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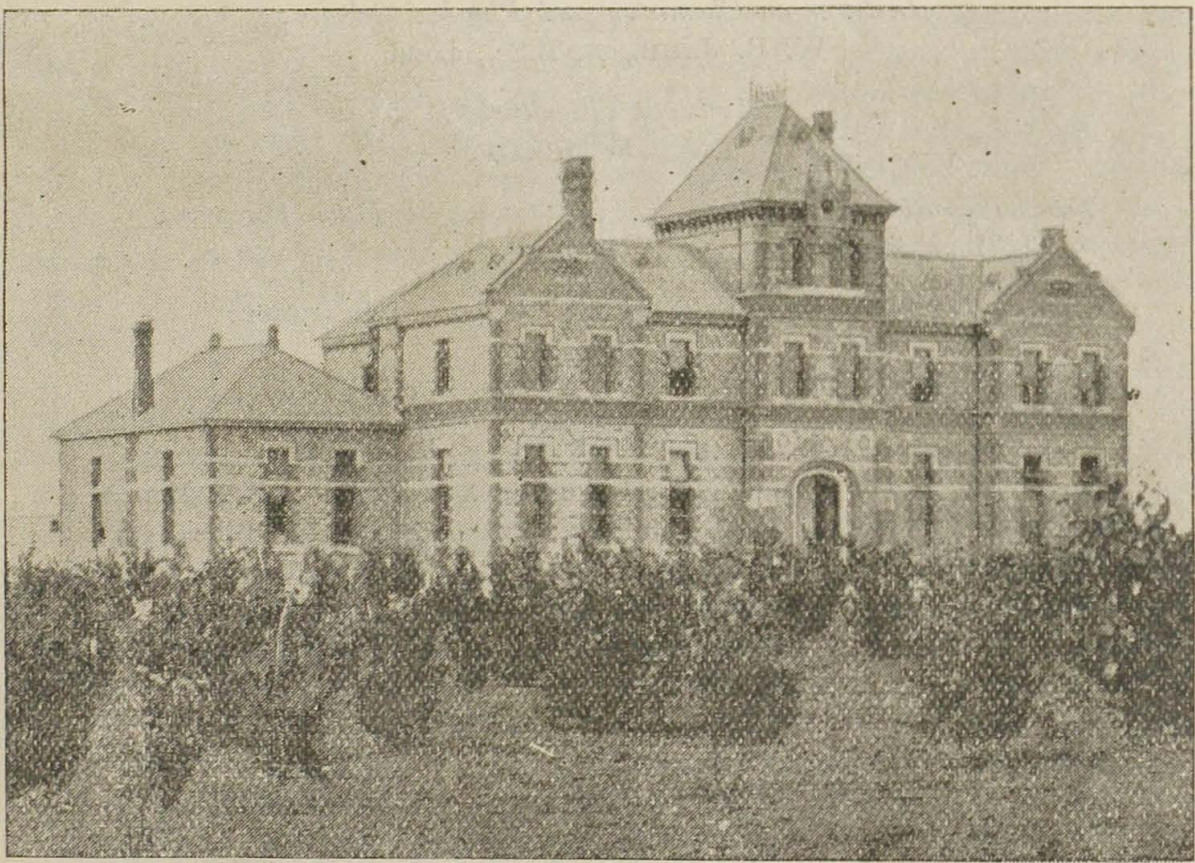
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et lanceas suas in falces."

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Introductory.

“*Quid, cur, quomodo,*”
What? Why? How?

THESE words seem the most appropriate as serving for topics in the introduction of this, our first number, of a College periodical.

“*Quid.*” Briefly, our magazine is intended to be a record of our College life, a unique life as far as South Australia is concerned, and a life, too, which is crowded with events and thoughts worthy of preservation in some such way as this. In practical language, then, the contents will comprise news of our athletic clubs and of our farm and College work; accounts of trips, celebrations, etc., which it has been our good fortune to have had; articles from time to time by members of the staff or the students themselves; and, generally, matter will be included which it is believed will be of interest to ourselves and friends.

“*Cur.*” It is now more than five months ago that two senior students suggested the matter of having a College magazine. It was thought to be an excellent idea, and the approval of the College Council having been obtained, the way was made plain, and preparations for the first number commenced. As far as present students of the College are concerned, the objects of this paper are to preserve a record of “our doings,” session by session, and to encourage and foster among ourselves a greater taste for literature and literary work, especially with regard to agricultural subjects. Then in considering “old students,” a bond of union with their “old College” will thus be established, and in many cases they will live their youth again, as they read of their successors. Thirdly, and by no means least important, another object for thus “rushing into print,” is that friends of the Agricultural College (and all honor to them) may thus be kept informed of more of the internal life and work of an institution for which they have high regard.

“*Quomodo.*” How? By the kind assistance of students, present and old, and friends. The most difficult part, the beginning, has been overcome, and now we want your subscription and your interest. These we claim, and trust that you may not “be found wanting”!

My Origin and Growth.

By "STUDENT."

IT was on a summer's eve in January of this year that Walter Colebatch and Gilbert Lewis sought, and found, admission to Mr. Haslam's study. They had come to suggest the idea of publishing every session a College paper; and thus from this little meeting of three I received my origin. As my idea grew, so I needed more guardians, and a committee of students was therefore appointed to watch over me and protect my interests. Thus I became acquainted with Alec. Pritchard and Richard Martin, who, with my originators, formed "my" committee. The "powers that be" said "Yes"; and soon I commenced to grow rapidly. My committee assumed larger proportions and new names. Quite a talented array they are:—

Editor - - - -	W. J. COLEBATCH.
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Manager - - - -	G. LEWIS.
Sub-Manager - -	C. LANDSEER.
Committee - - -	A. G. PRITCHARD and J. W. SANDFORD.

They worked hard and long to make me what I am, and I ought surely to be worthy. Spare your harsh criticisms, good reader, and remember that I belong to a fractious "genus," and that they have done their best. I wonder how long I shall live? As long as the College, I hope; and I shall, too, if you, my readers, will only keep me supplied with good food—*solid gold and the "milk of human kindness."*

Round the College.—No. 1.

By INQUISITIVE.

NO. 1 is short and dark, with decided indications of an outgrowth on the upper lip. Severe struggles with the razor result in the suppression of any sub-maxillary growth. He is a popular member of the cricket, tennis, and football clubs; and being fond of the game, he is one of the "leaders." In his year his name does not generally stand at the bottom of the list. The 6 a.m. bell possesses no charm for No. 1; in fact he postpones dressing operations until the last minute, and then with wonderful celerity he dons the "togs," and Hey! presto! is discussing porridge with the calmness of a Socrates. No. 1 possesses no brilliant vocal qualities, yet he does amuse himself (and others, too) at times by whistling or singing sentimental ditties. His evident popularity with the fair sex of his acquaintance is thus explained. *On dit* that a township not a hundred miles away possesses special attractions for him. Lady Nicotine is as yet no friend of No. 1, but may be some day. He is well liked by all, and is sure to do well.

First Impressions.

By a NEW CHUM.

MY first impressions of the College, or rather the road to it from the station, were not of the best. Riding through the dust on a hot day, and sitting on the tail-board of the trap did not tend to make me feel in the best of spirits. By the time the four-mile journey on a hot day was

ended, I was pretty dusty and half baked, but when I arrived at the College, conditions were changed. The well-ventilated rooms were cool, and after a wash and some lunch, I felt fit for work. The most lasting impression was the one made on my head the first night I slept here, and one which remained as a sore mark for about a week. The "get-up" at six o'clock in the morning made the day seem long at first, but habit soon brought the length down to "normal." The students were very nice to the new comers, the one noticed most being the "missing link" on account of his peculiarities. My trip around the farm was very interesting, and I thought I should never learn the names of all the horses and cows, but close contact with these animals soon fixed me up in that particular. The stables are well built with running doors, and are easily cleaned out by means of a truck moving in and out of the stables, and cow-byres on "tram lines." Of the stock, the one I liked best was Pascarel, the blood stallion. The College oval attracted my attention, and I looked forward to the recreations, cricket, football, and tennis in particular. An asphalt pitch and two asphalt tennis courts do great credit to the students who made them. So far I like the life here very much, and hope I always shall do so.

