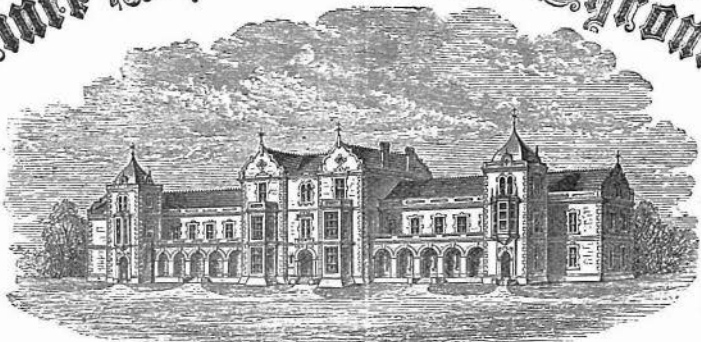


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EDITORIAL.

DURING last quarter our footballers upheld the honour of the College by hard work and persevering pluck, and so the only sure way to gain victories in other departments is by working our hardest and keeping at it.

For the next half the study will be tested by the examinations at the end of the year, and our position in class for this quarter counts for the order at Christmas, by which the prizes are determined. Whether trying for University distinctions or honours at College, it will be well worth our while to work hard; then, whether we succeed in securing what we wish or not, we are sure to be benefitted by every effort which we have made. If we work hard now, we shall be able to look back upon the Jubilee Year with some degree of pleasure, and sure to reap profit from it. It has been suggested by some that during the Jubilee Year less

work should be given at College by way of commemoration. But the tendency should be rather to feel stirred up to work all the harder after the general rejoicing on the past fifty years' progress.

The sports will be held during this quarter. It would be well if everyone who can should take part, for the body stands in need of training just as much as the mind, and a little training at this time of the year is exceedingly healthful as well as being very enjoyable. Besides this, it is good for a boy at college to take an interest in all that is going on in connection with the college. This makes a man of him. Let us never again make such a miserable display as we did in connection with the swimming matches last summer—be half-hearted in beginning and soon give up. Whether we are at school or engaged in some other way, we are pretty sure to succeed if we give heed to the motto—

“WORK HARD AND PERSEVERE.”

OLD BOY'S COLUMN.

In the Art Examinations held May 26 and 27 by the Board of Governors of the Public Library, we note the following names on the list of the successful:—John H. Chinner—Freehand, excellent; Models, good; Geometry, excellent. H. E. Sibley—Freehand, excellent; Models, good; Geometry, excellent. D. N. Heyneman—Geometry, excellent. Robert Duncan—Geometry, good. T. C. Walker—Geometry, good.

Thomas Hudson Beare has received the important appointment of Professor of Mechanics and Engineering at the Heriot-watt Technical College, Edinburgh.

In the Exhibition there are several of our old friends to be found. W. & M. Kimber, of Clare, show jams, jellies, and dried fruits. J. H. Trewenack, of Magill, has a highly creditable show of earthenware, fire-clay goods, terra-cotta ware, &c. A. S. Broad has sent work in all departments of art, paintings in oil and water colours, and studies in charcoal and in Indian ink.

A. Wyllie has obtained the John Howard Clark Scholarship at the Adelaide University for the current year.

W. A. E. Tucker is doing capitally at Edinburgh. In the anatomy class of his year he was top man and obtained the medal. He had a medal also for chemistry, and was marked *proxime accessit* for the John Arthur Carlyle Bursary.

Some old boys send here when they need an employè. This is a practical way to aid the old school. We hope they will find their confidence not misplaced, and that we shall send them good stuff.

The Old Schoolmates' Literary Society has just given and repeated, on behalf of

the "Pope" Fund, its annual midwinter entertainment. The subject of it was an original extravaganza, entitled, "The White Cat." The music of it was under the control of H. E. Fuller. The jokes could not be kept under control at all; they cropped up everywhere, in the dialogue and in the programme. The touch of the hand of R. W. Laughton seemed recognisable. The chief characters were represented by R. W. Laughton, S. S. Robin, E. A. Dunn, F. S. Hone, T. M. Burgess, and H. A. Hack. The performance took place at Stow Lecture Hall. Consul Muecke occupied the chair, and made an effective speech, and the whole thing passed off very well.

Cecil J. Davenport has obtained an appointment as Junior House Surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. This will give him further opportunity of improving in professional skill before returning to the colony.

E. R. Forster, B.A., LL.M., Cantab, has passed the final examination for solicitors held by the Incorporated Law Society of London.

A. L. Tilly secured a capital position in the recent examinations at Roseworthy Agricultural College. In the second year's subjects he was first on the list, nearly 200 marks ahead of the next man. He scored full marks for surveying and mensuration; 99 out of 100 for book-keeping; 46 out of 50 for mineralogy; and 90 out of 100 for practical chemistry. The Acting Principal, Mr. Molesworth, B.Sc., publicly commended him highly. Arthur Longbottom as first in the first year also.

[N.B.—We shall be glad to receive authentic information for this column.—Ed.]

LAST DAY OF HALF-YEAR.

We were assembled in the big school-room at half-past two, on June 17, to receive our prizes, and take farewell of the school before the midwinter holidays. The head master first read over the school order, and made a few comments on the work of various boys. He then read out number of certificates gained in each form, which were as follows :

Sixth Form	5	out of 6	or	83·3	per cent.
Lower Sixth	10	"	25	"	40
Fifth Form	9	"	36	"	25
Lower Fifth	9	"	32	"	28·1
Upper Fourth	4	"	30	"	13·3
Fourth Form	1	"	30	"	3·3
Upper Third	10	"	30	"	33·3
Third Form	13	"	30	"	43·3
Lower Third	5	"	25	"	20
Second Form	13	"	26	"	50
Lower Second	17	"	23	"	60·7
First Form	12	"	22	"	54·54
Lower First	1	"	15	"	6·6

It is only fair to mention that the single boy in the sixth form who did not gain a certificate did not take all the subjects.

From the above it will be seen that the sixth secured the best percentage, and the lower second the greatest number of certificates.

The head master then said that it was the custom for the President of the Wesleyan Conference (who is also President of the College for the year) to attend at the end of the half-year and give out the prizes. He then presented to us Rev. Mr. Simpson, the new President, and asked him to say a few words to us.

Mr. Simpson said that it was a great pleasure to him to witness the feats at the gymnasium demonstration on the preceding Saturday, but still greater pleasure to have been on the oval on the day before.

He congratulated us on our splendid victory over our rivals (cheers), and also on our success in the last cricket season.

He also congratulated those boys who had gained prizes, and told those who had not done so not to be downhearted. He then read an extract from Tennyson, which conveyed the ideas of practical life.

He hoped that we would have a very happy holiday and would return with renewed vigour.

The dux of each form was then presented with a prize.

