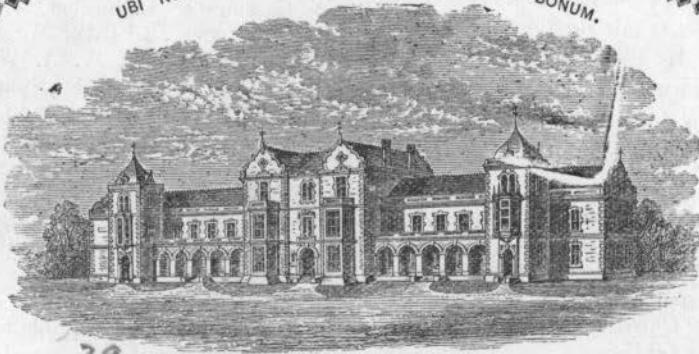


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EDITORIAL.

In outdoor sports we have been very energetic this term. A rowing match was held at the beginning of the quarter between a team of our boys and the boys of St. Peters, in which we were the winners by over three lengths. Of course the great theme of the quarter was football. Matches have been arranged for nearly every Saturday, and we have also had a match with the University, and one with the old scholars. In our matches we have been fairly successful, but the Oval match was the crowning success, and it is one which will be long remembered, for our players won in the face of defeat.

The concert held last Saturday was a success, the performers acting their parts very creditably; there was also a very good attendance.

It is with regret that we have lost Mr. Kerr, at least, for a while. This gentleman, through ill-health, was forced to be absent during the latter half of last term. Returning again at the beginning of this quarter he soon after again broke down, and his medical adviser recommended that he should take a sea-voyage. Accordingly, he sailed in the "Torrens" on June 4. Let us all hope that at the end of his trip he will return to us again thoroughly restored to health.

We have all seen the fine Chemical Laboratory which has been built this term. Such a building will be an ornamental and a most useful addition to the College.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES. — We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt, since last issue, of *The Melburnian*, *Patchwork*, *O.B.I. Manuscript Magazine* (2).

NOTES AND NEWS.

The reading room has been made livelier lately by the re-introduction of chess and draughts. If they are not put away carefully by each boy when he has done playing with them, the sets will soon be spoiled like those before them.

Lending library is to be re-established, too; as the Head Master has decided to expend for this purpose the ten guineas generously given by the Hon. R. Homburg in commemoration of his son's success last Christmas. The books are nearly ready for issue.

When the winter comes on, annually a lot of overcoats has to be held up, left at school without marks on, and day after day a bench or two in the school room has reminded us of an "old clothes" shop. Still several are unclaimed, and will be sent to enwrap some poor coatless children soon.

In the Industrial Exhibition now being held on North Terrace, we note with pleasure that the following received prizes:—B. H. Goode for oil and water color painting and for crayons. L. Birks for herbarium and for collection of minerals for fossils and shells. R. Buring for water colors.

The balance-sheet of No. 28 of P.A.C. *Chronicle* shows receipts from classes and subscribers, £7 17s. 6d.; expenditure in printing and postage, £5 8s. 6d.; making a profit of £2 9s. We have in hand now £19 4s. 10d. Copies of the present number can be had at the ordinary fee, and back numbers at one shilling from the Manager, P.A. College.

Subscriptions have been received since last issue from Messrs. E. J. Counter, J. Ashton, F. S. Hone, J. A. R. Smith, E. W. Castin, G. A. Fischer, J. B. Allen, W. Trüdinger, R. Balk, W. Grundy, T. Axford, T. J. Moore, W. A. Wood, H. E. Hill, Mrs. Thomas, A. E. Simpson, T. J. Watt, F. W. Wheatley, and A. S. J. Fry.

We have had a very large school this term, 398 boys present, or 20 more than at this time last year. The largest number ever here was 404, in the third term of 1885.

The new science buildings are nearly finished, and we shall be able to use them at the beginning of next quarter. There is a large lecture room with all conveniences for experiments, and another large room fitted up with benches, tables, taps, etc., for thirty two places for boys to work experiments at.

Hearty congratulations about the football match were received from scores of "old boys" orally and with vigorous hand-shaking, and letters from D. G. Evan, D. J. Fowler, L. Caseby, and a telegram from A. L. Haslam.

The results of the drawing examinations held by the School of Art have just been published, and the following of our boys have been successful.

First Grade Freehand—H. P. Harris (excellent), W. A. Anderson and J. Shaw (good), B. J. Davey, L. H. Howie, G. T. Moffit, A. M. Paton, M. W. Ralph, D. J. Ritchie, A. W. Rogers; R. A. Saunders, S. R. Simpson, T. B. Zwar (pass).

Second Grade Freehand—W. J. Greenlees, F. Hill, H. Lillywhite (pass).

Solid Geometry—J. H. Haycraft, A. H. Otto (pass).

OLD BOYS.

The Howard Clark Scholarship at the Adelaide University has been awarded to G. B. Hone. We congratulate him.

In connection with the recent centenary of John Wesley's death, essays upon "John Wesley" were invited from the youths of Australasia and two prizes offered; both fell to those lately at P.A.C., H. S. Taylor, first, and E. T. Bailey, second.

The Old Collegians' Association is now reviving. The old members have very liberally paid up their back subscriptions to the amount of over £50.

