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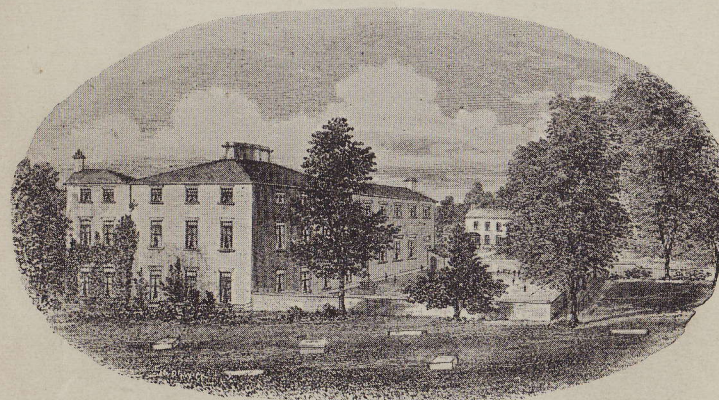
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School Notes.

THIS number of the "Southwell Grammar School Magazine" makes a belated appearance. Its publication should have taken place last Term.

Since the issue of the preceding number important changes have taken place in connection with this ancient School. After many vicissitudes it has again taken its place in line with the other Secondary Schools of the County which are under representative Boards of Governors. This is a return to the old order of things which existed for many centuries during which the School was under the control of the Chapter of Southwell Collegiate Church, and formed a part of that very ancient foundation which dates from before the Norman Conquest.

The movement that has had this result was set on foot by that good friend to Secondary Education in the County, Mr. Dunstan, the late Director of Technical Instruction under the County Council. The School had received help from the County Council (as Mr. Dunstan remarked in the public meeting held in the Palace) entirely on the merits of its work, although having no Governing Body, it was impossible to obey the regulations of the County Council which require that any School receiving help should admit on its Governing Body representatives of the Council. To remove this irregularity it was desirable to constitute a Public Governing Body. Mr. Leach, one of the Charity School Commissioners, paid two visits to the School and advised the erection of New Buildings, and the issue of a Scheme. The Head Master, believing that this step would be beneficial to the interests of the School and the neighbourhood it serves, made

the formal application to the Trustees of Charitable Funds for an enquiry into the position of the School—which was necessary to enable steps to be taken. A Scheme was then drawn by the Charity Commission and was eventually issued by the new Board of Education, constituting a Board of Governors of whom the Lord Bishop of Southwell and the Rector of Southwell are ex-officio members. In addition there are eleven elected members, two each by the Notts County Council, the Southwell Rural District Council, the Southwell Parish Council, the Cathedral Chapter, one each by Trinity College, Cambridge, St. John's College, Cambridge, and Nottingham University College.

Concurrently with this steps were being taken locally under the leadership of the Bishop for raising the necessary funds for building. This step can be best recorded by extracts from the Lord Bishop's letter appealing for funds and announcing a meeting in the Old Palace. A list of contributions is also given, to which additions are solicited.

In his circular letter the Lord Bishop says :—" I appeal to you as one interested in the well-being of the District to assist the work by a kind contribution. Beside the historic interest of the Old Collegiate School, it forms by its central position in the County the natural complement to the Schools which encircle the County north of the Trent, Nottingham, Newark, Retford and Mansfield. Notwithstanding its anomalous position the School has been doing excellent work under its acting Head Master, and its satisfactory maintenance may be regarded as assured if it can be at this time properly reconstructed. It is proposed that presently a meeting shall be held in Southwell in favour of the School's reconstitution, but I hope that the required sum is not too large to be provided without delay by the leading residents in the District."

The meeting referred to was held in the Old Palace on May 24th, 1902, and the account of it is extracted from the "Newark Herald."

The following Contributions had been promised or paid before the end of the year. The names of six or seven Old Southwellians are found in the List. It is hoped that others will follow their example.

RE-ORGANIZATION AND ENLARGEMENT FUND.

