

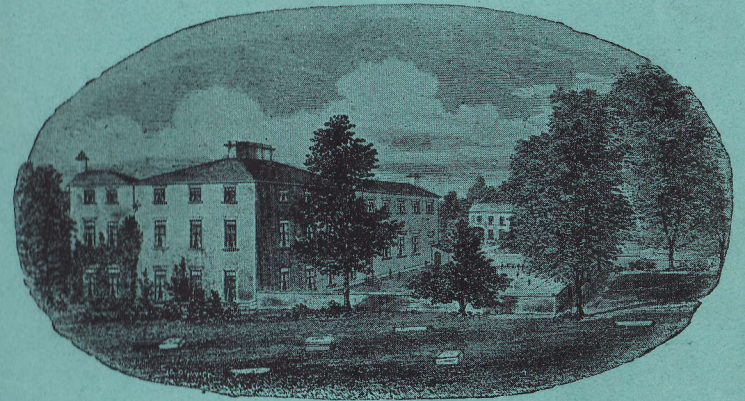
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THE year that has passed since the last number of "THE SOUTHWELLIAN" was issued has been an eventful one—a year of changes—a year of successes and of sadnesses.

The Summer Term which is the first to pass under the Chronicler's notice was, as usual, a busy one. The School Examination on which the Prizes are awarded (with the exception of the Headmaster's Prizes which are given on the marks gained daily throughout the year) was conducted by means of the Oxford Local and the College of Preceptors' Examination. The whole of the Fifth Form was entered for the former and all boys were successful; Gilbert and Wall obtained Honours, and Bailey a pass Certificate. The boys entered for the College of Preceptors' Examination were also successful. Gilbert was successful in winning an Inter-mediate County Council Scholarship and Wall passed the Preliminary Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants; a list of Scholastic successes that may well justify us in saying that the year has been one of successes.

The Athletic Sports, the Prize Day, are recorded elsewhere and were unanimously voted successful, and if the Cricket XI did not win all its matches, it played many enjoyable and well-contested games, while one match—that against the Town—evoked tremendous excitement and ended in a well-deserved victory for the School.

At the end of the Term we had, however, to bid "Good Bye" to Mr. Glanville, who had been appointed to the Modern Language Mastership at Simon Langton School, Canterbury. He had been connected with the School, with certain intervals during which he held Masterships at Geneva, Neiswied on the Rhine and Nottingham High School, since 1892. His devotion to the best interests of the School, his zeal in the performance of his duties, his ability and his readiness to help his Pupils will long be remembered. His skill as a teacher was largely instrumental in the achievement of the Scholastic successes referred to above, while his enthusiastic interest in our games, and those

subtle "slows" which looked so simple, but proved the undoing of many a batsman, were invaluable in our Cricket Matches. Let us hope that his example may teach many of his pupils that steadfast purpose and strength of character overcome the greatest obstacles.

Mr. Magee also resigned his Mastership, and was the recipient of a Cricket Bag which was presented to him in the Big School on the last day of the Term as a sign of the regard and esteem in which he was held by the Boys.

In the summer holidays, the School in common with the rest of the Diocese, experienced a great loss, in the death of the First Bishop of Southwell, who was the Chairman of the Governing Body. The Bishop had been ailing for some weeks; the meeting of the Governors in June was one of the latest public meetings that he attended, and in August he became worse and passed away on August 30th, to the great grief and loss of the whole Diocese. The Body was brought to the Cathedral on the evening of September 2nd and twelve Clergy of the Diocese, among whom was our Headmaster, undertook the duty of watching in turns the remains during the night, and the Funeral took place on the following day. This is not the place to make any estimate of the First Bishop of Southwell; this has been done already by preachers and writers in the daily press and in magazines. We, however, shall remember with gratitude his generosity to the School and the interest he took in it.

Through the kindness of Lady Laura Ridding we have a memento of our First Chairman in some excellent Relief Maps which he used at Winchester and which Lady Laura has kindly presented to the School, in the following terms.

Thurgarton Priory,
Southwell.

My dear Mr. Wright,

I asked Mr. Bax to ascertain for me whether you would care for some framed raised Geological Maps—which the Bishop used at Winchester. He says you would like to have them for the School. I am therefore sending them as a present to the School which the Bishop was so greatly interested in—and which will feel it had in him as Chairman a Great Scholar, Student, and Headmaster, and Divine as well as Bishop.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

LAURA E. RIDDING.

The Autumn Term began on September 16th. The new members of the Staff were Mr. Wallace T. Smith, London University, who comes with high recommendation from the Headmasters of Ipswich Middle School, and of Thetford Grammar School, where he had been assistant Master. To the

Science and Mathematical Mastership, Mr. Percy Lewis, Inter-B.Sc. was appointed, formerly an Assistant Master at Wem Grammar School, and Scholar at Aberystwith University College, whose Professors bore testimony to his high attainments in Mathematics and Science.

We have found Mr. Smith a worthy successor to Mr. Magee in the Football field. An account of the matches played will be found elsewhere.

The Prize Day took place on December 12th in the Assembly Rooms. A few days previously the newly-appointed Bishop of Southwell, Dr. Hoskyns, had taken up his residence in Southwell and had very graciously acceded to the invitation of the Headmaster that he should distribute the prizes, so that the School was honoured by almost the first public appearance of the Bishop in the Diocese. A full report of the proceedings as given by the local newspapers is appended.

The first Term of the year, 1905, opened on January 17th with increased numbers, but amid feelings of sorrow for the illness of Mrs. Wright. This sorrow was intensified when it was announced to the boys on Saturday morning that during the night Mrs. Wright had passed away. Mr. Wright desires to thank the boys for their quietness and sympathy during this period of great grief, and to assure them that he was deeply grateful for this as well as to many Old Boys who wrote expressing their sorrow. The extract below from the *Newark Herald* gives in substance that which many Old Boys expressed in their private letters to Mr. Wright and the Headmaster. Nearly every letter gave expression to the sense of personal loss which the news brought to them.

Demise of Mrs. John Wright, Southwell.

We greatly regret to record the death of Mrs. Wright, wife of Mr. John Wright, of Southwell, which occurred early yesterday morning at the residence of her son, the Rev. Joseph Wright, of Southwell Minster Grammar School, at the age of 77 years. The deceased lady, honoured and respected by all who knew her, was married so long ago as 49 years, and would have celebrated her golden wedding in January next. Her highly esteemed husband, Mr. John Wright, was, until seven years ago, Headmaster of the Grammar School, and Mrs. Wright devoted

herself to the well-being and happiness of the scholars committed to their joint charge, for to her they formed part of the family, and her kindly interest and motherly care never ceased, continuing after Mr. Wright had relinquished his connection with the School, which is now being conducted by her son, the Rev. Joseph Wright, who with Mr. T. W. Wright, organist of Newark Parish Church, are the only surviving issues of the marriage. Widespread sympathy was in evidence at Southwell, yesterday, and her departure hence, though at a ripe old age, will cause many pangs of sorrow among a wide circle of friends, and especially among the old boys, who with the advance of matured years, have learnt to see in a far better light the love and care bestowed upon them, than, perhaps, they were capable of realizing in the days gone by. Mrs. Wright was of a most unostentatious disposition, and was never actively engaged in parochial matters, though her zeal for all that was pure and noble will be the most cherished remembrance remaining to her family and near associates. Mr. Wright is far from well, and after these many years, the severance will be severely felt, but in his sorrow he is by no means isolated, for others feel for him, and his, and offer them truest consolation. The funeral took place in the Minster-yard on Monday afternoon at three o'clock. The shops in the town were closed as a kindly mark of regret.

The Spring Term is the quiet Term of the year, even under normal conditions, no public functions having place in it. We had a good deal of anxiety because of the sickness surrounding us, but happily we escaped it all and the term came to a conclusion on Thursday, April 13th, and the Boarders went home after the Confirmation which took place on that day. The following boys were presented by the Headmaster:—F. Davis, Stuart Smith, W. Weldon, and F. Schumach and J. Eaton by the Minster Clergy.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.