First Session's Work, 1897-8.

THE mark list at the end of the first session showed that good work has been done.

The Dux of the College is Walter Colebatch. Marks are given under three heads, "Farm," "Weekly Exams.," and "Sessional Exams.," and the maximum for the third year was 1,500. Out of this Colebatch scored 1,368, or 91 per cent.—a brilliant record indeed! We heartily congratulate him. All the more is it to his credit in that the next four on the list, Pritchard, Gordon, Lewis, and Yelland, attained 80 per cent. or over. In the second year, Ralph is top with 1,389 out of a possible 1,600, and in the first year Laffer heads the list, gaining 1,210 out of 1,400, and closely followed by Richardson.

The "Farm" crack is Harrington (third year), and his total of 373 out of 400 speaks for itself. The average percentage for the third year students is 67 per cent.; for the second year, 63 per cent.; and for the first year, 72 per cent. "Well done, firsts!" The average for the whole number of students is thus 67 marks out of 100 for each boy—an indication of a session's steady, useful work.

Farm Notes.

By "PAT."

WE commenced the year under adverse circumstances, and can only express the wish, with many a poor farmer, that this may prove a happier and more prosperous year than 1896.

We had no sooner come back from our Christmas holidays than we started the only too well-known game of chaff-cutting. This was continued at regular intervals during the greater part of the session, although only in small lots.

Thatching also claimed our attention, the stacks to be thatched this year being round in shape. Various orders for pressed straw had to be attended to, and our muscles consequently were severely tried on the straw press.

On account of the small rainfall, the water-cart had to be kept going every day in order that the stock and College might be supplied. Of course this was a great source of annoyance to us, and no doubt others thought so too, for, as we were in the thick of it, there came the welcome news that the recommendation for the erection of a windmill over the well had been approved by our Council. Ere the erection, however, the students had to tackle the no small job of digging out the trench in which to lay the supply-pipes. Soon this was finished, and we heaved a sigh of relief as we remembered that the days of water-carting would soon be o'er.

Busy workmen came and went, and the beautiful "Horwood" sailed gallantly round its axis, pumping, if required, 3,000 gallons *per diem*. Needless to say all tanks were soon filled. The next items on our programme were the white-washing of farm buildings, mending fences, carting stones for a wall in the pig-yard, scooping out of dams, and by this time we were ready to welcome the new first-year men. Our teacher of blacksmithing and carpentering (Mr. Williams) exercised his ingenuity, and, with the aid of a rough sketch by Professor Lowrie, made a new scarifier. The annual cleaning out of the manure-pit also took place this session, the manure being carted into No. 8 Field to serve as a dressing for a crop of green feed. There was happily (as some of us might be tempted to say) not so much in the pit as usual, less straw having been used for bedding.

The vegetable garden, under the supervision of our mailman (Mr. Day), was well worked up and stocked with numerous "greens," including turnips, peas, potatoes, etc.

Seeding operations were somewhat later this year, and are doubtless still fresh in the minds of the farm horses. This year a larger acreage was put under crop than in former years, and so our work in this direction was not finished until the end of the first session. The fields put into crop were Nos. 4, 16, 6A, 6B, 8, 9, 5A, and 1A, most of these being sown with wheat. No. 4 received most attention. It was fallowed last year, and, at the beginning of this season, was dressed with guano. The small plots into which it was then divided were treated with different manures, and the results will afford a test of the value of the manures used.

A small block across the bottom of the paddock constituted the experimental wheat hand-plots. The seed wheat was dibbled in by hand.

During the "seeding," three drills were used, one being a new "Superior."

With the prospect of a good year before us, we all hope to reap an abundant harvest.

Vineyard and Orchard Notes.

By "SHIRAZ."

THE beginning of the year 1897 was not remarkable for any special occurrences in the vineyard or orchard.

The drought, of course left its effects, the majority of the vines planted last year having died.

Carting sand from the wine cellars was still continued at intervals, and the sand used in filling up holes, etc. Tying up vines was another job undertaken, and scarifying was done where necessary. In view of the coming wine-making, casks, etc., were cleaned, and everything got ready to begin.

One of the old dams, which had for a long while been "in the road," simply serving as an ornament, was at last filled in by means of scoops. For the purpose of getting a supply of water for the wine cellars, pipes were laid, and all anxiety in that quarter thus removed.

Another great improvement was the introduction of a crusher, which did away with all foot power, and performed its work far more quickly, and I might venture to say, more cleanly than the latter.

A large supply of kerosine tins was obtained, and made into buckets for grape-picking, and wood was carted to the cellars for the purpose of working the engine. After all these preparations the grapes, or some of them, were ready, and picking began in earnest.

On account of the number of hands employed, and the early start made, the first picking only lasted two days or so, when the engine was taken back to the farm, and the work was continued in the wine cellars. This lasted until the end of the last session, different students working at stated times on the Speech Day.

On returning from the holidays the first-year students had grape-picking as a beginning, the second picking being ready, and all the grapes were picked with the exception of some left for sweet wine.

Work was continued for a few weeks in the cellars, when all the wine was got into casks and everything cleaned up, thus completing the 1897 vintage at the College.

One change which took place in the orchard about this time was the introduction of new horses, two of which had to be broken in. This provided some little amusement, an exhibition of "colt-breaking extraordinary" being given.

The almonds were also picked, giving a fair yield, but not as good as was expected.

A road was made up to the cottage, giving the students an opportunity of stone-carting, etc., for a week or two, which was duly appreciated.

About Easter time pruning was commenced, the apricots and almonds being pruned, and also some vines. After this the pruning of vines was continued on until the end of the session, some being still unpruned. A little piece of trellising was done, and the olives taken for pickling.

A small plot was prepared behind the wine cellars as a place for a new nursery, manure being carted and put on it.

Permission to extend the wine cellars was obtained at last, and for a time carting sand proceeded vigorously. A little ploughing was done between the trees, and afterwards the plough was shifted to the well-paddock. Here an extra piece of land was added to the piece in vines last year. The whole paddock was ploughed, and at the end of the session all the farm teams were put on it and it was cross-ploughed. Thus, after a harrowing, it was made ready to receive the vines, which it is to be hoped will do better this year than they did last.

A Martyr to Science.

By "CHIEF MOURNER."

ON Friday, April 9, the third-year students were not a little surprised to be told, after dinner, that they would be wanted up at the farm for the afternoon to dissect and examine some of the parts of a blind horse which had been on the farm for some time waiting a favorable chance for us to operate upon him.

At the stables we were joined by Professor Lowrie, who had his gun and some instruments and books with him. Business was begun by leading the old horse up to the barn-door and giving him a handful of hay to keep him quiet. The Professor then told us that he did not like shooting a blind horse, and asked if anyone would do it for him. Several volunteered, two of the most conspicuous of whom were the famous "Calf Shooter" and the "Lady

Killer." However, neither was considered efficient enough to kill a horse. On the gun being fired, the victim fell without a kick. Work was then begun in earnest. We dragged the body into the barn, placed it on its back, and, dividing ourselves into pairs, attacked different parts. Our instruments varied very much in character, some using pruning knives, some pocket knives, and a few surgical instruments provided by the Professor.

The skin was first partially removed, and then the principal muscles of the head and limbs were separated and named with the help of the Professor and Mr. Haslam. The tendons were also examined, and traced from where at one end they leave the muscle and at the other join the bones. The jugular vein was another object of interest. This occupied nearly the whole afternoon, and as it was, of course, necessary to remove the internal organs of the body before leaving it for the night, that became our next business. The construction and size of the stomach and other parts of the digestive system were taken note of, as well as the position of the heart and lungs. The heart and a lung were cut open, and an examination of them proved very interesting.

