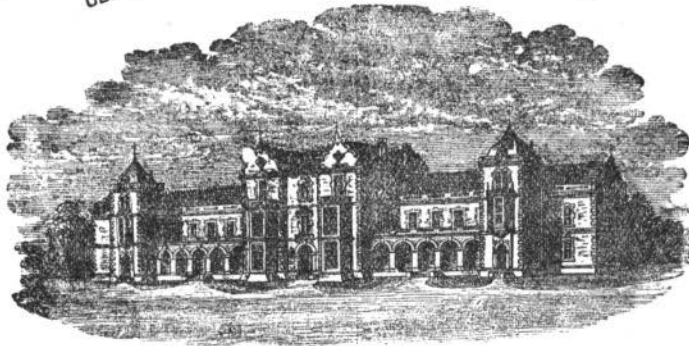


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Notes and News.

When the Headmaster left the "Breaking-up Assembly," and entered his office, on Friday, June 25, he found a member of the *Advertiser* staff awaiting him as last year, and with a similar speech. "I have good news for you again," said the same reporter, and he showed the copy of a cable from England announcing that Alfred Chapple, our Headmaster's second son, had won a place in the first class in the Mechanical Sciences (or Engineering) Tripos at Cambridge. This is a very high honor indeed. On the testimony of Professor Bragg, himself a high Wrangler at Cambridge, we learn that our Dux of 1891 has done as well as it was possible for him to do. There is no order of merit, so first class is the highest thing

attainable. Very few first classes are gained, only three in this Tripos each year in the calendars we have been able to see, and of these three, two in one case had been very high on the great Mathematical Tripos the year before. Altogether our old school-fellow has had a most distinguished scholastic career. He entered our Lower First Form in January, 1883, being then not quite seven years old, and by January, 1887, he had won his way to the Upper Fifth, though not eleven. Not a mere student, he could play cricket, football, and tennis with most in the school, certainly with any of his own age, and he won the gold medal as the best all-round gymnast, and that for the champion under fifteen foot-race. At the Adelaide University he won the highest honors in his own branches of Science yet granted, and now, at St. John's College,

Cambridge—perhaps the greatest centre of mathematical learning in the world—he comes out in two years amongst the very front rank. All P.A.C.s, and especially his old form mates, rejoice, and so does the Adelaide University, which taught him so much of the work in which he has now shown himself so proficient. His Excellency the Governor sent to the Headmaster a kind note of congratulation. The Governor could well understand the pleasure felt, for had not one of his own sons been placed in the highest possible division in the Classical Tripos at the same examination. Professor Bragg and the old boys, assembled at their annual dinner, sent to Alfred Chapple “cables” of congratulation. Many a letter and wire and message from “old boys” has reached the College also, and doubtless been sent on to Cambridge.

In the July Civil Service list we were pleased to notice the names of H. W. Hague (first) and S. H. Graham (fourth). Hague has been offered a position in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, and has entered upon his duties.

R. W. Wilkinson has passed at the Preliminary Examination of the Pharmacy Board. Fourteen sat, seven passed. Wilkinson was third.

In the recent examination in Scripture Knowledge, held by the Sunday School Union of South Australia, we are glad to notice the names of the following of our boys on the list of successful candidates:—Clement Rose, first class, Senior Division; Spencer Churchward, first prize, Middle

Division; Hedley Goode, Hugh Teague, W. J. Cowell, and A. E. Paton, all first class, Section C; Malcolm Scott and Leonard Cooper, prize takers, Section D; Herbert Priest, first prize, Section E; F. J. Searle and J. F. Ward also prize winners, Section E, and Eric Thomas, first class; and in the Junior Division, G. Robertson and B. Robertson, prizes; E. Holden and R. Cooper, first class; and H. Braddock, second class.

Harold Rischbieth is rowing in the second boat of Trinity College, Cambridge, and took part in the May University races. He has passed two of his exams. for the Cambridge M.B.

Alfred Chapple is one of the St. John's College, Cambridge, tennis six; plays in the first double, plays the first single, and is likely to be elected captain.

The Right Hon. Chief Justice Way, when speaking at the Leys School, Cambridge, made some kind and complimentary allusions to P.A.C. We hope to deserve such remarks, and to “keep it up.”

The Old Boys' Association take 300 copies of each issue of the *Chronicle* for the future. Their numbers are increasing rapidly. They propose to found a Scholarship at their Alma Mater, possibly to be limited to the son of an old scholar.

The Sir Thomas Elder bequest is likely to be used by founding six or seven Scholarships. *Flore at Alma Mater.*

J. H. Watts, of the Upper Fourth, as he lived in Gawler, thought he would compete at the local show. He sent in six specimens of work, and obtained three first prizes and two second prizes for them. A special first prize, with credit, for a homework book;

first prize for O copy book ; first prize for map ; second prize for essay ; and second prize for small-hand writing. Well done.

We are glad to welcome Mr. E. J. Counter back to his native land, "with all his blushing honors thick upon him," from Philadelphia and elsewhere. We understand that it is his intention to commence the practice of dentistry on North Terrace, and we wish him every success.

The Senate at Cambridge Refuses to Admit Women to the Titular Degree of B.A.

At the present moment, between two or three hundred yards of the writer, is being decided an issue which is by no means the least amongst the great affairs of '97. For months and months Cambridge has been disturbed with proposals to admit "women" to the titular degree of B.A. A head was given to the affair by a memorial being sent round among the undergrads on the subject—"Shall we admit women or not?" The voting showed "decidedly no!" to the pleasure of the undergrads, and 1,080 to about 150 was a distinctly large majority "contra."

A day or two later a historic debate occurred at the "Union Society," with Mr. Charles Buxton in the chair, at which the voting, which was conducted with no little excitement, was equally contrary to the "women." From then till now the subject has been the topic at all halls, private conversations, tennis games, &c. The cul-

mination has now been reached, when the Senate, which has assembled to-day in large numbers (some say about 3,000 strong) has recorded its decision.

Every available M.A. has been unearthed to decide the immediate future of this historic seat of learning. Crowds upon crowds of excited undergrads are now staring into the grounds of the house where are now seated the hundreds of venerable looking M.A.'s who are to decide this momentous question, and who will soon record their wish "placet" or "non-placet" *re* this "grace of the Senate" The undergrads have not been asleep or blind to the comical side of this question. My old friend Johnny would revel in this spectacle, and like to stand in King's Parade for a few hours. Caius College men are performe "to the front;" their front rooms look down on to the Senate House and on the crowd, and their conspicuous position has been availed of. As I passed by at 1 o'clock the effigy of the future lady undergraduate, with cap and gown, legs like broomsticks, with cream stockings and boots of unusual appearance, was hanging over the street from a top window and suspended by ropes held by no small number of jubilant men; beneath her was a row of five or six absurdly gaudy and ridiculously-trimmed hats, and a notice beneath.

Lecture—

"Styles of Hats, &c."

Placards in five or six-inch letters were posted in many parts—

"The 'Varsity for men,
Men for the 'Varsity."

"What Shakespeare says:—

I see she's like to have neither
Cap nor gown.—'Taming of the Shrew.'"

Over Trinity Street hangs an even more ludicrous effigy—a plump new woman with knickerbockers and stockings, and overall, cap, and gown. She is swinging in the air, the cause of wit in all who pass beneath.

All this must seem very strange to you South Australians, where women have been admitted since the commencement of the University to the rank and privileges of all degrees conferred by them. It must come later on to the older Universities. The above shows that it may take some time in coming.

A Visit to the Gas Company's Works at Bowden.

On Saturday, August 14th, the Headmaster and Mr. Iliffe took the Sixth Form, and some others who study chemistry, to the gas works, that we might see how that is done in actual practice which we had learnt of in theory.

We left North Terrace by the 1.50 train, and soon reached our destination. A goodly party alighted, and was seen to include Mr. Vanes, Mr. Bayly, and about thirty boys.

Mr. Ray, the Company's engineer, met us at the entrance to the works; and after the masters and boys had been introduced

to him by the Headmaster, he proceeded to conduct us round the extensive establishment. First we saw the furnaces, the long retorts, and watched the processes of filling them with coal and emptying out from them coke. We were told how the fire played round them, and how economy in fuel was arranged for by using over again the heated air, so that hot air entered the fires and not cold.

The retorts were closed, and only by one pipe could the gas issue from them. This pipe led to the hydraulic main. A spare main lying on the ground near was used to show how the gas passed from the retorts and onwards. The next move was to the "Atmospheric Condensers," where currents of air playing inside and outside hollow columns cooled the gas and made it deposit its tar. The gas passed up between the inside and outside coats, and its temperature in these was seen to be lowered from 115° F to 65° F; and the tar was observed trickling away to be run into the tar well. Then came the ammonia purifier, where water squirted in and removed the last traces of this impurity.

From this we were taken to the engine room, where Mr. Ray, with an engineer's pride, told of the beauties of the machinery that worked fans, and so drew the gas onward through the whole series of pipes. Then we went to the "purifiers," where the gas passes over shelves of oxide of iron, Fe_2O_3 , and leaves behind its impurities, sulphuretted hydrogen, &c. From here it passes off to the gasometers, thence to be supplied to the public. We were also

shown how the ammoniacal water was treated with oil of vitriol, and so converted into sulphate of ammonia, to be used as an artificial manure. This, and tar, and coke are the only bye-products made and sold here. An examination of gasometers, wet and dry, and other means of registering gas burnt, and of gas burners and what they consume, ended a pleasant visit, for which we are greatly indebted to Mr. Ray, and to Mr. Evans, the courteous secretary.

Fete in Aid of New Railings, &c.

The third annual fete in aid of the above object was held at the College on Saturday, August 7, and was kindly opened by Her Excellency Lady Victoria Buxton at 2.30 p.m. The weather proved eminently suitable for a gathering of that kind. A large, choice, and varied collection of goods was got together for sale by the ladies, and everything passed off pleasantly and successfully. Seven stalls were erected in the large schoolroom on Friday evening by our friend, Mr. Wilson, and by the aid of white, green, and yellow art muslin, the appearance of the room was quickly transformed by the ladies. The whole of Saturday morning was occupied in arranging the goods in the most attractive and artistic manner, and by 2.30 p.m. everything was in readiness for the opening ceremony. The Eastern Suburban Band was stationed outside, and throughout the afternoon carried out an attractive programme, which greatly enhanced the enjoyment of those

present, and made some wish to dance on the beautiful green grass. Lady Victoria, who was attended by Captain Guise, was received by Rev. J. Berry, Hon. President of the College, and the Headmaster and Messrs. E. Spicer, J. Scott, Rev. H. Ingamells, and A. W. Piper, members of the College Committee, and conducted to a seat on a raised platform, on which Mesdames E. Spicer (treasurer of the New Fence Fund), C. Colwell, A. E. Davey, T. Drew, R. Knowles, J. Marshall, A. W. Marshall, J. Scott, J. B. Stephenson, W. Taylor, and F. Dunn (secretary of the New Fence Fund) were waiting to welcome her. The Rev. J. Berry, in a few well-chosen words, explained the financial position of the undertaking, and asked Her Ladyship to oblige us by declaring the fete open. Mr. F. Chapple, B.A., B.Sc., thanked Her Excellency for her continued kindness and for the help her presence that day gave to us, and also for the many good and benevolent deeds for which the colony was indebted to the family of Sir T. F. Buxton. Her Excellency, who, on rising, was received with loud cheers, in a few graceful words declared the fete opened, and wished us all success in disposing of the useful and beautiful goods on sale. A lovely basket of white, yellow, and pale pink flowers, beautifully arranged by Miss B. Drew, was then presented to Lady Victoria by little A. B. Grummett and Miss Doris Marshall. Her Ladyship listened to their small speech with kind attention, and graciously accepted their offering. Miss Uren then came for-

ward with another basket of flowers, kindly given by Mrs. Sewell, which was also gracefully received. The boys, in their heartiest manner, gave ringing cheers for Her Excellency, and the business of clearing the stalls was promptly entered into. The arrangement of the stalls, the positions of which were balloted for the previous evening, was—

1st.—Aprons, Pinafores, and Sunbonnets, presided over by Mesdames J. M. Uren, J. Gartrell, A. Harris, Godler, and Miss Hobbs. This stall was well filled with these useful garments, and the rapid clearance made proved that these products of real hard work were thoroughly appreciated by the visitors.