This year Messrs. Butler, B.A.; Solomon, Leitch, M.D.; Frewin, B.A.; Trüdingen, G. C. Braund, J. A. Haslam, Wheatley, B.Sc.; P. and A. Hill, E. S. Keckwick, J. S. Johnston, Dr. Crank, Anderson, McCarthy, H. and R. Adamson, E. J. Cook, A. S. Jackman, L. H. Nicholls, R. Birks, J. A. R. Smith, A. Schluter and the Revs. Clark, Fry and Wilkinson have been elected members.

It is to be hoped that any boys who are now leaving school and feel grateful to, and interest in the "Alma Mater," will hand in their names to the Secretary (Frederic J. Chapple), to be proposed as members, even if they will be unable at present to attend the customary gatherings held by the Association. Many old boys in the country are our most enthusiastic members.

GYMNASTIC DEMONSTRATION.

It has been our custom for some years to hold the Annual Gymnastic Demonstration at the end of the first Half, but it has been thought advisable this year to post-

pone it till next Term. The exact date is not yet fixed, but it will probably be early in August. We trust that the weather will be favorable, and that Mr. Leschen's pupils will have a large attendance of their school-fellows and friends to witness the display of their physical powers. It is a matter of regret that more boys do not take advantage of the excellent physical training given by Mr. Leschen. There are few schools in the colonies that possess so fine a Gymnasium as ours, and so efficient a teacher as Mr. Leschen.

RULES AS TO ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

In Melbourne it has been found desirable to have codes of regulations about the games between the "Public Schools." Nothing has been formally done here, but time and occasion have been gradually shaping them. Lately, it has been agreed that the following shall hold good for the present between St. Peters and ourselves:—

I. In all athletic contests between the two schools only those shall be eligible to take part who are:—

(1.) Under 19 years of age on the day of the match.

(2.) In actual attendance at the school, *in statu pupillari*, during the term in which the contest takes place. It is understood that if a boy begins the term he may play during that term, though he should leave for business during the currency of it.

II. Disputes as to eligibility shall be determined by the Head Masters in consultation; should they fail to agree they will appoint a referee, and his decision shall be final.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

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

The annual football match between our College and the S.P.S.C. took place on Thursday, June 11. The weather could not have been better, the rain of the preceding evening having made the ground softer, and in fair condition for the game. From an early hour there was a good muster of spectators, among whom were several of the footballers from the inter-colonial team, who did their fair share of "barracking" as the game proceeded. Punctually at 2.30 both teams came on the ground, and were received with the usual cheers of their respective supporters. Unfortunately, three very good men, Gurr, M. Boucaut, and Ashton, through illness, were unable to play. Our captain, winning the toss, elected that our backs should be stationed at the North posts.

When the ball was first bounced the game hung to the centre, when B. Combe getting a mark forwarded to Hill, who kicked out of bounds. B. Combe then obtained another mark, forwarded the ball on, which, however, was returned into our territory. The ball was sent back towards the Saints' posts, T. Coombe marking, forwarded to Young, who kicked our first behind, and shortly after obtaining the ball again he kicked our first goal. From the bounce the Saints with a splendid dash carried the ball into our territory and made their first goal. The Saints again made another brilliant dash, and by a series of clever marks obtained their second goal. From the bounce the ball was sent into our territory, and the Saints getting a free mark had another shot for goal, but missed. The ball was then sent past the centre, but

soon returned, and had another try for a goal, which was another failure. Some swift playing then ensued on the right wing, when the Saints getting a mark for a push behind sent the ball dangerously near our posts, but Atkins came to the rescue, and after W. Cowan's mark the ball was right into the Saints' side, but J. Gillman returned it towards our posts. F. Hill marked and kicked back when some rapid play ensued on the left wing, T. Coombe marking, forwarded to Lever, but the results of his kick was spoilt by a clever mark on part of the Saints. Tate then marked, passed the ball to Stubbs, who kicked too wide. Lever then got the ball, but slipped as he kicked for goal, the ball was then taken to the centre, where some smart play ensued. Rischbeith marked, passed on to Coombe, who passed to F. Hill, but the ball was again returned, when Coombe with a run and kick again threatened their posts, and in the scrimmage, Edwards obtaining a mark, kicked a behind. From the kick-off the Saints, by a series of little marks, carried the ball into our territory, but Magarey coming to the rescue and Kelly with a kick sent the ball towards the north, which was, however, returned by Haytread. After some heavy play near our posts, and just as the Saints obtained a mark, which availed them not, the bell rang, the scores standing

S.P.S.C.—3 goals 1 behind.

P.A.C.—1 goal 2 behinds.