Sixth Form, F. S. Butler.
 Lower Sixth, E. B. Haslam.
 Fifth Form, C. J. Hodgkinson.
 Lower Fifth, R. Lilywhite.
 Upper Fourth, F. J. Millar.
 Lower Fourth, E. Basedow.
 Upper Third, J. Walker.
 Third, C. L. Von Bibra.
 Lower Third, L. Pustkuchen.
 Second Form, F. E. Waddy.
 Lower Second, O. Cole.
 First Form, V. Hugo.
 Lower First, E. B. Boucaut.

After a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Simpson and the National Anthem we departed for our holidays.

MIDWINTER CONCERT.

The annual midwinter concert was held at the College on the evening of the 10th June. A good programme was got up, and the Secretary disposed of about 250 tickets, but nearly twice that number attended. The head master said that he was sorry that he had no better accommodation for the guests, for the large room was not built for concerts and entertainments, and, therefore, they must make the best they could of it. Till last year no charge had been made for admission to these concerts, but last year the new school boat had not been paid for,

and the proceeds on that occasion managed to make the boat our own, and this year the cricket club was so much in debt that the authorities thought it advisable to make a small charge again.

A. Chapple started the programme creditably with an overture, "Lucrezia Borgia," and then Mr. Lyons led the singing class in the first part of the Picnic Cantata, called "Away, away." Mr. Sunter favoured the audience with a recitation, "Ivry," in his usual clear style, when Mr. Brown brought down the house with his comic song, "The dirty little scrub," which was heartily encored.

Mrs. Lyons and Mr. Chapple then followed with a duet, "When the wind bloweth in from the sea," which was rendered in capital style. The second part of the cantata, "Up the hill and down the dale," was succeeded by a reading from Mr. Short about an Irishman who was relating about the coronation of the Queen. This produced much mirth amongst the audience, owing to the funny expressions of the man from the Emerald Isle.

After this selection, Mrs. Lyons sang "Wishes and Fishes" in her wonted calm style. "Under shady bowers" was then rendered very well by the singing class. The next on the programme was a short dialogue between Brutus and Cassius, Mr. Bayley representing Brutus and Mr. Martin Cassius. At the request of Mr. Chapple, Mrs. Lyons sang "The Miller and the Maid," which was encored, and she then sang "You can't guess." Mr. Stephenson recited "The Revenge" in brilliant style, and then the choir sang "Homeward Bound." Mr. Chapple favoured us with "To-morrow will be Friday," and then joined with Mrs. Lyons in singing the duet, "The minute gun at sea."

After Mr. Knox had played an overture, Mr. Rowett, an old scholar and friend, sang, "His Lordship winked at the Counsel," which was received with shouts of applause, when he repeated the last verse. Mr. Ashton, our drawing master, then gave an exhibition of his lightning painting. He painted two pictures before the audience, one representing "Sunset over the water," and the other "The sea beating against the rocks," in a very little time, and with marvellous skill.

After an interval of ten minutes, in which refreshments were given round, H. Parsons played an overture. A farce, entitled "Mesmerism," brought the programme to a close. Mr. Brown as Mr. O'Callaghan, an Irishman living on his wits, performed his part splendidly. Taylor represented Dr. Banks, who was searching for his lost daughter; and Braund an old gentlemen, Mr. Rivers, the happy father of young Charlie (F. Chapple), who easily took him in. John the footman and boots, porter, etc., were ably represented by Castine and Bathurst, while von Bibra took the part of Mrs. Banks, who had been separated from her husband for ten years. The National Anthem concluded a well-spent and enjoyable evening.

THE OLD SCHOLARS' DINNER.

The annual dinner of the P.A.C. Old Scholars' Association was held in Beach & Son's dining room on the evening of the 24th of June, and was attended by about sixty old boys and masters. A very enjoyable evening was spent in the usual way. After the dinner there was a succession of toasts, songs, and recitations, which lasted till a somewhat late hour.

The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. J. A. Hartley, B.A., B.Sc., a former Head-master of P.A.C., and the two vice chairs by our present Head-master and Mr. Andrew Scott, B.A., an old Master. The President of the College, the Rev. J. Y. Simpson, as an invited guest, occupied the place of honour on the chairman's right hand.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of "The Queen," gave an eloquent speech, in which he reminded those present that while they did well to be proud of the fact that they were Australians, they had something still nobler to be proud of in the fact that they were Englishmen, inheritors of a glorious past; that they belonged to a nation which could boast of some of the greatest statesmen, soldiers, sailors, and poets that the world has ever seen. He ended by paying a graceful tribute of praise to the queen as a woman, wife, and mother. The toast was most enthusiastically honoured. Then followed the toast of "The Governor."

MR. H. DEAN proposed "Our Native Land," and gave a short sketch of the progress and development of the colony. This was suitably responded to by Dr. Mitchell and Mr. G. W. Cooper.

MR. J. ASHTON submitted "The Parliament," and spoke of the importance of everyone duly exercising his right to vote, and of taking an interest in political matters. Mr. G. S. Cotton replied.

MR. CHEWINGS proposed the toast of "Prince Alfred College and Masters," and spoke of the great success achieved by the College during its comparatively short existence, and complimented the masters on their work. Mr. Chapple, in responding, alluded to the continued success of the school in public examinations and in

the cricket and football fields; told the Association how highly he and his colleagues valued the help and support of "old boys." They had showed their interest in many ways, in the sports and in the studies, writing letters and sending prizes, showing that they kept kindly feelings vivid. As certain as the school publicly achieved any success, so certain was it that the next day letters of congratulation came. These were referred to in "assembly," and evoked great enthusiasm. They stimulated the "present" boys in a wonderful way. In the Debating Society, in the *Chronicle*, by asking for boys when they had vacancies, they had been of very great service indeed to Prince Alfred College, and he was glad of the chance of saying so. Mr. Sunter spoke of his long connection with the school as boy and master from its very beginning, and said that he regarded the success of the school as due mainly to three causes: (1) The ability and extraordinary energy of the Head-masters; (2) The strong feeling of loyalty shown by the boys, both past and present; and (3) the great interest taken in the school by the Old Scholars' Association, which is manifested by the valuable scholarship given each year, by their contributions from time to time to the athletic sports, and in other ways. Mr. Churchward also briefly responded.

The Rev. J. Y. SIMPSON proposed "The Association," and said how greatly the College was indebted to the old scholars both for their individual and collective help. Mr. E. B. Colton, the Hon. Secretary, in replying, urged the members to induce other old scholars to join the Association. Mr. A. Langsford also responded.

MR. A. H. HENNING proposed "Absent

Friends," which was acknowledged by Mr. G. M. Evan.

MR. J. T. MELLOR proposed "The Press," and Mr. M. Meyrick responded.

Mr. H. W. CROMPTON suitably proposed "The Ladies," the final toast of the evening, and was replied to by Mr. W. Lathlean.

