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From the President's Desk

Berrima District Museum is experiencing a steady flow of patrons to view the Gardens and Landscapes Exhibition. Recently the exhibition was visited by descendants of James and Charlotte

Atkinson who are featured in the exhibition. See photo and story on page 2.

A gentle reminder regarding our June lunch at the Marist Brothers Hermitage on 29 June. Please get your names in if you have not done so with payment required one week prior to the lunch.

On page 3 we are giving advance notice of a proposed tour to the Wollondilly Heritage Centre at The Oaks on Sunday 9 October. This will be an exciting outing and you will be given further details as the time nears.

A list of excess library books can be found on page 4. These books are being cleared from our shelves and may be of interest to some of our members.

Recently the NSW Government put forward Berrima Gaol for sale through an expressions of interest campaign for the historic 1839 sandstone structure. Society member and President of the Berrima Residents Association, Eric Savage, spearheaded a petition and consortium to bid for the purchase of the Gaol to remain in local community hands. This bid was not successful, unfortunately, and the Government recently announced the sale to the Blue Sox Group for \$7 million. According to *Southern Highland News* 1 June issue the Blue Sox Group stated that they would work to accommodate the Gaol's history, reporting "The community can be assured that any reimagining of the sites future will be sensitive to all aspects of heritage". The proposal is to develop a unique hotel and entertainment precinct. This development will be watched with great interest by local residents.

At a recent Museum Sub-Committee meeting John Schweers was re-appointed as Museum Co-ordinator. Welcome back John.

Our enthusiastic Family History Group meets at the Mittagong Archives each month with the number of attendees varying from 10 to 15. At each meeting there is a presentation on an interesting topic, recently by Linda Emery, Carolyn Dougherty and Frank Mitchell.

This month our feature article is a continuation of the Hassall family history. In the current issue we cover the period in Bungonia and Berrima, including as a Chaplain at Berrima Gaol, of Rev. James Hassall, son of the Rev. Thomas Hassall. This story begins on page 5.

Ian Mackey

	GENERAL MONTHLY MEETINGS 2022	THE
JUNE 2022: EVENT:	Wednesday 29 June at 12:00 for 12:30pm June Luncheon at Marist Brothers Hermitage, Mittagong	Story Centre
JULY 2022:	Thursday 28 July at 2:00pm	Cerui
SPEAKER:	Pam Bishop on Linkside Guest House/Warrigal at Bundanoon	BERRIM
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on the first Wednesday each month, at 1pm

Moore Memorable Musings



Covid Complacency

I'd like to share with you my experience after contracting a dose of Covid, symptoms of which feel close to being

hit by a bus, swallowing shards of glass, and sneezing like there is a sprig of wattle stuffed up each nostril.

Not to mention the hacking unproductive cough which makes your muscles ache, followed by a sleepless night in which any position in bed feels like lying on rocks.

And that's only the first night!

I'm pleased to report that each day thereafter things improve. While recuperating, I could only imagine what it would be like for different occupations to convalesce.

I figured:

Upholsterers can recover within a few days.

Electricians will recharge as quickly as possible.

Chicken sexers will eventually recooperate.

Seamstresses are soon on the mend.

Water diviners will get *well* soon.

Podiatrists are quick healers and soon back on their feet.

Trampoliners are sure to bounce back.

Scout masters are able to find their way out of the woods.

Renovators can easily restore, revive and improve.

Undertakers are able to stop the *coffin'*.

Plumbers can still be blocked up or very flushed.

Fishermen can be a bit roughy or floundering.

Chefs look slightly pasty & feel cheesed off.

Traffic controllers find themselves ever so congested.

Landscape gardeners are usually feeling seedy.

Beachcombers have a habit of picking up.

Artists always look very drawn.

My bride kept me in isolation and I was fed a diet of pancakes, flounder and pizza every day. I asked her kindly 'is this the new cure for Covid?'

To which she replied 'no, but that's all I could slide under the door!'

Until she went down screaming with the virus.

Bruce Moore

BERRIMA DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Story Centre

1a Market Place cnr Bryan St, Berrima

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10.00am to 4.00pm throughout the year including school and public holiday periods. Groups welcome at other times by arrangement. Ph John 0434 623 402 Museum: Phone 4877 1130 or email bdmuseum@bigpond.com Managed and operated by members of our Society who volunteer their time and expertise.