On Thursday, July 7th, favoured with delightful weather, the annual athletic sports in connection with the time-honoured Minster Grammar School, took place on Lowe's Wong. A blazing sun made many of the visitors seek the refuge and shade of the trees, underneath which chairs had been arranged. The Southwell Brass Band, conducted by Mr. W. Marshall, bandmaster, and H. Wilcox, was in attendance, and there was a large gathering of parents and friends of the boys, the officials

being:—Committee: Rev. J. S. Wright, Messrs. L. Gilbert, G. Hill, R. Dowling, A. W. L. Dixon, G. D. Magee, F. Bailey, H. Wall. Starter: Mr. W. T. Wright. Judges: Rev. F. H. Burnside, Dr. Walker, Messrs. C. Pyatt, F. Walley, W. Lee. Secretary: Mr. E. R. Glanville.

At 2 30 the sports commenced, and, as usual, the programme had been most ably arranged and everything was most satisfactorily carried through.

Egg and spoon race.—First heat: 1 H. Alfree, 2 A. Basilico, 3 J. H. Eaton. Second heat: 1 H. Marriott, 2 L. Gilbert, 3 W. G. Moore. Third heat: 1 F. Schumach, 2 J. S. Sail, 3 M. Wilkinson. Final: 1 Alfree, 2 Sail, 3 Basilico. Great amusement was caused throughout, as frequently when a competitor had a commanding lead, his egg became dislodged and he was overtaken and passed in righting it.

Sack race.—First heat: 1 J. Chambers, 2 J. H. Eaton, 3 G. Draper. Second heat: 1 C. Rumford, 2 W. Guy, 3 S. Gross. Third heat: 1 H. Rumford, 2 H. Slim, 3 H. Wilkinson. Final: 1 Chambers, 2 C. Rumford, 3 H. Slim. In most cases there was a close finish, occasioned by falls.

100 yards handicap (under 12).—First heat: 1 H. Wilkinson, 6 yards, 2 F. Jebbett, 12 yards, 3 A. Hunt, 4 yards; the winner only secured his place by about three inches. Second heat: 1 S. Gross, 10 yards, 2 G. Schumach, scratch, 3 H. Slim, 8 yards; a clever win. Final: 1 Gross, 2 Hunt, 3 Jebbett. Gross held the race well in hand when near home and won comfortably.

100 yards handicap (over 12).—First heat: 1 J. S. Sail, 5 yards, 2 R. Dowling, scratch, 3 H. Alfree, 5 yards. Dowling ran well, and took first position, but little Sail dashed past him, amid applause. Second heat: 1 C. A. Hall, 3 yards, 2 A. G. Machin, 5 yards, 3 L. Gilbert, 5 yards. Hall showed fine form. Final: 1 Sail, 2 Dowling, 3 Hall. This was strenuously contested and Sail was a deserving winner.

75 yards handicap (Forms I. and II.).—First heat: 1 W. G. Moore, 12 yards, 2 W. E. Beaumont, 10 yards, 3 S. Gross, 5 yards. The boys came down in a line, and the judges had to be on the alert to decide the positions. Second heat: 1 N. Booth, 8 yards, 2 F. Jebbett, 10 yards, 3 H. Wilkinson, 5 yards. Well-contested, but not so much so as the preceding one. Final: 1 Booth, 2 Moore, 3 Beaumont. A good finish, the competitors being very close together.

Team race.—Won by B team, viz., L. Gilbert (captain), M. Wilkinson, A. E. Machin, F. Schumach, J. H. Eaton, and A. Taylor. There were three teams, and a boy from each ran with a flag to a given point and back again, this being enacted till all had run.

220 yards handicap (under 13).—1 N. Booth, 30 yards, 2 W. E. Beaumont, 35 yards, 3 F. Jebbett, 35 yards. An excellent race reflecting great credit on the handicappers, the boys finishing almost *en masse*.

High jump.—1 J. S. Sail, 4ft. 10in.; others jumping were R. Dowling, 4ft. 9in.; M. Wilkinson, 4ft. 6in.; C. A. Hall, 4ft. 4in. Sail was the smallest boy of the lot, and jumped remarkably well, so that when he cleared the last of the series of heights, he was the object of an enthusiastic demonstration, to which he was richly entitled.

Half-mile (under 13).—1 A. Hunt, 50 yards, 2 N. Booth, 80 yards, 3 A. Chambers, 40 yards. This was a trying event, but the youngsters ran gamely, great praise being due to the winner.

Throwing the cricket ball.—1 H. Alfree, 72 yards. Five competed, with three throws each.

220 yards handicap (over 13).—1 J. S. Sail, 15 yards, 2 A. Dowling, 30 yards, 3 R. Dowling, scratch. Sail won his third first prize, and was the most popular contestant of the day. The Dowlings ran well, but were pluckily beaten.

Three-legged race (220 yards handicap).—1 N. Booth and S. Gross, 25 yards, 2 A. Hunt and W. Guy, 20 yards, 3 J. and A. Chambers, 15 yards. Booth and Gross appeared to have specially trained themselves for this, as they ran most evenly and always in step.

440 yards handicap (over 13).—1 A. Dowling, 60 yards, 2 L. Gilbert, 20 yards, 3 J. Chambers, 40 yards. Dowling was on the limit mark, and maintained his position throughout, despite a fine attempt by Gilbert to displace him.

440 yards handicap (under 13).—1 W. E. Beaumont, 80 yards, 2 W. Guy, 70 yards, 3 H. Slim, 70 yards. Again the limit boy won, and though in the initial stages he lost ground considerably, he made it up again, and gained on his handicap.

Old Boys' race (220 yards handicap).—Only three turned out and the result was 1 R. E. Jackson, 2 J. W. Davies, 3 W. H. C. Pyatt. Won easily.

One mile handicap (over 13).—1 L. Gilbert, 30 yards, 2 M. Wilkinson, 60 yards, 3 J. Chambers, 80 yards. This was the great event of endurance, stamina, and training, the distance being six times round. Gilbert was virtual scratch, and won by several yards, though it should be stated that in rounding a corner Wilkinson had the misfortune to twist his ankle and ran in considerable pain.

Tug-of-war.—D team beat C; A beat B; final, A beat D by two pulls to none. The winners were R. Dowling, L. Gilbert, H. Rumford, A. Dowling, G. Draper, H. Marriott, and E. Sankey.

Tea was provided for the visitors and boys in a large marquee by invitation of the Headmaster (Rev. J. S. Wright).

After the tug-of-war, a semi-circle was formed round the tent, and at the table, upon which were the awards, were the Chancellor of the Cathedral (Canon Pavey), the Headmaster, and Mr. E. R. Glanville.

The Headmaster said before they began the actual distribution of prizes, two things ought to be done, first to thank those who had contributed to the prizes, and made it possible to hold the sports, and secondly to thank Mr. Glanville and the judges for the excellent manner in which the events had been carried out. (Applause.) They had taken a great amount of trouble, and no one knew what was involved, excepting those who had accomplished the work. It was a pleasure to them to see the Chancellor of the Cathedral present. In olden days the Chancellor

was the master of the Grammar School and he appointed as his deputy a *magister scholarum*, and the present Chancellor took as much interest in it as if that old arrangement was still in force. He had great pleasure in asking him to present the prizes. (Cheers).

The Chancellor of the Cathedral opened his remarks by a complimentary reference to the masters, and went on to say that it had been said the Chancellor had always taken some interest, and some care for the Minster Grammar School, and that he (the speaker) was following in the steps of those who had gone before him, and he was sure any service he could give for it he should. (Applause). They knew the school was under a new government and new governors, and some of the chapter were appointed in the government, and he was one. He thought when they had the report of the year financially and otherwise it would be seen that he had not been altogether useless. (Applause). The boys knew that, and also that he had looked in while they were at their studies sometimes, and he should be going again shortly, so he thought he was not out of place in coming to see the sports and distribute the prizes. He thought they knew that education was very deficient if it did not touch the whole of a boy's nature, that was to say, his body as well as his mind, and he felt that boys should be taught how to play, so that they might bring intelligence into their games. It was said that the Battle of Waterloo was really won by the training in the play-grounds of the boys connected with the great schools of England, and he thought that there were great days in the future to meet, for which they must be prepared. As a British nation they had territory, containing many races of different kinds of people, and so their citizens from earliest years should be trained so as to be wealthy, healthy, and also wise, and there was one thing more that was wanting, which was character, so as to possess self control, and that could be taught and learnt by their lads in their games, for he thought boys should be trained to govern one another, that was to say first of all learn to obey, so as to rule. (Cheers.) Now, they knew they always found a lot of officers connected with their games, and the captain in cricket and the captain in football were really wonderful persons among boys. There were in addition the secretary and the committee, and boys should be trained so as to be able to take their parts in the battle of life. He appealed to the boys who had won to be chivalrous, and to the losers he advised them to try again, in the hope that they would be successful next time. (Applause.)