2nd.—Flower Stall, presided over by Misses Rhodes and Wilson, assisted by Misses P. Chapple, M. Drew, J. Marshall, Hilda, Vera, and Doats Roach, E. Russell, E. Scott, G. Thomas, G. Uren, and E. Williams, as flower girls. With such a band of ladies, dressed in white and green, with buttercup wreaths, it is no wonder that soon each gentleman present was speedily arrayed in a buttonhole, and that many pounds were added to the funds from the proceeds of this ever-attractive stall.

3rd.—Produce Stall, presided over by Mesdames J. Berry (President of the Fête), J. Hill, N. Hone, W. H. Morish, A. W. Piper, J. Roach, and Miss Uren. This stall brought in the largest sum of money to augment the funds. It was loaded with produce of all kinds, the most noticeable feature being the splendid collection of

poultry, which was gathered from all parts of the colony. Jamestown, Petersburg, Port Elliot, Middleton, Goolwa, Meadows, Gawler, Yorke's Peninsula, Bordertown, Tarlee, Cherry Gardens, Clare, Magill, Glen Osmond are some of the places from which the poultry was sent, which formed such a brave show, and proved so profitable. There was also a splendid lot of jams and jellies, put up in 1 and 2 lb. glass bottles, from Glen Ewin, which showed the excellency of the preparations of this celebrated firm and the kindness of "old boys" and their parents. From the amount realized by this stall—close on £23—some idea can be formed of the excellence of the goods got together.

4th.—The Dolls and Toys Stall was presided over by Mesdames J. Marshall and J. Cowell, assisted by Misses Chapple, Drew, Haslam, Knowles, Moss, and Robinson. The show of dolls and toys was very varied, and the dolls included all well-known styles and every conceivable style, from the dainty bride to the woolly black boy; also dolls in walking, ball, dinner, winter, summer, and indeed every kind of costume. This was, perhaps, the best show of dolls exhibited by us.

5th. The Fancy Goods and Work Stall, presided over by Mesdames T. E. Thomas, F. Braddock, A. Gardiner, T. W. Flint, and Miss Martin. This stall contained some beautiful work, and samples of all the newest kinds of fancy work, drawn thread goods, silk crocket, fine wool, daisy muslin, bags of all kinds, also fancy goods, silver

goods, fretwork, perfumes, soaps, &c., and a very attractive display was made.

6th. Cake Stall, presided over by Mesdames W. B. Chinner, G. S. Cotton, and H. Fuller, assisted by Misses Flint (2), Newbery, Kelly, and Davidson. It was really wonderful where the immense number of cakes was got from, the stall being filled several times over, and its chaste decorations, too, made it unusually attractive.

7th. The Sweets Stall—No. 1, presided over by Mesdames J. Burgan and A. Mellor, assisted by Misses Burgan, Burford, Brad-dock, Cook, Cowell (2), Glyde, Lawrence, Marshall, and B. Russell. No. 2—Misses L. and L. Saint, Wood, and Coombe. These stalls (No. 1 of which was artistically arranged under a large Japanese umbrella, and draped with red, white and blue,) were patronised liberally of course, and both were completely cleared of all their stock before the hour of closing.

The Afternoon and High Teas were largely patronised, and Misses Chapple, Aitkin, Bailey, Caseley, Drew, Patchell, Plummer (2), and W. Scott, had perhaps the heaviest work on the day. About 150 sat down to high tea, which was amply provided and well served.

The Xmas Tree held the usual number of attractions, and Misses Pitman (2), Ward (2), Harris (2), G. Solomon, G. Brown, and G. Davey are to be congratulated on the excellence of the collection offered.

The Fairy Well, which was stocked by Masters C. Osborne, W. Stirling, F. Spicer,

and E. Chapple, was a source of great interest, and kept those who had charge of it hard at work to the great enjoyment of the purchasers.

An Art Gallery, including many loan pictures from our own gallery, was successfully conducted by Mr. H. E. Fuller, and proved most instructive and amusing.

The Post Office, under Misses G. Chapple and E. Russell, did large business; and old Aunt Sally and Punch and Judy were as usual well patronized. A promenade concert much enlivened the proceedings during the afternoon; it was carried out on a piano kindly lent by A. W. Marshall, Esq., under the direction of Misses Dunn and McLeod, and consisted of violin trios by Misses Flint (2) and Grigg, duets by Misses Dunn (3) and Miss McLeod, and solos by Mrs. Gardiner and others.

In the evening a grand entertainment was given in the large dining hall, under Mr. S. N. Giles' direction.

The following programme was efficiently carried out.

Overture, Miss Maud Berry (beautifully played); duet, Misses So-and-So and Such-and-Such; recitation, *Mary's Ghost*, Mr. C. F. Stephens; farce, *An Unwelcome Intrusion*—Percival Pendleton, Esq. (a retired merchant), Mr. N. S. Giles; William Wildoats (his nephew), Mr. F. Simpson; H. Hallington (a friend), Mr. C. F. Stephens; Sam Septimus (a friend), Mr. C. Burgan; A. Antonious (a friend addicted to poetry), Mr. G. McEwin; Mrs. Mopp (an English landlady), Mr. E. V. Clark; Peter (a servant), Mr. E. Martin. Comic Song, Mr. N. S. Giles; Recitation, Mr. C. F. Stephens; Negro

Dialogue, "Barking up the Wrong Tree."—Pompey Squib (Editor of the *Bangtown Roarer*), Mr. N. S. Giles; Ginger Blue (a friend), Mr. C. F. Stephens; Jerry Crow (a friend), Mr. E. V. Clark; Bones and Cuff (members of Crow Club), Messrs. C. Burgan and G. McEwin.

The total sum realized by this effort will be, when everything is settled up, £140. Out of this must be deducted the expenses, which are kept very low, and about £22 which was given in sums over 10s., and is entered as subscriptions with the names of the donors. This brings the amount in the bank up to £800, and there are also £400 still not in but promised. We are very grateful to all who have helped to make these fêtes so successful, and trust that by continued and combined effort we may be able to accomplish the scheme which we have undertaken; for now it begins to look practicable.

During the evening a concert was held in the dining room, and was very well attended. The programme was arranged and carried out by a party of old boys, who took great pains to make it a success. Miss Berry assisted by giving two very pleasing selections on the piano. Mr. C. F. Stephens was well received in his recitations "Mary's Ghost" and "A Gallant Wescue," and the duet "I Don't Want to Play in Your Yard," by Messrs. Stuart and Maurice Giles, was highly diverting. Mr. G. McEwin contributed a recitation, and Mr. S. Giles, sang "The Recruiting Sergeant" in character. The rest of the programme consisted of two farces, in which the different characters

were sustained by Messrs. S. and M. Giles; C. Stephens, F. Simpson, C. Burgan, G. McEwin, E. Martin, and E. V. Clark. The former of these, "An Unwelcome Intrusion," was the more successful. The obvious difficulty of some of the members in keeping their false moustaches in order afforded much amusement. It was very funny, too, to notice the would-be unconcerned look with which others received the (rather frequent) promptings from behind the stage. But these are characteristics of most amateurs, and would be a distinct loss if omitted. The performers are to be congratulated, and thanked on behalf of the school.

Prince Alfred College Christians' Union.

Mr. F. V. Pratt, of the Sydney University, paid a visit to our Christian Union on Wednesday, July 13. There was a good attendance of members and others to receive him, and he delivered a very earnest address, showing the value such Unions could be to the school and to all the members.

On Wednesday, September 8, we had a visit from our travelling secretary, Mr. Sallmon. It was arranged last year that all the Unions of Australasia should have a secretary to travel from colony to colony, visiting and helping the Unions, and Christian friends promptly subscribed the cost of this arrangement. This was the first visit we have had from the new secretary since he came from Yale College, in

the United States. He told us of the work of the Union in the other parts of the world, of the many missionaries they are sending out, and the works of kindness and humanity they are enabled to do among the cities in which they exist. Especially he told us of the large and flourishing Union he had met with in Honolulu; 250 dark-skinned boys met together to worship Him "who hath made of one blood all nations;" also of what has been done in his own town of Newhaven.

Lacrosse.

Owing to the diminution in the interest taken in football, and the increasing popularity of the game of lacrosse, and the Headmaster having expressed his regret that there was no great game being played during the third term, some of the boys agreed to commence a Lacrosse Club at the College. From the very first the interest shown was very keen, and after a few practices all those who could possibly obtain a crosse, or an apology for one, did not fail to do so. The usual time for practice was during the dinner recess, and a few enthusiasts even remained after school hours. As the numbers grew so did the interest taken, and some of the leading players from the University B team offered to come down and show us how to play the game properly. The offer was immediately accepted, and Messrs. Kelly, Broadbent, and Moore turned up to several games, and rendered us invaluable assistance. In order to test our skill, a match was arranged with

the O.B.I., and Saturday, August 28th, saw us on their ground in the South Park Lands.

Owing to the inclement state of the weather, only nine of our representatives turned up, and those who understand the game will know what a disadvantage that is. However, our boys played pluckily, and after a well-contested game were beaten, four goals to two. For us, A. H. Goode did remarkably well on the defence, and Muecke did well in goal. Among the forwards, E. Chapple, first home, did good work, and Murphy (our captain) did moderately well. Our goals resulted from the crosses of E. and H. Chapple.

We sincerely hope that the game will be taken up again next year, and that we shall be able to form a club worthy of the name of Prince Alfred College and of the old P.A.C.'s who play in the leading clubs.

Gymnastic Demonstration at the Oval.

