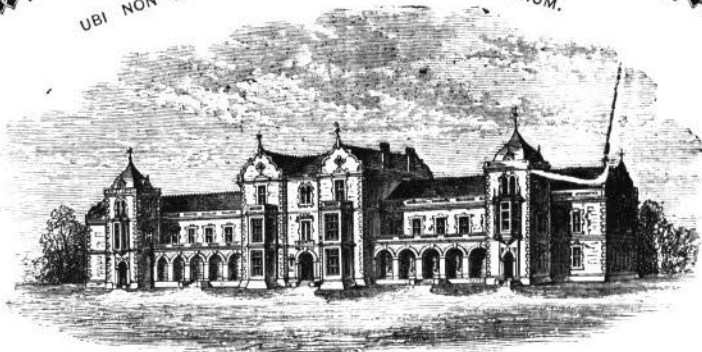


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## EDITORIAL.

THIS term has, in respect to football matches, been rather different from the last. Up to the Oval match, regular games were arranged for the first twenty, but only one match has been played by them after that event. Then, is the interest of our first twenty simply centred in the Oval match, and when that is over may football for the rest of the season, so far as they are concerned, be neglected? If the captain and a few leading players would keep together, this need not be. But a manly sport might flourish amongst us yet. Matters, however, have been far better managed for the second and third twenties, and they have acquitted themselves very creditably in their games, and raised the good fame of their school.

The Debating Society has increased its numbers to thirty-four members, though

this increase is not so great as was at first expected. It is to be feared that in such matters as these the boys do not take sufficient interest. It would be a very little sacrifice of time to many simply to meet for an hour or two once a fortnight to discuss matters on which they not only need useful information, but are able to impart their small share towards the general welfare. Again, unfortunately, some at first had mistaken the main object of the Society, regarding it as a place for the display of buffoonery; but this element has now been eliminated by the firm good sense of the majority.

An Ambulance Class, under the tutorship of Dr. Hamilton, was formed at the beginning of the term. They have now received all their lectures, and will, in a short time, be examined. It is to be hoped they will do justice to their earnest and skilful instructor.

The Sports were a great success, the day proving very fine. The programme was a very good one, and all was carried out in good time and satisfactorily. The prizes were distributed by the Countess of Kintore—a kindness highly esteemed.

#### NOTES AND NEWS.

Mr. G. Thornton Lewis, B.A. (London), has been appointed Senior Mathematical Master with us, and has already shown his fitness for the position by skilful teaching and earnest work. P.A.C. has long had a good name for its mathematical work, and it will not be Mr. Lewis' fault, evidently, if the reputation is not fully maintained.

A class of instruction in "First Aid to the Wounded" has been held on Saturday evenings lately. Dr. A. A. Hamilton has given most interesting lectures, and practice with splints and triangular bandages has been going on most vigorously. This certainly is "Useful Knowledge."

A bound volume, consisting of all the *Chronicles* hitherto published—1 to 25—has been placed in the Reading Room by the Head Master, and it is a most popular book—always being pored over.

Messrs. A. H. Jarvis & Co. gave a neat silver medal for the best player in the late Oval match, and asked the Head Master to decide who was to have it. He referred the matter to the Football Committee, and they unanimously voted for Walter Boucaut, the Captain, and to him accordingly it was awarded.

At the South Kensington Art Examinations, held this June, eight of our boys went up for Second Grade Freehand, and

two for Second Grade Model. We trust they may be as successful as the last were.

Several English public schools support and work missions to the poor in London—Charter House, Wellington College, Cheltenham College, and the Leys (Wesleyan) School amongst the number. Seven of the colleges at the Universities do the same. If this noble work is to be traced to one source more than any other, it is to Mr. Daniel Moody's visit to Cambridge a few years ago.

A schoolboy from an elementary school may, even in Conservative England, rise to eminence if he has mental power and uses it. Witness, the Chancellor's Prize at Oxford for an English essay has this year been awarded to one who began his course in a Board School at Bradford, and has passed upwards to Oxford by the aid of scholarships. This prize is highly valued, and has, in days not long gone by, been won by such able men as James Anthony Froude, Dr. Arnold, and Dean Stanley.

At the preliminary examination, held September 9 and 10, thirty-one of the Lower Fifth were sent up, or, practically, all the class that had not passed it before. The results are not yet known, but it seems as if most of them should get through; on the face of it, the work is not beyond them.

A body of workmen had begun to take possession of the College almost before we left for the mid-winter holidays, and during the vacation the whole of the back elevation was painted, thoroughly "done up," and made to look very nice.

The attendance at the school this term has been very large, reaching 390. This has decided the Committee to build

additional classrooms. A new chemical lecture-room, laboratory, and museum are to be erected shortly, setting free the rooms now used for those purposes, that new classes may be formed if the numbers continue to increase.

The following amusing blunders were made lately:—"The word "cubicle" was defined as a "square body." "Prehensile" had various meanings affixed to it—"short," "a tail that you cannot seize hold of quickly," "a squeezed tail."

The Editor begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines:—*The Bluebell, The Newingtonian, The Melburnian, Patchwork, Wesley College Chronicle.*

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### OLD BOYS.

The old Collegians' Association have undertaken to raise a fund as a tangible expression of their regard for the late Mr. Samuel Churchward.