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Monday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Descendants visit Museum

Our museum at Berrima was visited in March by the great-great-greatgreat granddaughters of James and Charlotte Atkinson, who viewed the Gardens & Landscapes Exhibition.

In 1828, James & Charlotte Atkinson established Oldbury at Sutton Forest on Mt Gingenbullen, renowned as one of the district's finest estates. Shown in the collage below is a water colour of the estate. Held in the NSW State Library, it is by their daughter Louisa Atkinson, c1849-1872.

Pictured below are Kate Forsyth, Jenny Woodwell and Belinda Murrell.

Kate and Belinda are the descendants of Charlotte, and Jenny prepared the section on Charlotte and Louisa Atkinson and Janet Cosh in the current Exhibition at the museum.

Charlotte (her self-portrait of 1826 shown in part below) was Australia's first children's author, publishing A Mothers Offering to her Children by a Lady Long Resident in NSW in 1841.

Well known authors Kate and Belinda have written *Searching for Charlotte* the fascinating story of Charlotte Atkinson. The book was reviewed in our April 2021 newsletter (#536).



At Berrima District Museum in March. See above. Photos & text: Bud Townsing

June Luncheon at Marist Brothers

Just a reminder that the Society will be holding its annual June Luncheon at Marist Brothers Hermitage, Old South Road, Mittagong, on Wednesday 29 June commencing at 12:00 for 12:30 pm.

The cost is \$45 per person. Members and their guests who wish to attend should contact the BDHS to make booking and payment before 21 June. Don't wait until the last moment as the list is filling up fast.

There will be a two-course meal of main and dessert, with tea and coffee provided, along with the usual special attractions including door prize and raffle.

Our guest speaker will be Judith Dunn, OAM, who will present *Horrible History for Adults!* featuring bizarre incidents, accidents, murders and inquests from 1803 to 1950 through newspaper reports.

Tale of a sordid life in early Australia

"SCHOLARLY SCOUNDREL: Laurence Hynes Halloran" Fake, Forger and Australia's Pioneer Headmaster

by Jan Worthington

A limited number of copies of this hard cover book, 256 pages, are available from the BDHS archives for \$15. Buy in person or email.

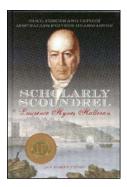
Halloran's scandalous life, shared with wives, mistresses and 21 children, is a stranger-than-fiction tour through the high society and low life of a bygone era.

An Irish orphan, he navigated

sprawling capital cities and rising colonies, preached in churches and wallowed in prisons, founded schools and impersonated clergymen, fought in the Battle of Trafalgar and was transported to Australia for forgery. Sailor, scholar, educator, murderer, swindler, adulterer – Halloran was a flawed and fascinating product of the 18th century, with burning ambition and a gift for self-destructive behaviour.

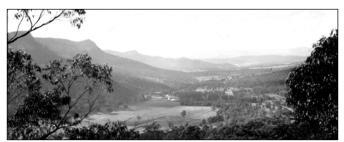
The book richly illustrates the whole sordid story of his career on land and sea. Despite a comparatively short time in NSW much attention has been given to him down the years, usually in newspaper articles restating what is generally known about his role as the pioneer headmaster of Sydney Grammar School.

In Jan Worthington's comprehensive biography, his complex character and background is exposed, from his birth at Ratoath, Ireland, in December 1765 to his years in Sydney from 1819 until his death in 1831.



Advance notice of tour to Wollondilly

Back in August 2019 the BDHS advised members of a bus tour to the Wollondilly Heritage Centre at The Oaks, with a stop afterwards at Burragorang lookout, high above Warragamba Dam.



Burragorang Dam in the 1930s

A viewing point for nature's great beauty, you can look across to the body of water far below that today provides about 80% of Sydney's water supply. Back in 2019 the whole state of NSW was in the grip of a drought and the dam was at a concerningly low level. Perhaps that is why so few members booked for the tour which was cancelled. Since then, the whole local region has endured bushfires, the pandemic and, most recently, incessant heavy rainfall.