Sum Required : £1,000.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CHRISTMAS, 1902.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Ecclesiastical Commis- sioners as Landowners	500	0	0	Mr. J. Whittingham ..	2	0	0
Earl Manvers	25	0	0	Mr. A. T. Ashwell	5	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Southwell	25	0	0	Canon Ebsworth	5	0	0
Mr. Edge	25	0	0	Canon Gem	5	0	0
Canon Godber	25	0	0	Mrs. Waite Browne	1	0	0
Mr. Starkey	25	0	0	Mr. A. Jenkins	1	0	0
Mr. Birkin	10	0	0	Mr. Edward Wand ..	2	2	0
Mr. Ley	10	0	0	Mr. Bates	2	2	0
The Venerable Arch- deacon Richardson	10	0	0	Mr. Vickers	1	1	0
Mr. John Robinson ...	10	0	0	Mr. Booth	1	1	0
Mr. R. H. Warwick ...	10	0	0	Mr. Downing	1	1	0
Canon Cator	5	0	0	Mr. Dowse	1	1	0
Canon Pavey	5	0	0	Mr. Partington	1	1	0
Rev. W. Webster	5	0	0	Mr. Merryfield	1	1	0
Rev. J. S. Wright	5	0	0	Mr. Kirkby	2	2	0
Mrs. Smith, Wilford ..	1	0	0	Mr. H. Merryweather ..	1	1	0
Rev. J. J. Trebeck	10	0	0	Mr. J. E. Merryweather	1	1	0
Major-General Warrand	10	0	0	Mr. E. A. Merryweather	0	10	6
Canon Arkwright	5	0	0	Mr. James Johnson ...	2	2	0
Trinity Coll. Cambridge	50	0	0	Mrs. Henry Machin ..	1	1	0
Canon Keymer	3	0	0	Mr. L. N. Barrow	1	0	0
Canon Freer	5	0	0	Dr. Elliot	1	1	0
Mr. J. J. Barrow	2	2	0	Messrs. Carey & Sons ..	10	0	0
Lord Savile	25	0	0	Mr. W. E. Calvert ...	1	0	0
Mr. H. Merryweather ..	2	2	0	Mr. A. T. Metcalfe ...	2	2	0
Rev. E. A. Coghill	3	3	0	Southwell Tradesmen's Association	4	4	0
Mr. Samuel Fryer	2	0	0	Samuel Smith & Co ..	10	0	0
The Honorary Canons of Southwell Cathed- ral	50	0	0	Dr. W. A. Walker	1	1	0
Miss A. E. Calvert	1	0	0	Dr. Willoughby	2	2	0
Mr. G. H. Buttrum ...	5	0	0	Mr. Godber (Halam) ...	5	0	0
Mr. W. N. Hicking ..	10	10	0	Rev. R. F. Smith	1	0	0
Miss Gordon	1	0	0	Mr. C. F. Elliot Smith	1	1	0
Mr. John Wright	5	0	0	Mr. W. G. Patchett ..	1	1	0
					£963	16	6

A Public Meeting was held at the Palace, Southwell, on Wednesday, May 24th, 1902, with reference to resuscitating the Collegiate Grammar School, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Ridding) presided, supported by Rev. J. S. Wright (head master), Rev. Archdeacon Richardson, Rev. Canon Pavey, Rev. Canon Gray (Blyth), Rev. Canon Smith, Rev. Canon Cator (Eakring), Rev. R. A. McKee (Farnsfield), Rev. F. H. Burnside, Rev. T. D. Paddison, Rev. W. J. Peacocke (Upton), Major-General Warrand, Messrs. L. R. Starkey, R. H. Warwick, H. E. Greatorex, C. L. Maltby, M. J. Dunstan (director of technical instruction to the County Council), G. E. Kirkland, J. H. Kirkby, Miss Richardson, and others.

His LORDSHIP said he would not waste time in addressing them at present. He knew this question of placing the School

on a proper basis was a matter most of them estimated very well, and he had better ask Mr. Dunstan, who was the informant about the condition of things in relation to the County Council, and whose suggestion, therefore, had occasioned a move to be made at all, to tell them what was the position of the School, in which it had seemed necessary that something fresh should be done, if the School was to be maintained in a proper position.

Mr. DUNSTAN said the question of re-organising the School had been in his mind something like six or seven years, and the first idea he had arose from considering the position of the County Council with regard to it. The School was doing most excellent work in its particular sphere, and when an appeal was made to the County Council on its behalf they had no hesitation in making a grant. It was subsequently discovered, however, that the grant had been irregular, inasmuch as the School, being endowed, was not under the control of a governing body upon which the County Council had representation. In formulating a scheme of re-constitution, he was not asking them to bolster up a school that had not been successful in the past, but to assist in the establishment upon a new basis of an educational institution, which, under altered conditions, was capable of fulfilling a purpose of even greater utility than in the past, when the work had had to be carried on under circumstances of great difficulty, and when the financial position had been far from satisfactory. To bring the School into proper line two things were necessary. First of all, they must have a scheme from the Charity Commissioners. They had received the draft of such a scheme, and it provided for the establishment of a governing body to direct the affairs of the School. That governing body was to consist of 12 members, two of whom were to be *ex-officio*—the Lord Bishop of Southwell and the Rector of Southwell—and the others to be elected. The allocation of the 10 representative governors was to be as follows:—The Chapter of Southwell, two; Southwell Parish Council, two; Southwell Rural District Council, two; Notts County Council, two; Nottingham University College Committee, one; and St. John's College, Cambridge, one. The next thing was to have the buildings brought into a proper state of repair, and to make such additions to them as would render them fit for the provision of a liberal commercial education upon up-to-date lines. In conjunction with the Local Committee, he had consulted an architect as to what would have to be done, and they found that it would be necessary to build another classroom, a laboratory, a workshop, and lavatories. These buildings would be erected with a frontage to the main street, and they would be in keeping with the somewhat peculiar architecture of the rest of the School. The estimated cost of the new building would be about £900. That figure did not include the cost of fitting up the necessary equipment for instruction in science and art, for that—although he did not speak officially—would probably be provided by the Notts County Council. The Council had

