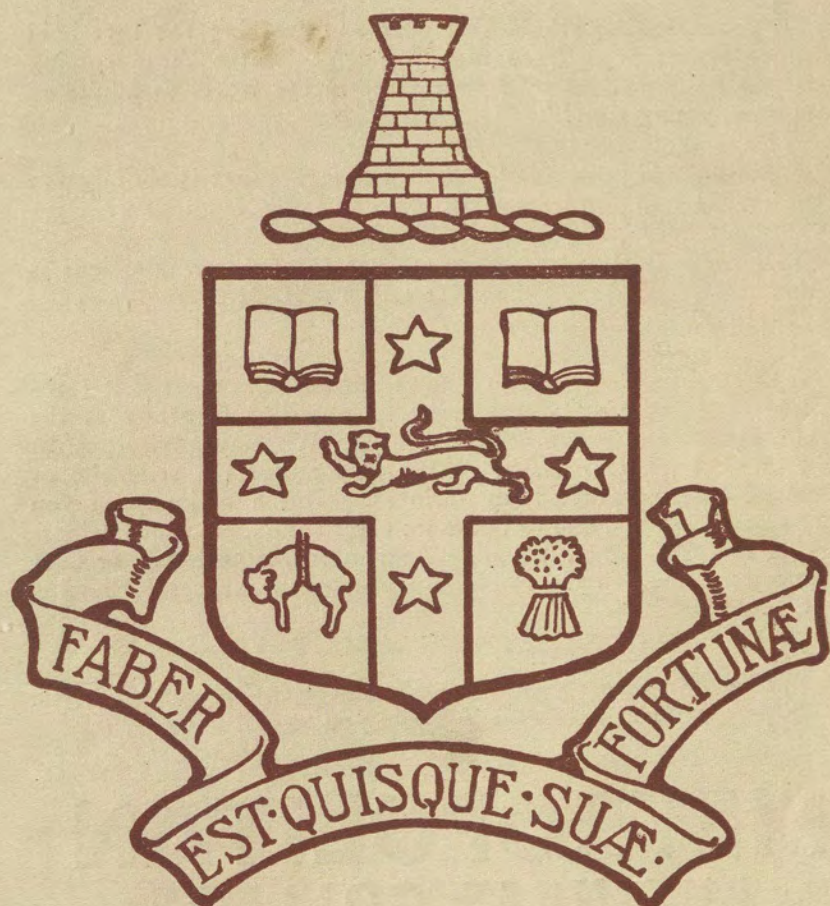


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What Now . . . Young Men?

To those leaving school this year and crossing the threshold which separates boys from men, we ask: "After these coming Christmas holidays you take your place in the world as adults — What now, young man?"

What kind of position should you take? What is your future to be. What will you be earning 5 to 10 years from now?

You know full well that the answer to all these questions is another question: **WHAT KIND OF TRAINING WILL YOU HAVE HAD?**

A discussion with one or other of our advisers costs you nothing and does not bind you to take up any line of study at the M.B.C., but it may prove really helpful. We may advise you to carry on through University. We may suggest a scientific or industrial career, rather than business. But a majority of you will be business men, and to those we offer sound, efficient business training in all branches, including **Accountancy, Secretarial, or Cost Accounting**, on which you can build a prosperous, successful future.

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

Your position in future years depends almost entirely on what you do now; and so we cordially invite you to call in or write.

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OUR CHOICE

"To be, or not to be—that is the question,
 Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
 The slings and arrows of outrageous Fortune,
 Or to take arms against a sea of troubles
 And by opposing end them."

These two policies of life so delicately and felicitously posed for our choice often confront us for decision as we journey on our way. They present to us the passive and the active way of life and we have to make the decision which it is to be. If we are Turks we may say, "It is the will of Allah," and resign ourselves to the conditions in which we find ourselves. If these conditions are inevitable or the result of our own acts, the passive role may be the better one to adopt.

History tells us of many who have become famous by the way they have borne themselves against the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, but there are many more examples of those who have taken "arms against a sea of trouble" and emerged triumphant into radiant fame.

When we look over the record of nearly one hundred years of the life of this school, there is no doubt what choice was made by the former sons of Fort Street. How could the choice have been otherwise than an active one, when we had the challenge to undaunted effort by our virile motto?

Every man is the maker of his own fortune. Fort Street instilled this philosophy into its alumni long before this slogan was made explicit in its motto. And so there went forth from Fort Street men of infinite and amazing variety of character and talent — men who left their impress in every sphere of public life and service.

They were not discouraged by failures or reverses which come into the lives of all human beings. Some of these sons had only dimly measured themselves when they left us; for others there was no prediction of success — rather the reverse. And yet from some of these lowly ones came many who rose on "stepping stones" of their dead selves to higher things." All achieved distinction because they did not sit down and let their difficulties overwhelm them. They joined issue with them, and with heroic hearts marched breast forward and surmounted them.

And so it is with those who are about to step into the second century of the life of this great school. You are of the same mental and bodily cell-structure as those who have preceded you. Have you their indomitable spirit that fought the good fight, that attained Olympian heights and won renown? If you can answer "yes" to this question, the school is safe in your keeping, and what is done by you in active participation in the school's second century of life will be as great, if not greater, than the deeds of its illustrious past.

OUR CENTENARY 1849 -- 1949.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER.

"Just fifty years ago, 'Old Fort Street' entered upon its useful and honorable career as the nucleus and centre of public education in New South Wales."

This is an extract from a circular issued in connection with the Jubilee Celebrations in 1899. Instead of fifty years, next year we substitute one hundred. How are we going to celebrate fittingly the hundredth anniversary of the foundation of Fort Street? This message is an appeal to the parents, the friends and well-wishers, and to the ex-students of the school to rally to our support.

Are you going to attend the functions organised in connection with the centenary? Will you support the workers on the Ladies' Committee, the Old Boys' Union, the Parents and Citizens? Do not leave it to the staff and the students; they will do their share, but the bulk of the work must be done by others.

Make sure that on next Speech Day our Memorial Hall is packed to the doors, that our Fathers and Sons' Evening is a huge success, that on Play Days and Play Nights we will not see a vacant seat. Is it too much to ask that you crowd Peter-sham Oval and the Cabarita Baths on the occasions of our Athletic and Swimming Carnivals?

During the Jubilee Year a Commemoration Dinner was held in Sydney Town Hall. It was attended by the leading men of the colony (before the days of Federation), the Governor, the Earl Beauchamp, the Vice Chancellor of the University, the Premier of the State of New South Wales George Reid (later Sir George), the Leader of the Opposition, William Lyne (later Sir William) and a band of distinguished old boys, "altogether a host of which any school could be proud," as a writer of the day declared.

Will our dinner be as successful, will our other functions be as well attended?

A committee including Misses Cohen and Smith (Fort St. Girls), Misses Bannon & Day (Old Girls' Union), Messrs. Duff and Weinberg (Old Boys' Union) and Mearns and Austin (Fort Street Boys) have made certain preliminary arrangements for next year.

On Saturday, 30th April, there will be a Garden Party at Fort Street Girls' High School—the site of the old school. The Trocadero has been engaged for Thursday evening, 5th May, for a ball organised by the Old Girls' and Old Boys' Unions.

A combined dinner will be held on Saturday, 7th May—the place to be arranged.

Fort Street Boys' Speech Day will be altered from a morning to an evening function and will be held on Thursday, 28th April, in the Memorial Hall. We hope to arrange an official opening of the reconditioned playground—a memorial oval, levelled, top-dressed, turfed and above all, free from debt.

Fort Street Girls are holding a concert in the Conservatorium on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 2nd and 4th May.

To every one of the above functions, parents, ex-students and supporters of the three schools, Fort Street Girls and Boys' High and Fort Street Primary—are cordially invited. Make certain that no other arrangement will keep you away.

Just here I would like to make an appeal to old boys to send along historical facts, reminiscences and doings of prominent old boys, to Mr. Gent, who is compiling a history of the school, also to the Deputy Headmaster the names of old boys who served in World War II and whose names have not been published in previous issues of the Fortian, particularly the names of those who have paid the supreme sacrifice.

Finally a message to the students themselves: What are you going to do? Dare we hope that some one will approach the scholastic record of the late E. M. Wellisch whose outstanding pass at the Senior in the Jubilee Year can be seen on the Honour Board near the staff room? Will the present fifth year and next year's fifth year beat the Learning Certificate results of last year? And our sporting activities! Are our footballers, cricketers, athletes, swimmers, tennis players, boxers, going to uphold—nay surpass—the deeds of their predecessors? Win or lose are they going to play the game for the game's sake to gain and maintain the reputation of true sportsmen?

And what of our other activities? Can we make 1949 Play Day a memorable function, "better than ever"? Is it not time that the Hume Barbour Trophy should return once again to Fort Street? Mr. Arnold will do his share to help the lifesavers in their efforts to keep the Arthur Parker Cup, and regain the Hendry Cup: how about it, boys? Need I mention the Choir and Orchestra, the Photographic Club, the Radio Club, the Chess Club, the Inter-School Christian Fellowship, and the Cadets?

Finally to one and all, I say 'put your shoulder to the wheel' and make 1949 a year outstanding in the annals of Fort Street.

SPEECH DAY.

Fort Street's Annual Speech Day was held on the 6th May, in the Memorial Hall, with the President of the Old Boys' Union, Mr. Duff, as chairman. The proceedings were opened with the school song, which was followed by three short pieces by the choir, under the direction of Mr. Treharne.

Mr. Duff then spoke and praised the work of the students of last year for their excellent performances in study and on the sporting field. He stressed the fact that we can get nothing out of the world unless we put something into it.

Mr. Mearns, giving the school report, emphasised that the good results came only because the students were keen, thorough, positive and earnest workers. He praised the staff, and commended the splendid job they were doing.

Immediately following, was the Sportsmaster's Report, delivered by Mr. Allen, who congratulated

last year's football teams on their achievements, and urged greater efforts in the future.

In the absence of the Director of Education, Mr. Austin addressed the audience and said: "Former students think that they were the last pupils of the 'good old days,' but that is not so. We want every boy attending, to leave Fort St. and become a worthy member of the community and Empire. It is the desire of every boy who enters this school to obtain a scholarship, and we try to see that he gets it." At the conclusion of this address the choir gave us two more songs, "Vesper Hymn" and "Jerusalem," after which the prizes for studies and sporting activities were presented.

Mr. F. Albert, the oldest "old boy" alive to-day, presented cups to the Arthur Parker Cup team, and gave an address.

The ceremony was concluded by the playing of the National Anthem.



PREFECTS, 1948.

Back Row—G. Thomas, G. Wilson, P. Neville, J. Hatcher, T. Pedersen, T. Elligett.

Middle Row—A. Allan, J. Dart, P. Taylor, F. Tuynman, J. Dick, J. Blackler, G. Richardson, D. Child, M. Lamond.

Front Row—W. Laws, A. Yeoman, G. Wilkin, G. Brooke (captain), Mr. N. R. Mearns (Headmaster), Mr. D. J. Austin (Deputy Headmaster), P. Lawler (vice-captain), P. Corrie, R. Bligh, D. Dyer.

Absent—R. Atkinson.

Prize List, 1948

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

(100 Passes)

Owen Phillips: James Aitken Scholarship, John West Medal and Grahame Prize Medal for General Proficiency; shared Barker Scholarship No. 111 and Home Exhibition for Mathematics.

BURSARIES.

Russell Bainton, John Crooks, Robert Eagleson, Peter Richardson, Graeme Bird, Ray Johnson.

UNIVERSITY EXHIBITIONS.

Arts: Russell Bainton, Robert Eagleson.

Law: Brian Neilson, Stanley Hamley.

Medicine: John Crooks, David Glenn.

Science: Arthur Johnson.

Engineering: Graeme Bird, George Cruickshank, Ray Johnson, Owen Phillips.

Agriculture: Raymond Jessup.

Economics: Peter Richardson.

HONOURS — 29 First Class, 29 Second Class.

English: R. Bainton, D. Bray, R. Eagleson, S. Hamley, S. Koorey.

History: R. Eagleson, S. Hamley, R. Bainton, D. Bray, S. Koorey.

French: J. Crooks, R. Johnson.

Mathematics I: G. Bird, D. Evans, D. Glenn, G. Haines, R. Jessup, B. Neilson, O. Phillips, P. Richardson, B. Rickard, H. Skinner.

Mathematics II: B. Barnes, G. Bird, D. Glenn, G. Haines, R. Jessup, Bryan Neilson, O. Phillips, P. Richardson, B. Rickard, H. Skinner.

Physics: G. Cruickshank, E. Edwards, J. Hextall, R. Johnson, M. McDonald, J. Matthews, P. Meulman, O. Phillips.

Chemistry: J. Cotter, G. Cruickshank, E. Edwards, R. Harrison, J. Hextall, A. Johnston, P. Meulman, W. Whitelaw.

Geography: R. Baxter, W. Boughton, L. Crawford, C. Gale, B. Gillett, S. Koorey, B. Laidlaw, B. Stinson, B. Thorby.

BEST AGGREGATE PASSES AT

LEAVING CERTIFICATE.

Owen Phillips, David Glenn, Russell Bainton, John Crooks, Bryan Neilson, Robert Eagleson, Peter Richardson, Graeme Bird, John Hextall.

BEST SUBJECT PASSES AT

LEAVING CERTIFICATE.

English: Robert Eagleson.

Latin: Peter Richardson.

French: John Crooks.

German: John Crooks.

Mathematics I.: Owen Phillips.

Mathematics II.: Owen Phillips.

General Mathematics: R. Bainton, J. Crooks.

Modern History: Robert Eagleson, Stanley Hamley.

Physics: Owen Phillips.

Chemistry: Anthony Johnston.

Geography: Brian Gillett.

Economics: Jack Reichenberg.

Co-operative Wholesale Society Prize: Jack Reichenberg.

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE.

(134 Passes)

INTERMEDIATE BURSARIES.

Noel Allen, Alan Beard, Barry Berry, Ronald Bradley, Alfred Curryer, Terence Field, Phillip Fisher, Kevin Fokes, Thomas Fraser, John Handford, Raymond Hayes, John Hendrie, Robert Pendlebury, Alan Rawson.

WINNERS OF SPECIAL PRIZES.

Killeen Memorial Prize for Dux of School: Owen Phillips.

Lodge Fortian Prize for Proficiency: David Glenn (Senior), Frederick Hinde (Junior).

Sender Memorial Prize for Scholar Displaying Finest Spirit in Sport, Studies and General School Activities: David Glenn.

Headmaster's Prize for School Service: Brian Gillett.

John Hunter Prize for the Best Student entering the Faculty of Medicine: David Glenn.

THIRD YEAR.

Verco Prize for Mathematics: Owen Phillips.

Charles H. Harrison Memorial Prize for Best Fifth Year Boy in English: Robert Eagleson.

John Hills Memorial Prize for Fourth Year Scholar Displaying Outstanding Qualities: Graham Brooke.

Taylor Memorial Prize for Geography: Brian Gillett (L.C.), John Reddie (I.C.)

Bertram Stevens Prizes for Economics: Jack Reichenberg, Arthur Allan.

Herbert Percival Williams Shakesperean Prize: Russell Bainton.

Baxendale Memorial Prizes for English: Robert Eagleson (Fifth Year), David Pegum (Fourth Year), Frederick Hinde (Third Year), John Brown (Second Year), Alexander Mercer (First Year).

Johnson Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship: Graham Brooke (Senior), Robert Gooley (Junior).

Raymond Sly Memorial Prize for Music: Kenneth Hardwick.

Lt.-Col. Irvine and P. Benson Memorial Prize for Leadership and Example in Cadets: Stanley Maizey.

FOURTH YEAR.

Dux: David Pegum.

English: David Pegum and John Dick, Aeq.

French: David Pegum, Adrian Ellison, Evan Sutton.

Mathematics I: Barry Richardson.

Mathematics II: Kenneth Cabrera.

General Mathematics: Evan Sutton.

History: John Harris and D. Munns.

Economics: Arthur Allan.

Latin: Evan Sutton.

Chemistry: Kenneth Smith.

Physics: Graham Brooke.

German: K. Carruthers.

Geography: K. Carruthers.

Dux: Frederick Hinde.

Second: Malcolm St. Clair.

English: Frederick Hinde.

History: Francis Robinson.

Latin: Malcolm St. Clair.

French: Malcolm St. Clair.

German: William Bussman.

Mathematics I: Frederick Hinde.

Mathematics II: Malcolm St. Clair.

Elementary Science: Malcolm St. Clair.

Geography: John Reddie.

Business Principles: Thomas Fraser, John Hudson.

Social Studies: Frederick Hinde.

First in Class: 3B, Field; 3C, Henry Copeland; 3D, Thomas Fraser.

SECOND YEAR.

Dux: John Brown.

Second: John Logan.

English: John Brown.

History: Bruce Hosie.

Latin: John Hogan.

French: John Brown.

German: Herbert Fichtmann.

Mathematics I: John Brown.

Mathematics II: Brian Coleman.

Elementary Science: John Logan.

Business Principles: — Orr.

Geography: Bruce Lukins.

