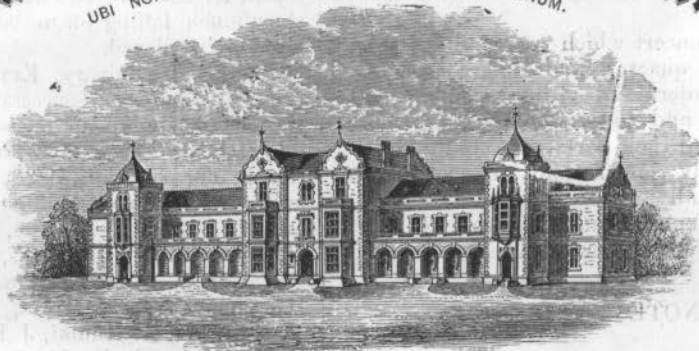


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EDITORIAL

THE last term of every year is certainly the busiest, and perhaps the one in which the greatest excitement is manifested. Each boy who wants to shine in his school work has then to put his shoulder to the wheel and to make his final efforts to win his honours. Fifteen of our Sixth Form boys went up for the Senior and seventeen for the Junior Exams. The result is published in this number.

In our outdoor sports we have certainly not made a very big mark, but our defeat in the Oval match must spur us on to make greater efforts next year. In other matches which have been well arranged for each Saturday we have been more successful, the only game being lost by our firsts was that against the Mitchams.

The Debating Society is still continuing to make fair progress, though only two or three meetings have been held since our

last number. It is still to be regretted, however, that the majority of the boys do not take sufficient interest in it.

Neither has sufficient help been afforded to our *Chronicle*. During the whole year most of the work has fallen on the shoulders of a very few. Now, if those boys who are capable (and there are many such) of writing a paper, or an article, or something which would be of interest, they would greatly help to fill our columns, and naturally make the paper far more interesting, and perhaps more select; for if there were many contributors there would be the better chance of picking good articles. But till now, unfortunately, the answer to a request to write something for us has generally been one of those ready excuses of the indolent—"Haven't got time"; "Can't do anything worth reading." If those who make the latter excuse (and this is the one mostly given) would make an effort

they might perhaps even astonish themselves with the work they are able to produce when they try. It is to be hoped that more boys will contribute next year.

The concert which was held at the end of last quarter was a great success, the boarders and visitors being greatly pleased, and those who took part in it performed their parts very creditably.

It only now remains to conclude by wishing all

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Governor is not to take the chair at Speech Day. This is a great disappointment to us. It breaks the record of the last 14 years. Is it too late to get up a deputation and tell him how much we value his presence and his address? The class in "First aid to the wounded," so pleasantly and skilfully taught by Dr. A. A. Hamilton on the Saturday evenings of last term, was examined on Monday, Sept. 22, by Dr. Corbin; 26 were present, and 21 passed and secured the certificate of competence, viz. :—J. Benbow, J. Brown, A. Chapple, F. J. Chapple, C. T. Cooper, S. L. Dawkins, L. E. L. Dunn, A. Goode, B. H. Goode, G. A. Hancock, T. J. Hannam, R. D. Heggaton, J. U. Hood, J. D. Kelly, J. Ladyman, J. H. McFarlane, W. J. Mortimer, M. B. Saunders, J. E. Stone, A. T. Sutton, B. Smeaton.

Though we made so few runs against S.P.S.C. in the Oval match, there have been good scores this term in other first eleven matches. Already ten of the Head Master's medals for a score of at least 50 in one innings have been earned, viz. :—

W. H. Boucaut (3), T. M. Drew (2), T. M. Coombe (2), W. M. Cobb, F. Darling, and B. Homburg one each. Not so bad a record for six or seven Saturdays. Doesn't show much falling off in batting for good clubs we've played.

In the Preliminary Examination our candidates were very successful, 30 out of the 34 that went up passed. From all other schools, 264 went up, and 123 passed; that is, our per cent. is 88, other schools only 47. The names of ours who passed are—L. Büring, L. Dawson, H. Drew, N. H. Edwards, P. G. Edwards, A. C. Finlayson, A. T. S. Hall, C. Handyside, T. J. Hannam, W. B. Haytread, F. M. Hobbs, V. Hugo, W. A. Hunter, J. F. Jenkins, F. E. Kingsborough, D. M. Lyall, F. W. A. Magarey, A. J. Mellor, J. G. Moseley, A. J. Pickering, W. B. Ralph, H. Rischbieth, H. H. E. Russell, F. Smith, F. C. Stacy, C. H. Stubbs, J. F. Sudholz, E. W. Waddy, F. S. Wylie, F. W. Young.

The Museum continues to grow in size and in usefulness. A capital set of minerals, labelled and classified, illustrating local geology and metallic deposits has been purchased from Mr. J. B. Austin.

OLD BOYS.

W. A. E. Tucker, B.A., LL.B., who went to Britain in 1885 as the holder of the South Australian Scholarship, has been obliged to relinquish his studies and return here. It is earnestly to be hoped that his native air may restore him to full health and strength.

Many old boys condoled with us upon our defeat in the "Great Match." The best cricketers among them are the readiest to acknowledge that a game in a mudpie with rain pelting down affords no

test of skill. So they bid us cheer up though defeated. The *Advertiser*, however, showed no such fairness, but treated us to a homily on our "retrogression," especially in fielding. It was difficult to stand, let alone to bowl or field.

The fatal railway accident that resulted in the untimely death of Walter Driffield cast a gloom over all who knew him so recently as a bright, cheerful, kindly schoolfellow. It is easy to moralise upon the riskiness of the practice of jumping on or off a moving train and to be wise after the event. We can only remember that a friend has been lost. He was here at the last sports, taking instantaneous photographs of the races. And in everything that concerned P.A.C. he always took the warmest interest.

Joshua A. Hargrave was admitted to the Bar of South Australia on the last day of last term. We congratulate him on having succeeded in his profession so far.

In the Sunday School Union competition we note that E. B. Haslam gained the first prize for reading in the senior division, and C. Hawkins the second. In the middle division the first place was taken by Otto Gerber.

The Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, the founder of the Inland China Mission, has visited South Australia, and with him came Mr. Beauchamp, one of the seven earnest young Cambridge (?) that went out a few years ago to preach the gospel in China. The enthusiasm of these devoted men has proved contagious, and three young men from Adelaide have gone forth as "labourers to the harvest field." Two of the three we are glad to hail as "old boys" here. A. S. Davenish was only here a short time as a young man preparing for the University. A. C. Rogers was a boy with us. We

trust that great success may attend them in their noble work.

Our representatives at the Adelaide University have all taken excellent rank this year. At the M.B. examinations W. A. Verco stands first, and is to receive the Everard Scholarship. A. N. Morgan has his degree also, second class. Cecil S. Mead is at the head of the fourth year, and F. S. Hone of the first year. The latter has earned Sir Thos. Elder's prize. G. A. Fischer (second-class) and A. W. Fletcher have also passed in the first year. In the B.Sc. course we note that F. W. Wheatley has completed his degree, securing first-class honours in physics, second-class honours in mathematics, and first-class honours in geology, truly a brilliant close of a distinguished course.

In the second year of the B.Sc., J. B. Allen and A. Wylie have second-class honours in mathematics, and F. J. Chapple third-class honours. In physics, Allen and Chapple have second-class honours; they have also passed in geology.

In the first year J. A. R. Smith secures first-class honours in physics, and J. A. Haslam third-class honours in mathematics. Smith has second-class honours and Haslam third-class honours.

In the B.A. course our Old Boys have done well too. Indeed, every successful candidate this year for this degree, as well as for the B.Sc. degree, is an old "red."

T. H. Frewin secures his B.A. with first-class honours in history, and second class honours in modern languages; F. S. Butler, his with second-class honors in history and second-class honours in modern languages.

In the second year of the same course, W. J. McCarthy has honours first-class in Greek, second in Latin, and third in mathematics. In the first year, W. Trüdinger has three honours, too, first-class in Latin, first-class in Greek, and second-class in mathematics; and G. B. Hone has honours first-class in both Latin and Greek, and third in mathematics.