In the second quarter our men played better together and got the ball near the Saints' sticks, but it was returned, when Magarey, with some good play and a run sent the ball towards the right wing. Some smart play took place in the centre on the parts of the Saints, but resulted in the ball being quickly carried down by Blackmore,

and a behind kicked. After the ball was kicked out the Saints kept the game near our posts, but Atkins with a run carried the ball to the centre, T. Coombe obtaining a mark passed to Bailey. With some rapid play the ball was returned to the centre, but was sent back by Tate, and the game was in front of their posts. Again the ball was at the centre, again carried back by Coombe, till the Saints by a mark sent the ball into our ground, and in front of our posts, where Haytread, on our behalf, distinguished himself, but the Saints scored another behind, and shortly after their fourth goal. After the bounce the ball was sent towards our posts, where Haytread sent the ball to Atkins, who passed it to the centre. In a scrimmage F. Hill marked a difficult ball, which was sent to a position where it threatened the Saints' posts. However, the ball was soon sent in front of our posts, and then again returned to the centre by Atkins, and Magarey marking forwarded the ball on. After some good play in the centre Coombe marked, passed to Bailey, who kicked near their backs where the game was very rapid, and Rischbeith got a shot for goal but kicked a behind. The ball was returned to the centre where Atkins and Stubbs sent it back again to their posts. After some play it was again at the centre, where Atkins again came to the fore. T. Coombe then marked to B. Combe, but the ball was returned and taken by a splendid mark on the part of the Saints near our posts, however, B. Combe sent the ball back, then some play ensued in the centre, when Tate marking sent the ball to Rischbieth, but—the bell rang.

S.P.S.C.—4 goals 2 behinds.

P.A.C.—1 goal 4 behinds.

At the beginning of the second half the ball was quickly carried towards our posts, but B. Combe with a good run brought it back. Kelly marked the ball, passed to T. Coombe, who forwarded, but the Saints with a long kick sent it to our right forward. J. Kelly, with a good run and kick brought the ball back, and some rapid play on the right wing ensued. Gillman for the Saints kicked the ball forward, but it was again returned, and Young getting a mark played to T. Coombe, who kicked a behind. From the kick-off the game was very fast in front of the Saints' posts, Lever marking, but failed in his shot for goal. Hill marking, sent the ball again forward, but the Saints from a mark sent the ball to the centre, from which it was speedily returned, and T. Coombe kicked another behind. Stockwood kicked off in good form, and in a scrimmage Tate obtained the ball and kicked another behind. Then the Saints, with one of their brilliant rushes got the ball past the centre, and threatened our posts to the extent that they kicked a behind, and after the kick-off, Tennant marking, kicked a fifth (and last) goal for the Saints. From the bounce a Saints' man marked, but T. Coombe sent the sphere back. F. Young marked, but his kick was rendered useless, for it was marked by a Saint, whose kick, however, was not much use to them, for B. Combe with a splendid run passed the ball to Bailey. In the scrimmage which shortly afterwards ensued Kelly got a mark, passed the ball to T. Coombe, who sent it forward. Then some quick playing took place on our half centres, when the ball was sent to the centre, only to be returned, and the Saints got a mark, but Atkins with a good run across the wing, got his kick, and the ball was sent near the Saints' posts, where a shot for goal by the P.A.C. men proved a

failure. The Saints quickly sent the ball past the centre, but Magarey came to the rescue. Again the ball invaded our territory, Atkins this time came forward as our champion, and with his customary brilliant run and kick sent the ball dangerously near the Saints' posts. Here some smart playing went on, C. Hill obtaining a mark, sent the ball towards their posts, and then the bell rang, scores being—

S.P.S.C.—5 goals 3 behinds.

P.A.C.—1 goal 8 behinds.

In the beginning of the fourth quarter everybody was quite sure that we had lost the game. Perhaps it was this thought which encouraged our men to pull themselves together, and make one grand effort to win, even though it was late. In this last quarter our men fairly "ran rings" round the Saints. The game at first hung to the centre, the ball moving backwards and forwards till Lever, getting a mark, tried for goal fruitlessly, and then the Saints, with their old rush, got the ball away and even had a try for goal, which was unsuccessful. The ball was returned to the left-centre and quickly carried to the enemy's territory, when C. Hill had a running shot for goal, which feat was impossible from the place where he was, Hantke marking the ball passed it on. The play was rapid in front of the posts, when Hantke again came to the fore, obtaining a mark, and from a placed kick scored our second goal. From the bounce a good effort was made, the play being rapid in front of the pavilion, and C. Hill marking in front of posts kicked our third goal. From the centre again T. Coombe marking sent the ball north, and after some exceedingly smart play, Hill, with a running kick, scored goal No. 4 for us. These last 3 goals were kicked within

four minutes. Again the ball was bounced from the centre, and was sent to our land, but returned, and after a rapid piece of play carried to the north. The game here was exceedingly exciting and fast, our men fighting their hardest to avoid defeat. Atkins, with smart play, kept the ball back when the Saints got a free mark, which availed them naught. Coombe kicked forward, Kelly with a grand run carried the ball right in front of the Saints' posts, from which it was sent back, to be returned by Hill. Here Hantke tried for goal but failed, and then T. Coombe who kicked too wide. Then Hantke marking again had another fruitless effort to get a goal. The ball again almost returned to the centre, but was kicked back in front of their posts, where a behind was scored. From the kick-off the game was rapid, and after some manœuvring F. Hill had a shot for goal and kicked it. We were now tie with the Saints. Our men kept on their splendid play, though at one time the ball went towards our posts, but it was forwarded back by Kelly, and C. Hill kicked a sixth and winning goal for us. The excitement evinced by the Princes' barrackers was very great. The game hung well to the centre from the bounce, and then was quickly returned to the north, returned from thence, sent back again, and the play was becoming if anything faster when the final bell rang, leaving us the winners by 1 goal, the scores being—

P.A.C.—6 goals 10 behinds.