not in the past provided money for building purposes, and he hoped they never would, but they had never refused a proper request for the furnishing of a school of science and art, so that he thought, in this case, they could take it that a sufficient grant for the purpose would be made to the Southwell Grammar School. Certain alterations and repairs would have to be carried out upon the existing buildings, and he thought that the total amount of money that they would require would be between £1,300 and £1,400. Towards this the Ecclesiastical Commissioners had promised £500 provided that they were relieved of all further responsibility in the matter. The present income of the School was derived from five sources. There was £262 4s. 5d. invested in Consols, which brought in £7 14s. 4d. per annum; and from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners they received annually £14 towards the stipend of the Headmaster, £2 for prizes, and £20 for the song-master; so that the total income of the School was about £45. They had applied to the Charity Commissioners for leave to use the £262 odd invested in Consols for building purposes, and permission was given on condition that £500 was subscribed locally. Including the realisation of those funds, they had about £762, which left £500 to be raised in the neighbourhood, and for the raising of which they now appealed to the public. If the projected scheme was carried out, it was hoped to frame a curriculum for the School which would meet liberally the needs of the commercial and agricultural classes in regard to the education of their sons, and which would be worthy of the Grammar School in a place like Southwell with its ancient historical associations. (Applause).

The BISHOP said he did not know that he had anything to add to what Mr. Dunstan had told them so admirably, exactly, and clearly, what was the position that had caused them to be invited to that meeting that day. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners had been approached as closely as possible upon the subject of their responsibility towards the School, and the result of the effort made by Archdeacon Richardson had been that they had consented to double their original promise of £250. (Hear, hear). He (the Bishop) had endeavoured to persuade them to double the £500 into £1,000, but they would not go so far as that. (Laughter and applause). The Commissioners were very staunch in refusing any consideration of the claims of the School upon them, their answer to such claims being that they had had the matter before them many times, and had come unalterably to the conclusion, that Southwell Grammar School had no claim upon them as a cathedral school. If it had been a cathedral school when the Commissioners took possession of the estate, then it would have been established by them as other cathedral schools had been, but they were unable to say as a matter of fact, that the School had passed into their hands as a cathedral school, or that their connection with the place was in the relation of a cathedral. What was assigned to them by the Commissioners for the maintenance of the Church was assigned

to them on the ground that it was a minster church under their protection, and not a cathedral. They could go into the history of the School—which would be very interesting if it could be got together—as to its tenure, but it did not appear to have had such relations to the chapter of Southwell as to have constituted it a cathedral school. It seemed to have been let upon a long lease to private persons in the middle of the eighteenth century, and when that lease expired the School was, apparently, left to drift, so that the present position was that there was no owner of the buildings and no authority over the School. Such a position had created great difficulties in the past in regard to the appointment of head master. When the late Bishop Wordsworth was appealed to, to make an appointment, he did so upon the condition that he claimed no such right, and when a vacancy occurred subsequently he (the Bishop of Southwell) nominated Mr. Wright upon a similar stipulation. He had tried to press the claims of the School upon the Ecclesiastical Commissioners on the ground that their liability towards it as a Collegiate School was more than their liability as land owners. But the matter had been gone into very fully, and the Commissioners had come unalterably to the conclusion that the School had no such claim upon them. He mentioned these matters because he would not like it to be thought that every effort had not been made to press the claims of the School. They had taken the matter as far as was possible, but the law was against them, and the difficulties thus presented formed an inseparable barrier. His Lordship concluded by announcing that, in response to an appeal which he had issued for subscriptions towards the £500 which would have to be raised locally if the scheme were adopted, he had received promises of £25 each from Lord Manvers, Mr. Starkey, Mr. Edge, and Canon Godber; £10 each from Mr. Francis Ley, Mr. John Robinson, Mr. T. I. Birkin, and Archdeacon Richardson, so that, with his own promise of £25, they already had £166. (Applause). Lord Savile had written to say that as soon as he returned home he would take the matter into consideration, and the Duchess of Newcastle had written similarly on behalf of her husband. The Master of Trinity had promised to think the matter over, but St. John's College, Cambridge, had replied that they had no funds available at present for such a purpose. He hoped the remainder of the sum would be raised locally, and should be pleased to receive promises of contributions.

Mr. STARKEY raised the question as to the choir boys at the Minster, who attended the Grammar School. Did they have their education free by assisting in the services at the Minster?

Archdeacon RICHARDSON replied that they did not go free; but by payment of considerably less than the original fees which other boys paid. That was, of course, one of the claims this scheme had upon those present. The School had done substantial service to the Minster, and if the School failed, he did not see how they could maintain the services in the Minster.

The BISHOP said he looked upon it that the Commissioners saw

a reasonable claim in giving £20 for a song-master, and that was a magnificent recognition!

General WARRAND called attention to the remark made by Mr. Dunstan that the Commissioners asked to be relieved of further responsibility after making the contribution now. Then, by whom would these fees be paid?

Archdeacon RICHARDSON said he did not think the Commissioners were wiping their hands of the School. That required qualifying.

Mr. DUNSTAN: They would not prejudice existing grants.

Archdeacon RICHARDSON: They would continue to pay the existing grants, but make no provision for further responsibility.

Mr. DUNSTAN said the point might have occurred to some, that increased buildings implied an increased staff, which, of course, would involve an increased cost. There need be no trepidations about that; it would be met, he took it, by grants from the Board of Education and the County Council, and other sources.

Mr. WARWICK asked who held the freehold of the buildings.

