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“OUT AMONG the PEOPLE” by VOX

“They Know Penfield

TWO former well-known Government surveyors, Messrs, Arthur and T. E. Day, called to tell me facts about the village of Penfield, which has come under public notice. 'In the early 1870's,' Arthur said, 'my father, the late Edward Day, lived at Penfield, and travelled for the firm of James Hastwell & Sons. Hastwell senior resided at Penfield, and visited the city when necessary to do the buying for their three stores at Penfield (managed by his son John), Two Wells (James, jun.), and Mallala (Ebenezer, who also had a baker's business there). 'My father travelled over a large area, and drove a van with four horses. My eldest sister and I attended Mr. Talbot's Peachey Belt school, and fellow pupils were Eliza Underwood, Edith Patterson, Mary Jane Warden, Will Blake, James and William Henry Thompson and Harry Rowland. 'Mr. Talbot transferred to Virginia, and a woman opened a school in Penfield Council Chamber. My sister and I and J. J. Virgo (general secretary of the Y.M.C.A.) attended there, but only for a day. John went to school at Glenelg, and I and other of Mr. Talbot's former pupils had to go to Virginia. My mother is buried in Penfield cemetery, and after her death in 1874 we moved to Adelaide, but father continued to travel for the old firm.”