In the LL.B. list, we note with pleasure the success of J. M. Solomon, second-class in the second year.

From the higher public examination lists we cull the following:—

Latin, Part II.—E. B. Haslam (with credit) and J. S. Williams.

Greek.—E. B. Haslam.

English.—J. S. Williams (with credit).

Logic.—E. B. Haslam.

Physics—Part II.—J. D. Iliffe. Part I.—J. S. Williams.

Inorganic Chemistry.—W. R. Bayly,

H. R. Hill, A. E. Hustler, W. Treleaven.

Biology.—W. R. Bayly, A. L. Tilly.

Geology.—J. D. Iliffe (with credit).

We heartily congratulate all these gentlemen upon their successes, and share somewhat in the pleasure and reflected glory of them.

Lancelot K. Fletcher has gone into residence at Mansfield College, Oxford, to prepare himself for the work of the Christian ministry in connection with the Congregational Church.

The number in attendance this term is 383, or ten more than at this time last year. Let us hope each one of them means to make a man of himself—true and honourable.

SPEECH DAY.

That is an old-fashioned term more suited to the times when the boys really made "speeches," and in good Ciceronian Latin told a wondering audience, of whom only a few could understand them, of the great doings of the year. Nowadays the only "speech" at all like those of the days gone by is delivered by the Head Master, and he utters it in the "vulgar tongue." Still, the meaning of the quaint phrase is well known. It tells of the great public gathering when the school year ends, its victories won in classroom and in playing field are proclaimed and its heroes crowned.

We have no room at the College large enough to hold our many friends—hope we shall have some day. Nearly 400 boys must needs have many kith and kin who take deep interest in all that affects them; and what influences a boy so much as his school? The "old boys," too, now are a host. And so many a pressing invitation is being given just now to come to the Town Hall on "our Speech Day."

The chair has been taken for the last thirteen or fourteen years by His Excellency the Governor, and right loyally have we sung "God Save the Queen" as Her Majesty's representative has entered the hall and proceeded to face us from the platform. It is a great disappointment to learn that the Earl of Kintore cannot see his way to keep up this "good old custom." We wish he was Conservative in this at any rate—a rank Tory. So this year the prizes are to be given away by the Hon. John Colton, the Treasurer of the College from the beginning, one of our "pious founders" whom ever we delight to

honour; first and foremost friend with many a princely gift; name respected through all the wide borders of our land. The Rev. H. T. Burgess, as Honorary President for the year, will preside, fit recognition of the quiet valuable work done so long for the College by its managing committee. Near him on the platform will be many an eminent friend of the College, prize donors and others, come thus once in the year to show the love they have for us all the year long.

The programme is usually a sandwich of speeches, or of artistic performances by the boys, with prize distribution to the various forms. We shall sadly miss the stalwart form and kindly smile of Mr. Churchward, who stood in his place as Second Master so long, to see all went promptly and methodically. He has gone to his reward, and to receive the "well-done, good and faithful servant," we feel sure. Mr. Scott will worthily fill his place, and Mr. Sunter will be there too, genial and assiduous as ever; Mr. Lewis, of mathematical skill; Mr. Kerr, whose classes always score so high at examinations. But where must we stop? Surely school had never a better staff of teachers who cared for the welfare of the boys more. Our Head Master will read his report of the year's doings. This will be the fifteenth annual report read by him to the parents of the boys and the friends of the school. Those fifteen years have seen wonderful changes in Prince Alfred College. When Mr. Chapple came there were only about 150 boys, and neither of the wings of the College had been erected. It must be a source of very great satisfaction to him to look back on the growth and prosperity of the school under his guidance. He may well say with Horace, "*Exegi monumentum*

aere perennius." We begin with a hymn of thanksgiving chosen so that all can join together on this one day, even those who are "withdrawn" from the Scripture lessons on school-days, and we close with a like anthem of praise. Alfred Chapple and Claud Cooper, C. Cane and H. Proctor, show upon the pianoforte the wit of their nimble fingers and the wisdom of their wise music-master, Mr. Chinner. Our German work is represented by a dialogue between C. T. Adams and F. P. Boundy. French has its "innings" too. The learning of English gems of poetry is a great feature of the "culture" of the school, especially of its younger classes; and S. L. Dawkins, V. Hugo, C. G. Lyons, O. Gerber, M. Ralph, and J. Robertson, who either are in those classes or acquired their love of poetry there, will recite stirring selections.

The singing classes occupy the platform and give voice to well-learned glees, and above all to the "Cricketers' song,"—our own, written by our able and enthusiastic singing master, Mr. C. J. Stevens.

Art has its place in the large show of drawings, paintings, printings, etc., and speaks well for Mr. Ashton's teaching.

Of course, every boy worth calling a Prince Alfred boy will be in his place to take his prize, if he has earned one, or to cheer his fellows who have come in front in a well-fought race. Cricket is not forgotten on this day. A gold medal is to be given by Messrs. Jarvis to W. Boucaut, as top scorer for the season; and eleven silver medals by the Head Master for scores of 50 at least in a First Eleven class match. The glorious football season will be recalled, too, and the great victory of 8 to 2 over S.P.S.C. And then cheers

and "good-bye," and away to holidays and home, or to "manly life" and its earnest duties.

CRICKET.

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

On Thursday, 10th of November, we played our fourteenth annual match with St. Peter's College. The weather, which, on the days immediately preceding the match, had been tolerably fine, was marred in the morning of the eventful day by slight showers of rain, making the excellent pitch of Checkett's rather heavy. The pavilions, as usual, were lavish in the display of the respective colours, and, of course, there was the customary noise; party feeling being very strong.

Our fellows won the toss for the eighth year in succession—a remarkable fact—and elected to go in.

Punctual to time, then, Cobb and Darling crossed the green to the wickets, Cobb taking strike. The third ball the latter player hit for a single. Some steady play ensued; Cobb enlivening it by a brace.

Darling responded with another, and Cobb refreshed himself with a chainer. One or two more scattered singles followed, after which Cobb managed to get another past the boundary, following with some singles. Darling, who up till now had been playing steadily, snapped off-ball into slip's hands. 1 for 27. Cobb did not survive long, being caught by Poole. Kekwick was joined by Boucaut, who played cautiously, and they brought the score to 61, when Kekwick was caught behind wicket by Gillmann, retiring with

11 opposite his name. 3 for 61. "Tommy Coombe joined the vice, and with careful singles swelled the score. Blackmore was tried, *vice* Von Doussa, and in a few minutes bowled Boucaut with a clinker. 4 for 79. The rain now fell very heavily, and the field was abandoned.

Drew, our little man, joined his skipper, playing excellently, being bowled after making 3. 5 for 83. J. Hooper followed, but retired l.b.w. 6 for 83. Once more the heroes retired amid a shower of rain.

On resuming, Homburg minor filled the vacant crease. After some cautious play, Homburg scored a brace and Coombe another. Homburg, however, was run out soon after. 7 for 94. The reds looked blue, while chances for the blues right rosy seemed. F. Hill joined Coombe, who was dismissed by Blackmore two balls later. His brother Clem. joined F. Hill, and the two wielded the bat in very good style, but at 101 C. Hill retired, being bowled by Hayward. 9 for 101. H. Homburg went in last, and played very well, scoring a brace and a single or two. Hayward's next ball witnessed the downfall of Hill. All out for 108.

Hayward and Gillmann were the first to represent the blues. the former taking strike from Kekwick some singles ensued, Hayward securing a chainer. Soon afterwards Gillman, not seeming at home with Homburg, retired with one to his credit. A. J. Campbell followed, and opened with a single and soon after with a chainer. Several singles followed, when Campbell skied one into Boucaut's hands. 2 for 30. Poole occupied the vacant crease, and at 33 Kekwick was relieved by Hooper. Runs came quickly, the score mounting

steadily. Both players gave chances at this juncture. When stumps were drawn the score was 68 for two wickets.