The BISHOP: No one.

Mr. WARWICK: To whom will the School belong?

The BISHOP: The Governing Body.

Mr. WARWICK: From where will it have the power to take it over?

The BISHOP: The Charity Commissioners.

Mr. WARWICK said he would give £10.

Promises were made by Canon Pavey, £5; Canon Cator, £5; on behalf of Mr. J. Wright, £5.

Rev. J. S. WRIGHT read a letter of encouragement from an old boy, Rev. W. Webster, headmaster of the Junior School, Liverpool College, and enclosed a donation of £5. (Applause). Rev. J. S. Wright said there was a difficulty in ascertaining the names of the old boys previous to his father taking the School, as there were no records of them up to 1877. If some old boys of that period would give the names of their contemporaries, it would facilitate the making of appeals.

Mr. STARKEY thanked the Bishop and Mr. Dunstan for the part they had taken, and proposed that the Scheme should be adopted, and that steps should be taken to raise the requisite funds.

Rev. R. F. SMITH seconded, and the proposition was put to the meeting by the BISHOP and carried.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

School Notes for 1902.

OWING to the expected Coronation of Edward VII. in June, it was thought inadvisable to arrange for the Summer examination by the College of Preceptors, which it has been the custom to hold at the School annually in recent years. (It may be remarked here that the same cause with the expected holiday accounted for the omission of the Annual Sports which are usually held at the time that the holiday ordered by the King was to be held).

An examination for the awarding of the Annual Prizes was, however, held by the Head Master, and it was decided to send in Form V. for the Cambridge Local Examination at Christmas.

The result was as follows:—

- FORM V. LATIN and FRENCH—Prize not awarded.
 DIVINITY and ENGLISH and DRAWING—G. Gooding, "Lugard's Rise of our East African Empire."
 SCIENCE and MATHEMATICS—S. W. Drury, "Men who made the Empire," (Griffith).
- FORM IV. LATIN and FRENCH—L. Gilbert, "The Making of the Empire," (Arthur Temple).
 DIVINITY and ENGLISH—L. Gilbert, The Falstaff Shakespeare.
 MATHEMATICS and SCIENCE—L. Gilbert.
 SECOND PRIZE—H. Wall, "Stories from Virgil," (Church).
 THIRD PRIZE—F. L. Bailey, "The Wanderings of Odysseus," (Church).
- FORM III. First Prize—Horsley, "Decisive Battles of India," (Malleon).
 Second Prize—H. Wright, "With Nature and a Camera," (Kearton).
 Third Prize—W. H. Jamieson, "Lives of the Hunted," (Thompson Seton).
- FORM II. First Prize—J. Eaton, "Great Men," (Frederic Myers).
 Second Prize—F. Schumach, "Child's Book of Saints," (William Carter).
- FORM I. First Prize—T. Musgrave, "Tanglewood Tales," (Hawthorn).
 Second Prize—W. Woodward, "Cranford," (Gaskell).

At the Local Examination of the Cambridge University, Christmas 1902, L. Gilbert passed in Compulsory Subjects, English, Latin and French. F. Bailey passed the Preliminary Examination in Compulsory Subjects, Divinity, Geography, Latin, French, English, Algebra, Chemistry and Drawing.

Though the above list gives the order as determined by the Examination, yet it will be found to differ from that given in the Monthly Reports—for a reason referred to in previous numbers, viz:—the want of regularity in attendance. Some boys by absenting themselves from parts of the examination lost not only position, but even the prize which was easily within their grasp.

The prize were distributed by the Head Master in the School-room on the last day of the Spring Term. He informed us that in future the Prizes would be given by the Governors, and urged the necessity of diligence in order that there may be a good competition for the Prizes which would doubtless be offered.

The results of the Woodworking Examination was also announced, and were as follows:—

Of boys taking the First Year work of the Course: F. Foster and H. Wall were marked "Very Good," C. F. N. Hillam, F. Bailey and A. Larrington "Good." Second Year: H. Wilkinson passed with the mark "Good."

The Inspector of Woodworking characterised the Drawing and Woodworking as both "Very Good."

Although the changes foreshadowed in the following paragraph from the Educational Report of the County Council have been accomplished in part, yet it will be of interest to the readers of this Magazine:—

"An enquiry was held by the Charity Commissioners into the conduct of the Southwell Collegiate Grammar School, with the result that a scheme for the administration of the School has been framed, and after the necessary formalities have been complied with it will be sealed and put in force. Plans for new laboratories, etc., have been prepared at an estimated cost of £1,300—this sum will be raised partly by local subscriptions, a grant from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and the sale of part of the Endowment. The re-organised School, with its excellent record in the past, should play an important part in the educational equipment of the County."

LENT TERM, 1902.

THE term opened with an important change in the teaching staff. Mr. Eric Richardson, who had been connected with the School first as pupil and afterwards as Science Master for seven or eight years, left at Christmas in order to make arrangements for his departure in March with his parents for Manitoba to carry out there the farming operations for which his training and predilection suited him. We hope to publish in our next number a letter from Mr. Richardson giving us some idea of his life in his new home.

