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tion of new buildings, which were rendered necessary by the increased number of pupils. Mention of the Short Memorial Window recalled the names of Archdeacon Farr, the Rev. F. Williams, and Mr. G. W. Hawkes, the last-named having been connected with the school for fifty years. He was glad to have an opportunity of publicly acknowledging that gentleman's able services to the College. He touched upon Bishop Selwyn's noble character, and said that St. Peter's desired to turn out men of that type. That was the object of the school, and the object which the Principal ever had in view. (Applause.) The master of a public school had said that "the boys, when they leave us modest and manly, loyal and grateful, affectionate and courteous, humble and true, do us infinitely more honour in its highest sense than they could have done by any amount of cleverness which is not dignified by seriousness and by character, and our school, Marlborough, is doing the country a transcendently higher service if she can fill every grade and office of our national life with honourable, well-mannered, serious-minded, pure-hearted, public-spirited boys than if we could be ever so prominent for producing graceless capacity, popular worthlessness, or brilliant vice." It was in these nobler qualities that the boys came to that school to be trained. Might God grant that St. Peter's would turn out many such boys. (Applause.)

Mr. G. W. HAWKES, who was received with great cheering, moved a vote of thanks to the Dean for taking the chair, and congratulated the boys upon the fact that the holidays were so close at hand.

Mr. W. S. DOUGLAS seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE.

The annual demonstration in connection with Prince Alfred College took place at the Town Hall on Tuesday afternoon. His Excellency the Governor presided over a very large gathering. On the platform were the Treasurer, Hon. F. W. Holder, M.P.; the Hon. A. Catt, M.P.; Mr. R. Caldwell, M.P.; Mr. F. Chapman, President of the Old Scholars' Association; Captain Wallington; the Mayor of St. Peter's, Mr. R. J. Coombs; and many other friends of the College. The proceedings were started with the singing of the hymn "O Lord of heaven and earth and sea," after which the Rev. J. Berry offered prayer. Messrs. H. Chapple and R. O. Edwards having played a pianoforte duet, "Tannhäuser," the Head Master, Mr. F. Chapple, read his report, which was as follows:—

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT, 1897.

Members of the Prince Alfred College Committee, Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen—I am glad to be able to report another year of quiet and steady work, of peace and progress. The numbers that welcome the close of 1897 are about the same as those with which we ended 1896—four or five more names are on the school roll before me and five more on the roll of "boarders." There has been no change of any importance in our curriculum to record. We have gone on working on the lines that experience has shown to be the best for us, making slight adjustments when they seemed to be called for by the needs of the boys, or the special gift of the masters, or to give variety and breadth to our training. Parents have co-operated with us willingly, and the attendance has been constant and regular, punctuality has been secured, and cordial support has aided us.

Our own scholarships have fallen into deserving hands, though there are some equally deserving who have just missed them. And no winner will be congratulated more heartily to-day than Spencer Churchward, the son of my late colleague, who for sixteen years was second master here. He has well earned the "John Dunn" Scholarship of £50 for three years. The "old boys" have done remarkably well at their University examinations, as the long list printed with the programme shows. Our medical students have had to go to the adjoining colonies to complete their fourth and fifth years, and there they have acquitted themselves with distinction. The most striking success is that of J. A. R. Smith at the University of Melbourne. Two scholarships are offered at the October examinations to the fourth-year medicals—one for medicine and one for surgery—and Mr. Smith gained them both. At the Adelaide University we note with pleasure that out of the seven first classes assigned to men of the first three years of the M.B. course five were taken by old P.A.C.'s. In law, arts, and science there are equally gratifying facts to record. Seven degrees will be conferred

in these faculties by the Chancellor of the University to-morrow, and all of these will be received by those who not very long ago studied in our classrooms. A. M. Paton, C. Lillywhite, B. H. Moore, I. H. Boas, A. L. Nairn have also "credit" records in the various stages of their degrees. The Head Master, too, must for the moment forget that he is the father, and refer to the brilliant success of Alfred Chapple, at Cambridge, in obtaining a first class in the mechanical sciences tripos. There are other "old reds" at Cambridge doing well in the various stages of their courses of study. The P.A.C. Old Collegians' Association has made considerable progress in popularity and power under its succession of able Presidents and its whole-hearted Secretary, Mr. T. M. Burgess, B.A. It seeks to bind together all old P.A.C.'s for mutual support and for the benefit of the "old school," and of the successive generations of those who compose it. I am asked to give a hearty invitation to join it to all whose school career closes to-day. What a mighty force this old school bond can be found I found in my visit to Western Australia last January, not only in the kind way in which old reds rallied round me, but in the manifest signs there were that they believed in and stood by one another. Perhaps the greatest event in our school history this year has been the endowment of it with the handsome sum of £4,000 under the will of the late Sir Thomas Elder. The committee have resolved to devote this amount to the establishment of seven additional scholarships, thus responding to the generous spirit of the testator. Three are to be offered to meritorious candidates without our walls, but desirous to enter them; three to deserving boys already within them; and the seventh, the most valuable of all, is to send a promising student to the Adelaide University or other place of higher learning, giving him £50 a year for three years towards his maintenance while there. This principle has guided Prince Alfred College from its very inception—no distinctions to be made; reward for merit alone. This principle is enshrined in our Act of Incorporation and in the trust deed of every scholarship, and will not lightly be departed from. I shall have the pleasure of presenting to your Excellency this afternoon the first "Elder Foundation" scholars chosen from our younger boys, H. J. Priest and F. Searle. Those from without are to be selected by examinations to be held in the middle of January. And next year I hope I may have the privilege of calling up to this platform to receive from your Excellency's hands his token of success the winner of the first "Sir Thomas Elder University Scholarship." In the two great events of our athletic year, in the cricket and football matches with St. Peter's, we have no success to record. But we can rejoice in