Kind letters have continued to arrive from old boys at a distance, expressing affectionate memories of the late Second Master. Amongst others they have come from C. E. Robin, B.A., of Queensland, from Alfred Lowe, of Western Australia, and from Eustace Dunn and Lancelot Fletcher in England. Such signs of thought of us, and sympathy with us, are highly valued.

C. E. Robin, B.A., has secured the appointment of Second Master at the Grammar School, Toowoomba, Queensland.

We greatly regretted to learn of the sudden death of Robert Duncan, not so long ago in our cricket eleven. Kindly,

genial, universally liked at school; diligent at his duties; in his life's work, respected and esteemed. He will be greatly missed.

Alfred Joseph Davies, once an Exhibitioner and a junior master with us, has just returned from a lengthened course of medical studies at Edinburgh and Glasgow, and has commenced the practice of his profession in Adelaide.

The great victory at the football match against St. Peter's was enthusiastically hailed by many old boys. One telegram came the next day from "Eleven old boys at the Burra." Another from Northam, West Australia, humorously averred that the whole town was "flying red and white."

We are well represented at the Agricultural College, Roseworthy, and "old boys" there are doing credit to Prince Alfred. Amongst senior students at the midwinter examinations, H. A. Parsons stands second on the list; H. B. Robson, third; with L. H. Muecke taking sixth place. C. E. Birks, H. M. Giles, F. R. Williams, Playford, and Eimer are in the same list of passes. Of the first year A. F. Salter is first, with very high marks indeed; F. Wright is fourth; Dodd has also passed. We congratulate our old schoolfellows who have done well.

We regret to learn that all endeavors to restore the health of W. E. Tucker, B.A., LL.B., have so far proved ineffectual. He has been ordered at once to cease his medical studies at Edinburgh and to return home. He is expected to sail some time this present month, and it is earnestly hoped that the voyage and return to his native air may be beneficial and restorative. We deeply sympathise with his friends in their anxiety about him.

## FOOTBALL NOTES.

By A. H.

**FIRST TWENTY.**—Since the Oval match no fixtures have been played by the Firsts—a fact which seems due to several of the players playing only to get on the Oval; but there are several others who with practice would shine well, and perhaps the secretaries are at fault for not arranging more matches. The performances of the team have been closely watched, and are too well known to require comment, except that they have won 4, lost 4, and drawn 1. The goal-kicking list shows well, our opponents obtaining only 32 goals to our 48. The match with Whinams, however, gave us an advantage of 15.

**SECOND TWENTY.**—This team has had a fair amount of attention bestowed on it, and contains several who ought to be good men next year. They have, however, only managed to win 3, losing 5, and drawing 1. Fotheringham, Marshall, and C. Hill have been most consistent during the season, while Lamshed and Dawkins have lately rendered good services.

**THIRD TWENTY.**—The Third Twenty have a grievance against the committee, for sufficient matches have not been arranged. Our boys, however, have won the 3 matches played, and put up a record against the Saints of 20 goals to *nil*. The twenty that was first turned out got home with a lucky 3 goals to 2, but were amply avenged in the return match.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9—P.A.C. (SECONDS) v. S.P.S.C. (SECONDS).**—Punctually at 3 o'clock the ball was started by the Saints towards the south goal. Dawkins

captained our team, Holbrook the Saints. The first quarter was a very even one, both sides obtaining a goal. In the second quarter Saints began to give way a little, although only 1 goal was kicked during that quarter, and that one by us. During the last two quarters the Saints were completely done, showing neither dash nor science. The time was simply occupied by C. Hill and Newman shooting for goal. Hill, who was playing a splendid game, deserves great credit for the able support he afforded. Besides those mentioned, Dawkins, Hanke, Fotheringham, and Drew played well for us; while for the Saints Holbrook, Sabine, and Gillman did their best to avert defeat. Coombe made a very satisfactory umpire.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16—P.A.C. (SECONDS) v. FEDERALS.**—This match was played on our grounds, and resulted in a draw, each side obtaining 3 goals. Owing to the rain the ground was extremely slippery, which greatly tended to spoil the game. Our opponents had the best of matters till three-quarter time, after which our boys made their numbers up. C. Hill, Marshall, and Ashton were about the best for us, while Nixon and Mitchell were conspicuous for the red and blacks.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16—P.A.C. (THIRDS) v. S.P.S.C. (THIRDS).**—This match was played on their ground. The game was very uninteresting, the Saints being completely overcome. The scores were—P.A.C., 20 goals 12 behinds; S.P.S.C., 0 goals 1 behind. Goal-kickers were Bruce 4, Hanke 2, Cowan 2, Homburg 2, Wilkinson 2, Royal 2, Lamshed 2, Knowles, Moss, Gillmore, and Leaver 1 each. P.A.C. were best represented by Hanke, who without doubt played the game of the forty, while Royal, A. Leaver,

Bailey, and Knowles also played well. Herring and Wright did their best for the Saints.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 — P.A.C. (SECONDS) v. ST. JOHN'S.—This game was certainly the most interesting one played by our second twenty. It was exceedingly fast, and were it not that several of our first men took part in the game, the St. John would have been victorious, for they were vastly superior in little marks, but in marking, kicking, and running they were not up to the point. Dawkins captained our men. The first two quarters ended with the result, P.A.C. 2—3, St. John 2—1. During the remainder of the game the play was fast and rather rough, but the Princes kept cool and added 2 more goals to their total. The result was —P.A.C. 4—6, St. John 3—10. For us, the first men, Coombe, Gurr (who played the best game), Newbould, Dunn, and Lane did their best, while Muldoon, Fidler, and Daws did their best to avert defeat.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipts, since last number, of subscriptions from Messrs. W. A. Wood, R. J. Hill, J. B. Allen, A. W. Piper, F. S. Butler, E. Gault, F. S. Hone, T. M. Burgess, L. Casely, C. R. J. Glover, G. C. Braund, J. S. Johnston, D. Fowler, F. M. Wheatley, H. P. Kemp, R. W. Laughton, H. M. Bunday, J. M. Uren, T. J. Watt, H. A. Parsons, W. Grundy, E. Parks, H. C. Bathurst, W. A. Leitch.

