gilbert and Raleigh, and our early settlers, braved all manner of dangers to found our first colonies in America. It was this spirit that won us the American colonies until they sought independence. Then our bravery and dauntlessness on the field of Quebec gave us the maple leaf dominion—Canada. General Wolfe dying in the moment of his triumph. It was the spirit of valiance, team work and initiative that gave us the victory.

Then came the successful adding of India to the British colonies in America, when Robert Clive scored the final and crowning victory at Plassey in 1757. The British East India Company received its first charter from Queen Elizabeth in 1600, and did much to start trade in the Indies and in India, thus bringing prosperity to India. It was not until 100 years later that, only because of certain religious laws of the Hindus and the Mohammedans, the Indian Mutiny occurred, but was suppressed by the brilliance of the British commanders in the latter part of the campaign.

Because of the loss of the United States, the English quickly followed up with the discovery of New Holland, later Australia, by Captain Cook, and sent Captain Phillip with the first fleet to Australia, to found a first settlement. Governor Phillip was our first explorer, whilst Governor Macquarie built the road over the mountains, thus opening up the Western Plains to sheep and wheat producers. A few years later New Zealand was the scene of further colonisation, missionaries being the first settlers. They found the Maoris very hostile and it was thought that a settlement would never be founded there, but they persevered and New Zealand was added to the Empire. These two colonies really grew to nationhood together.

Meanwhile, it did not take the British long to found a settlement at Cape Town and in Natal. For a long time skirmishes took place between the Boers and the English before open warfare was declared. After many inglorious incidents, the Boers finally surrendered Transvaal and the Orange Free State. Thus the Union of South Africa was formed. Cecil Rhodes distinguished himself as an Empire builder, whilst Lords Roberts and Kitchener distinguished themselves in the military sphere.

Many brave deeds have been recorded as a result of the evolution of the Empire and her colonies. Such deeds as the siege of Gibraltar, the siege of Lucknow, the defence of Mafeking, are examples of the countless numbers of brave deeds. I think it is fitting that we should pay a tribute to the settlers, as it is only through their efforts the British Empire is what it is to day—really what it was, because the British Empire has now merged into an even greater and more formidable body—the British Commonwealth of Nations.

There have been serious differences of opinion between various of the dominions and England, and even threats to break the bond between them, but when the Motherland has been threatened by other countries, every difference of opinion has been dropped immediately and the dominions have rallied with every resource to the aid of England, and have cheerfully helped to bear the burdens of the day.

In conclusion, I may say that it is this bond or tie of blood relationship that we celebrate on this day, not merely by saluting the flag or singing the National Anthem, but by a mental resolution to stand by an Empire that has done so much for Peace and the welfare of mankind—an Empire to which we are proud to belong.

— F. HINDE, 2A.



## Humanity's Debt to Britain

It is only fitting on such a memorable occasion as this that we look at what Britain as the mother country of a great Empire, has done for the world, and then we can see the extent of the debt that humanity as a whole owes her.

In times of war, Britain has always acted as a protector of the weak, a champion of the cause of right, a defender of freedom, always believing in liberty for all the people of the globe. We find that refugees flee to England from the horrors of slavery by hostile conquerors, because she has been the only light amid the darkness of war, the only nearby haven for victims of oppression; the only hope of safety was behind her bulwarks. Always "in perpetuum," has Britain been an obstacle to warlike nations. She has never been humbled to the dust, for in crises she has produced leaders of the calibre of William Pitt, Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, to save the world from tyranny.

Above all else, Britain has suffered to enable the world to live in peace—bombing by zeppelins, the Luftwaffe, the pride of Goering, and flying bombs—she has endured years of hardship worsened by an acute shortage of food, and she is still cutting her meagre ration supply for the benefit of foreign nations.

Britain went to war to safeguard peace and now, when the peace is won, she is doing her best to keep it. She has sent representatives to the League of Nations, U.N.O., and the Peace Conference, always seeking to maintain the peace that has been so difficult to obtain. Indeed, her motto is that there should be freedom and peace in the world, freedom of speech, freedom from want, freedom of religion, and freedom from fear.

Let us look at the benefactors of humanity that Britain has produced. Many great inventors have been English; men who have given the world the benefit of their discoveries. To speak of a few—James Watt, who gave us the steam engine; George Stephenson, who invented the first successful locomotive; Michael Faraday, who supplied the world with cheap electricity and whose discoveries are the basis of the dynamoes and generators used today.

We now turn to the field of medicine and see the countless English doctors and chemists who gave the world the benefit of their discoveries—Edward Jenner, who saved millions by vaccination; Joseph Simpson gave the world anaesthetics;

Joseph Lister, the first to treat wounds with anti-septic; Sir Ronald Ross, who found the cause of malaria.

We can continue thus for hours, naming explorers like Cabot, colonists like John Smith, men like Cecil Rhodes, David Livingstone, Captain Scott and Ernest Shackleton.

But these are only names, a few of the countless benefactors of humanity that Great Britain has produced. For a nation of her size, Britain has done a lot, enough to classify her as a land of which humanity can be proud. In all new discoveries Britain has been among the first. She has shown great interest in all branches of aeronautics, science and engineering. British designers have vied with those of other countries to produce luxury travel, both by air and sea, for the convenience of the people of the world.

Britain tries to promote mutual friendship between nations—look at her efforts in this direction in the past. Her leaders have developed a wonderful film industry; her scientists have been among the foremost in Atomic research; her literature has provided great interest in the world; and her culture has spread a vast influence over land and sea. All this has come from Britain.

Above all else, Britain stands for freedom—and hence seeks to preserve democracy. Thus she has fought all its enemies believing that democracy is the best for humanity. In the past tyrants have risen to conquer the world. They have fallen, since they attacked . . .

*"This fortress built by nature for herself,  
Against infection and the hand of war."*

It was Britain who defeated Napoleon under Wellington and Nelson; it was Britain who saved the world from Germany's aggression in two wars, and has helped to smash Nazism.

Humanity owes her a vast, never-ending debt, a debt of eternal gratitude. She has earned this debt by what she has accomplished for the common good; through her benefactors, her products, her promotion of world friendship, her suffering for humanity's sake, her war against aggression, her defence of the weak, and her protection of democracy. It is because of all this that the people of the world should pay her homage.

The debt that humanity owes her is so vast that it can never be paid. It is a debt of eternal gratitude.

— G. KOLTS, 5A.

## Future of the Empire

During the past six years, England and the Empire have taken part in the worst war of all times, but it is a tribute to the manner in which

she has built up her colonies that through all these eventful years, not one gave hint of breaking away from the Motherland.



Now that there are demands that peace shall be everlasting, we of the Empire must do our part to help secure this peace, and to do this we must co-operate with other nations and in particular with America and Russia. During the past century we have done much to gain the trust and friendship of smaller nations and the faith and reliance which these nations have for the Empire will be of the greatest use in ensuring world peace. Our part in the future must be primarily one of keeping peace—peace at all costs.

On the scientific side, Britain has always been far ahead of all nations and it is to be expected, judging from her inventions during the war years, that she will still be amongst the leaders in the post-war world.

By England's actions in Egypt and India, she has shown that she means to do her best by these countries and is hoping that, like Australia and the other dominions, they will become staunch members of the British Empire.

However, we must remember that our children of today are the citizens of tomorrow and in order that these may be worthy of our Empire we must improve our educational system. We must not aim at producing only geniuses, but also at turning out great men and women who can think clearly for themselves and who can lead the Empire through her post-war troubles.

If we look forward to the future it seems as though we see many new oppressors who shall have arisen on the destruction of the old before the instruments of war shall be lain aside forever. We see the people of the future—who still proudly call themselves British—becoming happier and more secure in the everlasting peace.

Disregarding this, we see our Empire, grown mightier and mightier, meeting once a year to commemorate the great deeds of the men and women of the past, just as we are meeting here today.

— P. RICHARDSON, 4A.

## The British Empire

Many years ago, the Spanish monarch said boastfully of his empire that it was one "on which the sun never set." The Dutch not long afterwards used the same phrase in reference to their empire. But these nations and great empires have fallen away so that today little of their previous glory remains. However, the British people can today claim with truth and pride that their empire, the British Empire, is one "on which the sun never sets."

The American orator, Daniel Webster, struck by the idea of saluting the Union Jack each morning at gunfire, wherever British troops were stationed, said that England was "a power which has dotted over the surface of the globe with her possessions and military posts, whose morning drum beat, following the sun, and keeping company with the hours, circles the earth with one continuous and unbroken strain of the martial airs of England."

In addition to Great Britain, Ireland, India, the Dominions of Canada and of New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, and the Commonwealth of Australia, there are eleven protectorates, many detached possessions, and nine mandates, held under the League of Nations. To these territories must be added Britain's other possessions, such as the naval bases of Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Aden and Hong Kong; the Bermudas, certain of the West Indies and the Falkland Islands, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, British Honduras, British Guinea, and many scattered islands, valued as naval coaling stations.

In all, approximately one-quarter of the land area of the globe is included in the British Em-

pire, and one-fourth of the world's inhabitants owe allegiance to the Union Jack.

The secret of Great Britain's success in holding together peaceably such scattered lands inhabited by such different peoples, is that she has learnt the lesson of administrating her colonies for the good of the colonies primarily, and not for her own good. Something also is due to the Anglo-Saxon genius for self-government which is one of the marked characteristics of her people. General Smuts of South Africa has pointed out that the British Empire is really a Commonwealth of self-governing nations rather than an empire in the usual sense. It is, as he says, a "League of Nations in miniature." The fullest self-government has been granted to colonies which are capable of governing themselves, such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and lately India. Only places of strategic importance are permanently ruled as Crown Colonies.

As was shown in World Wars I. and II., it is chiefly loyal affection that keeps these self-governing colonies true to their imperial mother, and something also is due to the fact that they know they are safer and more prosperous in the Empire than out of it.

So it is that this Empire of ours is a true federation of states, bound together by a bond of kinship, and united in a common purpose, the advancement of civilisation and the spread of freedom. All are part of one great confederation of free peoples, acknowledging as the proud symbol of their unity the British King.

—BLACKLAW, 3A.



## Library Report

Among major changes made in the Library over the past two years has been the restriction of circulation of certain advanced books, kept separate for the convenience of Senior pupils, and the removal from the shelves of others whose circulation was too small to justify their space. Changes have also been made in Library management and borrowing system to allow a closer supervision of the books.

Another of the most important innovations made last year was the introduction of special Library periods before school for the convenience of Fourth Year students, of which, we are glad to see, they have made good use. This was made necessary by the previous unsatisfactory distribution of periods which was, to say the least, confusing to students and librarians alike.

Furniture moving has also been part of the work of our staff, who are called upon to do many and varied tasks. The new arrangement of furniture facilitates the closer supervision of the Library. A "Fortian" file was also formed last year, and copies of "Fortians" from all previous years were catalogued to ensure preservation of at least one copy of each year's magazine.

Slight easing of the book shortage has enabled Mr. Barnard to purchase a larger number of books than during war years. Scientific books are fairly plentiful, but English literature is all but unobtainable. Many of the worn books have been bound very efficiently by Mrs. M. Brown, of Meadowbank, who has done the School a great service in this field. We wish to express our gratitude for her untiring efforts.

Our thanks are also due to the American Department of Information, from whom we have received on loan a number of books dealing with different aspects of American life, art and literature. These have helped substantiate a stock not nearly as large as we require.

Last year a magazine library was instituted in the Art Room and has been flourishing ever since under the capable supervision of B. Jack-

son and J. Hextall. It has proved extremely popular with all years, as the tattered state of all the magazines shows. It is pleasing to see the large attendance at lunch-hours, and it is to be hoped that in the near future a separate room can be found for it and the inconvenience of the present arrangement so removed.

Pupils in the Junior School are now being trained in Library management, so that all will have an idea of how the library is controlled. From amongst these will come our future librarians and they will have the advantage of knowing more of the Library system when they take up their duties than the Library staff of former years.

Formerly, Librarians were chosen mainly from Fifth Year boys who were not Prefects, but on the precedent created in 1945 it was decided to make it a permanent ruling that Fifth Year Librarians must be chosen from the Prefects elected by the School. The Library-Prefects have therefore more authority than in previous years and are more respected because of it. Those who bear the distinction of being the first Prefect-Librarians under this new system are C. Maish, M. Nolan, K. Dufty and G. Hannam, who with P. Wishart have given constant and efficient service to the Library during the year. They have been ably assisted by the Fourth Year Librarians.

To Mr. Barnard, however, must go most of the praise for his excellent work in guiding the Library through a most difficult period. He was untiring in his efforts to increase the efficiency of the borrowing system, and to him must go the credit for the pleasing results so far obtained. He has bought as many books as circumstances would allow and was instrumental in securing the services of Mrs. Brown.

On the whole this year has been moderately successful, and it is to be hoped that next year the Library will have recovered from its setbacks and be once more on the way to becoming the highly successful organisation for which its workers have been striving.

## Briars' Club

Dear Sir,

We would like to bring before the notice of your readers, especially those boys intending to leave school at the end of this year, the existence of the Briars Sporting Club. This sporting body was inaugurated with the object of offering schoolboys the opportunity of continuing their participation in active sport and at the same time to enjoy the company and good-fellowship they

experienced at school.

As well as having representative teams on many fields of competitive sport, including cricket, football, hockey, tennis, sporting outings such as golfing, surfing, tennis tournaments and other social activities are arranged. The Club also has its own clubroom, situated at Burwood, with facilities for billiards, table tennis, canteen and other amenities for the convenience and recreation of members. An



invitation to join the Club is extended to those boys leaving school and possessing the necessary sporting qualifications, as it is the younger members to whom we must look as the foundation for the future of the Club and the maintenance of its idea's.

Further information concerning qualifications,

subscriptions and other particulars may be obtained from the Sportsmaster, and for those desirous of joining, the Club's school representative may be contacted through him.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) A. BRIAR.

## Music Notes

With regard to the School's musical activities during the year, the School Choir was responsible for items at the Father and Son Evening, Speech Day and Play Nights, and also led the singing at the weekly Social Period assemblies.

The School Orchestra of 13 players performed on Play Nights, whilst individual players gave solo items on various occasions. Much of the Choir's time was devoted to the rehearsal of special items for the Combined Secondary Schools' Choral and Orchestral Concert, which, held in the Sydney Town Hall, was one of the highlights of the year's music. It may

be mentioned (and this is not generally realised) that practically every moment given to rehearsing for musical performances has to come from the boys' spare time, that is, during lunch hour and after school—a fact that demonstrates the keenness of the members.

A feature of the year was the inauguration of weekly lunch-hour gramophone recitals, attended by large audiences. This was made possible by the purchase of a number of gramophone records, which form the nucleus of a record library. Additions to this library are needed, and if pupils or parents care to donate any good recordings of worthwhile music, the gesture will be greatly appreciated.



### ORCHESTRA.

Back Row (Left to Right): G. Stanford, K. Freeman, L. Burtenshaw, B. O'Toole, C. Bowen.  
Front Row (Left to Right): I. Bowden, W. McParland, D. Anthony, Mr. J. Waters, G. Dicker, A. Short, B. Lukins.



# Roll of Honour

Anderson, R. (died, P.O.W.)	Broomfield, T.	RAN	1944	Dunlop, I. (Died in N.G.)
Adecock, N.,	Brown, D.	RAAF	1943	Dyer, K. (Killed)
Aiken, G.,	Brown, N.	RAAF		Dyce, A.
Amsberg, G.,	Brown, —	RAN		RAN
Anderson, W.	Buckley, B.	AIF		Eagle, R.
Andrews, Y. R.	Burge, A.		1934	1940
Argall, D.	Burley, J.	RAN	1941	Egger, R.
Argall, J.				1940
Argall, R.				Ellis, B.
Arnott, A. J.				RAAF
Astell, J.				1939
Astridge, E. S.				Ellis, K.
Austin, Frank H.				RAAF
(Killed)				1927
Austin, John J.				England, V.
Austin, Keith J.				Ennis, J.
				RAAF
				1932
				DFC
				Ennis, DFC.
				RAAF
				1938
				(Killed)
				Estlake, E. J.
				RAAF
				1942
				Evans, B. (Killed)
				AIF
				1938
				Evans, O.
				1938
				Evans, R. (Killed)
				AIF
				1938
				Evatt, P.
				AIF
				1938
				Everingham, C.
				RAAF
				1943
				Fay, A.
				AIF
				1935
				Febbutt, W.
				AIF
				(POW)
				Femor, R.
				1944
				Fensom, R. E.
				RAAF
				1942
				Ferguson
				1940
				Fitzroy, F.
				RAAF
				1940
				Fletcher, B.
				RAAF
				1940
				Flockhart, C. K.
				RAAF
				(Killed)
				Fork, C., Chaplain
				AIF
				1918
				Fogden, E. D.
				RAAF
				(Killed)
				Foreman, I. K.
				RAAF
				1940
				(P.O.W.)
				Fortescue, L. P.
				1944
				Foskett, R.
				1944
				Foster, G.
				RAAF
				1934
				Fox, A.
				RAAF
				1931
				Fraser
				RAAF
				1931
				Gailey, W. G.
				RAAF
				1935
				Garbutt, M. E.
				RAAF
				(Killed)
				Gay, E. (Killed)
				RAF
				1931
				Gibb, C.
				AIF
				1940
				Gibbons, S. J.
				AIF
				1929
				Gibsen, E.
				1932
				Gibsen, P.
				RAAF
				1941
				Gilbert, L.
				RAAF
				1937
				Gill, R. J.
				RAN
				1937
				Gillies, R.
				DFC
				RAAF
				1923
				Gledhill, C.
				RAMC
				M.B.E.
				1938
				Glover, K.
				AIF
				1938
				Goddard, L. (POW)
				1941
				Graham, O.
				1924
				Grainger, S.
				1924
				Grant, A.
				1934
				Grant, J.,
				RAAF
				1936
				Gray, K.
				AIF
				(P.O.W.)
				1940
				Gray, T.
				RAAF
				1941
				Greening, E. S.
				RAAF
				1941
				Greenwood, D. J.
				1943
				Gunn, K.
				1941
				Guy, K.
				RAAF
				1941



