

immensely pleased with the nine large classrooms, the gymnasium, asphalt tennis courts, music rooms, etc. Our numbers increased rapidly, and enthusiasm grew in a most encouraging manner. To mark the importance of the reopening of the College, a Conference luncheon was held in the Assembly Hall at which about 200 guests were seated, and many more came to the reception held afterwards. The staff was further increased and strengthened by the inclusion of Miss Cowperthwaite, B.A., Miss Lipsham, B.A., Miss Hollidge, and afterwards by Miss Ellis, B.Sc., and Miss Lane, M.A., whilst Mr. W. Silver, Miss Hodge, Miss Carlile, Miss Sprod, and Mr. Grigg joined the musical staff, and Mr. Edward Reeves for elocution. We were proud of our girls' success at the University—Higher Public lists contained our girls' names: Ada Tonkin was first girl to pass the complete examination. Grace Martin won the Tennyson Medal for English Literature (Senior) at the end of 1904. Gertrude Mann was placed in the Senior Honours list. The following year girls gained the first five places in the Junior Honours—Margaret Shorney, Ella Stephens, Nellie Hanton, Minnie Penna, Elizabeth Jackson—and many special honours were gained by senior girls—first place in physiology and geology—whilst in 1906 Winnie Potts gained special honours in Higher Public, and Ella Stephens was placed in the General Honours list (Senior). Many other girls did honour to the School by the high places they won in the University lists, and though their names are not mentioned here the records are still kept in the annals of the College.

With the establishment of the College at Wayville, it was arranged that the boarders should attend the morning service at Pirie Street, where the Rev. Henry Howard, who became the College Chaplain, was in charge. For Sunday evenings a service was arranged for each week during the term, and held in the boarders' sitting-room in the Way Wing. Many of the ablest of the local preachers connected with the circuit conducted these services, which were enjoyed much by us all. We were a "congregation" of about 45 or 50. We had an American organ (presented by Mr. Jas. Hebbard, of Broken Hill), and many of us can recall the deep impression these simple services made.

It was at the beginning of the year 1905 when the "Old Scholars' Association" was formed. It started with about 40 members, but very soon considerably increased in numbers. The meetings took place at the College each month, and its primary object was to keep up the interest of former pupils in the School and their studies on their own lines. A programme was drawn up for each meeting—a standard book, poem, or Shakespearean drama was discussed and songs or musical selections rendered. The papers written sometimes showed great promise, and twice a year a purely social gathering was held. The first secretary was Lottie Holland; the first treasurer, Doris Wylie. The first publication of the "Wattle Blossom," the organ of the Old Scholars' Guild, was in August, 1906, with editresses Gertrude Mann and Grace Martin. On glancing through this little booklet again, after all these years, I cannot help feeling that it is a very creditable production for such inexperienced young writers, and it brings back to my mind, very vividly, the "inner throbbing life of the School" of those days. This first year was not to

pass without a notable event, viz., the fete which the Old Scholars held in the grounds in November. The idea had been formed to raise money for a Scholarship, and little by little more helpers were brought in, until the undertaking assumed quite large proportions. Everything went well except the weather, for a violent storm, following a very hot day, had blown all the



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tents down the night before, and the girls had to work with double energy during the morning to get the stalls in order. In spite of these disadvantages, a good sum of money was available and a Scholarship, tenable for four years, was offered. Linda Jorgensen was the first holder of this. In recording the triumphs of the girls of this period, we must not forget the successes gained