S.P.S.C.—5 goals 3 behinds.

Much can be said for the excellent umpireship of Mr. Plunkett, who was exceedingly fast. C. Atkins was about our best player, and the others who showed the most form for us were T. Coombe, B. Combe, Kelly, Hantke

Magarey, C. Hill, and F. Hill. Among the S.P.S.C's the best were Tennant, Blackmore, Holbrook, Marden, Parkinson, Stockwell, and Douglas. The goal kickers were—P.A.C.—C. Hill (3), F. Hill, F. Young, E. Hantke. S.P.S.C.—Tennant (3), Bickford, Holbrook.

P.A.C. *v.* UNIVERSITIES.—Played on our ground on Thursday, May 21. Of course it was not expected that our boys would win, but the defeat of 8 goals to 5 goals showed that our men had plenty of mettle in them. The game was watched with great interest by all the boys of the College, for this game was to show in what condition our players were for the Oval. T. Coombe, F. Hill, Tate, and Atkins did their best to run up our score.

P.A.C. *v.* OLD SCHOLARS :—This match, which is generally arranged by the Old Scholars a week before the Oval match, was played on the Oval on Thursday, June 4. The ground was in very good condition, and so were our players. The scores were Old Scholars—6 goals, P.A.C.—3 goals. Atkins, Hantke, and B. Combe did their best to avert defeat.

P.A.C. (1st) *v.* QUIZ.—Played on our grounds on Saturday, May 31. After a stubborn game our men won by 5 goals to 4. For us T. Coombe, Hantke, and C. Hill played well.

P.A.C. (1st) *v.* HOLDFAST BAY.—Played on our grounds on Saturday, June 6. From the first it was seen that P.A.C. boys were superior, and at the end of the last quarter the result was that our men were the winners by 7 goals to 3 goals.

TEAM.

Coombe, T. M. (Captain).—Rover, good kick, a good all round man, plays well in all departments of the game.

Hanthe, E.—Plays back on the right wing, good kick and mark, also very fast.

Boucaut, M.—Plays half back on the right, good mark and kick, but requires more practice to get into his last year's form.

Magarey, F.—Plays on the right wing, uses his weight well, good kick, fair mark.

Cowan, H.—Plays half forward on the right, poor mark, but good kick, should use his weight more.

Lever, R. H.—Plays forward on the right, straight kick, but wants more practice.

Haystead, W.—Plays right back, a splendid mark and kick, has plenty of dash, but should train more than he does.

Atkins, C.—Plays half centre back, nearly always beats his man, fast, good mark, and fair kick.

Combe, B.—Centre man, very fast, and uses his weight well, splendid mark, good kick at times.

Hill, F.—Plays centre half forward, dodges well, fast, and good kick, also a change follower.

Hill, C.—Goal sneak, like his brother, dodges well, straight kick, and all there when wanted.

Stubbs, E.—Plays back on the left, cannot be depended upon, but has plenty of dash, also a change follower, fair kick.

Gurr, A.—Follower, plays in the ruck, fast and sure, very useful, good mark and kick.

Young, F.—Follower, rather slow, but very brilliant at times, always on the ball, marks and kicks well.

Hancock, A.—Plays half back on the left, has improved a bit lately, splendid mark, poor kick.

Ashton, E. J. W.—Follower, does not go in the ruck, fast, but requires more practice, kicks and marks well.

Kelly, J.—Plays on the wing, very fast, and splendid mark, a fair kick.

Tate, G.—Follower, plays in the ruck, should use his weight more than he does, slow, fair kick and mark.

Cowan, W. J.—Plays half forward on the left, very hard to pass, should practise kicking more.

Rischbieth, H.—Plays forward on the left, plenty of dash, but not yet in form, will be good next year.

Bailey, C. M.—First emergency, good mark, fair kick, but very slow.

Edwards, P. G.—Second emergency, marks and kicks well, but requires more practice.

Schmidt, G.—Third emergency, plays well to the rest of the team.

THE BOAT RACE.

All who took any interest in the boating, hailed with delight the challenge suggested by Mr. Raynor's letter to our Head Master, proposing that a four-oared race should be rowed shortly after Easter, to break the long spell between the cricket and football matches. Half a dozen of the bigger fellows were soon found, ready to be tried for the boat, from whom Darling, Boucaut, Tate, and

Coombe were ultimately chosen to represent us. They placed themselves at once under the care of Messrs. Barker and Grayson, who kindly promised to take them in hand. Owing, however, to other engagements unavoidably taking up their time, these gentlemen were unable to give the crew the attention they hoped to have done, and which was most essential for beginners. Our fellows were left greatly to themselves, and in consequence showed very ragged form, but by sticking well to work they got themselves into very good condition. Unfortunately, a week before the race, Darling was taken ill, but Gilmour willingly took his place, and this accounts for our having the heaviest man as bow, as it was thought inadvisable to alter the positions so late in the training. During the last week very marked improvement was noticeable all through the boat—the crew rowing a longer and more uniform stroke with sharper catch. On the Wednesday preceding owing to colds, they were very much "off" in their work. A day's thorough rest on Thursday, however, quite set them up, as was evident in the race when, by each attending closely to instructions, they were enabled to lead from the start, and win with ease, the victory which called forth our heartiest congratulations.