		Final year at School			Final year at School			Final year at School
Halpink	AIF	1925	Lamble, G.		1928	Melville, R. P.	AIF	1931
Ham, G., D.F.C.		1940	Langsworth, B.		1934	Melville, W.	AIF	1928
(Missing, believed killed)			Larken, W.	AIF	1921	Menzies, G. (Killed)		
Hamilton, D.	RAAF	1929	Lawson, B.		1934	Merton, M.	RAAF	
Hammer, A.	AIF	1931	Laureudet, E.	RAAF		Metcalf, N.	AIF	1934
Hancock, W. (Killed)			Leggs, W.	AIF	1933	Middleton, A.	AIF	1941
Handel, Q.	RAN		Lennox, A.	RAN	1943	Middleton, H.	AIF	1936
Harding, R. E.	RAAF	1942	Leslie, A. C.		1943	Middleton, I.	RAAF	1939
(Missing over Germany)			Levings, E. O.B.E.	AIF	1920	Miles, R.		1934
Harvey, B.		1939	(P.O.W.)			Milne, K.		
Harvey, L.	RAAF	1941	Levitus, M., (Killed Darwin)			Milverton, E.	AIF	1929
Hastie, W. J.	AIF		Levy, A. N. (Missing over Germany)			Minnett, J. G.		
Hay, D.	RAN		Levy, R., (P.O.W.)			Menteath, J.	AIF	1939
Hay, J.	AIF	1933	(Killed aircraft accident)			Moon, J.	RAAF	1940
Head, W.	AIF		Lovell	AIF	1929	Moore, B.	RAAF	1937
Hearne, H. J.	RAAF	1938	Lovell, S.	AIF		Moore, E. G.		
Heasman, V. F.	AIF	1935	Lowenthal, L. 5th AGH		1920	Morgan, F.	RAAF	1939
(Killed)			Lowndes	AIF	1927	Morris, J.	RAAF	
Heins, R. H.	RAAF		Lundie, D.	RAAF (Killed)		Morrison, A. (Missing)		
Hemps, M. D.		1934	Lundie, J.	RAAF	1940		RAAF	1938
(Killed)			Lunney, H.	AIF	1938	Morrow		
Hemsworth, E. (Killed)			Macpherson, K.	RAAF	1937	Mulray, K.	RAAF	1940
Henderson, R.	AIF	1929	Madson, F.	RAAF	1930	Mulvaney, J.	POW	
Henry, G.	AIF		(D.F.C.)			Mulvaney, G. L.		
(Killed)			Magee, P.	RAAF	1932	(Killed)	RAAF	1940
Herps, N.	AIF	1934	Macgrath, C.	AIF	1941	Mulvaney, G.	AIF	
Hides, R. J.		1944	Major, F. E.	RAAF	1934	Mulveny, G.	AIF	
Hills, J.	RAAF	1939	(Killed)			Mutton, F.		
(Killed)			Marsfield,	RAAF	1940	Mutton, L.	RAAF	1941
Hinde, J.	AIF	1941	Marsh, C.	AIF	1940	Neilsen, J.	AIF	
Hinde, R.	AIF	1941	Marsh, N.	AIF	1938	Nixon, P.	AIF	1940
Holland, L. (Killed)			Marshall, T.		1942	Nolan, A.		1944
Horan			Marshall, T.	AIF		Nolan, H.	AIF	1937
Horsley, B.	RAN		Martin, F. E.			O'Brien, F.		1935
Howe, K.	RAAF		Mater, O. W.			O'Connor		
Hudsen, L.	RAAF		Maunder, E.			Orkeney, R.		
Hughes, P. C. (DFC) RAF			Maybury, W.	RAAF	1939	Pacey, K.	RAAF	1944
(Killed)			McAuley, J.		1933	Pacey, R.	RAAF	1935
Hughes, W. R.	RAN	1918	McCann, N.	RAAF	1939	Packer, F.	RAAF	
Hunter, G. J.	RAAF	1944	McCrabb (Killed)		1933	Paine, R. (Killed Malaya)		1921
Hutcherson, J. L.		1944	McCrae (Killed)					1933
Irish, R.	AIF	1937	McCredie, B.	RAAF		Paisley, R.		
Irvine, A.	AIF	1925	McCredie, H.	AIF	1937	Patience, J.	AIF	
(Killed)			McCurdie			Palmer, J.	AIF	1938
Jackson, L.	RAAF		McCurdie	RAAF		Parker, A.	AAMC	1929
(Killed)			McDonald, K.	RAAF		Parker, J.	AIF	1929
Jay, E. (Killed)			McDonald, W.			Parkins, A.		
Jenkins, A.	RAN, then RAAF	1932	McDougall, J.			Parsons, J.	RAAF	
Jenning, N.	RAAF		McIntyre, K.	RAAF	1938	Partridge, D. (Killed)	RAAF	1944
Johnson, M.	RAAF		(D.F.C.)				RAAF	1944
Johnston, W. G.	AIF	1932	McKenzie, D.			Partridge, G.		1944
Jones, J.	RAN	1942	McKennon, D.	AIF	1942	Pascoe, —	RAAF	1939
Kable, G.	RAAF	1939	McKnight, A.		1934	Patan, J. (Killed)	RAAF	
Karnagh, J.		1932	McLean, G.	RAAF	1931	Paterson, R. (Killed)		
(Killed)			(Killed)			Pearson, G.	RAAF	
Kelshaw, J.	RAAF	1939	McLelland, K. S.			Peatty, F.	RAAF	1931
Kench, G.	RAN	1931	McLennan, R.	AIF	1942	Penkeith, R.		
Kerr, J.	AIF	1931	McLeod, I.			Penman, G.		
Kerridge, G.	AAMC		McMullen, C.	RAF	1926	Peterson, B.	AIF	1931
Kerwin, P.	AIF		(D.F.C.)			Peterson, R. A.		
King, E.	AIF		McPherson, K.	RAAF	1937	Phillips, M.	AIF	
King, M.	RAAF	1928	McPherson, J.		1937	Pinkey (Killed)	AIF	
			Mead, R.			Pitcher, E.		1924
			Mears, C.	RAAF		Porter, —		
			Melville, R. (Killed)		1933	Porter, O.		1934



	Final year at School		Final year at School		Final year at School
Porter, N.		Short, D.		Turnbull	AAMC
Porter, R.	1930	Shepperd, W. (Killed)		Tyrrell, A.	RAAF 1939
Powell, L.		RAAF		Waglund, —	AIF 1933
Powys, D.	AIF 1940	Sheridan, D.	RAAF 1940	Wallace, K. E. (POW)	RAAF 1936
Priestley, B.		Short, B.	RAN 1939	Walsh, F.	RAAF 1932
Prior, C., M.B.E.,	AIF 1910	Shuttleworth, W.		Walsh, T. (Killed)	1932
Prior, J. H.	1912	Simmonds, E.	RAAF 1939	Waterer, F.	RAAF 1937
Ramsey, F.		Simpson, J. W.	1943	Watson, B.	RAAF 1931
Randell, H.	AIF 1935	Simpsoo, K.	RAN	Watson, D.	1944
Randell, R.	RAAF 1939	Slater, A. (POW)		Watson, M.	RAAF 1938
Redmond, Dr.	1929	RAAF	1933	Waters, A.	AIF 1944
Redmond	RAAF	Slater, H.	RAAF 1941	Watts, D. (Missing)	
Rees, V.	RAAF	Sly, R. (Killed)		RAAF	1935
Regan, L. (Killed)	1939	RAAF		Watts, H.	AIF
Reynolds, E.	AIF 1942	Small, R. (Killed)		Webb, L. G.	AIF
Reynolds, R.	AIF 1929	RAAF	1940	Webb, L.	AIF
Richards, L.	AIF 1929	Smith, A. (Killed)		Webb, N.	AIF
Richards, H. (Killed)		RAAF	1940	Webb, K.	
Richardson, G.		Smith, C.	AIF 1928	Webb, R.	1939
Richardson, K.		Smith, R. (Killed).		Webb, Ron	AIF 1930
Rickard, D.	AIF 1940	Smith, W.	AIF 1939	Weinberg, C. (POW)	
Ricketts, B.	RAAF	Souter, R.	RAAF	AIF	
Richworth, N. S.		Spencer, A.	AIF 1940	Wells, S.	RAN 1940
Roberts, A.	RAAF 1939	Spinks, J.	AIF 1935	West, J.	
Roberts, J.	RAAF 1941	Spinks, N.	AIF 1937	Westall, H.	1944
Roberts, M.	AIF 1937	Spraggon, J.	RAAF 1935	Wheeler, L.	AIF 1937
Robinson, E.	RAAF 1940	Spooner (Killed)	1935	Wheeler, M.	RAAF 1937
Robinson, H.	AIF 1940	Spray, M.	1944	White, J.	AIF 1932
Robinson, S.	1942	Squires, R.	1944	Whitehouse, J.	RAAF 1943
Robsen, K.	RAAF 1940	Stephensen, D.	RAAF 1940	Whitely, E.	RAAF 1933
Roderick, D.	AIF 1935	Stevens, K.	RAAF 1938	Whitely, J.	
Rolls, P. (P.O.W.)	RAAF 1942	Stewart, D.	RAAF	Wicks, K.	RAAF
Rose, M.		Stewart, G.	RAAF 1940	Wicks, J.	RAAF
Rose, N. H., M.B.E.	AIF 1929	Stutting, G. (Killed)		Wickens, R. (POW)	1932
Rose, N. L.	1924	Sullivan, J.		Whiggins, G.	AIF
Rose, W.	AIF 1940	Sundestrom, H.	AIF 1934	Wiggins, R.	AIF
Ross, G.		Symonds, G.	RAAF 1937	Willcox, J.	
Rothwell	RAAF 1933	Tate, K.		Williams, A. (Killed)	
Russell, J.	RAAF 1940	Tate, Q.	RAAF 1937	RAF	1933
Russell, W.	AIF 1931	Taylor, D. (Killed)		Williams, A.	AIF 1929
Ryan, J.	AIF 1937	RAAF	1938	Williams, L.	RAAF 1925
Ryan, R.	RAAF 1942	Taylor, J.	RAAF 1934	Williams, R.	RAAF
Sargeson, J.		Taylor, L.	AIF 1933	Williams, W.	RAAF 1932
Satchell, A.	RAAF 1944	Taylor, P.	RAAF 1939	Wilson, F.	1925
Satchell, R.	1944	Taylor, R.	RAAF	Winter, F.	
Satchell, V.	1942	Taylor, W.		Wishart, A.	
Saunders, G. (Chaplain)	AIF	Thirgood, L.	AIF	Wackwitz, R.	AIF 1944
Scott, N.	RAAF	Thompson, D.	RAAF 1939	Wallace, R.	AIF 1931
Scott, W. (POW)	RAAF 1931	Thompson, R.	RAAF 1937	Woodward, R.	RAAF 1936
Sender, I. (Killed)	AIF 1922	Thorncroft, R.	AAMC 1940	Wootten, G.	RAAF
Sender, L., Dr.	1932	Thurlby, —	RAN 1943	Wolton, R.	1934
Sewel, J., Dr.	1932	Todd, J.	AIF 1930	Wright, L. (Drowned)	
Sharpe, R.	RAAF	Townsend, —		HMS Yarra	1924
Shade, C. (Killed)	RAAF 1933	Tressider, J. (Killed)	1939	Whybrow, K.	1933
Shaw, M.	1943	Trevitt, Rev. J. (POW, Died at Sea, 1942)	1930	Wyndham, H.	RAAF 1923
Shepperd, J. (Killed)		Tully, —		Wyndham, N. 5th AGH	1924
		Tumuth, R.		Young, A. (Killed)	
		Turnbull, G. (Killed)		RAAF	1933
		RAAF		Young, G.	AAMC 1929

The School desires to erect an Honour Roll in the near future and we would be very pleased if any one who knows of any old "Fortians" whose names have not been included here would let us know. We are particularly desirous of including all who made the Supreme Sacrifice.



# A Distinguished Fortian

## JOHN HUNTER

Just thirty-one years ago, in 1915, a certain youth matriculated with 7 A's, a University Exhibition and a Bursary. His name was John Hunter, and he had been a student at Fort Street.

Born on January 24, 1898, at Bendigo, he started life handicapped by a double club-foot. His early years were spent in poverty as his parents were far from being well-to-do, but, nevertheless, his childhood was spent happily with his brother, both being able to find fun wandering through the bush and studying our wonderful animal life.

The Hunters then moved to Albury, where John became filled with a desire to learn, and it was at Albury that he passed his Intermediate Examination. His ambition was to be a doctor, as had been that of another John Hunter, who, almost two centuries before, had been the greatest anatomist and surgeon of his day.

He therefore decided to further his education at a high school, and of these Fort Street was the one which stood out above all others. From this school had come many great men, and John Hunter was to be yet another.

On matriculating, John enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine at Sydney University, where his first few years were full of worries and doubts. Although helped by his bursary, he still had to support his mother, and as a result he took up lecturing at which he was instantly successful. After two years of such work, he was at last relieved of his financial worries and could settle down to work with zeal.

When he was still a fourth year student, he was coaching fifth year students, but in spite of his successes he was still a quiet, shy country boy.

His graduation in 1920 was with first class honours, high distinction, University Medal, and the Sandes Prize for a surgical essay. He then became a surgeon at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. But his course from here on had not been decided upon. He was presented with the alternatives of continuing as a surgeon and finding a place in research and teaching.

His decision to follow the latter course was made when he was asked to accept the position of Associate Professor of Anatomy to J. T. Wilson, Challis Professor of Anatomy. Thus John Hunter, at twenty-two, became the youngest professor ever to be appointed to any first-class university.

In 1921 he was sent abroad to study the methods of other countries in research and teaching. In England, Hunter was appointed honorary demonstrator at University College, and was also fortun-

ate in being able to work under another great Australian Professor, Grafton Elliott Smith. Under Smith he developed his ideas, to which although revolutionary, he succeeded in forcing some of the keenest intellects of Europe to agree.

On returning to Sydney, he became Challis Professor of Anatomy at the age of twenty-four, and brought about re-organisation of the faculty.

He married Miss Hazel MacPherson in January, 1924, and shortly after took his degree of Doctor of Medicine.

In conjunction with Dr. N. B. Royle, Hunter continued his research, delving into the mysteries of spastic paralysis. Long and patient experiments with animals were soon rewarded, and the two men were prepared to put their theory to human test. In Lewisham Hospital lay a veteran of World War I, his right leg crippled by spastic paralysis. In September, 1923, Professor Hunter operated on the sympathetic nerve of the cripple's spine, which he claimed, was the cause of the trouble. As a result, the soldier walked! Hunter and Royle became world-famous overnight, and were invited to the clinical congress of the College of Surgeons in New York, to explain their discoveries.

As John Hunter, a professor now, rose to give his oration, his manner was a far call from that of the shy, awkward country lad from Albury. He had reached one of the great pinnacles of his career, and he was happy as the huge assemblage of surgeons thundered their applause.

Hunter was invited from here to lecture all over the country, but fate moved in and declared that John Hunter was never to reach those peaks of glory presaged by his early successes. On December 10, his overworked body gave up the ghost. John Hunter had died from typhoid fever.

In the annals of medical history, it is difficult to find a case to surpass, let alone equal, the meteoric career which was John Hunter's. In his brief twenty-six years he proved himself the greatest anatomist that ever Fort Street produced—that ever Australia produced.

Outside the Headmaster's office there is a plaque to John Hunter and every year a prize is awarded to the best student from Fort Street entering the faculty of medicine. This is the John Hunter Memorial Prize.

John Hunter, then, is one in whom we as Fortians may take pride, and the lines of our school song apply as much to him as anyone else—

*"Our predecessors wrought,  
Great deeds that shall not perish . . ."*





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# Public Examinations, 1945

"The Fortian" offers congratulations to all students who passed the Leaving or Intermediate Certificates Examination. Below is given a full list of successful candidates:—

## LEAVING CERTIFICATE

- 1—English.
- 2—Latin.
- 3—French.
- 4—German.
- 5—Mathematics I.
- 6—Mathematics II.
- 7—General Mathematics.
- 10—Modern History.
- 13—Physics.
- 14—Chemistry.
- 18—Geography.
- 19—Economics.
- 20—Music (Theory).
- 21—Music (Theory and Practice).

Alexander, H. G., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13B 19B.  
 Almeida, B. P., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13L.  
 Anderson, W. S., 1B 3B 5B 6B 14A.  
 Andrews, K. A. B., 1A 2B 3B 5B 6B 13B.  
 Arnold, N. C., 1A 2B 3B 7B 10B 13B.  
 Atkinson, R. J., 1A 2B 3B 5A 6A 13B.  
 Becker, R. A., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13B 18H1.  
 Bellamy, L. S., 1B 6B 13B 19B.  
 Bishop, B. C., 1A 3B 5A 13B 14A.  
 Bone, D. J., 1B 3B 5B 6B 14B 19A.  
 Bowden, A. S., 1B 3B 5B 6B 14B 19B.  
 Bower, A. T., 1B 5B 6B 19B.  
 Brennan, T. I., 1A 2B 3B 8L 10B.  
 Brittain, J. J., 1B 3B 5A 6B 13B 13B.  
 Brooks, G. L., 1A 2B 3B 5B 6A 13B.  
 Brooks, R. E., 1A 3A(o) 5B 6B 13B 19B.  
 Broune, R. M., 1A 2B 3A(o) 4H2(o) 7B 13B.  
 Campbell, D. W., 1B 2L 3B(o) 5B 6B 13B.  
 Campbell, R., 1B 5B 6B 14A 18H2.  
 Cattell, N. R., 1A 2B 3B(o) 7B 10B 13B.  
 Charker, W. A., 1A 3B 5B 19B.  
 Clarke, B. A., 1A 2B 3B 5B 6B 14B.  
 Clinch, F. W., 1A 3B 5A 6B 13B 14H2.  
 Collier, J. R., 1B 3B 7B 10B 14B 19B.  
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 Davis, D. R., 1B 3B 5A 13B 14B.  
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 Dorman, G. A., 1A 2A 3B 5B 6B 14A.  
 Drury, A. D., 1B 2B 3B 5B 14B.  
 Duffin, B. R., 1B 3B 5A 6A 13B 19B.  
 Edmondson, A. F., 1B 2B 3B(o) 5B 6B 14A.  
 Ellis, A. H., 1A 2B 3B(o) 10H1 14B.  
 Eslake, A. D., 1A 3B 5B 6B 14B 18A.

Eyre, D. B., 1B 2B 3B 6B 13B.  
 Farebrother, N. E., 1B 3L 5A 6B 13L 19B.  
 Fenton, G. S., 1B 2B 3B 10B.  
 Fetherson, K. J. P., 1B 3B(o) 5B 14B.  
 Finley, K. L., 3L 5B 6B 13B 19B.  
 Foskett, R. A., 1A 3B 10A 14B 18H1.  
 Fraser, I. S. A., 1B 2B 3B 10A.

Gentile, J. W. J., 3B 5A 6B 13B.  
 Glenn, M. J., 1B 3B 7B 14B 19B.  
 Gray, M. W., 1A 2B 3B 7B 10A 21A.  
 Gregory, D. W., 1A 2B 3B 10A 14B.  
 Gunner, F. O., 1B 3B 7B 14B 19B.

Hancock, H. S., 1A 3B 5A 6B 13B 14H2.  
 Harland, C. W. E., 1B 3L 5B 13L 14A.  
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 Head, H. R., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13B 14A.  
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 Herbert, K. A., 1B 5B 6B 13B 14A.  
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 Kidd, L. G., 1A 5B 6B 14B 18A.  
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 Wirth, B. C.; Woodhouse, L. R.