The duties of Science Master were assumed at the beginning of 1902 by Mr. L. W. Cox, B. Sc., London, who came to us from the County School, Llanelly, and who shared the house-master's work with Mr. Glanville.

The wintry weather of this term played great havoc with our football both as regards matches and practice. Our playing piece on Lowe's Wong remained for several weeks under a mantle of snow, which was preserved by its northern aspect and slope from the sun's rays. In spite of many grumbles we wisely abstained from spoiling the surface of the cricket ground by playing there.

On February 6th a noteworthy addition to the adornment and convenience of the Minster was made by the solemn dedication of sixteen new Stalls which have been constructed to the east of the existing choir stalls. The new stalls, with the two rows of seats in front of them, are of solid oak and are the gift partly of the Chapter and partly of Canon Lewis, who is one of the newly-elected Governors of School. After the ceremony of dedication followed that of the installation of the Rev. St. John Parry, Canon of Rempston and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwell. Canon Parry has since been nominated by Trinity College, Cambridge, as its representative on the Governing Body of the School.

On Wednesday, March 19th, the Bishop of Southwell held a Confirmation in the Minster. Four boys from the School were among the candidates: C. W. Carding, Frank L. Bailey, F. Pearson and C. F. N. Hillam.

As Easter fell very early this year, the term did not end until a fortnight later. Nearly all the boarders, however, took advantage of the minimum four days holidays to go home.

SUMMER TERM, 1902.

THE second term of last year began on Thursday, May 1st, and the historic summer of 1902 set in with extraordinary severity about the same time.

On May 21st a meeting was held at the Palace in aid of the Fund for enlarging the Grammar School. (See Press.)

The Triennial Festival of Church Choirs in the Diocese was held in the Minster on May 29th. The afternoon was free and the boys attended the service. The little town of Southwell rarely sees such a crowd as flocked to the old Minster on that occasion. Twenty-nine choirs with banners and a long procession of clergy filed into the nave, and the aisles and transepts and even the triforium, opened specially for the occasion, were filled with a vast congregation. The singing was remarkable, not only for volume, but precision. The way in which the manifold elements of the great choir combined told a tale of many hours of careful training. Mr. Smith, of Derby, conducted, Mr. Liddle was at the organ, and the Dean of Lincoln preached the sermon.

On Monday, May 2nd, the announcement that the peace negotiations were successful, and that the Boer war was at an end, reached Southwell through the medium of the London papers. National rejoicings always find a sympathetic response in the schoolboy's

heart, for do they not speak of half holidays and cheers and fireworks? The afternoon was devoted to assiduous net practice and—rare occasion—it was real cricket weather. In the evening we were interested spectators of the torchlight procession and the illuminations by which the citizens of Southwell marked the auspicious occasion.

There is no need to dwell upon the tragedy of June 24th, the King's illness and the postponement of the Coronation festivities. We all shared in the general sorrow for the cup of happiness was dashed from our very lips. The Head Master was in the very act of dismissing School for the week's special holiday, when the fatal news arrived, and every one waited with bated breath and anxious eyes for the better news which should dissipate the cloud of fear which hung over everything. At Southwell, as elsewhere, all festivities were postponed, and as they finally took place during our Summer vacation, can find no place in our chronicle.

On July 24th, two events excited our interest and claimed our attention. In the Minster, a Musical Service was held in aid of a Fund for providing Cottage Homes for the men of Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire regiments who were wounded in the late war. The Minster was crowded, many people coming from neighbouring towns. At the same time the annual Flower Show and Sports were held on Lowe's Wong. We were interested to see the names of several old Southwellians in the programme and also among the prize-winners. We were also pleased to see the faces of several old boys at the School-house, and we take this opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to any O.S. who may be brought by business or pleasure within reach of the old School to come and see us.

C. Carding was awarded an Agricultural Scholarship tenable at the Kingston Agricultural Institute.

WINTER TERM, 1902.

SCHOOL re-opened after the Summer holidays on Wednesday, September 17th. It is worthy of remark that the boarders returned with greater punctuality than usual. This is a matter, however, in which there is still much room for improvement, and we should like to remind those concerned that "Well begun, is half done," and that a boy who starts a week after his fellows is necessarily handicapped in his work.

Nothing which widens our sympathies and extends our knowledge of the world beyond the four seas which enclose our island home is outside the scope of a liberal education. With this object a visit to the Great Missionary Exhibition at Newark was arranged for October 17th. The curiosities from distant lands

which were to be seen there, and the information gleaned from speech and booklet, did not fail to arouse an interest which may be more than transient.

All Saints' Day—November 1st—has been appropriated as FOUNDERS' DAY, in order that we may call to mind those great and good men whose names are now lost in the mists of ages, but whose works live after them in the Grammar School and the grand old Cathedral under whose shadow the School has so long existed. It has been our custom to attend morning service in the Minster on that day, but this year the Art Classes under the Board of Education's regulations could not be postponed.

The same day was the 70th birthday of Mr. Wright, senior, who brought back prosperity to the School in 1877. The boys presented Mr. Wright with a set of the works of Josephus, Whiston's translation.

On Saturday, November 22nd, the weekly entertainment consisted of an account, illustrated by lantern slides, of a trip along the West Coast of Scotland. Mr. Metcalfe, F.G.S., who has devoted much time to the study of the evidences of volcanic action in that region, interested even the youngest boys with the help of the very beautiful pictures which he has collected from various photographers.