After this, the first day at dissecting the poor old horse was brought to a close by cutting out his tongue, which was carefully laid aside, and then clearing up the rubbish and mess we had made. It was rather alarming to find that the poor fellow, although shot for more than three hours, to say nothing of the loss of his skin, was yet capable of using his hind legs to such an extent that he nearly sent one student, who dared to intrude on his apparent helplessness, out of the barn more quickly than he entered. Besides this, he several times tried to brain someone with his forelegs. As we were walking back to the College it was noticed that the tongue came with us, but as soon as we got there it disappeared.

Half-past seven the next morning found us again in the barn all fully armed with our knives and anxious for the fray. We were, however, rather taken aback by finding that if our enemy had lost muscle and sinew he had gained strength in other ways, and it was not necessary to go close to him to find this out.

On the Saturday morning we did not go in for any more dissecting and examining the parts of the body, but proceeded at once with clearing all the flesh from the bones, so that they could be put away to dry and bleach. This was not a particularly interesting piece of work, but it took the greater part of the morning. When it was all finished, the most disagreeable part of the whole day's work had to be done, namely, clearing away the meat for the pigs to rejoice in for the next few days, and then cleaning the barn floor and the various things we had used.

Last of all, Nevis and the dray were brought up, and the bones placed in it. The funeral procession then started for the old boiling-down shed, where the remains were tenderly and respectfully taken out of the cart and stowed away safely from dogs to wait for the happy day when he shall again arise and adorn the lecture-room in the form of a skeleton, to give his aid in teaching physiology.

A few days afterwards there appeared on the third-year dinner table, to the surprise of a few, disgust of some, and satisfaction of others, a tongue nicely pickled and cooked. The origin of this could not in the least be doubted. It was so good that they were loth to give it to us, and it did not appear until somebody interested in it asked for it to be served up. All who were not too dainty to try it were of opinion that it formed a very good change from mutton, only that it was rather hard.

Up to the present this is the last that has been heard of Mr. Warren's old blind horse, and he certainly ought to be proud that, if he did not do much in the last days of his life, yet he was useful after his death.

Trip to Phœnix Foundry.

By "AMILANGITE."

IN response to an invitation of James Martin & Co., we visited the above foundry on Saturday, January 30. Having just received our new drag, we used it on this occasion for the first time, to visit the place of its birth, with the Professor in charge of the ribbons.

On reaching Gawler we were warmly welcomed by the Hon. James Martin, M.L.C., Messrs. J. F. Martin, Fergusson, Tardif, and later on were joined by Sir John Downer, Q.C., and Mr. Alick Murray. The division into parties was soon accomplished, and each party with its guide was soon threading its way through the maze of wondrous machines and machinery.

The first objects that came in view on entering the foundry were numerous turning lathes, and then machines of every description, turning out the different parts of engines, batteries, and other fine works of "iron."

On leaving these we found ourselves in the moulding department, and witnessed the moulding of iron and steel. This caused no small amount of interest among the students. We saw one small pulley hit with a sledge hammer by three different persons, and the only mark visible was a small dent on the side, where it was struck three times in succession. How much this pulley resembles some heads we know!

Passing on we came to the fitting up of the engines and batteries, and wonderful it seemed. The amount of copper put into the fireboxes of these engines caused many a student to open his eyes and think, if not exclaim, "What a waste!"

We saw the scraps of old iron put into a furnace and heated to welding heat, and then beaten into a solid lump by a steam hammer. While at these furnaces we heard Professor Perkins remark that he was of opinion that they would serve as a start for cremation works.

After taking a survey of the iron machinery at work, we went up to the woodwork room, and then into the draughtsman's office. Here the plans of the steam engines and batteries are all drawn on paper to scale, and then sent to the fitters as a guide.

We also saw and examined the many agricultural implements, but these could not be said to arouse the same amount of interest as the other implements, because they are so often seen and used by the students themselves.

Having made an enjoyable and profitable survey of the whole foundry, we were entertained at the "Old Spot" to an excellent dinner provided by the firm, the conspicuous visitors outside the staff and students being Mr. Alick J. Murray, member of the Council of the College, and Sir John Downer.

After dinner the Hon. James Martin, M.L.C., rose and expressed his pleasure at seeing us, and also Sir John Downer and Mr. Murray. He proposed the toast, "The Agricultural College," to which Professor Lowrie responded on behalf of the College, and Mr. Murray on behalf of the Council.

Sir John Downer then rose amid applause and thanked Mr. Martin for his kind remarks regarding him, and proposed the toast of "James Martin and Co.," to which the Hon. James Martin, M.L.C., responded on behalf of the firm. Mr. J. F. Martin also spoke, and was succeeded by Professor Perkins, after which we were escorted to Mr. J. F. Martin's residence, where a tennis match was played, Phœnix Foundry *versus* College. This resulted in a win for the Phœnix, and Professor Lowrie correctly ascribed our defeat to the distracting influences of the numerous ladies who witnessed the match.

During the afternoon tea was provided by Mrs. J. F. Martin, who was thanked for her hospitality. We again went back to the "Old Spot" and partook of an excellent tea, again provided by the firm.

After tea three ringing cheers were given for the firm, who had arranged for such an enjoyable and instructive trip.

“Disciples of Bacchus.”

By “BROOKER.”

A TOUR round the Angaston wine-cellars is regarded by third-year students as an annual fixture, and looked forward to by them as a means of escape from “durance vile” for two days at least.

The appointed day, Thursday, March 18, broke bright and clear, and each, with a heart which may be likened to that of a convict on “ticket of leave,” we made preparations for our visit.

An early start was made at about 8 a.m. in a four-in-hand drag, provided by Mr. Mortimer, of Gawler, who was in attendance, and we drove to Roseworthy railway station, where our party was completed by the addition of Professor Perkins.

En route to Nuriootpa, several townships were passed, including Sheoak Log, Daveystone, and Greenock. At the first place, consisting of a main street with the inevitable hotel, our driver seemed very desirous of calling a halt to procure the professor’s “mail,” but we thought it probable that, in leaving the “Old Spot” hurriedly, he had forgotten his own. As we approached the more hilly country, the fields appeared less bare of vegetation than those we had been accustomed to, the hills themselves being a relief to our eyes. German cottagers came to their doors to gape in wonder as we passed, no doubt thinking us curious specimens.

A short distance from Nuriootpa, we left the main road and struck up a cross road very destitute of metal, leading to “Moppa” vineyard, the property of Messrs. D. & J. Fowler. We alighted at the newly-erected cellars, and proceeded, under the guidance of Mr. Sage, the manager, to inspect the building, which was commenced some time after our own cellars.

The storage cellars are commodious and well arranged, having a capacity for 120,000 gallons.

As the manager and Professor Perkins had oft to partake of some light refreshments, we went and did likewise, eventually coming upon a second crop of muscatels, as yet unharmed by the attacks of that ravenous parasite, which has given Professor Perkins much anxiety in eradicating in the College vineyard.

This recalls to mind a peculiar incident which took place at the College not long ago. A package, labelled “milk-strainers,” arrived, and was naturally consigned to the dairy, but on opening was found to contain three bulls-eye lanterns, which afterwards found a resting place for a short period only in Professor Perkins’ study.

But to return to the matter on hand. Our driver, well noted for tall yarns, related an experience which he had just had with a red-and-black cow, said to have chased him up and down a paddock, eventually assisting him to the next. He was certainly in a state of semi-collapse at the time of narration, but whether from an overload of grapes or fright, it is hard to say.

At 12.45 noon we returned to the drag, and after giving three cheers for “Moppa” and its manager, we set out for Nuriootpa, where we dined at the hotel, and noted with no little satisfaction the absence of roast mutton from the bill of fare, doubtless caused by the thoughtful intercession of the Professor on our behalf.

Shortly after two we took the road once again and drove to Mr. Salter’s cellars, not far from Angaston. Here wine-making was in full swing, and an instructive hour was spent, Mr. Salter, jun., kindly showing us the establishment.

