

ON THE BIRTHDAY OF JINDYWOROBAK.

Jindy is having a 10th birthday. Congratulations Jindy.

First on your surviving until you are ten years old and secondly on the work you have done. You are really a very fortunate magazine as the average life of an infant of your description is about six copies, but it is you and your defunct relatives that spread culture for the nation. These magazines are generally written for and published by young people who have more brains than money. They distribute new ideas, new morals and expend their brains spreading these, generally to a deaf public, but perhaps not so deaf as these works seem to cling to the most unexpected places and so the good work goes on. Now in your case Jindy you have survived although you have chosen the most difficult matter for a public to assimilate, which is Poetry. How many people read poetry? Perhaps not so many as seem indifferent to it. But without it where would England be?

Her greatest claim to culture lies with her poets, Milton, Shakespeare, Shelly, Keats and her living writers of today. So now you see what you are doing, you are giving to Australia an advance idea that she also with her Australian Poets is developing a culture that will stand by her for ever. Your purse is generally empty Jindy but this is an affliction that most small magazines have in common, and alas it is a disease that seems to become aggravated with each edition. But keep bravely working on if you can as without you and your like where could young poets plant their seeds and the world learn of dreams and such things as dreams are made of? Our heartiest congratulations and a sincere wish for a long life and healthy finances.

MARGARET PRESTON.