CHEAP EXCURSIONS. Melbourne Exhibition.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAINS at the

undermentioned CHEAP FARES will run BETWEEN ADELAIDE and MEL-BOURNE on the following dates:— Adelaide to Melbourne.

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ADELAIDE dep. 945 MELBOURNE arr. 7.28

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ONLY, and Passengers must return within one month of date of issue. Tickets can be obtained at all Booking Stations between Adelaide and Serviceton on any day up to 12 noon on Mondays for the Special on the following Tuesday.

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Adelaide and Serviceton on hoth journeys.

Pascengers from any Booking Station south of Adelaide not served by the Special may book at the above return fares to Melmay book at the above return large to Met-bourne of any day up to 12 noon of the Mon-day before the Special runs and travel by Ordinary Train without extra charge on same day or on the Tuesday to the nearest Station where the Special will call,

JOURNEY on any day up 10 a.m. of the Monday before the Special runs. Passengers Note, -- To entitle passengers from the North to travel to and from Adelaide a the the Single fare as above noted, they must in addition pay the Excursion Fare to Melbourne when booking to Adelaide. They will be provided by the Stationmaster of whom they pay both fares, with an order on the Ticket Cierk, Adelaide, for a Cheap Return Ticket between Adelaide and Melhetern lieset between Adeiside and Mel-bourne, which order must be exchanged at the Adelaide Booking Office. Passengers to or from the South-East change trains at Wolseiey. All Passengers must on return leave Mel-

All rassengers must on return leave Met-bourne by the Special, tickets only being available as noted above.

The tickets from North of Adelaide will be available for return from Adelaide

for one month from date of issue, The journey cannot be broken with thes

tickets.

Excursionists wishing to return from Melbourne by Ordinary or Express Train may do so on payment of 35s, First Class, and 22s 6d Second Class, respectively,

For further particulars see Adelaide daily papers.

ALAN G. PENDLETON,

General Traffic Manager Railway Offices, Adelaide,

DR. J. R. PALMER, (L.K.Q C.P.,I. & L.M. & L R C.S. I.) THE RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER

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EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY Afternoon, from 3 to 9.

Dr. Hill wishes the people of Petersburg to understand that he can be in attendance at all hours in about an hour and a half after receipt of Telegram.

Religious Serbices. PETERSBURG, SUNDAY, Jan. 6. CATHOLIC. Holy Mass at 7.30 and 11 a.m. at Peters-

burg. Holy Mass at Lancelot at 8.39, and at Dawson at 11. Usual evening service at 7 o'clock. EPISCOPAL.

Matins at 11 in the church. Evensong at 7 in the Institute Hall. Holy communion after the morning service. Preacher the In-WESLEYAN.

PETERSBURG — Morning at 11. Local reacher. Evening at 7, Rev J. Blacket. Yongala-Morning at 11, Rev J. Blacket Evening at 7, Local Preacher.

The Bazaar IN AID OF THE

DAWSON CATHOLIC SCHOOL Will be continued TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING In the Petersburg Institute Hall,

Promenade Concert Will be given by the Ladies and Gentlemer who so kindly volunteered their services last Saturday evening

The Anniversary

PETERSBURG WESLEYAN CHURCH. Will (D. V.) be celebrated on SUNDAY WEEK, JANUARY 13th.

Preacher-Morning, afternoon and evening Rev. J. R. BRADBURY, late of Palmerston. Tea meeting on the Monday, at 6 o'clock. Public meeting at 7,30. Full particulars by

THERE WILL BE A

Thanksgiving Service IN THE

PETERSBURG WESLEYAN CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING NEXT. PREACHER-REV. J. BLACKET.

The Petersburg Times

FRIDAY, JAN. 4, 1889. THE RECENT FLOODS.

