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From the President

On Saturday 12th August 1978 it was my privilege to attend the Ward Harvard Memorial Lecture at Liverpool. This lecture is sponsored by the Liverpool Historical Society each year, and on this occasion was delivered by Professor Cable, President of the Royal Australian Historical Society. His subject was "The Rev. Cartwright -- the Apostle of Liverpool". His address was most enlightening, and I am indeed indebted to our friends at Liverpool for the opportunity to join them on this occasion.

Unfortunately, owing to illness, I had to leave the Lecture this month, and understand I missed a treat. Mrs Kalina will report on the Lecture at a later date.

Don't forget the picnic to historic Berrima on 15th October. The details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

I also wish to send "Get Well" messages to several of our regular Members and Associates who are on the sick list. We do miss you all and hope to see you back on deck in the very near future.

Beryl Lewis.

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday 20th September 1978 at 7.30 pm

Venue: Board Room, Assembly Building,
Margaret Street (entrance at Jamison St.)

Membership Report

The Membership Committee has much pleasure in welcoming the following new Members to the Fellowship. In particular, there are two new names for our list, John Irvine (Irving) and James Bradley, the latter being a second First Fleeter for our President. We hope that other Members may find another name among their ancestors.

Miss Sandra G. Bellamy (Jnr.), Beverly Hills. (First Fleeters,
John Herbert, Deborah Ellam)

Mr Allan B. Gamack, Sunnybank, Q. (Frederick Meredith)

Miss Gillian M. Olney and Robert M. Olney (Jnr.), Malvern, Vic.
(Charles Peat, Ann Mullins)

Miss Jane E. Nicholls (Jnr.), East Doncaster, Vic.
(Henry Kable, Susannah Holmes)

Mrs Marjorie E. Boyd, Kingsgrove. (William Nash)

Mr Kenneth R. Anderson, Telopea. (Nathaniel Lucas - Olivia.
Gascoigne, James Squire)

Mrs Barbara J. Kernot, Attadale, W.A. (John Barrisford)

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Mrs Laurie E. Best, Connecticut, U.S.A. (John Barrisford)

Mr Ion T. Bossley, West Ryde. (Anthony Rope - Elizabeth Pulley,
John Summers)

Mr John R. Gandy, Karekare Beach, New Zealand.
(John Irvine ... Irving)

Naida Jackson. Mary Bailey.

July Lecture Evening

The July Lecture was held at the beautiful Richmond Villa, the Society of Australian Genealogists' new headquarters in Kent Street. Our speaker was Mr Keith Johnson, co-author of the Cadman's Cottage book, who talked about tracing family history.

Mr Johnson told us the many ways we can trace our families -- by church records, early directories, gravestone inscriptions (which should not be underestimated), even newspaper advertisements, which can be of help in tracing family history.

The Society of Australian Genealogists has a wonderful library and system of filing precious records with microfilms of early Australian names and dates, etc., so members can find a wealth of information in their remarkable and accurate filing system.

Richmond Villa was officially opened as the Society's headquarters on Sunday 12th February 1978 by the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler.

Richmond Villa is a Georgian-style house with some Gothic detailing, built of Hawkesbury sandstone. It has been re-erected at Observatory Hill with one of its original features, a shingle roof. It originally adjoined Richmond Terrace, and stood behind Parliament House facing the Domain from 1849 to 1975.

The Lecture Evening was a highly interesting one, with a record number of First Fleeters attending. We all thank Mr Keith Johnson for inviting us to his Society's lovely building and making us feel very welcome.

Sally Kalina.

The Ballad of the First Fleet. 1788

(By Howard Guinness)

From high in the crows nest the lookout had seen them --
The pillars of rock that were guarding the bay --
The Governor fresh from his Botany landing
Was seeking a cove for a permanent stay --
The ship swung to port with the breeze in her gallants,
And dipped in the swell to a flurry of spray.

The gallants were furled and the gateway stood open,
Its towering sentinels piercing the sky,
The cliffs crowded in as the vessel edged forward,
Its jibs pulling bravely to carry it by,
And thundering waves as they pounded the beaches
Were drowning the seagulls' disconsolate cry.

The vessel was dwarfed by the size of the headlands,
Stupendous and challenging, awesome and bold,
They blazed out a welcome to sailors at sunrise,
But under their shadows were distant and cold.
He lifted his arm in salute to the ancients --
Inscrutably wise and majestic old.