On Saturday, September 4, a highly successful gymnastic demonstration was given on the Exhibition Oval by the pupils of Herren A. and Hugo Leschen. At 2.30 p.m. the performers, to the number of some 1,200, filed on to the ground and took up their positions on the different squares staked out for them. The scene was a very striking one, as they marched and counter-marched in obedience to flag signals given by Herr Hugo Leschen from an elevated platform. The familiar red-

and-white made a brave show as the many colored lines wound in and out with a promptness and accuracy which to the uninitiated seemed little less than marvellous; and the loud applause which repeatedly broke from the large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators, showed from the very first that the success of the demonstration was assured.

The whole body of performers were then drawn up in quarter-column formation, and, to the accompaniment of the Police Band, who had kindly given their services for the occasion, went through a variety of manual and staff exercises. The precision with which the various motions were performed, was very marked, and the general effect very pleasing; this item being, perhaps, the most popular on the programme. It was followed by an exhibition of jumping, tiger-leaping, and exercises on the horizontal and parallel bars, which gave the performers an opportunity of letting off some of the steam that had been accumulating during the earlier part of the proceedings.

A smaller body of pupils then gave an exhibition of club-swinging and juggling, under the leadership of M. L. Scott, of P.A.C., whose feats most of us have had the opportunity of admiring on other occasions.

The girls, most of whom had enjoyed a long interval of rest, now reappeared on the scene, and danced a minuet, specially arranged by Herr Hugo Leschen. The stately old-world measure was delightfully

interpreted, and won great and well-deserved applause. The proceedings wound up with three-mile bicycle races; one for boys under 15, another for those under 16, and an inter-Collegiate champion event. The first proved a gift to Stirling; in the second, East ran into second place, and in the championship race our representative, A. H. Williams, just managed to get home by a few inches, after a rattling finish. After this there was nothing left but the shouting, and the jubilation of the supporters of P.A.C. can be better imagined than described.

We understand that the profits of the afternoon, amounting to upwards of £160, will be divided among the various local charities.

The "Preliminary."

The Preliminary lists have just been issued, and we have to chronicle more passes and fewer failures than at this time last year. *Macti, macti.* The names of those who have passed are:—P. J. Baily, A. W. Bowen, L. T. Cowan, R. N. Collison, H. Formby, C. H. Goode, H. D. Howie, E. M. Ingamells, R. H. James, H. V. Little, J. Love, J. C. MacFarlane, H. G. P. Nesbit, A. R. Noltenius, R. E. Powell, T. Powell, E. O. Reichardt, J. H. Sandland, E. A. G. Smith, J. M. Smith, H. A. Solly, C. M. D. Sparrow, E. G. Spicer, W. N. Temby, H. C. Thomas, F. E. Throssell, W. M. Tonkin, E. H. Waddy, L. W. Walter, and J. H. Watts. Thirty passes this September; twenty-one last.

Our Contemporaries.

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries :—

- “ St. Peter’s Magazine.”
- “ Wesley College Chronicle.”
- “ Newingtonian ”
- “ Geelong Grammar School Quarterly.”
- “ Patchwork.”
- “ Our Boys’ Magazine.”
- “ Otago High School Magazine.”
- “ King’s School Magazine.”
- “ Nelsonian.”
- “ Roseworthy Agricultural College Student.”
- “ Coerwull Magazine.”

The “ Coerwull Magazine ” opens with a leader appraising the “ original ” man or boy at his true worth, that is to say, far above the mere memory hack. That is right, Mr. Editor, “ give it to him ! ” He has won all the prizes for a long time, the fellow that learns his lessons off by heart. Why, even when grown up he does the same. He quotes things right away, while I have to look them up and read them from notes. ‘Tisn’t fair. The other day I was giving some of “ the things we used to say when we were boys at school ” in quite a telling speech—or it would have been “ fetching,” only the room was so badly lighted I could not read my “ little bit of paper.” Up came my memory friend, and rattled off something or other, and I believe he even laughed at what he was pleased to call his triumph. “ Give it him, my Coerwull friend ; I wish I could shake your hand.”

I am not quite so sure about your suggestion for having exams. with only a week’s notice. I like to have a month to think that the “ time is drawing nigh,” and for wondering when to start work. But after all perhaps a week is time enough, for I can’t now hold things much longer, and what’s the good of learning soon enough to forget it all. I prefer to be “ original,” but the examiner doesn’t value merit as highly as he should and as you would.

The “ Roseworthy Agricultural College Student.” A long name, sure enough. We hail with pleasure this new school periodical. It has manifestly proved its *raison d’etre*, for it has begun with a capital number, most readable, conveying much interesting information about a place that we want to know about, for many of our old boys have been there in the past, are there now, and some are thinking of going there in the future. This school is showing many signs of wanting to enter the commonwealth of “ public schools,” and the issue of this “ Student ” is another bit of evidence of that desire, and will prove a great help towards its fulfilment. First pure and then applied, is good order for other things educational besides mathematics. So we are glad when well-equipped students go from P.A.C. to Roseworthy or other “ technical ” or special schools.

The “ Nelsonian ” begins with a capital photo. of four, presumably two famous past and two famous present, boys. This is worth imitation. The date of the issue is May, yet it tells of events that happened in

the long ago past, as in December early. This periodical belongs to a "Girls' College" as well as to a Boys', and the Head Master appropriately inherited the name of Joynt. Our phrases don't suit the better sex, and we wonder any male editor dare publish a list of "old girls," but he risks it, and makes it interesting.

There, Mr. Editor, I meant to do the lot, but you must be like the man who found a button, and said, "I'll keep that towards my new trousers." You must take this, and be thankful for small mercies. *Tempus fugit* (perfect tense).

Prince Alfred Old Collegians' Association.

Since the last issue of the *Chronicle*, two committee meetings have been held. At the first one, held on 28th July, Messrs. I. v. Bonython, T. J. Furner, B. H. Moore, Hubert Chinner, G. Stoyel, C. A. Hack, C. R. J. Glover, and G. S. F. Kaines were elected members. At the last one, held on September 15, fifty-three new members were elected—a record number for one meeting. They were: Messrs. A. G. Collison, A. K. Newberry, R. Buring, G. Roberts, A. H. Roberts, W. E. Priest, A. A. Simpson, G. A. Maggs, S. A. Davenport, A. E. Hustler, F. G. Cowan, H. S. Cowan, P. Hague, G. Wilcox, R. Vardon, C. P. Forwood, M. W. Ralph, E. H. Kekwick, J. A. Ballantyne, E. J. N. Fisher, A. H. Atkinson, H. M. Knowles, W. S. Gillingham, H. A. Dunn,

L. H. Boucaut, G. T. Burgoyne, A. L. Haslam, R. G. Nesbit, C. Fotheringham, E. J. Matters, H. E. Hill, N. H. Thallon, A. R. Fuller, H. A. Parsons, A. W. Duncan, H. Hoath, H. Shepley, P. Nicholls, I. H. Boas, J. Darling, H. A. L. Light, L. H. Muecke, A. P. Muecke, W. G. Rhodes, W. T. Bendall, E. Rendall, A. C. Edwards, H. C. Knabe, W. A. Hewer, A. L. Nairn, S. Winwood, E. Langsford, and Dr. C. Bollen.

The Committee decided to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Association at the College on Saturday, September 18th, at 7.30 p.m., and to issue invitations to a social at 8 p.m. on the same evening, such invitations to be sent also to old boys not connected with the Association. This has been done, but it is certain a good many have been overlooked. The Committee have done their best to invite all whom they knew where to find, and ask any who were missed to believe their assurance that such oversight was accidental.

We cordially invite all old scholars to become members of the Association.

The Annual Dinner was held at the College on June 26th, a report of which you will find elsewhere.

T. M. BURGESS, Secretary.

The Annual General Meeting of the Prince Alfred Old Collegians' Association was held at the College on September 18th, when there was a good attendance of members. The report and balance sheet for the year were presented and adopted. They are as follows:—

Your committee have to report that the past year has been a very satisfactory one for the Association, and that more interest has been taken in its doings both by its own members and other old boys.

As regards membership, there is a very substantial increase. Sixty-seven new members have been elected, and the total on the roll is now 311. This is well as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. There are hundreds of old boys who do not belong to the Association, many of whom might join if the matter was brought personally before them. The committee look to their fellow members to assist in doing this.

From a financial aspect the first glance at the balance sheet is disappointing, because the funds of the Association now stand at only £187 19s. 1d., as against £191 5s. 11d last year. This decrease, however, is at once explainable when you notice that a special payment of £11 14s. 6d has been made in connection with the Sunter Memorial Tablet, and in reality the ordinary income has been £9 in excess of the ordinary expenditure. In addition to this there are a very large number of subscriptions outstanding, partly owing no doubt to the bad season the colony experienced, and partly to the remissness of members themselves in not seeing that they pay up. It is impossible for the secretary personally to wait upon all members to collect.

In this connection we are sorry to say that no progress has been made towards

giving the new scholarship. As members are aware, this cannot be established till the funds of the Association amount to £225. If members who are in arrear with their subscriptions would pay up the amount they owe, and if subscriptions for the coming year were paid promptly, we should soon get up to the required amount. We want to make this scholarship an actual fact as soon as possible.

At the time of our last annual meeting, Mr. J. A. Hartley, B.A., B.Sc., was lying dangerously ill, and a message of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Hartley with an expression of hope for his speedy recovery to health. How that illness ended we all know, and amongst the expressions of grief, none were more sincere than those of the old boys of P.A.C.

Mr. Hartley was President of this Association from its foundation in 1878 continuously to 1892, and he maintained his active interest in it throughout. Your committee decide to perpetuate his memory by raising a fund in conjunction with the College Committee, to be applied in the first place, if necessary, to make up the general fund started by his Honor the Chief Justice, or if not needed for that, to be used for founding a scholarship at P.A.C. £25 9s. 1d was raised. There is no doubt this will be required for the purposes of the Chief Justice's fund.

As instructed at last annual meeting your committee acted conjointly with the Collegiate Schools' Association in raising a fund in memory of the late Mr. J. T.

Sunter. The sum collected was £35 9s. 4d., and this has been placed in the hands of Professor Bragg and Mr. A. W. Piper as trustees for the benefit of Mr. Sunter's son, Gordon, to be applied primarily for his University education.

A very handsome marble tablet in memory of Mr. Sunter has been placed by the Association on the wall of the College Assembly Room.

Mr. A. M. Bonython, one of our members, very kindly designed the tablet.

The Association scholarship (the Old Collegians') is this year held by Mr. B. H. Moore, now a student at the University.

This year's "Annual Dinner" must be classed as one of the most successful the Association has held. It took place at the College on Saturday, 26th June, when there was a large attendance of members, who were most enthusiastic about the old school.

Mr. A. H. Hill has made some very good suggestions for increasing the usefulness and scope of the Association. It is proposed to ask every boy leaving college to join the Association, and to allow him his first year's membership without fee; and also to increase the interest of all our members by holding more frequent meetings, at intervals say of about every two months. It remains with this meeting to decide these questions.

In conclusion, we hope that the Association will progress rapidly in numbers and usefulness. It should become a very powerful organization, and surely every old

boy feels such love for his Alma Mater as to wish to help her in every possible way.