Having heard numerous reports that the Wollondilly Heritage Centre is really worth a visit, the BDHS Committee has decided to again organise a tour for members, proposed for Sunday 9 October. We would appreciate receiving expressions of interest now from local members to gauge whether there will be sufficient numbers to proceed, so please send an email or phone the archives on 4872 2169

If a positive response, tour details will be provided in the September issue of this newsletter and a list of attendees drawn up. It is expected that the cost will be \$20 to cover the bus, centre entry and morning tea, with attendees to bring or buy their own lunch; tea and coffee will be available at lunch time.

The Wollondilly Heritage Centre and Museum was built by volunteers from The Oaks Historical Society, on land donated by Wollondilly Shire Council. It is a repository for



archives, records and objects relating to the early development of villages in that Shire, with the exhibitions on display incorporating the objects and including stories of the early pioneers.

Excess BDHS Library books for sale

The BDHS Librarian, Carolyn Dougherty, has recently started a cull of the shelves and stack to remove books no longer required, including donated books that are not locally relevant and duplicate copies.

An initial list with prices is provided below. Each price has been arrived at by comparing the book's cost as listed on the Abe Books website, but with ours being given a significant discount.

BDHS members have first choice, so please contact us without delay if you want to buy any book on the list.

If you live locally, your selections may be collected and paid for at the archives during opening hours.

Alternatively, phone 4872 2169 or email the Society at <u>bdhsarchives@gmail.com</u>. We will reply to advise postage cost and payment methods, which can be by PayPal invoice or direct deposit.

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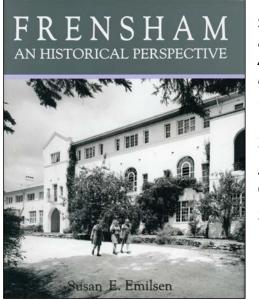
Backhouse & Walker in Illawarra & Shoalhaven1836. Published by Illawarra Historical Society, 1991.\$2.

Baker, Robert G. V. *The Second Rush: A study of the goldrush to Sofala in 1851.* Published 1986. 70 pages. **\$15**.

Bayley, William A. *Yass Municipal Centenary History.* Published 1973. 128 pages. Ex Library copy. **\$10**.

Chambers, Margaret. *Finding Families: The Guide to the National Archives of Australia for Genealogists*. Published 1998. 330 pages. **\$20**.

Dupain, Max. *To Orange with Love.* 2nd Edition, 1995. **\$20**.



Emilsen, Susan E. *Frensham:* An Historical Perspective.

Published 1988. 224 pages.

As new condition.

3 copies. **\$30**.

Freeland, J. M. *The Making of a Profession. A History of the Growth and Work of the Architectural Institutes in Australia.* Published 1971. 297 pages. **\$20**.

Henderson, Beryl (Ed.). *Monuments and Memorials.* Published 1998. 284 pages. Ex Library copy. **\$10**.



Louisa Atkinson of the Kurrajong. Published by the Kurrajong Heights Garden Club. Published 1979. Ex Library copy. 20 pages. **\$10**.

McKillop, Bob. *Furnace, Fire and Forge. Lithgow's Iron and Steel Industry* **1874-1932.** Published 2006. 316 pages. **\$20**.

Smith, Geoff. *A History of Fitzgerald's Valley, Wimbledon.* Published 1996 Revised ed. 36 pages. **\$25**.

Tazewell, Stephen J. *Grand Goulburn: First Inland City of Australia. A Random History.* Published 1991. 310 pages. Excellent condition. **\$25**.

The Beginnings of the Hills District. Published by the Hills District Historical Society, 1987. 81 pages. **\$10**.

The Sketchbook series:

Adelaide Sketchbook. Text by Max Lamshed, Drawings by Jeanette McLeod. Published 1967. **\$2**.

Hobart Sketchbook. Drawings by Max Angus. Text by Patsy Adam Smith. Published 1968. **\$5**.

Old Melbourne Hotels Sketchbook. Drawings by Bill Beasley. Text by John Bechervaise. Published 1973. **\$5**.

Southern Highlands Sketchbook. Drawings by Cedric Emanuel. Text by Olaf Ruhen. Published 1974. Ex library. **\$10**.