(majestic'ly

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The Ballad of the First Fleet, 1788 (Continued)

Ahead through the gateway the bay was before him
With plenty of water and well-timbered land,
A settlement here would perhaps be successful,
If water for drinking were also at hand.
This harbour could shelter the fleets of all Europe,
Its two mighty headlands all inroads withstand.

The fleet followed later, its worn sails and rigging
Proclaiming the story of tempests at sea,
In tatters was also the desperate cargo
Confined below decks dreaming the dreams of the free.
The captains dropped anchor, the boats were all lowered,
The timeless land waited for what was to be.

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Coach Picnic to Bowral and Berrina

This is by way of another reminder of our coming coach picnic to Bowral and Berrina on Sunday 15th October. Bookings are coming in steadily, but there are still vacancies.

This should be a very interesting day's outing, as the Berrina district is both scenic and historic.

The coach leaves outside the Assembly Building in York Street at 8.30 am. There is an additional pick-up point at Skolsey's, on the Hume Highway at Lansdowne.

Cost is \$8 per person. For bookings, please telephone Colleen Bernath on 764 4479 (evenings).

Early Encounters Between Europeans and Aborigines in N.S.W.

(By Ena Harper. Reprinted by kind permission of Ashfield Historical Society and Ena Harper. This is the fifth instalment to be published in this Newsletter)

Directly connected with the Aborigines' mystic closeness to nature was the fact that they had very few possessions. Usually they wore no clothing, had the flimsiest of dwellings, the most primitive weapons and boats and very few artifacts. This made a deep impression on the Europeans.

Both James Cook and Joseph Banks felt that these people had a happiness which Europeans had lost. Cook wrote: "They may appear to some to be the most wretched people on earth, but in reality they are far happier than we Europeans the earth and the sea of their own accord furnish them with all things necessary for life they live in a warm and fine climate and enjoy a very wholesome air so that they have very little need of clothing they seem to set no value upon anything we give them, nor would they ever part with anything of their own".

Banks was of much the same opinion. After clothes they had given the natives were found abandoned in the bush he wrote: "Thus live these I had almost said happy people, content with little, nay almost nothing". And he went on to speak of the worries of civilisation.

In his book The Fatal Impact, Alan Moorehead makes this comment: "There was some confusion of thought here. Where was the happy life? The natives they had met on Tahiti had every natural luxury and seemed to be happy. The Australian Aborigines, with the barest subsistence, were apparently happy too. But the Europeans with their complicated civilisation were unhappy. That was the dilemma: civilisation had failed because it had abandoned nature. And yet you could not turn

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Early Encounters Between Europeans and Aborigines (Continued)

your back on civilisation; once it was known there was no choice but but to continue with it".

It is only stating the obvious to say that the coming of the Europeans to the tribal lands meant the breakdown of the communion of the Aborigines with their total environment. To flee into alien territory meant the complete loss of the spirit life and thus power over the physical world, but to stay? ... We shall see.

We know from many diaries and journals what the Englishmen felt when they came to the shores of New South Wales. What of the Aborigines? We can only judge their reaction from the accounts of the white men.

The encounters fell into two phases:

1. The brief and superficial meeting with the exploring party of Englishmen in the Endeavour under Captain James Cook.
2. The permanent and continuing relationship between the invading settlers and the Australian Aborigines. These invaders followed in the wake of the explorers and were spearheaded by the marines and convicts of the First Fleet under Governor Arthur Phillip.

First we shall consider the shock encounter at Botany Bay.

The Endeavour, a ship of 370 tons, came to the sandstone heads of Botany Bay at daybreak on the morning of 28th April, 1770. With sails billowing before a southerly breeze, it must have been an impressive sight. The ship passed in through the mouth of the harbour, until Captain Cook found an anchorage sufficiently sheltered from the winds. As they passed along the peninsula, the English sailors could see people on the waterfront.

In their long voyage half way round the world, Cook and his men had encountered many native people in the islands and lands they had visited. They had spent months living with the Tahitians on very intimate terms. There had been an exchange of gifts, the sailors had sexual relations with the women, and when the ship came to leave many of the Tahitian men begged to be allowed to come aboard and continue the voyage with the Englishmen. Cook took with him Tupia, a priest and chieftain, and a young boy to serve him. Tupia was to act as an interpreter with other native races.