These toasts were interspersed by songs and recitations, which were greatly appreciated. Mr. Rowett sang several songs in his usual effective style. Mr. Shortt and Mr. W. Lathlean recited.

These annual reunions of old boys are very enjoyable, and we would urge all our boys to join the Association when they leave school, and thus keep up their connection with the College. A note intimating their wish, addressed to Mr. E. B. Colton, Pirie-street, will be duly attended to.

THE CRICKET AND FOOTBALL FUNDS.

The Cricket and Football Funds at length are in a healthy condition, and show a balance in hand at the close of last term of £8 11s. 5d. The Head Master, who for some time has been treasurer of this fund, has written off the balance due to last October, and the accounts from that date are as follows:—

Receipts fourth term 1886	£27	9	6
Do. first do. 1887	28	17	0
Do. second do. 1887	28	17	6
Midwinter Concert	12	0	0
	<u>£97</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
EXPENDITURE.			
Goodfellow's Bills	£51	7	0
Harris, Scarfe's do.	37	5	7
Balance in hand	8	11	5
	<u>£97</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir,—This is the quarter in which the Annual Athletic Sports take place in connection with this College, and I should like to make a few suggestions through the columns of this paper about them.

Firstly, I should suggest that a race be arranged to take place between a certain number of the best of the S.P.S.C. boys and as many of ourselves. The race to be run on our ground first time, and their ground next, and so on. The distances to be run and whether over hurdle or flat can be soon settled. In years gone by such a race used to take place between the two Colleges in sports held on the Kensington Oval. I can distinctly remember that one year Frank Colton, our champion, came off victorious in this race. The next is that a tug-of-war be arranged between boarders and day boys. This would afford great amusement to the spectators. It also seems to me that it would be better if the College Cup were given for the same distances as previously, but that all who run for it start at scratch. This will show more clearly the one who is the best runner in the school.

But one thing more, that in the famous medley race boys be not allowed to run "three legged," but that a separate race be formed for the three legs.

Hoping that these suggestions may be carried out and be the means of adding to the enjoyment of the friends who come to witness these sports.

I remain, yours etc.,

MOSES.

THE ANNUAL GYMNASTIC DEMONSTRATION.

This event, which is one of the most important in the school year, took place on Saturday, June 11.

The weather was rather cloudy and dull, but there was a large number of visitors present, and the galleries at the south end of the building, which this year had been specially reserved for visitors, were quite full.

This year there were not as many scholars present as usual, but still there were enough to crowd out the space not required by the performers. The entrance of His Excellency, the Governor, was the signal for three cheers, led by some of the boys.

The number of performers this year was considerably larger than last year, owing to the fact that all the boarders, except but three or four specially exempted, now learn.

This is a very good arrangement, and has done them much good, and we hope that soon every day boy as well will have say one lesson a week.

At the fixed time, the boys, dressed in flannels trimmed with pink, etc., marched down to the Gymnasium, and after having marched about for a short time, the leaders of the different ranks took up their allotted positions, and then the "Free Exercises" were performed very creditably.

Then the boys marched to the parallel bars, and here several, amongst whom Braund and Rischbieth were conspicuous, did some pretty difficult exercises very neatly indeed.

Now came the jumping. Some of the boys cleared a good height, those specially to be noticed being Rischbieth, Grundy,

and Counter. The first named of these, who, by-the-way, did all his exercises in good style, managed to clear five feet four inches without a pole, and nine feet eight inches with one. Allowance has been made for the height of the spring-board in both the measurements above.

Then some pretty exercises were performed on the rings and trapeze, and in this part of the performance, Laurie performed a rather difficult exercise neatly, and after these two pyramids were formed against the poles and thick ropes respectively. The effect produced was splendid.

Then various feats were done on and over the horse. Stow may be mentioned for the clever way in which he succeeded in getting over that high animal. The performance concluded with a large pyramid, in which most of the class took part.

At the close of the performances, Rev. J. Y. Simpson, Hon. President of the College, proposed, and Hon. J. L. Parsons seconded a vote of thanks to the Governor for his kindness in coming to us that day. The Head Master in supporting it, congratulated Herr Leschen, and said he had never seen the boys do so well before.

The motion was heartily carried with three cheers. His Excellency responded, and complimented the Head Master, Herr Leschen, and the class.

Then the visitors dispersed, after having listened to cheers for the Queen, the Head Master, Herr Leschen, and themselves.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. PLURIBUS JONES—Your communications have been unavoidably crowded out, owing to the amount of school matter in this number.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Mr. Ashton, our Drawing Master, has four capital pictures in the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition. "The Clearing up after a Storm" is specially admired. The tinge and tone of the waves, and the light shed upon them, have been most capitally caught and realistically rendered.

In the Civil Service examination held this July, L. J. Molony was successful. We congratulate him and the form he is in.

The Gymnastic Demonstration was a great success. His Excellency the Governor was present, and showed his usual kindly interest in our proceedings. It is possible that this annual exhibition of the proficiency of the class may be held late in the year for the future. At any rate, the footballers have made a representation on the matter to the Head Master, and he is considering it. Leading gymnasts are often leading footballers, and the practice for this and for the "Oval match" interfere with one another.

In a Religious Knowledge Examination conducted by the Committee on Higher Education appointed by the South Australian Presbytery, we are glad to see in the junior division that the first place was taken by Walter Trüdinger.

Our Head Master has been re-elected Warden of the Senate of the Adelaide University. This is the fifth year he has held this office. He was re-elected without opposition.

We were sorry to lose C. J. Hodgkinson, the top of the fifth form; he hoped and promised to stand well on the Junior List. However, he has commenced work in an Insurance Office, and we wish him well.

As to the University Scholarships we are glad to record that our Head Master's protests have not been in vain. The Council of the University have considerably shortened the course laid down for the English of "Oliphant's Old and Middle English," only pages 1-204 are to be read; of the "Typical Selections from English Authors," one volume instead of two; of the "Longer English Poems," a few of the hardest have been omitted. The work is still, however, unreasonably long, hopelessly difficult, and worst of all, we cannot get the books. The matter being only settled by the Council by the end of May, and the books not to be found in the colonies, it looks like September before the authors can be caught sight of.

The football match awakened a good deal of interest amongst the "old boys," and gave them an opportunity of showing their regard for the old school. Letters of good wishes and congratulations came from Mostyn Evan, John Drew, Julius Wendt, and a telegram all the way from Silverton, signed "Arthur S. J. Fry." The announcement and reading of these in the "assembly" was greeted with most hearty applause. A football arrived first thing on the morning after the match, labelled "For the youth who kicked four goals," and was handed to Percy Stuart by the Head Master before the assembled school. It was from Robert Melrose, himself a capital player for us nine or ten years ago.