LENT TERM, 1903.

IN September, 1902, Mr. L. W. Cox, science master in the School, was admitted to Holy Orders by the Bishop of Southwell and licensed to the curacy of Rolleston. At the end of the year Mr. Cox found that the strain of school and clerical work was too great to allow of the due performance of both sets of duties, and in consequence resigned his post. His place was taken by Mr. E. H. Scott, Inter. B.Sc., late of Earl's Colne Grammar School, Essex. Mr. W. H. Fenton, A.C.P., late of Truro College, and formerly (1896) a master at Southwell, took some temporary work in Commercial Subjects during this Term.

On Monday, March 23rd, the Bishop of Derby held a Confirmation in the Minster. The Head Master prepared and presented the following boys from the School:—

H. Allfree, H. Ames, C. H. Blythe, J. Breffitt, W. H. Jamieson, H. Wall, B. Walton, A. Wilson.

The following Day boys received their instruction at the hands of the parochial clergy:—

R. W. Coppock, W. S. Drury, A. Horsley.

A course of three Lectures which were given in the Corn Exchange, Newark, during this term formed a pleasant relief to the

sterner duties of the term. On February 17th, Dr. Dallinger gave a very brilliant account of the early ages of the Earth's history and the relation of our planet to its travelling companions through Space. On March 16th, Mr. W. H. Shrubsole was entertaining in a gossip sketch of his adventures in Hungary. On March 30th, Dr. Andrew Wilson lectured with lucidity and humour on late developments in the study of brain functions. Each lecture was illustrated by splendid lime-light views which formed a very attractive feature to the party of 20 boys who went over from the School.

The School executive have always endeavoured to provide for the boys recreation of an instructive character outside the lines of regular lessons and games. The exigencies of School work limit the occasions for such recreation. Saturday evening, however, affords an opportunity which has been seized three times this term. On March 7th, Mr. A. T. Metcalfe, F.G.S., kindly came again and lectured on "The Island of Skye." With the aid of lantern slides of the scenery of the West Coast of Scotland Mr. Metcalfe pointed out the relation of scenery to geological formation—a subject in which he has long been known as an expert.

On March 21st, Mr. Glanville gave an account of a series of slides illustrating the chief points of interest in London.

On the last night of the term, Mr. A. J. Loughton showed his very interesting architectural slides, accompanied by a brief sketch of the development of Gothic architecture in England.

The School lantern which the Head Master kindly lent and operated on these occasions was of great service in showing the various views. The new acetylene burner, with which it has been fitted, having been disciplined and brought under control, provides a fine powerful light which it is proposed to use on many similar occasions during next winter.

OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

Hearty congratulations are here tendered to Frank M. Stenton, B.A., who was a pupil here before proceeding to Reading College, on the distinction he achieved in the Honours School in History at Oxford University. Mr. Stenton proceeded from Reading to Keble College, Oxford, with an Open History Scholarship; was Prizeman each year during his undergraduate career and in the Final Examination in the Honour School in History was placed in the First Class.

J. M. Barnett is also congratulated on his success in the Final Examination of the Incorporated Law Society.

Joseph Godber is also congratulated on passing with Honours the First Professional Examination at the Royal Veterinary College. He was the only student placed in the First Class. He also succeeded in carrying off the Centenary Prize of the value of £20.

W. Lee, of Hoveringham, is congratulated on passing the Minor Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society; and F. B. Johnson and E. B. Hibbert, on passing the Intermediate Law Examination.

WEDDINGS.

On Tuesday, April, 7th, Mr. A. W. L. Dixon, of the Royal College of Art, South Kensington, who has for six or seven years had charge of the Art Classes of the School, was married to Miss Jones.

On Saturday, May 10th, Mr. Dixon was presented by Mr. Wright, on behalf of the boys, with a handsome pair of silver fish-carvers as a wedding present.

On Thursday, July 31st, Mr. E. R. Glanville, senior assistant master at the Grammar School was married in the Minster to Miss Helen Hatfield, also of Southwell. The Rev. J. S. Wright, M.A., head master, officiated, and Mr. W. Lee (O.S.), a comrade of the bridegroom on many a cricket and football field, was best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Glanville will always welcome any O.S. at Elm Bank, Newark Road, Southwell.

On the last day of the Summer Term the Rev. J. S. Wright, on behalf of the Masters and Boys, presented Mr. Glanville with a marble timepiece and some table silver. In making the presentation Mr. Wright spoke of Mr. Glanville's long connection with the School and wished him many years of happiness in his new life.

We have to record also the weddings of several Old Southwellians during the past year.

On Thursday, April 24th, Mr. Charles Caudwell (O.S.) was married to Miss Bradburn of Wolverhampton. Mr. Claud Johnson (O.S.) was best man.

On the same day Mr. Alfred G. Merryweather (O.S.) was married to Miss Fletcher of Nottingham.

On April 29th, Mr. J. Edward Merryweather (O.S.) was married to Miss Jessie Wilkinson; and on the same day, Mr. W. B. Smith (O.S.), of Mansfield, was married to Miss Amy Downham, the sister of two old boys.