Owing to the small supply of water obtainable for cooling purposes, wine-making had been somewhat slower than usual, but the vintage was expected to total 38,000 gallons.

A hundred yards away a dam has been built, and is the chief source of water supply.

As the afternoon was wearing away, we took our departure for Tanunda, where we were to put up for the night. At Tolley's distillery we alighted for a few minutes, and, having hastily surveyed the works, the manager generously offered us refreshments, which the Professor instantly refused on our behalf, doubtless believing us incapable of refusing for ourselves. Our last stage for the day was quickly covered, and Tanunda reached at 5.30 p.m., leaving half an hour before tea for us to inspect this pretty German village.

Tea disposed of to our satisfaction, mine host, Herr Sobels, was tackled for permission to have a dance in the evening, but he turned a deaf ear to our entreaties, perhaps on account of his inability to dance. At any rate this refusal was the cause of many unforeseen occurrences, which might never have happened if "Bismark" had been more amenable to our wishes.

A few played billiards, but the majority wandered aimlessly up and down the main street. One or two, whose deeds are shrouded in darkness, were lost sight of for a somewhat lengthy period, but returned safely at midnight.

Unable to sleep, the Professor took a short walk in the moonlight, and witnessed a little scene enacted in a quince orchard by two of the—as might reasonably be expected—more juvenile members of the party, who quickly decamped with their spoil.

Meanwhile at the hotel we had succeeded in raising "Bismark's" ire by exhibiting our vocal powers, and from the hall he roared "Are you gentlemen or are you savages?" A few moments afterwards a tumbler was shattered against a neighboring wall, "just for old 'Bismark's' sake," as "Pod" remarked from the window-sill. Thenceforth silence reigned supreme. Despite our performances of the night before, we were early astir, and there was a general hunt for boots, which the "boots" had distributed indiscriminately throughout the hotel.

The disturbed state of "Bismark's" mind was increased when "Crusty" stumbled into his bedroom at 6 o'clock in search of foot gear, causing a volley of suppressed oaths to issue from the bed-clothes.

Breakfast over, we packed our baggage ready for an early start to Seppeltsfield, after looking over Chateau Tanunda, which is only a short distance from the hotel.

This large concern is in the hands of the Adelaide Wine Company, and is managed by Mr. Jaunay, who conducted us through the building, explaining various matters of interest.

Charlie Nicholas, an old senior, we found busy in the laboratory, and he escorted us up the tower, from which we obtained a splendid view of the town and surrounding country, which presented a beautiful appearance in the morning sunshine.

With many regrets that our sojourn in Tanunda could not be extended, we parted from our rotund host, and more sociable niece, and took the track—not worthy the name of road—for Seppeltsfield. We suffered much inconvenience on this short journey of four miles, from the jolting of our vehicle, and the clouds of dust which were raised by it.

From the rise above, Seppeltsfield appeared quite a township in itself, and to those who had never seen the place itself, was rather a surprise.

Mr. Seppelt and two of his sons, Messrs. Oscar and Camillo, the latter looking the same old "Sep" that we knew at the College, met us at the gate and escorted us to the winery at once, where German wagons were continually arriving and depositing their loads of grapes.

The whole establishment was beautifully clean and tidy, and nowhere were there any skins or juice lying about.

A distillery has been built where the commoner wines are distilled, and a Government official is in attendance during the process.

At the house, where we adjourned for dinner, we met Mrs. Seppelt and two young ladies, the latter seeming especially pleased at meeting some old friends.

Dinner disposed of, we again set out, with the ladies in the rear, under the protection of "Pod" (who felt the responsibility of his position keenly) and visited the vinegar factory, smoke-house, cooperage, and storage cellars.

Whilst partaking of afternoon tea, we were serenaded by the ladies, and afterwards Mr. Oscar Seppelt photographed the members of the family who were present with the visitors. Three of our number, who were to be present at a ball in the Burra that night, here took leave of our host and hostess, and were kindly driven by Camillo to meet the mail 'bus at Daveystone, poor old "Baldi" seeming particularly loth to leave. Our stay after this was not protracted, and, after a glass of wine, we bade adieu, at the same time thanking Mr. and Mrs. Seppelt for their great hospitality.

"Oyez," "Jonah," and "Looney," we deeply sympathised with as we witnessed their almost tearful parting from the young ladies, who were in great distress.

The hard-hearted driver, perceiving that delay would only cause further painful scenes, whipped up his nags, and with waving hats and handkerchiefs, and cheers for the proprietor of Seppeltsfield and his family, we entered upon the last and most unpleasant stage of our journey, namely, the return to the College, which was reached at 6.30 p.m., after an uneventful and sad drive.

Professor Perkins contributed not a little to the success of the trip, and is to be commended for his thoughtfulness in instituting that which, besides extending the students' knowledge of cellars and their management, adds interest to their work, and is a pleasant break in the routine of College life.

The Trip of the Year.

By "JACKEROO."

THE day we had been looking forward to for over twelve months had at last come round, and on Saturday, May 15, we found ourselves seated in our drag at 7.45 a.m. ready to start at Mr. Alick Murray's kind invitation, for "Mount Crawford." Certainly the morning was anything but promising. We were having a typical "Australian snowstorm," but by 9 a.m. it had given way to a glorious day. Arriving at Gawler an hour later, and changing our drag for Mortimer's conveyances, we got a start at 9.30 a.m. The country we drove through, in spite of the very dry weather we have had, was looking fairly well. Our drive out was enlivened somewhat by some very tall yarns, one of which needs special mention here, and which caused us to very much doubt the veracity of the narrator—our "Cornstalker" had on several occasions shot 30 ducks in one shot! We were very glad to see the great self-denial showed by "Townie" in throwing 2d. and the butt of his cigar to a tramp who happened to be passing us on his way to Gawler.

Having passed through the well-established townships of Sandy Creek and Williamstown, which, by-the-by, seemed to be very busy, we arrived at "Mount Crawford" at 11.30 a.m.

There we were met by our host, Mr. Murray, their Excellencies Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton and Admiral Bridge, Captain Guise, A.D.C., and Master Buxton, who welcomed us all very heartily.

We then wended our way towards the stockyards, where Mr. Murray, in his usual unreserved way, showed us some of his Merinos. We first saw two

of his 2-toothed rams, one of which was specially good at the breech; in fact, it is the best hogget Mr. Murray has ever had. Then we saw two 4-toothed rams of very high quality; also four 2-toothed and four 4-toothed ewes. In viewing these sheep we had the pleasure of seeing what are far and away the best Merinos in the colony.

Although deeply interested in the sheep, we were not at all sorry to see our host stroll off in the direction of the dining hall, which we knew so well. After having partaken of an excellent meal, Mr. Murray proposed the health of "Her Majesty the Queen," coupled with that of "His Excellency the Governor." The Governor, in responding, proposed "The Health of the College," including Mr. Murray, as a member of the Council, and the students, which was enthusiastically drunk. Mr. Murray, in responding for the College, in furtherance of the great interest he always has taken in us, offered two prizes in the form of books valued £2 2s. and £1 1s. for the best essay on "What we had seen at 'Mount Crawford'"; the £2 2s. prize to be competed for by the third year students, and the £1 1s. prize by the second year students. After Mr. Murray had proposed "The health of His Excellency Admiral Bridge," we once more went down to the stockyards. Here awaited us some very fair specimens of the Jersey breed. The first and foremost was "Lady Lynot," who has been champion cow of the colony for several years. She was followed by two beautiful heifers, who bid fair to follow in the footsteps of the above-mentioned. We then had the pleasure of being among the few who have seen Mr. Murray's latest importations. These cattle—one cow and two bulls—are, as the Professor described, simply ideal.

Here their Excellencies and Captain Guise, A.D.C., said good-bye to us, in order to catch the afternoon train down to Adelaide.