A word of praise is due to Hack—our cox. This was his first effort with the yoke lines, and his course showed that he was quite worthy of the confidence placed in him.

Our heartiest thanks are due to the Adelaide Rowing Club, who so kindly housed our boat and allowed the crew free use of their dressing-room.

The race was rowed on April 18 on the Torrens over a course of about three-quarters of a mile—from the weir to the Rotunda.—our crew winning easily by about three and a half lengths.

The crew were :—

	st.	lbs.
1. Gilmour, E. L.	11	0
2. Boucaut, M. A.	9	9
3 Tate, G. R.	10	10
Coombe, T. M. (str.)	10	0
Hack, C. A. (cox.)	5	6

SWIMMING.

The annual swimming races were held in the City Baths on Friday evening, March 24. The weather was rather cold, consequently the starters were not so numerous as was expected. In the absence of a band, Mr. Bastard supplied enough music with a hand-bell to satisfy most of those present.

T. Magarey, who won the Champion Race, the Champion under 15, and the Time Handicap, proved himself the fastest man in the College. He has a long and apparently easy stroke, and should make a very powerful swimmer.

The Old Scholars' Race was a gift to Brown, who, with 8 yards start, led from start to finish.

The Polo Match between five day boys and five boarders was very amusing, and by way of encouragement the boarders allowed the day boys to win.

It is to be hoped that the committee will in future endeavor to have some kind of life-saving competition on the programme as it would prove to be a most useful exercise for every boy.

The following is a list of the results of the various races :—

Learners, this season—1st, P. Stuart ; 2nd, M. Aldwell.

This was a very exciting contest between Stuart and Aldwell, who, by the way, swam exceedingly well for learners.

Long Swim under Water — 1st, C. Benham (33 yards).

In the first attempt Benham and Hantke were equal, but in the "dive off" Benham seemed to be making a sub-aqueous journey home, when the eastern wall stopped his progress. Hantke, with his usual good nature, allowed Benham to have the prize.

Champion under 15—1st, Magarey, F.

E. Boucaut, who was the only starter, swam very well, but was not fast enough for Magarey.

General Natation—1st, Schmidt, G.; 2nd, Boucaut.

This event was splendidly contested, the judge having some difficulty in deciding between the first and second men.

Headers — 1st, Boucaut, E. ; 2nd, Hantke, E.

Champion under 13—1st, Aldwell, M.; 2nd, Stuart, P.

Only two started, and after a good race Aldwell succeeding in reversing the positions they held in the learners' race.

Champion of College—1st, Magarey, F.; 2nd, Boucaut, E.

Magarey took the lead from the start, closely followed by the Boucauts. After two lengths and a half had been covered M. Boucaut, who was evidently out of form, dropped out, and left his younger brother to chase Magarey home.

Old Scholars' Race—1st, Brown, H. (8 yards); 2nd, Boucaut, L. (scr.).

Brown, who was treated very leniently by the handicapper, went away at the start and was never caught.

Borders' handicap—1st, Laidlaw, J.; 2nd, Tate, G.

Laidlaw went through a big field of competitors, and won comfortably by about five yards.

Novelty Race—1st, Schmidt, G.; 2nd, Boucaut, M.

General Handicap—1st, Boucaut, E.; 2nd, Laidlaw, J.

Time Handicap—1st, Magarey, F.; 2nd, Boucaut, M.

Magarey again showed his fine swimming powers by covering about 320 yards in the specified time, while Boucaut did about 25 yards less.

Polo Match - 1st, Day boys.

This was the most amusing event of the evening. The day boys secured 2 goals before the boarders had properly settled down to the game.

BOARDERS' CONCERT.

In spite of wet weather, the assembly room was well filled on Saturday night, June 13, when the Midwinter Concert was held. Though this is termed the "Boarders' Concert," help from others is always welcome and always willingly given. This year a charge of sixpence was made for the tickets, and the proceeds are to be devoted to the Athletic Funds. All would be pleased to add to these funds, even though the character of the entertainment were less excellent than it is.

Miss Jenkins kindly played the first overture, "Chilperic," a very pleasant opening to the proceedings.

G. Ford sang "The Lighthouse" well, and Mr. Bayly then delighted us all with an exhibition of Indian club swinging. The Head Master and Mr. Fred. Chapple contributed a duet, "The Battle Eve," in

a very efficient manner. Robertson, the youthful winner of the recitation prize last speech day, sustained his reputation in his delivery of "The Enchanted Shirt." J. Hodge described, in a comic song, the state of the household in which "Sister Susan" is learning music. Judging by the applause he received, he must have struck a sympathetic chord. M. Ralph can recite splendidly, as he proved by his rendering of "The Owl Critic." It is very seldom indeed that the assembly room resounds to such sweet tones as those of Miss Davis, who charmingly described in song the trouble of the maid with the broken pitcher, and the more perplexing trouble of her helper. The hearty applause which she received showed how well her singing was appreciated. Mr. Taylor gave us a recitation, "Farewell," composed for a senior class on leaving college. It seemed that Mr. Scott would not be able to finish the song which he gave, "The Fisher Boy's Return," for applause, and encores resounded through the room before his last notes were sung. But the programme was too long for encores. George Neil has never looked so patriarchal as when he came on the platform and dolefully described, as Caleb, his unsuccessful courtship. Mr. Haslam had promised to help us, but owing to bereavement in a friend's family, was unable to do so. Mr. Glover kindly consented to sing instead, and pleased everyone with "Plymouth Sound." Acting on the principle that keen enjoyment causes keen appetite, refreshments had been provided, and were distributed during the interval. Mr. Knox, unfortunately, could not be present to play the second overture. A pianoforte solo was very kindly given by Miss Chapple after the interval instead of later, as *per* programme. Mr. Bottrill's