having met "foemen worthy," and in having made a good fight of it with them. There was keen pleasure in the contests and lessons learnt there that could be learnt nowhere else. But we are still shouting and singing: the watchword which an enthusiastic "old boy" endowed us with some time ago. We still declare "Reds can't be beat," for we mean that they shan't be beat, that while we have an ounce of power or pluck we shall come up smiling at the next round meaning to secure victory then, and expecting to. In the minor contests—at running, tennis, bicycling, and swimming—we have had clear wins. L. D. Grewar again has his name on the challenge cup before me for running, Frank Felstead has won all inter-collegiate swimming races, A. H. Williams and E. H. Stirling have won the bicycle races, and H. Chapple, F. F. Muecke, C. Osborne, and W. J. Cowell scored 50 games to 14 in the tennis match. A word of acknowledgment to my colleagues must be allowed me before closing. Last year we anticipated the arrival of Mr. Vanes, M.A., of Jesus College, Oxford, and of Mr. Langley, B.A., of London, and this year it is at once my duty and pleasure to state that those anticipations of mathematical ability in the one case and of classical scholarship in the other have been fully realized. In classroom and in playground they have entered earnestly into our corporate life, and in this tribute none will join more cordially than the other members of the staff, to whom the school and its Head Master have felt obligations so long and still do. The large show of work on the tables and round the wall does credit not only to the boys who did it but to the skill and zeal of the instructors, of Mr. Ashton in art, Mr. Iliffe in science, to Mr. Forsaith, of the School of Mines, in carpentry.

His Excellency the GOVERNOR said that that was not the first occasion on which he had met the boys and friends of Prince Alfred College. He had been to another gathering of the kind, and Lady Victoria and himself also remembered the happy time they were privileged to spend on the College field on the occasion of the annual athletic sports. He might also allude to the recent cricket match. There was something about the conclusion of that game which perhaps was not gratifying to those present, but it was a capitally fought contest, and did credit to both elevens. They

could look upon these recreations as being means for gaining strength for the solid and important work of life. It had been his pleasure to visit a number of schools in the colony, small ones in the North and on Kangaroo Island, and larger ones nearer and in the city, and it had appeared to him to be one of his duties to tell the children of the smaller schools that, however out of the way they might be, there was one thing about which they should be proud—that they belonged to South Australia, and therefore were also citizens of the great British Empire. Their attention had been drawn during the year to the fact of the Queen's long reign, and their feelings of loyalty and respect to Her Majesty had been unique. They might be scattered and have to do with various climes, races, and forms of government, but they were all one of that great unity which was symbolized by the Queen. And so he hoped that the boys of Prince Alfred and other Colleges, whatever their calling in life might be, would act worthily in helping to serve the colony to which they belonged, and in doing that serving the interests of the British Empire. Of late a good deal of attention had been drawn to the fact that there was an unfortunate increase in the number of boys who had to be dealt with by the Magistrates, and who found their way to the reformatories. It was a very serious matter. He might say that no one appeared to him to have displayed more interest in this subject than the late Mr. McPherson, whose death they lamented. He had given it his time and study, and in this connection his loss would, no doubt, be greatly felt. Among the causes of juvenile crime gambling and betting had been mentioned. Action had been taken to suppress the evil, and he had no doubt that the happy ending desired would be greatly facilitated if the boys in the schools and colleges set themselves against the trouble. Young people were told that it showed grit to gamble, and that was a cause of the mischief, but it was a most contemptible reason for betting, even if great men were subject to it. Nelson when a boy was once tempted to rob an orchard, not because he wanted the apples but because others had dared him to do it. He hoped that the boys would set their countenances against it. It gave him great pleasure to be with them that day, and he congratulated the Head Master on his report. He wished the College every possible success.

Later on Sir Fowell Buxton was thanked for his attendance on the motion of the Rev. J. BERRY, seconded by Mr. J. MARSHALL.

During intervals in the presentation of the prizes by His Excellency the singing class contributed three songs, "Nancy," "Men of Harlech," "Go in, Princes," and "A boating song." The boys were especially good in elocution. German recitations were given by H. M. Johnson, "Die Theilung der Erde," and by A. B. Lloyd, "Das Grab am Busento," the English verse translation of the same being presented by C. R. Churchward and W. E. Woods respectively. J. R. Cohen recited "The African chief," C. M. D. Sparrow "Smiting the rock," and F. Harris "Modern logic," while L. D. Grewar (Cassius) and H. Noltenius (Brutus) appeared in a scene from "Julius Cæsar." Sparrow was awarded the first prize at the hands of His Excellency, and Grewar the second. Members of the gymnasium class swung and juggled the Indian clubs, and C. H. Osborne and G. H. Randell contributed a pianoforte duet, "Le Lac," the programme being concluded with an organ selection, "Grosser Kriegsmarsch," by Mr. W. B. Chinner.

During the afternoon some of the results of the University examinations were announced by Mr. Chapple, and gave evident satisfaction to those present. An interesting exhibition of photography, drawing, and other work of the scholars was inspected at the close of the proceedings. The following is the prize-list:—

SUCCESSSES GAINED BY PRINCE ALFRED BOYS,
past and present, at Public Examinations, 1897.
OLD BOYS.