The receipts from sale of No. 25 of *P.A.C. Chronicle*, were £10 6s. from classes, subscribers, etc., while £10 1s. 4d. was expended in printing, posting, etc. The total balance in hand now is £15 15s. 7d.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The Saturday on which the sports were held happily turned out to be a very fine day. There was a very large attendance, which increased towards the middle of the afternoon. The grounds looked charming, well-planted and cared for—always pretty at this time of year—the green sward making a pleasing contrast to the bright costumes of the ladies and the contestants. Promptly at 2 p.m. the competitors in the first event were in their places. About 3.30 p.m. Her Excellency the Countess of Kintore arrived, accompanied by Lady Downer, Sir. E. T. and Lady Smith, Mr. Colin Campbell, &c., and shewed the heartiest interest in all the proceedings. Indeed her presence to distribute the prizes seemed to give a fitting crown to a most successful gathering. Perhaps the most amusing events were the Medley and Hurdle races. It was noticed that in the last Hurdle races the old scholars knocked over every hurdle, while all the present scholars in their second race cleared them. The last item on the programme was completed at about five p.m., and the spectators assembled round a platform in the centre of the grounds to see the prizes given out. The Head Master made a few remarks, thanking the friends for their presence, and announcing that kindly expressions of interest, and apologies for absence had been received from Bishop and Mrs. Kennion, and from His Honor the Chief Justice, and the Mayor of Adelaide and Mrs. Cohen, and then introduced the President. The Rev. H. T. Burgess in

well-chosen words expressed the gratitude of all to the Countess, and then the prizes were distributed. The winners were heartily cheered as they came forward, especially W. H. Boucaut, the champion of the school. Then with three cheers for the Queen, the Governor, Lady Kintore again, Mr. Sunter, Coombe, a most pleasant meeting ended.

#### PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE SPORTS' PRIZE LIST.

1. 130 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT RACE (First Event for College Cup).
  1. Microscope, F. Jude.
  2. Saloon Rifle, H. Hicks.
  3. Gold Stud, J. Moseley.
2. 100 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT (under 11).
  1. Silver Chain, C. Davis.
  2. Cricket Ball, A. Randerson.
  3. Serviette Ring, C. Toms.
3. 100 YARDS FLAT (Championship of College).
  1. Gold Medal (presented by the Assistant Masters), W. H. Boucaut.
4. KICKING FOOTBALL.
  1. Football (presented by P.A.C. Football Club), W. H. Boucaut.
5. 100 YARDS FLAT (Championship under 15).
  1. Silver Medal, A. Chapple.
6. 440 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT (Second Event for College Cup).
  1. Gold Sleeve Links, W. H. Boucaut.
  2. Gold Pin (presented by T. Roach, Esq.), T. Coombe.
  3. Tennis Racquet (presented by A. H. Jarvis and Co), F. Jude.
7. 100 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT (under 9).
  1. Watch (presented by Jas. Marshall, Esq.), J. Lipman.
  2. Football, D. G. Scott.
  3. "Boys' Own Annual," E. Chapple.
8. 220 YARDS HANDICAP MEDLEY.
  1. Set Gold Studs, B. Stock.
  2. Silver Sleeve Links, J. H. McFarlane.
  3. Silver Locket, J. Hannam.
9. 220 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT.
  1. Ruby Pin, T. Coombe.
  2. Pearl Pin, S. L. Dawkins.
  3. Serviette Rings, L. H. Boucaut.
10. 130 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT (under 15).
  1. Geneva Keyless Watch, A. Chapple.
  2. Silver Chain, F. Hill.
  3. Cricket Bat, F. Darling.
11. 120 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT.
  1. Silver Matchbox, S. L. Dawkins.
  2. Silver Chain, E. Ashton.
  3. Handbag, C. Fotheringham.
  4. Riding Whip, F. Darling.
12. 120 YARDS OLD SCHOLARS' HANDICAP FLAT.
  1. Gladstone Bag, A. H. Mitchell.
  2. Butter Dish (presented by H. J. Bailey, Esq.), W. Rhodes.
13. 130 YARDS HANDICAP HURDLE (Third Event for College Cup).
  1. Field Glass, W. H. Boucaut.
  2. Silver Medal, S. Rymil.
14. 120 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT (Under 13).
  1. Silver Chain, J. Heath.
  2. Box of Artists' Colors, A. Anderson.
  3. "Boys' Own Annual," F. Magarey.
  4. Silver Pencil-holder, H. Hill.
15. 120 YARDS OLD SCHOLARS' HANDICAP HURDLE.
  1. Butter Dish, — Balk.
  2. Gladstone Bag, H. Wells.
16. 120 YARDS HANDICAP HURDLE.
  1. Silver Set, A. Gurr.
  2. Gold Pin, W. Cobb.
17. HALF-MILE HANDICAP FLAT.
  1. Gold Medal (presented by A. L. Brunkhorst, Esq.), M. Boucaut.
  2. Album (presented by R. Knowles, Esq.), T. Coombe.
  3. Cricket Bat (presented by E. S. Wigg and Son), C. Fotheringham.