The match was continued next day, the afternoon being fine, but the pitch a perfect quagmire. At ten minutes past 2 Saints continued their innings. Three runs were notched, when Poole was thrown out by C. Hill. Holbrook, a slogger, followed, but runs came slowly. Hayward did not reach the half-century, being discomfited by B. Homburg, who was bowling splendidly. Hayward, it is only fair to say, is a splendid bat, and possesses a quick eye. Von Doussa came in next, only to see Holbrook drop a ball into our skipper's hands. 5 for 79. Von Doussa hit a three-er to leg, and was bowled by Kekwick. Parkinson, another hitter, came seventh, and knocked a fiver over long-on's head, following it in the next over by a hit for 3 to long-off. After some more free hitting H. Homburg relieved Kekwick. Blackmore soon after topped our score by a fourer to leg. At 123 Boucaut took H. Homburg's place at the bowling-crease, and his second ball Blackmore missed, and retired, leaving his wicket "scattered and strewn." A. Campbell, the next man, was caught by Coombe at point. 8 for 123. Downer was caught in the slips by Boucaut off B. Homburg. 9 for 124. The last man, Douglas, was caught at the wickets in a very smart way by C. Hill. 10 for 124.

We owed a lot to B. Homburg, who never lost his head, and maintained a good length throughout; likewise to Boucaut, who in one over obtained two wickets for no runs.

After the interval, during which it rained heavily, our fellows went in. Alas! how soon they came out. Cobb was

clean bowled in Blackmore's second over. 1 for 0. Boucaut succeeded, and was bowled by Hayward after making 8. Coombe followed, and his partner (Darling) was soon afterwards bowled by the younger Campbell. 3—9—17. B. Homburg carelessly left his crease, and was stumped by Gillmann. H. Homburg scored a single, and was clean bowled by Hayward. 5—1—20. P. Hill filled the vacant crease; Coombe called for a run, and was run out. 6—2—20. Kekwick retired first ball, and Drew joined Hill. Both of these played splendidly, but Hill was smartly stumped by Gillmann. C. Hill and Drew gradually increased the score to 40, both playing well. Drew lifted one to point off Hayward, and was carried off the field, an honour he richly deserved. Hooper, the last man, succumbed to Hayward, and the innings closed for 46, of which C. Hill made 13 not out, receiving, of course, a similar ovation to that of Drew.

The match was concluded on the Saturday morning. The pitch was almost unplayable. There was a very small attendance. Parkinson and Blackmore took their station at the wickets. Blackmore was bowled by B. Homburg for 2. 1 for 8. A. J. Campbell succeeded, and saw Boucaut disturb Parkinson's wicket. Gillmann joined him, and the two pulled off the match by steady play. The result of the matches is as follows:—S.P.S.C., 8 wins; P.A.C., 4 wins and 2 draws. It is the opinion of many that the bowling and batting of Hayward, and Gillmann's wicket-keeping, won them the match, and grumblers must reflect that the pitch was equally bad for both sides. Boucaut played a fine 30; Cobb shaped well for 24; while Coombe made 18 in

dashing style. But the bowling of B. Homburg was the source of admiration on the side of the reds, and undoubtedly he will be heard of soon.

Subjoined are the scores :—

P. A. C.

Darling, c. Hayward, b. Von Doussa	4
W. Cobb, c. Pool, b. Von Doussa	24
E. Kekwick, c. Gillman, b. Hayward	11
W. Boucaut, b. Blackmore	30
T. Coombe, b. Blackmore	18
T. Drew, b. Hayward	3
J. Hooper, l.b.w., Hayward	0
B. Homburg, run out	3
J. Hill, b. Hayward	3
C. Hill, b. Hayward	2
H. Homburg, not out	5
Sundries	5

Total 108

Bowling Analysis.—Von Doussa, 102 balls, 34 runs, 9 maidens, 2 wickets; Hayward, 144 balls, 48 runs, 8 maidens, 5 wickets; Blackmore, 42 balls, 22 runs, 2 wickets, 1 wide.

P. A. C.

Second Innings.

W. Cobb, b. Blackmore	0
J. Darling, b. Campbell	4
W. Boucaut, b. Hayward	8
T. M. Coombe, run out	2
B. Homburg, st. Gillmann, b. Campbell	0
H. Homburg, b. Hayward	1
J. Hill, st. Gillmann, b. Campbell	2
E. H. Kekwick, b. Hayward	0
T. Drew, c. Pool, b. Hayward	9
C. Hill, not out	13
J. Hooper, b. Hayward	0
Sundries	2

Total 40

Bowling Analysis. — Blackmore, 28 balls, 11 runs, 2 maidens, 1 wicket;

Hayward, 102 balls, 18 runs, 8 maidens, 5 wickets; Campbell, 60 balls, 8 runs, 7 maidens, 3 wickets; Douglas, 12 balls, 8 runs, 0 wickets.

S. P. S. C.

First innings.

A. D. Hayward, b. Homburg	46
W. Gillman, b. Homburg	1
A. J. Campbell, c. Boucaut, b. Homburg	8
T. S. Poole, run out	16
R. J. Holbrook, c. Coombe, b. Kekwick	4
F. von Doussa, b. Kekwick	3
E. G. Blackmore, b. Boucaut	23
W. G. Parkinson, not out	18
A. W. Campbell, c. Coombe, b. Homburg	0
J. J. Downer, c. Boucaut, b. Homburg	0
J. J. Douglas, c. Hill, b. Homburg	0
Sundries	6

Total 124

Bowling analysis.—H. Kekwick, 108 balls, 32 runs, 5 maidens, 2 wickets; B. Homburg, 186 balls, 44 runs, 9 maidens, 5 wickets; J. Hooper, 36 balls, 24 runs; H. Homburg, 30 balls, 16 runs; W. Boucaut, 12 balls, 0 runs, 2 maidens, 2 wickets.

S. P. S. C.

Second innings.

Parkinson, b. Boucaut	5
Blackmore, b. Homburg	2
A. J. Campbell, not out	12
W. Gillmann, not out	12
Sundry	1

Total (for 2 wickets) 32

P. A. C. grand total 154
S. P. S. C. grand total 156

BATTING AVERAGE.

Batsman.	Total Runs.	Highest in Innings.	Number of Innings.	Average.
1. Boucaut, W. H.	269	78	5	53.8
2. Drew, T. M. ...	136	61	7	19.4
3. Darling	113	51*	5	22.6
4. Cobb...	129	50	7	18.4
5. Hill, C.	82	30*	8	16.4
6. Coombe	114	54	8	14.2
7. Homburg, R....	69	33*	6	11.6
8. Kekwick	54	26	5	10.8
9. Homburg, H. ...	46	20	5	9.2
10. Hill, F.	39	17	6	6.5
11. Hooper	12	10	6	2

A. Chapple, whose average is 23, has not batted in two-thirds of the matches, and is, therefore, not classified.

*Not out.

BOWLING AVERAGE.

Bowler.	Wickets.	Runs.	Average.
R. Homburg	14	117	8.3
Kekwick...	8	136	17
H. Homburg	4	86	21.5

Our first eleven consists of W. H. Boucaut, W. M. Cobb, T. M. Coombe, F. Darling, T. M. Drew, B. Homburg, H. Homburg, F. Hill, C. Hill, F. Hooper, E. Kekwick,

BOUCAUT, W. H.—Vice, wicket-keep, splendid bat, punishes everything off the wicket severely; grand defence; seldom fails to score; also good change bowler and brilliant field.

COBB, M.—In him the team possesses a good sturdy bat; cuts beautifully. He is also a fair change bowler, and a sure catch and capital field.

DARLING, F.—Very fine and promising bat. He plays very carefully, and perhaps may be considered one of the best bats in the team, though very weak on the leg. Fair field.

DREW, T. M.—The smallest man in the team, but not the least; never funks,

plenty of courage; displays remarkable skill with the bat for his size. Strong on the off, and good little field.

HOMBURG, B.—Bowler, keeps a splendid pitch all through, never losing courage; also very pretty bat; hits hard and clean, but is a poor field.

HOMBURG, H.—Good bat, very straight; fits hard like his brother; has some very nice strokes on the off. Good bowler; bowls a very good off-break; smart field.

HILL, C.—Left hander—the only one in the team, a fine sturdy little batsman; strong on the leg—has improved a lot lately; good field; also a change wicket-keep.