BALANCE SHEET.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	...	191	5	11
Subscriptions	...	40	12	0
Proceeds of Dinner	...	13	0	0
Savings Bank Interest	...	5	10	8
		£250	8	7

<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Scholarship	...	15	15	0
Printing, Advertising, and Sundries	...	7	13	0
Annual Dinner	...	11	16	0
Secretary — Honorarium and Commission	...	5	3	0
<i>P.A.C. Chronicle</i>	...	7	5	0
P.A.C. Sports' Fund	...	3	3	0
Sunter Memorial Tablet	...	11	14	6
Balance in Savings Bank	...	187	19	1
		£250	8	7

The following were elected members of the Association:—Dr. P. Bollen, Messrs. H. D. Jolly, E. H. Jolly, J. S. Scott, S. A. Malin, S. A. Vanes, J. E. Langley, H. P. Davis, and C. S. Newman. An alteration was made in the rules to the effect that the headmaster for the time being of the college be Patron of the Association, and a member of the committee. This was done to show in some measure the appreciation by the Association of the splendid services rendered to it by Mr. Chapple from its inception. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, Mr. F. A. Chapman; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. W. Cooper, A. H.

Hill, and A. W. Piper; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Grasby; secretary, Mr. T. M. Burgess; assistant secretary, Mr. A. H. Harry; representatives to P.A.C. committee, Messrs. W. Lathlean and P. Wood; committee, Messrs. H. R. Adamson, L. Bonython, P. E. Johnstone, G. W. R. Lee, S. T. Rowley, J. C. Sunter, and S. A. Vanes; auditors, Messrs. S. W. Bailey, and C. W. Chinner.

A resolution brought forward by the committee to the effect that no subscription shall be payable by any member during the first year after his ceasing to be a scholar at the college was lost.

The business closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Piper, the retiring president. The meeting then merged into a social, to which the committee had invited old scholars not members of the Association. There were about 150 present, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Messrs. W. C. Grey and A. M. Paton contributed pianoforte selections, and Mr. L. H. Fuller a mandolin solo; whilst recitations were given by Messrs. C. A. Hack, S. B. Shierlaw, and N. A. Webb; songs by Messrs. W. Lathlean, S. A. Vanes, A. L. Haslam, H. Heath, E. A. A. Dunn, and P. E. Johnstone; and a quartette by Messrs. Vanes, Langley, Mitton, and Harry. Mr. H. E. Fuller acted as accompanist. Refreshments were served during the evening, and all present seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Chapple for the use of the room, and the singing of Auld Lang Syne, brought the gathering to a close.

Chips.

Sports.

Paper Chase.

Cup six times.

Gymnastic Demonstration.

Thirty passes this Preliminary.

A large number of entries for the Sports.

Easy win for P.A.C. v. S.P.S.C. in tennis.

Intercollegiate Cup won again by Grewar.

Old Scholars' Smoke Social on sports night a success.

Gymnastic Demonstration was a very pretty sight.

Williams won the Bicycle Race in the "nick" of time.

The Fête in aid of the Fence Fund passed off well.

Our ladies have won one tennis match and lost another.

The dogs in the Medley Race as excited as the spectators.

Who described Prince Albert as the "Prince Concert"?

"Good Old Jeff" to slow music in the Museum every night.

Mount Barker football trip as enjoyable as most of its predecessors.

Mr. Leschen to be congratulated on the success of the Demonstration.

Sixty new members elected to the P.A.O.C.A. during the last month.

Impromptu Speeches at the Debating Society a great success. Light refreshments at the end much more so.

In Memoriam.

THE LATE WALTER EDWIN GRAY.

On Monday, September 7, our late scholar and friend, Walter Edwin Gray, passed away at the age of 21, and on Tuesday all that was mortal was consigned to the earth in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and many of his late schoolmates. Walter Edwin was the youngest son of the late Mr. William Gray, of the Reedbeds, S.A., who last year died at the advanced age of 88 years. Walter was the last of a family of brothers who had passed through P.A.C. on their way to the duties of life, and it was intended that he should have a very liberal education, but his unexpected breakdown in health put a stop to his attendance at College. By the death of Walter we lose one of our most attached and devoted "old scholars." At every gathering in connection with the school he was present if health permitted. He could not bear to see "Reds beat," and would generally leave before the conclusion of a match when the fortunes of the game were against us. He was not in good health, and in 1889 contracted

influenza, when it was epidemic about eight years ago, and from that time his life was full of suffering. Internal abscesses formed, first in one part and then in another, necessitating numerous operations. When free from pain, he was always bright and cheerful, and quite merry. On the occasion of Rev. Thos. Cook's visit to Australia, a friend invited him to attend a service to young men, held in the Kent Town Church. Being comparatively well at the time, although on crutches, he accepted the invitation, and was one of the first to go to the vestry in response to the invitation for any to come forward who were determined from that day to become servants of Christ, and we have reason to believe that the decision then made was always adhered to, and was the greatest comfort of his life. He spent much of his leisure in raising pigeons, and the pair presented as a prize for the sports this year came from his loft at Campden, and were presented by him for the last fête. He came out to the College the day before the fête to make arrangements for their delivery, and soon afterwards was laid aside with a fresh development of his disease. He had three weeks of terrible suffering, and then his gentle spirit was released, and "He was not, for God took him."

The Midwinter Breaking-up.

Shortly after noon, on June 25, we all assembled in the "big schoolroom." Seated by the Headmaster's side was the Rev. Joseph Berry, the honorary president of the College for this year. The usual order of proceedings was followed. First, the form lists were read out, showing the rank in class won by the work of each boy during the term now being closed. The boys clapped the head of each form as his name was announced, and the Headmaster gave a word of praise, and sometimes of blame, as it was deserved. Then came the lists of those who had gained "certificates" for obtaining at least two-thirds of the marks given in all the examinations in the term. In many of the classes very few of these had been secured, but in the Upper Fourth 22 had been taken by the 35 boys present; in the Lower Second, 9 out of 16; and in the First, 7 out of 8.

Then came the incident which distinguishes the Midwinter breaking from the other terms. The Headmaster introduced Mr. Berry to the school, and told the boys that there was working for the school a body of gentlemen who had its interests much at heart—and that Mr. Berry was the chairman of that body—called the committee, and since "any time was no time," he had long made it a custom to ask the president of the College, that is the said chairman, to attend at Midwinter and hand the prizes to the winners and say a few words if he would.

Mr. Berry, who on rising was greeted with hearty cheers, then gave an interesting address on "Pluck," and told some good stories about it and its use in life,

and showed that it was a quality that every man or boy ought to cultivate. It was a very earnest speech, and he ended by reminding us that there is One who can strengthen and help us to do all life's duties bravely. Mr. Berry then handed the prizes to the "Duces" as shown in the list below, remarking that all the prize-takers, except Chapple and Seppelt, were little "chaps," showing their pluck in beating the bigger ones, and adding that perhaps if he had himself been a foot shorter he might have won more prizes too. With a dismissal verse of "All people that on earth do dwell," and many cheers, off we went for the holidays.

Midwinter, 1897.—Sixth Form, H. Chapple, Dux; Fifth, W. T. Magarey; Lower Fifth, J. C. Colebatch; Upper Fourth, L. W. Walter; Lower Fourth, A. X. Seppelt; Upper Third, W. N. Tonkin; Middle Third, H. G. Giles; Lower Third, H. K. Fry; Upper Second, H. V. Braddock; Lower Second, W. G. Ekins; First, A. S. Giles.

Sports Meeting.

On August 19 a meeting of the school was held in the Lower Fifth Classroom, presided over by the Head Master, to elect officers to manage sports affairs for this season. A closely-contested election resulted in the following being chosen:—Treasurer—Mr. J. E. Langley, B.A.; secretaries—L. D. Grewar and R. E. Magarey; committee—Mr. J. Robertson, C. E. Bennett, H. Chapple, N. W. Jolly, and D. R. Osborne.

First Impressions at the University.

BY THREE OF THE NEWLY-FLEDGED.

We have been asked to describe our first impressions of the University, and proceed to obey the call of duty with many misgivings, for, as those who, like ourselves, are young in age and experience will know, first impressions, like ill-gotten gains, quickly come and quickly go, and are soon lost to sight in the dim vista of the past. We, therefore find much difficulty in recalling and putting them into words. Shade of Julius Caesar, help us we beseech thee in our need, make clear our minds, even as thou didst formerly confuse them, quicken our memories, and enlighten our understandings for the space of three-quarters of an hour, while we wrestle with our mighty task!

Now then, having invoked aid from Hades in the orthodox fashion, let us proceed to business, or, in the language of the classics, plunge *in medias res*. Give us your attention then, good people, read, mark, and inwardly digest, and you who may, perchance, follow in our footsteps in future years, pay heed unto our fatherly advice.

We entered the University on the 15th day of March, 1897, after a three months' holiday, during which time we had ample opportunity to forget the Greek, Latin, and similar barbarosities formerly inflicted upon us, for true to the up-to-date instinct which is innate within us, we have embraced the noble cause of science. Now for impressions.

We ask one of our number what was the first thing that struck him, and receive the reply, "A collection of fellows in the hall." Now, before this, we always

had the idea that University students were far too gentlemanly to pitch into one poor lone freshman like that, for, according to his statement, there was a crowd of them, and only one of him.

The first idea that filtered through our minds, after the novelty of the new life had worn off somewhat, was one of wonder and admiration at the absolute freedom which prevails at the University. No exasperating impositions to be done after hours, when you are sick of work and feel like consigning the inventor of impositions to a certain place too warm for personal comfort, where he would have to do "lines" for all eternity, no standing or sitting in awe of masters who do not understand the boyish nature—here all is perfect liberty, you can come when you like, go when you like, and stay away when you like; you can work when you feel fit for work, or loaf when you are physically or mentally unfit for it—in fact you can do anything you choose, provided only you pay *in advance* the fees prescribed in the regulations. A lazy man's paradise you would think perhaps, but it is not so. Being left so completely to your own resources produces in you a greater self-reliance and a corresponding sense of responsibility. Before, you were merely an animal machine, responding only to the driving whip of your masters, but now you are a free agent, working not so much from external stimulus, but from an inner sense of duty. This naturally induces a greater interest in the work itself, and your pleasures, moreover, begin to have an added sweetness.

You may be glad to know that in the four schools of Science, Medicine, Arts, and Law, there are not less than forty old P.A.C.'s winning their way to glory.

After being at the University for a short time one gets to know the fellows, and finds that the University constitutes a little world in itself; but there is this difference between it and the outer world, viz., that whereas in the latter there is so much discord, quarrelling, backbiting, and over-reaching amongst men, in the University brotherly feeling and good-fellowship prevail. Moreover, whatever they do they put their whole heart and soul into it, and this is the secret of their success as a body. The Adelaide University is famous for its athletes and its scholars; its standard for degrees is the highest in Australasia, and scholarships have been given in Melbourne and Sydney to Adelaide men solely on their reputation. Of course they have many faults, but those faults are mostly on a free and open scale, and there are no mean and underhand dealings amongst them. Every few months the students have great debates on interesting questions; some very good and logical orations are to be heard. We should like to advise the Fifth and Sixth Forms at P.A.C. to shake up some enthusiasm, and set the old Debating Society on its legs again. It is a grand thing for educating yourself to think in words and to express your thoughts in manly, vigorous language.