The flood that has visited Petersburg during the past week is an event

that will long be remembered. almost the last day of the old year water was above all other things in this arid district the one great desideratum, and the fact that during the first fortyeight hours of the New Year we received nearly as great a quantity of rain as fell during the preceding twelve months is certainly a remarkable occurence. That the fall did not come two or three months earlier is certainly to be deplored as is also the fact that a number of people have suffered heavy loss and in convenience, but despite this unfortunate delay the liberal downpour will be appreciated as, only such a fall can be in this dry north, and it is certain that the individual cases of suffering will be more than compensated for by the immense good that will result to the country. Still, as a perusal of our news colums will show, the fact remains that the case is a very hard one with some individuals. Many people, most of them in a very humble walk of life, have lost their all, and for a time at all events will be homeless, as the majority of the houses inundated will certainly not be habitable for a considerable period, whilst some the Board of Health will certainly be justifed in condemning as unfit for further human habitation. Steps are being taken to ascertain the value and nature of the loss that has fallen on the different sufferers, and the occasion affords an opportunity for the display of charity such as, we are glad to say, is seldom Intending passengers from Stations north of Adelaide may book at Adelaide at a SINGLE FARE FOR THE DUBLE and children's clothes, beds and bed linen, as these articles have in nearly every case been swept away by the flood or utterly destroyed. Pending the formation of a committee to take the work of distribution in hand we shall be thankful to receive from our readers any of the foregoing articles which they can spare, and will hand over such to the ladies appointed to see to the distribution of the articles collected. Donations of money, which is required for the purchase of bedding and other household necessities, will be received and duly acknowledged. The ministers of the various religious denominations in Petersburg who are personally acquainted with the various sufferers will also act as receiving agents, either of donations in money or in kind, and donors may rely on their gifts being put to the best possible service. We desire also to draw the attention of the Local Board of Health to the present state of the houses, outbuildings, tanks, cesspits etc, along the course of the flood waters. The houses, wretched hovels many of them, even at the best of times, are now in a deplorable state. Boarded floors are the exception rather than the rule, and the condition of the earth floors after the subsidence of the waters may be better imagined than described, All kinds of filth has been washed into the houses, and down into the cellars, and the dank unwholesome smell is already most offensive, and highly suggestive of that dread disease, typhoid. The flood in numerous cases has swept away closets, leaving nothing but an indentation in the ground to show their whereabouts whilst the contents have been washed into tanks, and spread generally over the surface of the ground: Unless preventative measures are speedily taken the hot sun, which in a few days we may reasonably expect, will in a very short space of time turn this low-lying part of town into a steaming for hole, and an epidemic of typhoid will be the result. Teetulpa, it may be remarked, until the floods came was a most healthy place, and though for weeks be fore this seven or eight thousand persons were on the ground, not a death and hardly a case of sickness occurred. Our readers do not need to be told what

north. That the institution is at present out of touch with the community our readers well know, as a reference to our library or reading room only calls forth a shrug of the shoulders and only by a statement of plain facts that we can hope for an awakening amongst the dry bones and to a better idea of our responsibilities. In Petersburg, owing o the large railway staff, we have for country town an unusually large number of intelligent young men, mechanics, etc., and it is certainly discredi table that absolutely nothing has been happened at Teetulpa after the flood, but done in the past to reach this most dewe trust that warning will be taken irable class, and to afford other means from this and other cases, where the most simple sanitary rules have been of recreation and instruction than can neglected. We have certainly no wish to be gained at hotel bars.

selection of a site, the town itself being

little better than a water course, but as

it is admitted that in the memory of

the oldest inhabitant such a flood is quite unprecedented, we may reasonably

expect that a long time will elapse be-

fore we are again treated to such a

downpour. For the worst of the dam-

age caused the railway embankment on

the north line is responsible, as this as-

sisted to form a lake and increased the

height of the water to a great extent at this part of the town. Had it not been

for this obstruction the water would

have passed on freely and the damage

THE PETERSBURG INSTITUTE.

Town Council Cr Palmer gave notice

that he would move at the next meeting

of that body, the desirability of the

Council taken over the control of the

Institute building, and in doing so

touched on the lack of accommodation.

so patent to all observers, in connect-

on with the building under the present

management. As we understand the

Trustees of the Institute are perfectly

willing to transfer the building to the

is ready to accept the responsibility, we

agree with Cr Palmer that now the

Act permitting the transfer has been

passed by both Houses, the sooner the

matter is settled the better, as to reduce

the number of governing bodies, thus

effecting a saving in working expenses, cannot be other than a benefit in a

small community. As the Petersburg Town Hall the building will, without a

doubt, be regarded with greater interest

and solicitation than it has been in the

past, whilst under the new regime the

Corporation, and that the latter body

At the last meeting of the Petersburg

caused would have been much less.

CATROLIO BAZAAR—We would direct attention to the promenade concert and bazaar to be held in the Institute Hall to morrow (Saturday) evening in aid of the Dawson Catholic school. It was arranged to finish up the bazaar on Monday but nothing could be done on that day on account of the flood. The concert last Saturday evening was much appreciated and its success will doubtless attract a large andience to morrow evening. Several attractive items have been arranged for the last night, create a scare, and therefore only point out what a medical man who went over the ground the other day assures we have every right to expect. A few pounds had better be spent in this way than in enlarging the cemetery. We cannot congratu-

