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Biographical note

Abbott, John Henry Macartney (1874-1953)

Attended the University of Sydney. He was working as a jackaroo on a Hunter Valley property in 1897 when his work was first published in *the Bulletin*.

Abbott served until invalided in the Boer War from January to October 1900. This experience inspired his first novel, *Tommy Cornstalk: being some account of the less notable features of the South African war from the point of view of the Australian ranks* (1902). Abbott wrote for many newspapers and journals, including the *Bulletin* and the *Lone Hand*. A large proportion of his work drew inspiration from New South Wales history.

Reference: *Australian dictionary of biography*. Melbourne : Melbourne University Press; London ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 1966-(2000). Volume 7, pp.1-2.

Local Catalogue Headings

Abbott, J. H. M. (John Henry Macartney), 1874-1953.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Short stories. All published in the *Bulletin*.

1. The Sentry. 38pp. (half sheets)
2. Bolshevist Russia. 10pp.
3. The Southwell Papers. 15pp. (Red Page)
4. Gated – Six Weeks! 32pp.
5. Corporal Tiger. 37pp.
6. The Duel. 39pp.
7. The Bishop and the Boy. 37pp. (Xmas issue)
8. Toongabbie Molly. 37pp.
9. An Officer of the Law. 36pp.
10. The Kindur. 36pp.
11. The Resurrectionist. 35pp.
12. The Dead Horse. 36pp.
13. Betsy of the Good Intent. 24pp.
14. At Stingray Harbour. 34pp.

15. Captain Goliath. 37pp.
16. The Seven Marines. 35pp.
17. Tertius. 38pp. (Xmas issue)
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23. Miss Muldoon. 27pp.
24. The Sawpit. 36pp.
25. The Lovely Jezebel. 32pp.
26. John Smith. 36pp.
27. The Ark of Straw. 36pp.
28. The Lady of the Buffs. 37pp.
29. The Windy Hills. 35pp.
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39. The Ghost. 43pp.
40. Hero of the (Ship) Boyd. 38pp.
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42. The Bull Paddock. 36pp.
43. Sergeant-Major Multiple. 37pp.
44. Nobby's. 37pp.
45. Seductive Susan. 26pp.
46. The Hut at Middle Harbour. 38pp.
47. The Distressful Knight. 36pp.
48. Alibi. 16pp.
49. The Pennefather. 37pp.
50. The Licensed Victualler. 34pp.
51. The Master off the Atlas. 37pp.
52. Raymond Terrace. 36pp.
53. The First Christmas in Australia. 21pp. (Red Page, Xmas)
54. A Great Priest. (Review of A. & R.'s "Life and Letters of J.J. Therry)
55. The Point of View. 34pp.

56. Rum. 36pp.
57. Sydney and Macquarie – A Centenary.
58. The Soft Answer. 18pp.
59. No.5 (Another Tale of the Bad Old Days). 23pp.
60. Bloody Bill. 24pp. (larger)
61. A Diversion at Manly. 35pp.
62. Captain Blagg. 28pp.
63. The Red Haired Girl. 35pp.
64. Mad Malone. 35pp.
65. Destroyers. 9pp.
66. The Battle of Vinegar Hill. 36pp.
67. The Missus. 25pp. (larger)
68. The Road to China. 24pp.

Manuscript list

1. John Barr: 'Man' (8 line poem)
2. Arthur J. Bayldon: 'In a Bower'. (20 line poem)
3. Arthur J. Bayldon: 'Man'. (24 line poem)
4. Randolph Bedford: 'Congruities'. (2 page poem)
5. Zora Cross: 'December Dawn'. (4 stanza poem)
6. J.B. Dalley: 'A Few Confidential Remarks on the Receipt of a Legal Document'. (5 page poem)
7. James Edmond: 'Rabbis and Sundries'. (Article re Rabbi Hertz and Rabbi Lambert).
8. M. Forrest: 'In the Pine Avenue'. (2 stanza poem). 1919.
9. Gerardy (Trooper E. Gerard, Egypt, 1916): 'The Road to Palestine'. (Poem, 3 pp.)
10. Mary Gilmore: 'Nostalgia for Beauty'. (Poem, 19 lines)
11. Lola Gornall: 'Ego'. (24 line poem)
12. Hilary Lofting: 'Flanders in Peace'. (Article, 6pp.)
13. Will Lawson: 'In Rome'. (3 page poem)
14. I.R. Maxwell: 'Ennui'. (15 line poem)
15. Harold Mercer: 'Parting'. (2 page poem)
16. Myra Morris: 'If I could Gather Little Shells'. (Poem, 3pp.)
17. Will Ogilvie: 'Banjo's Books'. (Poem, 5 stanzas, appreciation of Banjo Paterson)
18. Roderic Quinn: 'What Say the Stars?'. (4 page poem)
19. Roderic Quinn: 'Narrabeen'. (3 page poem)
20. Steele Rudd: 'The Old Homestead' (chapter vii)
21. C.H. Souter: 'The Song of the City Machinist'. (Poem, 1 page)
22. David McKee Wright: 9 poems entitled:
 - 'The Amethyst'
 - 'The Guessing'

'Consecrated Ground'
'The Woman and the Song'
'The Legacy'
'A Vision of Maeve'
'A Tragedy of Glowworms'
'Lightning'
'Progress'

23. David McKee Wright: 'The Bride of the World'. (A short rendering of the first Irish legend in which a man defies the power of a god and comes off victorious.)
24. David McKee Wright: Bound volume of manuscripts containing 47 poems, including 'A Crown of Sonnets'. (This is an old Italian form, and Wright said he knew of no other example in English. Comprises 15 sonnets, the last, or 'crown' being composed of the opening lines of the previous 14 sonnets and summing up the whole thought.)

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The dead horse	#12
Destroyers	#64
The distressful knight	#47
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