No such friendly welcome was given the crew of the Endeavour by the warlike Maoris of New Zealand. At their first encounter with the Maoris in Poverty Bay, the coxswain of a small boat was forced to kill one of the natives. Next day two or three more were killed and one wounded when they attacked Cook and his men from a canoe.

When Cook sailed north and passed the Bay of Plenty and Mercury Bay, he was greatly impressed with the fortified Maori villages. These natives were a different people from the easygoing, indolent people of Tahiti. Although muskets and even cannon were needed to subdue the Maoris, there was a little trading done with some of them. In Queen Charlotte Sound, from being hostile and stone-throwing, the Maoris showed a lukewarm friendliness. Then the Englishmen were horrified to discover that they were cannibals.

As he came into Botany Bay in that early hour in the morning, Cook looked through the glasses at the natives of New Holland, as this land was then called. He wondered what they were like. Would they be fierce or friendly? He could see that these people were not golden skinned, curly haired and graceful like the Polynesians of the South Sea Islands.

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Coming Events

- 13th September (Wed.), 8 pm: Lecture by Mrs Beatrice Bradley (history teacher and First Fleeter) on Third Fleet settler Richard Fitzgerald and his family. In No 1 Board Room, Assembly Bldg.
- 20th September (Wed.), 7.30 pm: Annual general meeting. (In No 1 Board Room, Assembly Building).
- 15th October, 8.30 am (Sun.): ***** Coach tour to Bowral and Berrima.

FELLOWSHIP OF FIRST FLEETERS

Patron: His Excellency the Governor of N.S.W.
Sir Roden Cutler V.C., K.V.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E.

Kindly note that the 10th Annual General Meeting of members of the Fellowship of First Fleeters will be held in No. 1 Board Room of the Assembly Building, Jamieson St., Entrance, Sydney. Please take lift to the 4th Floor) on Wednesday, 20th September, 1978 commencing at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

1. Welcome and Apologies
 2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
 3. Business arising from Minutes.
 4. President's Report (see attached.)
 5. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.
 6. Constitutional Amendments.
 7. Election of Officers
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Constitutional Amendments

In accordance with Rule 35, I hereby give notice that I intend to move at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 20th September, 1978

"That the Constitution and Rules be amended as detailed on the attached three sheets and that an additional Rule No. 45, also as detailed on the attachment, be adopted."

7. Election of Officers

The following Officers retire but are eligible for re-election, and offer themselves accordingly:-

Vice Patrons. (3 to be elected) Mr. D. S. M. Oakes
Mr. J. H. Luscombe
Mr. J. Harris

President. Mrs. Beryl Lewis

Vice President Mr. Douglas Oakes
Mr. Roy Kable

Hon. Treasurer Mr. Ray Meredith

Secretary Mrs. Enid Reynolds

<u>Executive Committee.</u>	Mrs. Mary Bailey	Mrs. Joan Ross
	Mrs. Colleen Bernath	Mrs. Naida Jackson
	Mrs. Thelma Guy	Mrs. Barbara Townsend
	Mrs. Margaret Markwell	Mrs. Sally Kalina
	Mr. Roy Kable	Mr. Douglas Oakes
	Mr. Ray Meredith	Mrs. Enid Reynolds
	Mr. Ted Linn	Mrs. Beryl Lewis
	Mr. Roderick Best	Mrs. Mary Hope-Caten
	Mrs. Janice Israel	

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If time permits, a general discussion may follow, with suggestions to be placed before the incoming Committee.

The President, or in the absence of the President, A Vice-President shall occupy the Chair at all meetings of the Executive Committee. The quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall be five.

RULE 19.

A meeting of the Executive Committee at which a quorum is present at the time the meeting proceeds to business shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretions by the Constitution and Rules of the Fellowship as are vested in or exercisable by the Executive Committee and every Resolution or order of all members of the Executive Committee. Questions at any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes; each member shall have one vote and the Officer in the Chair a second or casting vote in the event of a tied vote.

RULE 23.

If any member of the Executive Committee is absent from three consecutive meetings without giving prior notice or presenting an apology or reasonable excuse to the meeting the Executive Committee at a duly constituted meeting may without notice declare that members seat vacant and may fill the vacancy forthwith. The ex-member to be informed of the decision of the Committee by registered post.

RULE 26

A Special General Meeting of the Members shall be called by the Secretary, at the request of the President or Executive Committee, or on receipt of a requisition signed by at least 15 Members, specifying the object for which the Meeting is required. The Meeting must be convened for the purpose specified in the requisition and for that purpose only. Every such Meeting shall be called in the same manner as the calling of an Annual General Meeting. On receipt of the requisition the Secretary shall forthwith call the Meeting, and, in the event of the Secretary not doing so within 21 days after receiving the requisition, the requisitionists may call the Meeting.