legitimate use, to the disgust of the

that the regulations provide for the

opening of the library three nights a

week. The reason given for the clos-

ing of the room is that the hall has

been engaged on the nights during

which the library is supposed to be open, and that the room has been re-

quired in connection with the differenten-

tertainments that have been held. It can

be safely assumed that the subscribers

during the holidays have had as much

leisure time for reading as they are

likely to have again for some time, and

if the library can be closed for three

weeks with impunity it may as well be

allowed to step in. No wonder that

the Librarian bemoans the scanty

list of subscribers, and the difficulty of

procuring subscriptions from even these,

People as a rule like to get a

marvellous to us that under such cir-

absolutely blank. It is not the fault of

poorly patronised, as the reading popu-

ation of the district, is, we feel sure,

go elsewhere for it. The qualtity of the

ibrary we have touched on before, and

t is not necessary here to do further

than state that the collection of

books is the smallest (not 300 volumes)

and worst assorted to be found in the

late the founders of the town on their

Heavy Rains and Floods. PETERSBURG UNDER WATER. THE RAILWAY WASHED AWAY ON THE BROKEN HILL, PORT PIRIE AND PORT AUGUSTA LINES.

On Monday and Tuesday last, the neaviest showers ever recorded in the district fell to the north-east of Petersburg causing floods, which have been most disastrous in their effects, the damage to the railway lines alone being without a parallel in the history of the colony. For weeks previous heavy weather had been threatening, but it was not till about 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon that the first heavy downoour was experienced. As this shower cleared off a vast volume of water poured down into Petersburg from the Gumbowie Ranges, flooding the streets and entering a number of houses. Such a flood was quite unprecedented, but townspeople alive to the importance of conserving the precious fluid, lost no time in cutting channels, and diverting the water into gardens that for months previous had been utterly destitute of moisture. With the town pretty well under water the eve of the new year was not marked by the usual display of larrikin freaks, the Catholic bazaar in the Institute was abandoned, the shops were closed, whilst the hotels, despite

their permits did very little, most

the townspeople retiring early. The

new year was not, however, to be usher-

ed in quietly, as about midnight residents to the north side of the town,

many of them being in their beds, were

startled by the roar of water rushing

down in the direction of Glogan Street.

The night was inky dark but flashes of

sheet lightning were almost continuous, and during the intervals of light a vast

torrent of water could be seen rushing

Up till Institute will we hope be attained. As | centre of the township and the hill on which the Wesleyan Parsonage, Mr an educational institution, the Peters-Rieger's farmhouse, the schoolhouse and burg Institute, like too many others, has failed miserably, and nothing but other buildings are situated. scene at these intervals, coupled with a radical change will tend to put matters on a better footing. If the the cries from persons in or near the building is transferred to the Corporacourse of the flood, the fearful roarin; tion one of the first things to be conof the waters, and the darkness of the idered by that body will be the erectnight, was simply indescribable, and one on of a suitable front comprising sevnever to be forgotten by the eye wit eral additional rooms, as unless this is nesses. Stout hearts and willing hand lone, and further accommodation prowere however hard at work and all of sided, the building to all intents the occupants of houses in the line of and purposes, might as well remain water were rescued, though in several cases not without great difficulty. under present management. Therefore, before acceeding to the transfer, whilst the rescuers in several instances the trustees will be only doing their had narrow escapes from drowning. duty to the present subscribers of the The first intimation received by many institute, as well as to the parent inpersons of the flood, was by noticing stitution by stipulating that when the that articles of furniture were floating building is enlarged both the reading about their bedrooms, whilst a number room and the circulating library shall of persons barely had time to make be placed in the front, of the building their escape clothed only in their night and that sufficient accommodation shall dresses. By daylight the waters had be allotted for the working of these two considerably decreased, though a volume of rapidly rushing water represimportant departments. Both rooms are at present most inconveniently sitenting a fairly wide river divided the uated at the rear of the building, and town from the rising ground to the as in the event of the hall being ennorth. Wreckage was to be seen on gaged they are required as dressing all hands, articles of furniture and rooms or for other purposes, they are on wearing apparel being everywhere such occasions diverted from their strewn about. Every fence crossing the water line had disappeared, the

subscribers, and to the injury of this metal on the cross streets had been important department of the institution. washed clean away, whilst outhouses As a case in point, and an illustration pigstyes, and other temporary buildings of the way in which subscribers are at had totally disappeared. Heavy expense will have to be in-curred by the Corporation in putting present humbugged, we may say that the library was closed to subscribers from December 15 to January 3, and this, the streets into anything like decent retoo, without any notification of the pair again, and the loss on all hands circumstance, and despite the fact has been considerable, the greatest mis-

fortunes, as is generally the case, falling

on those who are leastable to bear them.