Social Studies: Arthur Mason.

Japanese: Ernest Williams.

First in Class: 2B, John Logan; 2C, Bruce Lukins; 2D, Donald Runcie.

FIRST YEAR.

Dux: Leslie Sieffert.

Second: Max Jones.

English: Alexander Mercer.

Social Studies: Max Jones.

Latin: Leslie Sieffert.

French: Leslie Sieffert.

Mathematics I: Michael Newmann.

Mathematics II: Michael Newmann.

Elementary Science: John Aney, Henry Pang.

First in Class: 1B, Allan Smith; 1C, Richard Limbrick; 1D, Henry Pang.

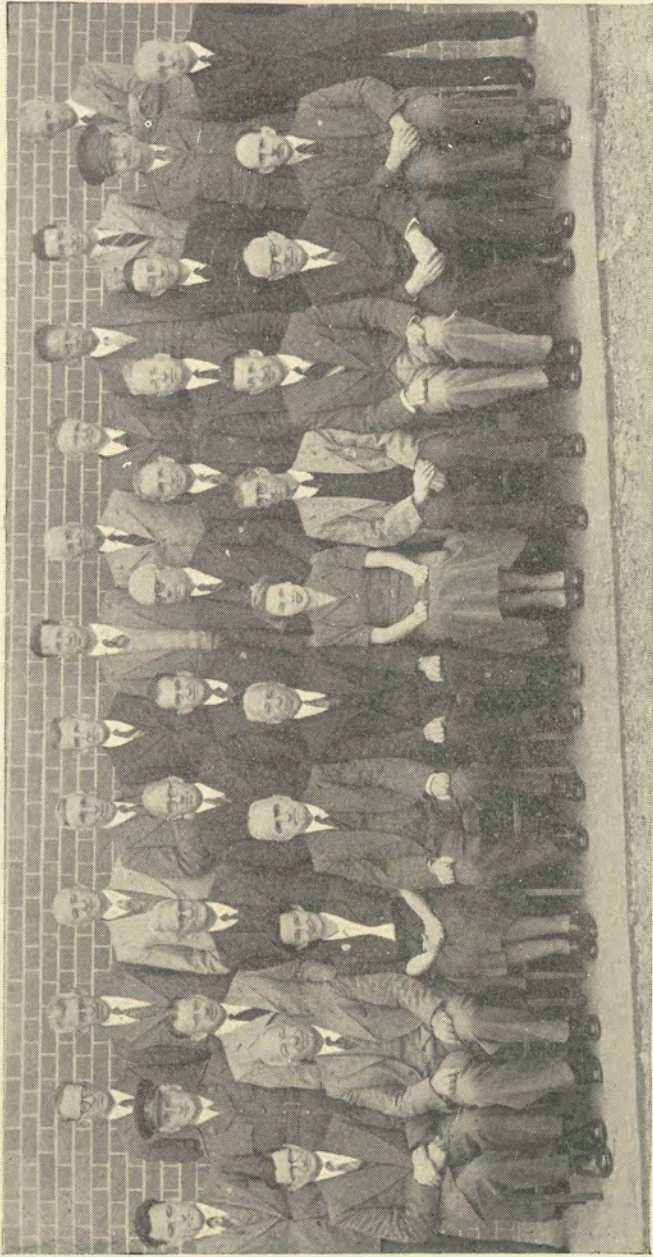
LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS 1947.

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

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| 3. French | 13. Physics. |
| 4. German. | 14. Chemistry. |
| 5. Mathematics I. | 18. Geography |
| 6. Mathematics II. | 19. Economics. |

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 Bason, P. T., 1B 3A (o) 5A 6A 13A 14A.
 Baxter, R. W., 1B 3B 5B 6B 18H (2) 19B.
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 Bird, G. A., 1B 3A 5A 6A (x1) 13A 14A.
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 Casimir, M., 1H (2) 3B (o) 5B 6A 13B 14A.
 Cleary, W. A., 1A 3A (o) 5B 6A 13A 14A.
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 Crow, A., 1A 3A (o) 5B 6B 13A 14A.
 Cruickshank G. A., 1A 3B (o) 5A 6A 13H (2) 14H (2).
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 Dart, J. R., 1B 5B 6B 13B 14B.
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 Magnussen, W. H., 1B 5A 6A 13A 14B.
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 Plummer, P. D., 1B 3B 5B 6B 14A.
 Reichenberg, J. S., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13B 19A.
 Richardson, P. L., 1A 2A 3A (o) 5A 6A (x1) 14A.
 Rickard, B. H., 1B 3B 5A 6A (x2) 13A 14B
 Rochow, H. E., 1B 7B 9B 14B 19B.
 Scaife, J. A., 1B 3B 6B 18A.
 Scott, C. H., 1B 2B 3A (o) 7B 9B 14B.
 Shanks, G. F., 1B 5B 6A 13B.
 Shea, H. W. E., 1B 5B 6B 14B.
 Short, A. W., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13A 14B.
 Simpson, B. G., 1B 3B (o) 5B 6B 13B 14B.
 Sinclair, T. J., 1B 3B (o) 5B 18B.
 Skinner, H. F., 1A 3B (o) 5B 6A (x2) 13A 14A
 Spice, C. H., 1B 7B 9B 18A 19B.
 Spray, P. R. J., 1A 2A 3B 5B 6B.
 Stinson, B. W., 1B 7B 9B 14B 18H (2).
 Tasker, G. R., 1B 9B 18B 19B.
 Thomas, J. E., 1A 2B 3B 5B 6B 14A.
 Thorby, B. V., 1B 5B 6A 14A 18H (2).
 Ward, T. M., 1H (1) 2B 9A 14B.
 Wells, C. R., 1B 7B 9B 12B.
 Whitelaw, W. G. S., 1B 3B 5B 6B 13A 14H (2).
 Winkworth, P. H., 1A 3B (o) 7B 9A.
 Woodhart, E. E., 1B 5B 6B 13A 19B.
 Woodhouse, L. R., 1B 2B 5B 6B 13B.
 Yeoman, A. R., 1A 2B 3A (o) 5B 6B 14B.



SCHOOL STAFF, 1948.

Front Row—C. Dandie, F. Fitzpatrick, F. Brodie, B. Goodwin, J. Allen, R. Cull, L. Rose,
 J. Hearse F. Simpson, J. Reid, K. Barnard.
 Middle Row—F. Hutchins, D. O'Sullivan, C. Kester, A. Stanley, E. Arnold, V. Cohen,
 M. Treharne, H. Marks, L. Gent, F. Burtenshaw, H. Went, H. Bryant.
 Front Row—A. Duncan, B. Roberts, Mrs. S. Eddy, D. J. Austin (Deputy Headmaster)
 N. R. Mearns (Headmaster), Miss Ninness (Secretary), G. Bohman, R. Mobbs,
 E. Parker, J. Wells. Absent—J. Dunne.

PLAY DAY, 1948.

Fort Street's 28th Play Day was as successful as any of those which have gone before. The plays were of a high standard, and all were well received by attentive audiences.

The plays chosen for the two Play Nights were selected by Mr. Austin and Mr. Burtenshaw. They were "Old Mr. Sundown in Fairyland" (1st Year), "Nicodemus" (3A); "Mrs. Aelis" (4A); "Ali the Cobbler" (4C) and "In the Zone" (4th Year).

We must again express our gratitude to Mr. Barnard, whose knowledge and work made Play Day the success that it was. Thanks are due to all the staff and the scene-shifters who went towards making the day successful.

The school choir again assisted in giving us excellent entertainment with their choral work. A new feature this year was an item given by a choir from Third Year. All due praise is to be given to Mr. Treharne who trained and conducted the choir so very well.

Below is a brief comment on the individual plays:—
First Year—

"OLD MR. SUNDOWN IN FAIRYLAND"

This was, as its name suggests, a fantasy, and was well performed by its young actors, about 25 in all, who played their parts admirably and deserved their selection for Play Night. The various songs helped to keep the play interesting. H. Hardwick was the pianist. The play was well received by the audience as a change from the tragedies. Acting laurels went to A. Macindoe as Old Mr. Sundown.

Second Year —

"OLD MOORE'S ALMANAC"

This play attracted the audience's attention at the very beginning with its novel introduction. It was unlucky not to have gained selection for Play Night, but the other comedies were of a very high standard and were preferred by the judges.

3A—"NICODEMUS"

Credit must be given to the entire cast of this play; they combined excellently to make the play the success it was. It is hard to select the best act from this cast, but Kench as the grandfather did a very fine piece of acting. Manefield, Johnstone, Mason and Hesp gave admirable performances also.

3B—"THE POISON PARTY"

Only a fair effort from Third Year boys, but good costuming and unintended humour by some of the actors made up for other deficiencies. Best acting came from Moore as the cardinal.

3C—"THE KING OF BURVENDER"

A very fair effort, but most of the cast failed to act naturally, and smiles came on when not intended, which is rather too frequent in plays from boys who are in Third Year. Best acting went to the Chancellor.

3D—"A BIT OF A REST"

This play had hardly commenced when it seemed to end. Unintended smiles were also noticeable in this play, and wigs half off did not improve the position, but all the players were enthusiastic and did a fair job.

4A—"MRS. ADIS"

This play deserved its selection for Play Night as one of the best tragedies of the day. Lockley as Mrs. Adis, and Oastler as Peter Crouch, were the best actors, their spasms of sorrow, surprise and gratitude being something to remember. The supporting cast, Toms, Johnstone and Allan, gave meritorious performances. All combined to make the play a success.

4B—"AN INTERLUDE TO WAR"

Owing to the story being rather difficult to follow, the action limited, and the dialogue rather muffled at times, this play was not good enough for a Play Night performance. Best acting came from Thomas.

4C—"ALI THE COBBLER"

This play was very competently handled by its enthusiastic cast and thoroughly deserved its selection for Play Night. It is not often that this is said about a comedy, but this play took the honours of Play Day. Akehurst as Said was brilliant, and excellent support came from Schollay as Ali; Hardwick as Fatima; and Ford as her gluttonous cousin.

4D—"THE 'OLE IN THE ROAD"

Rather a poor effort for a senior play, but the actors put their best into it. Lack of scenery and action deprived the play of better luck, as it was just a long conversation between a dandy and a worker on the road.

Fourth Year—"IN THE ZONE"

All the actors in this play were convincing and the atmosphere of suspicion and nervousness was well carried out. One of the best plays, but the audience's attention wandered because of the length of the play. Best acting came from Thomas and Paton, who were very well supported by Oastler, Watson and Smith.

Fifth Year—"THREAD O' SCARLET"

This was one of Play Day's best tragedies and was unlucky in not being selected for Play Night. Pull as Butters the grocer gave a very fine performance, and it was mainly due to his acting that the play was such a success. Logan as the odd-job man also deserved praise, as did the supporting cast, Daelan, Eldridge, Davidson and Blackler.

— The Fortian Dramatic Critics.

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MUSIC OF 1948.

When school assembled for the first time in the new year, we were greatly disappointed when it was found that Mr. Waters, the music master for the past two years, had been appointed elsewhere. He did excellent work, and we were sorry to lose him.

As a bolt from the blue, Mr. H. F. Treharne came to us out of retirement. Especially to those who had been present at his radio farewell on the 2nd December, 1947, did the surprise of this appointment come. Hope immediately rose high. Here at last was someone to take us to the top—musically. Unhappily, this was not to be our lot, for 1st year enthusiasts were few and far between, 2nd year even less, and our basses from 4th and 5th year at the best of times numbered only 6. With this serious setback right at the beginning, Mr. Treharne had an uphill fight all the way. He worked hard and the results at the "Father and Son" evening, "Speech Day" and "Play Nights" were highly commendable. Our "special" choir also did well in its nine broadcasts.

They were always a credit to their school, both when travelling and in broadcasting studios. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by country schools, to whom they taught many new songs.

At the beginning of the term, Mr. Treharne called a meeting of the choir, and by vote, Ken Hardwick was chosen as captain and accompanist. At the beginning of the 3rd term a "gramophone record" club was founded under the leadership of Graham Wallace and did quite well for one so young.

The Choir needs more support. It must reach its zenith this year. See to it, you of the new 1st, 2nd and 4th years, that you give your music master—whoever he may be—the utmost support. Give your parents the joy of hearing a beautiful choir combined with an efficient orchestra, perform great work, of which their school may be justly proud.

Make sure that 1949 will be the finest year in music that our great and famous school has ever known.

THE MUSIC LOVER

I walked breezily into the room, but did not progress six feet before I was reproved from a far corner for my noisiness. On seeing my cousin seated there, I dropped into the nearest armchair with a sigh.

Sitting there, with long hair falling in tumbled cascades on his forehead and neck, in the manner in which all virtuosos take pride, was he, the object of my utmost contempt. Instead of playing football like other sensible boys, he would rather enrich his mind "with the finer and cultured amusements of life," as he termed them. For that reason, I loathe him. I'm no better than the next man; and I hate snobs, anyway.

Suddenly the music rose, he sprang to life, up shot his hands, and with a trill of the fingers of the right hand he silenced the second violins, who in his imaginary orchestra, must have been sitting rather near me. Much taken aback by this demonstration, I was even more amazed when he jumped to his feet in an excited manner and began conducting more furiously than ever. As the tempo increased and the music grew louder, so his efforts became more frenzied. Louder, louder grew the music, and then at its climax—it stopped. With a sorrowful exclamation of "Oh!" he sprang

to turn the record over to continue Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 1 (as I later discovered) and then, sank back into his chair to sit enraptured by the grandeur of the piece.

Luckily I had intruded (it was too hot to play football) when he had put on the last record of the concert, so I was spared much suffering. As the coda began, he again sprang to his feet—the second last chord sounded, he took a deep breath, and as the final note was played, his hands performed a wide outward sweep as he concluded the work. He then began bowing, this way and that, his black, lank locks cascading over his face. Suddenly, he realised there was a spectator present, and once again sat down, muttering, "illustrious, glorious, what a wealth of beauty!" And then, turning towards me, said with a superior air, "But, of course you wouldn't understand."

With that Parthian shaft, he sniffed, turned up his nose in the prescribed manner of snobs, and departed from my "unworthy" presence. Now you can see why I don't like my cousin, least of all "music-lovers" in general; so adopt my earnest counsel, "fellow-morons," and segregate yourselves from that high cultured class of society who term themselves "music lovers." — F. HINDE, 4A.

OLD BOYS' UNION

You may be interested to know just what the Old Boys have been doing this year in the sporting and social spheres.

FOOTBALL.

A team entered the Junior Rugby Union competition in the second grade and reached the semi-final, only to be defeated by the premiers, 8-6. New members are needed to make next season a winner for the old boys in football. Details for joining are given below.

SWIMMING AND LIFE SAVING.

The Fort Street Old Boys' Swimming and Life Saving Club had a most successful season 1947-8. Its team, composed of A. D. Eslake, B. E. Neale, N. C. Arnold, K. A. Lovett and G. R. Mulray, won by a comfortable margin the Kelso King Challenge Shield competition, which is open to all clubs in N.S.W., if affiliated with the Royal Life Saving Society.

P. E. Mulray visited Melbourne as a member of the N.S.W. Royal Life Saving Society's team to participate in the Australia-wide competition for the Trenchard Miller Shield.

In the Australia Cup, open to all members of the Royal Life Saving Society in Australia, N. C. Arnold and P. E. Mulray swam third and fourth respectively in the N.S.W. section, and in the final results for Australia were placed sixth and seventh.

The club participated in some beach carnivals, but with little success, owing to its small membership.

An effort is to be made to secure even greater success in the centenary year. However, this cannot be achieved without greater membership. Those desirous of joining should contact Mr. Arnold at the school, N. C. Arnold, Secretary, 13 Clanwilliam Street, Eastwood, or P. E. Mulray, treasurer, 2 Gladstone Street, Burwood.

SOCIAL.

On April 1st the Annual Ball, always a great event, was held in the Petersham Town Hall. Two dances, at the school made up the other social events, and both were well attended.

CENTENARY AND THE UNION.

The School's Centenary and its attendant celebrations constitute the most important work of the Union this year and next. Plans so far for the Centenary reveal that a ball at the Trocadero is scheduled for May 5, 1949. Working on plans for the event is a representative council, and the Old Boys' Union has president Duff and vice-president Hastie representing them on it.

YOU AND THE UNION.

You (and now I'm addressing present students) should seriously consider joining the Union as soon as you leave. Old boys appreciate the Union for the link it provides with the school, what it stands for, and your school friends. It's simple to join—just write to Secretary Ron. Broune, c/o Box 4209, G.P.O., Sydney, or Mr. Arnold at the School. Mr. Arnold is the Old Boys' Union School representative. Union subscription is five shillings per annum for those joining within 5 years of leaving school, otherwise it is ten shillings and sixpence. The Union badge, which all Old Fortians should be proud to wear, is now available from the secretary or any committee member.

UNION OFFICE BEARERS.

Here are the Fortians elected to serve the Union for 1948-49:—

President: Alderman Duff.
Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. Hastie and C. Pye.
Secretary: R. Broune.
Treasurer: T. Herbert.
School Liaison Officer: E. Arnold.