Leaving the cattle we walked to the sorghum in front of the house, and on our way there we noticed that some very huge trees had been sawn down and lay waiting to be cut up into planks. Not a few of the students were heard to remark that they were very glad that such huge and serviceable trees did not grow at the College. We found the sorghum looking very well considering the time of the year, and envied Mr. Murray in having got such good forage for his stock. Working our way around, and admiring at the same time the beautiful chrysanthemums that were growing under shelter, we found ourselves in front of the kennels, and were joyfully greeted by the eager canines. Mr. Murray showed us the great difference existing at the present time between the pure English collie and what is commonly called the sheep dog, of both of which we saw a very fair specimen. As the dogs seemed to be getting rather ferocious over so many admirers, we deemed it wiser to leave, and at Mr. Murray's invitation went into tea.

Here Mr. G. Lewis, on behalf of the students, thanked Mr. Murray for his great kindness in giving us both an instructive and pleasant day, and at the same time an opportunity of seeing something altogether different in the way of stock to what we see every day at the College. After Mr. Haslam had thanked Mrs. Murray for the indispensable part she had taken in helping us to spend a pleasant day, we took our seats in the drag, and drove off amid cheers for our host and hostess, singing "Au revoir, but not good-by."

Arriving at Gawler, we naturally felt very hungry after our somewhat chilly drive, and found all our wants supplied at the "Old Spot." After dinner the Professor, having given us half an hour to ourselves before our drag would start for the College, we strolled up and down the main street of Gawler, eulogising to all our friends who we chanced to meet our trip to "Mount Crawford."

Having got a start from Gawler at about 8.30, we still kept up the enjoyment of the day by singing, Mr. Haslam helping to a great extent in making our drive back to the College cheerful by singing in his usual comical style.

Old Students' Column.

[We shall be pleased to hear news from, or of, old students for insertion in this column.—EDS.]

OF those who have left us this year we know most. The gold-medallist and winner of so many prizes, Arthur Morphett, is "doing" England. What with the great Cirencester College and the many agricultural shows he ought to have a fine time. Geo. Birks has gone back to Murtho, one of the village settlements. Alex. McBain is farming at home, Milang. Camillo Seppelt may be found among the vines at Seppeltsfield. Frank McKirdy's present choice is on one of the Murray boats. Station life not far from the College has charms for Allan Willcox, whilst the genial I. G. H. Giles intends to take up farm-work. To all and each we heartily wish every success.

News to hand from his farm at Muresk, Western Australia, informs us that E. W. Cotton is doing well. He writes, "I have had some glorious fruit this year—peaches, $7\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. in weight and 10 inches in circumference both ways. . . . I am planting breakwinds of sugar gums, and the trees are growing quickly."

We were sorry to hear of the misfortune which Arthur Yates had with his knee, and glad we are to know that he is progressing favorably.

Melville Birks is taking the senior this year, preparatory to studying for the medical profession.

In Memoriam.

Nugget.

By "SNOWY."

"TAKE Nugget in the water-cart" has been invariably the first job given to the students every morning during the summer months for several years past, and the horse referred to knew his work better than any of his drivers.

Nugget was an old horse when Professor Lowrie came to the College, ten years ago, and his parentage is unknown, so that it is no wonder that he passed away early this year from senile decay. When he was first brought on to the farm, so tradition runs, Nugget was a useful, though somewhat too steady, team horse. His steadiness increased with his years, and about five years ago it was considered advisable to keep him out of the teams in future, and he received the sentence of "solitary confinement," having to draw the water-cart through fair weather and foul for many seasons; and it is doubtful whether any other horse on the farm could have withstood the same vicissitudes of life and have got through the same amount of work as he did.

Any particularly heavy work on the farm, such as pulling the threshing machine and engine into their respective sheds was generally allotted to Nugget. Occasionally he was worked in a dray, and then, however heavy the load, it was never advisable to hitch on a leader, as Nugget would keep him well up in the chains by repeated applications of his teeth on the other horse's rump, and would simply lie back in the breeching himself. This sort of thing was so characteristic of old Nugget that whenever two or more

students were lifting a heavy weight and one of them was suspected of not lifting his share, he would be immediately told not to "play Nugget." About the beginning of the present year a windmill was erected on the farm, and consequently the water-cart was no longer required. Thick-skinned as he was when one wished to hurry him, Nugget evidently had his weak spot somewhere; and with the cessation of his customary work of water-carting, he seemed to miss old associations so much that the windmill had not been up more than a week before it was noticed that he was in a gradual decline. The old fellow never rallied, and with the help of a kindly bullet he finally succumbed during Easter week. So passed away the life of one of the most reliable horses that the College has ever possessed; and though his position on the farm has been worthily assumed by the roan filly from old Nell, it is very doubtful whether she possesses stamina to such a remarkable degree as did old Nugget.

Cricket Notes.

AFTER our return to *Alma Mater*, a meeting was held in the reading room to elect officers for the ensuing season, when the following were chosen to fill up the gaps caused by the departure of the old seniors:—Captain, R. James; vice-captain, W. Gordon; secretary, W. J. Colebatch; committee, Landseer and Read.

The announcement that Professor Perkins had again offered a bat for the best batting average, was received with cheers. "Jackeroo" also has generously offered a ball for the best bowling average obtained during the season ending in February next.

In reviewing the past season, we feel that although we have not always been victorious, we have good reason to congratulate ourselves on the results as a whole.

We have played 7 matches in all, winning 2, losing 2, and drawing 3. Appended are the matches in detail:—

LYRIC C. C.

This was played on the Gawler oval, and, considering that we had had no practice whatever since the holidays, our batting was very creditable. Having won the toss, we elected to bat, and our best representatives were James 41, Mr. Haslam 23, and Colebatch 18 (not out), but though our total reached 125, it was very soon capped by our opponents who, in a little over an hour, knocked up 180 runs for 1 wicket. S. H. Berriman was the hero of the match, and he played a brilliant innings, securing no less than 106 (not out.) Faull 28 and Mitchell 33 (not out) also played well for the Lyrics. We spent the evening in Gawler, and returned home full of determination to do better next time.

SANDY CREEK C. C.

This was rather an easy win for the College, the scores being 147 against 17 and 41 for 5 wickets. We again had first use of the wickets, and the principal scorers were Colebatch 25, Mr. Haslam 24, and Phillips 22 (not out). Gordon and Read's bowling was much too good for the visitors, in fact they bowled unchanged, and secured the fine averages of 6 for 9 and 2 for 8 respectively. In their second innings Parmenter scored 16 (not out).

WASLEYS C. C.

This, as is generally the case in our contests, resulted in a drawn match. For the third time in succession we won the toss, and of course preferred batting to fielding. The most successful wielders of the willow for us were Landseer 49 (not out), Phillips 40, and Read 26, our final score reaching 180. Wasleys then took possession of the wickets, and despite our efforts to dis-

pose of them, they managed to tot up 68 for 3 wickets before stumps were drawn. J. Alexander batted freely for 21 (not out) while his brother, W. Alexander, also compiled 19 before he was well caught off Bow Read. However, the great feature of the match was the brilliant bowling of our worthy captain, who secured 2 wickets for 15 runs.

HAMLEY BRIDGE C. C.

This match also was drawn, the scores being—Hamleys 175, College 93 for 6 wickets. The Hamleys batted first and scored freely, Trestrail 76, and Forsyth 47 being their best performers. For us Bow Read bowled well and secured the splendid average of 7 for 60. "Jonah" also was conspicuous among the fieldsmen for his brilliant catching in the deep field. In batting our fellows made rather a poor start, but when Landseer and Yelland got together, they soon put a different aspect on the game, and indeed they were still together when stumps were drawn. Their scores were—Landseer 25 (not out), and Yelland 20 (not out). The Hamleys spent the evening with us and afforded us much amusement.

PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE.