recitations could not be other than pleasing, and for "The Fireman's Wedding" he received vociferous applause and an encore, to which he kindly responded later in the evening, when he fairly convulsed us by his description of "Hans Breitmann's Party." The Head Master testified to the gratitude we owe Mr. Bottrill for so willingly training the boys who recite on speech day. Loud cries of "Go in, Princes" rose as T. Coombe appeared to prove that he could not only successfully captain a football team and "haul" a match out of the fire, but also sing a good comic song. The recall this time was imperative, and as some one very aptly put it "we hauled him back again." No item on the programme was better received than the trio "A little Farm" by Messrs. Scott, Bayly, and Brown. The two Reids sang the duet "Tired" in a very pleasing manner. A scene from the "Merchant of Venice," the signing of the bond, by Messrs. Short, Taylor, and Dawkins, who represented Shylock, Antonio, and Bassanio, respectively, was well appreciated. Arthur Goode and Ritchie sang the duet "Old Folks at Home," and the boarders joined in the chorus. The national anthem concluded a most enjoyable evening, and all retired, the more sober-minded to sound sleep, the excitable to visions of the night—and what visions! Tommy Coombe in the act of kicking a "last year's egg" between an enormous pair of Indian clubs which would persist in swinging to and fro in a most bewildering manner, while a striped bull-dog "hauled him" from behind, a fisherboy bidding fond farewell to a very lovely but extremely tall maiden. In the distance the North Adelaide Cathedral in flames; a well-known form in fireman's dress emerging from one of the windows, and preparing to descend a ladder

made in some mysterious way of chords and sixpences, a crowd clad in red and blue and white assailing him from below with broken pitchers, while an owl solemnly perched on the spire persistently "hauled him back again" as he attempted to descend. A clatter of pianos, clang of gongs, tootling of flutes, seemed to announce the fact that "Sister Susan" was learning music, but returning consciousness proves that it is Sunday morning, and that the getting up bell is ringing below. To all who assisted in making the concert a success we are deeply indebted, especially to Miss Chapple and A. Chapple for playing the accompaniments, and to the committee who arranged everything so satisfactorily.

VISIT OF REV. MARK GUY PEARSE.

The Rev. Mark Guy Pearse had attracted so much attention during his stay in Adelaide, that we were all anxious to have an opportunity of seeing him, and on March 22, our desire was gratified by Mr. Pearse spending a morning at the College, accompanied by the Hon. John Colton (Hon. Treasurer of the College). Our distinguished visitor passed through the class-rooms while the boys were at work; and then, an assembly having been called, we all gathered in the large school-room to listen to his address.

The Head Master in a few graceful remarks introduced Mr. Pearse, referring to his being associated with him in the Westminster circuit, London, before he accepted his present position at the College.

Mr. Pearse, who received a most enthusiastic reception, at once placed himself on friendly terms with his

audience, telling us that he always felt at home among boys, as he was a boy himself—a fact which needed no proof—as one glance at his kindly face was sufficient to reveal the kindly nature so dear to boys. He told us how sorry he had been to lose Mr. Chapple from his band of workers in Westminster, and how he had tried to dissuade him from coming to Adelaide by representing the colony as a place where the sun would frizzle him up, and where his children would suffer from all sorts of terrible complaints; but it was no use. Mr. Chapple *would not* stay, and so grasping his hand, Mr. Pearse said, "Well, if you *will* go, God bless you." But his loss had been our gain, and he congratulated the boys and all who were connected with the College on having so excellent a head master, the proof of whose ability was to be seen in the splendid condition of the College, and the position it had taken in the colony.

Mr. Pearse then spoke of his own school days, and of an important decision he came to on the first night he spent at Wesley College, Sheffield, when he made up his mind that he would join the "good set" in the school—a decision he had never regretted; and he advised us all to take the same firm stand. He was specially anxious too, that, in addition to our Latin and Greek and other studies, we should learn to be handy, to use our hands, and that we should pick up useful knowledge, outside of books, wherever we went. He told us of his own case, how he had spent some time as a boy in learning from an old sailor, the way to tie all sorts of knots, and how in after years, when unable to work, he took to fly-fishing as a means of exercising his body and resting his brain, and many of the "old hands" at the

fishing were considerably astonished at the dexterity with which he could tie the various knots on his line. Mention was also made of a gentleman who, when his his conveyance had broken down, was able to indicate to the blacksmith how it could be repaired in a few minutes, though the latter had told him there was no possibility of his continuing his journey for some hours. A half-crown was given to the blacksmith, who exclaimed, as he showed it to a boy, "There, that's what I call a gentleman!" "Yes," said the boy, "but he would not have been able to get away so soon if he hadn't been something more than a gentleman." So, Mr. Pearse reminded us, we should treasure up bits of our out-of-the-way knowledge, and it was sure to come in useful some day.