In conclusion, may we offer you some well-meant advice. Choose out beforehand the course you will take if you intend to continue your studies at the University, and pay special attention to the subjects included in the same, and if Chemistry comes in your future course, do not fool away your time in the laboratory by making pretty mixtures, blowfly nitrates, &c., and playing practical

jokes, but get well acquainted with the groups of tests for bases and acids, and you will reap more benefit than you may perhaps think, when you leave College for the University.

Experience has shown us now what absolute idiots we were to waste so much time as we did when at school. It is stated, probably to console those who have not done well at College, that some of the greatest dunces at school have afterwards proved to be the greatest and wisest men of their day, but it is a fallacy to think that is any argument in favour of loafing at school. Such men as Charles Darwin and Lord Clive were exceptional cases, and the greatest successes do not come by natural gift alone, but only where natural gift is backed up by solid hard work. Therefore we urge you to make the best use of your time, and, above all, to be methodical. You might, perhaps, draw up a programme, and stick to it through thick and thin, like giant cement sticks to crockeryware. Remember the old saying, that true greatness is achieved by being attentive to details. And now we will cry with the poet, when he had finished the pot of marmalade, *jam satis*, and agree with the cannibal king, who ate his mother-in-law for breakfast, that this is another troublesome subject disposed of.

Some Notes on the Diamond Jubilee.

BY AN "OLD RED" IN LONDON.

Victoria Station saw the last of us at about three p.m. on the eve of the great day, and we proceeded to stroll, for that

was all the dense crowd permitted, down Piccadilly, St. James Street, Trafalgar Square, Charing Cross, Strand, Fleet Street, Ludgate Hill to St. Paul's. By this our time and strength were exhausted, and we hastened home *via* Ludgate Hill station. Tea snatched, we formed a body guard to escort aunt to sleep at a friend's previous to rising at an unearthly hour for her seat at St. Paul's. We then returned back for a short sleep. Arising again as 4.30 struck—it was broad daylight—we dressed and caught our train at 5.30, and proceeded to breakfast in London at 6 a.m. The people in the streets took up their places as soon as daylight permitted. I was one of a party of eighteen who occupied a nice little platform placed high upon St. Paul's itself. The people below looked small, and I danced a double shuffle to the excellent music of the Coldstream Guards below. Hour after hour passed sped by, but no monotony obtained; we could see and hear everything through the great kindness of our friends. About 10.30 a.m. the Lord Mayor, Sir Faudell Phillips, started from the Mansion House, all robed, amid deafening cheers of the crowd, to the Temple Bar, where he must needs be to permit the Queen to enter the city. Shortly—for time simply galloped—the procession commenced. Squadron after squadron of soldiers, band after band came. Perhaps the loudest and heartiest cheering was for the Colonials, who were highly favoured.

People were charmed with their fine physique and the novel look of their "Buffalo Bill" costumes. The Queen, unfortunately, had her umbrella up, for it was real "Queen's weather," so from our high position we could but see the plan of the whole gorgeous assembly of archbishops, bishops and priests, and representatives of the clergy of all denominations, naval officers, Chinese embassies, Indians galore, &c., &c., &c., &c. The corporeal proportions of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales were conspicuous, as mounted he sat on his horse at the right hand of the Queen in reverent attitude during the divine service of twenty minutes. Oh! the thrill that went through me to join in the worship direct of God the Ruler and Maker of all alike, as one of so vast a crowd of worshippers, and as the strains of the newly-set *Te Deum* of Dr. Martin's arose, one's very soul took wings. This was even surpassed by the depth of feeling awakened as slowly and reverently the whole mass of people congregated sang the doxology. But one thought would come up: What will the adoration in heaven itself be?

The Trip to Mount Barker.

BY L. D. GREWAR.

Saturday, August 21st, the day arranged by our hon. secretary for the annual football match between the Mt. Barker representatives and our first twenty, proved to be as perfect a spring

day as could possibly be desired even by the most exacting pleasure-seeker. With the glorious sun radiating pleasant warmth through the azure vault of the heavens, and a gentle breeze fanning our excited brows, the party, numbering thirty in all, after giving three hearty cheers for Alma Mater, rolled merrily over the crunching gravel of the College drive.

Our five splendid horses bore us quickly onward, and soon we found ourselves in charming country lanes, with verdant pastures and scattered clumps of majestic trees on either side; while in the rapidly diminishing distance the towering peaks of the Mt. Lofty range were seen at greatest advantage, and seemed to sullenly dare us to climb their rugged heights if we were able. We need hardly pause to describe the beauty of the wild, mountain scenery, or to comment on the numerous botanical specimens of varying beauty to be met with at every turn, as almost every one is so exceedingly familiar with both, and with that exquisitely beautiful variety of scenery so frequently met with in our ranges. We might, however, say that the magnificent panorama that lay stretched before us when, after much toiling and struggling, we gained the summit of Mt. Lofty, was charming in the extreme.

The novelty of the situation, coupled with the magnificent grandeur of the scene, proved so exceedingly fascinating that several coincidentally came to the

conclusion that a halt of a few minutes would be extremely beneficial to our fleet and sturdy greys. As the fierce, howling hurricane instantly clears the exposed threshing-floor of the waste and helpless pieces of chaff, so did that opportune proposal clear the heavily-laden drag of its admiring occupants. Each immediately endeavoured to obtain for himself a suitable spot from which he could enjoy to the fullest advantage the beautiful and enchanting scene.

At this juncture, one member of our happy party, who was violently struggling to obtain from the top of a stump a bird's-eye view of Port Adelaide, the city itself, everything within the immediate vicinity of both, and the blue rolling ocean, stretching as far as the eye could reach, was heard to sweetly murmur, "Delightful!" and then, to the horror of the terrified spectators, he suddenly disappeared.

Never did war-horse charge motionless lines of cruel bayonets with more enthusiastic rapidity than did we that last remnant of some fallen Australian giant. Breathless and panting we reached the scene of the tragedy, when to our surprise and relief we beheld the crown of a hat followed by the familiar features of our chum, and they rose from the centre of the log (which ultimately proved to be hollow), and we heard him warble in accents low and almost inaudible something about "Blessing and cherishing hollow stumps," or words to that effect.

Some have even the audacity to say that the "fallen" orator spoke of the stump as "blooming," but at present we are utterly at a loss to perceive how dead, hollow logs could possibly blossom even in the spring. The musical portion of our party let slip no possible opportunity of giving specimen pieces from a well-assorted and valuable collection, much to the dismay of the people through whose picturesque little villages we passed, and to the great amusement of our wits as some of their perplexing and abrupt orations (*e.g.*, "How delightfully charming; reminds one rather forcibly of the melodious notes emitted when a cat's tail is 'placed under high pressure'") would immediately demonstrate.

We arrived at Mount Barker at 12.45 midday, and at once proceeded to the suite of rooms which we had hired at Gray's Inn. At 1 o'clock precisely a hearty luncheon was ready, and after that those who felt so disposed wandered leisurely through the enchanting streets of the prettily situated township of Mount Barker.

THE MATCH.

The lining up and numbering off of the Mount Barker team was the signal for the Princes to take the field. At 3.15 p.m. the umpire (Charlie Osborne) bounced the ball. It was almost immediately rushed dangerously near the Princes' citadel. Morris, Richardson, and Magarey brilliantly relieved, however, and a free to O. R. Flecker resulted in

the ball being sent well down towards the Mounts' goal. Chapple then cleverly got possession of the ball and notched our first minor. Shortly after this Osborne effected a good mark, and behind No. 2 appeared on the board. The Mounts retaliated by a determined rush, and Boucaut putting in some fine play, scored the first behind for the Mounts. The blue-and-whites followed up this start with three more points in rapid succession. First quarter—

P.A.C., 2 behinds.

Mount Barker, 4 behinds.

Directly after the bounce, Chapple, well backed up by Bob Osborne, rushed up to the sticks and kicked the first goal of the day. Soon after this Morris had a difficult and long shot, and the deafening yells from the Princes' barrackers heralded in the second goal for the Reds. Second quarter—

P.A.C., 2 goals 2 behinds.

Mount Barker, 4 behinds.

On resuming play, the Mounts, by making a rush, succeeded in getting the ball in a dangerous position for the Princes, but by clever play on the part of Nesbit, Alexander, Cooper, and Drew, it was gradually worked down the wing. Fleckstead now had a shot; the only result, however, was the addition of another point to the Reds' score. The Mounts again roused themselves for an effort, and in spite of good play by Flecker, Osborne, and Richardson, Ross got the ball and sent it spinning between the uprights. Third quarter—

P.A.C., 2 goals 4 behinds.

Mount Barker, 1 goal 6 behinds.

In the last quarter the Blues attempted to make the scores even as quickly as

possible, but their attempt only ended in dismal failure. The Princes now had matters all their own way, and Thomas, Parks, and Smith succeeded in bringing the ball towards the P.A.C. end. Flecker, at this juncture, got the ball, and passing to Basedow, who marked splendidly, still another minor was recorded. Almost immediately after this Stewart forwarded to Osborne, who with a "beauty" notched the third goal for the reds. Final scores—

P.A.C., 3 goals 7 behinds.

Mount Barker, 1 goal 6 behinds.

Chapple, Magarey, and Osborne shone most brilliantly for the Reds, while for the blues Ross, Wooding, and Boucaut were most conspicuous. In the first and second quarters Charlie Osborne officiated as field umpire, and on returning to the pavilion was vociferously received by the enthusiastic barrackers. Xaver Seppelt took charge of the field in the third and fourth quarters, and succeeded admirably in his attempt to make the game fast and true.

After a most sumptuous repast provided by our genial host had been discussed, and a short impromptu concert, kindly organised for the occasion by the aforementioned "musicians," had been enjoyed (?), with many yells and other peculiar sounds we started on our homeward journey. The dreary monotony of a three hours' drive on a cold night was broken by songs, comic and pathetic, while many an amusing anecdote merrily went the rounds of the drag. The city was reached at 10.5 p.m., and after three cheers had been given for everybody, the party, slightly fatigued, but in excellent spirits, all agreed that a most enjoyable day had been spent.

The Annual Sports.