Cheers were given for the Chancellor, the Headmaster, and Mr. Glanville, after which the proceedings terminated.

Very handsome prizes had been provided by the kindness of many friends, of whom a list is appended:—

ATHLETIC SPORTS SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mr. Allfree	5	0	Mr. Longmore	2	6
Mr. Attenborough	5	0	Mr. C. L. Maltby	5	0
Mr. Barnett	5	0	Mr. Metcalfe	5	0
Mr. Bates	2	6	Mr. Merryfield	5	0
Mr. Beaumont	10	6	Mr. Marriott	2	6
Mr. Biddle	5	0	Mr. J. E. Merryweather	2	6
Mr. Blake	2	6	Mrs. Musgrave	2	0
Mr. Booth	5	0	Canon Pavey	10	0
Mr. Brown	2	6	Messrs. Pyatt	10	0
Mr. Buttrum	10	0	Mr. Palmer	2	6
Rev. L. W. Cox	5	0	Mr. Rumford	2	6
Mr. Chambers	2	6	Mr. Schumach	2	6
Mr. Daft	2	6	Mrs. Sankey	3	0
Messrs. Dalgleish	5	0	Mr. Slim	10	6
Mr. Davies	4	6	Mr. Stanley	2	6
Mr. F. A. Dixon	5	0	Mr. Starkey	1	1
Mr. Godber	5	0	Mr. Walley	10	6
Mr. Gilbert	3	0	Mr. Wall	10	0
Mrs. Gross	10	0	Mr. J. Wand	2	6
Mrs. Guy	5	0	Mr. E. Wand	2	6
Mr. D. Hallam	2	6	Mr. Cyril Warwick	2	0
Mr. G. Hallam	10	6	Dr. Walker	5	0
Mr. J. R. Hallam	5	0	Mr. R. H. Warwick	5	0
Mr. Hall	2	6	Mr. Wells	2	6
Mr. Hibbert	5	0	Mr. Webster	5	0
Mrs. Heath	10	0	Mr. Vickers	2	6
Mr. Jebbett	5	0	General Warrand	10	0
Mr. Kirkby	2	6	Mr. Worman	5	0
Mr. Kirkland	5	0	Rev. J. S. Wright	1	0
Mr. R. Lee	2	6			
Mr. W. Lee	2	6			
Canon Lewis	5	0			
Mr. Lewin	2	0			
			£16	12	0

Prizes were kindly given by Mrs. Smith (Wilford), Mr. Whittingham, Messrs. Bates (Nottingham), Mr. Bealby (Finchley), Mr. G. Drury, Mr. J. Hutchinson (Newark), and Mrs. Glanville.

SPORTS BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
By Subscription List	16	12	0	Bates & Co.	1	2	6
				Castle	16	0	
				Mather	12	0	
				Whittingham	3	15	0
				Ford, Tents	2	5	0
				Singleton	1	1	0
				M. Wilkinson	2	13	0
				Wilkinson & Gumsley	9	0	
				Band	2	12	6
				Stamps, &c.	6	11	
				Labour	9	0	
					16	1	11
				Balance carried to Lib-			
				rary and Games Fund	10	1	
£16	12	0					
					£16	12	0

Donors of Prizes and Subscriptions are sincerely thanked for their kindness in helping to hold the School Sports by providing Prizes. It is proposed to hold the Sports next on July 6th, 1905, and an appeal is hereby made for a repetition of the kindness hitherto so generously shewn. It is hoped that there will be a large gathering of Old Southwellians on July 6th and, if sufficient entries are received, to have for them a 440 yards' Handicap and a Mile Walking Race.

PRIZE DAY, 1904.

(Reprinted from *Nottingham Guardian*.)

The annual Distribution of Prizes to the Pupils of Southwell Grammar School took place in the Assembly Rooms, Southwell, on Monday night. The Bishop of Southwell presided, and he was supported by Canon Pavey, General Warrand, Mr. L. R. Starkey, Mr. H. Merryweather, Mr. G. H. Buttrum, and the Headmaster (Rev. J. S. Wright). There was a remarkably large attendance, the hall being crowded in every part. *B. H. H. H.*

The Headmaster said first of all he wanted to say, in the name of the school, how heartily they welcomed his Lordship's presence in the chair that night. (Applause.) When they considered how many important matters claimed his Lordship's attention just now, they most highly appreciated his kindness in coming there, and they were correspondingly grateful to him. With regard to the work of the school, he was able last year to say that the boys had gained more certificates from the different examining bodies by which the work of the school was tested than for several years previously, and he was glad to say that that result of last year had been improved upon, if not in number, in the higher standard of the certificates which had been gained. He did not intend to take up their time by entering into details, because they were printed on the programmes, but he might say that in addition to the successes there stated Gilbert had won one of three intermediate scholarships, which were given by the County Council for those boys who had previously held junior County Council scholarships which was a very creditable result. (Applause.) He (Gilbert) had been able by Mr. Starkey's prize to gain some very valuable books, and he hoped he would win a senior scholarship. There was one other matter, which was not printed on the programme because he received the report too late—the report of the Inspector of the County Council in the wood-working and drawing. Those were subjects by which they tried to train the hands of the boys as well as their heads, and in the report of the Inspector he said that for drawing the highest mark had been granted which had been given, that of “very good,” and for the practical work of the year the word “excellent.” All the boys passed the examination test except two, and one boy passed so well that he received the mark of excellent, and he was going to ask leave to give him an additional prize. The health of the school, he was glad to say, had been very good. They had gone through the year without a single case of illness at all. (Applause.) All the boys received physical drill as part of the school curriculum in school hours, and the senior boys had opportunities, by kind permission of Captain Huskinson, of practising rifle shooting with the Morris tube, under Sergt.-Instructor Saddington. (Applause.) He had to thank the Governors and the donors of prizes for their interest in the school, and most important announcement of all, last, he had the privilege of

announcing a most valuable benefaction on the part of one of the Governors, Mr. L. R. Starkey, who had founded a scholarship and a prize, to be known as the Starkey Scholarship and the Starkey Prize, to be awarded annually to the best and second best all-round scholar in Southwell and the immediate district. (Applause.) He believed that Mr. Starkey's gifts would be of great benefit to Southwell and district and the school. They found boys leaving school to whom a little longer time would be of the greatest benefit, and he hoped the scholarship which more than covered the school fee, would enable some to remain at school longer than they otherwise would. (Applause.) Mr. Starkey had, however, very wisely, if he might say so, not limited his benefaction to that purpose, but intended it to be used in any way most benefitting the boys winning it. (Applause.) They were all very grateful to the donor for his valuable gifts, and they hoped he might live long to see his scholarship and prize keenly competed for, and much good resulting from them. (Applause.)