Heavy rains fell again on Tuesday afternoon, and about 4 o'clock the town was visited by another flood, which was deeper and more destructive than either of preceding, The houses in the centre of the town being on ratherhigher ground escaped, but the rest were more or less flooded. The lower part of the town, as on the previous occasions, came off the worst, the embankment on the north line of railway acting as a check to the waters and assisting to form a lake at this point, the culvert not being closed altogether, and private enterprise equal to the work of carrying the water through to the other side. In Mr Delaney's, the house nearest the embankment, there was about 41 feet of water, and most of the furniture and household sundries in this and the adlittle value for their money, and it is joining houses was totally destroyed The houses along the watercourse cumstances there are any subscribers at through the northern part of the town all, and we are confident that it is only all came off badly, as did those in the a display of public spirit on the part upper part of the main street, and others south of the railway line, water of a few that prevents the roll being in the houses ranging from a few inches the townspeople that the library is so to 4 feet in height. The two Government reservoirs, the largest of which is computed to hold 6,000,000 gallons, equal to that of any other town of were filled to overflowing at an early similar size, but as people cannot get their literary food locally they have to stage. Tanks throughout the town-

space of time, and householders in many ases cut their piping to prevent their being swamped out. The rainfall registered in Petersburg from December 29 to January 3 amounted to 4 inches 940 points. The

total rainfall for the preceding twelve-

ship were filled up in an incredibly short

menths ending December 31 was 7.035. We would take this opportunity of reminding all those who may find wreckage that has been washed down by the a contemptuous whistle. We speak flood, that there is an owner for every thus strongly as we are aware that it is article and that the proper course to be taken is to inform the police of any articles that are or may be found. regret to learn that there are persons in our midst mean enough to take advantage of the misfortunes of their neighbours by plundering them of the few things they have left, as to take articles from the scene of the flood, stow them away, and say nothing about it, and above all take measures to prevent identification, is certainly no better than

Perhaps one of the most pitiful scenes presented is in the house occupied by Mr M. Delaney. On the night of the 31st the water was 2 feet deep. On the flood subsiding the next morning things were righted as much as possible, but this had barely been done beas possible, but this had barely seen done of-fore the flood waters again rushed down, this time filling the house to a depth of 4½ feet. Nearly everything is destroyed, and the sight of this little home knee deep in mud-is really heartending. Mr Delaney, how-ever, takes his misfortune very philosoph-ically and seems disposed to make the best

of a bad job.

Mr Chadwick, Mr Mitchell, and Mr Kewsick who live in the adjoining houses are also great sufferers and may be said to have lott everything, including clothes and bed linen. The houses are knee deep in mud and things that have not been spoilt by the and things that have not been spoilt by the water are ruined by the clayey mud which adheres to everything. The beds are a fearful sight, being now to all appearance nothing but heaps of dirt. Mr Henery who is in the centre of the flat, and Mrs Frohm, a widow voman, who lives near by, also fared very badly being able to save nothing.

The secret presented in Mr Henery's house.

The scene presented in Mr Henery's house after the flood was deplorable and simply baffles description. The door had been burst open by the current, and after the water had subsided, mad and refase to a depth of about two feet was left behind. The accumulation of mud and rubbish left on the beds was so great as to necessitate removal with a pitch

ork, Mr McNamara, who is a new resident and has only lately furnished the house in front of Smiths garden as a boarding house, is also to be conmiserated. Everything in the house is either ruined or damaged, and his loss must therefore be considerable.

Mr S Smith, who lives in the adjoining house, wonderful to relate, only had about 15 inches of water in his house. This got in on the occasion of the first flood. During the floods of Tuesday afternoon which put 2 or 3 feet of water into the neighbouring houses, Mr smith escaped without a drop merely by stretching oilcloth across the frost and back door posts. As this simple arrangement undoubtedly saved Mr Smith from considerable loss and discomfort, it is a great pity others had not the thought and presence pity others had not the thought and prese ind to adopt a similar expedient.

of mind to adopt a similar expedient.

Perhaps one of the most disheartening sights presented is that at what is called Smith's Garden. Gardening is not a success in Petersburg, few towns in the north being more barren of foliage, and Smith's Garden has always been looked upon as an oasis in the desert, whilst during the recent blistering hot weather it has been one of the pleasantest places of resort, with its delightful avenues of vines. Now it is a perfect wreek. The fences have been carled away, the vines broken and blown down, fruit trees aim and objects of the promoters of the down between the high ground in the

unprooted, whilst the beds are buried under stones and debris of every description. The garden represented five years of toil on the part of Mr Smith and it is very hard to see the labour of so many years so utterly lost. Mr Smith is not one, however, to meet troubles half way and we fancy it will not be long before the garden arises phoenix-like, iron its raises.

from its ruins.

Mr W. Rohde's garden in the flat present the even worse appearance than Mr Smith's The soil has been carried right away and the place filled up with pieces of metal from one of the side streets, the whole being more like a stone heap than a garden. The ruit trees that have not been carried away are all lying down on their sides, and with are all lying down on their sides, and with the fences washed clean away, the wreck is

complete, Mr L. Malycha, tanner, was also flooded out and estimates his lost, which includes damage to a large quantity of hides, at about £60. As Mr Malycha has only recently started a new industry in the town-ship, and that in a most inauspicious season, considerable sympathy will be felt with him in his heavy loss.

in his heavy loss.