Yeoman, A. R.; Young, J. K.



# Play Day, 1946



Fort Street's twenty-sixth annual Play Day was as successful as any of its predecessors. Indeed, from general opinion, the standard of the plays presented was even higher than that of last year. Perhaps as a reaction to the preponderance of tragedies in 1945, the accent was on comedy, only two of the Senior plays being in a more serious vein.

This year we were extremely fortunate to have Mr. John Alden, the well-known radio artist, to select the programme which was presented at the two Play Nights, the 16th and 17th of August. Mr. Alden's choice was "A Golden Shanty" (2D); "The Nightingale" (1B); "False Colours" (Fifth Year); "The Bishop's Candlesticks" (4C), and "Queer Street" (4A), the order being that of their presentation.

Special mention is due to the "men behind the scenes," the electricians, the stage managers and the scene-shifters. Their work, though inconspicuous and easily overlooked, was essential in the presentation of the plays.

It is to Mr. Barnard, whose knowledge and experience lay behind the production of Play Day, and to the whole Staff, whose constant efforts made it the success it was, that must go our thanks and gratitude, and it is certain that the whole School recognises their invaluable work.

As in past years, the School Choir and Orchestra provided excellent entertainment between the plays, the renditions of "Finculi, Fincula" and the march from "Tannhauser" being particularly fine. The musical direction was undertaken by Mr. Waters, and we wish to thank him also for his efforts in this direction.

A brief comment upon the individual plays is given below:—

## 1A.—"THE MAID OF DOMREMY."

For a First Year drama, this play was executed remarkably well by its young actors, and, despite its length, it did not allow the audience's attention to wander. It was unfortunate that it produced laughter where pathos was expected, but in no way was this the fault of the players. Johnstone, as Jeanne d'Arc, managed his long part well, and Kerch, as Romeo d'Arc, fitted well into his role of Jeanne's father.

## 1B.—"THE NIGHTINGALE."

One of the most colourful plays of the day. "The Nightingale" was the only First Year play to gain the honour of appearing on Play Night. The costuming and the sound and lighting effects were particularly good, but in places the diction

and the acting could have been improved. Of the cast, Pickering as the Emperor was noteworthy, while Taylor as Death was very effective.

## 1C.—"THE GOLDEN MEAN."

A farcical comedy, this play was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience, but much of the humour came from incidents, such as the falling-off of wigs, which were quite unrehearsed. The bright sparks were Clifford and Williams, and the unpredictable outbursts of the General (Percival) provoked many laughs. The diction was good throughout.

## 1D.—"WHITE LIES."

Because of four scenes, and the small amount of action, this play appeared rather prolonged and seemed to lack a climax. The zeal of the players did, in some measure, counteract this, however. The most notable of the cast were Mr. Ambrose, played by Besnard, and Bogg, with the big muscles, as Mr. Dexter.

## 2A.—"WEDDING BELLS."

This colourful presentation with the old Robin Hood setting was the last item of a highly successful day. The diction was poor, and this made the plot rather difficult to follow, allowing the audience's attention to wander a little. The costuming and sound effects, however, were both good.

## 2B.—"FALSE COLOURS."

The best of the Junior comedies, "False Colours" amply justified its selection for Play Night. Adapted from the short story by W. W. Jacobs, this play was very well received by the audience, which greatly enjoyed the humour and the farce. Smith and Terry, in spite of their black looks, provided much of the humour. Hood, as the carpenter, was notable; indeed, the whole cast played and combined well.

## 2C.—"THE STOKER."

Contrasting the ideologies of East and West, this drama caught the audience's attention by its interesting opening, and succeeded in holding it for a considerable time. The diction and the acting were very fair, and the quite unexpected ending jolted many of the audience. Furner played well as the stoker and Thomas as Mrs. Leighton won the sympathy of many. Stewart and Oastler, as Archie and Sheila, made a good couple.

## 2D.—"A GOLDEN SHANTY."

The reality and the ease of acting of the characters of this play were qualities which raised it



from the ranks of the only mediocre, and it amply deserved its selection for Play Night. All the members of the cast played their parts well, particularly O'Brien as Mr. Doyle and Carlos as Jock, whose accents unwittingly provided a direct contrast.

#### 4A.—"QUEER STREET."

This lively comedy was enjoyed by audience and players alike. It was easily the best comedy of the day, and was given the position of honour on the two Play Nights. The whole cast combined perfectly, each player being good individually and outstanding in combination. Neilson, as Joe Smart, the not-too-intelligent burglar, was quite inimitable, and Crooks, as a partner in crime, Bill Hart, gave a performance equally flowing and natural. Spray, who was easily the best girl of the day, acted very well, while Richardson, playing excellently as Mrs. Hart, was the perfect hostess. Gillett, Edith's (Spray's) young man, was most dashing and gave a very polished performance. All these combined to make an extremely finished and meritorious achievement.

#### 4B.—"THE GODS OF THE MOUNTAINS."

Completely deceiving the audience, who couldn't make up their minds just what it was, this play was nevertheless most attractive and interesting, partly because of the well-managed effects and also because of the colourful costumes. Its novelty made it striking and arresting and the atmosphere was well created and maintained. K. Johnson, as Ulf, was the most notable, while Garland, Mitchell and Tasker were all worthy of mention.

#### 4C.—"THE BISHOP'S CANDLESTICKS."

The best tragedy of the day by far, "The Bishop's Candlesticks," despite its old story, was

produced and acted in an excellent manner. The tension was skilfully built up and maintained, all the players contributing to the atmosphere. Laidlaw, as the Bishop, was quite outstanding, and it is due to his skilful acting that the play was such a conspicuous success. Shea, the Convict, also acted meritoriously, and provided the effective contrast to the Bishop. Crawford, as Persome, the Bishop's sister, contributed in no small part to the play's success. The whole amounted to a thoroughly good performance.

#### 4th Year History—"A ROYAL MARTYR."

Based upon the story of "The Man in the Iron Mask," this play was presented by an only mediocre cast. "Cardinal Mazarin's" diction was poor, and the only noteworthy member of the cast was Koorey, who played the part of Louis XIV and also his twin brother, the other members acting most uninspiringly.

#### 5th Year.—"THE HAPPY HANGMAN," or "THE LOOSE NOOSE."

This rollicking comedy, liberally besprinkled with puns, did not seem to appeal to many adult members of the audience, but most of the younger people enjoyed it immensely. Grigor, as Beppo, cut a very dashing figure and played well, while Williams provoked much amusement mostly when he was heard but not seen. Dufty, as Pietro, earned our sympathy in his misfortune, and Hanam, as Nita, acted his part with Grigor neatly. The four players combined very effectively to present this most amusing comedy, every one being casted suitably and playing his part excellently.

—O. PHILLIPS, 4A.

## Meleager

To the observant eye the grounds in front of the School have been enhanced by the addition of a statue in white marble, taken from its resting place in the Mitchell Library by the Education Department to add a touch of the ancient classics to the School.

As we gaze up on the effigy of Meleager, for that is the name we see carved on the statue's base, we wonder what adventure, what mystery, what tragedy lies cloaked beneath its silent, resolute form. Meleager, hero of Jason's expedition to Colchis and of the famous Calydonian hunt, was born, so Greek mythological records tell us, son of Oeneus and Althaea, King and Queen of the land of Calydon. At his birth the Fates decreed that his life would last

only as long as a certain burning log, should remain unconsumed. His mother, Althaea, was horrified, snatched the brand from the flames and plunged it into an earthen vessel, where she resolved to keep it preserved, so he grew up and the decree of the Fates had been for a time frustrated.

While his son was voyaging with Jason, King Oeneus displeased the moon goddess Artemis, so that in her wrath she sent a wild boar, a monster to plague the Calydonian kingdom.

The return of the Argonauts with Meleager however, tolled the death-knell of the animal which, in the renowned Calydonian hunt which ensued, fell victim to Meleager's fearless sword. But tragedy followed the victory, for



Meleager in his triumph presented the boar's skin to Atlanta as a trophy of the hunt.

This action met with loud disapproval from two of Meleager's uncles, Plexipus and Toxeous, who insulted the huntress, causing Meleager, who was infuriated by the insults, to rush on them with his sword.

It was not surprising, therefore, that Althaea, going to the temple to give thanks to the gods, witnessed the sight of her two brothers, slain by the hand of her son, being carried to burial. Her anguish was so great that she cast the fatal firebrand back into the hungry flames, where it soon fell into ashes. Far off Meleager, ignorant of what had happened, breathed his last as the Fates had foretold on his birth.

So next time you are passing by our statue, pause and reflect awhile on Meleager and the boar's head beside him symbolising his heroic deed. Yes, allow your mind to drift awhile back into the days of ancient Greece, back into the days of mythical heroes and great adventures. A statue of a Greek hero might seem to us insignificant, but it is an emblem of scholarship which befits a place of learning such as Fort Street. It is a refinement, a pleasing variation from the drab, sombre buildings of the School. A school should not be an institution where nothing but hard facts are impressed on the pupil, but a place where art and learning go hand in hand in perfect harmony, and we should look upon our statue of Meleager with these thoughts in mind.

—R. JOHNSON, 4A.

## Father-and-Son Evening

This year the Father and Son Evening was held on the 23rd February.

The President of the Ladies' Committee, Mrs. C. W. Harland delivered the welcome to the visitors and introduced the chairman, Mr. Mearns, our headmaster.

Mr. Mearns, who apologised for the absence of several distinguished guests, spoke on the facilities that the first school of the State should have, but which it unfortunately was lacking, appealing to the fathers to wield their influence in the right places to get these necessities.

Keith Allen rendered the Rhapsody in G Minor, by Brahms in a masterly fashion to provide the first musical interlude of the evening.

Laurie Gosling, the School Captain, and Kevin Dufty, proposed "The School," reminding the boys that the year of Fort Street's centenary must be the greatest in the school's history and that it was up to them to make it so.

Mr. D. J. Austin, the Deputy-Headmaster, responded, making mention of a few of the famous men who had come from Fort Street, and said that all Fortians must live up to the high standards set by them.

Then a flute solo, "A Brown Bird Singing," was performed by Allan Short.

Alderman Lockley, the Mayor of Petersham, proposed the thanks to the Ladies' Committee for the excellent work they had done in preparation for the evening.

The School Choir, under the direction of Mr. Waters, the new music master, gave a very credit-

able performance in their rendition of the two songs, "Now on Land and Sea Descending," and "The Fairy Glade."

Thorpe, the Vice-Captain, and G. Kolts proposed in their speech "The Old Boys," which was responded to by Mr. Weinburg, President of the Old Boys' Union.

Following this, John McParland gave an excellent performance of the cornet solo, "Sleepy Lagoon."

James Winter then gave a vocal solo, "A Star Fell from Heaven."

The speech, "Fathers," was given by T. Williams and H. Skerritt, to which Mr. R. Harris responded on behalf of the fathers.

Mr. Harland apologised for the fathers not having done enough for the school and promised the best for the future. He also thanked the boys for the part they had played in the night's proceedings.

Finally, Ken Muller, with his piano accordion, played two popular songs, "This is the Story of a Starry Night," and "Don't Fence me in."

Then the Ladies' Committee took a hand with their trays of cakes and sandwiches, pots of tea and cordial.

The thanks of all for the success of the evening, are due to the Ladies' Committee, who are always ready to give a helping hand, for the work they did and the time they spent in preparation and delivery of the excellent supper, which did much to make the evening a success.



## Senior Cadet Detachment

The strength of the Detachment this year has been considerably reduced and at present stands at 70; this has been due to a number of factors, but in some ways has proved of benefit to the Detachment for the standard of the work done has been very high. The Detachment consists of three Infantry Platoons, in addition to H.Q. The general training consists of N.C.O.'s Parade on Tuesdays, and General Detachment Parade on Thursdays. During the year the N.C.O.'s Parade was conducted as a Training Parade with lectures given by N.C.O.'s themselves on all subjects. These were marked according to the standard of the lectures and candidates for potential officers and N.C.O.'s courses were selected from them. General Detachment Parade usually consists of three periods, one of squad drill, one of fieldcraft and one of weapon training.

A number of incoming Fourth Year students enrolled, but as discharges were exceeding enlistments, a Recruiting Campaign was held to train cadets for next year. One Thursday, arrangements were made for a march by the N.C.O.'s Platoon, a weapon and equipment display in the yard, (and training films in the Hall, and the results, in that they showed the high standard of the work, were pleasing. The following equipment is on issue to all cadets:—Service dress uniforms, hats, boots, gaiters, greatcoats and webbing equipment. Weapons in the Detachment consist of 2 Bren L.M.G.'s, 3 Austin M.C.'s, a 2-in Mortar and full supply of .303 rifles, together with .22 rifles for range practice.

The Detachment went into annual camp at Walgrove during May, with other detachments. The weather was good, and the whole camp was most successful. The camp had an S.O.S.C. Canteen, hot and cold showers, Y.M.C.A. hut, and camp theatre. Many demonstrations were held, including a pyrotechnic display, concealment and camouflage demonstration, and a weapon demonstration at Green Hills range. Night marching was a feature of the camp and a night manoeuvre was held in conjunction with Parramatta High

Detachment, and was greatly enjoyed by all ranks. Films played an important part in the training, and on several nights, cadets saw Amenities Films in the camp theatre. Fort St. guard gave a very creditable show, and many of the guard, who had joined only at the beginning of the year, are to be complimented.

The detachment held a week-end bivouac at Holdsworthy Eastern Camp, during which a Field Day was held at Cheltenham and proved one of the most interesting days of the year. On this day, the work learned at Detachment Parades was applied in the realistic atmosphere of battle, during a Company manoeuvre.

In June, several selected cadets went into camp at Holdsworthy Eastern Camp, to be trained for the Victory March on June 10. Our representatives all acquitted themselves creditably.

Range practices have been carried out regularly on our own miniature range and the standard of shooting has become very high, as was proved by the fact that in the Empire Shield Shoot, open to all detachments in the Empire, this Detachment had the 3rd highest score in N.S.W., in which 51 teams competed. An enjoyable day was experienced at Hawkesbury Agricultural College, where our Rifle Team met the College Team. We were defeated, but by no means disgraced.

In January, representatives of this Detachment attended courses for N.C.O.'s and Potential Officers, and at Singleton, in August, our Cadets went through a Potential Officers' Course. In all these courses, all our cadets qualified, thus upholding our previous splendid record.

The thanks and congratulations of the O.C. are due to Lieut. D. O'Sullivan, assisted by Cdt./Lt. Porter and Cdt./Lt. Hawkins for the efficient manner in which they have organised the training; to the N.C.O.'s for their keenness and efficiency in carrying out their work; to the S.O.S.C. Army instructors for their enthusiasm, and to all members of the detachment for their loyal support.

## Public Speaking and Current Affairs

It should be the aim of every great School not merely to produce well-equipped scholars and noble gentlemen, but also to send its students into the world able and willing to take their places as intelligent citizens and leaders in a democratic community.

With this intention there has been instituted in the School this year special periods which we

call either Public Speaking or Current Affairs periods. The time-table has made provision for 4th Year to have both of these, for 5th Year to have a Current Affairs period, and for 2nd and 1st Years to have Public Speaking periods. We hope to extend the scheme to all years next year.

The aim of a Current Affairs period is to give the students an intelligent interest in the public





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affairs of their own State and country and in the great events of the wider world which may affect them profoundly. The topics for these periods are, in general, selected by the teacher, but the discussion is almost entirely the work of the boys themselves, with the teacher acting as guide, giving information from his wider knowledge and experience, but never seeking, in controversial matters, to influence the opinions of the students.

Here are some of the subjects that Senior boys have discussed this year: The Palestinian Question, Indonesia, The Commonwealth Senate, Self-Government in India, Elections and Referenda, Trial of War Criminals, Rambles through the News, Britain and Egypt, A True Democracy, Communism and Capitalism, The Problem of Spain, Soldier Preference, Peace in Industry, Secret Ballots, White Australia, Liquor Reform, Child Delinquency, Price Control, etc.

For Public Speaking the class is formed into a

Club which has its elected officers, chairman, secretary, etc. (for a brief period only so that as many as possible may have the experience). Debates are held or formal speeches given on subjects chosen by the Club. Minutes are kept and read, and motions put and other business conducted as in an ordinary club or public meeting. The teacher acts as adjudicator and gives helpful suggestions to improve the fluency, correctness of speech, posture, gesture, etc., of the speakers.

As a result of these Current Affairs and Public Speaking periods, Fort Street will send into public life young men who are free of self-consciousness; able, fluent speakers, versed in the technique of public meetings, with knowledge of the world's problems and confidence to face them; equipped to serve and lead their fellows; able to handle with dignity and tolerance, and without anger and violence the controversial subjects that divide mankind.

## A New Deal for Physical Education

The immediate objectives of physical education are based on the anatomical, physiological, psychological and sociological facts of human society. Proper facilities are needed to teach skill in games, tests to ascertain the individual's attitudes, corrective exercises for the physically handicapped and physical measurements for all. Adequate provision must be made for both pupil and teacher, and a gymnasium, properly equipped, is the first essential. We hope soon to have a gymnasium built at Fort St., as part of the new deal for education.

The requirements of a modern gymnasium will be embodied in our plan for Fort Street. It will be situated away from the school building, so that noise created by a normal gymnastic lesson does not disturb the neighbouring classrooms, and will open on to an oval so that the changing and shower rooms can be conveniently used for field games, also. A folding door on one side of the building will allow the free entrance of sun, light and air. The floor will be free from all obstructions and beams and a concealed lighting system will be embodied in the plan. The floor area will be 90ft. by 70ft. and will be made of wood, which is durable, elastic and resilient. On the roof will be a basket-ball court, surrounded by wire netting.

The auxiliary rooms will consist of a changing room, provided with lockers, benches and pegs

for hanging clothes on; a shower and drying area, a teachers' room and store. The showers will consist of fine sprays, directed from the walls so as to miss the heads of the pupils and an average class of 35 or 40 will be able to have a shower in about eight minutes. A hot water system will be provided for use in the winter months.

The teachers' room will open on to the gymnasium and will be provided with equipment for remedial exercises and physical measurements.

With the co-operation of the Parents and Citizens' Association, the Ladies' Committee, and the Old Boys' Union, we hope to make an early start on the building, which is part of a greater plan to provide an oval in the present unlevel playing area.

Owing to the proximity of Fort Street to the Teachers' College and Sydney University, the gymnasium could be conveniently used for demonstration purposes by the three-year Course and B.Sc. students in physical education. Both these institutions could help by financing the project. No doubt Mr. Mearns will negotiate for the necessary funds from the authorities concerned with this "New Deal for Education."



## The Ladies' Committee

General satisfaction was expressed at the Annual Meeting, held on the 26th September, with the result of the year's activities.

The membership of the Ladies' Committee numbered 139.

During the year under review 10 meetings were held with an average attendance of 38 members.