Sydney Sketchbook. Text by Tess Van Sommers, Drawings by Unk White. Published 1965. **\$5**.

Tuckey, Esther. *Fifty Years at Frensham: A History of an Australian School.* Published 1963. 146 pages. **\$20**.

Rev James Hassall, early local rector

Last month's newsletter featured a recently mounted display at our Berrima District Museum about early schooling at Berrima, including that the Reverend James Hassall mediated numerous issues that arose.

Also provided were short biographies of Rev Thomas Hassall, appointed in 1829 as Camden County's first Chaplain, and of his son James, appointed as the first Rector of the Parish of Berrima in 1853 and serving there for 20 years, including as Chaplain to Berrima Gaol. He then moved with his family to Queensland.

A more extensive article about his life in the Berrima district is now provided, taken from *In Old Australia: records and reminiscences from 1794* a book James published in 1902, being about the colony's early days and its pioneers, and about his own life, not as a formal history but an account of events of interest. Following here and continuing in next month's issue are extracts regarding his time as Rector at Bungonia and then at Berrima, including about the wardens and prisoners of Berrima Gaol. Rev James poignantly evokes the early days at our district's iconic old Gaol.

Biographical Note (edited extracts from the book)

James Samuel Hassall, eldest of the eight children of Rev Thomas Hassall and Ann Hassall (nee Marsden), was born at Parramatta on 12 October 1823. His parents were married at Parramatta, where his father was Assistant Chaplain to his grandfather the Rev. Samuel Marsden, on 12 August 1822.

The missionary Rowland Hassall, who went to Tahiti in 1796, came to NSW in 1798 and died in 1820 at Parramatta, was the paternal grandfather of James. On account of his parent's and grandparents' residence in NSW since the 1790s, James had the benefit of family reminiscences of the pioneering days. The Rev Thomas Hassall, the first Australian candidate for ordination to the Church of England, was appointed a Colonial Chaplain in 1821. From 1827 until his death in 1868 he was Rector of St. Paul's Church, Cobbity (Camden). His widow Ann Hassall died on 18 June 1885, in her 92nd year.

James Hassall was educated at The Kings School, Parramatta and trained as a theological student, first at St. James Parsonage, Sydney and then at Lyndhurst College, Glebe. When ordained in March 1848 he became Curate of St. Peter's Church, Cook's River, during the absence of the incumbent, Dr Thomas Steele. James then became incumbent of Bungonia in 1849. He was married by his father in June 1850 at Cobbity, to Frances, eldest daughter of Francis Dixon. The Rev J S Hassall died at Corinda in Queensland in September 1904 in his 81st year. His widow, Frances died in 1907 aged 81 years. They were buried in the Sherwood Cemetery, Brisbane.



Following his ordination and after 18 months filling in at St Peter's, Cook's River, James was offered

the incumbency of that parish or alternatively that of several country district to choose from. He states in his reminiscences that, as his desire was for bush work, he chose Bungonia, "about 20 miles from Goulburn, with a district to travel over of about a hundred miles in length and fifty in breadth." "There was a large stone-built parsonage, with 40 acres of good land". He left for Bungonia in August 1849, describing it as an "old Government township, before Goulburn was thought of, on the old road from Marulan to Braidwood" where the properties were occupied by the descendants of earlier settlers, or others, who always gave him a cordial welcome.

In the book James describes his days at Bungonia and Berrima in great detail, more than can be provided here, so an edited selection has been compiled.

Extracts regarding his time at Bungonia and Berrima from the reminiscences of James Hassall:

"On my Bungonia glebe of 40 acres I grew wheat and oats. Some hay made from the skinless oat, which I have never seen grown elsewhere, was, I think, the best hay I have ever seen. I raised the oats, in the first place, from a quart of the seed that was given to me. Each year, when my wheat was ripe, I found from fifteen to seventeen men waiting to see me in the early morning to tell me they had come to cut the crop. They would take no pay but were glad of a glass or two of grog during the day. I am proud to say that more than half of these men who showed me such neighbourly kindness were not my own parishioners but were Roman Catholics; such was the good feeling and friendliness which prevailed in the district."