Mr Holzberger is another unfortunate, his house being literally swamped out.

Mr Carruthers lost a quantity of lime.

Mr Pat Callary, who worked hard in rescuing other people was a heavy loser himself, a lot of his property being washed down the stream by the current. Though he

the stream by the current. Though he eventually recovered everything, most of the things were found to be ruined by the mud and water.
Messrs J. & R. Forgan's loss has been considerable. About £30 worth of coal and coke which was stored in a temporary shed at the rear of the foundry has been swept at the rear of the foundry has been swept clean away, shed and all. The foundry it self is in a fearful state, castings and every description of iron work being covered with mud. Everything will have to be taken out of the building and cleaned, wagon loads of dirt will have to be removed, and a new floor put in before business can be reserved.

dirt will have to be removed, and a new floor put in before business can be resumed. At least a month must elapse before things can be again in proper working order.

Mr Baulderstone's home, which was one of the first visited by the flood, is a complete wreck. The walls, of galvanised iron, are best outwards and the interior of the are bent outwards, and the interior of the building will certainly not be habitable again. One of Mr Baulderstone's carts was arried down by the current and deposited bottom upwards, in Smith's Garden, whilst

another was badly smashed up.

A little stone cottage, next to Mr Baulderstone's, presents a truly deplorable sight, the mud even now being quite a foot deep. The condition of the articles of furniture yet remaining is indescribable.

The adjoining building, a one-roomed stone cottage, which has only been erected a few months by the occupier, Mr Hall, is doomed to destruction, the walls already siring acres. giving away.

The case of Mrs Phillips is a very sad one

The case of Mrs Phillips is a very sad one. She was aroused by the flood on Monday night, and with difficulty managed to carry her little children through the blinding darkness to a place of safety. The little ones had nothing on but their night clothes and their wants have been temporarily supplied by friends, in the home nearly everything is leaf.

Mr W. Hancey is another loser and estimates his loss, which includes the spoiling of a lot of lime, damage to property, etc., at

of a lot of lime, damage to property, etc., at something like £100.

Mr Kieger's well which during the drought was such an important factor in supplying the town with drinking water, is badly damaged though to what extent Mr Rieger can as yet hardly say. He will also lose considerably from the fencing that has been swept away.

Mrs Woods is another great sufferer and it is pitiful to think that what a few days ago was a comfortable home is now such a complete wreck. The walls of the building are badly cracked and the house will certainly not be habitable for some time.

Mr Kloss's well was badly damaged,

Mr Kloss's well was badly damaged,
Mr Platten's house escaped with but a few
inches of water, but a complete w.e.k was
made of his outbuildings.
The cellar at Mr Sheridans's refreshment

The cellar at Mr Sheridann's refreshment rooms was one off the first flooded.

Mr Klem's cellar and back premises were also flooded, and his neighbors on either aide received their share of the muddy fluid.

Of the residents at the east end of the town Mr Clarke and Mr Grocock, who both live in what are generally called McDowell's cottages, were the chief sufferers, the flood waters in this quater doing a great deal of damage.

damage.

M.C. Bannigan, who was engaged in rescue work during the pitchy darkness on Monday night, narrowly escaped drowning whilst crossing the flood waters. The horse he was riding got carried away from under him by the swift current, and it was only after an exhausting struggle that he reach the banks in safety.

Mr Smith, father of the little boy drowned

at Oodla Wirra, who came to Petersburg to make arrangements for the burial had also a narrow escape, his horse being carried away from him in his endeavour to ford the waters. He was rescued with difficulty.

The Rev J. Blacket after a hard day's work removing families to places of safety started in his buggy to cross the flood water in order to reach his home on the north side of the town. When about a third of the distance through he lost control of his horse and was carried some distance down the stream by the current. Fortunately he was able to turn the horse round and with great difficulty managed to regain his starting point in safety. The rev gentlemen wisely refrained from attempting to cross again until the waters had subsided,

Mr and Mrs Delaney like many others Mr and Mrs Delaney like many others on Monday night were not aware of the flood until the water reached the level of their bed. Mr Delaney, however, promptly grasped the situation and assisted his wife and child up on to a ledge of the chimney above the mantlepiece, afterwards perching himself alongside. Here the family were found by M. C. Bannigan who arrived with assistance about midnight. The Delaneys however seemed to feel secure on their elevated perch, as they declined all offers of assistance and elected to remain in their rather uncomfortable position all night.

assistance and elected to remain in their rather uncomfortable position all night.