This, to us the most important match of the season, was our greatest success. The Prince's party, which included their headmaster, Mr. Chapple, and other members of the staff, were met at Roseworthy and conveyed to the College in our new drag, which they all agreed was a vast improvement on the old farm wagon which had been used in previous years. On arriving at the College they were warmly welcomed by our headmaster and several of the senior students, and after partaking of some light refreshment, were shown over the farm buildings and orchard. On returning to the College, the cricketers prepared for the fray, and, having had the good fortune to win the toss, Chapple lost no time in deciding to bat. However, Dame Fortune seemed to smile on the "farmers," for, mainly owing to the bowling of Read and Gordon, we were enabled to dispose of our rivals before dinner for the small score of 54. The fielding of the "plough boys" was excellent, James at cover-point and Colebatch at slip being particularly brilliant. Read and Gordon both bowled splendidly, though the former obtained the lion's share of the wickets, his average being 7 for 27, while Gordon captured the remaining 3 wickets at a cost of 24 runs. The Prince Alfreds were best represented by Mr. Bayly 20, and Muecke 16 (not out). With 55 runs to win, and all the afternoon to bat, our chance of defeat was small; still, on going to the wickets, our men played carefully, and remained not out when the welcome dinner-bell rang. After dinner, we all strolled over to inspect the wine cellars, but not the wine, much to the disappointment of some of the visitors, and, on returning, the match was resumed. Our batsmen soon got to work, and the Princes' score was rapidly overhauled; in fact, we succeeded in keeping them out hunting the leather all the afternoon. Our final score was 146. For the Agricultural, Mr. Haslam 31, Read 24, and Yelland 25 (not out), were the most successful. After the match, the visitors were privileged to sample some of our College "Rockies," and were soon after whirled away to Roseworthy, apparently as well pleased as if they had won the match. Tennis was also indulged in during the afternoon.

REEVES' PLAINS.

Played on College oval, and resulted in a drawn match. Reeves' Plains 65 for 5 wickets, College 130. Yelland 32, Read 28, and Colebatch 25 played well for us, as did H. Folland 17 (not out) for the visitors. For Reeves' Plains J. McCord captured 4 wickets, while Gordon bowled well for us.

PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE.

Return match, played at P. A. C. Scores—R. A. C. 198, P. A. C. 203 for 4 wickets. Details of this match will be found elsewhere.

CRICKET AVERAGES.

The following are the batting and bowling averages for the first part of the season which ends in February next:—

BATTING.					
Yelland	..	..	24.5	Phillips	.. .. 15.5
Landseer	..	..	22.8	Mr. Haslam	.. .. 14.7
Gordon	..	..	18.4	James	.. .. 10
Colebatch	..	..	18.4	Jones	.. .. 10
Read	..	..	17.7	Camper	.. .. 7.3
BOWLING:					
Read	..	..	10.7	Landseer	.. .. 14.5
Gordon	..	..	16.4		

Football Notes.

By "SNOWY."

WEEKS before the cricketers had finished making their centuries (?) this season, a meeting of students was called to elect a secretary for the Football Club, the object in view being to avoid last year's mistake of allowing the season to become too far advanced before arranging the fixtures. The result obtained has been better than anticipated, as with nine Association matches and several outside fixtures, every available Saturday has been arranged for. For this reason a few challenges have had to be refused. Some delay took place about the advisability of joining the Gawler Football Association; but when a decision was finally arrived at in favor of joining, no time was lost in taking the necessary steps. Only one Association match has been played up to date of writing, and then the College team was defeated. This for a while slightly disheartened a few of the 20, but it is to be hoped that it will have the effect of further increasing their exertions, so that in future they will give a better account of themselves.

The staff is taking a lively interest in football this year. Professor Lowrie thoughtfully suggested and allowed the removal of the goalposts about 40 yards north of their original site. This has greatly improved the oval for football purposes, as most of the extremely hard and bare ground at the southern end is now excluded from the oval, and consequently there will be less chance of what is commonly called "gravel rash." Mr. Haslam practices regularly with the team, and has already been of considerable assistance to the team in the matches. Harrington was unanimously elected as captain, and has shown himself to be a thoroughly practical skipper.

Next session the team, with permission from the Council, intends visiting Adelaide and playing matches against St. Peter's, Prince Alfred, and Way Colleges.

With regard to our chances this season, the team is very heavy for a College 20, and if its members continue practising as assiduously as they have done for the last six weeks, they ought to be in excellent trim for the Adelaide trip.

WILLASTON *v.* AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

On May 8 the ball was verily set rolling when the senior Gawler team visited the College, and brought a very strong combination for so early in the season. In the first quarter the students, though lighter, were smarter in the ruck and quicker in passing the ball than their opponents, and consequently notched 1 goal 2 behinds to Willaston's 2 behinds. With the change of ends the visitors obtained the advantage of a slight breeze, previously in our favor, and were not long in getting on even terms. May worked very hard this quarter, and, obtaining a mark within 30 yards, by a neat drop-kick again placed the home team in the lead. This did not last for long, however, as just before half-time was called Conley rushed the students' citadel, and try-

ing a running shot, was successful, so that when the bell rang the scores were:—Willaston, 2 goals 4 behinds; College, 2 goals 3 behinds. For some time after the interval the play was even, as both sides put forth every effort to obtain a lead. Conley, through persistent play, and assisted by Haydock, kept attacking the College end; but Read, who was marking splendidly, seldom failed to relieve and keep the ball out of danger. This excitement continued for some time, the visitors only being able to secure two behinds, thus placing them one point to the good, until Tierney obtaining at an angle succeeded in raising both flags, the ball lobbing six yards in front of goal and then bouncing safely over the goalsneak's head through the sticks. During the last quarter the home team tried hard to get level, but the Willastons were well in command, and Carmody soon notched another six points to their credit. Gordon and May now sent the ball well forward, and Camper got possession right in front, but through over-eagerness missed a golden opportunity. After a few minors on each side the bell rang, and the final results were:—

Willaston, 4 goals 8 behinds=32 points.

Agricultural College, 2 goals 9 behinds=21 points.

Conley played best for Willastons, and was chiefly assisted by Tierney, Haydock, and P. Carmody. For the College, May, Read, and Gordon were the most prominent.

SOUTH GAWLER v. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

This match was played on our grounds on May 29, and being our maiden Association match, much interest was manifested in it, both by the Gawler people and by the students and their supporters. From the bounce the home team immediately took possession, and Harrington and May kept the ball well forward for some time until Landseer, getting a mark, by a splendid place-kick, was the first to cause both flags to be raised. The South Gawlers now kept the students on the defensive side, but O'Neill, securing only a few yards in front of goal, failed to score. Glastonbery was more successful a few minutes afterwards with a long drop-kick. On changing quarters the students again forced the play into their opponents' territory, and May, marking a ball within five yards of the posts, placed the College in the lead. South Gawlers now rallied themselves, and a decided change in the play took place, as West and Marney, working well together, kept attacking the College citadel, and Sampson obtained two goals for them in quick succession. At half-time the board read:—South Gawlers, 3 goals 2 behinds; Agricultural College, 2 goals 3 behinds. The interval did not improve the play of the students as expected, and mainly through the agency of O'Neill and Sampson the ball was kept well forward, and Sampson obtaining a free, further increased their lead. Read was too closely watched to play up to his usual form, though he worked hard, and Faulkner, playing a very fast and clever game, materially assisted in keeping the ball out of danger, but Marney, passing it on to Sampson, the latter placed the Souths three goals to the good. When ends were changed for the last time it was evident from the start that the College team was determined to wipe off the deficiency, Faulkner and Harrington being particularly noticeable. James now tried, but the ball fell short. Within a few minutes, however, Colebatch raised both the flags and the hopes of the students. May, playing well in the ruck, again sent the sphere forward. An amusing incident here took place. Glastonbery, endeavoring to relieve the Souths' position, lodged the leather in one of the avenue trees, where it remained, in spite of sticks and stones, so that the umpire had to obtain another ball to resume play. Mr. Haslam, appreciating the change of leather, lost no time in placing it between the sticks. The play now became very exciting, but the students became too excited, and several free kicks were given against them, from one of which Sampson kicked a goal. May and Read now made determined efforts to

secure another goal for the College, but with the addition of a couple of minors time was called :—

South Gawler, 6 goals 4 behinds = 40 points.
Agricultural College, 4 goals 5 behinds = 29 points.