4. Silver Chain, H. Rischbieth.
  5. Riding Whip, G. R. Tate.
  6. Silver Locket, H. Hicks.
  7. J. McFarlane.
  8. J. McKenzie.
18. COLLEGE CUP—Sterling Silver (given to the boy who scored most points in the three events for the Cup). Won by W. H. Boucaut, who made 10 points out of a possible 15.
19. CONSOLATION RACE.
1. Gold Pin (presented by J. Miller Anderson), A. Gardiner.
  2. Silver Sleeve Links, O. A. Castire.
  3. Gold Pencil (presented by W. C. Rigby, Esq.) L. W. Gardiner.
  4. Riding Whip, T. R. Wilkinson.

The entries were more numerous this year than they have ever been; the Treasurers received over £17 for entries alone. The friends of the School were exceedingly liberal in their donations to the Prize Fund. The largest gift was a cheque for £5 5s., which was forwarded by the South Australian Cricketing Association. Mr. Brunkhorst, with his usual generosity, gave a handsome gold medal. Special prizes were received as shown in the above list. Contributions were also received from Hon. J. Colton, Hon. J. Darling, Hon. Dr. Magarey; Hon. A. M. Simpson; Messrs. J. W. Colton, E. B. Colton, T. Drew, C. Drew, C. Muecke, Vosz & Co., James Hill, D. Fowler, A. Heath, S. R. Wilson, W. H. Barnett, W. A. Horn, McCulloch & Co., J. Roach, Chas. Birks & Co., Wood & Son, J. Cunningham, T. Gepp, and other gentlemen.

The Committee have a very difficult task in deciding the handicaps. In a large school such as ours, it is absolutely impossible to gauge exactly the running powers of all the boys. All that

can be done is to form a rough estimate. On the whole, the handicaps proved to be fairly satisfactory, though there were some cases where the judgment was evidently at fault. It is most difficult of all to handicap the old scholars, who enter their names for the races on the day of the Sports, and often only a few minutes before the event.

Mr. Scott proved a very efficient starter in the place of Mr. D. G. Evan, who sent a telegram to say that he was unable to come. The starter's pistol was very refractory, and seemed to need a great deal of persuasion before it went off.

The prizes for this year were unusually good. The City Volunteer Band, under the direction of Mr. Hodder, rendered some very choice music, which considerably added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The various events passed off successfully and in good time, for the last race was over shortly after five o'clock, and by half-past five the whole proceedings were ended.

A word of praise must be given to T. M. Coombe, the Secretary, who has thrown himself into the work with an energy and a discretion that would do credit to a much older head than his. Every member of the Committee worked well, but special mention must be made of Wilson and Gurr who displayed great zeal in securing entries for the various events. The general management of the whole affair rested on the shoulders of Mr. Sunter, who, for each of the last ten years, has had this particular duty fall to his lot, and consequently has all the details at his fingers' ends.

## P.A.C. DEBATING SOCIETY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14.—The first Half-yearly Meeting was held. The report on the progress of the Society was read, which was very satisfactory, the state of finances being fairly favorable. Some alteration was made in the By-Laws. On account of J. Tidley's resignation as a Committeeman, nominations had to be taken for that office. After these first points of the business were disposed of, two essays were given, one by J. Benbow on "Use of a Debating Society," and a second by Mr. Stone on "Insubordination." Both papers were well received, and comments on them were made by many of the members. The meeting was then adjourned until July 26, on account of the coming holidays.

SATURDAY, JULY 26.—The business this evening was rather slack. The vacancy in the Committee was filled by Homburg. Some nominations for new members were taken. The members were supplied with a copy of the rules. The Secretary then read a paper on "Politeness," which was very freely commented upon by some of the members. As all business and the evening's programme were concluded at a rather early hour, it was determined to get three members to give stump speeches on a subject selected by the President. Johnstone spoke on "Skating," Simpson on "Football," but the third member was unable to recall to mind anything about his subject.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9.—This evening was selected as one on which an enter-

tainment should be given. H. Homburg conducted the affair, several members doing their best to pass a pleasant evening by giving recitations, songs, &c. Owing to the formation of the Ambulance Class, and as many members of the Society belong to it, the hour of opening business was changed from 7.30 to 7 p.m., consequently for the future all business will have to be concluded at 8 p.m. Three new members were proposed.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23.—The attendance was very fair. By-Law No. 6 was altered and revised. Ladyman was elected as a member of the Committee. Three boys were elected members of the Society, and one nomination for new member. The subject of the evening was a debate on "The Chinese Question in regard to Australia." J. Benbow opened the debate by opposing. Simpson then took the side of the Chinamen. Both did their best for their side of the question, and very many comments were freely made by the members, and, as may be expected, opinions were widely different on this important question. Finally, the majority decided in favor of the opposer. Unfortunately the time was very limited, so that full justice could not be paid to the subject.