Saturday, September 18th, was the day appointed this year for holding the sports, it being deemed most suitable by the Headmaster and the Committee. On Friday (17th) evening several sharp showers fell, and the hopes of all interested began rapidly to sink. Saturday broke with a threatening aspect in the sky, and during the whole day the clouds wore a very rainy appearance indeed. Fortunately, however, the rain held off, and we had a splendid afternoon, the wind having dropped somewhat. The ground was not in as good condition as our runners could have wished, for owing to the hot days in the week it had become hardened, and the small quantity of rain on Friday had very little softening effect upon it. However, the Headmaster did all he could with men and scythes and rollers to make the track even and easy. As usual, some thousands of parents, relatives, and friends of the boys—not forgetting old scholars— assembled, and made a goodly ring round the grounds, to see the running and meet one another. The running on the whole was good, but, unfortunately, Sid. Richardson, who gave such a splendid exhibition in the first event for the Cup, was unable to compete in the second, and had the misfortune to slip in the third. Rupert Magarey ran excellently, and well deserved the honor and reward he gained. He gained 13 points out of a possible 15, which is a remarkable performance, and we all congratulate him on

winning the College Cup for 1897. Good old Len. Grewar, our last year's Cup winner, ran excellently, and him, too, must we congratulate on winning the Inter-collegiate Cup for us once more in such fine style. That makes six times out of six that the Intercollegiate Cup has been won by a P.A. boy. Good old Princes. Reds can't be beat. The energetic committee are to be praised for their efforts to make the sports a success. Mr. Langley has indeed proved himself a most able sports' master, and he also spared no effort to make everything go off smoothly and successfully.

We must not forget here to thank the old boys who so kindly render their welcome and efficient services on such occasions as judges, starters, &c. The School is also deeply indebted to the many kind friends who contributed so liberally to the prize fund.

During the afternoon refreshments were thoughtfully provided by Mrs. Chapple for the ladies. Once again the City Volunteer Band was in attendance near the pavilion, and added greatly to the enjoyment of all by their enlivening selections. Throwing the cricket ball, kicking for goal, and consolation were postponed till Monday for want of time. The half-mile was undecided, because the judges disqualified a winner for not starting from his mark, and to the bike race (open) there was a protest of bad starting.

After the last event the spectators assembled round the circle of forms, in the centre of which the prizes were to be dis-

tributed. Lady Colton added one more to her many favours bestowed on the College by kindly consenting to distribute the prizes.

The Headmaster delivered a short speech. During his remarks he called for "three cheers for Her Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria," and they were right loyally and lustily given. He also referred with gratitude to the presence with us that afternoon of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Victoria, and hearty cheers greeted these honoured names. And he particularly congratulated Grewar on winning the Inter-collegiate Cup, and Magarey on winning the College Cup. This is the sixth time that the Cup has been run, and the names on it so far are: T. C. Hantke in 1892 and 1893, R. G. Nesbit in 1894 and 1895, and now L. D. Grewar in 1896 and 1897. He introduced Lady Colton, amid cheers, to us, and mentioned her and Sir John's kindness to the College almost from its foundation.

Lady Colton, in replying, said she and Sir John had always taken a deep interest in the College. She had seen the foundation stone of it laid; she had been present at the opening; her sons had their names on the walls; so she could never cease to think of it. She urged the boys to do something for their school, and they would always feel attached to it; and that would do them good and elevate their characters.

The distribution completed, cheers were given for Lady Colton and Mr. and Mrs. Chapple.

THE EVENTS.

130 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT RACE (first

event for Cup).—S. Richardson, 5 points; R. E. Magarey, 3 points; H. E. Noltenius, 2 points. This was a splendid race, and to all appearances Magarey was the winner, when within a few yards of the tape Richardson, who had two yards on Magarey, managed to pass him.

100 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT RACE (under 11).—S. Robertson, S. M. Raphael.

100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP FLAT RACE (under 15).—H. G. Nesbit. This was won with comparative ease, and was only what was generally expected. Still Les. Cowan stuck pluckily to it, and really ran well.

120 YARDS HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (under 13).—H. V. Throssell, D. Cowan. The race towards the end resulted in a contest between these two. Cowan (5 yards), however, lost ground over the last hurdle, and Throssell (4 yards) came in with a little to spare.

100 YARDS INTER-COLLEGIATE FLAT RACE (College championship).—P.A.C.: L. D. Grewar, R. E. Magarey, S. Richardson; S.P.S.C.: Campbell, Worthington, Glen. On Wednesday previous a trial race was run to decide who were to represent P.A.C. in this race. There were four competitors, of whom H. G. Nesbit failed to get a place. The results of championship were:—Grewar (10 3-5th sec.), Campbell, Richardson. Campbell ran well, and at the finish there was only a yard and a half between him and Grewar. Apparently, however, Len. did not exert himself much at the finish. Richardson was almost abreast of Campbell. This is the sixth time the Cup has been competed for, and the sixth time it has been won by P.A.C.—twice by T. C. Hantke, twice by R. G. Nesbit, and twice by L. D. Grewar.

80 YARDS SACK RACE (open).—E. N.

Goode, A. J. Lord. Very few finished. Lord, who had to give Goode six yards, ran well, but did not give Goode much difficulty in securing first place.

220 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT RACE (open).—S. Richardson, W. W. Tolly. This was one of the best races of the day. Tolly (8 yards) led splendidly a great part of the distance, but Richardson (scratch) beat him on the tape. (Hard luck, Norm!) Drew (5 yards) was very close up, and he, too, showed that he was not to be shaken off easily.

130 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT RACE (under 15).—First heat—L. Cowan (scratch), with a few yards to spare, F. Spicer (4 yards), H. Hardey (scratch). Second heat—E. Chapple (scratch), who, after getting a good start, had little difficulty in winning; N. C. Shierlaw (8 yards), B. L. Gardiner (scratch). Final—Cowan, Chapple, and Spicer finished very closely.

QUARTER-MILE HANDICAP FLAT RACE (open). Second event for Cup.—R. E. Magarey (10 yards), 5 points; L. D. Grewar (scratch), 3 points; A. S. Drew (16 yards), 2 points. Richardson did not run. Here again Drew, although third, proved that his running powers were by no means of a low order. Little Robertson ran well, but the distance told on him.

ONE MILE BIKE RACE (under 14).—R. W. East (scratch), P. W. Marshall (90 yards). Early in the race C. Burford collided with V. Drew, and both fell heavily. Burford was unhurt, but Drew received a severe shaking. Their hope for the race was lost. Conaway retired, and left East and Marshall to fight it out, with the above result.

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (16 lbs.).—Muecke. There were four entries; Grewar and Bennett were scratched, leaving Muecke and

Basedow. Basedow, although throwing the further, was disqualified for stepping over the line.

120 YARDS THREE-LEGGED RACE (open).—Gardiner and Baily (7 yards), Goode and Lord (9 yards). The winners had evidently trained well together, and deserved to win, which they did without extra efforts.

120 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT RACE (open).—First heat—C. T. Rose (8 yards), H. E. Noltenius (7 yards), R. E. Magarey (7 yards). "Shag" showed by his running in this heat that he would give some trouble; Noltenius also was well up. Second heat—H. Chapple (7 yards), C. H. Osborne (11 yards), J. Fletcher (9 yards). Tolly, a very likely man in this race, owing to some misunderstanding in the heats, did not run. Chapple got off with a splendid start, but Charley Osborne made him go for it. Final—C. L. Rose, H. Chapple, H. E. Noltenius. This was almost what was expected after Rose's fine running in his heat.

ONE MILE BIKE RACE (open).—A. H. Williams (20 yards) and E. Stirling (30). Harold Drew was scratch, but was not at his line when the pistol went. He entered a protest, but the committee decided against it.

THROWING CRICKET BALL.—L. D. Grewar threw the furthest (86 yards), but as he had two first prizes it fell to R. E. Magarey.

120 YARDS HANDICAP HURDLES (under 15).—L. Cowan (1 yard), Chapple (2 yards). We shall hear of Cowan in a year or two.

130 YARDS HANDICAP MEDLEY RACE.—R. D. Brummitt, hopping (70 yards), A. W. Matchoss, skipping (40 yards), T. H. Burgess, skipping (40 yards). This is a difficult race to handicap, and as a rule the back runners cannot get through. As usual, it caused a great deal of amusement, especially

the "animals" in it. The handicap of the winner was evidently too great.

220 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT OLD SCHOLARS' RACE.—There were ten entries, and a very good race resulted. F. Cowan, "Snowy" Cowan, M. Easter.

130 YARDS HANDICAP HURDLES (open).—(Third event for College Cup).—R. E. Magarey, 5 points; H. G. Nesbit, 3 points. "Otto," owing to bad luck in previous races, did not start. Magarey led well, and at third jump Richardson slipped. Nesbit, however, gave the leader no trouble, and the cup was his.

120 YARDS HANDICAP FLAT RACE (under 13).—H. V. Throssell (3 yards) and S. B. Robertson (10 yards).

120 YARDS OLD SCHOLARS' HANDICAP HURDLES.—F. Cowan, F. Hill, M. Easter. Eight starters. Here again Frank Cowan proved his superior running powers.

130 YARDS HANDICAP HURDLES (open).—R. E. Magarey, scr. Shaughnessy accomplished the feat of jumping on to every hurdle.

KICKING FOR GOAL.—H. Chapple, four goals out of six kicks.

HALF-MILE HANDICAP FLAT (open).—A splendid race. L. D. Grewar (scratch); A. S. Drew (45 yards); O. Haslam (100 yards); A. H. Goode (65 yards); A. E. Hassell (70 yards). At the end, Arthur Drew came through the "field" as fresh as if just starting.

CONSOLATION (120 yards) was run off on Tuesday, and occasioned great interest. The five winners were—D. R. Osborne, J. H. Bishop, C. H. Osborne, O. R. Flecker, and R. Shaughnessy. (Four boarders out of five. Great joy in the house, especially as one prize was a box of cordials.)

Roseworthy Match.

On Wednesday, August 4th, the "farmers," amongst whose chief players we were glad to see several old Reds, journeyed from Roseworthy to play a series of matches with our twenty, and those of St. Peters and Way Colleges, in the order named. They played us on a splendid afternoon for football, and a very good game resulted. Till the last quarter the game was very evenly contested, but then the Roseworthy team proved their superior staying powers, and made good use of their weight. This was greatly due to the fact that only eleven of our oval representatives were playing, and as football is generally "dead" with us after the Oval match, our men were completely out of training. Nevertheless, all things considered, the "Reds" played very creditably.

We were best represented by Flecker and Tolly, who were greatly assisted by the efforts of Magarey (captain in Grewar's absence), Drew and Chapple. For the winners the splendid play of Read was a feature of the game, particularly his marking. He was well "backed up" by Harrington, Landseer, and Colebatch. Scores at half-time—

R.A.C., 5 goals 3 behinds.

P.A.C., 4 goals 2 behinds.

After the interval the play was much faster, and when time was called final scores were—

R.A.C., 8 goals 8 behinds.

P.A.C., 5 goals 8 behinds.