The Bishop, who met with a very hearty reception, said he was positively convinced of this, that however much others might speak of the business of the Bishop of Southwell, the boys of that school believed there was nothing that stood before an engagement such as that. (Laughter and applause.) At the present time they were naturally full of enthusiasm and zeal concerning their work and concerning their games—(laughter)—but they were also most anxious that their school should prosper, and should stand before the country and the district as famous in the future as in the past. (Applause.) He quite agreed with them. There was nothing so important as their school. (Applause.) Just as the plan was sometimes adopted in teaching geography in schools—it was the custom under the London Board—of beginning by drawing a plan of the school, and going from that to larger work, so he hoped their knowledge of history sprang from a knowledge of the history of that school. If the boys knew all about the centuries which had passed since that school was founded they would be first-rate English historians. Perhaps some day he would be asked to examine them in the history of their school, but at the present moment he was very anxious not to be examined by them—(laughter)—for he knew nothing about the school, except its scheme and certain allusions he had read in the papers. He should work at it, however, and he was there that night as a learner. It was a very important thing that people should understand the history of their Church and of their schools. (Applause.) He congratulated them on being members of a school such as that. (Applause.) He observed with considerable interest that that school was now falling into line with all the larger educational systems of the country. He was glad to see that the County Council recognised the school, and was endeavouring to help it, for it would be a fatal thing to injure in any way the old foundation schools. He also congratulated them upon the report which had been presented. There was a little thing he was reading that day concerning the building. He heard of plans and schemes with regard to its improvement. He knew nothing about it, but if the day did come for launching forth and getting into better premises, they would have to put their shoulders to the wheel and do it by the aid of the old boys who would remember their old school and all it had done for them, and would show their gratitude by assisting in the strengthening of its position. When the boys there became leaders in society and very wealthy men and all that sort of thing let them remember they were old boys. Boys of their ages never imagined that they were going to be very great; but he received a letter the other day from a man who had risen to be an Under-Colonial Secretary, in which the writer said that he received the beginning of his education at the Grammar School at Southwell. (Applause.) As he looked on new faces he seemed to see rising before him all that which belonged to the great men of the future. Let them remember that and try to carry it out, and if that was the case, then in matters of education they must be in earnest. There was danger to-day of forgetting that education was a very serious thing, and even parents sometimes forgot that they could not carry on a school if the boys were constantly being taken away, and constantly being told that pleasure was the great thing in

life. They must stick at it, for it would be to their good in years to come. The Bishop proceeded to refer to educational matters in South Africa, and continuing said what he had to say to them was that while they were playing they should play hard, but let them be in school earnest about the matter of education, because in their country they needed it more and more. He was glad to see they were being taught to use their hands, and also that their eyes were being trained to the rifle. (Applause.) They were perfectly right to be so trained, for he believed it was absolutely necessary to teach their boys to shoot—(applause)—and to shoot straight. (Renewed applause.) He looked upon it as most valuable. He must not go on any longer, but he would wish them happy and useful lots in the days to come. He asked them not to leave school too early, and not to ask their parents to let them leave. The longer they were at school the better business men and men of the world they would be. They had a good deal to learn in the world, and when they went to business books had to go, for they had not time to read. Let them stick at school as long as they could, and strive for the scholarship which had been so graciously offered by Mr. Starkey. (Applause.) If they did not get it, let them get their parents to make some self-sacrifice and give them another year at school, for they would be richly repaid. He congratulated parents on having a school of that description in Southwell to which to send their boys, where they had a certain amount of oversight, and where they could see that they were being brought up young Christian gentlemen. It would be one of his joys if he remained in Southwell that he should be connected with young boys in that school. He was getting old, and it was a real pleasure to get amongst those who were young, and did not know the difficult side of life. By their brightness they helped one, and he was not sorry to be here in one of his first evenings in Southwell. (Applause.)

After this address the Bishop distributed the following Prizes and Certificates. The prizes were handsomely bound in crimson and blue calf and should be valued as mementos and rewards for hard work—at least it is hoped that they served their intended purpose of encouraging exertion and rewarding it.

FORM V.

Highest General Proficiency, given by L. R. Starkey Esq.	..	L. Gilbert.
Divinity, given by the Archdeacon	..	L. Gilbert.
Science, given by F. Walley, Esq.	..	F. L. Bailey.
Senior Reading, given by the Chancellor of the Cathedral	..	L. Gilbert.
Mathematics	..	H. Wall.
Form, given by the Head Master	..	L. Gilbert.

FORM IV.

Latin, English, and Divinity	..	S. Smith.
Best Progress in French, given by Miss Pavey	..	H. Rumford.
Mathematics and Science	equal	G. Draper.
		H. Rumford.
Form, given by the Head Master	..	H. Wright.

FORM III.

French and English	..	..	A. Chambers.
Mathematics and Science	..	..	H. Allfree.
General Proficiency	..	..	J. Eaton.
Best Progress in Drawing, given by A. W. L. Dixon, Esq.	..	..	E. C. Rumford.
Form, given by the Head Master	..	..	E. C. Rumford.

FORM II.

Junior Reading, given by the Chancellor of the Cathedral	..	..	H. K. Blake.
Examination	..	..	W. S. Hallam.
"	..	..	A. Dowling.
Form, given by the Head Master	..	..	W. S. Hallam.

FORM I.

Examination	..	..	H. Wilkinson.
Form, given by the Head Master	..	..	H. Slim.

BOARD OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

Physiography—First Class Certificate	..	..	F. L. Bailey.
Mathematics—	..	..	H. Wall.
" Second Class "	..	..	L. Gilbert.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATION.

Honours Certificate..	..	..	L. Gilbert.
"	..	..	H. Wall.
Pass	..	..	F. L. Bailey.

COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS' CERTIFICATES.

S. Smith (Mark of Distinction in Geography), M. Wilkinson, H. W. Rumford (Mark of Distinction in Arithmetic and French), L. Daft, L. F. Webster, and E. C. Rumford.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

H. Wall.

HONOURS GAINED BY OLD BOYS.

J. Godber has for the second time won the Centenary Prize of £20 at the Royal Veterinary College, London, given annually to the student who passes the best examination. He has also won Silver Medals for Chemistry, Biology, Anatomy, Physiology, Histology, Materia Medica, Veterinary Hygiene, and the Bronze Medal for Pathology.

WOODWORK.

The following is the Report of the Woodwork Inspector :—
2nd year student—Wilkinson passed excellent. 1st year students—H. Rumford, Sail, Wright, Weldon, E. C. Rumford, Dowling and Basilico passed. Drawings made during session—very good—highest mark given. Practical work done during session—excellent.

WM. WOLLINGWORTH, Inspector for N.C.C.

Mr. L. R. Starkey said he had been asked to perform a very pleasant duty, but perhaps they would excuse him for a moment while he digressed somewhat from the particular vote of thanks he had been asked to propose, for neither they or he could forget that about twelve months ago they were there under the presidency of their late Bishop, and he was sure it was only right to express their sympathy with Lady Laura Ridding at the irreparable loss she had sustained, and which was also the loss of the diocese. He must now pass on to the kind was in which their Bishop had distributed the prizes, and to the more than interesting address which he had delivered. There were many points in his speech that evening which not only were interesting in themselves, but would be of very great encouragement to the Governors in reference to the school. The Bishop had not altogether grasped the exact position, as he told them, but there were things which, with his help, they would be able to accomplish. He referred more, of course, to matters of detail in bringing the scheme into working order, for they knew the scheme itself, which the energy of the late Bishop brought about, could not all at once come into effective work. They knew it had only been in existence a little over twelve months. All credit was due to the enterprise of Mr. John Wright, who carried it on successfully for so many years, and they hoped as a public school the Grammar School connected with the Minster would in the future accomplish that which it had accomplished for so many years past. He would ask his Lordship to let him digress again to allow him to mention one matter named in the report—the scholarship he wished to found, because he ought to say a word about it. (Applause.) He had long wished to do something to stimulate the education of some boy or boys in that parish, or in the immediate neighbourhood, but he did not quite see his way until that scheme was brought into force, when he thought the opportunity presented itself. If he could by means of that scholarship carry out what he had in view, he was glad to be able to do it; and another reason why he ought to mention it that night was because the Headmaster had asked if he might name it. It was not quite completed, but if it would do the school any good by letting it be known he had no objection. It was, however, putting the cart before the horse, as he had not got the governing body to accept what he gave, and he had to go through certain formalities with the Board of Education and the Charity Commissioners. He must now come to the object for which he rose that evening, and propose a vote of thanks to the Bishop for so kindly presenting the prizes that evening, and for his address. He was sure they were deeply grateful to him when they considered he must have come at considerable inconvenience, seeing the multitudinous duties he had to attend to immediately following his installation as Bishop of the diocese. He asked them, at the same time, to give him and Mrs. Hoskyns a hearty welcome, with the hope that they would live long and be a power in the diocese for many years to come. (Applause.)