Ladies have been gaining great victories at examinations in England, one was placed at Cambridge "above the senior Wrangler," in mathematics, and another was bracketted for the first place in classics with a Cambridge man; and at the London University examination for M.A., in classics, the first, second, third, and fifth places were taken by ladies.



THE LIBRARY.

By A. H.

Since our last issue many interesting books have been added to the library, and they already bear marks of a good deal of usage.

Those composing the "Deerfoot Series," are essentially suited for boys; the adventures of the hero among the scalp-taking Pawnees are very fascinating. The scene of "My Kallulu" is laid in Central Africa, and shows the horrors of slavery too well. "Yarns on the Beach" and "Do your Duty" are both very attractive; but perhaps two of the best books to be found on the shelves are the "Life of Ion-Keith Falconer," brother to our present Governor, and the "Life of General Gordon." The excellencies of character are admirably brought out in both cases. "The last Voyage of Lady Brassey" is interesting, while the "Changes of Half-a-century" is very instructive, though it deals mostly with England. "Tales of Daring and Danger," winds up a list, the addition of which proves very acceptable.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT MIDWINTER.

At the close of the Second Term, the boys assembled in the schoolroom to hear the new Form Order read; also the names of those who had received certificates for answering well in the weekly examinations. It is the custom to give a prize to the first in each form at the close of the first half. Herr Drews also gives a prize to the most deserving in each of the German classes.

On this occasion the President of the College, the Rev. H. T. Burgess, was introduced by the Head Master to the boys, who received him very cordially. After the Head Master had read the various lists, the President handed the prizes to those who had won them.

	Dux.	German.
Upper Sixth Form	L. H. Nicholls	F. Boundy
Lower Sixth Form	A. Chapple	P. E. Johnstone
Upper Fifth Form	E. H. Kekwick	H. W. Marshall
Lower Fifth Form	F. W. Young	W. J. McRostie
Upper Fourth Form	A. J. Mellor	J. Hodge
Lower Fourth Form	J. E. Giles	A. H. Atkinson
Upper Third Form	H. Renk	
Middle Third Form	F. D. Young	
Lower Third Form	A. M. Paton	
Upper Second Form	R. H. Ferguson	
Lower Second Form	W. Bruce	
Upper First Form	J. B. Robertson	
Middle First Form	L. G. Logue	
Lower First Form	E. Chapple	

The President then addressed a few remarks to us, after which a short prayer was offered, and the school then dispersed for the midwinter vacation.

The following list shows the number of boys in each form at the end of the Second Term, the number of certificates gained, and the percentage:—

Form.	No. of Boys.	No. of Certificates gained.	Percentage.
Upper VI. ...	6	2	33.3
Lower VI. ...	16	10	62.5
Upper V. ...	34	5	14.7
Lower V. ...	34	11	32.3
Upper IV. ...	32	9	28.1
Lower IV. ...	37	17	45.9
Upper III. ...	35	22	62.8
Middle III. ...	35	9	25.7
Lower III. ...	34	5	14.7
Upper II. ...	36	7	19.4
Lower II. ...	30	7	23.3
Upper I. ...	21	10	47.6
Middle I. ...	17	5	27.7
Lower I. ...	9	4	44.4
Whole School ...	376	123	32.7

## SHAVINGS.

Gymnastics—Lord.  
 Champion Boucaut.  
 Many disappointed.  
 Sports a grand success.  
 Half-mile race a grand one.  
 Quite an array of beauty on Saturday.  
 Starter indisposed. Mr. Scott ably officiated.  
 We are very well supported by the fair sex.  
 Concert in the schoolroom next Saturday night.  
 The welcome given to Mr. Lewis was very cordial.  
 Rain spoilt the attendance at the gymnastic demonstration.  
 Silver medallists—five boarders, two day boys. Wake up day boys!  
 Second and third twenties very successful against S.P.S.C.  
 Old scholars turned out in full force at the sports.  
 Fifty-six entries for the half-mile. Same number as in 1885.  
 Very kind of Her Excellency, Lady Kintore, to give out the prizes.  
 Port Adelaides, football premiers for 1890. They thoroughly deserve it.  
 Sports prizes—firsts, ten day boys, four boarders; seconds, eight day boys, four boarders; thirds, nine day boys, two boarders.  
 Committee are to be congratulated on their successful handicapping. Medley race the only fault.  
 For shame, boys! About fifty of you performed at the gymnastic demonstration and only five helped in the decorations.

Cricket coming. Time to think about honor badges *à la* Wesley College. Don't let S.P.S.C be the first in S.A. to adopt them.

The college has been visited during the past quarter by the President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

## BOARDERS' CONCERT.

It is with pleasure we look forward to the Boarders' Annual Concert, which is to be held on the last Saturday night of the term, September 20. It has hitherto been our custom to hold it during the second quarter, but owing to the death of our late Second Master (Mr. Churchward) it was decided to postpone it. The committee are trying to arrange matters so that there may be no charge for admission. They intend asking the day boys and the boarders' friends.

An exceedingly good programme has been arranged:—An overture, by Miss Chapple and Miss Fidler; songs, by Mr. Chapple, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Haslam; song and chorus, by Mr. Brown and boarders; duet, by A. Goode and Von Bertouch; a violin solo by H. Rischbieth; recitations by Messrs. Bottrill, Roach, Taylor, and Schlank; club-swinging by Mr. Bayley. A farce is being prepared under Mr. Iliffe's direction, for which Mr. Ashton has very kindly painted the scenery. The Bellringers also are expected to entertain us. Other music is being arranged for during the shifting of the scenes.