Barry Neal, who was secretary, had to resign owing to pressure of studies, and Ron. Broune, a former holder of that office, now carries on, with Barry Neal as co-opted member. The Committee includes Messrs. D. Weinberg, A. G. and G. A. Kench, N. C. Porter, R. H. Roper, A. Bowden, B. Gillette, K. Rew, R. Becker, A. Wishart, I. Shepherd, N. Gledhill, Dr. S. Gentile and W.O.II. R. Rule.

SOME HISTORY.

You've read what the Old Boys' Union is doing, who is running its affairs, and what it is planning.

Early in the year, the Sydney "Sun" published a news paragraph concerning the formation of the Boy Scout Movement in Australia. It pointed out how the first Scout Troop was organised at Fort Street School with ten students. That the School should be connected with such a worthy institution is in keeping with the school's tradition.

Another reference in current literature is that made by John Reynolds in his recently published biography, "Edmund Barton." This story of Australia's first Prime Minister, who was born in the year of Fort Street's inauguration, records this great man's years at Fort Street School . . . "an experience he always cherished."

Both these items give prominence to the school's tradition which will be more fully realised with the centenary celebrations, in which all Old Boys have a great interest.

—Written by Russ. Becker, convener of the Publicity Sub-committee.

LIBRARY REPORT.

During the past year, the Library maintained its position as one of the most important activities of the School. Though it is of great value to the junior years in their fiction reading, its maximum worth is to fourth and fifth year, to whom it is a ready source of information. Its reference books are in constant demand at the lunch-time borrowing period which fifth year uses.

Two years ago, the practice of placing selected books on stack, to be kept for Honours pupils, was instituted. This has been continued very successfully; a fair distribution of reference books in demand is thus obtained. The Magazine Library closed down last year because of the expense involved is now being disposed of at lunch hour sales.

The method of allotting library periods to the school has been brought to a fine art. The difficulties associated with giving each class a set period for library work will be seen when you realise that a certain number of lessons in each subject must be given each week. However, the practice now is to allow each first, second and third year class a period from some subject taken in rotation, in which they can borrow their books. This library period is given to first year once a week, and second and third once a fortnight. Fourth year classes have a fixed library period once a week.

The current prices of books and the small annual revenue of the library give the purchase

of new books a necessarily limited scope. However, the generosity of past and present pupils in their donations of books saves the school some considerable expenditure.

This year, 234 books were added to the library, of which 66 were donated. To the donors of these we would like to express our deep appreciation, and to any who possess books that would be of benefit to the library, we would ask that they would bring them along to Mr. Barnard or the Library staff. As well as our expenses involved in the purchase of new books, we have had to spend a sum of money on the binding and repairing of others.

At present, it is a very difficult task to maintain the library in the manner befitting Fort Street, though the library expects an increase in its revenue due to the slight rise in Union fees.

This year Mr. Barnard, the Librarian, was assisted by a staff of two prefects, T. Elligett and J. Lamond, who each spent two lunch-hours in the library during the week supervising the borrowing of Fifth Year. Also a staff of competent class librarians handled the flow of books from their respective classes.

For this we would thank them; also we would extend to Mr. Barnard our thanks, for without his energetic efforts and great knowledge of books the Library could not have become the smoothly-run organisation it is to-day.

— T. ELLIGETT, 5B.

The Ladies' Committee

This year has been a very busy one for the Ladies' Committee, and we are justly proud of the result of the year's activities.

Among the many successful functions held during the year were a Fete, a Card Luncheon, and a delightful Chinese Afternoon. The Father and Son Evening was well attended, and was bright and enjoyable.

The Committee served supper to the visitors at the Annual School Ball. Refreshments were also served on Play Day, and sweets were sold on the Play Nights.

The end of term dances have been well attended and most enjoyable.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank

Mr. Mearns, his staff and boys for their splendid co-operation and assistance during the year.

Next year, as Centenary Year, will call for extra work and effort to make all functions outstanding successes.

We shall have great pleasure in handing to the Headmaster a plaque to be affixed to the piano already presented by the Committee, as a Centenary gift to the School.

With such an important year in view, I feel sure we can rely on our very willing workers to make Centenary Year a memorable one, and one that will be worthy of this great occasion.

— E. A. SMITH, Hon. Secretary.

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NEWS AND NOTES

The School was fortunate this year, and all were glad to see the vast improvements in the tuckshop and the progress of work on the back playground. Particularly popular was the introduction of ice cream, milk shakes and coca cola. We hope that the tuckshop will continue to improve, especially in the luncheon field.

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The Fort Street B Grade Chess team is to be congratulated on winning the school B grade chess championship.

F. Hinde, of Fourth Year, deserves special mention for winning the 16 years and under schoolboy chess championship of N.S.W. In all games for the championship he was undefeated.

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Outstanding social functions for the year were the Father and Son Evening in February, Speech Day in May, the Second Annual Ball in July, several Ladies' Committee Dances, and the Farewell Dinner to Fifth Year in November. This last-named function is a new institution in the School and promises to be an annual event in future.

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Talking of Fifth Year's farewell, the customary unofficial farewell given to the school by them, at the end of October, was particularly lively this year, and will no doubt be remembered for many years to come.

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Again we must thank Mr. Arnold for his untiring application in the life-saving. His efforts were again rewarded by the Arthur Parker Cup.

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Whilst on the subject of lifesaving, Mr. Frank Albert must be thanked again for his generosity in presenting the members of the Arthur Parker Cup team with individual trophies; he performed a similar deed last year.

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The School wishes to express its thanks to Mr. Pickrell, who lives alongside the school, for services rendered during the year.

The Radio Club, under the expert guidance of Mr. Wells, has been functioning very smoothly throughout the year. Club members, though few, are very enthusiastic and are working for an exhibition of their work. Many visits were made to A.W.A. and local transmitting stations, which were enjoyed by all.

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Mr. Burtenshaw must be thanked on two counts. Firstly, for the time he put into the collections for the re-building of Canterbury Cathedral and the United Nations Children's Appeal, netting about £100 for the latter. Secondly, he must be thanked for the time he put into printing the photographs of the various sporting teams.

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The School suffered very few staff transfers at the beginning of this year. We farewelled Messrs. Waters, Campbell and Craigo, and welcomed Messrs. Treharne, Hutchins, Duncan and Kelleher.

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Now that the bell has been replaced by a horn of extremely loud pitch, no one can complain they didn't hear the end of the period. Nevertheless, it is rather stunning to be in the vicinity of the horn when it sounds.

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The results of last year's Intermediate and Leaving were of extremely high quality, and in particular we must congratulate Owen Phillips on his remarkable pass. After all, 2 A's and 3 First Class Honours are rather good, when coupled with first in the State in general aggregate.

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Treating it as a whole, this year so far has been one of note for Fort Street, and we all earnestly hope we can improve on our record next year.

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As we go to press, there is feverish haste prevailing among Third and Fifth year boys. We join in wishing the candidates the very best success in their examinations.

AUTUMN.

Down fall the leaves, red, brown and gold,
Leaving gaunt trunks thrusting their many hands
on high,
As if imploring God to see their plight,
And clothe their naked bodies with clothes of
fairest green.

Up blows the West wind, strong and free,
Whirling o'er hill and vale and lea,
Across the stubble fields laid bare of grain
And bringing the driving, chilling rain.

—D. MILLS, 4A.

QUERIES

Who are the oldest "Old Boys" of Fort Street?
We nominate Messrs. Carr (1887) and F. Albert (1889-1890).

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Who are the oldest ex-masters of Fort Street?
Messrs. W. Williams, J. Williams, E. S. Davis,
K. R. Cramp, C. Bauer, E. Burgin.

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Who of the present staff have had longest connection with Fort Street?—Messrs. E. W. Parker, student trainee 1904, master 1904-1912, 1920-1948; A. W. Stanley, pupil 1904-5, master 1920-1948; F. Burtenshaw, pupil 1914, master 1931-1948. E. Arnold, pupil 1915-1919; master 1942-1948. H. Went, pupil 1921; master 1937-1948; L. Rose, master 1919-1948.

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Who were the outstanding ex-students of Fort Street? Who are the outstanding ex-students of Fort Street to-day?

Who was the first Rhodes Scholar of Fort St.?

How many judges are ex-students? Name them.

Who are the outstanding barristers among ex-students?

How many ex-students are prominent in politics to-day?

Who are the prominent ex-students of the medical world?

What Fortians are superintendents of hospitals?

Who are the most successful business men among our ex-students?

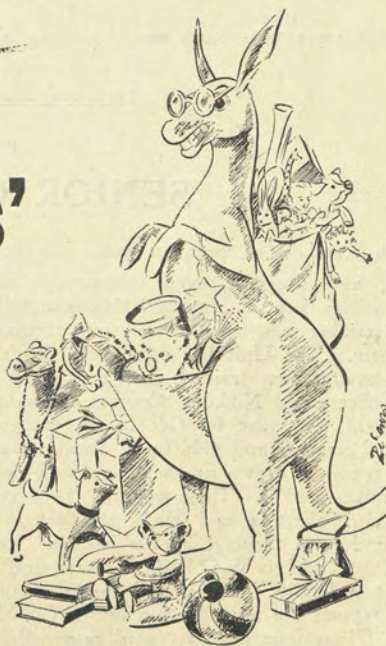
Who are prominent Fortians in the radio world?

Who was the outstanding sportsman among the ex-students of Fort Street?

What Fortians have represented Australia in the Olympic Games as (1) competitors; (2) managers?

We leave you to answer the last queries. Send your replies to the Editor.

David Jones' everybody's Santa Claus



CHESS CLUB.

The year 1948 has been a very successful one for the Fort Street Chess Club, and many of the hopes and ambitions referred to in the last report have been realised. Two teams were entered in the Inter-Schools Competition, the "B" Grade team bringing home the trophy as forecasted in the last year's Fortian. The "C" Grade team, however, was not so successful; in spite of all their efforts, although leaders at one stage, they fell back to fifth place at the close of the competition.

The "B" Grade team have every reason to feel proud of their success, as the trophy won was no less than the Osborne Shield, a much-coveted prize among the various teams. Fort Street has won this Shield, which is an excellent example of craftsman's art, from Sydney High School, who beat Fort Street last year, and it is to be hoped that Fort Street will continue to retain this trophy for some years to come.

The members of the winning team are as follows:—

F. Charmatz, 5; F. C. Hinde, 4A; A. Ehrlich, 3D; P. Fisher, 4A; — Munns. This team also had the valuable assistance of M. Lamond, who was the captain of the "C" grade team.

The "C" Grade team consisted of: M. Lamond, 5; D. Pegum, 5A; — Smith, 5; — Ridge, 3C; F. Lampard, 4C; K. Fokes, 4C; L. Banfield, 4.

Once again we must express our thanks to Mr.

Simpson, of the Staff, for his valued assistance during the past year, and his efforts to keep Fort Street's name in the forefront of school chess. We also have to express our great appreciation of the help given to the club in securing boards and sets of men for the use of teams, from Concord-Croydon Chess Club. These have been of very great use to our club, as without them it would not have been possible to hold matches at the school. Unfortunately, the hope of having a hanging board and set of men for demonstration purposes has not been realised, but the hope remains.

It is rather disappointing to find that so few have responded to the invitation to come along and learn the game. It is urged on all those who have any inclination to learn the game to avail themselves of the opportunity, and even if you do not know anything of the game, come along and we will be only too happy to teach you and help you to master some of the mysteries of the play, and we feel sure that if you do so you will derive as much pleasure as we who do play at present. It is a wonderful training for concentration, which is of the greatest aid in other branches of study. New members are needed as old members leave the school.

This report cannot be concluded adequately without an expression of thanks to Paul Charmatz for all the work he has done in the last year as secretary to the club.

— F. C. HINDE.

SENIOR CADET UNIT

The high standard of previous years has been maintained, and possibly, even surpassed; the strength has been kept at about 80 throughout the year, and training has been carried out regularly and efficiently. The Unit has once more felt the benefit of having men trained during January at Potential Officers and N.C.O.s' Courses. Commissions are held this year by Cdt/Lt. P. Roberts, Cdt/Lt. G. Pomeroy, and Cdt/Lt. J. Faulks; these three have regularly drawn up the syllabus of training and implemented it. Their work has been conscientious and effective and their attendance at N.C.O. Parade and General Parade has been very regular. The C.S.M. is W.O.II. C. Roberts, and he has done a splendid job; his roll books, parade states and reports are a model for future C.S.M.'s to follow. These four have accepted responsibility for the training, and the result is a credit to them.

The Sig. section has kept the good work going

from last year; they have been under the capable control of Sgt. Cason (who topped the State of N.S.W. in the course held in January). During the latter part of the year, he transferred to Infantry, in order to attend a Potential Officers' course at the end of the year, and his place was capably filled by Sgt. Wallace.

The Annual Camp, held at Ingleburn in May, was generally voted to be the most successful camp ever held, and once again it was very apparent that this continuous period of training results in great improvement in the efficiency of O.Rs. The standard of work and bearing of the Cadets of this Unit brought very favourable comment from S.O.S.C.

It was unfortunate that South Head had to be closed to bivouacs at the time when our bivouac was to have been held; a day on the open range at

Long Bay was substituted, however, and a most enjoyable day resulted. Another unfortunate feature was the small amount of range practice during the year. This was due partly to shortage of .22 ammo. and partly to the fact that our miniature range had to be temporarily removed for purposes of alteration to the playing area. It is hoped, however, to have it re-erected shortly.

During the year an important change was made in the administration of Senior Cadet Units. New South Wales became 2 Bde in Australia and this Brigade was divided into Battalions; this Unit is now in 8 Bn, with HQ situated at Belmore. This change has resulted in greater efficiency in administration, in the issue and return of clothing, equipment, training stores, etc.

In November, this Unit was requested to mount

a guard of honour at Five Dock, on the occasion of the unveiling of Memorial Tablets by the Governor of N.S.W., and because of the keenness of the cadets of this Unit, a good job was done.

Once again the O.C. desires to place on record his appreciation of the excellent support accorded to him by all ranks, particularly by Lieut. O'Sullivan, for his continued hard work in the Q store, where he has had good support from S/Sgt Hendrie and Cpl. Lamb; by the Cadet Officers in their excellent example and seriousness in their work; by the Instructors from SOSC and Bn. Hq. in their outstanding interest and enthusiasm; by the N.C.O.s who have performed their duties faithfully, and by all cadets in the Unit, who have upheld the traditions of the Unit and even added to its reputation.

The Second Annual Ball.

by F. C. Johnston.

The Second Annual Ball, held on 16th July, proved as successful a function as the first. The School Hall was again filled and it seems that the Ball has now become established as an annual function.

The attendance exceeded that of the previous

year, and the Ladies' Committee once more was responsible for an excellent buffet supper.

Messrs. Arnold and Bohman, the organisers, undoubtedly contributed to the success of the evening.

THE ARMIDALE TRIP

Armidale High School and Fort Street Boys' High School have become blood brothers (and sisters). Each city High School adopts a brother from the country and exchanges visits with his relation. So, Fort Street and Armidale have begun what we hope will be always a pleasurable and profitable partnership.

The association of the two schools was initiated in June 1948, under very happy auspices. Everything combined to make our trip a happy and memorable one. The weather, as anticipated with some measure of apprehension and prepared for with gloves, several sweaters and socks, was cold but bracing; even had it been otherwise the warmth of our welcome would have more than compensated for any climatic discomfort.

We were welcomed at the station by the Headmaster, Mr. F. Jones, members of his staff, and a party of Old Boys of Fort Street, headed by the Mayor of Armidale (Mr. Fayle). Some of our lads were, we think, taken a little aback at finding that their prospective hosts were hostesses, but were delighted to accommodate themselves to circumstances!

Two special buses had been chartered to conduct our lads and their hosts over the town after lunch. We paused for brief inspections of the Teachers' College and the University College, but time was unfortunately very limited. Nothing,

however, was left undone that could be done for our entertainment.

Football finished with honours even. The under 8 stone team, consisting mainly of members of the successful Fifth Grade side, played a game well below their usual standard, losing by 15 to 5. Their lack of form is quite understandable when the tiring trip and the day's excitement are remembered. The under 9 stone team excelled itself to win 21 to nil, all players sharing in the honours of a convincing victory.

Fort Street visitors were the guests of honour at the School Ball on Wednesday night, and everyone must have had a good time.

On Thursday morning, in a temperature of 20 degrees, the whole school paraded to give us a warm farewell.

Two aspects of the trip need to be emphasised—the excellent arrangements made by Armidale for our comfort and entertainment, and the pleasing behaviour of our lads at all stages—in the train, in the town, and at all functions attended. Special thanks are due to the enthusiasm of the Headmaster, Mr. F. Jones, who made it a personal care to see that the opening visit should be a memorable one, and to the Sportsmaster, Mr. Allen, and his colleagues, who were so assiduous in the entertainment of our own teachers, Mr. Bohman and Mr. Allen.