Mrs Phil-ips and children had a narrow escape on Monday from being drowned in their beds, but fortunately were able to reach a neighbours house clothed only in their nightdresses. This family lost every stick of electhing and their immediate wants. stitch of clothing and their immedi had to be supplied by neighbours.

The driver of the mail from Dawson on Tuesday was stuck up on the road and had to leave his buggy behind and push on with his horses, reaching Petersburg with no little difficulty. The mail for Dawson was delayed a day, as it could not be sent on till Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning.

A sad fatality occurred at Oodla Wirra about the dawn of the New Year, when the flood was at the highrest. Mrs Smith. whose husband was then engaged on the railway, was at home with five children railway, was at home with nive contained the oldest being only eight years old, when the flood waters rushed on their house. As she could not carry all the little ones to a place of safety at once, she placed one of them, a boy about 2 years of age, in a position where she thought he would be

subsided, here was to be found wreckage of every description. Owners of missing property will do well to look for it in this lirection.

direction.

Amongst the passengers blocked up in Petersburg is Mr Rudall, S.M., who arrived here en route for the Northern Local Courts on Wednesday. Mr Rudall, it will be remembered has lately been transferred from Gawler to Port Augusta, and his first experiences of the north are certainly

WILLING HELPERS, Mr W. Howard (our worthy Mayor) in his ragonette worked most energetically in recafety. In the excitement of the time, too, many a family would have gone hungry had it not been for his care and forethought in anticipating their wants. The Kev J. Blacket was a host in himself, and from the small hours in the morning till late on Tuesday night, he was to been seen in his buggy constantly engaged on some errand of buggy constantly engaged on some errand of mercy. Mr Sheridan's covered wagonette was fiying here there and everywhere removing families, and Messrs Coronel & Co and Mr Rudland rendered similar valuable aid. The townspeople vied with one another in throwing their houses open to those who were homeless, and at an early hour on Wednesday morning the Rev W. S. Hopcraft accompanied by Mr E. Palmer, J.P., drove round the town to see what could be done for the worst sufferers. Mr Palmer done for the worst sufferers. Mr Palmer invited all who cared to do so, to take up invited all who cared to do so, to take up their quarters, temporarily, in the mill, and the Rev W. S. Hoperaft intimated that St Peter's church, together with the vestries, was at the disposal of any who cared to take up their abode there. Quarters were also provided in the Institute Hall and the Baptist Church whilst the Rev J, Blacket accommodated a large number of unfortunates at the Wesleyan Parsonage. Good work was performed by the police under M.C. Bannigan who spared no efforts both in rescuing and afterwards providing quarters. Mr Warren, of the E.S. & A.C. Bank was to be found wherever assistance was required, and Warren, of the E.S. & A.C. Bank was to be found wherever assistance was required, and his energy was emulated by others. Dr. Hill, has kindly consented to receive articles of left off clothing, bedding, etc., at Terowie and has promised to send the same on to Petersburg for distribution. Help in clearing out the mud-filled houses has been freely ing out the mid-infed housepited.

The dered and gratefully accepted.

We have to acknowledge just before going

to press the receipt of several bundles of women's clothing, from Mrs W. Threadgold, if a few more such bundles are speedily to hand immediate wants, at all events, will be well supplied.

THE EFFECT OF THE FLOOD ON THE

The tremendous fall of rain in the northeast and the consequent heavy floods, has extensively damaged the Petersburg and N. S. W. Line. The line was first flooded on Monday afternoon, and the last train to travel over the line before the block was the luggage train due in Petersburg at 8 o'clock that evening, but which did not reach its destination until 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, after a most perilous trip, the driver having to pick his way carefully over the already damaged line, amidst the blinding darkness. It is reported that only a few moments after this train passed Dawson Road, the extensive washaway occurred at this point. The afternoon express from Adelaide was detained in Petersburg all night and as it was then evident that the block on the Barrier line would continue at least the Barrier line would continue at least a week passengers were returned to their starting point free of charge or accommodated at the hotel in the township till traffic could be resumed, at their option. Some idea of the state of the Barrier line may be gathered from the fact that from Petersburg right along the line to a mile or two beyond Oodla Wirra the ballast was badly washed away, whilst in no less than four places embank. whilst in no less than four places embank-ments were totally destroyed, the rails and sleepers being carried up against the telegragh

lines.

A representative from this office, by the courtesy of the Traffic Superintendent, visited the scene of the washaway at Dawson Road on Tuesday morning; where the sight presented was one of the wildest confusion. Great stretches of permanent way were carried thirty or forty vards away against the telegraph line. The repairers were then engaged in unbolting the rails and taking them back in sections to the track, In other cases where the permanent way remained in the criginal position the ballast had been washed clean from under, whilst mained in the criginal position the ballast had been washed clean from under, whilst were carried away immense distances. The force of the water at this point must have been simply terrific and terrible to witness.