HILL, F.—A dashing little batsman; like his brother, very strong on the leg. He has greatly improved in fielding; also a good bowler.

KEKWICK, E.—Bowler—knows how to use his judgment all through; very rarely taken off; he is also a good bat, but tries to hit too much; sure catch and very smart in the field.

HOOPER, F.—Good bat; plays very straight, but requires more courage in matches. He is also a good change bowler, very fast, and one of the best fields in the team.

COOMBE, T. M.—Captain. One of the best bats in the team, very straight and patient. First-class field.

P.A.C (1ST) v. SEMAPHORE.—This match, played Sept. 17, the first of the season, was played on our grounds. Our men batted first, staying in all the afternoon, thus testifying their quality as batsmen. W. H. Boucaut 82, Cobb 50, R. Hooper 22, Homburg 14 not out, and T. Drew 19, were perhaps about the best of the afternoon. P.A.C., 174 for 7 wickets,

P.A.C. v. MITCHAM.—The wicket was a very wet one and the game somewhat uninteresting. T. Drew scored 34, Boucaut 31. These two were the only ones who made double figures. R. Homburg bowled 2 wickets, Boucaut and Kekwick 1 each. Scores—P.A.C., 89; Mitcham, 5 for 82.

P.A.C. v. PORT CENTRALS.—Played on Oct. 18. Scores—Boucaut 71, Cobb 40, H. Homburg 29, Coombe and F. Hill 17, Chapple and Darling 12. Centrals, 3 for 35. Hooper, Kekwick, and Homburg each took 1 wicket.

P.A.C. v. GLENELG CENTRALS.—Scores—P.A.C., 177 for 8 wickets—Darling 51 (retired), Boucaut 50 (retired), R. Homburg 33 not out, C. Hill 30 not out, F. Hill 11. The Glenelg men did not bat.

P.A.C. v. COLLEGETOWN.—P.A.C., 226 for 7 wickets; Collegetown, 47. For Collegetown, Pontifex 12. For P.A.C., T. Drew 61, Coombe 54, H. Homburg 18, Kekwick 6, who also took 5 for 26, R. Homburg 3 for 19.

P.A.C. (2ND) v. COLLEGE TOWN (2ND).—Played October 18. This fixture resulted in an easy victory for us by an innings and 68 runs. Our opponents in their two attempts only totalled 45, obtaining 13 one time, 32 the second. Castine took 5 for 2 and Bruce 5 for 11. In the second innings Burgoyne got 5 for 6 and Stock 5 for 25. Towards our total of 113 Hancock and Stock contributed 21 each, Castine 19.

P.A.C. (2ND) v. CHRISTIAN BROTHERS (2ND).—This match proved an utter defeat for our men, who made 32 and 80, while the Christian Brothers made 135. For P.A.C., Newbould made 20, Saint 24.

P.A.C. (2ND) v. STIRLING EAST.—Our seconds had the misfortune to have to

play on a mere apology for a pitch. A new captain (Castine) was elected. Our boys made 49—Royal 11 not out, and Newbould and Stock obtaining 10 each. Our opponents only raised 10, as on such a pitch they could make no headway against Stock and Boucaut, leaving us the victors by 39 runs. On both sides there were six ducks, for the match was played almost in a lagoon.

P.A.C. (1ST—A "SCRATCH TEAM") v. WALKERVILLE.—Played on our grounds on Saturday, November 22. Scores—Darling 2, F. Chapple 12, A. Chapple 13, Dawkins 10, Hancock 36 not out; P.A.C., 127. Walkerville, 161 for 3 wickets—Trampton, 61 not out; A. Chapple, 2 wickets for 12. Our team fielded very loosely. The team was composed almost wholly of boarders.

P.A.C. (2ND) v. S.P.S.C. (2ND).—Played on their grounds on Saturday, November 29. Scores—P.A.C., 85; S.P.S.C., 87 for 6 wickets. Castine 27, Newbould 21, were our only double figures.

P.A.C. (3RD) v. S.P.S.C. (3RD).—As there was some disagreement about the scores in this match, it was decided that it should end in a draw.

P.A.C. BOARDERS v. S.P.S.C. BOARDERS.—Played on our grounds on Saturday, November 29. Scores—P.A.C., 5 wickets for 141—Drew 50, Coombe 50, A. Chapple 9, our best scores; S.P.S.C., 46.

"Do you keep bananas?" inquired Jones of the groceryman. "Yes, sir." "What do you want to keep 'em for? Why don't you sell 'em?" And he rushed out just in time to miss the rotten apple the groceryman fired at him.

PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE
CRICKET SONG.

Come out into the ground, boys,
And bring your bats along,
For cricket we are bound, boys,
And sing this cricket song.

With a cut and a drive
And a hit for five
And a slog to the on for three,
Not a mull of a catch,
We must win "the match"
Whatever the odds may be.

Keep well upon your guard, boys,
Hit straight along the ground,
And when you hit, hit hard, boys,
And let the chorus sound.

With a cut, etc.,

Don't pull a straight one on, boys,
Nor poke one up too high,
But when you cut, cut down, boys,
And make the leather fly.

With a cut, etc.

Each year we play "the match," boys,
And have our work cut out;
We'll win upon that day, boys,
When you hear "The Princes" shout.

With a cut, etc.

And if we win or lose, boys,
No matter whose the game,
We'll always do our best, boys,
And cheer and sing the same.

With a cut, etc.

Our "Cricket Song" was kindly composed for us by F. W. Maudsley, Esq., and has been set to music by our singing master, Mr. C. J. Stevens.

BOARDERS' CONCERT.

Various circumstances combined to prevent the boarders holding their annual entertainment at the usual time, viz., the end of the second quarter, this year; but, as it seemed a pity to let the year go by without having something of the sort, the boys resolved to get up a concert and hold it on the last Saturday evening of the third term. A committee was formed early in the quarter for the purpose of making general arrangements, and of determining under what conditions the concert should be given. It was resolved to depart from the usual custom of throwing open the doors to the public; admittance was to be by invitation only, and each boarder was entitled to receive a certain number of tickets, whereby he might bring friends from among the day boys or his lady acquaintances.

This arrangement answered admirably, and there was a crowded attendance of boys and visitors.

The proceedings opened with an overture from the Misses Chapple and Fidler, executed in a skilful and effective manner; and for fully an hour the attention of the audience was kept and interest well maintained by a series of songs, recitations, &c. Local talent, as was meet, was well to the fore. From Mr. Chapple we were favoured with two songs, rendered in his usual popular style; and Mr. Haslam sang "The Scout" with pleasing effect, his deep bass voice being heard to good advantage. Harold Rischbeith, our amateur violinist, accompanied by Homburg, played a very good solo, in a way that evidenced careful and intelligent preparation on his part. Mr. Bayly for several minutes held us in breathless

interest, while in his usual skilful and graceful manner he went through a series of intricate and pleasing exercises with Indian clubs, in the swinging of which he is such an expert. For the pleasant way in which the early part of the evening passed we are greatly indebted to those visitors who so kindly and efficiently assisted us. Mr. Bottrill, so well-known in literary circles, favored us with the recital of two touching stories, which quite carried the sympathy of the boys with them; and Mr. Hawkes' fine tenor voice was heard to advantage in his song.

At the end of the first hour an interval was announced, in order to allow visitors and boys to partake of light refreshment, which our Head Master, with his accustomed generosity in such matters, had provided. While this was being handed round, the stage, curtained off from the audience, was undergoing a transformation, as was seen when at the end of the interval the curtain rose.

A number of the boarders under the efficient training of Mr. Iliffe had, for several weeks previous to the concert, been diligently practising their parts in the farce "Artful Dodge," and right well did they acquit themselves.

Neither trouble nor expense had been spared to render the arrangements as perfect as possible. Elaborate costumes and scenery had been prepared; a very large painting of a country scene by Mr. Ashton taking a prominent part in the latter.