On April 30th, Mr. T. Caudwell (O.S.) was married to Miss Harrison of Southwell.

On the same day Mr. W. H. Curtis (O.S.) was married to Miss Felton in the Parish Church, Stanmore.

OBITUARY.

On February 18th, 1902, Mr. J. Scrope Hutchinson, of Normanton Prebend House, Southwell, a member of the Local Committee for considering the scheme for re-organising the School, died suddenly of heart disease. "A kind-hearted, loyal and honourable gentleman."

On the 22nd of the same month, the School lost an old friend in the person of Mr. John William Kirkland, who died of pneumonia after a fortnight's illness. Many old Southwellians will remember Mr. Kirkland's kindly services at our Annual Sports for which he acted as starter from the first. At the funeral on the 26th, a wreath was sent "With sympathy and regret from Masters and Boys of the Grammar School."

On April 17th, the Rev. Arthur Charles Whitley, M.A., Headmaster of Witton Grammar School, Cheshire, and formerly (1874-1877) Headmaster of Southwell Grammar School, died, aged 70.

CRICKET SEASON, 1902.

A NEW departure has to be chronicled and deserves first place in the records of the past season. In order to raise the standard of the batting, and to accustom our players to good class bowling, W. Tinley, the ground man of the Southwell Cricket Club, was engaged to bowl at the net on three afternoons in the week. The experiment may be fairly said to have succeeded, and although the much-needed improvement was not very evident in our matches last season, there is no doubt that Tinley's good work and careful coaching of the younger players will bear fruit in the coming summer.

No recorder of the events of the past cricket season can ignore the fact that the weather made it *par excellence* a bowlers' year. There was no great anxiety on the part of our players to agitate for a wider wicket. Most of them would have been quite content to defend a single stump.

The School played 10 matches, of which 3 were won and 7 lost.

The opening match was on our ground, on May 15th, against Nottingham St. John's, a team which included 5 old boys. The weather was detestable and a cold drizzle fell which was not enough to drive players to shelter and yet enough to make every one very uncomfortable. We batted first and totalled 35, no batsman reaching double figures. Our opponents lost one wicket for 19, but the second wicket put on 50 runs, and our total was easily passed. In the end six wickets fell for 92. H. Wilkinson, who was put on to bowl late in the innings, did good work with 3 wickets in 2 overs for 12 runs.

The next match was on May 21st, against Grosvenor School, on the Forest, at Nottingham. Here again our batsmen failed with the exception of the Captain, S. Vickers, who played a free and rather reckless innings of 23. To our total of 44, the Grosvenor team replied with 86 for 8 wickets. Stevenson made 32 in very good style. Of our bowlers Vickers took 4 wickets but at no small cost. The return match, on June 11th, was more evenly contested, but we had again to own defeat; this time by 13 runs. Vickers with 10 runs and 4 wickets for 15 again showed the way to his team.

The first match against the Nottingham High School Second Eleven was played at Mapperley Park, on May 31st. We batted first, and a series of disasters left us with the poor total of 21, against which the High School scored 62. Vickers took first place this time also with 10 runs and 4 wickets for 18.

This defeat was amply avenged in the return match on July 19th, at Southwell. Batting first, our team made themselves safe by running up a total of 82, thanks to a stand by Mr. Wright (29) and Vickers (25). The High School made a very poor show against the bowling of Vickers (4 wickets for 2 runs) and Mr. Glanville (6 for 8). The total was 14 of which 4 were extras.

The return match with Nottingham St. John's was played on June 7th, at Southwell. We batted first and made the moderate score of 55. W. Lee (22), Mr. Glanville (11) and Vickers (10) were the principal scorers. St. John's, in reply, only totalled 37 against the bowling of Mr. Glanville (3 for 11) and Godber (3 for 4).

The annual match, Grammar School Past and Present against the Southwell Town Club, took place on June 19th. The School took first innings and scored 54, thanks to a useful stand by Mettham (20) and Wilson (13). The Town Club made a poor show against the bowling of A. Merryweather (5 for 10) and Lee (3 for 14). The score was 46 of which H. B. Warwick made 13.

A third match against Nottingham St. John's was played on June 21st and lost by 19 runs. St. John's scored 57, Hallam playing a stubborn innings of 19 not out. Our total was 38, of which Mr. Wright (19) and Edmonds (11) were the principal scorers.

On Saturday, July 12th, we went to Bleasby to play the village team. They batted first, and 9 wickets fell for 39, but the last wicket made a stand and the total was 60. In our turn we could only score 42. Mr. Glanville was batting a long time for 11, but could get no one to stay with him.

In the return match on our ground, on July 26th, Bleasby batted first and scored 33, Smith being top scorer with 18. Our team made a poor show with the bat and our total only reached 24.

Cricket Averages.

BATTING.

Batsman.	No. of innings.	Times not out.	Highest in an innings.	Total runs.	Average.
S. Vickers	11	0	25	109	9.9
Rev. J. S. Wright	7	0	29	52	7.6
Mr. Glanville	8	0	11	28	3.5
H. Edmonds	9	1	11	25	3.1
C. O. Sheard	10	0	7	26	2.6
H. Wilkinson	11	0	8	26	2.3
G. Gooding	10	2	5	17	2.1
Mr. Cox	7	0	8	14	2
H. Wall	8	0	5	12	1.5

BOWLING.