RULE 29

All matters submitted for the decision of a General Meeting of Members shall be determined by open or secret ballot at the discretion of the members present. Questions at any General Meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes; each member shall have one vote and the Officer in the Chair a second or casting vote in the event of a tied vote.

RULE 30

The President, or in the absence of the PRESIDENT, A Vice-President shall preside at all General Meetings of the Fellowship.

If none of these Officers are present the members present shall elect a member of the Executive Committee to preside.

RULE 32

All candidates for election at an Annual General Meeting in accordance with Rule 15 shall give notice in writing to the Secretary at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting. The notice shall be signed by members prepared to nominate and second the nomination and by the candidate accepting nomination. No member shall be eligible for election, except as provided for in Rule 34, without the required notice.

RULE 33

If at any Annual General Meeting at which an election of officers ought to take place the places of the retiring officers are not filled, the retiring officers shall, if willing, be deemed and taken to have been re-elected.

RULE 35

Any member desiring to submit any special matter for the consideration of the Annual General Meeting, shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary not later than the First day of August preceding the holding of such meeting.

RULE 38

Minutes of the proceedings of General Meetings shall be kept and shall be signed by the Officer presiding at the meeting or at the next succeeding Annual Meeting.

appoint a Patron and or not more than ten Vice-Patrons for a term of twelve months. If the Patron appointed is a Vice-Regal representative then the appointment shall be for the duration of the representative's office.

RULE 5.

The Fellowship shall have its headquarters and main business office within the County of Cumberland at such place as the Executive Committee shall, from time to time decide.

RULE 7.

The Executive Committee shall each year, no later than the March meeting of the Committee, decide the Joining Fee and the annual subscription to be paid by each group of members for the ensuing year. Any variation in the rate or rates of subscription to that applying at the time the Committee considers the matter shall only be adopted on an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of the Committee present.

Annual Subscriptions shall be due and payable on the First day of July each year.

RULE 8

Members whose subscriptions are in arrears for six months shall be placed on a retired list and shall not receive Newsletters, Journals or any communications.

At the request of any member on the retired list the Executive Committee, after review of all the circumstances, will place the member on the active list on payment of all or part of the arrears at the discretion of the Committee.

It shall be a privilege of membership that once membership is acquired no member shall lose such membership other than by expulsion.

RULE 9.

A Certificate of Membership in such form as the Executive Committee may determine and signed by the President shall be given to each member within a reasonable time of election.

RULE 10.

Applications for membership of the Fellowship shall be made in writing in a form determined by the Executive Committee and shall be accompanied by a Joining Fee and one years subscription.

RULE 11.

All applications for membership shall be submitted to a Membership Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee for the purpose of verifying the eligibility of the candidate.

The applicant shall supply all necessary evidence of eligibility required by the Membership Committee.

Final approval of membership will be determined by the Executive Committee on a unanimous vote following the advice and recommendation of the Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee will also be authorised to continually research membership applications already approved and to call upon members to produce further evidence if the Membership Committee is in any doubt of the said members eligibility for membership.

RULE 13.

On the passing of a resolution of expulsion as provided for under Rule 12 written notice of the expulsion shall be given to the member concerned by registered post.

RULE 14

An expelled member shall have the right of appeal to the next Annual General Meeting of the Fellowship by giving notice in writing to the Executive Committee at least one month before the Annual General Meeting and may orally or in writing present a case for a review of the expulsion.

A simple majority of members present may reverse the decision of the Executive Committee to expel the member.

RULE 18.

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held whenever and at such time and place as the Executive Committee may determine. A special meeting of the Executive Committee shall be convened on the written request of not less than five members of the Committee. Not less than seven days notice convening the Special Meeting and stating the business to be considered shall be given to all members of the

RULE 41

- 41.1 No member of the Fellowship may cause to be published in any newspaper, journal or magazine any article, letter or material in which the name of the Fellowship of First Fleeters is mentioned without first obtaining the approval of the Executive Committee.
- 41.2 The President will be allowed a personal discretion under Rule 41.1 in letters to any newspaper. A copy of any such letters shall be presented to the next ensuing meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 41.3 No member of the Fellowship may cause to be published in any newspaper, journal or magazine any article, letter or material on any subject whatsoever that states the office or ex-office the member may hold or have held at any time in the Fellowship.
- 41.4 No member may use membership of the Fellowship for personal gain in any form whatsoever unless the approval of the Executive Committee is first obtained.
- 41.5 No member, other than the President, may give interviews to the Press, Radio or Television Stations on behalf of the Fellowship or in reference to Fellowship matters without first obtaining the approval of the Executive Committee.
- 41.6 Letters, articles, historical documents or any similar material on any matters freely given to the Fellowship shall remain the property of the Fellowship.