S. L. D.

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 Q U E R I E S .
 

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Did you pass the Prelim. ?

How do you feel after the Sports ?

Why didn't you win that race ?

Are you very anxious about the Prelim. Exam. ?

How many matches have been played by the First Twenty since the Oval match ?

Why is the decoration of the Gymnasium left to the Masters ? Shame !

How many of your sisters, cousins, aunts, and "lady acquaintances" were at the Sports ?

Now, who will present honor badges to the First Eleven ? Here's a chance.

Wouldn't our Oval look nicer if 'twere planted with grass ?

How can Mr. Sunter's efforts in bringing the Sports to a successful issue best be acknowledged ?

Who should constitute the Eleven to play against S.P.S.C. on the Adelaide Oval ?

[To see what is the general opinion of the School, will you please write down on a piece of paper the Eleven you think fit, and hand it to Mr. Sunter, addressed to "Carpenter," on or before November 7th next ? The result will be made known shortly after.]

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 THE TRAGEDY UNDER THE SPHINX.
 

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About a mile from the village of Sorrento, which is situated near the Heads, on Port Philip Bay, there is the great rocky beach that borders on the Southern Ocean, called by the residents of Sorrento the "Ocean Beach."

The thing which first strikes the tourist as he descends from the sand-hills is the wonderful shape of the rocks, some looking like miniature castles, others like wild beasts; but on his right hand is a rock that towers above them all. This is an exact image of the great Egyptian

Sphinx, and travellers who have seen the Egyptian one on seeing this rock almost imagine themselves back in the land of the Pharaohs.

On March 18, 1847, a father and son, D—— by name, were walking on the sand below the Sphinx picking up shells.

The elder Mr. D—— was a great naturalist, and had discovered near this spot a specimen of a new species of starfish, and he was now searching for more of the same kind. At last success rewarded his perseverance, for his son found two in a clump of seaweed.

Mr. D—— then sat down on a rock to examine his treasures, while his son—a strong athletic young man of five-and-twenty—proceeded to pull the seaweed from the mouth of a small cave he had discovered. Then Dick, an aboriginal servant of Mr. D——'s, came up with luncheon, it being about noon. The three then climbed up the slimy rock to the head of the Sphinx, and there they ate their meal. A few days before there had been a rather violent storm, during which, in all probability, Mr. D——'s starfish had been washed ashore.

After that they went down to the cave, or rather, hole, but as soon as they came to its mouth, a torrent of inky fluid was ejected, and an enormous octopus raised itself up. The three fled to the top of the cliffs, but soon saw that the creature had been much battered by the recent storm, and had only three tentacles left; still, however, each of these was twenty feet long, and the brute had an enormous beak, which was not injured. It rolled its great green eyes in a threatening manner, but moved its tentacles so sluggishly, that the young Mr. D—— descended and advanced to

observe it. He went to his death; for the monster flung out a "feeler," seized him, and began to retire to suck its prey; for this terrible monster does not eat its victim with a mouth, but devours him with hundreds of suckers.

The old gentleman and Dick hurried to the rescue. Dick reached the spot first, as his master was too old to go fast. The devil-fish flung out another tentacle, and a shriek from Dick announced to Mr. D—— that it had been only too successful; yet Mr. D—— saw that it had received a mortal wound, for the native stabbed it with his knife in the only vital part, the head. Mr. D—— then went back to the village, a madman; he was sane enough to tell his story, but in such extravagant language that nobody believed him, for where he had said the entrance of the cave was, they found more than a ton of rubbish, probably knocked down by the gigantic creature in its dying struggles.

Mr. D—— lapsed into a state of hopeless lunacy, and was conveyed to an asylum, where he lived for ten years, never talking to any one, but always muttering to himself about the catastrophe. On the day of his death he said to the doctor in attendance, "I see my son with a crown of starfishes, and Dick eating an octopus"; but that was all.

On February, 19, 1887—nearly thirty years after—four fishermen, digging in the sand to find cockles for bait, found the hole. There were two skeletons in it, and at the bottom was discovered the beak of an enormous octopus, together with some brass coat-buttons and a gold watch, with "John D——" engraved on it. These established beyond doubt the

truth of the statements of the elder Mr. D——. The bones were buried in the Queenscliffe Cemetery, and the beak, etc., can be seen at the house of a cousin of the pulp's victim, at Windsor, a suburb of Melbourne.

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## DAYS OF YORE.

BY AN OLD BOY.

In our time the desks had lids, and on the inside of each was pasted a copy of school-rules which it was the height of our literary ambition to so amend that a negative became an affirmative. "Throw stones on any account," and "Go near the creek when there is water in it," might have been read on many a desk. A companion of the rules was a list of polysyllables which bad boys had to copy out as an imposition—sometimes deservedly. Thus, one Guy Fawkes' Day (which being also Foundation Day we felt bound to celebrate), the drawer of the table at which Herr N., the German master was sitting, suddenly and with a loud report shot out, striking him full in the chest. Investigation proved that a packet of crackers had been placed in the drawer, and exploded by means of a long fuse attached to the culprit's desk. The hero of this exploit was also credited with having previously caused Herr N. inconvenience by boring a gimlet through his chair. The Herr was a pains-taking teacher, but deficient in English, and once accepted "despicion" as the noun corresponding to "despise."