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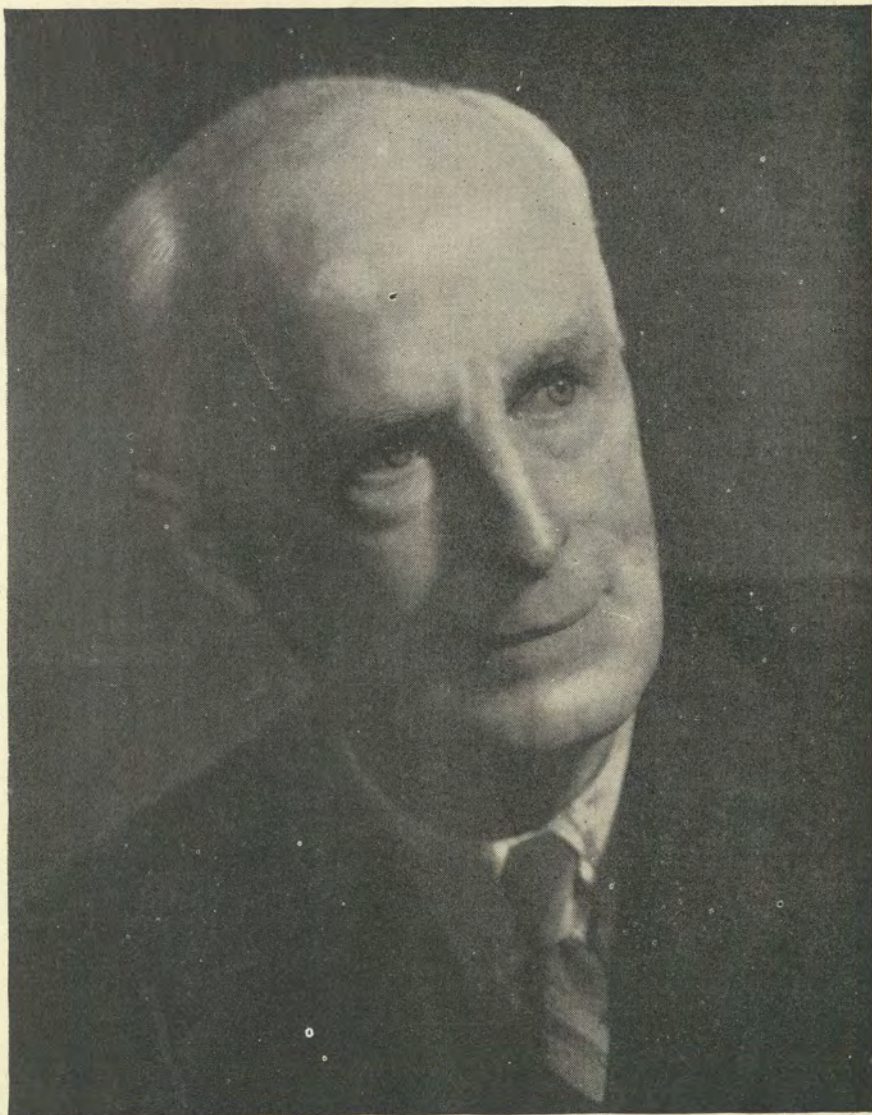
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SIR DOUGLAS MAWSON,

K.B., O.B.E., B.E., B.Sc., D.Sc.



On May 5th, 1882, at Bradford, Yorkshire, was born a man who was destined to become one of the foremost explorers of his day, and one of Australia's most famous personalities. This man was Douglas Mawson, who, three years after his birth, migrated, together with his family, to Australia, leaving behind a farm at Otley that had been in the possession of the Mawson family for two and a half centuries.

After several early misfortunes had occurred, and

been righted, Douglas was enrolled at the age of 13 at Fort Street High, which was then—as it probably still is—the leading school of N.S.W.

On completing his course at Fort Street, he entered Sydney University, where from the start his main interest was geology, and this interest was greatly fostered by contact with Professor T. W. E. David. Being so much enthralled in the work, he remained at the University for a further three years, except for a period spent in the Pacific Is-

lands conducting experiments, after completing his mining and metallurgy course.

After graduating in 1904 as a B.Sc. and B.E., he accepted the leadership in petrology and mineralogy at the University of Adelaide, where he devoted his time to research into the geological problems of S.A. and Western N.S.W.

Douglas Mawson's first contact with the Antarctic was when he accompanied Shackleton on his 1907 expedition, and it is recorded that he was a member of a party which climbed the 13,000 ft. snow-covered volcano, Mt. Erebus. Between then and 1910, he toured Europe and U.S.A., visiting places of interest from the geological point of view, and finally conducting investigations to determine the mineral resources of the Carpathian Mountains. This work successfully brought to a close, he was offered by the famous Capt. Scott a place in the fateful sledge party to attempt to reach the South Pole, but luckily he declined, as he had plans of his own regarding an expedition, and these plans eventuated in the years 1911-14.

Eventually a report containing the scientific results of the expedition was published.

During the war years, 1914-18, Douglas Mawson held many important posts, and on his return

to Australia he was appointed to the new chair of Geology at Adelaide University, a post which he still holds.

Once again he organised a British, Australian and New Zealand party which visited the Antarctic in the years 1929-31, with the result that much valuable work was done on the surveying side, and as a result King George V in 1933 annexed an area believed to be 222,000 square miles, most of which is snow-covered. Nevertheless, the value of the Antarctic possessions cannot be over-estimated, as many valuable and essential minerals are reported to be in abundance in this area, and much of the credit must go to Sir Douglas Mawson as one of the foremost surveyors and explorers of this valuable area. He has been amply rewarded by a knighthood and by the knowledge that he has served his country faithfully and well and upheld the highest traditions of Fort Street, the school that gave him his background, and the school that has—and shall continue to—produce many more famous personalities.

Some of the more notable distinctions conferred on Sir Douglas are: K.B. (1914), O.B.E. (1919), Order of St. Michael and St. Lazarus (Italy), 1920.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

This year our members have shown greater enthusiasm than last year, although the enrolment has officially been less. During the year we have been able to indulge in many more activities outside the school than was possible last year, due primarily to the co-operation of the Kodak Lecture Division and particularly to Mr. Robertson. Without the availability of their demonstration dark rooms, our syllabus would have been confined to less "light-tight" processes.

During the three term competitions that we have held inside the Club, the standard of photography has noticeably risen, so that early next year it should be possible to arrange an exhibition. Also, the percentage of self-processed prints has steadily increased throughout the year. Enlarging, fostered in our club only during the latter six months of the year, has been developed to a very high standard over this short period by the senior members. The enlargers we use are all home-made and, although elaborated slightly, still bear a marked resemblance fundamentally to the principles outlined by Mr. Burtenshaw last year.

Unfortunately, next year will be the last for most of the senior members, so it will be essen-

tial for the survival of the club that some new recruits be enlisted soon.

For the first time since its incorporation, the club has been on a sound financial basis, due to the thriftiness and enthusiasm of our treasurer, K. McKenzie, who, apart from taking care of our finances, has also been a firm stand-in for lecturing, being able to provide several demonstrations.

Quite a number of fine action shots have evolved from both the athletic and swimming carnivals, not to mention a number of unusual shots taken by one member from the wings of the stage on Play Day and Play Night. However, in the future I shall be disappointed if I don't see a number of excellent shots and good photographic records of all the principal events next year, since there are several really first-class cameras now in the club capable of very fine work. Nevertheless, it is not the camera but the man behind the camera that makes a good shot, for whether you possess a box Brownie or a Leica, it depends upon you what your final print will look like.

— R. WOODS, President.

MR. EDWIN PARKER

Mr. Edwin Parker was born in the historic town of Hastings in Sussex, and at an early age migrated with his family to Australia. On arrival they took up residence at Windsor. He commenced his education at Bourke Street Public School and stayed there for a short time. His education was completed at Kiama Superior Public School, where he became a pupil-teacher in Dept. of Education. After a year at Lismore he entered Fort Street Teachers' Training College at the beginning of 1904. In 1905, Mr. Parker became a full High School teacher, so that he has been engaged in secondary education for 42 years.

As a boy he joined the Public School Cadet Corps, 52 years ago; six years later he was sworn in as a recruit in E Company of the 2nd Infantry Division, in which he achieved the distinction of being champion recruit rifle shot in New South Wales. From 1916 to 1919 he was the Commanding Officer of the Lachlan Macquarie Infantry Regiment with Headquarters at Orange. When he was placed on the list of retired officers, the Department of Defence had advanced him to the rank of Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel, A.M.F. (retired).

Between 1912 and 1920, he served at Sydney Boys' High School and at Orange High School; in 1920 he once more came to Fort Street. He remembers well when entrance to Fort Street was competitive and every parent in the State tried to gain admission for their sons. In those days the Fort Street Model School was supervised by a specially qualified staff, both in primary and secondary departments, and the competition was very keen to gain entrance to them, a very historic school. Since those days, he has seen the

number of boys sitting for the senior leaving examination rise from 6 to 120.

Among Mr. Parker's pupils were Mr. Bohman and Mr. Went, of the present staff, and others included Dr. H. V. Evatt, President of the General Assembly at U.N.O., Dr. Edgar Booth, the noted physicist; Professor Briggs; R. McCullough, our only Rhodes Scholar; Judge Holden; H. Thorn, Sydney University; A. Osborne, general manager of the Commercial Banking Coy. of Sydney; Dr. E. Frecker, a leading radiologist, of Sydney; Dr. T. K. Potts, who achieved a world reputation for his work in anatomy under the late Professor J. T. Wilson; and a host of others.

Among the numerous incidents on which he likes to reflect are the occasion when he was rescuer in the champion Fort Street Lifesaving team which beat the crack Manly team; when he gave the principal toast at the farewell dinner to Mr. Kilgour; and the many happy hours he spent in coaching the school's swimming team and boys for various awards of the Royal Lifesaving Society.

In those days he remembers Fort Street Swimming Carnivals were glorious affairs, which were attended by some 2000 persons. The carnival was held at the Domain baths and the proceedings were enlivened by the Old German Band of street musicians, who also used to play under the school fig-trees on the first Wednesday morning of every month.

Outside the school, his main interests were in the Senior Cadets and the Citizen Force.

This year, Fortians of all ages will regret to see this grand old man of Fort Street retire from school life, but they will never forget that kindly personality which endeared him to all.



1948 "FORTIAN" COMMITTEE.

Back Row—R. Becker, D. Mills, L. Tall, R. Oastler, G. Walker.

Front Row—N. Allan, A. Lockley, Mr. G. Bohman, R. Morgan, F. Johnson, I. Bowden.

EMPIRE DAY.

There is a strongly felt want in human nature to keep a certain day each year on which to remember something, something of importance, be it of religious or national significance or maybe just a birthday in your own family. At any rate, what family does not cherish the remembrance of a day made sacred by the departure of a loved one no longer with them?

There has never been anything like the British Empire in the world before, and that is why the word Empire sometimes puzzles people. When empire is mentioned, we usually think of the lands held by Rome, France, Germany, Spain and Austria, at various periods of their history. You must try to rid yourselves of these associations and try to think of it as an adapted word, adapted to a meaning which has never been placed on it before. To-day, on Empire Day, the British peoples think, not of their ability to paint the map red, but feel a sense of pride in the stock from which we spring—not a boastful pride of the flag-waving type, but a pride which makes us humble in our own mind and decided to make ourselves as worthy as we possibly can of the heritage which is ours.

But what do you really mean by our heritage?

We are living in a community settled in a very large island, dependant for many necessities on exports of overseas countries, who are, in turn, dependant on our own produce. We are perhaps unfortunate in being far from other civilized countries, with the result that the opportunities of our people are sometimes restricted. But we enjoy a principle

denied other nations. We may settle or work in any part of the world, in any climate we choose, and yet find ourselves among people who cherish the same ideals, who speak the same language, and who are subjects of the same king.

It is towards this privilege we must give all our energy in years to come no matter of what shade of political belief we are, to make our unity a greater reality, and for each nation to make its own particular contribution to our whole and to make the whole a great force for righteousness in the world. (Do not think it just a task for politicians, but a task to be accomplished by the participation of our people of all stages of life).

For centuries there have been no more difficult problems than the relationship of European, Asiatic and African races forming part of the same community. We have partially solved this problem, so much so that the problem is scarcely realised to be present. For more than a century—for good or for ill—the ultimate responsibility for the administration of areas has rested on the white races.

In a world still suffering from the shock of war, the British Empire stands firm behind Britain as a great force for good.

Let us then, to-day, bear the Empire in our minds. It requires service from us all. It stands in the sweep of every wind, washed by the waves of every sea, a testimony to what can be accomplished by the spirit of confidence and brotherhood.

Let us hand it to our successors with untarnished glory.

— R. MORGAN, 4A.

The British Commonwealth

A Model For World Unity.

Confronting us to-day, as members of the British Commonwealth, there is a great question. Has the collapse of the Empires of Rome, Napoleonic France and Nazi Germany, made inevitable the fall of the British Empire? Has the British Empire now embarked upon its long delayed decline? The great Empires of France, Germany and Rome were moulded by the power of the word, and so indeed was the Empire of Great Britain.

Let us not deceive ourselves—the events which led to the foundation of our Empire, though oft-cited, and no doubt rightly so, as glorious deeds of arms, were unpardonable crimes of territorial aggression. Empire builders such as Clive of India, and Wolfe of Canada, though brave men and clever soldiers were not inspired by noble aspirations and lofty ideals. Unfortunately, Canada did not become part of the British Empire by a plebiscite of the Redskins. Britain and France waged a greedy war over Canada and India in which Britain was fortunate enough to be successful and

so the foundation stones of our Empire were laid by greed and ambition.

Rome and Spain ruled a variety of subjects which they controlled by the power of their armies. Military might was the only lord that could keep together the Roman Empire. Such an Empire seething with discontent and growing daily more decadent could not live indefinitely. Rome did not, nor did Spain nor Germany. Britain began to follow the same path. She maintained her supremacy by military and naval might; in governing her colonies she considered herself before her subjects and so it seemed that the fate of Rome must indeed befall the British Empire. But fortunately there came a turning point in the British Colonial Policy.

The American Colonies declared their independence, and in doing so brought to their senses Britain's bungling politicians. Men such as William Pitt realised that if the Empire was to remain intact freedom must not be confined to the

Home Islands. After 1839, Britain, with that slowness in regard for stability by which she is characterised, began gradually to grant self-government to her subjects—a practice continued to the present day. With this policy the British Empire and Romanism faded away and from it emerged a new Empire—a Commonwealth of Nations united by bonds stronger than those of the sword. A new conception of the Empire arose.

The Mother Country did not exploit her subjects for her own benefit, but placed them upon an equal footing with herself. The British Commonwealth has become a great brotherhood of nations with the same ideals, the same conceptions of democracy and justice, each trusting the other implicitly, united under the British Crown. In this feeling of mutual loyalty between its members lies the difference between the British Empire and other Empires — the difference between unity through understanding and unity through fear.

There are those to-day that claim that Britain is falling, but they claimed that Britain was falling after the First World War, and again after Dunkirk. We have recovered from plights worse than that in which we are to-day. The sign of decadence of Empire is the collapse of its unity—but never before have the bonds which unite the British Empire been stronger than they are to-day. I quote Sir Lawrence Olivier and say "Britain is not finished yet."

What a Utopia would result if the world were to model itself on the mutual trust and understanding of the British Empire.

In the last 100 years there have been many attempts to model a world which would ensure a lasting peace—notably in 1919, the League of Nations and in 1945 the United Nations' Organization. At each of these conferences the delegates of the various countries were confident that they would make a lasting peace, confident that they had seen a war to end wars. They were not all criminals seeking the territorial expansion of their own countries. They were men of high ideals. But all their attempts failed because of one thing—suspicion. Although prepared to make sacrifices themselves, they could not convince them-

selves that the other fellow would—they did not trust each other. A period of international tension ensues, and at last one country is driven by suspicion to seek a military alliance with another. That sets the blaze alight and the nations of the world drift into two opposing military alliances and inevitable war takes place. The most notable failure due to suspicion was the League of Nations. Britain suggested a general disarmament of all nations and led the way by decreasing her armed forces, but the other countries did not follow—they did not trust each other.

To-day we have another striking example of the same thing. America and Russia oppose each other, each suspicious that the other is seeking world domination; the suspicions on both sides are probably equally unfounded.

Conference after conference has broken down because of the inability of these two countries to trust each other, and Russia has made military alliances with her satellites in the Balkans and Finland. To oppose this America has allied herself to Western Europe and everything points to a repetition of 1914 and 1939. What a contrast to the internal stability of the British Commonwealth. Suspicion between the countries is often stimulated by a childish feeling of ultra patriotism called nationalism. Nationalism is a crime! Inside the British family does Australia boast that her soldiers are better than New Zealand's, or that her literature is better than that of South Africa?

The world's only hope of salvation lies in the possibility that she can discard suspicion and Nationalism. Let her be proud of her musicians, scientists and politicians, but let her be proud of them because they are men, not because they are French, German or British. Had there never been Nationalism there would never have been war. Were there individual Nationalism within the British Empire, it would cease to exist. The system upon which the world must be modelled is one of mutual trust and understanding, one devoid of suspicion and Nationalism, one in which the only difference between the nations is in the name—one modelled on the British Commonwealth of Nations.