Bowler.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Rev. J. S. Wright	1.4	0	5	3	1.6
Mr. Glanville	57.3	12	192	32	6
S. Vickers	84.2	28	176	27	6.5
H. Wilkinson	27.3	3	76	9	8.4

The Cricket Eleven.

S. VICKERS (Captain)—a free and stylish bat, and a good fast bowler. A first-rate fielder himself, he did not always insist on similar keenness on the part of his team.

C. O. SHEARD—had one good stroke on the off side but was otherwise stiff and cramped.

H. WILKINSON—a somewhat nervous but useful bat, and served his side well as a change bowler. Good and keen in the field.

GOODING—a fair wicket-keeper but lost chances through over eagerness. With the bat he was a hitter who did not always come off.

H. WALL—had a good idea of the game but lacked strength.

H. EDMONDS—would do better if he resisted the temptation to hit at everything. Keen and smart in the field.

CATCHES.

Vickers, 6; Wilkinson, 6; Gooding, 4; Edmonds, 3.

THE FOOTBALL SEASON, 1902-3.

THE team which had to do battle for the School on the football field this season found itself so considerably over-weighted in the matches that pluck and skill availed little against the size and strength of their opponents.

S.G.S. v. Nottingham High School 2nd XI.

Played on Oct. 22nd, on the Forest, at Nottingham. Our team started well and in the first few minutes scored 2 goals. The High School, however, pulled themselves together, and drew level before the whistle blew for half-time. In the second period our half-backs failed to hold the enemy's right and centre, and we were defeated by 6 goals to 2.

S.G.S. v. Mansfield Technical School.

On Nov. 15th we went to Mansfield to play Brunt's Technical School, on the old Town ground. A very pleasant and generally even game resulted in our defeat by 2 goals to nil. This was due to weakness in our goal more than to superiority of the opposing forwards. Our team had quite their share of the play, but found a good man in the Mansfield goal.

S.G.S. v. Mansfield St. Peter's.

Played on our ground on Nov. 22nd. The Mansfield team came late and darkness caused the game to cease after an hour's play. The opposing team were far too heavy for our boys, and succeeded in scoring eight times before the whistle blew.

S.G.S v. Nottingham High School 2nd XI

This return match was played at Southwell, on Nov. 26th, and resulted in a heavy defeat for the School, who retired beaten by 7 goals to none.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

The following Cricket Matches have been arranged:

June 4th, v. Nottingham St. John's.

„ 13th, S.G.S. Past and Present v. Southwell Town.

„ 17th, v. Grosvenor School.

„ 24th, v. Nottingham High School 2nd XI., at Nottingham.

„ 27th, v. Bleasby, at Bleasby.

July 4th, v. Nottingham St. John's.

„ 18th, v. Bleasby.

„ 22nd, v. Nottingham High School 2nd XI.

„ 25th, v. Ollerton Juniors, at Ollerton.

All at Southwell unless otherwise stated.

The ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS will be held this year on July 9th.

A 440 Yards Handicap for Old Boys will be in the Programme.

All Old Boys are invited to note these two dates, June 13th (the Town Match) and July 9th (the Athletic Sports); and to give us the pleasure of their company on one or both occasions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OLD BOYS' SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—May I call the attention of your readers among whom, I know, many old boys are to be reckoned, to a matter which I think interests us all.

Among the boys who have passed through the School during the last 35 years there are no doubt a few who are still in touch with it, and manifest their continued and living interest in its welfare. But on the other hand there are a great number who do not do so, not because they have no interest in or sympathy with the old School, but just because there exists no means of focussing the interest and enlisting the sympathy. My observation and experience leads me to suggest that such a means would be found in an Old Southwellian Society.

The period of re-organisation and re-construction through which the School is now passing seems to me to be an excellent

moment for the founding of such a Society. An organ of communication between members lies ready to hand in the School Magazine which, having thus a definite object in life, might make a somewhat less erratic appearance. You, Sir, I know would hail with delight news, letters, articles, even abuse, in fact any symptom of interest given by old boys. A representative committee, a small subscription, an annual meeting, or a dinner—all these are details easy of realisation.

Before leaving this proposal to the consideration of those concerned, I should like to suggest a point of view.

Let no man ask what good such a Society will do him, or what can he get out of it. The answer is simple, but I do not greatly care to give it. Enough for me to know that years ago, when the man that I am was in the making, there, in the old school, my soul and body were formed and hardened and toughened to stand the strain of the days to come. There the noble presence of the Minster, grand and grey, stole into my heart with its message of the eternal truths, ever new, as on the day when the unknown mason laid the first stone of its mighty fabric. There, in the stress of school life, I learned to endure hardness, to play the game, to stand and to withstand. Thus and thus did Southwell School help me, and now in the narrowing circle of my contemporaries, and in the ever-growing crowd of younger old boys, I want to see a link which will bind us all together for the good of the old school.

Does the proposition commend itself to you, Sir, and to your readers?

Yours faithfully,
O.S. (1892.)