highlighted a very enjoyable evening, which was noteworthy for the wide variation of questions.

In this regard it brought back personal memories of a pleasant morning spent on the "Mayflower" out of Mildura some years ago. If the vessel is still in service a trip on her when visiting Mildura is highly recommended.

CORRECTION:

In the June Bulletin report of the Parramatta excursion when referring to Elizabeth Farm House in line 20 the word "interior" should read "exterior". Any inconvenience caused by the error is regretted.

"WALKABOUT" — JUNE ISSUE:

This magazine has an extensive six page illustrated article on Wollongong and on Page 38 says "... include the multi-million-pound job of transforming the Tom Thumb Lagoon (named after the tiny craft of Matthew Flinders and George Bass, who were forced ashore there in 1796) ..."

In the Society's publication "Observations on Some of the Historical Aspects of the Prominent Geographical Features of Illawarra" by C. W. Gardiner-Garden (6/- 60c., posted 9d.) the author deals exhaustively with the naming in error of the former mudflat by Surveyor James Meehan as "Tom Thumb's Lagoon" instead of Lake Illawarra, which was the "Tom Thumb's Lagoon" of Bass and Flinders.

AN EARLY ELECTION — FROM "THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD" OF 12/5/1846:

"Voting for District Councillors—

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"In consequence of the comparison attending voting at elections being in some respects like that of horse racing it is not uncommon to describe events of this kind in language of the turf. We may remark in compliance with this usage, that Messrs. Berry and Jenkins cantered easily over the course with a light rein, winning easily. Captain Addison, notwithstanding whip and spur, scarcely if at all saved his distance, whilst Dr. Menzies was nowhere."

The Illawarra District Council was established in 1844 and extended from Northern Illawarra to Jervis Bay. With headquarters at Wollongong, it was the first attempt at local government being elected by the landholders. It was dissolved in the early 1850's prior to the forming of Municipal and Shire Councils some years later. J. Berry, of Shoalhaven, and W. W. Jenkins, of Berkeley, were members of the original Council.

WOLLONGONG AND ILLAWARRA

J. Gordon

(Air—"Roy's Wife")

Chorus Wollongong and Illawarra,
Wollongong and Illawarra,
Native poets yet will sing
Of Wollongong and Illawarra.

The times may take a sulky fit,
Like any honest married woman,
Whose husband is what she is not,
For she's a mind above the common.

But nature here for ever smiles,
Her mountain paths lead up to heaven
Where sights and sound the soul beguiles
Of every ounce of earthly leaven.