12 functions of a profitable nature were conducted during this year, these served as a steady source of income.

"Father and Son Evening" was again very popular and we look forward in the New Year to this same function with an attendance which will eclipse all previous ones.

The Clement Hoskings Concert was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

The term dances have been well patronised by boys and girls of Fort Street.

Tennis Days and Social Afternoons held throughout the year, have been thoroughly enjoyed by members and their friends.

The thanks of the Ladies' Committee are due to the Headmaster, Mr. Mearns, for his loyal support and interest in the welfare of our committee.

To Mr. Mearns and the teaching staff, especially Mr. Parker and Mr. Waters, my thanks are recorded for their wonderful assistance and support during my first year as secretary.

I now offer my best wishes for the coming year and may it eclipse in every way the efforts of all previous years.

R. B. DRAYTON.

Hon. Secretary

## Ludicrous Blackmail

It was blackmail! No other word could describe such a dastardly act as he had committed. He, who once long ago had made love to me, skilfully and artfully, so that he had overpowered my strength of reasoning into believing he was the most elegant man I had ever met; but now I have found him out for what he really is — an inhuman, unprincipled being.

He came to me tonight immaculately dressed, clean-shaven, his black wavy hair glistening in the light; but his eyes could not meet mine. I had known at that moment that he wanted something: a meal? No! Love? No! Money? Yes!! Why should he come to me now when I was already in debt over my children's many wants and my own needs.

First he walked up to me, enclosing me in those strong arms of his. He tilted my head towards him and kissed me in that special way which had first marked him out as different from other men. He fondled me, stroked my hair and patted my smooth, glossy white neck. By this method he attempted to wheedle the money from me. However I did not give in for often he had tried to get money from me this way and I was becoming used to it. When this failed he became

angry, violently angry, even to the extent of cursing me demanding that I give him money. Seeing that this effort was failing, he tried to blackmail me.

Dropping his enclosing arms he pushed me from him, again cursing me, as he did so. I thought then that he would strike me and I cowered away from him in fear. Turning to me he began to threaten me thus: He said he would tell my neighbour (who is a policeman's wife) where I had bought my new pair of nylons; he would tell my other neighbour how a lot of her prize dahlias had disappeared; and with many other such things did he threaten me, so that at last I was forced to submit. He took the money from me, leaving me in tears.

An hour I have passed since then in tearful solitude. Ah! What is that I can hear. Footsteps! Yes, footsteps! He is returning. What can he want now, more money? With these thoughts whirling through my mind, I am going to the door.

"Hullo, my dear," says my husband. "Here's the two shillings you gave me for the pictures tonight. It was a full-house, I couldn't get in."

— D. NICHOLLS, 4B.

## THESE WOMEN

They may seem so sweet and simple in their funny ways,

They may seem at first quite harmless as on you they fix their gaze,

They may do the very sweetest things, as only women can,

But beware! For every woman is the curse of some poor man!

You can see the harm that women do, just look around and think;

The wives of some poor friends of mine would drive a man to drink.

There's the man who tired of war at home goes off to fight the Jap.

And every year these women send scores plunging o'er the Gap.

Take heed young friends, be wary! Never trust a female friend,

For you will find you never can at all on them depend,

If you are wise, take my advice, avoid them if you can,

For every living woman is the curse of some poor man!

— B. NEAL, 5A.



## Life's Little Pleasantries

As I lay on the beach watching the great billowing clouds approach, not unlike the ponderous waves thundering against the rocks, my reverie was rudely interrupted by the appearance of a man at the far end of the beach. He carried his boots over his shoulder and was walking slowly along the edge of the surf, the waves lapping playfully at his feet. His stubbly white beard, tattered hat and clothes and little bundle on his back denoted his occupation, or rather, lack of occupation, for he was a typical beachcomber, to me, the most colourful and interesting character in this hectic universe. He was plodding complacently along, contemplating the water washing over his feet, and as I watched him, I saw in him, a happy man. He was one of the two types of men who can do what they like all the time without having to work for it. On one hand there was the "bloated" plutocrat, in his Rolls-Royce, who bought all his pleasures, and on the other I saw the penniless tramp going through life without a care, working or begging a few pence to buy the few necessities he needed, two of his primary wants being a quid of some mouldy old pipe tobacco and the traditional "pint" at the local (every hotel, honourable and disreputable on that long seashore being the local to him and his many cronies).

I must have made a slight noise, for as he came abreast of me he looked up and started as he caught sight of me watching him, but seeing that I looked harmless enough he turned and approached me. He sat down, and after taking out an already filled pipe, he futilely searched amongst the seemingly innumerable pockets of his ragged coat for a match. Finally he asked me for one, which I readily gave him and in a sudden burst of generosity on my part, I told him to keep the boxfull which he most readily did, much to my surprise and dismay, for it was my last box. (I had overlooked that fact when I had decided to give him the box.) We started a conversation and I observed that he was by no means the fool that I, and possibly many others in my position had thought men of his kind. He had picked up a great store of knowledge on his various travels and in consequence he talked mostly of his idol, the sea. He told me in his own shrewd way, of many strange wonders. Although the call of the sea had eventually brought him back where he belonged, he had been a tramp of the bush track as well as a wanderer of the coasts. His profound observation that the only difference between the bush tramp and the beachcomber was that the latter had the "salt tang" of the sea in his nostrils all the time and the boom of the waves resounding in his ears, whilst the tramp had to be content with the good old smell of earth, mingled with that of leaves. However, he said they have one overwhelming factor in common; the great loneliness of the bush and the profound solitude of old mother sea, which, boiled down, means that a man feels "mighty

small" whether he is camping under a gum tree at night or huddled up in a little hollow in the sand, listening to the lazy flop of the waves as they curl over, stretching their powerful limbs, and then break nonchalantly on the sand.

His views on life and people were, to say the least, interesting. Apparently he had no wish to be rich, and certainly despised that class of person to which I belong. He despised them because they worked for a living and slaved away the best part of their lives in what he thought to be sheer drudgery when they could be enjoying themselves without the money they so desired.

At last he got back to the real subject — the sea. He told of the mangrove swamps, the tall waving fronds, green, like a rich Persian carpet, but on descending from the airy realms one sees the real horror of the swamps. Twisted roots and trunks took the place of the waving greenness, and dark, oozy mud penetrated into every nook and cranny coating everything with a filthy slime awful to touch. At high tide (usually about dusk at this time of the year) the muddy water came in little waves, hiding the squalidness of the great menacing quagmires, but leaving the warped trunks standing out starkly against the blood-red of the sun, just below the horizon, to cast weird shadows on the water beneath; to heighten the ghostly effect a sea breeze, coming with the falling shadows, moaned eerily through the mangroves and the sea lapped dismally at the half-covered trunks. It seemed the forest of the dead, as it really was; the smell of rotting vegetation permeated the air making it dark and clammy. It has been said that five men, escaped from prison, tried to pass through the swamp at night. One emerged next morning a raving lunatic, claiming that he had been chased all night by horrible monsters, too awful to describe; of the other four not a trace was found except for a tattered hat found floating on the scummy surface of a bottomless mire bearing stolid witness to the unpleasant death of its owner.

However, after telling me these depressing facts, the old man talked of his sea, as he called it, and soon cheered me up to the tune of green breakers dashing wildly over the solid rocks and the thunder of the surf as it pounded on the sand, endeavouring to smash into pulp that puny obstacle to its headlong flight. At last, the old man wishing to reach Camperton before sundown, got up and took his leave, rather regretfully it seemed for he was a great conversationalist.

I watched him until he had disappeared behind the jutting headland and then lay there watching the curling foam on the crest of a wave as it broke, the froth regretfully rolling off the broad back of its green master as if it were loth to leave its home, the deep sea, behind, and flung itself forward to the beach sands. After idly watching this ever-changing scene for some time



I got up and left the beach, not with the sense of contentment that I had hoped to obtain when I had decided to come down to the beach, but

with that of regret at having glimpsed pleasure for a few brief moments and then lost it again forever!

— M. CASIMIR, 4A.

## "The Foolish Professor"

Professor Pickle lived, as a boarder, at the very unfashionable home of Mrs. Mopps. Pickle was always trying to invent an invisible cloak. However, until the fateful morning of the 30th February, he had never succeeded.

But on this particular morning, Mrs. Mopps decided to give the professor's room its annual cleaning. As she was engaged in busily sweeping the floor near a large mirror, she perceived the dog in the act of running off with a steak which she had intended to give to the professor for his lunch. She was taken so suddenly aback (seeing a good penny's-worth of meat disappearing) that in her attempt to hit the dog her broom crashed through the mirror. With trembling heart she swept up the pieces of glass as best she could and hoped that the professor would not notice the smashed mirror.

However, when the professor arrived he did not notice the broken mirror. He had just discovered a chemical substance for making himself, in the cloak, invisible (as he thought) when applied to the cloak. After borrowing the oldest cloak Mrs. Mopps had, he dyed it all the colours of the rainbow, boiled it several times and left it to dry. When it was quite dry, he gently fitted it on. Then looking into the supposed mirror, he could not see himself. But the Professor did not know that the mirror had been broken, and he did not bother to look closer or he would have discovered this fault. He could not see himself and in his delight in believing that his experiment was a success, he went dashing out as fast as he could to his friend, Colonel Blunts.

On his short journey there, he passed many of his friends, who tried to speak to him. How-

ever the professor believed himself to be invisible and dashed straight past them. His amazed friends, when they recovered from their shock, just thought him extremely rude. Arriving at the colonel's house, he dashed straight in through the door and into the lounge, where the colonel was having a smoke. Opening the cloak right in front of the colonel, he said grandly, "Now you can see me," and closing it said again, "Now you cannot, can you?" And without waiting for the dumbfounded colonel's reply, he dashed away as quickly as he had arrived.

Reaching Mrs. Mopps' house once more he ran excitedly to his room. He took the coat off and placed it gently on his bed. Then he peered into the mirror and could not see his reflection. Then and then only was the professor really worried. He tore his hair and rolled about like a maniac, because he believed that he was invisible for life. Looking towards the door he saw Mrs. Mopps standing there, trembling.

"I've come to make a confessi'n" she murmured. "Y'see, when I was cleanin' yer room this mornin', the dog ran off with the meat and I was so alarmed that I accidently smashed the mirror with me broom. I hopes yer not angry with me, are yer, Sir?"

While Mrs. Mopps was speaking, the professor's countenance had completely changed and at the end he was beaming with smiles.

"No, my good woman, I am not angry with you," he replied, and both were so relieved that they almost kissed each other.

So relieved was the professor that he forgave the dog and ate two whole eggs extra for lunch.

— OWEN THOMAS, 1A

## THE SWAGGIE

It was noontide in midsummer, and the sun was beating down;

And there were none to greet him as he came;  
And he wondered what it boded, this dead silence  
in the town,

For he was just a swaggie, tired and lame.

His tucker bag was empty, his water bag was dry,  
Cicadas drummed his welcome to the town.  
The roads were rough and dusty (he had come  
from Gundagai);

His face was burnt till tough and leathery brown.  
But he wasn't too downhearted, for a whistle cut  
the air

As his dog came slowly limping round the  
bend.

He was never really lonely, though his human  
mates were rare

For Bluey was his tried and trusted friend.

No sound of human voices, no dogs to raise a din,

As is usual when a stranger shows his face.  
The houses were deserted, not a soul was there  
within!

Nor of recent habitation any trace.

Then further down the track where a creek was  
running past,

The answer to the puzzle was made plain.  
A rusty pick and shovel, and a cradle on the grass,  
Told of miners who would never come again.

"Gold diggings, 1850," was the swaggie's wistful  
thought,

As he stooped to fill his empty water bag.  
Then he whistled back to Bluey; but a smoother  
track he sought,

For he hadn't any tucker in his bag.

— IVAN D. HOOPER, 2A.





## JAMES HAMNETT

Born 1905, went to Burwood Public School, entered Fort Street in 1918. Passed Leaving Certificate 1922, graduated in Science in 1925. Entered Teachers' College 1926. Appointed to Petersham Intermediate High 1927; Parkes, 1928; Grafton High School 1929-32; Bowral High School 1933-36; Canterbury High School 1937-1944; returned to Fort Street in 1945. Favourite sports are rowing and billiards.

Mr. Hamnett throughout his teaching career, has had his mind set on one day, returning to

the school of his boyhood, Fort Street. As soon as he achieved this ambition, he volunteered for the vacant position of sportsmaster. In this office he instituted the House system, which has proved so successful in enlivening the school carnivals, fostering healthy rivalry and improving the qualities of the school's performances. His enthusiasm and energy have proved great spurs to progress. Each Thursday his eloquent orations from the stage have been interesting and inspiring. May he stay long with us, if so be his wish!



# SPORTS

## The Sportsmaster's Annual Report

The House System has completed its second year of successful operation, and has proved that it serves the needs of the boys adequately. It was decided at a Union meeting to alter subsection (b), Law 8, to read—"The scale of compensation shall be 10, 8, 6, 6, 5, 5 points per player in Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 respectively."

It was also decided to incorporate a new law (12) to read—"Any subsection of the Constitution relating to the management of any House Competition may be altered by unanimous agreement of all House Captains and Sportsmaster without reference to a Union meeting, provided such alteration is ratified by the next Union meeting."

All boys who enter Fort Street must realise that they are committed to support certain activities, which it is the policy of the School to promote. In sport, it is felt that the school must participate in the full programme of the P.S.A.A.A., which means that each year we must field 6 school football teams, 4 cricket teams, 4 tennis teams, athletic and swimming teams of about 40 members, and a water polo team. It becomes obvious, therefore, that House activities must be regulated so as to ensure a regularly recurring crop of trained players to fill these teams, and just as it is the duty of the sporting organisation to teach each boy to play games well and accept defeat gracefully or victory modestly, it becomes the duty of the boy to choose his sporting activity so that his house is never short of a team as required by the Constitution.

From each House of 180 boys in the winter, it is desirable that 140 of the physically fittest should be playing football, 30 tennis, and the remainder, who are not capable of more strenuous exertion, softball, while in summer, 70 should be in the cricket teams and 100 in aquatic sport. Certain combinations of sport are undesirable, for instance, tennis (winter) and swimming (summer) gives the boy no team game at all. For the information of parents of boys entering the school in 1947, it may be repeated here that junior football teams are strictly weight-limited, and the play competently refereed by seniors instructed to blow the whistle at the slightest sign of crowding, etc. D. Dyer of Christmas received the Pickering Pennant for best referee this year.

### SPORTING AWARDS

#### BLUES FOR 1945 —

K. Rew (Cricket); A. McAndrew (Cricket); P. McDonald (Cricket), G. Roper (Rugby); B. Addison (Rugby); K. Lovell (Rugby); M. Arnold (L.S.), A. Eslake (L.S.), D. Nesbitt (Tennis).

#### BLUES FOR 1946 —

G. Barnes (W. Polo) R. Barbour (Cricket); L. Gosling (Cricket); B. Booth (Cricket); N. Head (Tennis); G. Hannam (Tennis); T. Herbert (Athletics); B. Gillett (Rugby); D. Smeaton (Rugby); G. Barnes (Rugby); K. Hall (Rugby).

### HOUSE PENNANTS

1st Grade Football	.. ..	Mearns House
2nd " "	.. ..	Mearns House
3rd " "	.. ..	Mearns House
4th " "	.. ..	Christmas House
5th " "	.. ..	Kilgour House
6th " "	.. ..	Mearns House
1st Grade Cricket	.. ..	Williams House
2nd " "	.. ..	Williams House
3rd " "	.. ..	Mearns House
4th " "	.. ..	Williams House
Senior Swimming	.. ..	Mearns House
Junior " "	.. ..	Christmas House
Juvenile " "	.. ..	Christmas House
Senior Athletics	.. ..	Kilgour House
Junior " "	.. ..	Mearns House
Juvenile " "	.. ..	Williams House

In conclusion, I feel that while the House System has demanded more from the boys in the way of service, and perhaps slightly circumscribed their choice in one or two cases, it has given them in return something worthy of their efforts—a feeling of high endeavour in their sport.

I wish also to record here my gratitude to the Staff for their co-operation during the year, and to emphasise my appreciation of the value to the boys and the School, of their very keen interest in sport.

—H. J. HAMNETT.



# Rugby Union Football, 1945



## 1st GRADE FOOTBALL

*Back Row:* G. Mulray, D. Robinson, R. Atkinson, L. Lukins, P. Mulray.

*2nd Row:* D. Smeaton, M Glenn, Mr. H. J. Hamnett (Sportsmaster), Mr. F. T. Brodie (Coach),  
R. Barbour, B. Gillett

*Front Row:* C. Adams, T. Herbert, L. Gosling, K. Merrick (Captain), W. Grigor, P. Thorpe,  
G. Barnes. *Inset:* K. Hall

### 1st GRADE.

This year our 1st Grade side had a very successful season and were unlucky to lose the competition.

The team showed promise in the practice rounds but when taken over by Mr. Brodie it improved beyond sight. He ironed out faults in the forwards and developed the backs into a very formidable combination, and the achievements of the team are largely due to his perseverance and wise counsel. The team was very well represented in Combined Teams. Against University and Teachers' College 5 were chosen to represent. Then for the trip to Canberra to play Duntroon we had no less than 7 reps. in the two teams. Four of these were picked in the three-quarters for the 1st team, one as vice-captain, and this fact is indicative of the strength of the back line. In the last rep. match against G.P.S. 5 of our boys gained selection.

Unfortunately, the team was dogged by injuries and bad luck, but the players promoted rose to the occasion and gave of their best.

Details of the matches played:—

Sydney Technical were our first victims, and they, after 70 minutes of constant battering by our forwards, succumbed and went down 12-0.

Then came the fateful and ever-to-be-remembered North Sydney match. Leading 6-5 at full-time, Fort Street seemed assured of victory, but Fate was against them, for the referee's watch had stopped and after 10 minutes' extra play North Sydney scored, and finally emerged victorious 10-6.

A protest was lodged and a replay granted, and then for no apparent reason was rescinded. Another unfortunate thing about this match was that Warwick Robinson, our star full-back, was car-



ried off in the first few minutes with a badly fractured ankle.

However, all was not up, and Parramatta was downed very convincingly by 15-0.

Canterbury was next, and playing brilliant football, Fort Street swamped Canterbury by 22-0.

In our next game against Homebush the team played scratchy football, mainly because of the spoiling tactics adopted by the opponents, but struggled home 9-6.

Against North Sydney Tech. we suffered our second defeat. After several scoring chances had been missed through faulty handling we were beaten on the bell 8-5.

Then came the match of the season against the redoubtable and unbeaten Sydney side. Leading 6-0 at half-time, Sydney seemed assured of victory, but rallying gallantly after the pep talks at "lemons," Fort Street played devastating and inspiring football to score the winning try 10 minutes before full-time and run out winners by 9-6. This was a grand effort and rewarded the efforts of team and coach.