The balance-sheet of the last issue of the *Chronicle* shows as receipts £5 15s. 6d. including subscriptions, and expenditure £5 7s. 3d. for printing, postage, &c. This profit of 8s. 3d. added to that previously in hand makes a balance of £5 8s. 9d. to the good.

The illuminations of the College on June 20 and 21, though simple, were very effective. All the gas jets in the place were lighted, and two or three candles burnt in every window pane. The appearance of the building from the road was very pretty indeed. The *Advertiser* and the *Adelaide Zeitung* both noted it with commendation.

A collection made in the school on behalf of the widow and family of George Pope, fisherman at Glenelg, recently lost in a squall in Holdfast Bay, amounted to £3 5s. 2d.

Visitors to the College are becoming numerous; amongst those here lately were several of the cadets from the Japanese vessel. The Hon. John Colton, our respected Treasurer, brought round Mr. Bosisto, C.M.G., of Victoria, and Dato Meldrum, of Johore. Mr. W. W. Fox, Head Master of Horton College, Tasmania, also came, and Mr. W. Thornton Lewis, Head Master of the Methodist Ladies' College, Tasmania, and two of the leading members of the staff of the Ladies' College, Melbourne.

Two meetings of the Collegiate Schools' Association were held last term, the President, Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc., in the chair. At the first Mr. Sunter, B.A., read a thoughtful paper on a recent educational work, "Thring's Theory and Practice of Education." At the second, Mr. Stephenson, B.A., read a paper full of practical suggestions and observations on "Punishments." Both papers were followed by earnest discussions, and both writers received hearty votes of thanks from the Association.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of subscriptions from F. M. Wilkinson, F. W. Kay, W. T. Flint, S.

Parsons, H. W. Anderson, T. J. Watt, A. White, L. Casely, J. Drew, and E. E. Wilson. *Chronicles* may be obtained at the Wesleyan Book Depot, or from F. J. Chapple, P.A. College. We should be glad to add the names of any boys about to leave the College as subscribers to the *Chronicle*. The subscription is two shillings a year including postage. Any back numbers can be obtained at the College at the usual price, 6d.

We see from the daily papers that our Head Master was not idle during the holidays. We take from the *Register* the following reports of two lectures delivered by him:—

"The Evening Star."—About fifty persons met in one of the small rooms at the rear of Flinders-street Baptist Church, on Thursday evening to hear "A Chat about the Evening Star," by Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc. Mr. Chapple began by telling the audience when and how they could best see Venus in the western heavens, and then explained her movements, as also those of other prominent stars and constellations. The relation of Venus to the sun, moon, and earth was clearly explained, and the importance of the planet to the astronomer as a means of obtaining measurements was shown by diagrams on a blackboard. In the second part the lecturer dealt with the subject from an astronomical point of view, and several times repeated complicated points which he desired the audience to most fully understand. The lecture was highly entertaining and instructive throughout. Miss Beeby, Miss Davidson, and Mr. C. Mead rendered vocal music at intervals.

The above lecture was also delivered at Archer-street.

"Lady Macbeth."—At the ordinary meeting of the Pirie-street Young Men's Society held on Thursday evening, Mr. F. Chapple, B.A. B.Sc., gave an interesting lecture on Shakespeare's "Lady Macbeth." The Rev. S. Knight presided, and there was a large attendance of members and their friends. The lecture was delivered in an interesting style, and was freely interspersed with recitations by Mr. Chapple illustrative of the prominent features of Lady Macbeth's character. In concluding the lecturer said that the actions of the "fiend-like queen," while they made them shudder, roused their compassion. He admired her indomitable will and the amount of energy she showed. Love for her husband was the keynote of her conduct. She always respected him to the entire forgetfulness of self. She was a lady of the rarest powers and a thorough woman. Her fall was a scathing warning to those who had pride, overweening self-reliance, and a lack of readiness to enter the kingdom of heaven as children. The lecture was much appreciated, and was greeted with applause.

Our contemporaries. The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following:—*Whinhamist* (2), *Wesley College Chronicle* (2), *Hardwicke College Review*, *Newingtonian*, *Patchwork*, *Hermes*, *Melburian*, *Bluebell*, *St. Peter's School Magazine*.

FOOTBALL.

ANNUAL FOOTBALL MATCH.

P.A.C. v. S.P.S.C.

This match took place on the Adelaide Oval, on June 16, in the presence of a good number of friends and supporters of either team. As soon as the gates of the Oval were opened visitors and schoolboys turned up in great numbers. At about

2.15, three cabs were seen wending their way along Rundle-street towards the Oval, displaying numerous red and white flags, and were heartily cheered by their supporters on reaching their destination. The red and white flags were also predominant in the grand stand. This year we have regained our laurels, by defeating our opponents with 6 goals 6 behinds to 3 goals 9 behinds. We must congratulate Stuart for his good kicking, out of five shots kicking four goals. For P.A.C. Rischbieth, Darling, Stuart, Marlow, Chapple, Grundy, Egge, Jackson, Fowler, and Braund, and for S.P.S.C. Bertram, Coles, Green, Acraman, Holbrook, Rymill played well. Mr. A. E. Waldron was an impartial umpire.

THE PLAY.

Rischbieth had the misfortune to lose the toss, and at 2.48 Darling started the ball towards the river goal. A free to one of our opponents in front of the pavilion caused the leather to be sent well down to our goal, but it was returned by Rischbieth. Coles obtained a mark and kicked first behind for S.P.S.C. Braund kicked off, but the leather still hovered about P.A.C. goal, and finally Coles drew first blood for the blues. Rischbieth kicked off and the ball was rushed into the S.P.S.C. goal, but it was brought back again. After a little centre play our opponents obtained two more behinds.

The P.A.C. followers were still unable to carry the ball forward, and despite the efforts of Rischbieth and Darling the ball was continually returned. Egge obtained a mark in front, but failed to kick even a behind. Again the ball travelled to the other end, and another behind was hoisted. Stuart then marked in front, but the distance and the wind prevented him scoring. Conigrave obtained a free for pushing

behind and kicked into the hands of one of our opponents, but Darling relieved. The ball was in the centre when the bell rang. Score, S.P.S.C. 1 goal 4 behinds to P.A.C. nil.

From the bounce our champions took the ball into the S.P.S.C. goal where Stuart marked, and kicked first behind for us. The blues kicked into Egge's hand who replied with another behind. The ball was then rushed along the pavilion wing into our goal, but was marked by Jackson in dangerous territory. Missing his kick, however, Bertram secured, and kicked the ball through along the ground.