This was the season of Lent, the time when we were expected to exercise self-denial, and he told us of a little boy and girl who, when their aunt said to them, "I suppose, children, you are denying yourselves something," replied, "Oh, yes, auntie." "Well, what is it, sugar?" "No," said the children, "it is soap!" Now, Mr. Pearse remarked, that he would not ask us to go to such an extreme of sacrifice as this, but he did think there was one way in which we could practise a little self-denial. He understood that Australian boys were very different from English boys, in being so devoted to their studies that they cared nothing for holidays. What a noble act of self-denial it would be then, if that afternoon we were to put our books away and spend the time in playing a cricket match! And Mr. Pearse very kindly promised a cricket ball to the winning side.

It is needless to say that the mention of a holiday was received with great demon-

strations of delight, which were checked for an instance as the Head Master reminded us that Mr. Pearsè had told us how he (Mr. Chapple) had refused his entreaties on one occasion. But the smile on his face belied his words, and great cheering burst out as we knew that the holiday was assured.

The Hon. John Colton in the course of a few remarks spoke of the pleasure it gave him to visit the College, and to see the admirable way in which the institution was conducted. He had for the last forty years taken a great interest in the young men of South Australia, and he trusted that the boys of Prince Alfred College would make the best use of their excellent opportunities.

SIR GEORGE GREY AT PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE.

During Sir George Grey's visit to South Australia, and while inspecting the various public institutions, we were pleased at being honoured with a visit from the distinguished ex-Governor, whose return to the scenes of his early labours after so long an absence, had excited so much public interest. The Rev. Joseph Nicholson (Hon. President of the College) and Hon. John Colton were present on the occasion.

As Sir George was going through the various class rooms he expressed a wish to know if the fathers or grandfathers of any of the boys had been in the colony during his term of office, and when one boy mentioned his grandfather as having at that time been a settler on the Gawler River, Sir George said the name Gawler River recalled to his mind an incident in his own career. While Governor here, he

had on one occasion been travelling down to the city from the North, and in crossing that river, which happened to be flooded, he was nearly swept away. The news of the mishap to the Governor soon spread, and on his meeting one of the residents in the neighborhood, the latter remarked (not knowing Sir George), "we have had a great piece of luck to-day, the Governor has nearly been drowned in the river—so now we shall get a bridge."

When we had assembled in the school-room, Sir George was received with applause, somewhat less enthusiastic than usual, but none the less genuine, as it was felt that the usual demonstrative expression of feeling might be too severe an ordeal for one so advanced in years. Sir George expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present and to see so many bright and happy faces before him; he remembered Prince Alfred, whose name our College bears, as a lad of fourteen, who spent some time in Cape Colony when Sir George Grey was Governor there. On one occasion he and the Prince were out hunting, and getting separated from the rest of the party, were without food for some hours. Riding on they came to a small house, where the Prince was glad to appease his hunger by eating a most uninviting-looking pancake, the fat of which was obtained from the fat-tailed sheep for which the Cape is noted. The owner of the house was rather surprised to find she had been entertaining angels unawares, in the persons of the Governor of the colony and a son of the Queen of England, and could hardly be made to believe that they were really the persons they claimed to be.

Reference was then made to the various institutions of our colony, which struck

Sir George as being most complete, our Zoological Gardens being singled out for special praise as the finest in all the colonies, and the great educational value of the gardens was pointed out, enabling us as they do to see animals of other lands. Sir George said the growth of the colony seemed to him something wonderful, and it was hard to realize that so many had sprung from the few he knew in the early days of South Australia. The pioneer work had been well done by our forefathers, and now a great task lay before us, to rear on their foundation a fabric worthy of such work; and our visitor expressed the hope that we would grow up great and good men to carry on honourably the task bequeathed to us, and he said how much he wished he could come back in another fifty years to see what we would then have done.

One thing specially struck him about Adelaide, and that was the absence of persons in abject poverty; he knew of no other part of the world so favoured in this respect, and it was indeed a blessing to our colony. Sir George then referred to the College in flattering terms, and hoped that we would persevere after leaving school in trying to do our duty manfully and well, assuring us that the only things that would afford us true satisfaction in looking back at were those things done for the good of others.

The Reverend President then, on our behalf, thanked Sir George Grey for the kind loving words he had uttered.

The Hon. John Colton expressed his pleasure at meeting Sir George Grey, whom he remembered when he himself was a young man of eighteen; he should never forget him, for he had acted with

great wisdom, though he had had to do unpopular things, and he had done much to establish the colony.

Mr Colton reminded us of the responsibilities laid upon us, that we were the architects of our own fortunes, and that we must prepare ourselves to occupy positions of importance.

After Sir George had replied, the President asked the Head Master to make the occasion memorable by granting a half-holiday, to which request Mr. Chapple graciously acceded, much to our delight.

A HOLIDAY ADVENTURE.