—H. BULL, 5A.

AUSTRALIANS

The maids of Dover blossom fair,
 Along old England's coast,
 And dark French girls with blue-black hair
 Can hold their own with most.
 The passionate mouths of sunny Spain
 Hold lure and witchery;
 And Eastern eyes, dark with the stain
 Of kohl, have beckoned me.

Oh, I have travelled much and seen
 The blossoms of the world;
 From Afric's brown-skinned dusky queen
 To Switz'land lips, red-curled,
 But never these eyes of mine
 Beheld a fairer thing
 Than a laughing girl at the scented shrine
 Of a gold Australian spring.

— SMITH, 4D.

WHAT THE WORLD OWES TO BRITAIN

On this Empire Day, 1948, and living as we do in an age when it is popular to deny "imperialism," it is timely that we should pause to consider the debt which the world owes to Britain, the greatest imperial power of all time.

The source of much of Britain's greatness lies in her championing of smaller powers in any conflict with an aggressive nation, or nations. Whenever democracy is being challenged by armed might there will the voice of Britain be heard, answering every would-be tyrant with defiance and scorn.

But even greater than her fame in upholding the freedom of her less fortunate neighbours, is the renown which Britain has won by the administration of justice to her people. Under British law no man is guilty until proven so, the onus not being on the defendant to prove his innocence, but rather on the Crown to prove his guilt. Britain has also led the world in taking a more enlightened view of crime, 160 capital crimes having been reduced to 3.

Justice, however, is only one sphere of the general humanitarian principle which Britain has endeavoured to put into effect. It was in Britain that Trade Unions and other workers' organisations had their beginnings, and Britain has always led the world in efforts to improve the conditions of her workers.

She it was who first began to make the moves for abolition of child labour from the mines and factories, and after a tireless crusade by the Earl of Shaftesbury this was achieved, and Britain had set one more example for the world to follow. Britain has always led the rest of the world in improving the lives of the less fortunate people, and the improvement of conditions in factories, mines, etc., and abolition of the slave trade also followed as a result of an example set by Britain.

These principles do not, however, apply only to humans, for the Societies for the Prevention of

Cruelty to Animals have become world-wide in their extent, following the lead which was first given by the Mother Country.

Perhaps a more obvious field wherein the world's debt to Britain is inassessable is the world of literature, for Britain has produced some of the greatest men and the greatest works in literary history of the earth. Among these renowned men we must number Tennyson, Byron, Wordsworth, Chaucer and Milton, all of whom are still held in honour wherever poetry is read. Charles Dickens, Scott and Thackeray have shown just how high are the standards of British novels, while Shakespeare, the genius of the drama and the play, is scarcely British only, so popular and well known have his writings become.

The founding of the Royal Society in 1662 was of marked importance, for with this Society came the greater learning and understanding of science and industrial machinery, resulting in increased production and better goods. The work of James Watt, George Stevenson and Michael Faraday needs no comment, they being but a few of the brilliant scientists and inventors that Britain has produced.

The British press is held in high regard throughout the world, because, except for the minor restrictions made during the war, it is a free press, and no restriction is placed on it in its presentation of the news or its comments.

Though much change has taken place and the whole mode of British life has changed over the last few hundred years, Britain has stood firmly by a policy of gradual change rather than hurried decisions and radical alterations to the existing pattern of life.

So it is that by a policy of humanitarian principles and gradual change, Britain has built herself up to a position of unrivalled glory, and by this policy and faith in her ultimate destiny she will continue on her glorious way.

— A. MASON, ?A

THE SWAGGY

He tramps along the dusty track
Just as the sun sinks down,
His swag is slung across his back,
He's far away from town.

A shearing shed then looms ahead,
The night is falling fast,
So he settles down to make his bed
And rest his limbs at last.

And in the morning light he wakes
To greet another day.
A mug of tea and a bun he takes,
And then tramps on his way.

—J. BLECHMORE, IC.

OUR TUCKSHOP



It was pretty hard to get in before, but now....

It's impossible!



INTER - SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Whenever men have high ideals and great standards in the estimation of the world, we find they are striving to ideals of Christianity, so great is the impression which Christianity has made in our community. In these times of popular indifference to Christianity it is wise to consider the debt our civilised community owes to Christ and his moral teaching. For it is Christ's moral code which has given us the basis of our civil code.

The I.S.C.F. meetings are held to show how Christianity can help boys in their everyday life. The speakers do not preach at the boys, but attempt to relate Christian teaching to Christian practice.

Meetings were held at lunch-time each Monday at which a senior boy, or once a month a visiting speaker, spoke. An interdenominational group, we have carefully not introduced sectarian and controversial subjects. Every Thursday afternoon

after school those who were interested gathered for prayer and discussion. We are convinced that the greater interest in our activities this year is due to prayer.

I.S.C.F. activities also include camps and drawing-room meetings—popular camps being at Mt Victoria and Bathurst; while Concord and Epping are two of a number of popular drawing-room meetings.

To all Fortians we extend a warm welcome to the various activities of I.S.C.F. in the coming year.

"I said to the man at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God and it shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.'"

WHERE AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE LIES.

Australia's great need is for the development of rural schemes that will assist in spreading its population more among the inland districts. The growth of the cities has been remarkable during the last fifty years, but large cities can prove to be a burden if they are not backed up by well-developed and soundly maintained rural districts.

The population of this country is unbalanced, with the great majority of its people living along the seaboard. Australia's future depends largely upon the development of water conservation, hydro-electric schemes, and the building of roads and railways. Millions of gallons of water that could be used in the watering of dry areas are allowed to run into the sea. Practically all our large rivers offer sites where large dams could be built. The Governments of New South Wales and Victoria have been arguing for years whether the waters of the Snowy River should be used for the purpose of irrigation or for the generation of electricity. This is an interstate argument in which each State is seeking to implement a scheme that will be in the interest of the State rather than the interest of the nation. Whenever an expert puts forward a scheme he is immediately assailed by reasons why it cannot be done, instead of receiving support, and reasons why it would be impossible to carry out. Dr. Bradfield suggested that the waters, which at present run uselessly into the sea from the Great Dividing Range in Queensland, could quite easily be transferred to

drier inland areas by means of channels and tunnels.

This was said by everyone to be impracticable and well nigh impossible. Yet in the State of Colorado, U.S.A., the first stage of a similar scheme has been completed. In that State the waters that ran down one side of the Rockies are now transferred back through the mountains by channels and tunnels, similar to those suggested by Dr. Bradfield, the length of these tunnels being approximately 13 miles. The Tennessee Valley scheme was another great achievement that might be easily and profitably copied by Australia.

Inland highways and railways should be developed beyond anything we have yet done. The present railway system is unable to cope with a large harvest or heavy wool clip, as experienced last year, yet instead of planning and building rolling stock for this purpose, the Government decides to build expensive, fast express engines and air-conditioned carriages.

The old cry of money shortage is a myth, as we find millions of pounds being spent on less necessary projects each year. The trouble is that we as a nation are city minded, and if our enthusiasm was in the right place these great schemes of rural development would be achieved and the future of our nation made secure.

—H. HANDEL, 4A.

Father and Son Evening

This Evening, which is one of our yearly functions, was held in the Memorial Hall.

Taking the chair, Mr. Mearns first of all paid a tribute to the mothers and pointed out the ideals upon which Fort Street is conducted, urging the next Third and Fifth year classes to do their best to make next year—our centenary—a record one on the playing field and in the classroom.

Graham Brooke, the school captain, then proposed the toast to the school and remarked on how successful were last year's students, of whose achievements we were told by Mr. Austin, the Deputy Headmaster, in his reply to the toast. Mr. Austin also commended the Life Saving teams for their brilliant work in retaining the Arthur Parker Cup.

The Old Boys' toast was proposed by Trevor Elliget, who pointed out to us what a debt we owe the school, and that one of the ways to help repay it is by joining the Old Boys' Union. In reply, the President of the O.B.U., Mr. Duff, explained how the training at Fort Street has always helped in his work, and that he was proud to be an "Old Fortian."

Quite an interesting diversion was the magical display.

John Black proposed the toast to the fathers, stressing how we should respect our fathers, and giving an interesting account of a child's first impressions of "dad."

Mr. Jeffrey, the headmaster of Homebush High School, replied to the "Fathers" toast, and ex-

pressed his profound respect for Fort Street's achievements, and commended the teachers for their ability.

The Registrar of Sydney University and former Fort Street teacher, Mr. Selle, who, as he explained, though not an old boy, holds the school in such high esteem that he has "adopted" it, commended Owen Phillips for his remarkable record gained at the Leaving Certificate Examination in 1947.

Desmond Taylor gave a very pleasing rendition of "Disguised Song."

Although the P. and C. Association has not been functioning for very long, Mr. Edwards explained that it was doing its best to have the playground levelled off, but that the co-operation of the parents was needed.

Then, thanks to the very active Ladies' Committee much appreciated refreshments were served.

During the evening, the choir, under the direction of Mr. Treharne, and accompanied on the piano by Ken Hardwick, gave us some very good songs; John Buttrey gave us a pleasant piano solo; and Stephen Adar was heard in a vocal solo.

We were also entertained by Mr. Ashcroft who sang several hill-billy numbers.

Many thanks are due to the Ladies' Committee, the staff, the Old Boys' Union, and the fathers and boys, for their co-operation, and we extend a cordial invitation to all to attend again next year.

— G. WALKER, C.A.



Sportsmaster's Report.

The sporting activities for 1948 have created a record for the School. Fort St. has proved itself one of the finest exponents of Rugby Football in the High Schools' Competition by winning the championship number of points for all grades and the second and third grade premierships. The First Grade, after a brilliant display of solid football, and excellent coaching, missed out on the McManamey Shield by two points. In the C.H.S. cricket, 2nd Grade came second, 3rd Grade came third, and 4th Grade came second—quite an achievement for all grades. In Water Polo our team should have done much better. However, better luck

next year. In the Life-Saving the School maintained its high standard by winning the Arthur Parker Cup and the Kelso King Shield (Old Boys) N.S.W. Championship. Tennis has been well organised this year and 3rd Grade won the premiership, while the prospects for next year are very promising. Training for athletics was consistent and the School came second in running for the Junior Cup.

The keenness displayed by the various House teams was praiseworthy, while the House spirit



FIRST GRADE FOOTBALL, 1948.

Back Row—T. A. Pedersen, L. Surgeoner, K. F. Tye.

Third Row—D. L. Dyer, R. Atkinson, D. Gould, K. Smith.

Second Row—Mr. F. T. Brodie (coach), K. Wilson, R. C. Paton, M. S. Horsey, C. Turney, Mr. D. O'Sullivan (Sportsmaster).

Front Row—P. Lawler, G. Thomas, G. Brooke (capt.), R. G. Wilkin (vice-capt.), A. H. Gray,

at the swimming and athletic carnival was the keynote of our success. I cannot over-emphasise the importance of the House System because our grade teams are totally dependent on the House cricket and football.

Fort St. has "adopted" Armidale as a country High School and our junior grades had quite an enjoyable trip to Armidale. I hope that the benefits from such annual visits will be to the enjoyment and closer friendship between both schools.

The Centenary year is at hand and I want every boy in the School to give of his best next year and make it a record one as regards sport so that—

"When the Centenary year is over,
And the time has come to sever,
Let each true Fortian
Bear this in mind forever:
Faber suae,
Est quisque fortunae."

SPORTING AWARDS.

Blues for 1948:—Football, G. Brooke, G. Wilkin, G. Thomas; Cricket, G. Brooke, G. Wilkin, N. Le Huray; Swimming, C. Seaberg; Life-Saving, J. Dart, F. Tuynman; Athletics, G. Thomas; B. Taylor; Tennis, K. Balding; Debating, V. Eldridge.

Johnson Memorial Prizes for Sportsmanship.—Senior: G. Thomas. Junior: J. Cheeseman.

HOUSE PENNANTS.

First Grade Football: Kilgour House.
Second Grade Football: Mearns House.
Third Grade Football: Mearns House.
Fourth Grade Football: Williams House.
Fifth Grade Football: Williams House.
Sixth Grade Football: Kilgour House.
First Grade Cricket: Mearns House.
Second Grade Cricket: Kilgour House.
Third Grade Cricket: Kilgour House.
Fourth Grade Cricket: Mearns House.
Senior Swimming: Williams House.
Junior Swimming: Christmas House.
Juvenile Swimming: Mearns House.
Senior Athletics: Williams House.
Junior Athletics: Williams House.
Juvenile Athletics: Kilgour House.
First Grade Tennis: Christmas House.
Second Grade Tennis: Kilgour and Christmas (equal).
Third Grade Tennis: Kilgour and Mearns (equal).
Fourth Grade Tennis: Williams House.

I wish to thank the Staff for their willing co-operation during the year and mainly due to their loyalty the sport of this School was run successfully. I wish to thank Mr. Stanley in particular, who has been a tower of strength in the organisation of school sport. As Assistant Sportsmaster, he has given great service to the School.

In conclusion, I wish to thank those who assisted in the management of the store, those who brought back their material promptly, and, finally, the boys of the School for their splendid spirit of sportsmanship during the year.

—D. O'SULLIVAN, Sportsmaster.

Football

FIRST GRADE.

This year there were four of last year's undefeated team back at school, and using them as a nucleus our First XV was formed. There was a good attendance at try-outs, and as a result the best possible team was selected.

The first competition match was against Homebush, which we won easily. A fortnight later we met—and were beaten by—Canterbury. We were unfortunate in this match to have several players out, and others suffering from influenza; nevertheless, we held Canterbury for the first half, but in the second half they amassed 16 points, defeating us 24-3. It was in this match that we lost Kevin Tye with a broken ankle, and Don. Lette with a broken shoulder. Their places were filled by Kevin Wilson and Max Horsey from our Second XV.

We won the next five matches, perhaps our most pleasing win being the overwhelming defeat of Sydney High, 16-5. Owing to this run of success we emerged from the competition runners-up to Canterbury, whom we congratulate on their undefeated journey.

Mr. F. J. Brodie again undertook the onerous task of coaching the Firsts, and we wish to thank him for his help. Each member of the team appreciates Mr. Brodie's sincere assistance, and the success of the team is mainly due to him.

During the season five matches were played by the Combined High School teams, eight of Fort Street's First XV gaining selection in the various

teams to carry the school's honour further afield.

During the competition we scored an aggregate of 112 points against 64. Tom Pederson was our most prolific scorer, amassing 47 points from tries and goals.

Criticism of players —

G. Brooke, full back: An able and popular captain, who rallied the team on numerous occasions to victory. His safe handling and brilliant line-kicking were features of his play. He gained C.H.S. selection five times.

G. Wilkin, vice-captain; half-back: An excellent footballer and the origin of many of our attacking rushes. Geoff. has a good kick, and also on occasions uses the blind side with devastating effect. Gained C.H.S. selection five times.

A. Gray (rake): Gave good service to his team by giving us possession of the ball from the majority of scrums; also a good forward in the open; gained C.H.S. selection against Duntroon.

D. Dyer (lock): A promising player, but on occasions cover defence was lacking. Plays a good forward game, and gained C.H.S. selection three times.

G. Thomas (five-eighth): A very tricky player; he often left the opposition standing. Used the short kick to advantage on occasions, and thoroughly deserved his four C.H.S. selections.

R. Gould (prop.): Although handicapped by lack of weight, Dick played well during the season against heavier forwards. Was an able support for the hooker.

M. Horsey (prop.): Max had the same weight trouble as Dick Gould, but in spite of this he played good football and gave valuable service to his school.

R. Atkinson (2nd row): A blustering forward who showed to advantage on occasions, and deserved his C.H.S. selections.

C. Turney (2nd row): Settled into the scrum well and provided a suitable partner for Atkinson. Cliff. scored a good try against Sydney High, and justified his fine play.

K. Wilson (breakaway): Came up from the Seconds to replace K. Tye (injured), and played

well in this position. Kevin played particularly well in the mud against North Sydney Tech. High.

L. Surgeoner (breakaway): Laurie will be the nucleus for next year's Firsts, and if he plays the same type of football then as he did this year, he will be doing a great service to the team. He has a good burst of speed and scored several tries during the season. Was selected on three occasions for C.H.S.

T. Pedersen (inside-centre): A strong runner and a solid tackler who was one of the most promising players of the team. Tom leads the point scoring with both tries and goals.

P. Lawler (outside-centre): Although hampered by an injured shoulder, Peter played well, and near the end of the season showed great improvement.

R. Paton (wing): A strong, straight runner with a useful swerve which he used to advantage. His try against Sydney High, when he beat three players, stands out as a gem. Bob gained C.H.S. selection on three occasions.

K. Smith (wing): Another good runner who also had a good defence. Although sometimes crowded, Keith invariably showed out to advantage.

K. Pye (breakaway): Kevin played three matches and was unfortunately injured against Canterbury. As a breakaway he played well and showed promise of future good play.

D. Lette (prop.): Also injured against Canterbury, when he broke his shoulder. Don was a strong forward and helped his team until injured.