General Warrand seconded, and said he would like to say in reference to what his Lordship said about the history of the school that although he could not remember Henry VIII.—(laughter)—he remembered a long time ago, when he was a small boy, he was sent to that Grammar School. There had been many changes since then. In the first place they had no Bishop, but were under the Archbishop of York, and they saw him about once in ten years, when he came for confirmation. He was also glad to hear that the

County Council had started wood-working classes. They, in his time, were just as fond of carpentering, but all they could do was to cut their names on the desk. (Laughter.) As boys they were also fond of shooting, but all they could do was to throw stones and use slings—(laughter)—which were most objectionable practices. Now, if a boy was brought before him for throwing stones or using a sling, he fined him pretty heavily—(laughter)—but as a boy himself he always wished to shoot, and he was a good shot with stones. He hoped what the Bishop had said they would take to heart, and that every boy would do his best to make himself a good shot. It would always be useful to him, whether he was a farmer and wanted to kill rabbits, or when serving his country. He was glad to see such nice boys. He saw them out for a walk last Sunday, and he was sure they were much nicer than the boys in his time. (Laughter.) As to Mr. Wright, he thought it was wonderful what he had done for the school, for if it had not been for him it would have died out altogether. He was sure it had been a great advantage to them all to hear such an address from his Lordship, and on their behalf he thanked him very much. (Applause.)

The Bishop, in reply, said he thanked them very much for what had been said, but he was sure he would not be meeting the wishes of the boys unless they proceeded with the entertainment. He hoped for many years to be able to meet them face to face at that function. (Applause.)

The usual programme of Speeches and Recitations and Songs was then proceeded with. Gilbert's rendering of Aytoun's "Burial March of Dundee" was especially worthy of mention for the clearness of his enunciation and his appreciation of the spirit of the Ballad. Weldon also took the Queen's part in the garden scene from Richard II. excellently.

Song—"Ash Grove"—*Welsh Air*.....The Singing Class.
 Recitation—"Bernardo del Carpio"—*Mrs. Hemans*.....H. Hickling.
 Song—"Snow"—*Elgar*.....The Choristers.
 Scene from Richard II. (Act III., Scene IV.)—*Shakespeare*.
 W. Weldon, H. Rumford, H. Wright, L. Gilbert, M. Wilkinson, F. Davis.
 Song—"Alma Mater"—*Tannhauser*.....The Choristers.
 Song—"The Brave Old Oak"—*Loder*.....The Singing Class.
 Pianoforte Solo.....E. Scoley.
 Song—"He in Tears that Sows"—*Hiller*.....The Choristers.
 Recitation—"The Burial March of Dundee"—*Aytoun*.....L. Gilbert.

THE CRICKET SEASON—1904.

The season of 1904 was a perfect contrast to that of the preceding year. An exceptionally long spell of fine weather gave us most excellent opportunities of enjoying our national game. The only drawback was the impossibility of rolling the sun-baked pitch to any advantage owing to the absence of water on the ground. The remedy, of course, lies in being prepared beforehand for a dry summer by assiduous rolling before the Easter vacation as soon as the frost is out of the ground. Those players who value a good wicket must be ready to put themselves to some slight trouble thus early in the year and they will be amply repaid in July. The ground so well repays this early attention that it is a pity not to take it in hand.

MATCHES.

S.G.S. v. Southwell Reserve.

Played at Southwell, Saturday, May 14th, 1904. This was our first match and thus early in the season everybody was so short of practice that it was an open question as to the result. The Reserve batted first and Ogle one of their best bats was out in Mr. Magee's first over. Eaton, Ford, Knowles and Allcroft managed to scrape a few runs, but 41 was a poor total. Mr. Magee (5 for 10) and Mr. Glanville (5 for 27) divided the wickets. The School started well and the first wicket fell with 20 up. Then began a procession which ended when the tenth wicket fell at 34. Ogle and Ford bowled unchanged throughout. None of our batsmen shewed any defence and the Reserve won by 7 runs. The following are the scores:—

SOUTHWELL RESERVE.		S.G.S.	
W. Allcroft, b Magee	9	G. D. Magee, b Ford	12
E. Ogle, lbw, b Magee	1	E. R. Glanville, b Ogle	7
H. Ford, b Glanville	7	E. Hill, b Ford	0
— Wright, lbw, b Glanville ..	0	H. Wall, b Ford	1
A. Knowles, b Magee	8	Rev. J. S. Wright, c Knowles,	
— Eaton, c Hill, b Magee ..	10	b Ford	3
J. Kettle, b Magee	0	L. Gilbert, b Ford	0
G. Lomas, not out	3	H. Allfree, b Ogle	2
E. Kirk, b Glanville	0	J. Sail, b Ogle	0
— Hallam, b Glanville	0	M. Wilkinson, b Ogle	2
R. Morris, b Glanville	0	F. Bailey, b Ford	4
Extras	3	R. Dowling, not out	0
Total	41	Extras	3
		Total	34

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

On Wednesday, May 18th, the School team travelled to Nottingham to play the High School on the Mapperley Park ground. We batted first and the innings was noteworthy for the fine batting of Mr. Magee who made 71 not out going in first and being undefeated when the tenth wicket fell. Wall made some good hits in his innings of 10. The total of 94 seemed good enough, but our opponents managed to fight both our attack and the clock and to win by four runs just before time. Mr. Magee who went on to bowl rather late in the innings took five wickets for 23 runs.

The return match was played on our ground on June 25th. The High School batted first and managed to reach the moderate total of 58. Mr. Glanville took six wickets for 26, Bailey two for 15 and Gilbert two for nine. Mr. Magee again had a merry time at the expense of the High School bowlers and had scored 55 not out when time was up, our score being 89 for 9 wickets. Mr. Magee thus made 133 runs without being out in the two matches. Score:—

S.G.S.		HIGH SCHOOL.	
H. Wall, b Savage	1	F. G. Smith, b Bailey	8
J. S. Sail, c Roe, b Murrell ..	2	S. D. Horner, b Glanville	5
M. Wilkinson, b Savage	2	W. Savage, c Bailey, b Glan-	
F. L. Bailey, b Savage	0	ville	0
G. D. Magee, not out	55	E. W. Holgate, lbw, b Glan-	
E. R. Glanville, b Horner ..	7	ville	2
H. Allfree, b Horner	2	C. T. Fryer, c Wilkinson, b	
R. Dowling, c and b Horner ..	7	Glanville	1
L. Gilbert, b Horner	2	W. Huntsman, c Wright, b	
S. Smith, b Huntsman	1	Bailey	7
Rev. J. S. Wright did not bat		K. Gillespie, c Wall, b Gilbert	13
		A. W. Limb, c Wall, b Gil-	
		bert	7
		A. E. Bowser, lbw, b Glan-	
		ville	9
		E. Murrell, b Glanville	4
		E. C. Roe, not out	0
Extras	10	Extras	2
Total	89	Total	58

S.G.S. v. All Saints' Institute, Nottingham.

This match was played on our ground on May 28th. As this was the first time the teams had met there was some amount of curiosity as to the calibre of our opponents. They turned out a very business-like looking team. The wicket was somewhat difficult but did not excuse the team failing to make more than 17 runs of which Smith the last man in made 6. In fact after seeing the best bats of the eleven out for three runs the rest made up their minds to do likewise and there was a very bad "rot." The All Saints men expected their first two men to make the runs, and most of them had tea and changed. To their great disgust three wickets fell for 5 runs and the whole team only made 36. Mr. Glanville took 7 wickets for 19.

S.G.S. v. Bleasby.

Contrary to usual custom the first match with Bleasby was played on our ground on June 4th. Both sides were somewhat reinforced for the occasion. Batting first the school made 40, the tail as usual steadily refusing to do anything after the third wicket fell at 30. Bleasby in their turn just managed to scrape together 42 and thus won by the narrow margin of two. For this result they had to thank their captain, Truman, who played very carefully for 12 not out. Mr. "Extras" with 11 was next highest scorer for Bleasby and probably lost us the match. Our two regular bowlers divided the wickets, Mr. Magee taking 6 for 16 runs and Mr. Glanville 4 for 13.

The return match was played at Bleasby on July 23rd, in very uncomfortable weather, most of the afternoon being spent in the pavilion watching the rain pour down from inky thunder-clouds. We had a poor team, Mr. Wright, Wall and Wilkinson being absent from various causes. The School batted first and when with the score at 5 Mr. Magee returned a simple catch to the bowler our prospects of avenging the narrow defeat of the first match quickly vanished. Five wickets fell rapidly for 1 run, several players not making the faintest effort to defend their wickets but having a "go" at the good straight bowling sent down to them. Mr. Glanville, who ought to have been stumped in the first over, was out last with 11 to his credit and the total was 26. In the interval rain fell heavily and the bowlers were handicapped with a wet ball and bad foothold when Bleasby took their innings. B. Carnill, with 23 not out, was chiefly instrumental in gaining the total of 46 for 5 wickets. Rain then stopped play altogether, and also prevented the tea at Hazleford Ferry which has become a recognized feature of the match at Bleasby.