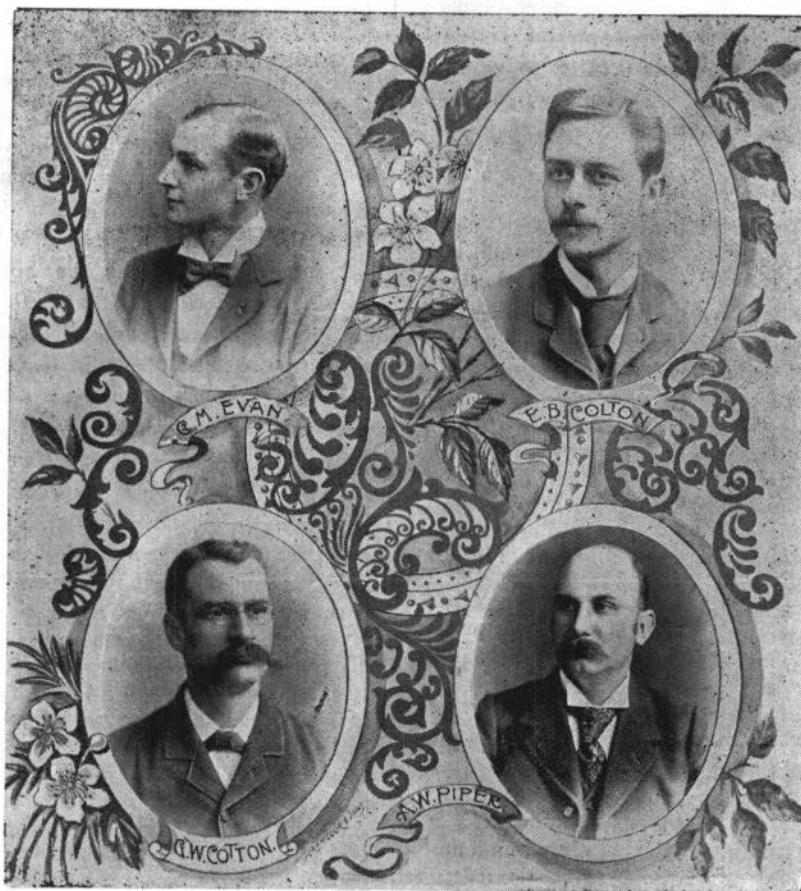
Mr. C. Capper, O.P.A.C., made an efficient umpire.

A Trip to Hahndorf.

On Saturday, May 1, a party of about twelve boys (including C. E. Bennett, E. A. Brummitt, E. Chapple, D. R. Cowan, R. H. Martin, from P.A.C.) and as many girls from Mr. Leschen's classes at ladies' schools, left the Adelaide Railway Station in a drag, for the purpose of doing a few gymnastic exercises at Hahndorf in connection with the College there. After a pleasant drive of about three hours through the hills, we stopped at a paddock a little more than two miles from our destination. Here we lunched, and remained about an hour. Then, having been reminded of our parts in the performance, we resumed our journey, and arrived at Hahndorf at about 2.30. When we had put on our flannels, we went to the Institute, which was fairly full of people, and commenced the performance, which included the "Australian March," club-swinging, fencing, free exercises, and exercises on the parallel and horizontal bars. The whole affair passed off very well, amid much applause, and as we had finished rather early, Mr. Leschen proposed that we should drive back to where we had had lunch, and have some games. We soon got away again, but before we had reached the paddock it began to rain, so that our games had to be put off. It continued to rain for about an hour, but after that it cleared up again, and the rest of the drive to town was very enjoyable. We then finished up a very pleasant day with tea at Beach's Rooms. Our hearty thanks are due to Mr. Leschen for a very enjoyable outing.

E.C.

PAST-PRESIDENTS
OF THE
Prince Alfred College Old Collegians' Association.



We present our readers herewith with portraits of the four "Old Boys" who have held office, so far, as Presidents of the Old Collegians' Association. The Asso-

ciation was founded in 1878, two years after the present Headmaster came to the school. Mr. Chapple took great interest in the Association from the first proposal

to establish it, but he urged the re-election of Mr. Hartley year after year as President. Mr. Hartley himself frequently and strongly recommended a change, but the members were loth to see any one else in the chair, which he had filled so long and so well. At length Mr. Hartley would not stand for the office any longer, and Mr. E. B. Colton, who had long served the Association most earnestly as its Hon. Secretary, was elected President in 1893. Mr. G. M. Evan followed, in 1894; Mr. G. S. Cotton, who had so long laid the College under a debt as the Hon. Secretary of its Committee of Management, in 1895, and Mr. A. W. Piper in 1896. These four gentlemen form a quartette of whom any school might well be proud. Their names are "on the walls" of the big schoolroom, and their devotion to the "old school" is a constant source of strength to it. The Association is to be congratulated on having such a succession of able and earnest Presidents. They have set a high standard for those who shall follow them in this honorable office.

P.A.C. Old Collegians' Association Dinner.

The annual dinner of the Prince Alfred Old Collegians' Association was held at Prince Alfred College on Saturday evening, June 26. This was the first day of the Midwinter vacation, and this early date was chosen so that masters might

attend before going off for their holidays, an act of thoughtfulness that was much appreciated. Old boys assembled early, and spent half-an-hour in meeting old friends, in looking over the old places, especially in gathering in the old school-room, and reading the names on the walls. A melancholy additional interest this year attached to this room because of the handsome new tablet bearing the inscription, "To the memory of Joseph Tregilgas Sunter, B.A., associated with this College as scholar and master for 24 years. Died July 15, 1896. Erected by the Old Collegians' Association." A large number sat down to dinner in the large dining-room, which was nicely decorated with flags and evergreens by Mrs. Chapple, her daughters, and their lady friends, and Messrs. Harry and Iliffe. The president of the Association (Mr. A. W. Piper) occupied the chair. The programme opened with a pianoforte solo by Mr. H. T. Proctor, after which the toast of "The Queen" and "Governor" were honored. The chairman, in proposing the former, made appropriate reference to the "Diamond Jubilee," and the mighty influence for good exerted by Her Majesty.

Mr. PIPER said he thought the past year had been one as sorrow, so far as the Association was concerned, as they had lost through death Mr. J. T. Sunter, the greatly-beloved second master of the College, and Mr. J. A. Hartley, a much esteemed and respected headmaster. With reference to the College itself,

several things had occurred during the year which would benefit it. The principal one was the very liberal bequest of the late Sir Thomas Elder, which would be very useful to the institution. They could all be proud of the report of University successes presented last Speech Day. The cup that was competed for by both colleges in the running field still remained in the possession of the Prince Alfred boys, and though they had lost the great cricket and football matches against St. Peter's, they had made plucky fights, and had played well. (Cheers.) Several new masters had been appointed to the staff of the College, and he had joined in welcoming them on behalf of the Association. They all congratulated Mr. Chapple and the College upon the brilliant success achieved by Mr. Alfred Chapple at Cambridge. (Cheers.) He called it brilliant, for the contest was open to the whole of the University to compete. In 1895 only three were successful, and of them two had been "wranglers" before. Looking at the attendance at the dinner, he was encouraged by the interest that seemed to be taken in the College. The Association now had more members on the roll than they had ever had before. (Cheers.) And it had been more in evidence of late owing certainly to the sad bereavements, which brought out the good feeling that existed between old scholars and the school. They must all agree with him that a feeling of good fellowship had been well ex-

hibited during the past year, and especially so on the visit of Mr. Chapple to West Australia, when the old boys from P.A.C. gave him a right royal welcome. He was not only welcomed by P.A.C. boys, but also by St. Peter's old scholars. (Cheers.)

After Mr. F. A. Chapman had sung "The Mermaid's Song" Mr. F. Chapple gave a splendid and spirited rendering of Rudyard Kipling's "A health to the native born."

In proposing the toast "Prince Alfred College and its Masters," Mr. P. Wood said the institution was greatly indebted to Mr. Chapple for the able way in which he had managed its business as well as the scholastic part, and for its satisfactory financial position. (Cheers.) At present there were 320 boys attending the school, which he considered very creditable when certain things were taken into consideration. Over 2,600 had gone out from the institution. Where were they all now? Some, alas, were gone for ever, while others had left the country. But the one who was at the present time most prominently brought before their notice was Mr. Chapple's second son, Mr. Alfred Chapple, who had achieved such great success in England. (Cheers.) In law, medicine, scholastic life, and commerce Prince Alfred boys were to the fore. He understood that no cablegram of congratulation had yet been sent to Mr. Alfred Chapple from the Association, and he suggested that each one present should

subscribe a shilling and so send a message from the Collegians' Association. (Cheers.) He noticed that a number of the masters on the staff were old boys, which he thought said a good deal for the learning that could be obtained at the College. He considered, however, that the committee did well in getting the two gentlemen from England. It was well to get new blood at times. The staff of masters was second to none in the colony. (Cheers.)

The toast was drunk with musical honors.

The Headmaster, F. CHAPPLE, Esq., B.A., B.Sc., who on rising met with a most enthusiastic reception, asked the reporters to lay down their pencils. He wanted to speak freely to the "Old Boys" without any diminution of the pleasure that would come if he felt he was "blowing a trumpet." He then referred at length to the brilliant successes of past and present P.A.C.'s in many walks in life, and told of many whom he met in West Australia, and showed how big a family of sons he has in these lands, and of how much he cares for them, and of how often they think of him. Some wished this might be published that our readers, as well as those present, might have the pleasure of it. But of course we bow to the Headmaster's request.

Messrs. H. C. Shortt, J. E. Langley, W. Bayly, Iliffe, E. Mitton, W. Robinson,

Benbow, H. Harry, and H. Leschen also responded, and were heartily received.

Mr. H. Heath received an encore for his singing of "Mary." The song "The powder monkey" was rendered by Mr. J. A. Haslam.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE (the Rev. J. Berry), in proposing the toast of "The Association," said the members were linked together by pleasant memories—memories of that part of their lives when roots strike the deepest. He counted one of the greatest privileges of his life to speak every Sunday to so many Prince Alfred boys. There was something very beautiful, he thought, about an Association like theirs. It was a grand thing for the school to have a body of gentlemen who had such a good feeling one with another, and took such a lively interest in the welfare of the College. Seeing that such a large number had passed through the school, and that they were represented in nearly every branch of business, he was surprised that none of their number was in the Parliament of the country. This he hoped would be remedied, as he was sure all old scholars would help to get one of their number returned. He referred touchingly to the death of Mr. Hartley. Looking round him he saw a crowd of young men, and did not see a grey hair on a single head, although he saw many a head that would do with "a little more hair." (Laughter.) They were young, and the young were saved by hope. He then gave some

statistics, showing how fast the colonies were making progress in material wealth, and urged each to do his duty to make P.A.C. a greater power for good in this great land. Now, in the early days of this young nation their influence was sure to be considerable. A shadow was cast over them last week owing to the College losing the football match, but he was glad that the cablegram came on Friday telling them of the success of a Prince Alfred College boy at the greatest seat of mathematical learning. After all the "head end" was the chief end of man. (Cheers.)

Mr. F. A. CHAPPLE, the treasurer of the Association, in the regretted absence of Mr. A. H. Hill (the vice-president), responded.

A recitation by Mr. Shortt was then given. Mr. A. Murray followed with a song. The toast of "Absent friends" was wittily proposed by Mr. E. E. CLELAND. The CHAIRMAN, in calling on Mr. A. M. Bonython to reply, said the tablet that had just been erected to the memory of the late Mr. Sunter, and which they had all inspected, was from the design of Mr. Bonython, who gave it gratuitously, and also went to some trouble to see that the work was carried out.