Petersburg and Terowie about mile of ballast was partly washed away near A quantity of ballast was also washed

away between Petersburg and Yongala, and about fifteen chains between Jamestown and Caltowie. The traffic along this line was not, however, interfered with to any great ex-On the Port Augusta line two miles of

ballast was washed away between Petersburg and Blackrock, in some cases sleepers and rails being carried clear of the formation, and between Blackrock and Orroroo about one between Blackrock and Orroroo about one mile of ballast was carried away. Between Orroroo and Quorn the line was badly damaged, From Quorn to Port Augusta the line was uninjured. Traffic between Quorn and Petersburg was suspended for several days but was resumed on Friday.

The Great Northern Line suffered severely. About alexen being af

About eleven chains of line were was away between Merna Merna and Edoor about quarter of a mile, including a bridg between Parachilna and Blackfellows creek about twenty three chains between Leigh's creek and Lyndhurst, and about thirteen chains at Hookina, besides smaller wash aways at Meadews and Parachilna,

Farewell to Mr J. J. Lawrie.

On Monday week last about forty residents of Petersburg, met together in the large dining room of the Junction Hotel, to indulge in a social glass and at the same time bid farewell to Mr J. J. Lawrie, who for the past six years has been manager of the E. S. & A. C. Bank, but is now leaving for more important post in the bank's employ

Port Darwin.

His Worship the Mayor (Mr W. Howard)
presided, having on his right the guest of the
evening, and on his left the Rev Father

Norton.

His Worship presumed that all present were aware of the purpose for which the meeting had been called, whilst he felt sure that their feelings were a mixture of pleasure and regret—pleasure in presenting their de-parting friend with a memento of esteem and respect, and regret at having to say fare-well—whilst he was equally sure that regret at their guests departure was felt not only by those who were present, but by many who could not be with them on that eccasion. During his residence in Petersburg Mr J. Lawrie had helped in any matter that came she could not carry all the little ones to a place of safety at once, she placed one of them, a boy about 2 years of age, in a position where she thought he would be safe for a time, and after carrying the other little ones to the water's edge, returned for the little ones to the water's edge, returned for the little boy. The poor little fellow, however, in the meantime, had been carried away by the current, and his lifeless body was found, after the flood had subsided, against a fence. The distress of the mother was said to be terrible to witness,

During the flood of Tuesday afternoon, Mr Touchell entered the residence of Mr Moore in Jurvois street and found Mrs Moore who was alone in the house in a swoon, the water being a considerable height in the rooms. Had it not been for this timely resone the result might have been serious.

Mr R. Cochrane's farmhouse a mile to the south-west of Petersburg was entirely surrounded with water, and when the flood

Mr F. W. Stephen, Resident Engineer, said he looked on Mr Lawrie as one of his personal friends, and agreed with the chairman that his departure was a matter of sincere regret. his departure was a matter or snoere regret. Still there was a certain gratification in their being able to show their departing friend how thoroughly they appreciated and admired him. There was one thing he would dwell on for a moment and that was their guest's invariable moment and that was their guest's invariable courtesy—no matter what happened he was always the same, Mr Hall (of the National Bank) had said on leaving Petersburg that if he left any enemies behind they would be of the fair sex, but Mr Lawriers popularity with the ladies was proverbial. He could only re-echo the expressions of good will that had been made use of by former speakers and joined with them in wishing their guest every. had been made use of by former speakers and joined with them in wishing their guest every prosperity. He was glad to see that the bank had promoted him, and hoped that the next time they met there would be a Mrs Lawrie. Mr P. A. Callary, J. P., said they all knew that Mr Lawrie had endeared himself to those with whom he had come into contact. In Petersburg he had certainly been a man in the right place, but his friends though deploring his departure were obliged to admit that it was for his greatest good.

The Mayor then proposed Mr Lawrie's health which was enthusiastically received and drunk with musical honors.

drunk with musical honors. The Rev Father Norton expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to be present. His knowledge of Mr Lawrie extended over five years, both as his pastor and as his friend, and his departure—though not unmixed with pleasure at the knowledge of his promotion was a matter for sincere regret. During his residence in Petersburg Mr Lawrie hadproved himself to be a Christian, a Catholic, a himself to be a Christian, a Catholic, a gentleman, and a valuable citizen, being an honor and a pride to all the se who came into contact with him either in his business of private capacity. It was a grand thing to think he had spent his time in Petersburg in such a way as to leave no blemish on his character, and that no one could say a word against him. In paying him this tribute he did not speak merely as his pastor but felt he expressed the opinion of all who had mixed with their departing friend. The Poet Long. with their departing friend. The Poet Long-

Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Footsteps on the sands of time,

He did not wish to appear to flatter by applying these lines to Mr Lawrie as he was present though he felt that he could do so in his absence. He would, however, soon be crossing the continent to his new sphere of labor, and the speaker believed his life in Petersburg wou'd leave behind footprints in the sands of time. In his business he had been most obliging and affable, being marked by everyone as outrieous and gentlemanly in the highest degree. Whilst possessing these qualities he had not been a hypocrite, but had gone steadily on his way, gaining the friendship and esteem of his fellow towns

friendship and esteem of his fellow townsmen. It was satisfactory to find that the bank recognised his merit and he hoped they would yet hear of him as occupying a etill higher position. He cordially wished him God speed, right through life unto death.