Any profit obtained from the reproduction of any subject matter the property of the Fellowship shall belong to the Fellowship and applied for the benefit of the Fellowship.

RULE 44.

If at any time there should be any doubt as to the meaning of any Rule or of any clause in these Rules the interpretation shall be such as will tend to further the interests of and protect the Fellowship.

The Executive Committee shall cause to be noted in the Minute Book the full interpretation placed on such Rule or clause and from the date of such entry such interpretation shall be binding on all members.

RULE 45

The conduct of all meetings of the Fellowship shall be in accordance with "The Law and Procedure at Meetings" by P. E. Joske, Fourth Edition, published by the Law Book Company.

This has been a year of much work and achievements behind the scenes.

Membership continues to increase, with 90 new Members (Nos 1220-1309 inclusive) being admitted in the last financial year. We also acquired four new "First Fleeters" -- Lt. John Shortland, Hugh Hughes, John Summers, Phebe Flarty. Financial Members number 564. This is cause for great satisfaction.

Executive Committee. Since taking office, 10 Executive Committee Meetings and one Special Meeting have been held, with the following attendance:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Leave of Absence</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
LEWIS. B.	--	--	11
BAILEY. M.	5	--	6
BLAIR. E.	1	--	7
BERNATH. C.	1	2	8
CAIRNS. P.	5	--	6
GUY. T.	1	--	10
JACKSON. N.	4	--	7
KABLE. R.	1	--	10
MARKWELL. M.	3	--	8
MEREDITH. R.	--	--	11
OAKES. D.		2	7
RAVEN. M.	3	--	8
ROSS. J.	4	2	5
STEAR. J.	1	1	9
TOWNSEND. B.	5	--	6
KALINA. S.	5	--	6
REYNOLDS. E. (from Nov.)		1	9
LINN. E. (from Mar.)	3	--	4

Thanks are tendered to Mrs Raven for her efforts as Hon. Secretary, and we accepted with regret her resignation owing to ill health. We were pleased to welcome Mrs Enid Reynolds as pro-tem. Secretary in November 1977 and Mr Ted Linn as a Committeeman in March 1978. Both have contributed to the benefit of the Fellowship.

Australia Day Week. Naturally this continues to be the focal point of our year. Once again, at the invitation of the Lord Mayor of Sydney, a group in costume went to Macquarie Place to attend the Flag Raising Ceremony on 26th January 1978. I was honoured to attend and represent the Fellowship at the Lady Mayoress' Ball on the same evening, this year held for the first time on Australia Day. Our Annual Dinner was held at the Wentworth Hotel on 28th January 1978. Our official guests were the Hon. Jack Birney, representing the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister of Australia; the Hon. Harry Jensen, representing the Premier of New South Wales; and Ald. Nelson J. Meers, Deputy Lord Mayor, representing the Lord Mayor of Sydney. This, as usual, proved to be a wonderfully happy evening and an outstanding success. On Sunday 29th January, in torrential rain, I attended the Australia Day Service at the Garrison Church, The Rocks. The heavy rain was catastrophic for the Committee who had worked so hard for an Exhibition at The Rocks on Sunday 29th January, as the Sydney Cove Re-Development Authority were forced to cancel all celebrations.

On the Monday morning we continued on the tradition of visiting Government House and Mrs Colleen Bernath (Matthew Everingham) had the honour of presenting the Address of Loyalty to His Excellency's Private Secretary, Brigadier Tier. Thanks are extended to all who took the trouble to dress in costume, both Members and Associates, and especially to our young drummer, Shane Guy, who again led us down the driveway to Government House. Following this, a group decided to open the cancelled

Exhibition at The Rocks for a few hours and were well rewarded with the number of people who visited it and pronounced it extremely interesting.

Representations. I was honoured to attend, representing the Fellowship, the following functions:--

The Opera House -- Cultural Council Exhibition.