On January 5 I went for a walk in the hills, when the incident I am about to relate happened. I was in the hills a little past Belair, when down in a gully I saw an apple-tree. It was laden with fruit, and as there was no house near it, and it wasn't fenced in, I determined to get some. So I climbed the tree in great haste, and was soon comfortably settled among the branches, munching the fruit to my heart's content. I would have been all right if I had not done this foolish trick. As I said before, I was munching away, when down the gully there came a man with a bag of tools on his back, and a dog close behind. The man was whistling, and the dog was chasing flies. Well, I couldn't resist the temptation to shy the core of an apple at the dog. I missed the dog and hit the man fair on the head. He looked surprised, of course; but I suppose he thought some bird or other had flown against his head. Anyhow, he came on whistling as before, so I couldn't resist aiming at *him* this time. I threw, and hit him on the nose. He stopped, looked about him,

noticed the apple core, and came straight for the tree—

And there was me,
Seated up in that tree,

Looking as foolish as foolish could be
He looked at me ; I looked at him ; and the dog looked at both of us. He was the first to break the silence by asking me what I was doing there. I told him I was enjoying a few apples, little thinking that I was speaking to the owner of the tree. In a most peremptory tone he told me to come down at once. Strange to say, I preferred to stay where I was, for a man and a dog against one boy are long odds. The man did not know what to do, and appeared to be thinking the matter out, when suddenly an idea seemed to strike him. He called the dog, told him to watch me, and then, shouldering his bag of tools, went off. I watched him till he went out of sight, and then began to plan how I should get out of my awkward predicament. As the dog appeared to be asleep at the foot of the tree, I tried to steal a march on him ; but he was at once on the alert, and I thought it better to clamber back to my seat. Again he dozed off, and to wake him I pelted him with apples. This made him furious, and he made frantic attempts to get at me ; but I only pelted him the more, till at last he ran off to a safe distance ; but when I attempted to get down he rushed at me, which compelled me to seek safety in my old seat in the branches. There I sat for about an hour, wondering how it would all end, when all at once a hare came in sight, and off went the dog in full chase. I thankfully seized the opportunity—
And down I came from that apple-tree,
With my pockets well filled and my heart full
of glee,

And sped home as quickly as quickly could be.

M. W. W. RALPH.

MR. KERR.

Mr. Kerr has gone. He set sail in the "Torrens" on the 4th of June for England. His object is the restoration of his health, and we feel sure that he has the best wishes of every master and boy in the school. He has been a tower of strength to the middle and upper school, and will be greatly missed. Many a boy, who did not appreciate at the time the thorough mastery of lessons set, and the exemplary neatness of work that Mr. Kerr always insisted on, has since acknowledged his indebtedness for the discipline and training thus received.

We sincerely hope that Mr. Kerr will return with his health thoroughly re-established, and that there may be many happy years of useful work before him.

On the day of his departure Mr. Kerr came to wish us "good-bye" and to thank both masters and boys for the many tokens of friendliness and good-will which he had received. He was evidently very much affected, and his words of farewell and advice will be long remembered.

SHAVINGS.

Hurrah !

For the holidays.

Three weeks' spell.

Are you going to stew ?

We won the boat race easily.

The photo. of the crew is splendid.

Poor Gilmour in a bad way at the Private Hospital.

'Twas a famous victory last Thursday.

The *Advertiser* slightly mixed up the names.

What "grand" goal did Bow Combe kick ?

What run did Kiddy Lever make down the centre?

Hantke kicked the goal and Kelly made the run.

Haytread deserves praise for his defence of our goal.

Bow Combe achieved great success in the centre.

Tommy was "all there" when he was wanted.

The Saints were fairly pumped in the last quarter.

Our fellows showed that they would *not* be beaten.

Hand-shaking extraordinary after the match.

Does not the offer of a medal promote selfish play?

Five goals 2 behinds to nothing in 25 minutes.

Mr. Kerr's parting words will never be forgotten.

"Be good men and be an honor to your College."

Mr. Treleaven will to some extent take Mr. Kerr's place.

Mr. Bayly to be Commander-in-Chief of the lower school.

Several of the boarders are about to leave us.

What shall we do without our fair-haired Tommy?

Rather hard to decide who ought to have the medal.

Atkins and Jack Kelly both played rattling games.

Gymnastic demonstration postponed till August.

What a grand game our fellows played during the last quarter.

How our spirits rose (and our hats, too) when we saw goal after goal hoisted in our favour.

Our champions were greeted with rounds of applause at assembly.

Gurr, Boucaut, and Ashton were all at the match, but had to play the part of spectators.

New laboratory almost completed—a credit to the architects and workmen.

Rather a sell for the Saints to lose after going so near victory.

Plenty to learn in the way of marking and kicking from the Saints.

Some of the Victorian team watched Thursday's play and barracked for us.

Our second twenty defeated the Saint's second by 3 goals 4 behinds to 2 goals 7 behinds.

Our third twenty were defeated by the S.P.S.C.'s third by 2 goals 6 behinds to 1 goal 2 behinds.

Alf. Chapple and Dawkins played best for the seconds, and Ritchie for the thirds.

The midwinter concert a success as usual. Proceeds between eight and nine pounds.

Mr. Scott was in rare voice, and was deservedly awarded with deafening applause.

"George" quite surprised everybody with his highly enjoyable recitation.

We'd like to "haul Tommy back again" for another year or two but can't get the string round him.

Mr. Sunter goes to a lot of trouble every term for the sake of the *Chronicle*.

Now we shall want a good Secretary and a good Committee for the sports next term.

A pleasant holiday to all and good wishes to those we shall never see back again.