The last match of the season proved that we had the best side in the competition, for we defeated the very powerful Hurlstone combination in slashing manner 9-3.

Thus ended an enjoyable though unlucky season for the 1st Grade side. In all 8 matches were played, 6 won and 2 lost, while 87 points were scored for with 27 against.

#### *Individual Players.*

**K. MERRICK:** Our Captain and half-back, frequently left the opposition standing with his bursts from the scrum base. Always alert and tricky, he led the team capably and set the back line moving at every opportunity. He gained C.H.S. selection.

**L. GOSLING:** Vice-Captain. Was a hard tackling breakaway who frequently muffled the opposing five-eighth, and thus stopped many dangerous backline movements. He led the forwards and infused dash into their play.

**M. GLENN:** Proved to be our utility player. Though showing much dash in the centre at the beginning of the season, he unselfishly took on the task of full-back when W. Robinson was injured. He improved with every game and towards the end was a constant menace to the opposing team.

**W. LUKINS:** One of the stalwarts of the team. As five-eighth he frequently cut through and combined well with the outside backs. His tackling was severe and sure and he will go a long way in the game. Gained C.H.S. selection.

**T. HERBERT:** Was a very fast winger who scored many tries and defended well. He was

also an excellent goal-kicker and a great asset to the team. Chosen in C.H.S. team.

**C. ADAMS:** A very reliable winger who made the most of his opportunities and could be relied on to finish off a movement.

**R. BARBOUR:** The "Mighty Atom." Although very light, he literally buried his opponents into the ground and developed into a fine centre.

**G. BARNES:** A very good all-round player who was a constant source of danger to the opposition when close to the try line. Was chosen as lock in the C.H.S.

**D. SMEATON:** Although light, Doug. has what it takes and was always outstanding. He showed great dash as breakaway and was rewarded by being selected in the C.H.S. team.

**P. MULVAY and G. MULVAY:** Front row forwards. Were always to be found where the going was toughest and tackled a great deal more than their share.

**K. HALL:** An excellent hooker who always gave the team more than its share of the ball and who also played well in the open.

**W. GRIGOR:** A very hard running second row forward who was unfortunately injured and thus missed several matches.

**P. THORPE:** A very solid second-row man who frequently surprised all with his pace and trickiness. He gained C.H.S. selection.

**R. ATKINSON:** Was promoted when Grigor was injured, and acquitted himself excellently in the second row.

**BRIAN GILLET:** Sturdy outside centre. His combination with five-eighth Lukins was outstanding. His handling, tackling and ability to take the ball at full speed resulted in his leaving opponents open-mouthed and bewildered. His skill and expert knowledge of the game were rewarded in his being selected in all C.H.S. matches and as Vice-Captain for C.H.S. against R.M.O. Brian will be the nucleus of our 1st Grade back line next year.



#### *2nd GRADE.*

2nd Grade had a very successful season and finished runners-up in the Premiership Competition. We lost by one point to Sydney High, who defeated us 12-9. In this match Fort Street was unlucky to lose. Sydney's team spirit defeated us, and against that spirit individual brilliance was of no avail. This should be a lesson to all future footballers—team spirit is half the battle. Lack of condition and over-condition almost beat us toward the end of the season, but our hard-worked forwards deserve the heartiest congratulations.



## Results:—

- v. Technical, 9-3.
- v. North Sydney, 3-0.
- v. Canterbury, 14-3.
- v. Homebush, 16-3.
- v. North Sydney Tech., 9-0.
- v. Sydney, 9-12.
- v. Hurlstone, 5-3.

*The Players:*

**FULL-BACK:** Brooke, who, despite the handicap of a lack of knowledge of the game, was a safe handler and reliable kick. Should make the three-quarter line next year.

**THREE-QUARTERS:** Tuynman, a strong winger, who should reap the benefits of his experience next year. R. Williams, captain and out-centre, played a sterling game throughout, constantly on the alert to retrieve the mistakes of others; a first-rate kick. The backbone of the team are the men to whom we owe most for the success gained.

Masters, a nippy player, lacking somewhat in defence.

Sprang, a shrewd footballer, who should do excellent work when he overcomes a tendency to individualism. Maitland did good work as scrum-half.

**FORWARDS:** Rooke, lock, used his weight to great advantage, but could have made more use of his speed. Skerritt, one of the most improved players in the side, an aggressive breakaway. Neale, light but tough. The members of the pack, Nolan, Maizey, Hutton, Machin and Nel (rake). All did a splendid battling job, and compensated to a great extent for the lack of cohesion in the backs.

In conclusion, the team would like to thank Mr. Allen for his encouragement and devotion throughout a happy season, and Jack Robinson, Graham Darling, David Davis and Geoff Jenkins for their willingness to help us out on all occasions.



## 3rd GRADE.

This team played through the season with only two defeats, and as nearly all the players were in House football last season it clearly indicates how much Mr. Hamnett's organisation is doing for School football.

Third Grade in all its matches played hard, clean football, and by its bearing both on and off the field brought a good deal of credit to the School.

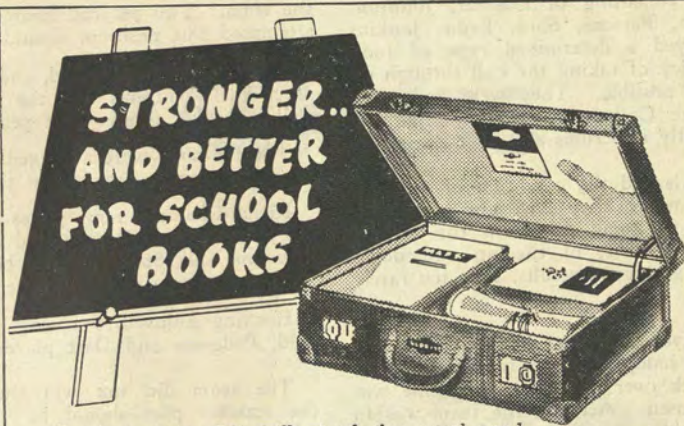
**2nd GRADE FOOTBALL**

*Back Row:* B. Machin, R. Nolan

*Middle Row:* P. Rooke, K. Tuynman, Mr. J. K. Allen (Coach) S. Maizey, K. Brooke, G. Darling

*Front Row:* K. Masters, B. Neale, B. Maitland, R. Williams (Captain), B. Neal, I. Hutton, H. Skerritt





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The forwards, consisting of Casimir, Johnson, Warren, Flanagan, Parsons, Shea, Eadie, Jenkins and Nichols, played a determined type of football, with the policy of taking the ball through on the toe wherever possible. They were aggressive in line-outs, where Casimir was outstanding, and packed down tightly in scrums and rucks.

However, they lacked the condition of some of the better packs which they met, and also were hesitant at times in going down on the ball to break up attacks. Kicks, of the up and down type, which often give good results, were too rarely used.

The backs played pleasing football, although lack of experience hampered them in some of their matches. The kick over the opposing  $\frac{3}{4}$  line was again too rarely used. Actually the team was in the position of having 5 wingers and no centres. Darling and Glenn filled the positions of in and out centres respectively, and many points were added because of their penetrations. The latter was an able captain. Tucker was taken from the forwards to fill five-eighth, which he did with credit, although he should not be asked to play out of position next season. Williams, as half, was a great help to the team, especially in defence. In attack he was just a little slow in getting the ball to Tucker, with a consequent cramping of the movements of the backs. Kidd, Davis and Koorey, as wingers, developed as the season progressed, and made many good runs along the line.

Thorby, in the position of full-back, made very few mistakes and was a great comfort to the team.

It must be remembered, in assessing the success of Third Grade this year, that no less than eleven of the side were having their first year in grade football. Many of these boys knew nothing of the finer points of football, and the team's performances reflected directly the fine work of our coach, Mr. Cull. His interest in the team was profound; he was excited at our victory, sympathetic in our defeat. He taught us our football and we shall ever be grateful.



4th GRADE.

The 4th Grade had a very enjoyable season. The team, on the whole, did not fulfil early expectations, but acquitted themselves well against all opponents save one. The heavier weight of some opposing teams often told in the concluding stages of the matches. In the competition matches we lost to Canterbury, Sydney High, Homebush and Technical, and defeated Hurlstone, Parramatta, North Sydney and North Sydney Tech.

The outstanding player of the team was the captain and half, N. Thompson, who was always skilful, tricky and a consistent trier.

There was always a difficulty in finding a satisfactory five-eighth and this affected the success of

the team. Two players, Brown and Thomas, who attempted this position, should do well next year.

Garland, Bowers, Tweed, and Yardley shared the other back positions and the first two should do well in higher grades next year.

The forwards were a rugged lot and, on the season's play, were superior to the backs.

Richardson, the rake, props Neilsen and Thurtill, second rows Wilcox and Horsey, breakaways Hawkins and Spice, should be found prominent next year in the unlimited weight grades.

Hocking enjoyed a roving commission on the field; Pedersen and Dart played when required.

The team did not win the Competition, but the season's play should be very helpful to the school in the future.

The team wish to convey their thanks to their coach, Mr. Bohman for his untiring enthusiasm and helpful criticism.



5th GRADE

The Fifts this year finished fifth in the Competition after a weak start. As the season proceeded they became a strong combination, the unbeaten premiers, Hurlstone, beating them only 9-3. Four House representatives earned their positions in the team and improved the standard of play.

Results —

v. Sydney Tech., .. ..	0-11
v. N.S. High .. ..	0-19
v. Parramatta .. ..	5-9
v. Canterbury .. ..	8-0
v. Nth. Syd. Tech. ..	14-0
v. Homebush .. ..	0-6
v. Sydney High .. ..	19-0
v. Hurlstone .. ..	3-9

Players —

Holden, Captain, a very good forward who was always on the ball. He was the team's goal-kicker.

Robinson, an excellent hooker who provided the backs with more than their share of the ball.

Moore, a hard rucking, good tackling front-row forward.

Yeoman, second row, a rugged forward, who was always on the ball. He did some good work in lineouts and scrums.

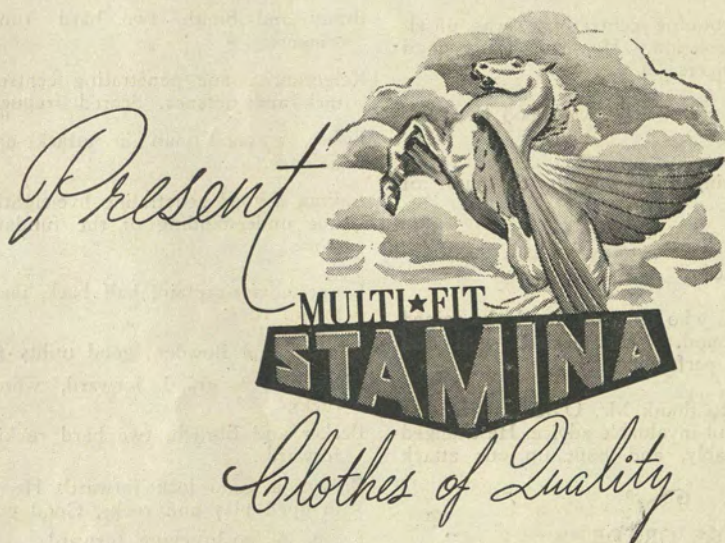
Hughes, second row, a good forward in the open and defence.

Herman, second row, who was very good in defence, in the scrums and in the rucks.

Robbins, an exclusive lock, who was very fast in coming round the scrums. He guarded his



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half and helped the backs. He was one of the best forwards.

Seaberg, breakaway, who guarded his half and was excellent in the open.

Holz, breakaway, who was always one of the best forwards each week.

Boyd, a tricky half, who has a good dummy, and clever sidestep.

Johnson, Vice-Captain, five-eight, leader of the backs in attack and defence.

Williams, a hard-running centre who was unselfish when in possession. He made many good openings for wingers.

Rockow, a reliable centre who was good in attack and defence.

Pearson, a fast winger, who made the most of his opportunities.

Teudt, a straight, hard-running winger, who displayed good speed.

Gardiner, full back, who by good line kicks gained considerable ground. He tackled well and catches the ball perfectly.

We would like to thank Mr. O'Sullivan for his capable coaching and invaluable advice. He changed the team considerably, and built up our attack and defence.



#### 6th GRADE

Early in the season the players suffered from inexperience. Regular practice resulted in progressive improvement so that we finished the season well up in the competition. The team improved to such an extent that in a friendly game late in the season we defeated Canterbury, the ultimate premiers, and drew with the runners-up, North Sydney Tech. The outlook is promising for the 5th Grade of 1947.

#### Results —

v. Sydney Tech. . . .	6-11
v. Nth. Sydney . . . .	0-9
v. Parramatta . . . .	15-0
v. Canterbury . . . .	0-19
v. Homebush . . . .	6-3
v. Nth. Syd. Tech. . . .	6-6
v. Sydney High . . . .	14-0
v. Hurlstone . . . .	3-3

#### Players —

Percival started off the season as five-eighth, but found his true position as full back.

Brady and Smith, two hard running, reliable wingers.

Keighran, a fine penetrating centre, good in attack and defence. Scored frequently.

Fisher, a good man in attack and reliable in defence.

Lukins, a good penetrating five-eighth, who showed fine understanding of the fundamentals of the game.

Lanperd, vice-captain, half back, made many dummying runs.

Johnson and Bowden, good utility forwards.

Manefield, a grand forward, who delighted in rucks.

Becker and Ehrlich, two hard rucking second-row forwards.

Brown, a good lock forward. He did fine work in open play and rucks. Good goal kicker.

Lamb. A hard-rucking forward.

Dart, a fine hooker. He won more than his share of the ball.

Hendrie. A good, bustling forward.

Braithwaite. A fine utility back.

In conclusion, the team would wish to thank Mr. Mobbs, for his enthusiasm and interest in the team during the season, and Lidster for his constant support.



## Athletics

### ANNUAL SCHOOL CARNIVAL

The thirty-sixth Annual Athletic Carnival was conducted at Petersham Oval on the 7th and 9th of August. The events were held under ideal conditions, although the tracks were rough and unsuitable for record-breaking.

The Carnival was conducted in a manner which reflected the fine efforts of Messrs. Towsey and Hamnett, and the Athletics' Committee, M. Casi-

mir, D. Glenn, S. Koorey and R. Yeoman, all of whom deserve high praise for their excellent work in preparing the heats and one hundred and one other matters that went to make the carnival so successful.

The most impressive sight at the Carnival this year was the House spirit exhibited by the members of the various Houses. House "war-cries,"



cheer leaders and tug-o-war coaches were always prominent. The winner of the Frank Austin Memorial Cup for athletics, was Williams House.

The Carnival's outstanding athletes were R. Williams and T. Herbert (senior), S. Koorey, H. Rockow and R. Hegarty (junior), W. Pearson and J. Hegarty (juvenile).

The results were as follow:—

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior: R. Williams.

Junior, under 16: S. Koorey.

Junior, under 15: H. Rockow.

Juvenile, under 14: W. Pearson.

Juvenile, under 13: Hegarty and Taylor.

#### HOUSE EVENT RESULTS

440 Yards Circular Relay —

Senior: Kilgour 1; Christmas 2; Mearns 3.

Time 48.1s.

Under 16: Williams 1; Christmas 2; Mearns 3.

Time 52.1 secs.

Under 15: Williams 1, Mearns 2, Kilgour 3.

Time 54.4s.

Under 14: Williams 1, Mearns 2, Christmas 3.

Time: 58.5s.

Under 13: Christmas 1, Williams 2, Mearns 3.

Time, 61.7s.

Tug-o-War —

Senior: Kilgour 1; Mearns 2.

Junior: Mearns 1, Christmas 2.

Juvenile: Kilgour 1, Christmas 2.

Broad Jump: L. Spray 1; B. Neal 2; R. Williams 3.  
Distance, 19ft. 4ins.

Shot Putt: G. Barnes 1; W. Grigor 2; L. Gosling 3.  
Distance, 33ft. 4ins.

#### Under 16 Division —

100 Yards: G. Brooke 1; D. C. Glenn 2; S. Koorey 3. Time, 11.3s.

220 Yards: G. Brooke 1, S. Maizey 2; S. Koorey 3. Time 25.4s.

440 Yards: N. Head 1; P. Richardson 2; S. Maizey 3. Time, 59.4s.

Hurdles, 90 Yards: S. Koorey 1; J. Slade 2; G. Thomas 3. Time 16.2s.

Broad Jump: S. Maizey 1; S. Koorey and J. Slade 2. Distance, 17ft.

High Jump: G. Thomas 1; K. Tye 2; J. Heard 3. 4ft. 10½in.

Shot Putt: S. Koorey 1, E. Edwards 2, S. Maizey 3. Distance, 37ft, 10in.

#### Under 15 Division —

100 Yards: H. Rockow 1; R. Hegarty 2; R. Paton 3. Time 12s.

220 Yards: T. Pedersen 1; R. Hegarty and H. Rockow 2. Time, 27.2s.

Hurdles: T. Pedersen 1; K. Wilson 2; R. Hegarty 3. Time, 15.9s.

Broad Jump: H. Rockow 1; K. Wilson 2; R. Hegarty 3. Distance 15ft. 10ins.

High Jump: K. Wilson 1; R. Hegarty 2; H. Rockow 3. 4ft. 10½in.

Shot Putt: R. Hegarty 1; K. Wilson 2; T. Pedersen 3. Distance, 33ft. 8ins.

#### Under 14 Division —

100 Yards: W. Pearson 1; R. Morgan 2; K. Sheldrick 3. Time 12.6s.

220 Yards: W. Pearson 1; R. Morgan 2; J. Keighran 3. Time, 28.2s.

High Jump: W. Pearson 1; M. St. Clair 2; D. Pitt 3. 4ft. 5¾ins.

Broad Jump: W. Pearson 1; R. Toms 2; J. Keighran 3. Distance 16ft. 3ins.

Hurdles: W. Pearson 1; R. Morgan 2; J. Keighran 3. Time, 11.4s.

#### Under 13 Division—

100 Yards: B. Taylor and R. Gooley 1; J. Hegarty 3. Time, 12.9s.

Broad Jump: B. Taylor 1, J. Hegarty 2; M. Rutter 3. Distance 15ft 5½ins.

High Jump: J. Hegarty 1; R. Hughes 2; C. Brown 3. Distance, 4ft. 5½ins.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

##### Senior Division —

100 Yards: T. Herbert 1; D. Davis 2; R. Williams 3. Time, 10.4s.

220 Yards: T. Herbert 1; R. Williams 2; M. Glenn 3. Time, 22.9s.

440 Yards: T. Herbert 1; M. Glenn 2; R. Williams 3. Time, 55.1s.

880 Yards: R. Williams 1; D. Smeaton 2; B. Neal and F. Tynman 3. Time, 2m. 27s.

Mile: N. Thompson 1; G. Thomas 2; D. Smeaton 3. Time, 5m. 6.1s.