Tobacco chewing in school bid fair to be popular, until in an evil moment, Hedley R. accepted a "chaw" from a class-mate during a Euclid lesson. He

had just got it nicely worked up, when his master put a question point-blank to him. He had no alternative but to swallow the weed, juice and all. His next act was to turn pale, and ask permission to leave the room. The drawing class under Mr. Wilton Hack was popular, chiefly, I believe, because of the facilities offered for munching bread and doing the night's "home work." *Al fresco* sketching in the grounds was permitted to a privileged few.

This recalls happy memories of the Saturday picnic excursions to the Waterfalls to which Messrs. Sunter and Smart generously treated their classes. The play-ground to-day presents a different aspect to what it did years ago. The lower part near the creek was figured with many a ring which those "dabs at law" and "top-sawyers," Artie Hack and Jim Pearce, used so often to "skin." Near at hand was the apparatus for open-air gymnastics, including a swing, which was not despised even by seniors. Many a higher flight have I been privileged to take through the kindness of some big fellow. There was one ring in the front playground known familiarly as "the Sawney Way." It was a track worn by the divinity students or "stew pots" in their pre-and-post-prandial peregrinations, book in hand. The N.W. quadrant contained the cricket pitch—scene of many an exciting contest between "Boneys" and "M—ys," when to hit a ball over Dowie's fence was to cover oneself with glory. The opposite quarter was given over to the juniors, who, when weary of cricket, found it conveniently adjacent to the quince trees. I am afraid the day-boys were an Ishmaelitish lot in those days. In every other school we had a

belligerent rival, and the old tubular bridge on the East Park Lands witnessed many a Horatian exploit. The Pulteney-street youths who, for safety sake, went home in bands, more than once treated our fellows to olives, followed by stones. The boarders, too, were rather lively customers, as Mr. M—ns, I am sure, would admit. A small aperture in the wall of his room, through which he could have witnessed surreptitious practices, was nightly blocked up with trousers and other garments. Of boarders, the sick and "shamming" ones found solace in the sitting-room of Mrs. Porter—the buxom matron, whose *materia medica* was limited to brimstone, camphor, and pills. Connected with this room was a lift, employed to elevate viands from the kitchen below, and two of us were lucky enough to discover on the middle floor a disused door which, when opened, afforded an opportunity of purloining eggs, toast, or a bit of cake, as they ascended. The door, alas! was soon afterwards rendered inaccessible owing to the school book case being placed against it.

With the advent of the present Head Master several improvements appeared. *Imprimis*, a cricket pavilion was erected, and great was the discussion whilst it was in progress as to "what those knife boards were for." Studies received an impetus, and for the first time in our annals six candidates were sent up for matric, and all got safely through, and the rest of us a whole holiday. The now indispensable Oval match was then first arranged, and that we could put a decent eleven in the field the score book used in the Whinham College match (when Fred. Sharland with 150 and Mr. Chapple

with 100 retired, both not out) testifies to this day, for three masters played for Whinham's that day and so our Head Master helped us. About this time the first Old Boys' re-union took place in the College Hall, and the dormitories, as a consequence, were unusually lively that evening. One or two of us succeeded in securing, not altogether honestly, some of the dainties untouched by the demigods. Other institutions not to be forgotten were the Christy Minstrel Society (of which the two "Alf's," Davies and Shakes, were the founders), an important factor in our Saturday evening concerts; the Shaving Club, started, I believe by O. H. Rogers with a carefully ground pruning-knife; and the U.F.A., or Undergraduates' Feeding Association. The latter met irregularly—whenever, in fact, "grub" was available—and its headquarters was the sixth-form room, afterwards the book-room. Another product of the times was an unofficial manuscript paper, published by a versatile fifth-form fellow; but as the first number was, to put it mildly, impertinent, it was promptly suppressed. It did good work, though, in directing attention to the need of a College Chronicle, and from its ashes, so to speak, sprang No. 1 of the present magazine. As for subsequent events—are they not written in the *Chronicles* of P.A.C.? But when the history of the College comes to be written, I trust that the deeds of derring-do and chivalry which gave our school life its distinctive tone in the early days will not be lightly passed over, and that justice will be done to the memory of a fine set of fellows, who are now mostly scattered over the four quarters of Australia. Where, indeed,

are they all? Many, we know, occupy good positions in the professions and in the commercial world; some—a worthy few—have upheld, and are still upholding, the honor of the College at the English Universities; and some—alas! too many—are dead. But there are many whom the College has lost sight of for years who are not, it may be, particularly distinguished except for doing their duty as men manfully and well, and whom Alma Mater would be proud to see gathered again at her board at least once a year as members of the Old Boys' Association. And if these halting lines are the means of inducing any Old Boy reader to place annually a wreath of remembrance on the grave of the Past—and, one would fain hope, to renew the friendships of his happy youth—they will not have been written in vain.