Darling kicked off, but the ball was returned, and went out near the gate. Play was then in front of the pavilion, and a behind was registered to the blues, the result of a shot from 15 yards. Soon, however, Rischbieth gave a mark to Stuart who by a good kick hoisted first goal for P.A.C. This seemed to invigorate the St. Peters, and another behind was credited to them. Our side retaliated, and Chapple was vociferously cheered when he succeeded in equalising matters. By a series of little marks the ball was taken into our goal, only to be brought back by Conigrave, and it went out of bounds dangerously near the S.P.S.C. goal. Leitch marked, and by a splendid kick sent the leather about two yards off the goal, but it was rushed behind. Again being carried into our goal our opponents had a chance to score, which they failed to do. A mark to Coles caused third goal to be hoisted to S.P.S.C. Darling at the kick off passed on to Rischbieth, who sent the ball forward to Egge, but the half-time bell then rang, the blues being one goal to the good. Scores, S.P.S.C. 3 goals 6 behinds to P.A.C. 2 goals 3 behinds.

Our supporters were confident of success as our representatives could last. From the throw down the blues carried the ball to our goal and obtained another behind, followed by yet another from a free kick. Fowler then made a splendid run along the pavilion wing, but the ball went out. The next two or three minutes was occupied by the umpire in throwing the ball in near the gate, until at length it was brought into our goal, which was ably defended by Fowler. Wilson marked, but his attempt to pass on was foiled, and the ball was returned to the centre. Grundy relieved, and the ball went out near our opponents' goal. Grundy again distinguished himself, and Darling made a fine run along the gate wing. Oldham got the leather and passed to Leitch, but it was quickly returned. Fowler, however, again maintained his reputation for defending goal, and at last Braund having a free for throwing, sent the ball into the centre. For a long time the play was central, until Rischbieth with a fine run took the ball into our opponents' territory. Our opponents still kept up the attack, but were time after time repulsed by our back men, especially Fowler. Marlow forward was also continually besting his man, and Darling was unsurpassable as a follower. Ends were then changed for the last time, our opponents having increased their score by two behinds.

After the throw down Darling marked splendidly, and sent the sphere well down, but the blues were not to be denied, and it was returned. A nice piece of play by Egge sent the ball into the S.P.S.C. quarters. Grundy marked and passed to Stuart, who sent the ball spinning between the sticks. After a behind, Rischbieth marked to Stuart, who again proved reliable. This placed the S.P.S.C.'s on their

mettle and a behind followed, but this was their last effort. Darling ran along the wing, and Stuart obtaining possession, notched fifth goal for the reds. The venue of the game was continually changed until Rischbieth after kicking another behind obtained a mark fully fifty yards away, and kicked the sixth and last goal for us.

Our opponents were fairly hemmed in, and unable to get the ball past the centre, the pace appearing to tell on them. After a few more minutes' play in front of the blue's goal the bell rang. P.A.C. 6 goals 6 behinds, S.P.S.C. 3 goals 9 behinds.

The weather during the past month or two has been more adapted to the well-being of the crops than to the interests of football.

Two matches had to be postponed, and four were rendered farcical owing to the state of the ground. The first twenty have played 8 matches, winning 5, drawing one, and losing 2. They have kicked 35 goals 103 behinds, against 25 goals 79 behinds. Percy Stuart has kicked no less than 13 goals for us.

The committee are indebted to the Norwood and Adelaide Football Clubs, who have both sent us two complimentary member's tickets, to be presented, as our committee saw fit, to the most deserving players. The Norwoods announced their intention of annually presenting complimentary tickets to the captain and vice-captain of our first 20.

THE MATCHES.

P.A.C. v ARIEL.

Played on our ground on April 23. The game was very even, as the result shows: P.A.C. 5 goals 17 behinds, Ariels 5 goals 19 behinds.

P.A.C. v SEMAPHORE.

The day was very wet, and the superior weight of the Semaphores was too much for our team. P.A.C. 2 goals 9 behinds, Semaphores 6 goals 12 behinds.

P.A.C. v INSURANCE OFFICES.

The turf was very slippery, and the game proved exceedingly amusing to the spectators; each buster produced a loud roar of laughter from a large number of spectators. P.A.C. 5 goals 18 behinds, Insurances 2 goals 5 behinds.

P.A.C. v ARIEL.

This return match was looked forward to with much interest. A very even game resulted in a win for the College. P.A.C. 3 goals 13 behinds, Ariels 2 goals 9 behinds.

P.A.C. v GLENELG.

Only 14 of the 20 turned up, and the result was that we were defeated. Glenelg 2 goals 13 behinds, P.A.C. 1 goal 6 behinds.

P.A.C. v KENSINGTON.

This game baffles description. It was played in a regular quagmire. P.A.C. 5 goals 13 behinds, Kensingtons 2 goals 5 behinds.

P.A.C. v UNIVERSITY.

When we saw that the University team contained no less than seven Senior Association men, we thought we were in for an awful drubbing; we however managed to secure a very easy win. P.A.C. 8 goals 21 behinds, University 3 goals 17 behinds.

We are pleased to be able to say that both the second and third twenties succeeded in defeating like teams of S.P.S.C.

We were very pleased to note the decisive victory gained by the Adelaides over the Carltons.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

THE TEAM.

Boucaut, J.—Heavy. Fast. Hard to pass. Inclined to run too much with the ball.

Boucaut, W.—Fastest wing man in the team. Plenty of dash.

Braund, G. C.—Centre back. Very sure. Marks well, and gets his kick.

Chapple, F. J.—Plucky follower, but rather light.

Congrave, B. F.—Dodges well, but is rather streaky.

Counter, E. C.—Good change follower, but lacks judgment.

Darling, J. — (Vice-Captain). Kicks and marks exceedingly well. Tower of strength following.

Downer, J. — Young and promising player.

Edge, E. D.—Very fast. Plays well in any part of the field.

Fowler, D.—Back player. Very fast. Always gets his kick. Should play more on the wing.

Grundy, E. C.—Centre. Kicks and marks well, but rather slow.

Hill, A.—Emergency. Has plenty of judgment, but is too slow.

Jackson, A. E. — Good back player. Fast with the ball and sure.

Leitch, W. A.—Forward. Marks well, but won't keep his place.

Marlow, A.—Small, but plucky. Has good judgment.

Oldham, A. M.—Good ruck player, but rather rough.

Peterson, A. E.—Sure kick. Lacks experience.

Rischbieth, H. W.—Captain, and a very good one. Roves well. Never loses his head. Good mark and kick.

Stuart, P.—Splendid goal sneak. What he lacks in weight he makes up in skill and pluck. Unbeatable kick.

Wilson, W.—Good wing player. Runs well, but loses his kick too often.

Wood, G. C.—Follower with plenty of endurance, pluck and pace.

"THE OVAL MATCH."

BY AN OLD SCHOLAR.

The Prince Alfred's did not keep their places at all well during the first half, and it was this fault that caused them to get the worst of the first hour's play.

The excitement was too much for some of the team, and they frequently over-ran the ball, and when they got marks were in two great a hurry to kick the ball, not even looking where their men were.

More little marks should be indulged in by the followers. They don't play together enough.