Mr. BONYTHON said their thanks were due to Messrs. Tillet & Cleveland for executing the tablet under cost price (as Mr. Tillet had an affection for P.A.C. because of its good training of his son), and the trouble they took over it. The absent

friends were, he said, scattered over the whole world, and he mentioned several names, amongst whom were those of Mr. P. A. Robin (the second master at the Grammar school, Melbourne), Mr. Chapple (who was studying in Melbourne), Mr. Rischbieth (who was at Cambridge, and recently won his blue in boxing), and Mr. C. S. Mead (who was in India). He referred to their school days, when Mr. Hartley and Mr. Sunter, now both dead, were the masters.

Mr. J. E. Langley sang "The banjo mania," and Mr. T. Roach "Ever of thee." The toast of the ladies was drunk with musical honors; Mr. T. M. Burgess (the secretary) being the proposer and Mr. S. T. Rowley the responder. The Misses Chapple, Counter, and Walton were thanked for decorating the room. A quartet by Messrs. Langley, Robinson, Harry, and Mitton was given, and the gathering broke up with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen." During the evening funds were subscribed for sending a cablegram to Mr. A. Chapple. The catering was excellently carried out by Mr. F. Bricknell. The whole affair was most hearty, and was one of the most successful "Old Boys' dinners" ever held.

Lawn Tennis.

One match played against the St. Elmo Tennis Club was not recorded in last term's *Chronicle*. It was won by P.A.C.

by 71 games to 26. A few matches have been played this quarter—one early in the term against the Forrestvilles, whom we defeated by 63 games to 45; another with the Glensides, who at last “went under” to us; and a third, which was probably the most eagerly looked-for, against a four from St. Peters. This we won somewhat easily, much to some of our players’ surprise. The individual scores of the first two matches were not kept, but those of the last two will be found below.

Vigorous practice has been going on all through the term, both courts being frequently engaged during the dinner-hour and after school. The club has existed this time for two quarters, the longest period it has ever been known to last. May it long continue to prosper! Unfortunately some of our players will be turning their attention to cricket very soon, so that we shall lose their services for a time at least.

It has been decided to send a team to represent P.A.C. in the South Australian Lawn Tennis Association. Though at present this will consist chiefly of masters, yet if the boys continue their practice, there is no reason why they should not take a greater part in the matches later on.

P.A.C. v. GLENSIDE.—Played on our courts, August 21. A. H. Harry and E. G. Mitton (C.) lost to J. G. and W. R. Frost (G.), 8—9; F. Chapple and J. E. Langley (C.) won from A. W. and H. J. Jones (G.), 9—7; C. S. Newman and F. Muecke (C.) lost

to A. Hall and H. Turner (G.), 7—9; W. J. Cowell and W. P. Murray (C.) lost to L. H. Howie and H. B. Middleton (G.) 7—9; E. G. Mitton (C.) beat J. G. Frost (G.), 7—3; F. Chapple (C.) lost to A. W. Jones (G.), 4—7; A. H. Harry (C.) beat W. R. Frost (G.), 7—4; J. E. Langley (C.) beat H. J. Jones (G.), 7—4; F. Muecke (C.) beat H. Turner (G.), 7—5; P.A.C. ladies won from Glenside ladies, 12—11. Totals—P.A.C., 75 games; Glenside, 68 games.

P.A.C. v. S.P.S.C.—Played on our courts September 11. Chapple i. and Muecke (P.A.C.) won from Connor and Mumme (S.P.S.C.), 13—0; Osborne ii. and Cowell ii. (P.A.C.) won from Richardson ii. and Milne (S.P.S.C.), 13—5; Chapple i. (P.A.C.) beat Connor (S.P.S.C.), 6—4; Muecke (P.A.C.) beat Mumme (S.P.S.C.), 6—1; Osborne ii. (P.A.C.) beat Richardson ii. (S.P.S.C.), 6—4; Cowell ii. (P.A.C.) beat Milne (S.P.S.C.), 6—0. Totals—P.A.C., 50 games; S.P.S.C., 14 games.

BALANCE SHEET No. 53.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand... ..	15	18	6
Sales in school of No. 53 ...	3	16	6
Old Boys' Association ...	1	16	3
Subscriptions	0	6	0
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	£21	17	3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Printing	6	16	0
Wrappers, &c.	0	5	6
Balance in hand	14	15	9
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	£21	17	3

L. D. GREWAR, Hon. Manager.

A Visit to the Islington Workshops.

On Monday, July 5, a party of eight went to Islington to look over the Locomotive Workshops. We were heartily welcomed by the secretary, and were introduced to Mr. Frank Hill (an old P.A.C. boy), who was to take us over the different departments, and to explain things in general to us.

We were first shown into the Fitting Room, where the different parts of the engines and tenders are put together. Over this shop there were two travelling cranes capable of lifting 25 tons each. When an engine is completed it is picked up by these cranes and put down in front of the door through which it is taken out. We then went to the boiler shop, in which men were hammering bolts through the holes in the boilers, and making such a noise that we could hardly hear ourselves speak. We were then shown into a shop where general work was done. In this shop there were machines at work planing down and boring holes through copper and iron. We then went into the Pattern Room, where were piled all sorts and shapes of patterns in almost endless variety. Just to the side of this there were the moulds into which the molten metal was poured in making certain other patterns.

We then went into the Blacksmith's Shop, where all the different parts of the engines, tenders, and truc , and in fact all

the ironwork used in making trains were made. The first thing we saw was the large steam hammer. When the wheels are first made they are the same thickness from rim to hub. When finished they are from five to six inches thicker at the hub. The centre of the wheel is made red hot, and two caps white hot, in a furnace which is kept going from week's end to week's end. The wheel is then swung round on to the anvil of the steam hammer, and one cap is placed on each side of the hub. The hammer is then brought down with such force that after two thumps the three pieces of iron are welded together, and if a person were to look at the wheel after this he would not think that there were three pieces, but only one. The wheel is then carried away on a truck and placed on the ground to cool. Some idea of the heat of the wheel can be realised by remembering that the wheel is red hot more than half an hour after it has left the anvil.

When a spring is made it is put in a hydraulic machine which puts a pressure of over six tons on it, and presses it out perfectly straight. Then the pressure is removed, and if the spring goes back to its original position it is a good one, but if not, it has to be taken to pieces and re-made. Also in this shop there are from twenty to thirty fires in which the iron is made hot so as to be able to be worked. Between some of these there are four more smaller steam hammers. At the end of this building there is a machine for making bolts ; beside this there is a fire in which a man places

four rods of iron; these are made red hot, then one of them is taken out and one end put into the machine. The machine puts a round head on it, and cuts it off the proper length. A little distance from this there is a machine which blows all the fires in this shop.

After we had seen this we went into the place where the carriages are made and repaired. In here there are circular saws, hand saws, and band saws, and all kinds of planes. In one corner of this building we saw a man all by himself making an ordinary trolley. We went out of this place and saw the fire engine and hoses and horses. Mr. Hill then took us into the men's dining rooms, and the room where the men play at all kinds of games far too numerous to mention. We then went into the office, thanked Mr. Hill for having shown and explained everything to us so clearly and thoroughly, and took our way home, feeling much happier and wiser for our visit.—L. W. C.

“The Pass of Killiecrankie.”

(Revised Version.)

One of the pieces set for recitation in the Lower Third form some time ago was the “Pass of Killiecrankie.” One hard-working boarder spent so much time in preparing it that in his sleep he beheld a vision in which the stirring account of the battle was mingled with happy recollections of an exciting cricket match played on the previous day. The following is the result :—

On the playground of Prince Alfred
 Yesternorn was cricket played,
 Slowly came the boys in couples
 Saving those who were delayed.
 Hoarsely roared one, “Give's a game, Tom!”
 But his face was wrapped in gloom,
 When his comrade drove the stumps in
 And declared there wasn't room.

Then we belted on our leg-guards,
 And our red caps down we drew,
 And we felt our spring bats' handles,
 And we proved them to be true ;
 And we called the right call, “ tails !”
 And we cried a joyful cry,
 And we clasped the hands of “ our side,”
 And we swore to do or die.

Then our leader went in for us,
 Clad in flannels spotless white ;
 Well the eleven opposing players
 Knew that batsman's power to smite.
 And a cry of exultation
 From the lookers-on arose,
 For we loved to see a “ slogger,”
 And we thought of Clem's and Joe's.*

But he raised his hand for silence,
 “ Fellows! I have sworn a vow,
 Ere the evening star shall glisten
 On Mt. Lofty's barren brow,
 Either we shall rest in triumph,
 Or———

*Referring to C. Hill and J. Darling.

What the alternative was will never be known, for at that moment the get-up bell painfully reminded the sleeper that however ingenious his poetic dream might be, no amount of explanation would prevent him from being detained should he not know the piece as contained in the recitation book.

Curious English Plurals.

We'll begin with box, the plural is boxes,
 But the plural of ox should be oxen not oxes.

The one fowl is a goose, but two are called geese.

Yet the plural of mouse should never be meese ;

You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice,

But the plural of house is houses, not hicc.

If the plural of man is always called men,

Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen ?

The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,

But a bow, if repeated, is never called bine ;

And the plural of vow is vows, never vine.

If I speak of a foot you show me your feet,

And if I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet ?

If one is a tooth, and a whole set are teeth,

Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth ?

If the singular's this and the plural is these,

Should the plural of kiss ever be nicknamed keese ?

Then one may be that, and three would be those,

Yet hat, in the plural, would never be hose ;

And the plural of cat is cats, and not cose.

We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,

But though we say mother, we never say methren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his, him,

But imagine the feminine she, shis, and shim !

So the English, I think, you all will agree,

Is the funniest language you ever did see.

A Tradesman's Bill.

An artist, who had spent several months in repairing the properties of an old and very historical church, sent in his account in a lump sum ; but the church wardens refused to settle with him until he had given

them all the details of the work he had accomplished. He did so with the following result:—

Corrected the Ten Commandments	£5 10 0
Embellished Pontius Pilate and put a ribbon in his bonnet	1 0 0
Put a new tail on the rooster of St. Peter and mended his comb	1 5 0
Replumed and gilded the left wing of the Guardian Angel	2 5 0
Washed the servant of the High Priest, and put carmine on his cheek	0 10 6
Renewed heaven, adjusted two stars, and cleaned the moon	3 5 0
Reanimated the flames of Purgatory and restored souls	1 7 6
Revived the flames of hell, put a new tail on the devil, and mended his left hoof ..	4 16 3
Rebordering the robe of Herod, and readjusting his wig ...	1 4 0
Put new spotted dashes on the son of Tobias and dressing on his sack	0 15 6
Cleaned the ears of Balaam's ass, and shod him ...	0 14 0
Put ear-rings in Sarah's ears ..	1 6 0
Put a new stone in David's sling, enlarged the head of Goliath, and extended his legs	2 5 0
Decorated Noah's Ark ..	3 0 0
Mended the shirt of the prodigal son and cleaned his nose	0 15 6
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