Australia Day Service at the Garrison Church. (Mrs Lola Wilkinson represented the Fellowship at the Australia Day Service at St Patrick's Church)

190th Anniversary Service at St Phillip's, Church Hill.

The unveiling of the Campbell Memorial at The Rocks.

Civic Reception at Manly Council Chambers.

Ward Harvard Memorial Lecture by Prof. Cable at Liverpool.

Addresses. It was my privilege to speak to the following groups:--

Hawkesbury Historical Society 21st Birthday at Windsor.

Beta Sigma Phi, Burraneer.

Pupils of Caringbah School.

Pupils of Rooty Hill High School.

I have agreed to be a guest speaker for the View Clubs and thus bring the Fellowship before many hundreds of women. I have spoken to groups at Manly, Hurstville, Roselands, Abbotsford, Liverpool, Lane Cove, Cronulla, as well as the Soroptimists at The Rocks.

Media. Radio interviews were given to Radio 2KY, 2UE, 2GB (25-1-1978), TV interviews with Channel 7 and Channel 10 (30-1-1978), and for Channel 2 Mr Dudley Oakes, Scott Cairns and myself appeared on a programme "The Good Old Days".

Newsletter. The high standard has been maintained and many letters are received in appreciation of this. Special thanks are extended to Mrs Joan Ross and her husband Keith, who have continued as Hon. Editors this year, thereby giving much valuable time to its preparation. Thanks also go to the group of women who print, collate, fold and post the hundreds of Newsletters each month.

Argyle Day. This was the usual successful day, both financially and socially. Once again we tender sincere thanks to Mrs Margaret Markwell and her group of helpers and to Mrs Colleen Bernath for her effort in arranging the float. Thanks also to Mr Des Jurd and Mr Stephenson for help on this day.

Membership Committee. Once again words are inadequate to thank Mrs Mary Bailey and Mrs Naida Jackson and their helpers for the wonderful work they are doing, which involves many long hours of dedication. Without them we couldn't function.

Archives. We were pleased to welcome Mrs Joyce Cowell and her husband George, who have undertaken this important work, and it is progressing well.

Grave Identification. Plaques were placed on the following "First Flecters" graves in St John's Cemetery, Parramatta: John Herbert, Deborah Herbert, David Kilpack, Augustus Alt, John Palmer, Thomas Eccles, William Elliott. Many Members attended, and sincere thanks are extended to Mr Eric Blair, Mr Roy Kable and Mr Douglas Oakes for their efforts and research on this project and to all who contributed to the costs involved.

Lectures. Lectures continue to be held each month and have been very well attended. We have had wonderful speakers and our knowledge has certainly been enriched. We were very privileged to hold our July lecture in Richmond Villa, and extend thanks to the Society of Australian Genealogists. I sincerely thank Mrs Sally Kalina, who has been responsible for the organisation of these Lectures.

Social Outings. During the year the following functions were held:--

11th October, 1977: A wreath was laid on the Phillip Memorial in the Royal Botanical Gardens to mark Governor Phillip's birthday.

A pre-Christmas "got together" was held at the Weinkeller Restaurant.

6th April, 1978: Mrs Bailey, Mrs Jackson and I were entertained to

morning tea by His Excellency the Governor.

28th April, 1978: A Smorgasbord Dinner at the Weinkeller to mark our 10th Birthday.

28th May, 1978: A Coach Picnic to Campbelltown, Camden, Burragorang Lookout and Gledswood Winery.

Once again all social functions were financially successful and very enjoyable.

Convening Meeting. I attended, as a delegate, the convening meeting of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations, at the National University, Canberra, over the Easter weekend. The Fellowship will become Foundation Members of this Organisation, and it is hoped the Inaugural Meeting will be held at the same venue over the long weekend in October.

Conclusion. I sincerely thank:-- All my fellow Officers for their loyalty and hard work; the Membership Committee, who work so hard and so long; the Social Committee for their untiring work; Mr and Mrs Cowell for their work with the Archives; Mr and Mrs Ross for their wonderful work with the Newsletter, also the group who print and dispatch it; the group of women who man and clean the Office each week; the Members who prepare Supper on Lecture nights and those who provide and organise the Raffles on these nights. I also thank my Husband for his ready co-operation in all ways.

Finally I thank all Members for their continuing support and interest, and hope 1978-79 will prove even more successful than the one just concluded.

BERYL LEWIS.
President.