Hurdles, 120 Yards: P. Rooke 1, R. Williams 2; C. Adams 3. Time, 16.8s.

High Jump: R. Williams 1; B. Hansen 2; F. Tynman 3. 5ft. 2¾ins.

#### REFLECTIONS FROM A HILL-TOP

Infinite stillness:

The dawn in russett mantle clad,  
Creeps o'er the verdant lea,

A flush of pink, a flash of gold,  
The sun leaps from the sea,

And driven forth by chariots bold  
Climbs dipping through the blue.

In deepest glade of fern and pine,

The roses blossom forth,  
And dew, like drops of glistening wine,  
Falls silent through the morn,

While Nature from mist-garlanded rest,  
Rises from her bed of leaves,

And touching each and every nest,  
Strikes up the sweetest symphony

Infinite music: — R. WILLIAMS.



## COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS CARNIVAL

In the Combined High School's Carnival this year, the showing put up by Fort Street was, to say the least, deplorable. There must be some explanation as to why the standard of athletics has deteriorated to such an extent in this school. In other sports, Fort Street has had wonderful success, coming second in the Football and Tennis Competitions, and at the time of writing, leading the Cricket Competitions. So surely the natural ability is not lacking. Something must be done in regard to this matter, so that Fort Street will not be disgraced year after year on the athletic field, where, in the past, she has done so well.

### COMBINED HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

#### Senior —

100 Yards: T. Herbert 1 (div. 1).  
220 Yards: T. Herbert 2 (div. 1); R. Williams 5, (div. 2).  
Mile: D. Smeaton 1 (div. 2).  
Broad Jump: B. Neale, 4 (div. 2).  
Hurdles: P. Rooke 2 (div. 1); R. Williams 2, (div. 2).

Junior, under 16 —  
440 Yards: P. Richardson, 5 (div. 1).

#### Junior Under 15 —

Shot Putt: K. Wilson 3 (div. 2).  
High Jump: R. Hegarty 4 (div. 2).

#### Juvenile Under 14 —

100 Yards: R. Morgan 2 (div. 2).  
220 Yards: R. Morgan 4 (div. 2).  
High Jump: J. Reddish, 4 (div. 2).  
Broad Jump: W. Pearson, 4 (div. 1); R. Toms, 4 (div. 2).

#### Juvenile, Under 13 —

100 Yards: R. Gooley 1 (div. 2).  
Broad Jump: V. Taylor 2 (div. 1); J. Hegarty 5 (div. 2).

### SCHOOL BOY CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### ATHLETICS —

##### Senior —

Broad Jump: B. Neale 1.  
Hop, Step and Jump: B. Neale 2.  
100 Yards: T. Herbert 2.



### 1st GRADE TENNIS (Premiers)

G. Hannam, N. Head, J. Robinson, B. Booth.



# Tennis

## 1st GRADE TENNIS

For the second year in succession, Fort Street again carried off the 1st Grade Tennis Premiership. We again finished the competition undefeated. This means that the Fort Street 1st Grade has only been beaten once in the past three years.

This year's team comprised N. Head (Capt.), G. Hannam, J. Robinson and B. Booth. G. Hannam proved the most consistent player in the team by not losing a set throughout the whole competition which is a very fine effort.

At the beginning of the season we were short of a good fourth player, but Booth was finally selected and although not quite up to the standard of his colleagues he gave a very consistent performance throughout the competition.

The success of the team was mainly due to its enthusiasm and co-operation. Unfortunately, the whole team will be leaving this year and so it is up to someone else to carry on the fine reputation which has been built up in the past years.

N. Head ably captained the team. He is an excellent all round player; being a master at every shot, he was equally at home at the baseline or the net.

G. Hannam is a delightful player who excels in well-timed angle shots. He plays an all-court game, but is at his best when volleying.

J. Robinson's game is featured by a powerful service and a hard top-spin forehand drive. Owing to his size, he is rather slow when volleying.

B. Booth plays very consistently from the baseline, but needs to improve his volleying.

## SECOND GRADE TENNIS

This team was unable to uphold the brilliant success of the previous two years' teams.

The team consisted of W. Harland (Capt.), H. Merriman, B. Adcock and J. Cotter.

The team had little practice before the beginning of the season and was unlucky to be beaten by a few games in the first match against North Sydney. Seconds had had luck in matches against Canterbury and Sydney, also when only beaten by a few games. The team, however won in matches against Parramatta, Hurlstone and North Sydney Tech., and was given a draw against Homebush as play was abandoned due to rain.

The players were—

W. Harland captained the side, and his net play was very good throughout the competition.

B. Adcock. A consistent player during the season, and played well when the going was hard for the team.

J. Cotter improved considerably in each match, but his net play needs improvement.

H. Merriman paired ably with Adcock and played consistently through the comp.

Finally, there will be seven vacancies in the first two teams, so this should provide incentive for this year's House players to practise hard and try to earn a place in next year's grade teams.

## 3rd GRADE TENNIS

This team started the season well and looked likely to win the premiership, but unfortunately, didn't. The team consisted of W. Robertson (Capt.), P. Southcombe, B. Hotston and A. Watson paired as follows: Robertson-Southcombe; Hotston-Watson. In the first match against Technical High School, with R. Cullen taking the place of Southcombe, who played 2nd Grade, we easily won 8/0. In the second match against North Sydney High, we won 5/0, rain interrupting further play. In the next match against Parramatta, with D. Storey taking the place of Robertson, who played 1st Grade, we won 4/42 to 4/36. The next match was against Canterbury and we lost by 5/3. The next match was against the premiers, Homebush, and we lost by one game, 4/41 to 4/42. We won the next match against North Sydney Technical, 5/3, and followed this up by beating Sydney High, 5/3. In the last match against Hurlstone, with Baxter and Scaife taking the places of Hotston and Watson, who played 2nd Grade, we again won, 5/3.

## 4th GRADE TENNIS

This year's 4th Grade were runners-up in the Competition, the winners being Homebush.

The team consisted of J. Levick (Capt.), L. Brown, A. Johnstone and I. Johnstone.

The C.H.S. Competition results were:—

v. Canterbury	.. ..	6-2
v. Sydney Technical	.. ..	7-1
v. Homebush	.. ..	Draw
v. Parramatta	.. ..	6-2
v. Nth. Sydney High	.. ..	3-5
v. Hurlstone	.. ..	5-3
v. Nth. Sydney Tech	.. ..	8-0
v. Sydney High	.. ..	7-1

The one match lost was played in drizzling rain with balls that would not bounce. The team asked for a postponement, but this was refused.

The match against Homebush was declared a draw owing to rain. This was a great disappointment for the team, which was hoping to beat Homebush and so become co-premiers.

The team, on the whole, combined well, being paired as follows:—

J. Levick and L. Brown; A. Johnstone and I. Johnstone.

The individual players were:—

J. Levick, the team's captain, whose hard forehand chop drove his opponents into errors.

L. Brown. A promising young player with a slow, tricky serve and backhand. He ably supported Levick.

A. Johnstone. A consistent player with a good forehand. Paired well with I. Johnstone.

I. Johnstone. A good player with a hard smash and service.



## Life-Saving, 1945-'46

The 1945-46 season was, in Lifesaving, for Fort Street Boys' High School, a most successful period. The season saw the school accredited with 1,785 points—thus breaking our own record for the third time; with our nearest rival some 900 points behind. For this fine effort we received the Hendry Cup and the Pennant for Champion School in the State.

The following table is an analysis of the season's awards:—

	No. of Awards	Points
Award of Merit .. .. .	8	80
Bar to above .. .. .	6	60
Australian Bronze Cross ..	24	192
Instructor's Certificate—1st class	10	60
2nd class	26	130
Bronze Medallion .. .. .	59	236
Bar to above .. .. .	37	148
Intermediate Certificate ..	82	246
Label to above .. .. .	78	234
Elementary Certificate ..	81	162
Senior Resuscitation .. .. .	4	4
Junior Resuscitation .. ..	177	177
Unigrip .. .. .	56	56
<b>TOTALS .. .. .</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>1785</b>

In the 1943-44 Season, Fort Street broke the record for points gained towards this Trophy with a total of 1,615 points. In 1944-45 we raised it to 1,633, and last year we pushed the record to 1,785, as shown above, to hold the Hendry Cup for the fourth consecutive season.

It is unfortunate, however, that the Fort Street team in 1946 failed to bring back to us the Arthur Parker Cup, in which competition we were placed second. Whilst congratulating the winners, Knox Grammar, we bid them sternly to look to their laurels.

This year there was evidenced the great school spirit which runs amongst our Old Boys. Mr. Frank Albert purchased two cups and Mr. H. C. Winkworth three, suitably inscribed for presentation to the five members of last year's Arthur Parker Team. We wish to publicly thank these two gentlemen for their generosity, and interest in their old school, and we assure them that it is largely the public spirit of outside persons in providing such trophies that stimulates us in our attempts to reach the goal.

Great interest was aroused at the beginning of the current 1946-47 season, by the announcement by the R.L.S.S. of the creation of some new awards, the abolition of some old ones, and modification of the conditions governing present examinations.

It is too early to speculate on the effect this will have on the school, in twelve months from now the result will be clearer.

The past season was a very creditable and successful one, but let us redouble our efforts to bring home the bacon that we dropped — so that all the trophies to which she is eligible may rest at Fort Street!

## Water Polo, 1946

If sportsmanship, pluck and determination were the deciding factors in water polo, then it would take a team indeed to beat Fort Street.

The actual swimming power of the team as a whole was excellent and proved to be of greatest assistance to us in many a hard-pressed moment. The things which could be improved most are the throwing power and co-ordination of play. These things are vital factors, and a team has an uphill fight without co-ordination of play.

Although we have not the honour of bringing home the premiership, we are not down-hearted, because we feel that at all times we have played the game.

This is the team —  
P. Mulray (captain), G. Mulray, G. Barnes, K. Hall, R. McPherson, B. Laidlaw, K. Jones, D.

Smeaton, W. Grigor.

The Captain (P. Mulray) at all times set an example to the rest of the team and played the game like a sportsman.

Much of our success is credited to our friend and coach, Mr. L. Rose, who at all times was the solid pillar on which the team rested. His help and encouragement will always be remembered by us.

As most of the team are in Fifth Year, new talent must be found in the Junior years. A plan is being formulated whereby water polo will become a regular House competition.

If the plan is successful then we may confidently look forward to the time when Fort Street will field a premiership side.





## Flannelette Pyjamas

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### LIFE-SAVING TEAM

Back Row: K. Lovett, Mr. E. Arnold (coach), A. Walker  
 Front Row: P. Murray, B. Neale, M. Glenn (Instructor), G. Murray

## Swimming

Swimming during 1945 has been an extremely successful sport and the results obtained have been gratifying.

The annual Swimming Carnival was held in the latter part of the swimming season. It proved itself to be a veritable triumph for the House system. Throughout the whole course of the carnival the healthy rivalry between members of Houses was evident. Cheer leaders, megaphones, gay House pennants and wild enthusiasm contrasted with the poor weather which, although bad, did not in any way interfere with the running of the carnival.

Much of the success of the carnival is due to the great work of organisation done by our Sports-master, Mr. Hamnett, and the members of the Staff, who combined to form an ideal team. The positions such as starters, marshals, timekeepers, recorders, judges, and announcers were aptly filled by members of the Staff, who did a great job.

The day ended with the House relays and then a water polo game between the School water polo team and the Old Boys. It is pleasing to say that many Old Boys turned up to watch the carnival and to take part in the special events. We also had a relay race between the School and the Old Boys. After a hard battle in which many past and present champions took part, the School won by the narrowest of margins.

The result of the aggregate of points goes to Christmas House, with Mearns second.

The results of the carnival have been tabulated below; the champions of the age group and the champion House have been printed at the side.

It is gratifying to note that our champion boy swimmer, George Barnes, won the School Boy Championship 100 Metres, while School Captain L. Gosling finished a good third.



## SENIOR DIVISION:

55 Yards: L. Gosling 1, P. Mulray 2, G. Mulray 3.

110 Yards: P. Mulray 1, L. Gosling 2, G. Mulray 3.

220 Yards: P. Mulray 1, L. Gosling 2, G. Mulray 3.

440 Yards: P. Mulray 1, L. Gosling 2, G. Mulray 3.

880 Yards: P. Mulray 1, L. Gosling 2, G. Mulray 3.

Dive: P. Mulray 1, B. Laidlaw 2, L. Gosling 3.  
110 Yards Breaststroke: B. Neale 1, P. Mulray 2, G. Mulray 3.

55 Yards Backstroke: B. Laidlaw and P. Mulray (dead-heat) 1, L. Gosling 3.

Champion: P. Mulray.

Champion House: Mearns.

## UNDER 16 DIVISION:

55 Yards: G. Barnes 1, D. Smeaton 2, P. Thorpe 3.

110 Yards: G. Barnes 1, D. Smeaton 2, P. Thorpe 3.

220 Yards: G. Barnes 1, D. Smeaton 2, P. Thorpe 3.

440 Yards: G. Barnes 1, D. Smeaton 2.  
Breaststroke: G. Barnes 1, D. Smeaton 2.

Dive: G. Barnes 1, D. Smeaton 2, R. Eggins 3.  
Backstroke: G. Barnes 1, D. Smeaton 2, D. Thomas 3.

Champion: G. Barnes.

Champion House: Christmas.

55 Yards: L. Burtenshaw 1, D. Lett 2, Seaberg and McCarthy 3.

110 Yards: McPherson 1, Seaberg 2, L. Burtenshaw 3.

220 Yards: Seaberg 1, Lett 2, L. Burtenshaw 3.  
440 Yards: Seaberg 1, Lett 2, L. Burtenshaw 3.

55 Yards Backstroke: L. Burtenshaw 1, Bason 2.

55 Yards Breaststroke: L. Burtenshaw 1, McPherson 2.

Champion: L. Burtenshaw.

Champion House: Christmas.

## UNDER 14 DIVISION:

55 Yards: H. Cason 1, K. Pendlebury 2, Stockman 3.

110 Yards: H. Cason 1, K. Pendlebury 2, Stockman 3.

220 Yards: H. Cason 1, Webb 2, McLeay 3.

Dive: Robbins 1, H. Cason 2, K. Pendlebury 3.

55 Yards Backstroke: H. Cason 1, Webb 2, Robbins 3.

55 Yards Breaststroke: K. Pendlebury 1, H. Cason 2, R. Keighran 3.

Champion: H. Cason.

Champion House: Christmas.

## UNDER 13 DIVISION:

55 Yards: Bogg 1, Rutter 2, B. Brown 3.

110 Yards: Butt 1, B. Brown 2, McLeay 3.

Backstroke: B. Brown 1, McLeay 2.

Breaststroke: B. Brown 1.

Champion: B. Brown.

Champion House: Christmas.

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# Cricket



## 1st GRADE CRICKET

*Back Row:* Mr. F. Simpson (coach), B. Gillett, J. Robinson, B. Booth, W. Adams  
*Front Row:* B. Adcock, L. Gosling, G. Hannam, R. Barbour (Captain),  
 K. Merrick, W. Robinson, W. Harland

### FIRST GRADE.

The Firsts this year had a moderately successful season, though some of the results were not worthy of the material available. However, though not winning the competition, the team was a happy one and at times showed excellent form. The fighting spirit was there, too.

An example of this was the match against Sydney Tech. In the second innings Fort Street had to get 125 runs in 35 minutes to win outright. Playing magnificent cricket, the team rattled up the required runs in 29 minutes.

The following participated in matches:—R. Barbour (Capt.), K. Merrick (Vice-Capt.), B. Booth, L. Gosling, B. Adcock, W. Harland, G. Hannam, B. Gillett, J. Robinson, W. Robinson, B. Thorby, W. Adams, R. Smith.

The results are:—

v. Homebush: Draw. Fort St., 5-173 (closed). Homebush, 7-72. Rain stopped play.

v. North Sydney Tech., 178. Fort Street, 8-202. First innings wins.

v. Sydney High: First innings loss. Sydney, 6-200; Fort Street, 115.

v. Hurlstone Agricultural: First innings loss. Hurlstone, 109; Fort Street, 99.

v. Sydney Tech. High: Outright win. Fort Street 124 and 5-127; Tech., 127 and 119.

v. North Sydney High: Outright loss. North Sydney, 5-207; Fort Street, 104 and 71.

v. Parramatta: First Innings loss. Parramatta, 9-227 (closed); Fort Street, 142 and 6-217.

v. Canterbury: First innings win. Fort Street, 104 and 87; Canterbury, 87 and 8-86.

### The Season's Best Performances.

*Batting:*

R. BARBOUR: 82 against Homebush, 84 against North Sydney Tech., 16 against Sydney, 19 against North Sydney, 22 and 47 against Parramatta, 19 against Canterbury.



K. MERRICK: 29 against Homebush, 17 against Sydney Tech., 41 and 69 against Parramatta.

J. ROBINSON: 14 not out against North Sydney Tech., 45 against Sydney, 59 against Hurlstone, 54 against Sydney Tech. (in 17 minutes).

W. HARLAND: 36 and 32 against Sydney Tech., 41 against Parramatta.

B. THORBY: 40 against Homebush, 33 against North Sydney Tech., 18 against Canterbury.

B. ADCOCK: 19 against Sydney Tech., 16 against North Sydney, 28 not out against Parramatta, 18 against Canterbury.

W. ROBINSON: 36 against Sydney Tech., 30 against Parramatta, 31 not out against Canterbury.

B. BOOTH: 24 against Canterbury, 12 against North Sydney.

B. GILLET: 22 not out against Sydney; 15 against North Sydney.

G. HANNAM: 22 against North Sydney Tech.

*Bowling:*  
B. BOOTH: 6-86 against Parramatta, 5-48 and 4-13 against Canterbury. 24 wickets, average 10.8 per wicket.

L. GOSLING: 4-20 against Homebush, 4-77 against Sydney; 6-36 against Sydney Tech., 5-23 against Canterbury. 27 wickets at an average of 15.2 runs per wicket.

THORBY: 4-26 against Hurlstone. 13 wickets, average of 19.9 per wicket.

The fielding was fair, with R. Barbour outstanding.

In conclusion the team would like to thank Mr. Simpson for the invaluable help and friendly advice he has given us.



**SECOND GRADE.**

**Undefeated Premiers, 1946.**

For the first time in ten years a Fort Street Cricket eleven has emerged as premiers. Under the able captaincy of Barry Neal, the team has had a fighting win.

Due to consistent practice and valuable assistance by their untiring coach, Mr. Pryor, our Second Eleven developed the ability to play keen cricket and overcome strong opposition with true Fortian determination.

Of 8 matches played 2 were drawn, 3 won on the first innings, and 3 won outright.