The piece was very well acted, and afforded a good hour's amusement to the audience. During the intervals required for the changing of scenery we were once more favoured with songs and recitations. Our old friend Mr. Roach, who has so

often come to our assistance on similar occasions, recited "Shamus O'Brien," his Irish brogue seeming greatly to tickle the younger boys. Mr. Haslam's rendering of the song "Anchored" was greatly appreciated; so, too, was the vocal duet, "The Convent Bells," very sweetly sung by Arthur Goode and Michell. George Davey, too, who played a solo on his flute, helped to add to the evening's enjoyment.

At a little after ten the company dispersed, seemingly well pleased with their night's entertainment.

Where so many worked well to render the concert a success it would be almost invidious to select any one for particular mention, and yet we think that to Dawkins, for the energetic way he worked among the boarders, and to Mr. Iliffe, for the unselfish manner in which he gave up his time to make the farce pass off well, special praise is due.

JUNIOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION.— CHRISTMAS 1890.

	FIRST CLASS.					
	Eng.	Lat.	Fre'ch.	Ger'm.	Math.	Chem.
Clark, E. V.	P	C	C		C	C
Newman, H. W.	C	C			C	C
SECOND CLASS.						
Drew, T. ...	P	C		P	P	
Saunders, M. B.	P	P			P	C
Simpson, A. A.	P	C		P		P
THIRD CLASS.						
Bell, W. G. ...	P	P			P	P
Campbell, W. H.	P	P			P	
Hack, C. A. ...	P	P			P	
Harry, A. H. ...	P	P			P	
UNCLASSED (being over 16 years of age.)						
Ashton, E. J. W.	P	P			P	C
Dawkins, S. L.	P	P			P	P
Drew, H. ...	P	P			P	
Davey, G. A.	P	P				P
Lloyd, T. W.	P	P			C	P
Marshall, H. W.	P	P			P	P
C Credit.	P	Pass.				

CREDITS AND PASSES.

	Credits.	Passes.	Totals.
English	1	14	15
Latin	4	11	15
French	1	0	1
German	0	3	3
Mathematics	3	10	13
Chemistry	4	6	10

It will be seen from the above list that we have obtained very satisfactory results. Out of 16 boys who sat for this examination, 15 were successful. Our position, too, in the special lists is a creditable one. The number prefixed to each name below shows the position gained in the first class:—

FIRST CLASS.

English.—2, Newman, H. Latin.—1, Newman, H.; 2, Clark, E. V.; 6, Simpson, A. A.; 10, Drew, T. French.—2, Clark, E. V. Mathematics.—3, Newman, H.; 6, Clark, E. V.; 8, Lloyd, T. W. Chemistry.—3, Ashton, E. J. W.; 5, Saunders, M. B.; 7, Clark, E. V.; 8, Newman, H.

SENIOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

FIRST CLASS.

	Eng.	Lat.	Grk.	Ger.	Math.	Chem.	Phya.	Geo.
Birks, L.	C	C	C	P	C	C	C	C
Adams, E.	P	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Chapple, A.	C	C	C	C	C	P	C	P
Johnstone, P. E.	C	C	C	C	P	C	C	C
Leitch, O.	P	C	C	C	P	C	P	C
Searle, G.	P	C	C	P	P	P	P	P

SECOND CLASS.

Benbow, J.	P	P	P	C	C	C	C	C
Cooper, C. T.	C	P	P	C	P	P	P	P
Hancock, G. A.	C	P	P	†	P	P	P	C

THIRD CLASS.

Boucaut, W. H.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cobb, W. M.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cowling, A. B.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Homburg, H.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Smeaton, B.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

CREDITS AND PASSES.

	Credits.	Passes.	Total.	No. Cand't.
English	5	9	14	15
Latin	6	9	15	15
Greek	3	2	5	5
German	3	3	6	6
Mathematics	4	9	13	15
Chemistry	6	6	12	13
Physics	0	2	2	2
Geology	1	0	1	1
C Credit.	P	Pass.	†	French.

SPECIAL LISTS.—FIRST CLASS.

Latin.—1, Johnstone, P.; 2, Chapple, A.; 4, Searle, G.; 5, Adams, E.; 7, Birks, L.; 8, Leitch, O. English.—Birks, L.; Chapple, A.; Johnstone, P. E.; Cooper, C. T.; Hancock, G. A. Greek.—1, Chapple, A.; 2, Adams, E.; 3, Leitch, O. German.—Birks, L.; Johnstone, P. E.; Searle, G. Mathematics.—1, Benbow, J.; 2, Adams, E.; 3, Cooper, C. T.; 5, Chapple, A. Chemistry.—1, Adams, E.; 2, Johnstone, P. E.; 4, Birks, L.; 5, Hancock, G. A.; 6, Leitch, G.; 8, Benbow, J. Geology.—Birks, L.

In the above list the number prefixed to each name shows the boy's position in the first class. From this it will be seen that Prince Alfred College heads the honor list in Latin, Greek, Mathematics, Chemistry.

Our success in these exams. this year is greater than usual. There has never been a year in which we were more successful if we consider passes as well as honors.

Thirty-one boys sat for both exams., and of these 29 were successful. One failed in the junior, but this was partly due to illness, which prevented him from taking one of the subjects. There was only one failure also in the senior. In the individual subjects we notice that the Science has carried off no less than ten credits, Latin, 10; Mathematics, 7; English, 6. There was not a single failure in Latin and Greek. Add to these facts that we gained all our University scholarships in March, that we passed 30 out of 34 in the preliminary exams. in September, and that we had 64 passes in the drawing exams., and we may claim that this has been a brilliant year.

LAWN TENNIS.

Once more attempts have been made to introduce this enjoyable as well as healthy and scientific game into the school.

We hope that the present club will not be so short-lived as those that have "gone before" it. Let no one consider that, because he cannot hit the ball over the net at first, he will never be able to play, and give up the attempt; the champions of the world have had to begin, and who

knows whether the geniuses of our own club will not become some day world-renowned?

In October a meeting was held, at which A. Chapple was elected Secretary of the new club, with Messrs. Haslam and Dawkins as committeemen. We have a splendid earth court, and a second is in course of construction, and will soon be ready.

The only necessaries are a tennis racquet and an occasional shilling or eighteenpenny call to buy balls.

We have at present thirteen members, who are all learning to play well. To give interest to the game here, a Yankee tournament is being arranged by the managers of the club, in which every member plays all the others in turn.

Matches between other clubs and ours will also be arranged.

We hope to have a large number of members at the beginning of next quarter, since we have all the conveniences for playing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR CRICKET.

Sir—There is a defect in the organisation of our school cricket to which I should like to call attention in your paper.

The materials for cricket are provided out of a common fund, to which every boy in the school contributes, but there are many of the boys who derive no benefit whatever. They have no opportunity of using the bats, stumps, and balls, because there are so few pitches and sets of cricketware provided, and they are unable to play with the older and stronger

boys who take possession of these few sets. In consequence of this you may see day by day a large number of the younger boys playing with a stick, an India-rubber ball, and using as a wicket a few pieces of stick supported against the wall of the gymnasium.

Allow me to suggest a simple remedy for this unsatisfactory state of things—a remedy which has been found to work well in some other schools such as ours.

Provide a separate set of cricket and a separate pitch for every two or three forms, and insist on each boy playing only on his own pitch. Appoint a captain and treasurer for each set to have the management of it, to see that the things are properly treated at practice and put carefully away in their proper box. These two officers from each set might form a general committee of management for the whole. The sets might be divided thus:—(1) The two sixths and upper fifth, (2) lower fifth and upper fourth, (3) lower fourth and upper third, (4) middle and lower thirds, (5) the three seconds, (6) the three firsts.

By this means every boy in the school would have a chance of playing, and the cricket would be greatly improved by the healthy rivalry that would be created, and the greater amount of practice afforded. Hoping that those in authority will take this matter up.

I am, Sir,

OBSERVER.

P.S.—Instead of deciding the set to which each boy is to belong by his position in the school, it might be decided by his skill as a cricketer, which would be a great stimulus to all who wish to excel.

TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir—I should like through your columns to make a suggestion, which, I fancy, will be of some immediate advantage to the boarders, and eventually to the school at large.

There is a room commonly known as “the Reading Room,” set apart during certain hours for the use of the boarders.