West, Glastonbery, O'Neill (2), Sampson, and Marney did most work for the Souths ; while Read, Faulkner, Harrington, and May tried hard to avert defeat.

WAY COLLEGE v. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Accompanied by many enthusiastic supporters, the Ways paid us a visit on June 5. The majority came by train, and the drag met them at the station ; several, however, arrived on what the aboriginals called "piccaninny engines," and seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the ride. Before lunch the farm and orchard were inspected by the visitors, and regret was freely expressed that it was pruning and not picking time in the latter. As soon after dinner as was compatible with health's sake play was begun. The game from start to finish was contested in a very friendly manner, but from the bounce of the ball it was seen that the Ways had "no possible." In the first quarter the home team kept the play well forward all through, and with one exception did not allow it to get into their back lines. Landseer was the first to trouble the goal umpire, and Read soon followed his example with a nice drop-kick. With the change of ends the Ways for the first time attacked their opponents' citadel, and Goode kicked a goal from the ruck. The ball was now kept in the centre of the ground for some time, this being the most exciting quarter of the game. James and Read succeeded in forwarding it, and though Martin for Ways was working like a Trojan, Landseer got in possession, and notched the third goal for the students. Goode and Nosworthy tried hard to get on even terms, but only scored a point, and then for the remainder of the second quarter the Ways were on the defensive. Before half-time Mr. Haslam further increased the lead of the ruralists, so that at the interval the scores were :—Agricultural College, 4 goals 4 behinds ; Way College, 1 goal 1 behind. The play was now very tame, and with the wind against them the Ways had no chance. May obtaining about 20 yards in front managed to raise the two flags, and after the addition of several minors Read also scored six points. During the last quarter Martin and Goode showed exceptionally brilliant form, but could not force the ball out of the Ways' territory, and after several shots were missed Phillips punted the ball between the sticks. Before the ball could be bounced again the bell rang, leaving the scores :—

Agricultural College, 7 goals 11 behinds = 53 points.
Way College, 1 goal 1 behind = 7 points.

For the winners James, Harrington, Tate, Landseer, Read, and May did most work ; while the Ways were best represented by Martin, Goode, Nosworthy, Wheaton, and Greenslade. H. Yelland kindly acted as umpire, and gave general satisfaction. The Adelaide boys seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and the Agricultural College students hope to give them a chance of turning the tables on their own ground later in the season. After a hasty cup of tea the drag was announced to be ready, and with hearty cheers on both sides the Ways departed in time to catch the last train to Adelaide.

OUR MOTTO.

Et conflagunt gladios suos in vomeres et lanceas suas in falces.—"And they shall turn their swords into plow-shares and their spears into pruning-hooks" (Isaiah ii. 4).

Tennis Notes.

By "SCOTCHMAN."

ONLY two tennis matches have been played since March, the beginning of the College year, both against our old rivals, the Gawler Centrals.

The College team was considerably weakened by the absence of C. Seppelt and G. Birks, two of our leading players who left in February, and we could not hope to be quite so successful as formerly, but on the whole the members of the team are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have so far upheld the reputation of the club.

The first contest took place at Gawler on the Central Club's courts on April 3, 1897, which, by the way, are far from being an added attraction to this beautiful country town. The afternoon turned out exceedingly warm, and onlookers had decidedly the best of it. Delicious tea and cake were dispersed by the lady members of the club for which we were especially grateful, probably appreciating them more, as these delicacies are usually so foreign to college life. Students noticed with alarm that Professor Perkins succumbed to the wiles of the "demon" tea, and simply revelled in the smiles of the young ladies, who no doubt felt highly honored.

The sets were very evenly contested throughout, especially the doubles, but in the singles the Centrals managed to obtain a lead in the first three sets, which we were unable to overhaul, as darkness intervened and unfortunately stopped the game.

The most notable double was that of Mr. Haslam and Professor Perkins, who played very creditable games.

Mr. Jamieson and Landseer contributed materially to our score, the former at net being particularly brilliant.

APPENDED ARE THE SCORES :—

Murray and McPherson beat Colebatch and James	11—4
Riggs and Barnet beat Jones and Gordon	11—6
Harvey and Fotheringham lost to Prof. Perkins and Mr. Haslam ..	7—11
Thompson and Friebe lost to Landseer and Mr. Jamieson ..	3—11
Murray beat Jones	9—0
Riggs beat Gordon	9—6
Barnet beat Colebatch	9—6
Harvey lost to Mr. Haslam	6—9
Fotheringham beat James	9—7

Centrals, 74 games. College, 60 games.

Saturday, May 1 was a day memorable in the tennis year. Members of the Gawler Central Tennis Club, both ladies and gentlemen, visited the College; the gentlemen to play a match against the College tennis team, and the ladies to barrack for them, and perhaps, in some cases, cheer the heart of a forlorn student. Afternoon tea, that stumbling block of a woman, was provided, and it was found necessary to call for many relays of the beverage before all were refreshed, probably owing to the great influx of ladies. "Gawler must be a dry place," a student was heard to remark. The visitors stayed to tea and we had a musical evening, details of which will be seen elsewhere.

All four doubles fell to the College; the first double, Murray and Riggs *versus* Colebatch and Jones was a tough struggle, the set eventually being won by the latter, our double playing a really brilliant game. As in the former match the first two singles were won by Murray and Riggs respectively, neither Gordon nor Jones playing as well as usual, however Colebatch succeeded in winning rather easily against R. Barnet, and Professor Perkins, after playing a losing game for some time, settled down to steady play, and managed with the assistance of his swift serves and well-placed returns, to ultimately beat F. L. Barnet.

APPENDED ARE THE SCORES.

Murray and Riggs lost to Jones and Colebatch	8—9
R. Barnet and P. Jones lost to Mr. Haslam and Gordon ..	7—9
Bird and McPherson lost to Prof. Perkins and James ..	8—9
Thompson and F. L. Barnet lost to Landseer and Nicholas ..	4—9
Murray beat Gordon	6—0
Riggs beat Jones	6—0
R. Barnet lost to Colebatch	1—6
P. Jones lost to Mr. Haslam	3—6
McPherson lost to James	3—6
F. L. Barnet lost to Prof. Perkins	4—6
Centrals, 50 games.	College, 60 games.

P. A. C. "At Home."

By NO. 10.

THURSDAY, April 15, found us spinning down to town in the morning train. On reaching the city we agreed to separate, arranging to meet again at P. A. College at about 10 a.m., so as to get an early start.

Before the match, however, we managed to find our way down to the dining-room, where Mr. Chapple had kindly had refreshments laid out for us, and we, of course, did our best to "lay them out."

At about 10.30 a.m. cricket became the order of the day, and we were fortunate enough to win the toss, and, of course, elected to bat. At first our batting did not show to much advantage, but Bow Read's steady play kept our spirits up as well as his own wicket; and when Billy Gordon and the Cornstalker got going, our score rapidly increased. These two were still together when the dinner bell rang, and I think that in the dining-room, if not in the cricket-field, the "farmers" held their own against the "townies."

After dinner we had our photos. taken, and on resuming cricket we had the pleasure of giving the Princes another good leather-hunting, mainly due to the brilliant batting of Gordon and Jones. Our fielding did not appear to be in keeping with our batting, for our opponents soon set to work, and, owing to the magnificent display given by Chapple—who was ably assisted by Grewar and Jolly—they soon capped our score, with six wickets to spare. This leaves us with one win each, and we hope to win the rubber in the early part of next season.

A number of our fellows had to leave early, so as to catch the evening trains, but for those who stayed another spread was prepared, and they took upon themselves the Herculean task of representing the whole eleven.