The first match against Homebush resulted in a draw, owing to rain, with Fort Street in a prom-



**2nd GRADE CRICKET (Premiers)**

Back Row: P. Richardson, L. Burtenshaw, N. Head, R. Hegarty, D. Cull, B. Masters,  
Mr. S. Pryor (Coach)

Front Row: K. Brown, C. Adams, W. Adams, B. Neal (Captain), L. Herbert, M. West, R. Brooke



ising position. Fort Street, first innings, 161 (N. Smith 48, R. Smith 39); Homebush, 7-115 (Hegarty 3-36).

Against North Sydney Technical, at Chatswood, Fort Street batted well to score 140 (R. Smith 26, N. Head 18). North Sydney Technical replied with 8-91 at stumps.

At Petersham we met and defeated Sydney High on the first innings. At one stage High were 7-10, when a 95 partnership set us a task. High totalled 137 (D. Cull 4-40). Fort Street was untroubled to score 148 (K. Brown 70, D. Cull 21).

In the last of the four one-day matches we defeated Hurlstone on the first innings. Fort Street, 4-154 (K. Brown 66, D. Cull 27, B. Neal 20). Hurlstone replied with 111 (N. Smith 5-25, D. Cull 3-39, B. Neal 2-11). Fort Street was 1-18 at the close of play.

Fort Street next defeated Sydney Tech. outright at Centennial Park. Fort Street totalled 133 (Brown 35, Masters 26, Wirth 27). Sydney Tech. replied with a weak 43 (Cull 4-21, N. Smith 3-13) and 74 (Cull 2-11, Hegarty 2-11, N. Smith 2-19, Richardson 1-9).

During the season the team lost the services of B. Wirth, N. Smith, R. Smith and R. Seach. The vacancies were ably filled by L. Burtenshaw, L. Herbert, L. Brooke and W. Adams.

Our next match was against the leaders, North Sydney. We defeated them outright in an exciting match. Fort Street totalled the very excellent score of 307 for 6 wickets, due to a fine innings by Neal (150 not out), Masters (59), Brooke (38 not out), Burtenshaw (20). North Sydney scored 158 (Hegarty 3-43, W. Adams 2-17) and 131 (Cull 7-32, Neal 2-21).

At Cumberland Oval Parramatta was defeated outright. Fort Street batted weakly to score only 88 (Neal 34). Parramatta replied with a poor 39 (Cull 3-4, Hegarty 4-13). Fort Street, second innings, 78 (Masters 24, Brown 19); Parramatta, second innings, 71 (Herbert 5-26).

In the deciding match we defeated Canterbury after a tense struggle. We batted well against a strong attack to score 230 (Neal 95, Cull 46). Neal and Cull were associated in a partnership of 104 for the fourth wicket. Canterbury were dismissed for 137 (Hegarty 4-22, W. Adams 3-25), and were 7-124 (Hegarty 4-26) when play ended, and the competition concluded leaving Fort Street Premiers for 1946.

#### BEST AVERAGES.

	Batting:				
	In.	N.O.	H.S.	Ag.	Av.
B. Neal .....	9	1	150x	354	44.5
K. Brown .....	9	1	70	223	27.9
F. Masters ....	6	1	59	139	27.8

#### Bowling:

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
N. Smith .....	36	4	123	18	6.8
D. Cull .....	56	11	293	31	9.4
R. Hegarty ....	47	7	202	20	10.1

The team wishes to extend sincere thanks to Mr. Pryor for the interest he has shown in them and for the assistance he has so readily given.



#### THIRD GRADE.

The Thirds have only been moderately successful, but the best aspect of the season is the large number of boys who represented and so gained valuable experience for next year. Twenty-four boys represented, and the team with which we concluded the season consisted of six Third Year and five Fourth Year boys, making us the youngest team in the competition.

The first match, played against Homebush in bad conditions, was lost on the first innings. The Fort Street batsmen collapsed for 53 (Hamley 22), and then Homebush had scored 2-64 when rain stopped play.

In the next match, in which we played North Sydney Technical, we were unlucky to draw, North Sydney Technical being dismissed for 173, and we were 8-150 at stumps. Richardson scored a fine 47 and Masters was 39 not out when the game ended.

Against High in the following round our batsmen unexplainably collapsed, High scoring 97 (Clements 5-28), and we were out for 46 and 8-42, thus losing on the first innings.

Our first victory was against Hurlstone Park, in which Hurlstone was routed for 45 (Cullen 5-6, Hamley 5-18), and we replied with 7-103 (Herbert 34). Due mainly to our over-anxiety, Hurlstone scored 5-121 in the second innings, and thus we won on the first innings.

Playing Sydney Technical in the next round, we scored 93, and then dismissed Technical for 23 (Clements 2-3, Hamley 2-3, Cullen 4-16). Compelled to follow on, Technical was again quickly dismissed for 59 (Clements 4-12, Horsey 2-3), and thus we obtained our first outright victory.

In the second half of the season the first match was played against North Sydney High. Fort St. was dismissed for 89 (Eadie 23) and North Sydney replied with 164. Compelled to follow on, Fort St. scored only 88, but this forced North Sydney to bat again. Needing only 14 runs to win, North Sydney nevertheless were made to fight for runs, and only passed our total after the loss of 6 wickets.

An outright victory was obtained against Par-



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ramatta, who scored 75 (Jessup 4-8) and 77 in reply to our 186 (Eadie 41, Bosward 30).

In the last match against the strong Canterbury team we lost outright, scoring only 80 (Bosward 30, Hamley 23) and 141 (Bosward 38, Hamley 25) in reply to Canterbury's 176 and 3-52.

Bosward batted consistently throughout the season and with Eadie, who also kept wickets very well, made many fine opening partnerships.

The best averages were:—

*Batting:*

	In.	N.O.	H.S.	Ag.	Av.
Bosward .....	10	—	38	157	15.7
Hamley .....	11	1	25	138	13.8
Doughty .....	7	—	19	80	11.5
Eadie .....	11	2	41	102	11.3

*Bowling:*

	O.	R.	W.	Av.
Jessup .....	37	127	15	8.5
Clements .....	46	146	16	9.1
Horsey .....	50	213	20	10.6
Hamley .....	71	246	20	12.3

Finally, the team wishes to express its sincere thanks to Mr. Dandie for his assistance and interest throughout the season.

**FOURTH GRADE.**

The outstanding feature of this grade's cricket during the season was its grand team work. Although it did not win the competition for the School, the members maintained their keenness and sportsmanship throughout the year. The team's members were:—Billings, Bryant, Cooper, Cowgill, Dart, Forster, Giddey, Hegarty, Johnston, Lampart, Lidster, Litler, Nissen, Rush, Rutter, Smith, Tasker.

In our first match against Homebush, Homebush batted first to score 103 (Nissen 6-31). In our turn at the wicket we scored 8-114, our openers, Lampard and Smith scoring 16 and 27 respectively, and taking the sting out of the bowling for the following batsmen.

In the next match, against N.S. Tech., we recorded one of our easiest wins of the season, losing only three wickets in passing the N.S. Tech. score of 83, Cowgill topscoring with 31 and the team scoring 115.

In our match against Sydney High we suffered our first defeat of the season. High batted first to score 115 (Billings 4-55). Our innings yielded

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30, Cowgill being the only batsman to reach double figures.

The next match was against Hurlstone, who batted first to score 73 (Johnston 5 for 20); we scored 84 (Smith 21) and thus won on the first innings.

The first of the two-day matches was against Technical High, whom we defeated outright. We lost the toss and were sent in on a bad wicket, but our openers (Smith and Lampard) again laid the foundation of the team's innings of 84 (Johnston 22). Technical in their first innings were dismissed for 21 and in their second innings for 94, mainly due to the bowling of Cowgill (6-12 and 6-29) and Johnston (4-7). We scored the required runs in the second innings for the loss of 5 wickets.

The first match of the second half of the season against North Sydney High resulted in an outright win for us. We batted first to score 51 (Cowgill 15). North Sydney High then replied with 102 (Billings 5-10). However, in our second innings we scored 144 (Lampard 40, Cowgill 25). In their second innings North Sydney could make only 89, due to the bowling of Cowgill (5-33) and Billings (4-25). In this match Giddey deputised as wicket-keeper for Smith (who was in-

jured), and took a good catch and effected two stumpings.

The match against Parramatta came next. Parramatta batted all the first afternoon to score 6 for 249 (closed), and on the second day we endeavoured to play out time but were all out for 99 (Cowgill 37).

In the last match of the season against Canterbury we were defeated outright. Canterbury batted first to score 137 and we were dismissed for 47 (Hegarty 12, Dart 10) and 65 (Dart 12, Hegarty 12, Forster 11).

If any member of the team deserves special mention it is Cowgill, who proved himself to be a delightful left-hand batsman, a good medium-pace bowler and a brilliant slips fieldsman. He topped both the batting and bowling averages. Lampard and Smith, as opening batsmen, were a tower of strength. Another member of the team, Mr. H. Went, deserves particular mention. His coaching and helpful advice were invaluable and will be remembered by members of the team for years to come.

*"When our great Coach comes  
To write beside our mighty names,  
He writes not whether we won or lost,  
But whether we played the game."*

## Christmas House Report

Christmas House presents its second Annual Report. After only two years under the House system, Christmas House has established itself well in the forefront in the various fields of sport. Last year's solid groundwork made a foundation which is already proving durable, judging by the success achieved during 1946. No matter how strong the foundation, however, the House would have been unable to maintain its position this year without the enthusiastic work of its Vice-Captains and members. Upon their efforts depends success or failure, and I offer them my sincere thanks for their never failing support.

The House was unfortunate during the year in losing its House Master, Mr. Foley, who was transferred to Tamworth High School. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Foley and will do our best to repay his interest and help.

The new House Master, Mr. Mobbs, was a popular choice by the boys. He has rendered valuable service to the House since Mr. Foley's departure.

A House Pennant, for which we have long been seeking has now been obtained through the

efforts of Mrs. Butt, mother of one of our most enthusiastic members. We offer sincere thanks to Mrs. Butt.

Finally, to the members of all Christmas House, I say continue your enthusiasm and remember, "The Game is greater than the Player."

### CRICKET —

At present the cricket season is still in progress and up till this point we have had a reasonable amount of success. Among the cricketers of the House, we have several grade players, who are earning valuable points for the House each week. A great deal is owed to Clive Adams, our vice-captain, for the splendid handling of our House teams.

### RUGBY —

This year the House was successful in winning the 4th Grade Premiership. The other teams, though defeated, displayed fine sportsmanship and always "played the game."

In this field, too, the House is well represented in grade teams.



## SWIMMING —

The House was not only possessor of the School's swimming champion, G. Barnes, but also a number of "up and coming" champions in Brown, Burtenshaw and Butt, who were mainly responsible for the House carrying off the Juvenile, Junior and Intermediate Pennants and the Swimming Carnival as a whole. In other aquatic activities the House is well represented and performing creditably.

## ATHLETICS —


The House gave its poorest exhibition in this field. Our vice-captain Casimir was untiring in his efforts to make it a success and a little more

co-operation from House members would have been gratifying. One pleasing feature was the way the House rallied to win two relays and become runner-up in a third. Congratulations are extended to Williams House upon its winning the Frank Austin Memorial Cup.

## TENNIS —

The Head Cup for tennis has become a Christmas House possession. This was due to the splendid form shown by our School and House players. Congratulations to those who took part in this particularly grand performance.

— R. J. BARBOUR, *Capt.*



## Kilgour House Report

This year Kilgour House witnessed a decline in two departments in which it was fairly prominent in the initial year. These were tennis and athletics. To this decline I would contribute two factors, one is that the decline has been a result of the loss of some good players or competitors; this may be so, but I think the other cause is the more dominant, that is the lack of attendance or interest shown in House meetings. I am afraid that in this regard the older boys were more to blame. I know they are more occupied, but surely twenty minutes of your lunch time less than once a month is not too much to give. Perhaps when the younger chaps who are growing up with the house system get to this stage we will see a better attendance and display of enthusiasm and participation.

Nevertheless, I think the House is, on the whole, on a sounder basis than in the previous year. There has been an all-round raising of the standard in cricket and football; we have almost held our own in tennis and athletics, but our turn to shine in swimming seems yet to come.

It is significant to note that on a day when the only House points awarded were for grade representation compensation points, Kilgour led the other Houses. In fact, we have greater representation in school cricket and football than the other Houses, and this is a good sign, even though we tend to lose a lot of House competitions through it.

But on the whole, a more consistent and determined effort is needed from the not-so-conspicuous members. It is from these chaps that we must get the teams and teamwork; they provide the basis for a solid House; they are the only ones who can steadily pile up points in their games. When our House loses a few of its stars and concentrates more upon solidarity of team-

work, we will do better. I do not believe that all members are pulling their weight. This is not because they don't try, but because they have not realised their capabilities. The only way to do this is to try anything and everything; persist, and I think that each and every one of you will find a useful place in Kilgour's teams. Remember, you can only get out of sport what you put into it. Even if you train for months and then get beaten the effort is not completely lost if you take your defeat in good heart and the spirit expressed in *Nihil forte difficile* will eventually prevail.

Here are the individual reports of the various vice-captains, whom I thank for their help. I would also like to express my thanks to Laurie Gosling for his help and work for the House, despite his many other duties. His example should stir the fourth-years into a greater effort, for it is not fair to leave the onerous responsibility of organisation all to fifth year students who are very busy. Come on fourth-years, we want more support from you.

— T. HERBERT, *Captain.*

## FOOTBALL —

Although we did not carry off the Old Boys' Cup, Kilgour improved on last year's showing and an even better result can be hoped for in the future. Once again the House had more than its share in Grade teams, and this was a great drain on our resources.

The 1st Grade side enjoyed moderate success and by winning the last five matches the team showed that it was improving. The 2nd's and 3rd's did creditably well and were improving with each match. The 4th's also played the game and tried hard.

But once again the lower grades came to the



rescue of the House's reputation. The 5th's were undefeated premiers, while the 6th grade was high in the competition.

The strength in the lower grades augurs well for the future of both the House and School and we thank the "little fellers" for their efforts.

— B. GILLETT, *Vice-Captain*

#### TENNIS —

Kilgour House was well represented in the School's C.H.S. Grade Teams by N. Head, G. Han, W. Harland and B. Hotston, A. Johnstone and I. Johnstone, who upheld the honours of the School and the House, while in the R. L. Head Cup, Kilgour, after a fighting attempt to retain the trophy won last year, lost by a narrow margin to Christmas House, to whom we offer our congratulations on their win.

The House's representatives in the 1st Grade House Competition were Garland (Capt.), Hart, R. Hegarty and J. Hegarty, who were well supported by the 2nd and 3rd Grade teams.

We would like to thank Mr. Kelly for supervision and advice in all tennis matters.

— R. GARLAND, *vice-captain*.

#### ATHLETICS —

In this year's Athletic Carnival, Kilgour House was unable to reproduce the fine teams which won for us the Frank Austin Memorial Cup for Athletics last year, but far from being completely out of the running, we fought hard for the championships and finished a good third.

Good individual performances were displayed by T. Herbert and the Hegarty brothers, but they were not sufficiently well supported by the rest of the House. We carried off the Senior Championship Prefects' Pennant, the Senior and Juvenile tug-o-war, and the Senior Relay.

If Kilgour is to regain the Athletics Championship next year, our budding athletes must look to their preparations as an obligation to the House; there must be fewer barrackers and spectators and more competitors. Remember a race is never lost till it's won.

We congratulate Williams House on their success in Athletics, but we bid them look to their laurels for we will not be content to rest on ours.

D. GLENN, *Vice-Capt.*

#### SWIMMING —

In what seems to be Kilgour's weakest sport, our House again failed to take the honours at the Swimming Carnival, but it cannot be said that our House lacked determination or enthusiasm—rather experience and training.

We were again well represented in Mr. Arnold's Life Saving Classes, particularly by the junior members. The Wednesday swimmers changed this year to Enfield Baths, where races are held on the handicap system. Our boys did their best and trained hard there. Kilgour offers its congratulations to its members who reached the peak of Life Saving, the Arthur Parker Team. The boys and their comrades from other Houses were unlucky and ran second in the final points.

It is to be hoped that the grand enthusiasm that showed in all Kilgour House this year will prevail in the future.

Remember Kilgour, in swimming as in all sport, success comes only with consistent and hard training.

K. JOHNSON, *Vice-Capt.*

## Mearns House Report

House Master: Mr. Towsey.

House Captain: P. E. Mulray.

#### VICE-CAPTAINS—

Cricket: Neilson.

Swimming: B. Laidlaw.

Athletics: S. Koorey

Football: S. Maizey.

Tennis: Merriman.

All Houses are settling down to the scheme and are harvesting the benefits of the previous year's activities. Outstanding successes of our last year's team inspired us with eagerness for the fray and we are already reaping the rewards of their conscientious and well organised labours.

This picture of industry was partially blemished by the marked absence of some of the Senior School from the occasional but necessary House

meetings. Further, I would like to point out that the House spirit can be shown, not only on the sporting field, but also in regular attendance at House meetings where the selection of House leaders and any other pressing business is carried on. Especially is the selection of vice-captains dependent upon the seniors, for they have greater experience and knowledge of the eligible fourth-year lads. If the House is to reach the peak of perfection in organisation, which is necessary for success, the attendance of every senior boy is an absolute necessity.

Our House spirit was, however, invincible on the football field for we established an unassailable lead early in the season — the direct results of the weekly training instituted for all teams. This was only possible because of the sterling service supplied by those veterans of school teams, Barry Neal and Warwick Lukins, who so ably assisted me. Our House's sincere thanks to you both!



## CRICKET—NEILSON.

As the cricket season is still in progress, there can be no definite results. However our 1sts are in a favourable position for second place, while our 3rds, beaten only once, appear the likely winners. In the 4ths our "colts" are making a determined bid to retain the premiership won last year. In their determination, they are practising every Tuesday afternoon at school, and this enthusiasm, so marked among our juniors, augurs well for the future.

## TENNIS—MERRIMAN.

Mearn's House had a very lean tennis season for 1946. The main winter interest was in football, and consequently we had only just enough boys to make up the required teams. The conditions were made worse because the other Houses had particularly strong teams.

Next year we hope to see them improved, for the spirit is in them, for each point they secure brings nearer the greatest achievement — the winning of the coveted Rose Cup.

## ATHLETICS—S. KOOREY.

Mearn's House performed extremely well in the 1946 Annual Athletic Carnival. This was the direct result of the excellent number of entries received and is proof that when the boys all do their best for the House, then the House must profit.

Mearn's issued a strong challenge to Williams House, the result of the carnival being in doubt right up to the last relay, but Williams held out and won, only beating Mearn's, however, by the very small margin of two points. Brian Neale, Pederson, Pearson and Koorey ran well; but the credit for the success enjoyed by the House goes to every boy who entered an event. Mearn's entered the Carnival in the right spirit and that, after all, is what counts.

## FOOTBALL—MAIZEY.

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th grades are to be congratulated on attaining premiership for 1946, while 4th

and 5th grades were runners-up. All teams gained 3367 points for the House, enabling us to win once again the Old Boys' Rugby Cup. This standard of sportsmanship was maintained, for we were well represented in all school teams.