It is a great mistake to try and run too much with the ball, and Captain Rischbieth was severely to blame for not kicking when he had the chance.

The coolness of little Stuart was greatly admired, and if others in the team would follow his example a great improvement would be the result.

The form shown by the red and whites was capital, and during the last quarter their play was "tip-top."

A grave fault was when Prince Alfreds appealed for a mark, they all stood still and watched the umpire, and of course if he said "play on" the St. Peter's had the game all to themselves.

As regards individual players, Darling was in great form, and proved a tower of strength to his side. His kicking was very good indeed. Dave Fowler played back splendidly, and time after time relieved the pressure. In the first quarter of the second half he was exceptionally brilliant.

Rischbieth held the ball far too much, but improved greatly in the second half. In the last quarter he shone most conspicuously, and the goal he kicked was a real beauty.

EGGE put in rattling work half back on the left wing, and displayed excellent judgment. Chapple, though small, followed untiringly, as also did Counter. Braund worked hard back; Marlowe and Stuart deserve the greatest praise for their cool, clever play, and though they are such small boys, very few in the forty could teach them much about football. Stuart kicked very straight indeed, and he had a great deal to do with the victory.

Several others showed capital form and lasted splendidly.

On the whole, the Prince Alfreds are to be most heartily congratulated on their well-earned win, and all supporters of the good old school can look back with pleasure and pride upon the result of the football match that took place between the Colleges during the jubilee year.

PRINCE ALFRED V. ST. PETERS.

(ORIGINAL.)

Hurrah! Hurrah! repeat the cry,
Take up the strain of victory,
Prolong the shout increasing loud,
Pull down the blue, its colour shroud.

We long had prepared for the match of the season;

Our team had been chosen with judgment and reason

From boys who had long been carefully training,
Intent on the coveted position attaining.

Good players were they one and all,
A splendid team, though some were small;
H. Rischbieth was our captain bold,
He played ofttimes in teams of old.

For the Norwoods a game he can always get,
Though he'll hardly be chosen *their* captain yet.
Joe Darling was for us a vice-captain picked,
For the Adelaides many a goal he has kicked.

Next Leitch, with form of pond'rous weight,
With bone is built his stature great.
A. Jackson, of Kapunda fame,
Exemplifies his Stonewall name,

In running swift, in kicking sure,
With frame that can so long endure.
Dave Fowler secretary is,
No running so swift in the field as his.

G. Braund an able treasurer makes,
Betwixt the sticks his place he takes.
Fred. Chapple, though in body small,
Yet keeps as a follower close to the ball.

A splendid game by Egge is played,
And many a long kick he has made.
Although the others all played well,
Yet 'twere too long the deeds to tell

Of each one separate in the team;
But incomplete indeed 'twould seem
Were I to leave out Stuart's name,
Who in the match gained highest fame.

Our goal-sneak is he, though so small—
An elf of three feet might seem as tall—
Yet, though he weighs but six stone two,
He oft has pulled a tight match through.

The appointed day came all too soon,
So quickly flew the month of June.
The sev'nteenth, Thursday, was the day
On which the Red 'gainst Blue did play.

We all went to the Adelaide Oval,
Being granted, as was usual,
Half holiday to celebrate
The grand occasion, passing great.

We all went early and waited long
Amongst a crowd some thousands strong,
And there, alternate to the view,
Were shades of red and shades of blue.

For there each colour kept its place,
And twixt them left a neutral space;
The shout was loud, and kept up long,
Which told the approach of the football throng.

Each man was at his post arrayed,
We lost the toss, the kick was made,
The followers rushed upon the ball,
And marked their men both one and all.

Of Rischbieth the blues seemed slightly afraid,
For three great men were against him arrayed.
'Gainst Stuart, the smallest in our lot,
They put the largest they had got.

But now to return to the game once more.
Against our men it went full sore,
For the blues, by dint of weight and wind,
At first left our team far behind;

For on the board was seen the score,
The goals showed two, the extras four,
And yet we had but one behind;
Our enemies had yet to find
What could be done by strength of mind.

Half-time was called, then every blue
Was sure that they would put us through,
But then was turned the tide of play,
For our men had it their own way.

Rischbieth did such stylish play,
And from his three men ran away;
Egge was on his legs so quick,
Seldom Darling missed his kick.

The blues seemed of their sense bereft;
In running they were rearward left;
In every point they seemed behind,
For though so big they'd lost their wind.

And when the game was finishèd
We were of them three goals ahead;
Thus was reckoned up our score,
Six goals and six extras more.

Upon St. Peters' scoring board
Three goals and nine behinds were showed.
The match was thus by our boys won;
Of goals Rischbieth and Chapple each kicked one.

By Stuart were kicked the remaining four,
Our boys him to the grand-stand bore;
The air was with the cheering rent,
Our joyful steps we homeward bent.

But oh! sad mishap to relate,
Although we all were so elate,
Small cause had some boys to rejoice,
They'd won the game, but lost their voice.

THE COLLEGES' COLOURS.

The following was sent in anonymously, and we cannot say whether it is original or not.

The red and the blue are opponents, they say;

Can you tell how to choose me the better?
Just open your ear to the claims that appear

On each side and you'll know to the letter.

When winter is here with its frost and its rime,

And the snow in the valley reposes,
Then red are the tints on the healthiest cheeks,

But blue is the colour of noses.

When the red blood is flowing full swift in our veins,

And we challenge the foe who refuses,
Then blue from his terror are each coward's cheeks,

And blue is the tint of his bruises.

The soldiers who fight for our country and home,
Are clad in the uniform scarlet;

But tunics of blue wear police, who pursue
Some rascal or pilfering varlet.

As the milk that is blue has been watered and skimmed,

Only fit for the kittens, good mousers!
So the lads that are blue are but sickly and weak,
A disgrace to the manhood of trousers.

Then with bonnets of blue and with petticoats too,

Let us clothe the poor mortals who like 'em,
But the flag of the free ever crimson shall be,
So we'll down with blue flags, they must strike 'em

TO A FRIEND STUDYING GERMAN.

Vill'st dou learn die Deutsche Sprache?

Denn set it on your card,
Dat all de nouns have shenders,
Und de shenders all are hard.

Dere ish also dings called pronouns,
Vitch ish shoost ash well to know;
Boot ach! de verbs or time-words—
Dey'll work you bitter woe.

Vill'st dou learn die Deutsche Sprache?

Brepere dein soul to shtand
Soosh sendences as ne'er vas heardt
In any oder land.

Till dou canst make parentheses
Intwisted—ohne zahl—

Dann wirst du erst Deutschfertig sein,
For a languashe idéal.

Vill'st dou learn die Deutsche Sprache?

Be sholly, brav, und treu,
For dat veller is kein Deutscher

Who ish not a sholly poy.
Find out vot means Gemüthlichkeit,
Und do it mitout fail,

In Sang und Klang dein Lebenlang,
A brick—ganz kreuzfidél.