It contains a few books which are read with avidity, and a much larger number which only fill the shelves.

Now, in order to increase the number of books which fellows care to read, I suggest that the scholars, past and present, and any of their friends and masters, who feel enough interest in P.A.C., will hand in their names to the librarian, at present A. Hancock, or the Head Master, pledging themselves, as long as they may be able, to place at least one book a year on the shelves.

Of course, some will be able to give one a quarter. I only offer this as an example.

Thus you will see that the number of interesting books will soon be increased, if only a dozen fellows will promise one a year, and in time a section of it could be altered into a “lending library,” in which the day boys could also participate.

I am, Sir, etc.,

FREDC. J. CHAPPLE.

P.S.—I have handed in my own name.

PRINCE ALFRED OLD COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION.

For some time past the Old Scholars have been in a quiescent state, but lately some signs of life have been observed.

At a meeting of the committee held in July it was resolved that an appeal should be made to the old boys on behalf

of the family of our late lamented second Master, Mr. Churchward. In answer to this appeal the sum of £60 was sent in.

Another meeting of the committee during the first week of December resulted in the appointment of F. J. Chapple and F. S. Hone as Secretaries, in place of D. G. Evan, who had forwarded his resignation. The new secretaries were instructed to call up the back subscriptions. It is hoped that this change will galvanize the Society into a more active existence, and that its numbers will be increased considerably.

We would remind boys who are about to leave school that they may keep up their connection with it by joining this Association.

THE MICHAELMAS BREAK-UP.

The following list shows the results of the school work for the third term:—

Form.	Dux.	No of Boys in class.	No. of Certificates gained.
Upper VI.	Nicholls, L. H.	5	3
Lower VI.	Chapple, A.	16	7
Upper V.	Kekwick, E. H.	33	5
Lower V.	Young, F. W.	38	15
Upper IV.	Lane, P.	37	19
Lower IV.	Howitt, G.	37	15
Upper III.	von Bertouch, B.	35	16
Middle III.	Paton, A. M.	37	9
Lower III.	Gordon, W. M.	35	14
Upper II.	Toms, F. S.	37	9
Lower II.	Harris, W. T. A.	31	11
Upper I.	Hooper, H.	20	11
Middle I.	Lipman, J. A.	17	7
Lower I.	Lindschau, H.W.S.	10	6

St. Peter—“Where are you from?”
 Applicant—“I was a reporter in New York.”
 St. Peter—“Step on the elevator, please.”
 Applicant—“How soon does it go up?”
 St. Peter—“It doesn't go up; it goes down—slide.”

THE LORELEI.

(TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN BY
L. H. NICHOLLS.)

A sad foreboding has seized me,
'Tis wrapped in mystery,
Some legend of long-past ages
That clings to my memory.
The air is calm, and it darkens ;
The Rhine doth quietly flow ;
The hill-top near is sparkling
In evening's sunshine glow.

And yonder sits a maiden
In form and feature fair ;
Her golden jewels glitter,
She combs her golden hair.
A comb of gold she uses,
And sings enchantingly,
With a wondrous warmth of feeling
And powerful melody.

In his little craft, the sailor
Emotion wildly stirs ;
He sees nor rocks nor breakers,
The song alone he hears.
At last over sailor and wherry
The cruel waters run,
And this with her song alluring
The Lorelei hath done.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of Patchwork, Ipswich Grammar School Magazine, The St. Peter's School Magazine, The Blue-Bell, Our Boys' Institute, and The Melburnian.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt, since last number, of subscriptions from Messrs. W. E. Dempster, H. R. Miley, and A. W. Charlick.

BROKEN HILL.

As many of your readers doubtless have never seen this great mining city, I will endeavor, to the best of my ability, to give them a general description of the place. The town of Broken Hill is situated on a flat, right at the foot of the hill of silver ore, from which it takes its name. The houses are built principally of wood and iron, with an occasional stone one here and there to vary the monotony.

Three years ago anyone could have stood on the hill and counted all the dwellings which constituted the city proper, but now it would be an utter impossibility, so rapidly has the place grown, and houses now stretch almost as far as the eye can reach.

The main street (Argent-street) contains most of the principal places of business, and also has the happy distinction of being the only street in the town that is macadamized. The majority of the business houses up here are branches of Adelaide firms ; in fact, you notice when walking down the street that about every other establishment has some well-known Adelaide name inscribed upon it.

Some of the most noticeable buildings in the town are the Coffee Palace, the Grand Hotel, the Exchange, Wendt's buildings, the Theatre Royal, and Sully's store.

The Coffee Palace, situated in Argent-street south, is a large, three-storey building of brick, containing accommodation for about 300 boarders. Every room in the building has been occupied since the day of the opening, showing that the Coffee Palace supplied a long-felt want in the town. The ground floor is

used for shops and offices ; the other two are occupied as sleeping and dining apartments, reading rooms, &c.

The Grand Hotel is a large, two-storey stone building, occupying a corner block facing Argent-street and Wendt's buildings. It has accommodation for over 100 boarders.

The Exchange is also a substantial, two-storey building, almost entirely given over to the mining fraternity, who pay pretty high rent for their offices.

Wendt's Buildings occupy a corner block. The offices therein are, for the most part, rented by Adelaide firms—Messrs. D. & W. Murray ; Elder, Smith, and Co.; and Bagot, Shakes, & Lewis amongst others.

Sully's Store is a very large warehouse situated in central Argent-street. Mr. Sully, who is one of the old identities of the Barrier, is at present enjoying a well-earned holiday in the old country.

The Theatre Royal is a large stone building almost facing the Exchange. It is most elegantly fitted up, and reflects great credit on its proprietor, Mr. W. J. Cummins. The only drawback it has in the eyes of Broken Hill people is that it is not used sufficiently, as very few Opera Companies think it worth their while to come up here. It, however, pays them when they do come.

The Post Office, a wood and iron structure, is an eyesore to the residents of the town, for it is not at all in keeping with the general prosperous appearance of the place. Twelve months ago the Government called for and accepted tenders for a new stone building, but as yet they have done nothing further in the matter. The architect is, however, *en route*, so an alteration will soon be made.

Several new buildings which are projected, including a Town Hall, Masonic Hall, and new Theatre, will, when finished, vastly improve the appearance of the main street.

The names of many of the streets, such as Oxide-street, Bromide-street, Chloride-street, Blend-street, etc., etc., indicate that the founders of the town were imbued with the mining fever.

The two principal drawbacks to the town are the dust and lack of water in a dry season. However, we are well situated at present as regards the latter, having had two good falls of rain during the last fortnight (17th to 31st March), so that most of the householders are well supplied.

Very little, in fact, no poverty exists, as all the men are in good billets on the mines or in stores, and drawing from £2 10s. to £3 10s. per week in wages, upon which they can live comfortably and save money. Argent-street on Saturday night presents much the same appearance as Rundle-street on the same evening. Crowds of well-dressed good humoured people parading the streets, indulging in the pleasures of Saturday night shopping.

In your next issue I will endeavor to give you an account of a visit to the underground workings of the Proprietary Mine, which I purpose making shortly.

A. STEPHENS.

The expense in printing of No. 26 of *P.A.C. Chronicle*, besides wrappers, etc., was £5 8s., and £7 14s. 8d. was received by classes, subscriptions, etc., leaving a balance of £2 6s. 8d. The total balance in hand now is £18 2s. 3d.

SHAVINGS.

Boarders' concert a great success.
Refreshments could have been dispensed with.

Some "old fogies" objected to the farce.
What next!

Thirty passes out of thirty-four entries in the preliminary.

The unlucky four: — "Wamba," "Dodger," and the two "Kiddies."

How sad was the end of poor Wally Driffield's life.

Two new asphalt pitches—a chance now for good practice.

How "killing" the smile some boys assumed in the photos.

What a pity His Excellency cannot preside on Speech Day.

The Hon. John Colton will make a worthy substitute.

Lawn tennis again in full swing. New court being made.

It is to be hoped that the members of the club will practise.

Our fellows utterly collapsed on the Oval this year.

Second and third elevens defeated by S.P.S.C. too.

Ten medals gained for batting this term. Well done!