S.G.S. v. Grosvenor School.

It was a timorous eleven (without masters!) which went to Nottingham on June 15th to play the Grosvenor School on the Forest but when they won the toss and scored 66, they took courage and thought of winning. They reckoned, however, without Morrell, the captain of their opponents, who batted in a style which showed that nothing but his own fault could get him out. He made 42 before he edged a ball carelessly into the slips. Lamb helped with a useful 31, and as everybody else took a few the fine score of 141 for six wickets was the result.

The return match on July 13th provided an interesting game. The School again batted first and mainly through Dowling (15) and Gilbert (10), the total of 42 was reached. Owing to some fine bowling by Bailey (5 for 23) and Wall (3 for 8) the Grosvenor School just failed by 1 run to reach our score, Morrell with 11 runs being again their top scorer. These matches in which boys play against boys are very useful in giving our team some amount of confidence in themselves and freeing them from dependence upon the masters or outsiders to win their games.

S.G.S.

H. Wall, c A. Morrell, b Stevenson	0
F. Bailey, b Stevenson	1
J. S. Sail, b Stevenson	2
H. Allfree, c Gaskin, b Stevenson	5
R. Dowling, st. Pruden, b K. Morrell	15
L. Gilbert, b Stevenson	10
S. Smith, not out	7
A. E. Machin, c Pruden, b K. Morell	0
A. Taylor, c Cox, b K. Morell	0
A. E. Hunt, b Stevenson	1
F. Davis, b A. L. Morell	0
Extras	0
Total	41

GROSVENOR SCHOOL.

K. W. Morell, b Wall	11
A. L. Morell, b Bailey	2
N. Pruden, c Smith, b Bailey	1
H. Gaskin, run out	2
A. F. Fraser, b Wall	4
I. H. Stevenson, c Sail, b Bailey	1
E. B. Hancock, b Bailey	9
S. A. Marriott, run out	2
S. W. Armitage, c and b Wall	5
C. Brook, not out	1
R. Cox, b Bailey	0
Extras	2
Total	40

S.G.S. Past and Present v. Southwell C.C.

This match, always the most important event of the season, aroused more than usual interest this year mainly because a larger proportion than usual of the present school eleven was included in the team and also because the same fixture last year was postponed owing to bad weather. The match was a most exciting one and presented a series of surprises. At one period everything pointed to an easy victory for the School for 7 of the Town batsmen were out for the small total of 23, but when Lomas and Lockwood got together a different complexion was put upon the game and the respectable total of 64 was amassed. When the School began to bat runs came freely until the fall of Mr. Magee's wicket, and it seemed that the total of our opponents would be easily passed. However, only 40 runs were scored when the last 3 wickets were left. These were all "present" pupils, but they all batted steadily and well, and with the help of P. Bett's hard hitting the score steadily mounted up amid ever increasing excitement, but some runs were still needed when Allfree went in, and the anxiety on both sides became keen; however, Allfree contributed a couple and Bett with two long drives lifted the total beyond that of our opponents amid tremendous cheering from boys and other spectators. Score:—

SOUTHWELL.

G. Simmons, c Wilson, b Magee	7
E. Suter, b Magee	1
W. Leek, b Magee	2
A. Salt, not out	4
J. Kirk, b Magee	0
A. Lukehurst, b Magee	4
G. Lomas, b Merryweather ..	19
W. Taylor, b Wilson	0
F. S. Petty, b Wilson	0
J. Lockwood, run out	23
E. Eaton, b Glanville	0
Extras	4
Total	64

S.G.S.

J. W. Davies, lbw, b Lukehurst	4
J. Hassall, c Salt, b Petty ..	11
G. D. Magee, b Lukehurst ..	9
A. G. Merryweather, b Petty ..	2
S. Wilson, b Lukehurst	1
P. Bett, lbw, b Lukehurst ..	22
E. R. Glanville, b Lukehurst ..	0
Rev. J. S. Wright, c Suter, b Petty	3
H. Wall, b Lockwood	3
J. S. Sail, b Simmons	3
H. Allfree, not out	2
Extras	6
Total	66

S.G.S. v. Notts. Chemists.

This match, always a pleasant fixture, was played at Southwell on June 30th. The School batted first and the first four wickets fell for the small total of 14. Thanks, however, to the stand made by Mr. Wright and his free hitting of the slow bowler we made 52. The Chemists also lost 4

wickets for 14, but they did not recover and were all out for 34, of which W. Lee, an old Southwellian, made 9. Mr. Glanville took 7 wickets for 20 runs. The return match was not played owing to the inability of the Chemists to get together a strong enough eleven, as so many of their men make holiday in July.

S.G.S.

G. D. Magee, c Beverley, b Bowmer	9
E. R. Glanville, c Hutt, b Bowmer	1
H. Wall, b Bowmer	0
R. Dowling, c Skelton, b Prince	1
H. Allfree, b Parkes	9
Rev. J. S. Wright, b Lee	22
F. L. Bailey, c Lee, b Parkes	1
L. Gilbert, c Jackson, b Lee	0
J. S. Sail, c Hutt, b Parkes	1
M. Wilkinson, b Prince	6
S. Smith, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	52

NOTTS. CHEMISTS.

J. Hutt, c Wright, b Glanville	6
L. Beverley, b Glanville	0
P. C. Cartledge, b Glanville	0
J. Bowmer, c and b Magee	1
H. C. Prince, b Magee	4
W. Lee, b Magee	9
G. Skelton, b Glanville	0
R. Jackson, b Glanville	7
G. J. R. Parkes, b Glanville	0
C. Parkinson, not out	9
F. W. Lansdell, c and b Glanville	1
Extras	6
Total	34

S.G.S. v. Kirklington.

Our first encounter with Kirklington was on their ground on July 2nd. We won the toss and our captain after inspecting the wicket elected to take the field. Six wickets fell rapidly for 28 runs, and then Basilico and White put on 37 for the seventh wicket, but the tail did nothing and the innings closed for 66. Mr. Glanville took 8 wickets for 27 runs. The wicket was very bumpy at one end, and this caused the ball to do such weird things that 21 byes were registered. On our side going in to bat Mr. Magee scored 21 under difficulties as he was hit four times by balls which he could neither avoid nor play. The rest of the side failed before Burrows who took 7 wickets at small cost.

The return match was played on July 16th at Southwell on a good wicket. Batting first the School scored 84, of which Mr. Magee made 60 by some free, had hitting. He seemed well set for a century when a fine running catch in the long-field by Basilico sent him back. Burrows and Wakefield (the latter a new recruit) shared equally the wickets. Kirklington began well, but their batting like our own was mainly a one-man effort, P. Bett hitting very hard for his 52. He was let off from several easy chances, and was especially severe on Mr. Glanville's slows. When Bailey went on his first ball clean bowled Bett and he took another wicket in his first over. The total was 105 to which White (15) and Basilico (11) also contributed.

S.G.S.

G. D. Magee, c Basilico, b Burrows	60
E. R. Glanville, b Wakefield	0
H. Wall, b Wakefield	2
R. Dowling, b Burrows	7
L. Gilbert, b Wakefield	0
Rev. J. S. Wright, b Wakefield	12
J. Sail, b Wakefield	1
S. Smith, b Burrows	1
H. Allfree, b Burrows	0
F. Bailey, b Burrows	0
A. Taylor, not out	0
Extras	1
Total	84

KIRKINGTON.

J. H. Basilico, b Magee	11
P. Bett, b Bailey	52
T. Wakefield, c Allfree, b Glanville	0
W. Burrows, b Magee	3
H. Whitton, b Magee	6
H. Saunders, run out	3
S. Rickett, b Magee	0
J. White, b Magee	14
J. G. Bett, b Bailey	2
J. Bett, run out	0
W. Marks, not out	2
Extras	2
Total	105

SUMMARY.