It is a pleasing fact to note that three of our players, Peter Lawler, Keith Smith and Cliff Turney came into first grade straight from House football. This shows the beneficial effect that House football has on the grade team, for it is out at Concord that future grade players learn the initial points of the game.

Details of matches played:

Fort Street v Sydney High, 14-11; v Homebush, 33-0; v Parramatta, 11-3; v Canterbury, 3-24; v North Sydney Tech., 6-5; v Hurlstone Agricultural, 17-11; v Sydney Tech., 17-11; v North Sydney High, 9-5; v Sydney High, 16-5.

Summary: Played 9 matches, won 8, lost 1.

The first two matches, versus Sydney High and Homebush respectively, were practice matches.



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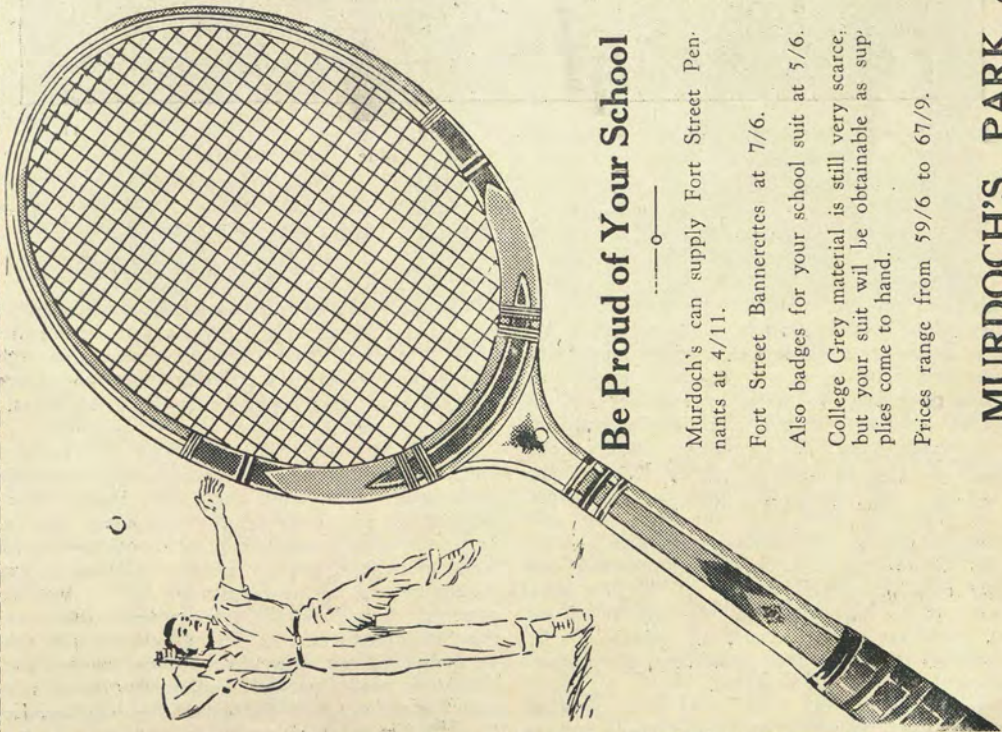
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SECOND GRADE FOOTBALL PREMIERS, 1948.



Back Row—R. Webb, I. Chambers, F. Johnston, J. Giddey.
 Third Row—M. Baker, W. Rudduck, J. Dart, D. Child.
 Second Row—Mr. R. Cull (coach), K. Heckenburg, F. Tuynman, R. Giddey, I. Neville,
 P. Taylor, Mr. D. O'Sullivan (Sportsmaster).
 Front Row—B. Moore, R. Horne, A. Yeoman (capt.), W. Laws (vice-capt.), M. Cowgill.

This team finished the season as premiers, with Sydney High School runners-up, one point behind. Teamwork and hard, determined play, were responsible for this good record. Both backs and forwards were keen to profit by mistakes and to co-operate in whatever the team decided to do. The forwards, the hard working, little-noticed members of the team, were led by R. Yeoman, breakaway, and captain F. Johnston, B. Moore and W. Ruddock "took it" in the front row, and were supported by second-row forwards, J. Dart and K. Heckenberg. Lock forward position was capably filled by M. Cowgill. P. Taylor, who first played in this position, was compelled to retire from the team because of injuries. R. Gidday and R. Webb gave great help, the former being very valuable in line-outs.

In the open play this pack was good, but in the ruck it was inclined to be loose.

The final and deciding match of the competition was against Sydney High School, and the forwards were determined that their play would be tight. The result was a good exhibition of well-balanced forward play, Fort Street being the better team.

The backs were well served by R. Horne as half, and W. Laws, five-eighth (and vice-captain) made many penetrating runs, also giving quite a number of opportunities to his back line. M. Baker, inside-centre, could be relied upon to draw his man, while the outside man, F. Tuynman, was developing into a strong runner and a good try-getter. "Legs" Neville, on the wing, loped over the line quite often, and I. Chambers, the other winger, was very safe. K. Wilson, as full back, played so well that he caught Mr. Brodie's eye and was promoted to the Firsts. J. Gidday, from the Thirds, gave an equally good exhibition in this position. Our utility man was D. Child,

equally at home in the forwards as in the backs. He was very valuable to the team.

The secret of the team's success was its well-balanced nature. There was not a weak player in it. It not only won the competition, but also

gained a reputation for clean, hard play. Congratulations, Second Grade!

The team wishes to thank Mr. Cull for his valuable assistance and coaching throughout the season, which undoubtedly was the major factor in the Seconds winning the competition.



THIRD GRADE FOOTBALL PREMIERS, 1948.

Back Row—J. Gates, R. Goulie.

Third Row—B. V. Eldridge, J. Dick, J. Hatcher, W. Clements, J. Walters.

Second Row—J. Stockman, Mr. D. O'Sullivan (Sportsmaster), F. Hughes, P. B. Webb, Mr. J. Reid (coach), G. Ralston.

Front Row—J. Godden, J. Milgate, K. Newton (capt.), D. Brown (vice-capt.), F. Robinson.

In retrospect, the 1948 season for the Third XV seems a succession of misgivings, tense excitement during play, and then the flush of hard-won success. At no stage was it felt that victory in any match was a foregone conclusion—we knew too well there was that added factor of responsibility since our match was the curtain raiser, likely to set the pattern for the two Senior grades. Under these circumstances it is a distinct pleasure to report that in no competition game were we de-

feated, thus winning the Third Grade premiership, and adding our quota to that of the other grade teams in securing for Fort Street the title of Premier School in football.

The team was by no means what our neighbours across the Pacific would call "a natural." Most players had to grow into their positions. The season was well advanced before much sparkle became apparent in the attacking movements, and

possibly it was fortunate that we did not meet our strongest opponents in the earlier matches.

Indicative of this improvement were our games against North Sydney High School. In an early trial match we were outclassed in a 16-0 defeat, but meeting the same school towards the end of the season in competition the score was 31-6 in our favour.

Factors in this development were our fortunate freedom from injuries and the small numbers of temporary or permanent transfers requested to higher grades. This latter feature was largely due to the big reservoir of good players in fit condition, accumulating experience and practising their positional play in the house competition. It should be recorded here that one of the few teams to overcome us in a practice match was a team selected from our own house competition players.

Practice was never a drudgery. It was extremely exceptional for a player or reserve to be absent for any other than a very serious reason. A healthy spirit of team companionship grew apace and it was a pleasure to have been associated with the team in transport and on the field. It could be felt that the team was built by and was building a school tradition.

Throughout the season the forwards played vigorously and spoiled the tactics of otherwise worthy opponents. In scrum work the front row, Brown, Robinson and Clemens, more than held their own, and in the line-outs, Stockman, Ralston and Eld-

ridge usually outplayed their opponents. Webb was particularly effective as breakaway and was ably supported on the other side of the scrum by Booth. As reserve, Dick upheld the standard of determined play.

In the scrum-half position, Newton, who captained the team throughout the season, forged foundations for some fine movements and developed an excellent understanding with Gates at five-eighth. Greatest improvement during the year was shown by Godden at inside-centre, and in the later matches his play strengthened the back-line in both attack and defence to a very large degree. Gooley on the left wing showed a fine elusive run and good speed. He is young, and it is to be hoped that he develops his potentialities. Heard on the other wing did not lack determination, nor allow any opportunity to escape untried. Hatcher and Mullgate, playing at different times in the centre position, both contributed materially to victory. The full-back, Hughes, was competent and his kicking saved us points on many an occasion.

The season paid good dividends of excitement, pleasure, friendship and fitness. Some players were fortunate in that their parents had the time as well as the interest to follow many of the matches.

In conclusion, the team wishes to express its sincere thanks to Mr. Reid. Throughout the season his advice has proved a leading light in the overcoming of all obstacles.

FOURTH GRADE.

The season was started on a bad note, with several fractured bones. This, plus the toll taken by various sicknesses, resulted in twenty-three different players being tried. Consequently the team could not settle down properly.

Fourth Grade showed great determination on many occasions, notably in the match against Sydney Tech High, in which we were down 11-3 at half time, but fought back to level the scores at 11-all, and were attacking strongly at the final bell.

The Under 9-st. Team, which comprised mostly fourth graders, had a successful trip to Armidale, defeating the local team, 21-0.

Notes on the individual players:

LEEGER, Solid, hard-rucking forward, who showed to advantage against strong opposition.

FOKES: Outstanding hooker who, though very light, shone in open play and defence.

HUDSON: Solid forward who should, with the experience he has gained this year, shine in the top grades next year.

EHRLLICK: Second-row forward and star of the team, is only in third year, and should finish up in first grade.

HARTLEY: Graduated from house football and acquitted himself extremely well.

POMEROY: Very dependable forward who was always on the spot when needed.

SHAW and KENCH: Reliable and versatile breakaways, who followed through well.

ORAM: Solid half-back, who had a good combination with the five-eighth, and on several occasions successfully worked the blind side.

PRATT (vice-capt.): Five-eighth, was one of the outstanding players. His long swerving runs were excellent.

LAMB: A centre who, although lacking great dash, used his head, and was responsible for starting many fine moves.

HUGHES: Captain and centre; led his team capably and showed out on many occasions.

BOSTOCK: Played inside-centre for most of the season, but sustained a knee injury which excluded him from the latter matches.

CHEESEMAN: Hard-running winger was solid in attack and defence.

HOOD, ST. CLAIR, BOWDEN, BROWN and TAYLOR were all tried in the other wing position — Taylor, only in the last game, after



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he had fully recovered from a broken collar-bone.

HINDE ably took Ehrlick's place during the latter's absence through sickness.

Details of matches played:—

Fort Street v Homebush, 3-14; v Parramatta,

14-0, v Canterbury, 3-15, v North Sydney Tech., 3-3; v Hurlstone, 0-25; v Sydney Tech., 11-11; v North Sydney, 0-26; v Sydney High, 5-6; v Armidale High, 21-0.

In conclusion, the team would like to heartily thank Mr. Mobbs for his invaluable assistance and unflinching interest in the team.

FIFTH GRADE.

Fifth Grade had a successful and enjoyable season although not successful in winning the competition, being beaten by Homebush and Canterbury, much heavier teams.

Captaincy was capably shared by Lampard and Johnstone. They were light but efficient halves. As full-back, Forster was erratic, but on his day brilliant and valuable as a kicker of goals. The back positions were usually occupied by Forkes, Mace, Lukins and Sharpe on the wings, with the strong-running Moss and the speedy Brady as reliable centres. The position of five-eighth was difficult to fill, and finally Dwyer proved the player we were looking for. He was a most prolific scorer and has a very promising future.

Of the forwards, Spartalis was outstanding,

scarcely ever failing to play fast, rugged football. He was an inspiration to the rest of the forwards who, despite their lightness, were generally superior to their opponents. Peisah of 1A was the rake, and was ably supported by Isaacs, Lewis, Martin, Pendelis, Trahair, Butler and Frazer.

The team without exception, carried on the reputation it established in Sixth Grade, as one of the most gentlemanly teams to represent Fort Street. Its conduct was without reproach when travelling to matches and on the trip to Armidale.

The Fifth Grade coach, Mr. Bohman, thanks the team for a very enjoyable season.

The players wish to thank Mr. Bohman for his interest in the team throughout the competition.

SIXTH GRADE.

Sixth Grade had a very enjoyable season of football, marred somewhat by the number of matches deferred because of the absence of referees. These matches, played at the fag-end of the season, were distinguished by lack of interest and enthusiasm, and resulted in defeats:

Matches played were:—

Versus Parramatta, won 8-0; v Canterbury, won 6-0; v N.S. Tech., drew 3-3; v Hurlstone, lost 0-9; v Sydney Tech., won 3-0; v North Sydney, won 3-0.

Deferred matches: Versus Sydney, lost 5-6; v Homebush, lost 0-3.

Pars. on the players:—

JESSON: An alert full-back, frequently joining with advantage in three-quarter movements.

KEBBLEWHITE and SHAW: Wingers, showed to advantage when rare opportunities offered. Kettlewhite in particular played a hard, fighting game in defence and attack.

CASIMIR: Captain and outside-centre; reliable, hard-running, and tough.

JAMIESON: A natural half, who should develop rapidly. Our most successful goal-kicker.

KELLEHER: Inside-centre; a conscientious player, who would improve with consistent practice in handling.

HIGGS: Scrum-half; quick-witted and safe, but should not try to be too cunning.

Our forward pack did not come up to expectations, though all played a hard, consistent game. The main trouble was lack of weight, which told when opposed by heavier, hard-rucking packs.

The following played: Stahl, lock; Allen and Pidgeon, alert breakaways; Charker and Forbes, second row (emergencies, Malcolm and Precians), front-row, Giddings, McInnes (rake) and Ferguson. All these players have promise and should improve with weight and maturer physique.



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Tennis

FIRST GRADE.

The First Grade team was only moderately successful this year, due mainly to the lack of a stable team. We were unfortunate to lose the services of D. Taylor and P. Southcombe midway through the competition, the latter through illness. D. Taylor's position was ably filled by R. Long, who always played a consistent game.

In the first match, we were defeated by Homebush, 5 sets to 3, this team eventually running out premiers. Of the remaining six matches played, Fort Street won four.

Many changes occurred in the team throughout the season. In the main, the team consisted of D. Taylor, J. Rae, K. Balding, P. Southcombe, and R. Long. Other replacements included K.

Elvy, C. Coote, and P. Leveck.

Comments on members of the team:—

D. TAYLOR (captain): Is the possessor of a reliable and forceful service and forehand. His main weakness is his backhand, which is not always consistent.

K. BALDING: Took over captaincy after D. Taylor left school. Reliable player, but backhand and service could stand improvement.

J. RAE: Sometimes inconsistent, but an asset to the team when he is on his game. Possesses a fine style.

R. LONG: He justified his promotion into First Grade by his consistent standard of play. His weaknesses are his second service and backhand.

SECOND GRADE.

After an unfortunate start, the only two matches lost being within the first three matches, Second Grade finished strongly to complete the competition in fourth place.

During the season the team had the services of C. Coote, P. Correy, A. Cotter, K. Elvy, R. Long, M. Rutter, P. Southcombe and R. Tate.

Results: Versus Homebush 3-5; v Parramatta, 8-0; v Canterbury, 3-5; v Sydney High, 4-4; v Hurlstone (no scores available); v Sydney Tech. (no scores available); v North Sydney, 6-2.

The match against North Sydney Tech., a very strong team, was abandoned because of wet weather.

The team must be commended on its performance against Canterbury. After having lost the first four sets, it fought back strongly, only to be very narrowly beaten in the 8th set.

Comments on individual players:

C. COOTE (capt.): A good consistent all-round player, with a characteristic double-hand backhand.

R. TATE: Possesses a reliable service and smash, though inclined to play defensively at all times.

A. COTTER: A fine baseline player, possessing a strong forehand and backhand.

M. RUTTER: A good forceful player at his best; inclined to be erratic.

K. ELVY: A fair player with uncanny judgment and good sense of anticipation.

The team wishes to congratulate Third Grade on its fine performance in being undefeated premiers for 1948.

THIRD GRADE.

This year the School had the good fortune to win the Third Grade tennis—the first time for many years.

The team consisted of: G. Harland (capt.), J. Watson, M. Higgs, A. Johnstone, and S. Rutter.

In the first match, against Homebush, we won 6-2; in the second round we met a weak team, Parramatta, whom we beat 8-0. In the next

round we played Canterbury and won by the very narrow margin of 8 games, scores being, 4-37 to 4-29. This was due to fine play by Harland and Watson, who won three out of their four sets. The next match was against North Sydney Tech., and this was abandoned because of rain, and so the points were divided.

The next four matches, against Sydney High, Hurlstone, Sydney Technical, and North Sydney High, were won 8-0, no team giving us any trouble.



THIRD GRADE TENNIS PREMIERS, 1948.

Back Row—G. Harland, Mr. D. O'Sullivan (Sportsmaster), M. Higgs.
Front Row—M. Rutter, F. Johnson, J. Watson.

Throughout the competition, Third Grade won 50 sets and lost only 6—a magnificent performance.