We still hear the echo of "Good old Tommy" from the pavilion.

Twenty-one boys have started in the doctoring line.

Will some boy kindly hurt himself for their benefit?

Yankee Tennis Tournament is now being held here.

Our Head Master plays regularly for the College Parks.

Our boarders easily defeated the S.P.S.C. boarders.

The two Tommies were very rough on the bowlers.

Regular tommy-roughs, eh? (Pass the water, please.)

There will be a chance for the second and third elevens to retrieve lost laurels next term.

Seven selections of a team (as asked for in the last number of the *Chronicle*) were sent in, and all were alike.

All the successful male candidates in the B.A. and B.Sc. examinations for 1890, excepting Mr. Turner, are old scholars of P.A.C.

"Carpenter" congratulates T. H. Frewin, B.A., F. S. Butler, B.A., Fred. Wheatley, B.Sc., W. A. Verco, M.B. and Ch. M., and A. M. Morgan, M.B. and Ch.M.

Quite likely that a College team will again take a trip to Victoria. We wish such a team success.

"Carpenter" takes this last opportunity of wishing all the *P.A.C. Chronicle* readers a very "Merry Christmas."

One of the Wesley College team who came over here last Easter (Syd. Donahoo), is one of the eighteen chosen to practise for the intercolonial match, Victoria v. N.S.W.

The latest boarders' match is North v. South.

Tommy Coombe was again the hero, making 268 out of a total of 409 for the North.

A visitor passing through a gaol said, pointing to one of the prisoners, "Brothers and sisters, have I none, yet this man's father was my father's son." What was his relation to the prisoner?

"I know two tunes," said a man, "one is the 'Old Hundred,' the other isn't. I always sing the latter" Do the boarders know number 324 yet?

EXAM. CURIOS.

"An isosceles triangle is one which is made up by two lines commencing in the same point, but not ending in the same point, and the further the lines are continued, the further the ends get away from one another."

"A theorem is said to be converse to the other when it proves exactly the opposite thing."

"Give the principal parts of fight."
Answer—"Fight, fought, won."

An earthquake is formed by the earth opening and swallowing all around the opening.

An earthquake is caused by an eruption inside the earth.

An earthquake is an eruption of the earth or sea caused by a contusion in the lower regions.

An eclipse is caused by the darkening of one of the heavenly bodies coming between another.

Lethe was a man who had a very forgetful mind.

Bastille was the name of a great person in France.

Cowper's favourite poets were Milton, Hale, Cowley, and Newton.

"What is the masculine of nun?"
Answer—"Nuner."

"What is the masculine of duchess?"
Answer—"Duchman," "ducker."

"What is the masculine of widow?"
Answer—"Fatherless," "husband."

"What are the sacred books of the Hindus?" Answer—"Vestas."

JUVENILE CRICKET.

The following is the genuine production of some very small boys at the bottom of the school, who were ambitious to

establish a cricket club of their own. The document is worth preserving, if only for its unconscious humour.

PARK TERRECS JOONUS.

(1) No bad language allowed you have to pay 3d. and if you don't pay in 1 one day you shall not be in the team.

(2) No throwing cow dung at each other pay 3d. if you do.

(3) and for being in the team you must pay 3d. every month.

(4) No saying you will pay to-morrow and when the morrow comes say you will pay next day and don't pay at all.

(Here follows a list of the members.)

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

A class in connection with the above institution has been conducted in our school during the present year by Dr. A. A. Hamilton. In September an examination was held by Dr. Corbin, one of the examiners of the Association, and a very satisfactory result was obtained. The following are the names of those who succeeded in passing:—J. Benbow, J. Brown, A. Chapple, F. J. Chapple, C. T. Cooper, S. L. Dawkins, L. E. L. Dunn, A. Goode, B. H. Goode, G. A. Hancock, T. J. Hannam, R. D. Heggarton, J. U. Hood, J. D. Kelly, J. Ladyman, J. H. McFarlane, W. J. Mortimer, M. B. Saunders, B. Smeaton, J. E. Stone, and A. T. Sutton.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

Saturday, October 18.—This meeting had a fair attendance. Kelly and Castine were proposed as new members by Dunn and Gray. Three new members were

elected. A. B. Cowling's resignation was accepted. A debate, "Unionism," then followed. The leaders were Mr. Taylor, Mr. Stone, and Dawkins for the unionists; and A. Simpson, Ladyman, and Homburg against. This, however, proved a good debate, and resulted in a win for non-unionists by ten to two.

Saturday, November 1.—There were two new members elected. G. A. Hancock gave notice of an addition to the rules—"That there should be two lots of voting taken for a debate; one before to see what party feeling prevails, and one after to see who has argued his side of the question the better." Hancock and Simpson then led a debate on Guy Fawkes, the former stating that the event should be celebrated, and the latter that it should not. After a good debate Hancock was declared winner—eight to three.

THE MURRAY GORGE.

"As we proceeded down the river its current became weaker and its channel somewhat deeper. Our attention was called to a remarkable change in the geology of the country as well as to an alteration in the natural productions. The cliffs of sand and clay ceased, and were succeeded by a fossil formation of the most singular description."

The above is Captain Sturt's description of his entrance into the Murray Gorge at Overland Corner in the year 1829.

Above Overland Corner we find remains of extinct land animals; below it, a tableland containing marine fossils. What do we infer? That the land above the Corner must be a lake

basin, that the waters of the ancient lake ran over the escarpment, tumbled over its southern face near Wellington, and thus gradually formed a gorge. We have a living likeness of this formation in the Falls of Niagara. There the recession of the cataract is about eighteen miles in 37,000 years. Hence we obtain some idea of the period that elapsed from the time the water first trickled down the cliff near Wellington to the more recent days when the fall, having cut its way back, wore away the last few feet of rock that separated the gorge from the lake basin.

Picture to yourself a shallow valley about two miles broad; a silvery stream, double a stone's throw in width, winding its serpentine course from cliff to cliff; and twixt the distant wall of our gorge and the river a lagoon, the favourite haunt of plover, duck, and pelican—and you have a fair idea of the Murray Gorge. One could lie under the shade of yonder cliff for hours, drinking in the exquisite loveliness of the scene, listening to the laughter of the jackass, the cry of the curlew, and the swish of wings as the sky overhead is darkened by a flock of teal, were it not that the mosquito seeks too close an acquaintance.

The lagoons are an important factor in preventing the rapid rise or fall of the river. These small lakes generally possess two entrances—one near the lagoon's upstream boundary, the other lower down. The floodwaters enter the upper channel, fill up the trough of the lagoon, and then overflow at the other outlet. The current in the lagoon except during flood season is scarcely perceptible. Thus the sediment brought down by the Murray settles. As the river falls the

clear waters of the shallow lake empty into the stream by the lower entrance. This is one of three or four reasons why you can almost distinguish objects at the bottom of the mid-stream.

A peculiar growth is found on the low-lying grounds of the Murray, which is familiarly known as lignum.

Well might Captain Sturt have wondered at the fossil formation of the cliffs of the gorge. Perhaps no spot in Australia is so rich in fossils.

Where clay protects univalve shells from the infiltration of water holding carbon dioxide in solution, we find them almost as fresh as when inhabited by the animal that produced them. Sea-urchins, oysters, and pectens are found in a perfect condition. The casts and moulds of various marine molluscs are plentiful. Remains of whales' and sharks' teeth have been obtained. Along the cliffs we have the same life order as in the limestone below Adelaide. The upper beds contain about 15 per cent. of living species, the lower about 3 per cent. Thus no doubt before the Murray Gorge was, the same ancient sea that washed the western flank of the Mount Lofty Range formed its crest and hollow before the site where now glow the camp fires of the Murray black.

Two young Africans were one day fishing from a wharf, when one of them fell into the water and was drowned. The survivor's grief was so uproarious that a sympathetic bystander inquired if the drowned boy was a relation. "No," said he through his tears, "he warn't no relation, but he mout's well been—he had all de bait."

AN ABORIGINAL ROMANCE.