Matches Played	Result	Runs	
		For	Against
Southwell Reserve	Lost	34	41
Nottm. High School	Lost	94	98
„ „ „ (Return)	Won	89	58
		(for 9 wks.)	
All Saints' Nottm.	Lost	17	36
Bleasby	Lost	40	42
„ (Return)	Lost	26	46
		(for 5 wks.)	
Grosvenor School	Lost	66	141
		(for 6 wks.)	
„ „ „ (Return)	Won	42	40
Southwell C.C.	Won	65	64
Notts. Chemists	Won	52	34
Kirklington	Lost	34	66
„ (Return)	Lost	85	105

Catches taken—Season 1904.

Wall, 7; Allfree, 2; Sail, 2; Bailey, Smith, Wilkinson, 1 each.

Bowling.

The Masters undertook the bowling in most matches. The following had best averages amongst the boys:—

	Wickets	Runs	Average
Bailey	9	51	5·6
Wall	3	17	5·6
Gilbert	4	44	11.

The Team.

H. WALL—has the stuff of a good player in him, but wants more nerve and resolution. He fields finely at point.

BAILEY is a watchful bat, but slow. He has come on more than any boy in the team. As a bowler he has become quite a good change. In the field he is not quick enough for close in, nor safe enough for the out-field.

GILBERT is somewhat disappointing as a bat. He wants determination and steadiness. His bowling was useful, but uneven. A poor field.

ALLFREE was worth his place in the team for his splendid fielding. As a bat he was a hitter who did not always succeed. He must practice defence.

SAIL may with practice become a stylish bat, but he must learn first to defend his wicket. He has worn the gloves with some success under difficulties.

DOWLING has quick wrists and a good eye and may develop both to some purpose. His fielding was distinctly good.

SMITH is a promising bat, but a poor field. He should practise catching and throwing.

WILKINSON has his own theories of form and style in batting and until he abandons them he will never be a good bat. He is a useful man in the field.

E. R. J. G.

FOOTBALL SEASON—1904-0.

Our season cannot be termed a great success so far as results go, owing to the strong teams that have opposed us, but in no match have we been badly beaten, as a glance at the table of results will testify. The games have been keenly contested, and in a sportsmanlike manner. Much as we like to win our matches, our disappointment in that direction is more than counter-balanced by our pleasure in the good spirit shown by the boys throughout the season. We have had an eleven of "triers" which is the secret of success. Our team has not been altogether a representative one, as some of our most promising players are wanted at the Cathedral on match days, thus weakening our eleven considerably. On the whole, however, we are satisfied with the general improvement shown in the boys' play, and we hope next season to have a much better record. Our two games with Mansfield Technical School produced keen struggles, our opponents just beating us on each occasion. In the return match, played at Mansfield, we were certainly unfortunate to lose, as we had quite our share of the game, but a good tea and a most enjoyable drive helped us to forget our disappointment. Nottingham High School carried too many guns for us in both matches, but we were not downhearted when we considered the numbers from which they selected their eleven.

The return match at Southwell was a particularly fine game, and our Nottingham friends did not assert their superiority until the last fifteen minutes of the game. Our games with Farnsfield Reserves produced two handsome victories, the superior skill and tactics of the boys proving more than a compensation for the superior weight and strength of our opponents. Our football enthusiast, Webster, accompanied us as reporter on our visit to Farnsfield to play the return match, and a few remarks from his note-book may prove interesting.

'Gilbert, the school captain, won the toss and elected to kick with the wind. The school forwards at once pressed, and Sail had no difficulty in scoring No. 1. From the centre, the Farnsfield forwards got within range of the school custodian, but Smith relieved in good style. From a well-judged pass by Cottam, Rumford raced up the field and shot outside, with all the other forwards well placed. A good run by the school front string was spoiled by Sail getting off-side. From the free kick Smith passed cleverly to Draper who put in a good centre, which was converted by Machin; but the whistle blew for off-side. Sail again raced away, and with a good shot scored No. 2 for the school, who continued to have the best of the game until the interval, when the score stood School 2 goals, Farnsfield Reserve 0 goals. On resuming, the homesters, encouraged by the strong breeze which was now blowing in their favour, attacked strongly, but Smith relieved. Allfree then receiving the ball made tracks for goal, and, with a fine oblique shot, scored No. 3 for the school. Farnsfield again attacked, but

could not penetrate the School defence. Their only goal was scored by the outside right ten minutes from the end. When the whistle sounded, the School were still pressing. They played better in the second half against a strong wind. The result was: Southwell Grammar School 3 goals; Farnsfield Reserves 1 goal. For the School, Longmore played a fine game in goal, and the whole defence was sound. Sail and Allfree were the pick of the forwards.'

Our last match against Westhorpe Institute ended in a most welcome victory by two goals. It was a most exciting and very fast game. Our forwards combined very prettily at times, and our defence once again proved sound. We thus ended our season in much better form than when we commenced it.

The following critique of players may not be out of place in reviewing the season's work.

WILKINSON, M. plays in goal. He kicks well, but is slow in clearing. He is apt to get flurried under pressure.

DOWLING, R. at right back, has made decided improvement this season. He tackles well, and is our strongest kick.

SMITH, S. at left back, tackles fearlessly, kicks well, and is a promising player. He must remember that selfishness would soon spoil his play.

GILBERT, L. our captain, at half-back, has done yeoman service for the team. He works hard, and feeds his forwards with judgment.

ALLFREE, H. on the outside right, plays a very speedy and tricky game, and generally manages to get in his centre. Has frequently scored this season.

SAIL plays centre forward or inside right. He is fast and tricky, passes and shoots well, and has scored half our goals this season. He must learn to play a losing game as well as a winning one.

RUMFORD, H. who plays outside left, has improved this season. He is tricky, but wants to put more power into his centres.

SCOLEY plays half-back. He is a beginner, but promises well.

COTTAM at forward, is a beginner, but is a fast and tricky little player. He should do well next season.

DRAPER plays inside left. He is fairly clever, but wants to put more power into his passess and shots.

Now, a word about our younger players. We have several very promising boys, including Booth, Beaumont, Smith, Worman, Guy, all of whom should be in the eleven next season. We hope they will become "Spencers" or "Merediths" very soon.

TABLE OF RESULTS.

Date.	Team.	For.	Against
Oct. 22nd.	Mansfield Technical School	2	4
Nov. 2nd.	Nottingham High School	1	5
" 12th.	Red Prebend Institute	2	4
" 19th.	Farnsfield Reserves	7	3
" 30th.	Nottingham High School	1	3
Feb. 11th.	Farnsfield Reserves	3	1
Mar. 4th.	Mansfield Technical School	0	2
Apl. 8th.	Westhorpe Institute	2	0

SUMMARY:—Played 8; won 3; lost 5; goals for 18; goals against 22.

THE PAPER-CHASE ON SHROVE TUESDAY.

FROM THE HARES' POINT OF VIEW: BY ONE OF THEM.

The start was made from the School at 2 o'clock though it was raining a little. No scent was laid till we reached the Recreation Ground. We there scattered the scent in the hedge bottom to cause the hounds as much trouble in finding it as we could. We then took the hounds over Modder River, the boys' nickname for Potwell Dyke, and went towards the Cricket Ground. The scent was then laid over the fields on to the Nottingham Road, and then in the direction of Westhorpe, but we laid a false track as far as "Brackenhurst." Westhorpe Dumble was reached after a tough struggle over some ploughed fields. The Dumbles' banks were very steep and slippery owing to the rain which was now falling fast. We slipped and rolled to the bottom. I was on my back four times in trying to descend. We then took to the fields in the direction of Halam, and after going over a good many, we were surprised to find ourselves south of Halam, having calculated that we should come out on the Halam Road. The course was then made through Halam and towards Edingley, but we turned off at a house named "Littledale," towards Goldhill. After passing the old deserted mill we took to the fields having kept to the road from Halam. We took our course towards a field which was near to the road between Edingley and Southwell. But we had only gone a short distance in it when my companion, who was in a red shirt, was chased by a bull. We sprinted at a pace none of the hounds could hope to equal, and upon reaching the boundary of the field found to our horror no gate but a thick hedge, but as the old proverb says, "Where there's a will there's a way," and we made a road through the hedge. When we reached the other side another danger awaited us in the shape of a woman with a stick. We, however, got away from her more easily than we did from the bull, and took our course to Kirklington station. "Osmanthorpe" farm was then reached and false tracks laid round the farm. The Greet came in our way, but we waded it, though it was not very nice running in wet football boots. We should have stopped at Kirklington had we known that the hounds were at the School changing, having given up because they could not find the track or lacked the British pluck to go over sticky ploughed fields. Some hounds gave up at the first two miles and decided to go bird-nesting, or some other thing totally different to paper-chasing. Two boys who were bird-nesting came upon the track that we had laid only two minutes ago, and having learnt from two wood-cutters how near we were, they gave chase. They soon gave up, having found something that required less exertion than paper-chasing—it was pushing stones down rabbit holes. Having crossed the Greet we came to the Kirklington Cricket Ground. The course was then made up the Hockerton Road and finally we reached Hockerton, after experiencing the worst part of the chase, having kept to the road