#### MEMOR PUERITIAE.

#### A TRIP TO YORKE'S PENINSULA.

Leaving our metropolis early on a Tuesday morning, we timed ourselves to catch the "James Comrie," which left the wharf shortly after nine for Ardrossan. All along the Port River we were congratulating ourselves on being such excellent sailors, but within an hour from the lighthouse we were brought low. For a couple of hours we were filled with a continuous desire to "feed the fishes," but recovered just before landing. We went ashore at about half-past three, and after obtaining refreshments, set out for our destination. We drove through country which, although not boasting of beautiful scenery, had the virtue of being interesting. In many places the ground is covered with green

bushes, averaging about 4 ft. in height, and massed into patches of perhaps 2 miles square. One spot in particular attracted our attention. On the left side of the road was many an acre covered with green bushes almost all uniform in height, which contrasted with the very low straw, stony ground, and sandhills.

Nature in her beauty was on one side; similar country which man had tried to improve on the other.

We reached our destination shortly after sunset, and did justice to the good things set before us at the social which we attended. As this broke up at a rather late hour, you may guess we were exceedingly tired when we turned in.

The greatest part of our holidays was spent in shooting and travelling. Our first day's shooting was a failure. We got drenched to the skin, walked over 10 miles, and came home empty-handed; but we do not think it was our bad shooting, for the game was terribly wild; in fact, no sooner were they out of one bush than they bounded into another. Besides this, the scrub was far too thick for even a crack shot. Next time we went in a different direction, and this day we were more successful, for amongst the sandhills we averaged one out of every three we saw within shooting distance. The journey itself was perhaps the most striking incident in the day's outing. We drove 10 miles with twelve persons, besides victuals, ammunition, &c., in one trap. Being slightly packed we were glad when our journey ended. We next journeyed right across the Peninsula, and satisfied ourselves on this point when we saw the east coast of Spencer's Gulf. The shore, which is rather pretty, is used chiefly for sheep grazing.

On another occasion we visited, perhaps, the most interesting place that we saw during our trip—the Point Pearce Mission Station. We were very cordially received by the manager, and kindly shown round by his son.

Perhaps the school should be mentioned first. Here we heard the darkies (natives) sing, which they did right lustily; and we were also allowed to inspect their writing, drawing, and books in general. Next we saw the boys at football, at which game they are experts.

Our friend next took us to the slaughter-yard, where we saw Richard Dumbledee dressing the mutton for the station, and he did his work as well as many a white man could do it.

Later on we were introduced to Wanganeen, Hartmuary, Cropinuary, and Maria, who allowed us to inspect their homes, which are very neat and tidy. We noticed that the walls of some were decorated with weapons used by their ancestors in bygone days. A wurley attracted our attention, and here we found Monkey Mary, an old lady who will not live in a house, as we were told. The poor old sick creature has her left side paralysed, and lies in the one position for hours. To see her is to pity her, and more so when one knows that her case was given up by professional men at Wallaroo, and that she was sent back to die, but has lived over nine months since then, and is still alive. After tea we saw a large number of both sexes, both old and young, join together for prayers, the service being entered into with enthusiasm and energy.

After this we were entertained by various members of the family till nearly ten, when we set out for home, having

spent a most profitable and enjoyable day. A few days later we journeyed to Maitland, and were struck with the appearance of this small but pretty town. The township is artistically laid out between two little hills. The buildings, which do the place credit, together with its dams and parks, make the town quite attractive. If this does not draw from you admiration and a desire for the place, I am confident that the people would, judging from the homely and hospitable reception we got; although to be honest, I should say we crossed the track of one black sheep during the week we spent in this lovely little town.

The next place of importance we visited was Moonta; which is such a well-known town that it would not be desirable for me to attempt to describe it.

On Saturday afternoon we witnessed a very good country game of football between the "Wallaroos" and "Moonta Turks." In the evening we found the town looking like Adelaide on a small scale, Cousin Jacks representing our Adelaide Stars. A few days more and we left this enchanting place for Adelaide, having spent and enjoyed over a fortnight on Yorke's Peninsula.

#### A TRUE DOG STORY.

A boy, a friend of mine, one day went out for the first time on a spirited horse. His dog showed great uneasiness while he was mounting and preparing to start; and though the dog was repeatedly driven back, it insisted on following its master. The horse shied, took the bit between his teeth, and bolted. At last it managed to throw its rider, and unfortunately his foot caught in the stirrup, and he was dragged some distance. At last the dog

stopped the horse, and the boy drew his foot out of the stirrup and lay on the ground nearly dead. The dog sat there and watched him, while it continually barked for help. At length, finding that none came, it snatched the cap off the boy's head, and started for home. Reaching home it laid the cap at the feet of the mother of the boy and set up a piteous cry. Help was sent; the dog carried home the clothes that had to be taken off its master, and then took its station at his bedside. The boy lingered for a while and then died. The dog was inconsolable for the loss of his young master, and within a short time died also.

#### BOOKS FOR SENIOR AND JUNIOR EXAMINATIONS, 1891.

The University has just published the list of books for next year's study in the Senior and Junior Examination Classes, and we think that, on the whole, a very wise and judicious selection has been made. The views held on this subject by the University Council and by the teachers do not always coincide. We think that sometimes the books set are too difficult, and at other times too long; but the Latin, Greek, and German set for next year's Junior Examination are very satisfactory. If we make any criticism at all, it is that Wordsworth's poems are too reflective for boys and girls under fifteen—that one of Scott's poems or a play of Shakespeare would be more suitable. The German set for the Senior is very long compared with this year's work; there is three or four times the quantity. The "De Senectute" set for the Senior is not too difficult nor too long, but most boys find it very dry reading; they enjoy much more a book of Virgil or some of Horace's Odes.

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