Mr E. Palmer, J. P., though not an old resident was very sorry to have to say good bye to Mr Lawrie, He would be missed in many ways and especially in connection with the Institute, He wished him God speed.

speed.
Mr J. J. Lawrie thanked all present for Mr J. J. Lawrie thanked all present for the kind works that had been uttered and for the cordial way in which they had drank his health. He had tried to do his best during his residence in Petersburg and was pleased to find his efforts had been appreciated. He was very sorry to leave the town, to which he had become greatly attached, as with the exception of six months, the whole of his time in South Australia had been spent in Petersburg. In leaving he left behind him many dear friends and when he again came south Petersburg would be the first place to which he would wend his way. As regards helping in local matters he had done what he could, and he was glad to find his efforts had not been taken amiss. When in the Nortbern Territory he would not forget to write to his friends and promised that they should be continually hearing from him. He thanked them sincerely for the handsome fowling piece, and whenever using it he would be sure to think of the kind friends in Petersburg who presented it to him. burg who presented it to him, Recitation—Mr E. Rudland.

Recitation—Mr E. Rudland.
Song—Mr Short.
Mr Lawrie proposed success to his successor
Mr Warren, who arrived the previous
Saturday from Appila Yarrowie. He felt as well studied by that gentleman as it had been by himself. Mr Warren unfortunately had a bad year to start with, whereas he (th speaker) had a good one, and if Mr Warren spent four or five years in Petersburg there would be more credit due to him than to his

Song – He's a jolly good fellow. Mr Warren returned thanks for the hearty nanner in which his health had been received. maner in which his health had been received.

He did not know whether they would find
him a jolly good fellow. However he thanked
them heartily for their kindly expressed
wishes and would do his best.

Song-"Good bye at the door," Mr Jas Song-"When other lips," Mr H. Mc

Song—"Nancy Lee,"Mr J. J. Lawrie, Song—"Scotch Lassie Jean," Mr George Holland.

Recitation-"Simon the Quaker," Mr J. H. Touchell.
Recitation—"Hans Breichtman's party," Mr J. S. Corone

Mr J. S. Coronel.

Song — Mr P. A. Callary.

Song — "Thy face is near," Mr Benda,

Song — "Bob up serenely," Mr Warren.

The Rev Father Norton gave a most
comical recitation which evoked roars of
laughter, representing a member essaying
his maiden speech in the House of Commons.

Recitation — Mr Short.

Mr F. W. Stephen related an amusing story
illustrating the law rate of greed mode by

llustrating the slow rate of speed made by the trains in one of the aister colonies, but Mr W. Threadgold turned the tables on Mr Stephen with a story—which he vouched for as correct—illustrating the snail-like speed indulged in on some of our S. A. lines.

Mr. J. C. Coronel, though a new arrival expressed the regret he felt at Mr. Lawrie's departure. He had long made up his mind not to attach his signature to any address, or testimonial re the truth of which he was not convinced. In the case of the address presented to Mr. Lawrie he had been both ready and anxious to sign it. He had never heard a word uttered respecting their de-parting friend of which he could not feel proud, As a man he had been courteous, affable and straightforward, and what more could they want. There was not, he felt sure, a person in the whole town that would not be glad to sign the address that had been read that evening, and he trusted that

their expressions of facts and opinions.

Dr A. W. Hill, as the only representative of Terowle present said he should like to make a few remarks. It had been his good

make a few remarks. It had been his good fortune to meet Mr Lawrie when visiting in Petersburg, and on various occasions at Terowie, and he felt sure that his removal would be a great loss to both towns. Others had intended attending that evening from Terowie, but had been prevented.

Mr E. M. O'Loghlin and Mr Wald expressed regret at Mr Lawrie's departure.

Mr J. Bannigan said that Mr Lawrie was one of those fortunate men, who while filling a public position, yet seemed to make friends with everyone—such individuals were unfortunately few and far between,

Auld Lang Syne was then sung by the

Auld Lang Syne was then sung by the Company with crossed hands, and after cheers had been given for Mr Lawrie and his successor the gathering dispersed.