## John Aloysius Fitz-Herbert.

MOST DISTINGUISHED STUDENT IN THE SENIOR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS.

John Alorsius Fitz-Herbert St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, Sydney, winner of the West Medal and Grahame Prize Medal for general proficiency in the Senior Public Examination (November, 1909), obtained also medals for first place in Greek, algebra, plane trigonometry, and physics II. (electricity and magnetism), proxime accessit in geometry, second place in mechanics, and third place in Latin. In the Matriculation Honours Examination he obtained the Aitken Scholarship for general proficiency, as well as the Barker Scholarship No. 2 and Horner Exhibition for mathematies, and the Cooper Scholarship No. 2 for classics. attained nine A's and a B in the ten subjects which he could present at the senior. In the Matriculation Examination he obtained entrance to all faculties including engineering. He is a native of Launceston, Tasmania, and is now 17 years old. received his primary education at the Presentation Convent, Launceston. Thence in 1905 he

won the Dunne Scholarship (£63 for four years) at St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, entering Riverview in July, 1905, aged 13 years. In June, 1907, he sat for the Junior Public Examination, and secured the prize for general proficiency, as well as the medals for first place in Latin,

as well as the medals for first place in Latin, Greek, algebra, and arithmetic. For this Senior Examination, therefore, he took the usual two and a half years' preparation. At Riverview he won the gold medal for class champion in 1906 and 1907, and the Kelly Memorial Prize for English in 1908. In the recent (November) annual sports at Riverview he succeeded in getting into the finals

in both the tennis and handball tournaments. In rowing, too, he has distinguished himself. He will proceed to Sydney University in March next, and will probably follow the engineering courses.

Matthew Clarke is another promising young Tasmanian at the same college. He is the son of Mr. M. J. Clarke, barrister at Launceston, one of the members of the convention that drew up our Federal Constitution. He, too, has won the Dunne scholarship, which entitles him to four years' education at Riverview. He is now 13½ years of age.

There has been an excellent response to the demand for nurses at the seat of the Spanish operations at Melilla. Numerous Sisters from the Spanish convents have gone to the front and many titled ladies have offered their services, among them being the Marquesa del Merito, who has just left London en route for Melilla, where she will join the Red Cross nursing corps and take a prominent part in nursing Spain's wounded soldiers. The marquesa has been resident in London for some time superintending the education of her son and daughter. She was presented at Court in the spring, when she

wore the ribbon and star of the Order of Maria Luisa of Spain, being the only wearer of the order present. The marquesa belongs to one of the most aristocratic Spanish families. She is a relative of the Duquesa de San Carlos, Mistress of the Robes to the Queen of Spain, and also of the Duque Santo Mame and the Marquesa de Viana, both members of the King's household. Spain has at least 50,000 soldiers in the Riff, and Melilla, which may be considered the most interesting town on the Mediterranean

most interesting town on the Mcditerranean shore, is full of the bustle of military activity. Its quays are piled with military stores.