The only way to account for our defeat—and, I think, a good one—seems to be that, practically, half our team consisted of old P. A. Cs., whose love for their *Alma Mater* was so great that they had not the heart to inflict another defeat on her representatives!

The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by us all, and we hope that this match will in future be looked on as an annual contest between the two colleges; and may they all be as pleasant and enjoyable.

Revelry by Night.

MEMBERS of the College tennis team were entertained at a champagne supper by Professor Perkins at the Old Spot Hotel, Gawler, on Saturday, April 3, to commemorate the first victory of the College team over the Gawler Central Tennis Club.

The match was played at the College Saturday, January 23, and resulted in a win for the College by 23 games.

Unfortunately two of the original players, Messrs. G. Birks and C. Seppelt were unable to be present at the supper, having left at the end of the College year in February.

When a light repast, together with several bottles of champagne, had been disposed of, several toasts were honored, amongst others those of "Professor Perkins" and "The Tennis Club."

Mr. Jamieson spoke on tennis matters at considerable length, and thought that, on the whole, the team had acquitted itself very creditably.

Mr. Haslam and the Professor waxed eloquent on culinary and other matters closely connected with the internal well-being of the students, reference being made to the staple form of diet very much in evidence in the College *menu* of that period, and which the Professor thought, although he did not partake of it himself on principle, very satisfying, besides possessing the inestimable quality of cheapness.

Professor Perkins, who is an authority on such matters, propounded various schemes whereby more variety in diet might be obtained, and he certainly solved the variety problem by suggesting that Mr. Haslam should superintend operations in the kitchen. This proposition was received by the latter with pleasure, who was certain he had mistaken his vocation, but rather startled us by remarking that he proposed assisting in the preparation of breakfast, and no doubt we would relish the porridge more on some occasions than on others.

The Professor promised that if at any future date the tennis team was so fortunate as to be again victorious, he would entertain us once more in a similar manner, and we hoped fate might smile on our efforts in the future, and that just such another supper might be ours.

Honor to Cricketers.

By "CRUSTY."

LONG and loud were the expressions of delight, and great was the uproar among the students assembled in the reading-room on Saturday night, March 27, when Mr. Haslam pleasantly surprised us by announcing that he intended giving a light supper in order to celebrate the victory over our rivals from P. A. C.

According to promise, we all sat down to supper on the following Wednesday night, together with Professor Lowrie, Messrs. E. F. McBain (Assistant Viticulturist), and J. Williams (Mechanical Instructor).

After having done full justice to the good things set before us, several toasts were honored. Mr. Haslam first proposed the "Cricket Eleven," and spoke so highly of their play on the previous Saturday that some of the more bashful members were seen to blush. On behalf of the team Colebatch briefly responded, and Martin then spoke a few words of thanks on behalf of the non-cricketers. Mr. Haslam replied in a few words, and proposed the health of the other members of the staff who were present, to which Mr. McBain suitably replied. The last toast honored was that of our host, which Lewis proposed, and which the students were nothing loth to drink, although only in cocoa.

Before the evening closed a short programme was carried out. Professor Lowrie favored us with a song, Lockyer and Sandford serenaded us with a violin duet with pianoforte accompaniment, Jones sang "Whisper, and I shall hear," and Mr. Haslam wound up the evening by singing "Where are the Boys of the Old Brigade?" and all enthusiastically joined in the chorus.

This concluded a very pleasant evening, and one which all present, especially the members of the eleven, will not soon forget. This is the first time any of our numerous victories have ever been so recognised, and we hope it will not be the last.

A Social Evening.

By "CRUSTY."

OUR students cannot be said to revel in frivolity to any extent, but as a number of distinguished members of the Central Tennis Club and Gawler society were desirous of enlivening our somewhat monotonous life, we willingly accepted their kind offer, and an exceedingly pleasant evening resulted.

After tea our visitors retired to No. 8, where clumps and similar games were indulged in, and meanwhile the room below was cleared for the evening.

Miss Bird played the overture, and Miss E. Riggs, Messrs. R. Thompson and Jones, and Professor Lowrie contributed songs during the evening.

A short programme of dances was then carried out, followed by supper, during which Mr. R. Barnet moved a vote of thanks to the College Tennis Club, and Mr. Haslam suitably responded on our behalf.

Vale!

By "PINK AND BLACK."

GREAT were the rejoicings when it became known that "seeding" operations would probably be finished in time to allow us to "break up" on the calendar day for the end of the first session—June 11. Moreover we were promised a social on the Thursday night, June 10, and the promise was fulfilled. Soon after tea on this eventful night, the reading-room was cleared and cleaned by a bevy of jolly students under the leadership of Formby, and at 8 o'clock the programme opened. For an hour we had a "free and easy" musical evening. Music, vocal and instrumental, was contributed by the Principal (Professor Lowrie), the House Master (Mr. Haslam), Geo. Lockyer, Jones, and Dick Martin. Sandwiched in between the items were dances in which the "gentler sex" were sadly missed, for this was a social amongst ourselves, and "male" partners are after all not very attractive!

The best was to come, however, and at 9 o'clock we trooped into supper. The matron had made the table look very nice, and this made the "eatables" all the more attractive. How the plates were cleared! But there was enough for all, and with feelings of satisfaction we listened to the Professor, who, in a neat speech, wished us all a pleasant holiday, and referred to the prospects of a good season. After Mr. Haslam had also spoken we joined hands and sang "Auld lang syne." So ended a happy "first session."

A Dream.

"FAWKS" had a midnight vision during the week of sessional examinations. He says it was brought on by eating biscuits for supper. At any rate, he dreamt that he had to pass an examination in "General Knowledge," and this was the paper set in front of him.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

Max., 1,000

Time, 6 hours.

DR. MALSAN, R.I.P.

1. Describe the "wings of a turtle-dove," giving their mode of origin, specific gravity, and uses to "lovers."

2. Produce a vine to infinity, and calculate its yield for wine if $x=a$ student.
3. What are "tootsies"? Discuss their value as a phosphatic manure.
4. Give the details of Shakespeare's test for Johnson grass.
5. What are the deodorising properties of H_2S ?
6. Tell what you know about "fines." What is the effect of "fining" beer?
7. What sized boots did Milton take?
8. Write a short essay on "mutton, as an article of diet."

Chaff.

A.C.R.
 Facial.
 Training.
 Welcome rain.
 "Go in, College!"
 Fine Easter rains.
 "Well played, Towny!"
Obit.—"Nugget," "Did."
 Trip to Mt. Crawford greatly enjoyed.
 What about that "sewing meeting," third year?
 Some "mandibles" work the hardest when pie is on.
 Sunday, May 30, 1897, red-letter day: pork for dinner.
 Our first Association football match *v.* South was a good game.
 Two "thin" (?) students going without breakfast every morning. Echo answers, "Why?"
 Why has "Pritch" only got one foot in the grave? Because *there's only room for one!*

Notices to Correspondents.

[All communications to be addressed to the Editors. One side of the paper only to be written on. The name of the author need not be given, providing a nom de plume be used. Original poetry not necessarily accepted.]

"W. M. G."—You are right; "some people cannot mind their own business." We do not see any objection to your showing a *cousinly* regard.

"G. H. L."—No. Under the circumstances we could hardly advise you to challenge Herr Heinecke yet.

"A. H. B."—Your task is hard. We recommend the following treatment:—1 pint H_2O at $15^\circ C$ gently sprinkled on the "facial" muscles of each. We sincerely advise you not to stay to watch the effects.

"E. T." and "W. P."—1. It is untrue that the Glen Osmonds refused to play unless you were excluded from the College team. 2. Not necessarily. We think the "push" stroke is wonderful.

"SANDY."—1. We should say you have a first tenor. 2. The best we know is: "The man that struck the goldfields" (*Orsham*). The actions in this song *may* be made very effective.

"OYEZ."—It is a treat to read your appreciatory remarks concerning the vocal efforts of the members of No. 4. We ourselves have heard the weird sounds at times, although we must honestly confess we thought that cats were on the "landing" again.