The players of this team should form the backbone for our First Grade side next year in our school's quest to regain the First Grade premier-

ship which, by the efforts of G. Hannam and Head, was held by the school in 1945 and 1946.

In conclusion, the team would like to thank Mr. J. J. Dunne, its competent coach, for his advice on matters pertaining to tennis.

FOURTH GRADE.

This year Fourth Grade tennis had a very fair season. The team consisted of M. Jones (capt.), P. Adney, K. Schipp, and R. Jones.

Results: Versus Homebush, 0-8; v Parramatta, 8-0; v Canterbury, 0-8; v Hurlstone, 8-0; v North Sydney Tech., draw; v North Sydney High, 5-3; v Sydney, 3-5; v Sydney Tech., 4-4 (won).

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

M. Jones and P. Adney; R. Jones and K. Schipp.

Individual players were:—

M. JONES: Consistent player on forehand and backhand, but service needs improvement.

P. ADNEY: Good service and forehand, but backhand not up to standard.

K. SCHIPP: A tricky service, good forehand, but backhand needs strengthening.

R. JONES: A promising young player.

Cricket.

FIRST GRADE CRICKET.

The 1948 season was moderately successful only, the team finishing fifth in the competition. This was rather disappointing, as a win in the last round against North Sydney Technical High would have given them second place.

However, some very good batting was displayed

by N. Le Huray and G. Brooke. W. Clements was the most successful bowler. He was ably supported by G. Wilkin and M. Cowgill. The fielding of the side was reliable always, and the wicket-keeping of D. Dyer was sound. G. Wilkin filled the responsible position of captain with distinct merit.



FIRST GRADE CRICKET, 1948.

Back Row—R. Yeoman, F. Johnson, I. Neville, M. Horsey, D. Dwyer, F. Simpson (coach).
Front Row—J. Briggs, W. Clements, M. Cowgill, R. Wilkin, G. Brooke (capt.), G. Le Huray, A. Williams.

SECOND GRADE CRICKET.

The team had a successful season, and only just failed to win the competition for the third year in succession. Canterbury beat us by one point, and we extend our congratulations to that team.

In all, twenty players appeared for the Second Grade team throughout the season, the side which finished the season being: A. Gray (capt.), P. Correy, J. Cheeseman, P. Booth, K. Balding, R. Hughes, P. Billing, B. League, R. Loomes, J. Hatcher, B. Lane.

Our outstanding player was J. Cheeseman, who completed the season with a fine century, against North Sydney Technical, and averaged 36, while

he also took 27 wickets for an average of 9.7 runs.

BATTING.

	Inn.	Tot.	H.S.	N.O.	Av.
J. Cheeseman	9	288	106	1	36.00
K. Balding	4	96	46x	1	32.00
A. Gray	7	78	28x	2	15.60
P. Correy	9	121	26	1	15.10
P. Booth	9	116	31	0	12.90

BOWLING.

	Ovs.	Wkts.	Runs	Av.
J. Hatcher	38.4	17	121	7.1
J. Cheeseman	66.5	27	261	9.7
P. Booth	69.5	22	220	10.0
R. Loomes	44.6	15	183	12.2

Results of matches:—

Versus Homebush: Fort St., 8-104; Homebush 53 and 6-64. Win on first innings.

Versus Sydney High: Fort St., 7-159; Sydney High, 87. Win on first innings.

Versus Hurlstone: Fort St., 8-124; Hurlstone 31 and 83. Outright win.

Versus Sydney Tech.: Fort St., 109; Sydney Tech., 91. Win on first innings.

Versus North Sydney: Fort St., 141; North Sydney, 152. Loss on first innings.

Versus Parramatta (2-day match): Fort St., 119 and 3-27; Parramatta 47 and 95. Outright win.

Versus Canterbury: Fort St., 107; Canterbury, 7-176 (closed). Loss on first innings.

Versus North Sydney Tech. (2-day match): Fort St., 3-212 (closed); North Sydney Tech., 75 and 85. Outright win.



THIRD GRADE CRICKET, 1948.

Back Row—Mr. C. Kester, G. Cleary, J. Tierney, K. Tye, C. Turney.

Front Row—G. Bryant, W. Forster, A. Nielson (vice-capt.), K. Wilson (capt.), B. Small, A. Walters, I. Chambers.

THIRD GRADE

The Thirds have completed a very successful season, finishing a close third to North Sydney and North Sydney Tech. Outstanding features were the captaincy of Wilson, who handled the team capably, and the fine co-ordination and team-work on all occasions. Tye kept wickets well.

The team throughout the season mainly consisted of the following:—

Wilson (capt.), Turney, Neilson, Cleary, Bryant, Tierney, Tye, Chambers, Walters, Small, Forster, Laws, Child, Dick, Giddey and Hughes.

The matches resulted as follows:

Versus Homebush, won on 1st innings. Homebush 67 (Wilson 3-11); Fort Street, 5-103 (Koschner 33 no..).

Versus Sydney High: 1st innings loss. Sydney High, 86 (Teague 5-17) and 5-59 (Hughes 3-20); Fort Street, 57 (Bryant 15).

Versus Hurlstone, outright win. Hurlstone, 27 (Neilson 4-6, including hat-trick) and 21 (Wilson 5-5); Fort Street 8-68 dec. (Taylor 19).

Versus Sydney Tech., 1st innings loss. Sydney Tech., 100 (Wilson 4-13); Fort Street, 92 (Teague 36).

Versus North Sydney, 1st innings loss. Fort Street, 87 (Wilson 36) and 4-34 (Walters 17); North Sydney, 9-151 (Wilson 4-44).

Versus Parramatta, outright win. Parramatta, 53 (Neilson 4-8) and 70 (Tierney 4-9); Fort Street, 9-130 dec. (Wilson 38).

Versus Canterbury, 1st innings win; Fort Street. 128 (Tierney 45); Canterbury, 97 (Neilson 3-19).

Versus North Sydney Tech., 1st innings win; Fort Street, 125 (Tye 27, Child 27) and 2-30 (Tierney 17); N.S.T., 63 (Neilson 4-19) and 101 (Bryant 3-21).

The best averages were:—

BATTING.					
	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Agg.	Av.
Wilson	10	3	38	127	18.1
Tierney	7	0	41	122	17.43
Tierney	10	2	45	86	10.75

BOWLING

	O	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Small	17	0	40	7	5.71
Wilson	63.7	7	182	29	6.28
Neilson	70	19	152	22	6.9

Scorer Ewan is to be congratulated for his neat and correct keeping of the score book.

In conclusion, the team wishes to sincerely thank Mr. Kester for his invaluable coaching and assistance, so readily given throughout the season.

FOURTH GRADE

This season's team was of high standard, consisting of Kebblewhite, Casimir, Ashwood, Smith, M. Jones, R. Jones, Wyatt, Fountain, Schipp, Kidd, Sayers, Jardine, Jamie on, Cansick, Hynard, Schipp, Mansted.

Our first game against Homebush proved to be a very good one. Homebush batted first and declared at 6-153. Kebblewhite did best with the ball, taking 3-14. In Fort Street's innings, we lost 7-89 (Casimir 20, Kidd 14 n.o., M. Jones 18).

Against Sydney High, we had a first innings win. Sydney, batting first, scored 67 (Smith 4-16, Jardine 2-4). Fort Street's first innings was declared at 9 for 100 (Kebblewhite 22, M. Jones 23, Smith 18).

Against Hurlstone we gained an outright win. Hurlstone, in its first innings, made 62 (Kebblewhite 5-15, M. Jones 2-16). Fort Street replied with 4-102, declared (Smith 34, Kebblewhite 22 n.o.). In Hurlstone's second innings they totalled 28 (M. Jones 5-17, Smith 3-3).

In our next game, against Sydney Tech., we scored another outright win. Batting first, Sydney Tech. made 17 (Kidd 5-2, M. Jones 2-10). Fort Street replied with 8-55 declared; Ashwood scored a quickly-made 12. Thanks to a sporting gesture by Sydney Tech. in not taking its permitted time between innings, they were dismissed in their 2nd

innings for 48 (M. Jones 4-17, Kebblewhite 2-7). We needed 10 runs to win, and these were scored by Ashwood 7 n.o., and Kidd, 6 n.o.

We tasted defeat against North Sydney High. Batting first, N.S.H. made 135 (Wyatt 3-29, M. Jones 3-30). Fort Street totalled 87, Ashwood scoring a merry 34, Casimir and Smith each made 16.

Again we were defeated outright, this time by Parramatta. Batting first, we tallied 43 (Kidd 12), and Parramatta replied with 66 (Smith 5-17, M. Jones 3-17). In our second innings, we made 31 (Casimir 12).

Against Canterbury, Fort St. just failed to gain an outright win. Canterbury made 48 (Schipp 7-14, Kebblewhite 1-2). We were 5 for 41 until Smith and newcomer Cansick got together in a partnership of 95 runs. Smith made a whirlwind 72 n.o., Cansick 34 n.o., and we declared at 5-136. Canterbury had lost 7 for 49 at the close of play (Schipp 4-18, Kebblewhite 3-11).

Against N.S. Tech. we were defeated on the 1st innings. N.S. Tech. made 9-241, declared (Hynard 4-84); Fort Street replied with 115 (Smith 4-4, Cansick 41) and 5 for 62 (Kebblewhite 28 n.o., Cansick 13 n.o.).

The team would like to thank Mr. Went for his valuable coaching.

Athletics Carnival.

This year, our athletics carnival was largely a success, notwithstanding the apparent lack of enthusiasm on the part of the spectators. Generally, the times clocked were rather poor, due to the poor condition of the track after the football season. However, the caretaker of the oval must be thanked for the fine job which he performed.

The only records broken were the Under 16 880 yards by B. Taylor, the Under 15, 440 yards, and 90 yards Hurdles, also by Brian Taylor.

Results of the 38th Annual Athletic Carnival, 1948:—

SENIOR.

100 yards: T. Pederson 1, F. Tuynman 2, I. Neville 3. Time, 11.1s.

220 yards: F. Tuynman 1, I. Neville 2, R. Paton 3; time, 24.5s.

440 yards: F. Tuynman 1, G. Thomas 2, J. Hatcher 3; time, 56.1s.

880 yards: G. Thomas 1, F. Tuynman 2, J. Hatcher 3; time, 2m 15s.

Mile: F. Tuynman 1, J. Hatcher 2, R. Gray 3; time, 5m. 8.7s.

Broad Jump: F. Tuynman and G. Thomas 1st; R. Yeoman 3; distance, 19ft 0½in.

Shot Putt: R. Morgan 1, R. Bligh 2, R. Atkinson 3; distance, 37ft. 2in.

High Jump: G. Thomas and J. Heard, 1st, F. Tuynman 3; height, 5ft 5½in.

Hurdles: F. Tuynman 1, T. Pederson 2, G. Thomas 3; time, 16.9s.

880 yds. Walk: G. Thomas 1, — Marnell 2, J. Hatcher 3.

Relay: Williams 1, Mearns 2, Kilgour 3; time, 47.6s.

Tug o' War: Mearns 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3. Champion: F. Tuynman.

Champion House: Williams.

UNDER 16.

100 yards: R. Morgan 1, K. Newton 2, M. Cowgill 3; time 10.8s.

220 yards: R. Morgan 1, K. Newton 2, M. Cowgill 3; time, 25.2s.

440 yards: R. Morgan 1, M. Cowgill 2, K. Newton 3; time, 57.4s.

880 yards: B. Taylor 1, F. C. Johnston 2, I. S. Bowden 3; time, 2m. 24.8s.

90 yds. Hurdles: J. Godden 1, L. Surgeon 2, J. Butt 3; time, 14.8s.

880 yds. Walk: F. Robinson 1, K. Meyers 2, E. Shaw 3; time, 4m 5.1s.

Broad Jump: R. Thoms 1, M. Cowgill 2, W. Pearson 3.

High Jump: C. Brown 1, W. Pearson 2, E.

Shaw 3; distance, 4ft. 10½in.

Shot Putt: R. Morgan 1, F. C. Johnston 2, P. Buckman 3; distance, 44ft 4in.

Relay: Mearns 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3; time, 50.0s.

Champion: R. Morgan.

Champion House: Williams.

UNDER 15.

100 yards: G. Cleary 1, B. Taylor 2, J. Logan 3; time, 11s.

220 yards: G. Cleary 1, B. Taylor 2, J. Logan 3; time, 24.8s.

90 yds. Hurdles: B. Taylor 1, J. Hegarty 2, R. Moss and M. Kelleher, 3rd; time, 14.5s.

440 yards: B. Taylor 1, T. Malouf 2, D. Bogg and R. Hughes, 3; time, 57s.

Under 15 Relay: Christmas 1, Kilgour 2, Williams 3; time, 52.1s.

Tug-o'-War: Kilgour 1, Williams 2, Mearns 3. Broad Jump: J. Hegarty 1, B. Taylor 2, D. Bogg 3. Distance, 17ft.

Shot Putt: D. Bogg 1, J. Cowl 2, J. Hegarty 3. Distance, 32ft. 6½in.

High Jump: B. Taylor 1, J. Hegarty 2, Hegarty, 4ft. 8½in.

Champion: B. Taylor.

UNDER 14.

100 yards: D. James 1, P. Adney 2, R. King 3. Time, 12.3s.

220 yards: J. Malouf 1, D. James 2, C. Casimir 3; time, 27.7s.

High Jump: N. Jones 1, R. Johnson 2; 4ft 4½in.

Broad Jump: D. James 1, S. Malouf 2, R. Casimir 3; 15ft 4½in.

60 yards Hurdles: P. Adney 1, S. Malouf 2, S. Young-Lee 3; 11.7s.

Shot Putt: P. Adney 1, D. James 2, C. Saunders 3; 35ft 4½in.

880 yards Walk: P. Casimir 1, K. Stanton 2, P. Adney 3; 4m 38s.

Under 14 Relay: Christmas 1, Kilgour 2, Mearns 3; time, 55.8s.

Champions: D. James and P. Adney.

Champion House: Christmas.

UNDER 13.

100 yards: B. Erickson 1, P. Cansick 2, J. Jesson 3; 12.2s.

Broad Jump: P. Cansick 1, B. Carter and J. Whiteside 2; 15ft 1in.

High Jump: B. Erickson 1, C. Young-Lee 2, B. Carter 3; 4ft 5½in.

Relay: Kilgour 1, Mearns 2, Christmas 3.

Tug-o'-War: Mearns 1, Christmas 2, Williams 3. Champion: B. Erickson.

Champion House: Kilgour.

C.H.S. ATHLETICS

Fort Street this year gained fourth place in the C.H.S. aggregate, and this is a matter for congratulation, as the School had not gained a place since 1944, when we were runners-up. The improvement is attributed to the serious training carried out by the team, as a result of which training several very promising athletes have emerged. But, lads, there are still three teams ahead of us! Do something about it for your centenary year!

Congratulations to the Junior team who were runners-up in their competition. The weak link, however, is the under 14 group, who did not get a place in the C.H.S. contests. Come along, under 14ers. Read those books in the library, and train with the idea of winning.

R. Morgan stepped into position to replace E. Edwards, and ably carried on the work of athletics organiser and representative on the School Council. We congratulate him on his selection as School Captain for 1949.

Places gained in C.H.S. Carnival:

Senior: 880 yards, div. 1: G. Thomas, 2nd. Mile, Div. 1, G. Thomas, 1st; time 4m 42.8s—School record.

Under 16, 220 yards, div. 1: R. Morgan, 2nd; 100 yards, div. 1: R. Morgan, 4th; Shot Putt, div. 1, R. Morgan, 3rd; div. 2, F. Johnston, 1st; 40ft 2in.

Under 15, 100 yards, div. 1, G. Cleary, 1st; 11.1s; div. 2, B. Taylor, 2nd.

220 yards, div. 1, G. Cleary 1st, 24.6s; div. 2, B. Taylor, 2nd; 90 yds. Hurdles, div. 1, B. Taylor 2nd; Relay Fort Street 1st. 48.3s (record).

Under 13: 100 yards, div. 1, B. Erickson, 1st, time, 12s. (school record); div. 2, P. Cansich 3rd; High Jump, div. 1, B. Erickson 2nd; Relay, Fort Street, 3rd.

ALL SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS.

B. Taylor won the Under 15 880 yards championship, time 2m. 15.3s. Brian won his heat in 2m 13.7s. He won the Under 15 Hurdles championship. G. Thomas came second in the Open Mile.

These lads have done much to uphold the great name of their school.

BOXING

Once more considerable interest was shown in the activities of this new club. A tournament was conducted for 1st and 2nd year boys.

An innovation was a boxing contest between Fort Street and Kogarah High School. In this contest splendid competition was shown, and after ten hard fought bouts Fort Street emerged victorious by 6 wins to 4.

Finally our open school championships were well conducted on Petersham Oval on Wednesday, 25th August.

Once more, owing to the ready support of the school as a whole, the Club was financially successful, a splendid set of scales was acquired and presented to the school.