C. G. LELAND.

FIVE DAYS AT ST. HELENA.

No. IV.

BY A SPANKER BOOM.

Entering through the portal on the Sabbath, one may see the town in absolute quietude. Here and there are little groups of natives dressed in their "best," apparently quite prepared for church. We went ashore with the good intentions of going to the same place, and so made our way to the nearest, which happened to be the Church of England. Being rather early we strolled into the gaol—a nice place to visit on Sunday, surely!—which happened to be situated almost at the back door of the church. The keeper expressed himself as only too glad to show us the prison, which was on a par with the rest of the buildings, viz., old and dilapidated. Evidently the premises had not been erected for the purpose for which they were used, for from the outside one would not imagine that within those walls were kept the St. Helena law-breakers. The interior was arranged as an ordinary prison, there being about a dozen cells. But, strange to say, at the time of our visit there was not, nor had there been a single prisoner for 14 days. This speaks volumes for the character of the people. With a population of 5,059, it seems strange that at any time the house of correction should be desolate of inmates.

Now the church bell tolls, and we stroll into church, the Rev. Mr. Lambert officiating. It was amusing to see the variety of colours worn by the fair sex. One damsel of a darkish colour wore a green hat, of course of the choicest hue, a blue frock ornamented with all kinds of trimming, and pink stockings, which set

off the rest of her apparel to perfection. This is one example to illustrate many costumes worn by the dark sisterhood. In some parts of the church could be seen Europeans, but I think the natives of the island constituted the greater part of the congregation.

After the service way was made to the fort. The ascent of Jacob's ladder was again performed, and we availed ourselves of the opportunity of seeing life in the barracks. The soldiers were a jolly set of fellows, and appeared glad to see visitors. The barracks have every convenience for a soldier's life, and all seemed to be thoroughly satisfied with their lot. The fort itself commands a range over the bay, and the guns can be directed to any approaching foe. Being at such a high elevation it would indeed be difficult for an enemy to do much damage to the settlement, whilst the defenders could pour down their deadly shot with every advantage. At the barracks there were stationed a company of the 91st Regiment, a battery of artillery, and a corps of engineers. Guard-houses are situated in different positions on the island, so that in case war was raging the approach of an enemy would be known at once. There is not a single point on the coast, excepting at the quay, where anyone could effect a landing. Consequently the inhabitants of St. Helena may feel pretty safe, for it would be hard indeed for an enemy to get the better of them, provided always that there is stationed at the barracks a strong military force.

The afternoon was growing old, so we made our way back to the ship, finding on board a good many representatives of the defence force. A great deal of excitement was caused by the flying visit of the Union Steamship Company's "Durban."

It was indeed a pretty sight to see this floating palace cast anchor alongside of us, the crowds of passengers looking out for the shore, and in an hour or two to witness their departure for the Cape.

All that I saw on the island is about all that is to be seen, and the description as given in this series of articles is, I hope, a faithful one. The next two days were spent in visiting other ships, including some of the numerous whalers which were stationed there after their labours. On the Tuesday afternoon we weighed anchor, and were on our way to London. Any traveller who happens to be passing St. Helena should endeavour to see its attractions. With the town itself he will probably not be delighted, but in the country he will be able to spend many pleasant hours.

(Concluded.)

A VISIT TO THE AQUARIUM IN MELBOURNE.

I had the good fortune to spend my last holidays in an exceedingly pleasant manner, namely, I took a trip to Melbourne in a steamer. Among the numerous attractive sights is the Melbourne Aquarium. It is in the eastern wing of the Exhibition building, and after paying the entrance fee of one shilling, turning to the right and going through a passage we came to the Aquarium, which is arranged like a large cave or grotto, on the sides of which are glass cases with fish of various kinds, including the pretty little cow fish, silver and gold, porcupine, and rock whiting. Passing on, in and out of this artificial cave, we see fish of a larger size, such as the schnapper and butter fish. In the principal hall are the seals, which are frisking about in the salt water, going under, coming up, and growl-

ing unceasingly, affording great amusement to visitors. The keeper with a little coaxing gets them upon a platform which is constructed of a conglomeration of lava and rock procured from an extinct volcano near a suburb of Melbourne (Flemington). He makes them dive, which they greatly enjoy. They are supplied with mats, upon which they love to roll themselves. In the next cage the sea lion has his abode, with pelicans, penguins, gulls, and other sea birds which swim about the little pond. I did not get a good view of the sea lion, as he constantly dived and swam under water, only coming up for a second to breathe, and down again with a plunge; but I could see that he was black, and did not differ much from the seals.

Opposite to the seals are cases with eels and tortoise, some from the Glenelg River and the Murray, and others from other parts of Australia. It is very interesting to sit and watch these little creatures scratching with their paws in the mud looking for the insects and worms which are placed there for their food. On the walls are pictures of fish which formerly occupied places in the Aquarium and have either been removed or have died.

There were some fish which had their fins alike on their back and below, and made it difficult to tell if they were top or bottom upwards. The common fish which inhabit Port Phillip Bay also have cases set apart for themselves.

At the back of the Aquarium is a fernery, where may be seen fern trees ranging from ten to fifteen feet in height, together with cages of parrots, doves, and canaries. There is also a fountain, the water of which plays with a ball of cork, balancing it in the air.

R. BÜRING.

LAWN TENNIS.

The tennis club seems to be in the very article of death, at least as far as the boys are concerned. Some of the masters still play often and vigorously, but the boys hardly ever. The last convulsive kick of the expiring club was a telling one, as will be seen by the score below. They played against a very strong team and won. The success of that only match played last term was mainly due to Mr. Chapple's score.

Kensington (second) v. Prince Alfred College. The match between the above clubs was played on the courts of the Kensington Lawn Tennis Club on Saturday, April 30, and resulted in a win for the visitors by nine games. Scores—Messrs. Chapple and Bayly (P.A.C.) beat Messrs. R. Hill and A. Robin (K.), 11 to 7. Messrs. Chapple and Bayly (P.A.C.) beat Messrs. Cavenagh and Smith (K.), 11 to 4. Messrs. Roley Hill and A. Robin (K.) beat Leo Kaines and Herbert Hill (P.A.C.), 11 to 6. Messrs. Cavenagh and Smith (K.) beat Leo Kaines and H. Hill (P.A.C.), 11 to 7. Mr. Chapple (P.A.C.) beat Mr. A. Robin (K.), 11 to 1. Mr. R. Hill (K.) beat Leo Kaines (P.A.C.), 11 to 8. Total—Prince Alfred College, 54; Kensington, 45. Let us hope the club will revive again shortly.

THE LIBRARY.

Some of the books just put on the shelves of the boarders' reading room deserve notice. The boys who know their value will read them; they will gain information and good impressions from them, and will be the better for doing so. A good book is a good friend. He is worth knowing. He is attractive, too.