"Soon after the gold discovery, however, all the men went off to the diggings. A man was not to be had anywhere. I had to be my own wood-and-water Joey and slaughter my own sheep, bought from flocks going by to Sydney. This was a new experience for me. Although able to dress a pig with anyone, I proved a poor hand at skinning a sheep, which, I found, wanted practice, like most other things."

"My parish rounds at Bungonia were, of course, much more extensive than those at Cook's River had been. Yet, in our early married days my wife, who fortunately for me was a good bush-woman, used to ride with me on horseback to all the stations, and wherever I went, sometimes a distance of 45 miles in the day. One round that we took occasionally was from Marulan to Mrs Barber's of Glenrock."

"Mrs Barber, whose family at this time were all grown up, was a daughter of Mr Hume, one of the earliest residents in the colony, and a sister of Hamilton Hume who, with his fellow-explorer Captain Hovell, first crossed the Murray and reached Port Phillip, where 'marvellous Melbourne' afterwards arose."

"From Glenrock it was only a few miles to Bosworth, the property of Dr Hill, at one time the Government Medical Officer, a most worthy man. He resided at Bosworth for a short time only before his death. On part of his land, a place called Kowra, he had a cheese dairy, well-managed by a Scotchman named Christy. Sometimes I used to stay the night at Christy's and next day ride across the bush to Bombala, a nice homestead belonging to Mr Robert Jenkins. The country between the two places was rather dangerous for a horse to travel over, excepting by daylight, because of the large number of wombat burrows."

"On my way home from Bombala I would visit Wingello, Near Wingello was Brown's Hotel, another stopping place of mine. I may mention, by the way, that, as a clergyman, I was never charged expenses at any of the inns, in those days. Poor Brown was accidentally shot, afterwards, at the diggings."

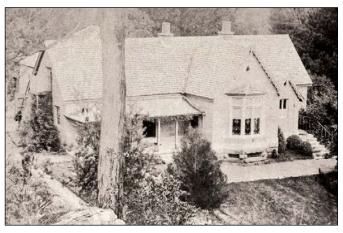
"After I had been incumbent of Bungonia for four years, I found it necessary to apply for removal to another parish. It was very disheartening to travel such great distances to find so many stations almost deserted. By this time all the men who could possibly go had cleared off to the various diggings. Neither shepherds nor labourers were to be had, my greatest difficulty, however, was that I had a wife and two children, whom I could not leave at an isolated country parsonage without help or protection whilst I was absent for a week or a fortnight at a time."

"Bishop Broughton was dead and his successor, Bishop Barker, had not yet been appointed, but with Archdeacon Cowper's consent I arranged to take the Berrima district, which, at the request of Mr Throsby of Throsby Park, one of the leading men there, Bishop Broughton had promised should be offered me whenever an incumbent should be appointed."

"I employed an auctioneer from Goulburn to sell my furniture, and, fortunately for me, a few 'lucky diggers' returned with plenty of money in their pockets just in time to attend the sale. One of the men had purchased an hotel, and had to furnish it and other people from Goulburn were anxious to buy. I realized about £300 for what had cost me no more than some £50 in Sydney five years before."

From 1853 Rev James Hassall and family at Berrima

"After leaving Bungonia we stayed for a time with Mr Henry Oxley, who lived five miles or so from Berrima, until we had our own house built there. Labour was enormously dear, so we had to content ourselves at first with a dwelling composed of two imported iron cottages."



The Old Rectory (also known as the Old Parsonage), beside the Wingecarribee River Berrima, built for the Rev James Hassall in 1860 in Victorian rustic Gothic style.

"Afterwards a stone building was added and a good garden made. We lived at Berrima for twenty years."

"During the Governorship of Sir Richard Bourke, about 1830, I think, a large Gaol and Court-house were erected at Berrima. A new main road was also carried from Bargo Brush through Berrima to the Southern districts, by Sir Thomas Mitchell, the Surveyor-General. The former road passed over the Mittagong range, through the rich grass lands of the Riley estate, on the one side, and the Oxley, or Wingecarribee property on the other; further on, through the Throsby Park and Hutchinson lands at Bong Bong and Sutton Forest, to the cross roads where the new line from Berrima joined again. Another road passed the Gib, through where the township of Bowral now stands."