Forty miles east of Port Augusta, on the farther side of the Flinders Range, and near the end of Horrocks's Pass, lies the village of Wilmington. This place and the surrounding country look not unlike the Adelaide Plains, while near Port Augusta the only wild trees are the straggling sandalwood and mulga, and perhaps a small gum or two in the dry bed of a creek. At Wilmington there are fine gum-trees, equal in size to those of the Black Forest, which make the place look like a beautiful park.

Here, in 1860, dwelt two small native tribes, or rather families, allied, each consisting of about forty men, women, and children

The head of the smaller one was an old man called Nelcherrie; the tribe of his allies had two leaders, Neulatta, elected because he had a gun, the only one in either tribe. Guns were not so common among the natives then as now, when almost every black about Port Augusta has one. The other chief, Pangulta, his cousin, had attained his rank through gallantry in inter-tribal wars.

Nelcherrie had one daughter, Monarto whom both chiefs wanted as lubra. She, of course, had no preference, for Woman's Rights are not known in native camps.

Nelcherrie wanted to sell his daughter to the highest bidder, but both bids were high. Neulatta, the elder suitor, offered his gun and ammunition—the latter being

about twenty rounds; Pamgulta offered a lubra, captured from another tribe by his brother, Keelgulta, and a great many bags of "pitcheri." "Pitcheri" is a native intoxicant made of the chewed-up ashes of certain plants. It is made by the tribes of the North, and used to be carried South by native pedlars.

Nelcherrie, finding the bids so equal, gave Monarto the choice, and she took Pamgulta. Neulatta took his gun, and angrily threatened to shoot his cousin, Pamgulta, if he did not give up his claim. Nelcherrie then altered his daughter's decision by bidding her marry Neulatta. According to native law she was married already, and her father had no more control over her, but she heartlessly jilted Pamgulta. The other natives refused to allow this, and Keelgulta was about to throw his spear at Neulatta, when Pamgulta interposed, and it was determined to give Nelcherrie two days to think over his decision.

Nelcherrie was furious, but powerless to avert Pamgulta's marriage with his daughter, for only two or three men besides Neulatta would fight for him. Next day, however, he found all the other natives in great consternation around his wurley; the tribe, one of whose lubras Keelgulta had stolen, had come down from the North. They had sent a messenger to Pamgulta, demanding that the lubra should be returned at once, which he had done a minute before he came to Nelcherrie. The invaders, who had as many spearmen as the two tribes had members, would not stop at receiving back the lubra, but would probably attack the allied camp, or demand the usual sacrifice. This consists in one man of one tribe standing up with waddy

and shield, and letting all the men of the other tribe each discharge a couple of spears at him at a certain distance, which he wards off, if he can, with his two weapons.

As they were talking, a man from the other tribe came and asked for Neulatta, Pamgulta, and Nelcherrie, offering them the choice of the sacrifice or an instant attack, with various insulting remarks.

On seeing the gun, however, his valour calmed down a little, and he grew more polite, but still demanded that they should send a living target, and that within two hours.

By tribal custom, Keelgulta would be the rightful man; but Pamgulta and Neulatta both asked Nelcherrie to decide, and he unjustly declared Pamgulta to be the one, because he was the best man with his weapons of all their warriors, and therefore least likely to be hurt.

Pamgulta then knelt with his back to a large gum-tree, waddy and shield in hand. His enemies were standing with spears poised, waiting for their chief, Karrabidne, to give the word. They were about one hundred men, and fired in detachments of twenty each. The first company discharged their missiles unsuccessfully, for Pamgulta, with wonderful dexterity, caught and turned them off with his two protectors; but the first spear of the second detachment almost split his shield, and transfixing his hand; then another struck him, and then another, and then the third company flung at him; but with one hand he could not guard himself, and the brave Pamgulta died with twenty-five spear wounds in his body. The invaders then marched home, satisfied with their revenge. Nelcherrie died soon after-

wards from a snake-bite, and the faithless Monarto, now Neulatta's wife, having irritated her husband while he was drinking, received such a blow from his waddy that she quickly followed her father. The bellicose Neulatta then killed Keelgulta, and united both tribes. He was slain, however, within a year in a drunken affray with some whites.

A. A. SIMPSON.

THE DECEIVED ENGINE DRIVER.

Anyone arriving at the Adelaide Railway Station will notice the large number of old engines that there are. These dead engines stand waiting there, surrounded by the broken-up parts of older brethren, and, like skeletons, serve to remind the visitor of their ancient glory, when they came to the station newly made by some British or American manufacturer.

They always have a melancholy appearance, but no engine has a happy one; for when working it has too many lives in its train to feel otherwise than solemn. Yet, one of these old engines has, or rather had—for most likely it has now gone the way of all old iron—a humorous story to disclose.

In 1873—when this engine was not a year old, when its brass was newly burnished, and its wrought iron shone like steel, and its steel like silver, and the paint was in no need of renewal,

now, alas, it needs a microscope to find it—it made its first journey up North to Kapunda. There were only a few passengers; among them was an Italian organ-grinder with two pet monkeys.

The country was so flooded that the engineer deemed it advisable to let the train wait for a few hours on a raised patch of ground, which was without any water on it. The passengers then got out in a body to see why they had stopped, and, being informed, several went back to their seats, but most stayed talking with the driver.

Their conversation was about the gallantry evinced by different engine-drivers in dangerous situations, and some of them were not over complimentary to their own driver's cautious behaviour.

At this moment the Italian organist came running out of his third-class carriage.

"Help! help! Missa Engineer, ze lady is in ze water, in ze deep water; she canno swim; I canno swim; see! she cry, she kick. O save her! She is by ze engeen."

Now was a chance for the engineèr; he looked into the six-feet deep water by the other side of the engine, and there, sure enough, was an old lady. The driver then flung off his coat, kicked off his boots, and sprang in, glad to show the gazers that he was equal in bravery to those men his passengers were talking about.

While swimming to the lady's help he was astonished by loud peals of laughter, and, looking back, he saw the engine covered with grinning passengers; but he took no heed of them, and went pluckily on.

He soon reached her, and here he had another surprise, for the old lady proved very lively for one who had been some time in the water and could not swim, for she scratched his face viciously, and hugged him in a close embrace, which, however, was not over-affectionate. But the Italian had made a mistake; "ze lady" could swim a little, but had too many clothes to do more than keep afloat.

The driver soon got to the engine, for his fair burden, though lively, was very small and light, quite a dwarf, in fact. He then laid his burden in the Italian's arms, and looked in the face of a large monkey. She had been dressed so well that the laughers would not have known who it was, unless her master had told them just after the driver dived. They steamed on an hour afterwards.

The poor engineer did not feel over happy for the rest of the trip, as he was unmercifully chaffed by all save the organist, whose thanks were couched in such ridiculous English as to raise more merriment than before.

The engineer, however, soon saw the fun, and told the story to whoever would listen to it for ten years after when he left the railway service; but he always added certain embellishments to it descriptive of his great heroism.

A. A. SIMPSON.

While travelling in Virginia some time ago with a doctor we came upon an old coloured man who was standing by a mule hitched to an old two-wheel vehicle. "Dis mule am balked, boss," said the old man, "an' I'll jis gib a dollah to de man what can start 'im."

"I will do it for less than that, uncle," said the doctor. He took his case from the carriage and selected a small syringe, which he filled with morphia. He went to the side of the mule, and quickly inserting the syringe in his side, pushed the contents into the animal. The mule reared upon his hind legs, and giving an astonishing bray, started down the road at a break-neck speed. The aged coloured man gave a look of astonishment at the doctor, and with a loud "Whoa!" started down the road after the mule. In the course of ten minutes we came up to the old man, standing in the road waiting for us. The mule was nowhere in sight.

"Say, boss," said the darky, "how much is dat stuff you put in dat mule?"

"Oh, about ten cents," laughingly replied the doctor.

"Well, boss, yo' kin squirt twenty cents' wuf in me right away. Heah am de cash. I must ketch dat ar mule."

Hunter—"Can you tell me what is the funniest part of a dog?" Farmer—"His tail, I guess. It's such a wag." "No. The funniest part of a dog is his lungs." "How do you make that out?" "They are the seat of his pants, don't you see?"

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