## SWIMMING—LAIDLAW.

In this year's annual school swimming carnival, Mearn's House fielded a particularly fine team of swimmers which ran second in the aggregate point score.

The senior Mearn's boys combined well to win the senior point score; P. Mulray, G. Mulray and B. Laidlaw all swimming strongly and consistently. P. Mulray gave a fine performance to win the senior championship, proving that his individual effort was as thorough and enthusiastic as his leadership.


The younger boys with equal zest "plunged in," ably backing up the seniors, all giving fine performances.

The standard set at the Carnival has been maintained throughout the year, Mearn's being well represented in both Arthur Parker and Water Polo teams. Mr. Arnold found many of our lads in his Life-Saving Class. Through their good work, Mearn's has become the leading House in Life-Saving. We feel confident that if the Junior Mearn's swimmers continue as they have done this year, then the other Houses will have very much stiffer opposition in the future.

In conclusion, our House extends a warm welcome to our new House Master, Mr. Towsey, who in the short space of time with us has shown how great is his enthusiasm for our progress.

I challenge the rising juniors to carry on the seniors' work and not only to retain the Rose and Old Boys' Cups, but also to maintain and increase the House and team spirit which acts as an impenetrable suit of armour when school is left and the relentless battle of life commences.

— P. E. MULRAY, Capt.



## Williams House Report

*"Enthusiasm is the highway to success"*

This is my advice to next year's members of Williams House and the truth of this statement may be seen by reading our results for 1946.

At the beginning of our activities last year, Williams House members were full to the brim with vigour and enthusiasm for the success of the House. We fought vigorously in cricket and gained an impressive lead, and at all our House meetings

we had good and enthusiastic attendances. Then came the Swimming Carnival, at which some of our members preferred to stay at home; others preferred to go and talk with members of other Houses, away from our part of the stand, while the remaining, admirable few, swam or cheered for the House.

During the winter our enthusiasm lagged behind and consequently our football efforts were





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generally unimpressive, and although we had superior teams in some grades they lacked experience and vigor, hence we did not win any grade pennants, although we won the majority last year when enthusiasm ran high in football. So again we allowed Mearns House to carry off the Old Boys' Cup, when it was within our reach. I am sure that had our members concentrated more on passing and scrummage practice, rather than haphazard kicking at the practices, the results would have been more favourable.

In tennis where we had fine possibilities at the beginning of the season, lack of practise and vigorous determination lost us our chances of winning the R. S. Head Memorial Cup.

Next came the Athletic Carnival, when we were lucky to snatch the victory and so win the Frank Austin Memorial Cup at the last moment, thanks to the valiant efforts of our junior members of the relay teams. The attendance of our members in Williams House was far below the mark and not only shows lack of confidence in their teammates, but also in themselves, for in some cases there were not a dozen members from which to pick a tug-'o-war team and it was in the tug-'o-war that we fell down badly.

At this stage, I would like to thank Scaife for his design for a House Pennant which I intended having adopted, but I must apologise to the House, but I could not procure the required color felt to have it made.

The House motto, "*Strive and Thrive*," which I introduced several months ago, seemed to instil new determination into our cricket teams for they retained and improved their advantageous position. We expect to be premiers in 1st, 2nd and 4th Grades are sure to carry off the Ladies' Committee Cup again this year.

So that, on the whole, we have bettered our sporting performances since last year, having probably carried off the Athletic and Cricket Cups as against only the Cricket Cup last year. The winners of the Rose Cup for combing sports have not yet been decided, but Williams House will probably be runners-up at least. I would point out to future members of Williams House that the House was in a position to win the cups for Football and Tennis and would have won these cups, too, had our enthusiasm and vigor been sustained throughout the year, particularly during the winter sporting season.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Kelly for his deep and really sincere interest in Williams House and for his and Mr. Hamnett's co-operation in its smooth running along with the vice-captains: R. Yeoman (Athletics), B. Stinson (Aquatics), R. Smith (Cricket), P. Richardson (Football), J. Tate (Tennis).

I would say to all members of Williams House in the future to always bear in mind the motto, "*Strive and Thrive*," and you will surely thrive.

H. S. SKERRITT, *Captain.*

## House Football

### MEARNS I.

Mearns House again won the Football Competition this year, due mainly to the high standard of our senior teams. The First XV. was successful in carrying off the premiership, being unfortunate not to be undefeated, losing one match against Kilgour 8-9, with two of our players absent.

The team was fortunate in possessing such players as:—

- I. McInnes (Capt), front row forward who used his weight to advantage. Able captain.
- K. McAlpine (vice-capt.), proved valuable asset as full-back and our mainstay as goal-kicker; top scorer for the season.
- B. Porter, nippy half. Always on the ball; made some good individual runs and was instrumental in getting the back line away in many scoring movements.
- L. Palmer, always good as five-eighth; should be a good back for one of our grade teams next year. Penetrates well.
- K. Larcher. Another good inside back and grade prospect for next year. Spearhead of many of our attacks.
- T. McCullough. Hard running utility player. Another grade likely.
- D. Killeen. Rendered valuable service on wing.
- K. Lovett. Winger, useful in line-out work.
- N. Ohlsson. Speedy winger. Always there when wanted.
- E. Parsons. Fine, hard-working lock-forward. Earned his promotion to School Thirds.
- B. Laidlaw. Capably filled lock-forward position when Parsons promoted to grade.
- W. Liney. Second row forward. Very solid in the scrums.
- O. Phillips. A fine bustling second row forward who is sure to do well next year in school team.
- D. Mitchell. A capable partner to Miller as breakaway.
- E. Miller. Hardworking breakaway.
- K. Lamond. Good, both as hooker and in the open. Probably our fastest forward.
- R. Pye. Solid prob, most useful in lineouts and scrums.

The following players also made themselves available when vacancies occurred in the team:—

M. Nolan, H. Marks, J. Reichenberg, W. Laws.

In the last game of the season the backs combined really well to give a classic display against Christmas House, who were defeated 26-3. This was a fitting end to a good season.



## MEARNS II.

In the 2nd Grade House Competition, 1946, Mearns were undefeated premiers. At the start of the season all practise games were lost, but we improved to win all competition matches, some being very closely contested.

The final points score was: Mearns 627, Christmas 348.

The players were:

Levick (Capt.), five-eighth, safe handler who began many scoring movements. Good cover defence.

Paton. Centre with plenty of speed and tricky side-step. Prolific scorer.

Plummer. Wing who runs hard, deadly tackle.

Ping. Speedy centre who runs straight.

Lawler. Fast half who uses blind side to advantage.

McFadyen. Solid winger who runs straight.

McParland. Rake, gained more than his share of ball; useful in open.

Lette. Good forward always on ball; often backed up well to score.

Mongon. Useful forward, especially so in line-outs.



## MEARNS III. (PREMIERS)

With the close of the football season of 1946 this team finished up as outright winners of the 3rd Grade Competition. This team's run of successes was partly due to the fast-moving forwards and partly to the nimble backs.

Thanks to the splendid hooking of the Captain, P. M. McCarthy, and the help of the lock, this team was nearly always successful in securing the ball from the scrums.

This team was very unlucky in not securing a complete succession of wins, its only loss being due to lack of condition of some new forwards.

The scores were:—

v. Williams, 0-27, 10-0, 18-0.

v. Christmas, 42-0, 50-0, 47-0, 52-0.

Forfeit twice from Kilgour.

Comments on outstanding players:—

McCarthy (Captain), a fast, small and quick-thinking hooker who gave his backs a fair share of the ball. A worthy captain for such a team. Senoise. A heavy, but nimble forward, whose barging tactics often saved the team from disaster.

Mulcahy. A nimble and quick-thinking half who should do well in a school team.

Laws. Although he was not too generous to his centres, Laws as five-eighth added many well-needed points to the score.

Lebretton. A fast moving inside centre, who knew what to do with the ball.

Neville. The fastest and straightest-running winger in the competition. His line runs were exciting to the spectators and players alike.

Newton. A safe full back with a long, straight kick and a deadly tackle.



## CHRISTMAS 4th GRADE

It is gratifying to report that Christmas Fourth Grade were undefeated football premiers for 1946, winning all nine matches, a creditable performance.

The team performed well throughout and well deserved being premiers. They combined well as a team and tries were often scored by tactics worked out beforehand.

Some re-arrangement was necessary in the middle of the season, owing to the loss of players to School teams. We must thank our opponents for some hard games, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. We also thank the Housemaster, Mr. Mobbs and the House Captain, Barbour, for their unstinted efforts on our behalf.



## House Cricket

## WILLIAMS HOUSE, 1st GRADE PREMIERS

Williams 1st grade retained the Premiership Pennant gained last year. Of all the matches played, only one was lost, this being on forfeit to Mearns when only five players were present. Of the matches played, 1 was won outright, and 5 on the first innings, total points being 380 out of a possible of 480. The season's results were:—  
v. Means. Won on 1st. Williams 5/41 (Rob-

ertson 11) and 9/42 (Laws 5/11); Mearns 34 (Nicholls 26, Woodhart 4/0) and 76 (Neilson 20, Williams 4/15, Thompson 3/13).

v. Kilgour. Won outright. Williams 7/148 (Wilson 54, Woodhart 38, Tye 38 n.o., Jenkins 2/12, Flood 4/33) Kilgour 102 (Hillman 47, Thompson 4/22, Sharp 1/7, Woodhart 2/10) and 21 (Thompson 4/6, Rolley 6/15).

v. Christmas. Won on 1st. Williams 84 (Wilson



20, Woodhart 37, Beaton 3/11) and 0/66 (Wilson 44 n.o., Sharp 20 n.o.) Christmas 62 (Cleary 23, Williams 5/23) and 3/38.

v. Mearns. Won on 1st. Williams 79 (Thurtell 33; Magnussen 4/27) Mearns 6/66 (dec.) (McInnes 16, Maizy 15).

v. Christmas. Won on 1st. Williams 123 (Wilson 68, Beaton 6/32) and 6/59 (Williams 26, Thurtell 14; Casimir 2/8 )Christmas 49 (Cleary 15; Thompson 4/10 (inc. hat-trick), Rolley 1/3; Williams 4/31).

v. Kilgour. Won on 1st. Williams 5/100 (Woodhart 32 n.o., Thompson 22, Glenn 2/31); Kilgour 86.

The team combined well throughout the season and the batting, bowling and fielding were excellent. Williams captained the team ably and used his bowlers judiciously, he himself being one of the leading wicket-takers.



#### WILLIAMS—2nd GRADE PREMIERS

The team, captained by C. Scott, played seven matches, winning three outright, three on the first innings and one first innings loss. The runners-up were Christmas.

#### Results

- v. Mearns. Won outright.
- v. Kilgour. Won outright.
- v. Christmas. Won outright.
- v. Mearns. Won on 1st Inn.
- v. Christmas. Lost on 1st Inn.
- v. Kilgour. Won on 1st Inn.
- v. Mearns. Won on 1st Inn.

During the season we suffered only one loss; that was to Christmas, although previously we won outright. The only other team that put up a fight was Mearns, whilst we had no trouble from Kilgour.

Although we lost a couple of fine all-rounders (Storey and Thompson) after the football season, we gained the services of Woodhouse and Stevenson. Robbins showed promise in the early matches on the concrete pitches but on malthoid he could not get much turn. Scott was our most consistent trundler and deserved more wickets than he got. During the season, we tried Warren, Tye and Stevenson as wicket-keepers. Every person in the team could be relied on, not to fail when needed.

During the season the following boys participated: Scott (capt.), Warren, Tasker, Shanks, Thurtell, Thompson, Storey, Willis, Shea, Robins, Yeoman, Whitelaw, Rochow, Woodhouse, Tye, Stevenson and Skinner.

#### Best Batting

	Inn.	N.O.	Av.
Shanks .. ..	4	3	64.00
Storey .. ..	6	4	39.00
Warren .. ..	5	1	25.25
Shea .. ..	5	1	20.00
Scott .. ..	4	2	19.50

#### Best Bowling

	Runs	Wickets	Av.
Shea .. ..	152	40	3.8
Scott .. ..	117	23	5.1
Thompson ..	75	8	9.38
Yeoman .. ..	38	4	9.5
Robins .. ..	48	5	9.8

Most of the team batted and bowled well.



#### MEARNS, 3rd GRADE CRICKET PREMIERS

Mearns House, 3rd Grade Cricket Team has gained the Premiership of 1946. Our matches of the season resulted in —

- Two outright wins.
- Four 1st Innings wins.
- One 1st Innings loss.

The team was well balanced with fast and slow bowlers and careful batsmen.

Levy led the team well throughout the season. He was a good keeper and opening batsman, his highest score being 27.

Le Breton is a good medium-paced bowler, which is shown by his average. He was a very good batsman, being capable of compiling many runs.

Laws was the team's best batsman and also was an excellent bowler. He was a very good opening batsman and in one of the games scored a brilliant 82 not out.

Lane, although not playing all games (as he was promoted to Mearns II.) was a good left-hand bowler.

McDonald and Parsons were also good batsmen; Parson's highest score was 62 retired, and McDonald's highest score was 45.

Neville. Although he only bowled towards the end of the season, he secured 4 wickets for 8 runs.

#### Batting

	Inn.	N.O.	Av.
Laws .. ..	152	4	38.0
Le Breton ..	86	6	14.3
McDonald ..	69	5	13.8
O'Brien .. ..	87	7	12.5

Other double-figure averages are: Parsons 12, Muller 11, Levy 10.



Bowling			
	Runs	Wickets	Av.
Laws .. ..	116	27	4.3
Le Breton .. ..	119	19	6.2
Lane .. ..	26	8	3.3
Neville .. ..	8	4	2.0

The regular team consisted of:— Levy (Capt.), Le Breton (vice-capt.), Laws, Neville, O'Brien, Parsons, Lidster, McDonald, Muller, Lawler, Paton, Lane.

WILLIAMS, 4th GRADE PREMIERS  
We completed the season losing only two games.  
The best players were:—

Batting  
Rogers 13.55'  
Teague 11.25'  
Tierney 11.33'  
Wallace 10.5'

Bowling  
Rogers 3.8  
Teague 4.4  
Tierney 7.5  
Rutherford 9.

## School Tennis Championships

The Tennis Championships were held again this year and attracted interest owing to the inclusion of a tournament for the House boys.

In the senior singles there were 17 entrants, who were mainly grade boys. Baxter caused an upset in the tournament by beating Booth but he, in turn, was eliminated by Head in the semi-finals. In the other semi-final Hannam scored a very convincing win over J. Robinson 6-3, 6-2.

The final between Hannam and Head was a closely fought struggle in which both boys felt the effect of the sweltering heat. Head finally won the match 7-5, 5-3 after many long, tiring rallies.

In the senior doubles, Head and Hannam met with little opposition, beating Hotston and Watson 6-0, 9-7 in the final.

Harland, who did not play grade tennis, caused an upset in the junior singles by beating all our fourth graders and beating Brown after a long tussle in the final. The junior doubles was won by L. Brown and A. Johnstone.

Two small juniors, Rutter and Watson, caused much embarrassment to some of the fifth and fourth year boys when they won the school doubles tournament, which was run this year for the house boys. These two youngsters showed distinct promise and should soon make their debut in a school grade team.

Finally, on behalf of all the tennis boys, I would like to thank Mr. Kelly for the assistance and advice he was always ready to give us.

## A PRISONER'S DREAM

Now as upon my bed I lie,  
Save for my thoughts alone,  
I still recall those far faint days  
Of happy youth, those days gone by,  
When I did in a thousand ways  
Pass countless happy hours unknown.  
I see the corn and quivering maize,  
All shimmering in the sun's shaft rays,  
But now I see these walls of stone,  
And leave my thoughts with longing sigh.

Around me like the prison wall,  
Closes the falling night;  
I hear the hard cold tread of feet,  
I sleep and yet I hear it all,  
I hear the sentry pace his beat,  
Shiv'ring in the pale moonlight.  
The hours of rest behind fast fleet,  
And soon the rising sun I greet,  
So shall I live and death defy,  
Till I grown old, at last must die.

— B. NEAL, 5A.

## THE PROGRESS OF THE WORLD

Soft and silent creeps sweet eventide  
O'er rolling plain and gentle valley's slope:  
Slowly she spreads her blanket of the night  
On all: And one by one the fire are lit  
In hearths. The men, with gently wearied arm  
From churlish toil, do gather round and sit  
One with the other. They are in peace —  
That peace which we in learning have not found  
To gain and hold.  
Oh, happy those, whose lives are yet of this

Sweet harmony. We live now but in strife,  
Confusion and lusty greed, which spreads  
This once-fair world with hate. In bygone years  
Our lives have balance fair our science's pace  
But now, with gath'ring speed and sweeping stride  
The one outstrips the other: worldly arts  
Even in speed of progress gaining fast,  
While yet we live our lives in ages past —  
Our views unchanged by passage of great time:  
Those aged players in this new pantomime.  
— O. M. PHILLIPS, 4A.



# House Cups

Trophy	Christmas House	Kilgour House	Mearns House	Williams House	Winners
The FRANK AUSTIN MEMORIAL CUP .. (Athletics)	119	190	193	217	WILLIAMS HOUSE
The HANNAN CUP (Aquatics) —					
Carnival .. .. .	173	70	163	98	
Life-Saving .. .. .	371	431	543	475	
Water-Polo .. .. .	37	40	67	—	
TOTAL .. .. .	1842	1613	2348	1817	MEARNS HOUSE
The LADIES' COMMITTEE CUP .. .. .					
(Cricket)	1446	1275	1307	1534	WILLIAMS HOUSE
The OLD BOYS' RUGBY CUP .. .. .					
	2009	2196	3367	2439	MEARNS HOUSE
The R. L. HEAD MEMORIAL CUP .. .. .					
(Tennis)	235	224½	132	210½	CHRISTMAS HOUSE
The ROSE CUP (All Sport) —					
Athletics .. .. .	9.93	15.86	16.11	18.11	
Cricket .. .. .	39.00	34.39	35.25	41.37	
Football .. .. .	32.10	35.10	53.81	38.98	
Tennis .. .. .	8.79	8.40	4.94	7.87	
Aquatics .. .. .	24.17	21.16	30.81	23.84	
TOTAL .. .. .	113.99	114.91	140.92	130.17	MEARNS HOUSE

## Stop Press

The Les Johnson Memorial Prizes for Sportsmanship for 1946 were awarded to R. Barbour (Senior), and F. Johnstone (Junior).

Besides those mentioned elsewhere in this magazine, G. Mulray received his Blue for Life-Saving.

D. Smeaton is to be congratulated on putting up new figures for the mile, in winning the C.H.S. second division event. His time, 4m. 51.8s., bettered by 9.0 seconds the previous best Fort Street time of 5m. 0.8s., put up by B. Langs-worth at the School Sports in 1932.



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