"The Life of Frank Buckland" is full of personal, interesting anecdotes of this

great naturalist, from boyhood upwards. His simple, frank nature, love of all living things, earnestness of purpose are admirably mirrored in this story of his life, and must charm all readers. "Rachel;" lives in France and on the stage. But her story tells too how from poor circumstances, by perseverance, God-given talents may gain power and do wonders.

"Cornwall to Egypt," is a book of travels written in Miss Gordon Cumming's well-known graphic style. "Indian Idylls;" take us to a people of whom we are always hearing marvels. It is a translation by Edwin Arnold of parts of one of the great epic poems of India. It tells in simple style, as English ballads do, of the early days of the race; of their great thoughts of God, or rather gods; of the power of goodness; of their belief in the defeat of evil, however cunning, and in the sure triumph of simple virtue. It makes us astonished to learn that these poems are older than any that Homer wrote, and perhaps were known, sung, learnt from, and loved long before the days of Moses, or of the oldest books in the Bible. The stories of the heroes and heroines in it are traced with entrancing life-like description, and teach great lessons for life imperceptibly. "Judith Shakespeare" is called a novel. It tries to bring before us the times and trials of England's greatest poet, and does so clearly. "Zoroaster" is called a novel too. Its scenes are laid in Babylon and in Persia, and call up Darius, Daniel, and the great founder of the Persian religion.

"Royal Favour," reproduces the stirring life and times of good Queen Bess.

"The Wise Woman of Inverness," tells of some of the Highland superstitions, and the influence they have on those that give heed to them.

AN EASTER TRIP.

On a lovely morning at the beginning of the Easter holidays four of my school-fellows and myself set sail in the "Valentine" for a short cruise to the head of the gulf. The wind was right aft, so we boomed out the sail and ran before it at about six knots an hour, in a short time the breeze freshened and our speed increased. About 12 o'clock Port Gawler was abeam, but we did not stop here, but went straight on until we reached a place beautifully adapted for camping, so we had some dinner, and then H. and S. tried to walk ashore, but they very soon got into quicksands up to their waists, so B. and myself did not leave the yacht; they managed to get back after a little floundering, and having changed their wet things, we all set to work with large wooden pincers to pick up these large blue crabs, the place being alive with them. In a very short time a bag was filled, and then sail was made for Port Priam. The wind by this time had freshened considerably, and as darkness was fast approaching we could hardly see the shore, but catching sight of a large stack of wood determined to spend the night there. A very agreeable person met us when we got ashore, lent us a good gun and behaved very nicely towards us. A roaring fire was soon made and tea served up, a camp struck, and then a game of euchre. Being tired out by the events of the day we soon turned in. Breakfast at half-past three next morning, as the tide was early, and the yacht would have been left on the sand had we been much later. H. and S. went fishing, but the rest of us stayed ashore to get a shot at some wallaby; there were plenty about, but

they were very frightened, a man and a dog were after them a day before. I managed to get a fine one after about two hours, and we cooked him in the evening, and a very capital dish he made. Three or four days were spent in a most enjoyable way, some fishing and others amusing themselves ashore. After the fourth day a gale sprang up and we could not get home. The nearest telegraph station was about fourteen miles off, and this distance had to be walked to inform anxious friends how we were. We made a start on Sunday, but the wind, which was very light in the morning, increased, and then it was a case of close reefed topsails, and a beat of fifty miles in a sea with rollers as high as a house; we hung on, however, until we came to the light and then we squared for the Port; waited some time, and then as wind dropped a little, sailed home. I feel sure that every one of the yacht's crew will look back with pleasure to that trip as the most enjoyable they ever spent in the

"VALENTINE."

C. R. P.

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS.

Having determined to see some of the wonders of the Blue Mountains during our sojourn at Sydney, my cousin and I on a fine morning in the beginning of January went to the railway station, which is situated at the south end of the town, and took tickets at Esk Bank, the first station after the Great Zigzag. The train started at nine o'clock, and was timed to reach Esk Bank soon after three p.m. As we made our way towards the hills we were struck by the beauty of the Parramatta scenery, and our fellow passengers pointed out to us the sites of many old mines.

The scenery became more beautiful as we proceeded up the mountains beyond the first zigzag, when the train reversed twice. The engine then led us by a very circuitous way, at one time going to the right and at another turning to the left. We arrived at Mt. Victoria about one o'clock, and after staying about ten minutes for the passengers to obtain some lunch, the train again proceeded up the hill. My cousin and I were on opposite sides of the carriage, and he often called my attention to beautiful scenery on his side. About two hours after leaving Mt. Victoria we arrived at Mt. Clarence, which is the highest point on the Great Western Railway. After passing through a long tunnel, called Mt. Clarence Tunnel, we found ourselves on the first line of the Great Zigzag. As the train proceeded along this line we could see the second and third lines of railway, a great distance below. In this zigzag there are three viaducts, one of which has nine arches.

When we had reached the bottom line, we could see how far we had descended, and were also able to look at the vast size of the viaducts. Just before reaching Esk Bank we thought that it would be better to go back to Mt. Victoria to wait for the midnight train to Sydney, than to stop at the Esk Bank for eight or nine hours; so finding that a goods train was ready to go there, we took our seats in a carriage at the back of the trucks, and in half-an-hour again saw the zig-zag and its beautiful surroundings. My cousin ascertained from a Sydney guide that Govett's Leap was situated about two miles from Blackheath, and about six from Mt. Victoria. We therefore determined to visit this famous place instead of waiting at the station. At Blackheath we obtained horses and soon reached the Leap. There are different reasons given for the

name Govett's Leap, one of which is that a man named Govett found it, and another is that a convict of that name escaped from prison, and when pursued jumped over the cliff, the height of which is estimated at 2,500 or 3,000 ft. As it was now becoming dark we hurried back to Blackheath, and after having obtained some tea, returned to Mt. Victoria, as the mail train does not stop at Blackheath. After waiting for four hours the train approached, and having obtained seats with difficulty, returned to Sydney, where we arrived at 6 a.m.

AMUSING MISTAKES.

The April number of the *Century* has a most amusing collection of school blunders by Mark Twain, from which we select a few.

DEFINITIONS.—*Alias*, a good man in the Bible. *Republican*, a sinner mentioned in the Bible.

GRAMMAR.—Gender is the distinguishing nouns without regard to sex. Every sentence and name of God must begin with a *caterpillar*.

MATHEMATICS.—A circle is a round straight line with a hole in the middle. Things which are equal to one another are equal to anything else. To find the number of square feet in a room, you multiply the room by the number of feet; the product is the result.

GEOGRAPHY.—The imports of a country are the things that are paid for, the exports are the things that are not. The two most famous volcanoes of Europe are Sodom and Gomorrah.