"Probably Mitchell's new line ran in a better direction as regarded facilities for roadmaking; there is no doubt that Berrima was a suitable site for the contemplated buildings, owing to the abundance of good stone and water. A large iron-gang – prisoners in chains – were employed on these works for a considerable time and a detachment of soldiers, under Lieutenant Joseph North, guarded the stockade in which they were lodged." "When the buildings were completed at Berrima, Assizes were held in the township at regular intervals, for the whole of the Southern districts, and great gatherings assembled, on these occasions, from the most distant places. Mr Samuel North, who was now Police Magistrate, interested himself very much in the erection of a place of worship, and it was chiefly owing to his exertions, especially, that the pretty stone church of Holy Trinity at Berrima was built."



Opened in 1849, Holy Trinity Church Berrima is pictured here in the 1920s, well after Rev Hassall's incumbency

"This was the first church designed by well-known architect, Edmund Blacket. Here, when I came to be incumbent of Berrima, I officiated for twenty years."

"For a long time the Gaol was used only as a lock-up for the prisoners brought to trial at the Assizes. There was but one execution within its walls, when the notorious murderer John Lynch was hanged for the murder of eleven persons in the Berrima district. His first crime, I think, was the murder of a family named Mulligan, when the victims were five in number; his last that of a carrier and his black-boy, who were driving a team to Sydney belonging to Mr Thomas Cowper of Braidwood."

"I visited the gaol some years after with Governor Sir William Dennison, who remarked that he was glad to see it empty. Soon after it was taken into occupation for invalid prisoners and was used for this purpose for some years. At a later date men were sent there to undergo the first period of their imprisonment, concluding their term at Parramatta."

"A visiting Justice, a doctor, and two chaplains, Anglican and Roman Catholic, were appointed. The governor of the gaol was Mr Mabury, and there were a number of warders. Mabury, a good and worthy man, had not been trained for gaol discipline. One day, unluckily, he ordered a prisoner to take a calf of his and tether it on the grass outside the gaol walls. The man departed on his errand in joyous haste but failed to return and poor Mabury, consequently, lost his governorship." "Mr William Small was shortly after appointed. His family were among the very earliest colonial settlers. One of his aunts, Mrs Oakes of Parramatta, who lived to the age of 96, was the first white woman born in Australia. Mr Small had joined a whalingship when he was a lad, spent



some time at the Islands and in the South Seas, and afterwards had some experience as an officer in Darlinghurst Gaol. He was a disciplinarian, and in some cases was considered too severe, but as soon as a troublesome prisoner was willing to submit to the rules, I think he found no cause to complain."

"As an instance of what he had at times to contend with I may mention that, on one occasion, the greater number of the prisoners took it into their heads to shout, curse, and swear, for three days, almost without ceasing. It was very disagreeable to the inhabitants of Berrima who could not shut out the disturbance. The gaoler had no power to stop them. The Sheriff was called up from Sydney but was equally helpless. To get away from the intolerable noise he came to my house to have tea, being an old friend of mine, and whilst he was with me a warder came with a message from the gaoler that if he were not empowered to stop the noise, he would resign his office. Mr Small, in the meantime, had a number of gags made, consisting of a piece of wood with a hole through it, to be placed in the mouth, and a leather strap which buckled behind the neck. The gag caused dreadful pain, in a little time, to the wearer, but no voice could he raised. The Sheriff was afraid to sanction its use, for neither the gag nor flogging had been authorized. At last, however, when he received the gaoler's message, he very wisely sent back word by the warder virtually giving permission."

"In half an hour, the gaol was as quiet as a mouse. When we walked up to see what had happened, we found the gaoler had taken the ring-leaders, handcuffed them behind their backs, clapped irons on their legs, trussed them up like so many fowls ready for cooking, and fastened the gags in their mouth, then told them, 'As soon as you give me a sign that you will cease shouting, I will release you'. The pain with the mouth stretched open was enough; within ten minutes the sign was given, the gags were removed, and the men returned to their cells."

"A few times after this the gag was used when a prisoner could not be controlled, but never for more than ten minutes was it in anyone's mouth."

TO BE CONTINUED

compiled by Philip Morton

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