Once more, the club wishes to thank the following gentlemen for their ready assistance: Mr. H. Hardwick, of the National Fitness Council, and Mr. A. Duncan, who acted as judges; Mr. Ken Bailey, too, who attended our championships in the capacity of a judge, is thanked for his co-operation, and we wish him luck in his quest for the Australian lightweight championship. Mr. J. Wells is also thanked for his invaluable work as photographer. We also thank Mr. Jack Neal, curator of Petersham Oval, for his ever-ready assistance.

Following are results of tournaments conducted and final House points:

FIRST YEAR CHAMPIONSHIPS

5st 7lb, Podger; 6st., Lovett; 6st 7lb, McCollum; 7st., Mansted; 8st., Wright; 8st 7lb, Hamilton.

SECOND YEAR CHAMPIONSHIPS

5st 7lb, M. Spartalis; 6st., Kebblewhite; 7st., Jones; 7st 7lb, 8st., McTaggart, w.o.; 8st 7lb, Hartley; 9st., Saunders; 10st 7lb, Mercer w.o.

FORT ST. v. KOGARAH HIGH

Baxter (K.) defeated J. Giddey (F.S.)
 Sheridan (K.) defeated Shaw (F.S.)
 P. Spartalis (F.S.) defeated Arnold (K.)
 Hudson (F.S.) defeated Brook (K.)
 McTaggart (F.S.) defeated Corps (K.)
 Mansted (F.S.) defeated Hobson (K.)
 Crewe (K.) defeated Barr (F.S.)
 Kebblewhite (F.S.) defeated Rawling (K.)
 Crisp (K.) defeated M. Spartalis (F.S.)
 Mace (F.S.) defeated Kalsky (K.).

SCHOOL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

5st., Podger; 5st 7lb, M. Spartalis; 6st, 6st 7lb, Mace; 7st., Clifford; 7st 7lb, Martin; 8st., P. Spartalis; 8st 7lb, 9st., Hudson; 9st 9lb, 10st 7lb, Heard; 11st 6lb, Dyer; Heavyweight, R. Giddey.

WYLIE CUP FOR HOUSE BOXING

	Christmas	Kilgour	Mearns	Williams
1st Year Championships	1	10	30	9
2nd year Championships	5	21	8	11
Match versus Kogarah . . .	2	12	15	9
School Championships . . .	13	34	30	10
Total	21	77	93	39

Mearns House won the Wylie Cup for 1948. Mr. R. Mobbs once again acted as referee and organiser.

Congratulations to Rex Hudson on his meritorious effort in winning the 8st 4lb Police Boys' Club's championship of N.S.W. at the Sydney Stadium on Friday 17th September. Ken Bailey picked Rex out as a highly promising amateur boxer on the occasion of our school championship.

LIFE SAVING
SEASON 1947-8

Though the School's record during the season was very still good, it was not good enough to retain all the trophies won during the previous year. The most formidable rival was Homebush High School. Fort Street succeeded in defeating it by a comfortable margin in the competition for the Arthur Parker Cup, but Homebush beat us by an equally comfortable margin to win the Hendry Cup which had been held by Fort Street for five successive years. Homebush is to be congratulated on its win, and Fort Street must exert itself to regain the trophy in the forthcoming season.

The standard of Life Saving at Fort Street can be gauged by the following table showing awards gained by the students:

Award of Merit Bars	4
Award of Merit	8
Bronze Cross	23
Instructors' Certificates	7
Bronze Medallion Bars	44
Bronze Medallions	40
Intermediate Certificate Labels	62
Intermediate Certificates	33
Elementary Certificates	28
Senior Resuscitation Certificates	3
Junior Resuscitation Certificates	139
Unigrip Certificates	17

Considerable rivalry exists between the Houses in Life Saving, and the results for the season are:

Williams, 393 points	1
Christmas, 347 points	2
Mearns, 262 points	3
Kilgour, 230 points	4

During the season the School was represented by H. N. Cason (Instructor), F. K. Tuynman, J. R. Dart, J. Stockman and J. Balderson in the Arthur Parker Cup competition. This team proved itself the fastest ever presented by the school and the standard of its work was such that at least some of its members might aim at State selection next year.

Once more our good friend, Mr. Frank Albert, donated a handsome cup for each member of the team, and appeared in person on Speech Day to present the trophies. The winning of the Arthur Parker Cup should be more difficult next year, for the Life Saving Society is making every endeavour to secure a far greater number of entries, and with this object in view has made it possible and probable that country schools will compete by deciding to hold the competition each year on the day following the Combined High Schools' Swimming Carnival.

— D. BROWN, 5A.

WATER POLO.

Fort Street's Water Polo team did not rise to the standard set by teams of previous years. The standard of the competition on a whole was comparatively high, and our team acquitted itself admirably against superior opposition, by winning four out of the ten matches played.

Seaberg, our captain, besides playing a masterly game, led the team with great ability and was a tower of strength. We suffered a setback when Don. Lette, our former centre-forward, left school during the football season, but D. Brown ably filled the vacant place and soon proved himself worthy of his position.

The team would like to offer its congratulations to the fine players and great sportsmen in the winning team, North Sydney Technical.

The younger members of the team have gained experience which will be obvious in the benefits we will reap from it in the centenary year, but better condition and greater accuracy in throwing are still the main factors in good play.

The team this year was: C. Seaberg (capt.), T. Pederson (vice-capt.), R. Webb, J. Pinerua, F. Tuynman, D Brown. and H. Cason.



ARTHUR PARKER CUP TEAM.

J. Balderson, J. Stockman, Mr. E. T. Arnold (coach), H. N. Cason (instructor), F. K. Tuyenman
J. R. Dart.

56th ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL, 1948

Results:—

SENIOR.

55 yards: D. Lette 1, G. Thomas 2, F. Tuynn 3; 33.3s.
110 yards: D. Lette 1, G. Thomas 2, — Jones 3; 1m 15.6s.
220 yards: C. Seaberg 1, D. Lette 2, R. Dyer 3; 2m 53.4s.
440 yards: C. Seaberg 1, D. Lette 2, F. Tuynn 3; 6m 22½s.
880 yards: C. Seaberg 1, D. Lette 2, F. Tuynn 3; 13m 28s.
55 yards Backstroke: G. Richardson 1, F. Tuynn 2, G. Thomas 3. 41.6s.
Senior Dive: H. Laws 1, T. Pedersen 2, R. Horne 3.
Senior Champion: D. Lette.
Champion House: Williams.

UNDER 16.

55 yards: S. Surgeoner 1, H. Cason 2, R. Webb 3; 33.5s.
110 yards: H. Cason 1, J. Pinerau 2, A. Neilson 3; 74s.
55 yards: Backstroke: H. Cason 1, J. Pinerau 2, A. Neilson 3; 42s.
55 yards Breaststroke: J. Stockman 1, M. Pendlebury 2, J. Balderson 3; 44.8 secs.
220 yards: H. Cason 1, R. Webb 2, J. Pinerau 3; 3m 10.3s.
440 yards: H. Cason 1, J. Hatcher 2, R. Webb 3.
Junior Dive: K. Pendlebury 1, B. Moore 2, F. Robinson 3.
Under 16 Champion: H. Cason.
Champion House: Christmas.

UNDER 15.

55 yards: J. Butt 1, M. Rutter 2, F. Sharpe 3; 30.8s.
110 yards: J. Butt 1, M. Rutter 2, F. Sharpe 3; 1m 15s.
55 yards Backstroke: J. Butt 1, F. Sharpe 2; 46.7s.
55 yards Breaststroke: J. Butt 1, M. Rutter 2, J. Martin 3; 43.5s.
220 yards: J. Butt 1, M. Rutter 2, F. Sharpe 3. 3m 0 4/5s.
440 yards: D. Bogg 1, B. Morton 2, J. Butt 3; 6m 9.2s.
Under 15 Champion: J. Butt.
Champion House: Christmas.

UNDER 14.

55 yards: D. Bogg 1, D. James 2; 32s.
110 yards: D. Bogg 1, N. Trahair 2, S. Medcalf 3; 73s.
55 yards Backstroke: D. Bogg 1st; 39s.
55 yards Breaststroke: B. Manfield 1, J. Dwyer 2; 66s.
220 yards: D. Bogg 1, B. Morton 2; 2m 49s.
Juvenile Dive: D. Bogg 1, B. Morton 2, S. Young-Lee 3.
Under 14 Champion: D. Bogg.
Champion House: Christmas.

UNDER 13.

55 yards: P. Morton 1, G. Young-Lee 2, K. Wheatley 3; 35.8s.
110 yards: P. Morton 1, G. Young-Lee 2, K. Forbes 3; 1m 29.5s.
55 yards Backstroke: P. Morton 1, G. Young-Lee 2, H. Mackinnon 3; 59.5s.
55 yards Breaststroke: P. Morton 1, G. Young-Lee 2, K. Wheatley 3; 54.5s.
Under 13 Champion: P. Morton.
Champion House: Mearns.

C.H.S. SWIMMING CARNIVAL, 1948

Results of C.H.S. Swimming Carnival were as follows:—

SENIOR.

C. Seaberg, 1st 110 yards Freestyle, 2nd div.; 3rd 440 yds. Freestyle, 1st div., 4th 220 yds. Freestyle, 1st div.; 5th 880 yds. Freestyle, 1st div.
D. Lette: 3rd 220 yds. Freestyle, 2nd div.; 4th 440 yds. Freestyle, 2nd div.; 4th 800 yds. Freestyle, 2nd division.
H. Dart: 2nd 110 yds. Breaststroke, 2nd div.
F. Tuynn: 4th 110 yds. Breaststroke, 1st div.

UNDER 16.

Junior Relay: 5th place.

UNDER 15.

D. Bogg: 4th 440 yds. Freestyle, 1st division.

J. Butt: 1st 55 yds. Freestyle, 1st div.; 3rd 100 yds. Freestyle, 1st div.; 3rd 55 yds. Breaststroke, 1st division.

UNDER 14.

D. Bogg: 1st 55 yds. Backstroke, 1st div; 3rd 220 yds. Freestyle, 1st division.

UNDER 13.

P. Moreton: 3rd 55 yds. Backstroke, 1st div.; 4th 110 yds. Freestyle, 1st div; 5th Juvenile Div.; 5th 55 yds. Freestyle, 1st division.
P. Moreton: 5th 55 yds. Breaststroke, 1st div.
G. Young-Lee: 5th 55 yds. Freestyle, 2nd div.; 5th 55 yds. Breaststroke, 2nd div.; 2nd 55 yds. Backstroke, 2nd div.; 4th 110 yds. Freestyle, 2nd division.

HOUSE REPORTS.



CHRISMAS HOUSE

Christmas House presented its fourth Annual report. On the whole results have been a little disappointing in view of our winning the Rose Cup last year. The reason for this decline, I consider lies in the lack of interest and House spirit shown by the Senior members of the House. It seems that the only Seniors interested in how the House is faring in House sport are those who have gained representation in school grades; the others seem to lose interest. To the Seniors I say: "It is only by solid teamwork and not individual efforts that the House can hope to make the Rose Cup a permanent Christmas House possession. To the Juniors I say: "Continue your enthusiasm right through your stay at Fort Street," and to all I say, "Remember your House motto. "The game is greater than the player."

In the cricket Christmas House gained second place, and much credit is due to our grade repre-

sentatives. (Almost half the boys who have played grade cricket this year have come from Christmas House).

In football we were not very successful, but our grade representation was good. We wish to extend our congratulations to the School as a whole and particularly Grades 1, 2 and 3 on their fine showing in Rugby Union this year.

In tennis, for the third year in succession, Christmas House won the Hannan Cup. Congratulations, tennis player!

The House did not fare very well in athletics, but was runner-up in swimming.

Finally, the departing 5th Year of Christmas House extends its best wishes to the School for all its activities next year—the centenary year of a great School.

—P. CORREY.

KILGOUR HOUSE

Kilgour House enjoyed a very successful year, winning the Rose Cup (all sports), Ladies' Committee Cup for cricket for the second year in succession, and the Old Boys' Rugby Union Cup.

A big improvement has been shown in House spirit, and strong junior and juvenile divisions augur well for the House next year. The Junior Division showed out to advantage in cricket, football and athletics.

The House again failed in aquatics, and as the House has no outstanding junior swimmers it may be a few years yet before this becomes one of its leading activities.

Cricket was outstanding this year, and the House won the 2nd and 3rd Grade premierships, and was placed 3rd in the 1st and 4th Grades. We were well represented in School grade teams, particularly the 4th Grade.

A vast improvement was shown in our House

football this year; 1st and 6th grades were undefeated premiers and all other grades performed creditably. In the school football teams we were represented by the amazing number of 35 players.

Tennis was strong this year, as usual, and we again filled 2nd place. Two of our teams were premiers, and we again had good representation in School teams.

The House athletics this year was not on a par with previous performances, but we have a very strong juvenile section and good things can be expected from these boys next year in School athletics.

Finally, I would like to thank our vice-captains for their assistance, which was always given when needed, and also our House Patron, Mr. Fitzpatrick, who has been a contributing factor in our success.

—J. HATCHER, House Captain.

MEARNS HOUSE

Although Mearns House this year did not actually win any particular sporting division, it maintained a high standard of play and sportsmanship and finished not far behind the leaders in the major sporting activities. The great enthusiasm shown for the House system in the previous years seemed to flag somewhat. This was especially noticeable in the football, where insufficient opposition was provided for the strong teams. Despite this, Mearns House was successful in carrying off the 2nd and 3rd Grades. We were well represented in the grade teams, Paton, Pederson, Lette and Lawler playing in the 1st Grade runners-up.

Mearns House was very unfortunate in not winning the Frank Austin Cup this year; for the majority of the carnival the points always put Mearns House first, but Williams House was able to put in a last-minute burst and snatch the premiership from us. We were beaten narrowly in all three sections, and were beaten by one point in the Junior Championship.

Best performers for the House were Pederson, Morgan, Malouf and Newton.

Both the swimming and athletics were not to be noted for the enthusiasm shown by the mem-

bers of the House, or of any other House for that matter. Despite this serious setback, a high standard was set by House members, in particular by Morgan, who went on to further success at the C.H.S. Athletic Carnival. But it follows that the greater the enthusiasm the better the results, and until every member of the House realises this and all pull their weight Mearns House will never rise to the heights that it should rightly attain.

Once again a disappointing result was received in tennis, but as a fine sporting spirit was upheld. We hope for better things to come in the future. We must offer our hearty congratulations to Christmas House for the fine performance in retaining the R.L. Head Cup for the third consecutive year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank our House-master, Mr. Roberts, for his assistance during the year and also our untiring House Vice-Captains for their help and interest. It now rests with the rising juniors to regain some of Mearns House's lost prestige so that we may once more regain a high ranking among the Houses. And, remember that this can only be done by teamwork and close co-operation, never by individual effort. If we remember this, Mearns House will always be a House of true sportsmen.

—P. LAWLER.

WILLIAMS HOUSE

This year Williams House regained some of its lost prestige. We won the Frank Austin Memorial Cup for athletics and the Hannan Cup for aquatics. Unfortunately, however, we did not prove in any way our mettle at the team sports. We were placed third in the Old Boys' Rugby Cup mainly due to the lack of strength in the higher grades. Our junior teams did well, Fourths and Fifths winning their respective competitions, so it appears that our future prospects for Rugby are very bright.

In cricket we were placed fourth, none of our House teams showing much promise at all. However, we contributed greatly to the School teams.

Our athletic team at the School Carnival proved

themselves, winning for us the Frank Austin Memorial Cup, the outstanding performers being F. Tuynman, G. Thomas and B. Taylor, the latter two winning Blues for athletics, while Tuynman received one for life-saving.

The aquatic ability of our House as a whole was of a very high standard, mainly due to the homogeneous quality of the swimmers.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of the House, the House Vice-Captains and our House Patron, who worked untiringly for the success of the House.

—G. WILKIN, Capt.

House Cups

Trophy	Christmas House	Kilgour House	Mearns House	Williams House	Winners
THE FRANK AUSTIN MEMORIAL CUP (Athletics)	192	194	208	222	WILLIAMS HOUSE
The HANNAN CUP (Aquatics) —					
Swimming	150	87	144	197	
Life-Saving	347	230	262	393	
Water-Polo	42	0	38	32	
TOTAL	539	317	444	622	WILLIAMS HOUSE
The LADIES' COMMITTEE CUP (Cricket)					
	1187	1271	1055	900	KILGOUR HOUSE
The OLD BOYS' RUGBY CUP					
	1721	3069	2765	1983	KILGOUR HOUSE
The R. L. HEAD MEMORIAL CUP (Tennis)					
	376	303	281	300	CHRISTMAS HOUSE
The ROSE CUP (All Sport) —					
Athletics	14.00	14.00	15.50	16.50	Williams House
Cricket	40.35	43.19	35.87	30.59	Kilgour House
Football	29.00	52.00	46.00	33.00	Christmas House
Tennis	8.95	7.21	6.69	7.15	Kilgour House
Aquatics	28.05	16.50	23.11	32.34	Williams House
TOTAL	230.35	132.90	127.17	119.58	KILGOUR HOUSE
The WYLIE CUP (Boxing)					
					MEARNS HOUSE