for a distance of two and a half miles. We did not make for home at Hockerton, but went straight on, till Car Dyke was reached, near Upton, and getting over some fences we took to the fields running parallel to the Dyke. We were on the right bank and the wind was blowing right across the Dyke, so we had only to throw the paper into the air, and it was blown on to the opposite bank, making a good false track. Having run by the Dyke for two miles, we came upon Upton Road, and made for home by Becher's Walk. We were surprised when we reached the School to find some boys playing games, others eating oranges, which were provided at dinner with the pancakes, others were out walking. They pretended to laugh at us, but it was rather our turn to laugh, for we had far the most satisfaction, as we did play the game and ran a good track, but none had the pluck and energy, or resource to follow it. The game therefore was won easily by the hares after a good run of about 12 miles.

M. W.

THE SHROVE TUESDAY PAPER-CHASE.

THE PAPER-CHASE FROM A "HOUND'S" POINT OF VIEW.

The paper-chase this year was not an event around which happy memories cluster—for the "hounds" at any rate—the "foxes" will probably regard it as one of *the* events of their lives, and they have plenty of reason for it too. Perhaps it will not be out of place here to give some account of the preparation for the chase. When it was definitely decided that there was to be a paper-chase on Shrove Tuesday old newspapers and old "work-books" were collected and empty desks were brought into requisition for purposes of storage. When the desks were filled, the "mail-bags," the same that were used in the chase, were brought round and the contents of the desks transferred to their capacious depths. The day drew nearer and nearer and all were waiting with anxiety to know whom the Headmaster would choose for "foxes"? On Monday it was announced that M. Wilkinson and H. Rumford were the elect. They had several "confabs" and the Ordnance Map and Phillips' Map of Nottinghamshire were studied very closely. Shrove Tuesday came at last. The sun was shining brightly and most of the boys thoughts were either on the forthcoming run, or the pancakes, or both. It is rather difficult to say which of these two subjects was uppermost in the mind. Towards two o'clock, the time arranged for the start, the sky became over-clouded and rain began to fall. In spite of this, however, the "foxes" set off at the fixed time, cutting rather grotesque figures as they hugged their miniature sacks filled with paper. It had been agreed that the first tracks should be laid in the Recreation Ground, a field about a quarter of a mile from the School, and that the "foxes" should have ten minutes' start, but owing to a sharp shower, we "hounds" were unable to set off until twenty minutes past two

o'clock, which we did in high glee. When the Recreation Ground was reached we all spread out, and in a few minutes there was a shout of "Here it is," and all but two, ran as if drawn by a magnet to the spot whence the cry came. We were soon running along the bank of the little Potwell Dyke and on the path leading to the Cricket Ground. We left this on crossing the road and two more fields brought us to the Nottingham Road which we followed until we branched off into a lane where the track was so thin that for a time we were baffled. After about 200 yards up this lane we followed the track into a cultivated field where the running was extremely difficult. In the middle of this field we were again baffled for a short until some one sighted the track at a gap in the hedge. The running in this field was no better, but this trouble was soon ended on reaching the lane again. We followed the track for about another half-mile when we lost it at a point where two gates stood opposite, and, as it was now pouring with rain we pushed on to Westhorpe Dumbles, where we sheltered for about twenty minutes, during which we enjoyed ourselves immensely by climbing the slippery banks of this miniature glen. As all of us were wet through, we decided to return to School, walking, but when we reached the road we started to run. I cannot tell whether we did this because we were wet or because we wished to avoid awkward questions from friends whom we might meet, anyhow, we ran all the way back to School. We were greeted somewhat derisively by one of the masters and the few younger boys who had been left behind. By common consent the blame was laid on the shoulders of the two senior boys who brought the "hounds" back, and this was the first time that ever I wished I hadn't been a senior. The two who were mentioned before as not having joined the chase at the beginning dropped across the track at some other point and followed it to Halam where they lost it, and being unable to recover it, also returned. There was however one benefit accruing from this otherwise most unsatisfactory afternoon, namely, a half-holiday later on in the term on a fine afternoon, as a compensation for the wretched one on Shrove-Tuesday.

PING PONG.

At the end of the Autumn Term all the Boarders, and those Day Boys who cared to do so, took part in a Ping Pong Tournament at the School House. The younger boys received a good handicap, and many close and exciting games were witnessed. Thus the last evening of the Term, before travelling homewards to mince pies and plum puddings, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The winners of the prizes were:—1st prize, Martin Wilkinson, 2nd prize, Stewart Smith.

A DAY'S FISHING NEAR PLINLIMMON.

Francis, a great friend of mine, who is a lieutenant in the Gloucestershires, was recently at home on furlough. I met him one day soon after his return, and he mentioned that on the next day he was going up to the grouse moors and asked if I could go up with him till the end of the week. Circumstances did not permit my so doing, but I offered to accompany him and have a day's fishing in the streams up on the moors. We finally decided that I was to accompany him for the day and leave him at a shepherd's house.

On the next day we met, as arranged, at six o'clock and started on our eleven miles' walk. We had received an addition in Vaughan, who was also going up for the grouse shooting. It was slightly misty, and a fine drizzling rain was falling, which however cleared off in about an hour. After ten minutes' walk we were well out on the Common, which is a large tract of barren land covered with bracken. A little further and we came to a little village called Forge, through which runs the Dulas, a tributary of the Dovey. We passed over a stone bridge which crosses a small stream which flows into the Dulas. The road follows this stream up to its source, some three miles distant. All along the stream are dotted clumps of hazel, while here and there stands towering above them a stately silver birch. All about are woods of fir and larch, while looking forward we can see the bare and rocky hills of our destination. We ascend a steep bank after having walked about four miles, and there lies before us an entire change of scenery. We are at the top of another valley. Down below us is the Dulas, which, a mile away, comes hurtling over the mountain side, forming a magnificent cascade, sixty yards high. Opposite us are high hills covered with purple heather, with a clump of larches in a hollow, where the buzzard hawk nests. On the bank on which we stand grow stunted oak trees and gorse. Our road descends straight down and across the stream by a wooden bridge, three-quarters of a mile below the waterfalls. We cross another bridge and point straight up the mountain side to the head of the valley. At last the top of the hill above the falls, and about a hundred yards from them, there lie before us the moors, undulating and stretching for miles. The landscape is totally different to the valley below. Tall, rank grass, yellowish, without hardly a tinge of green; no trees to be seen; the yellowness is only broken by occasional patches of brown, which turn out to be peat bogs, and through it winds the stream like a silver thread. The silence of the moor is only broken by the sound of our voices. Hardly any animal is met here except a solitary fox, or perhaps another fishing. Bird life however is plentiful; sometimes a whirr of wings and a family of grouse start up, a long piercing cry and we perceive that we are trespassing on the dominion of the hawk; occasionally a deep hollow croak denotes the presence of the raven, while along the stream are met wild duck and another solitary and wary fisher, which, on your approach, wings leisurely away.

We however have no time to waste, and after half an hour's walk come in sight of a shepherd's house called Hyddgen, surrounded by a long row of low-lying buildings where shearing is carried on. About a quarter of a mile before we reach the house we notice some boulders heaped together on the road side, and on looking closely at them see that they mark the spot on where a shepherd died in a snow-storm in the winter of 1900. We put some of our baggage in the house and start fishing in the stream which flows past the house, and which has its source in a peat bog two miles away. The water tastes of peat and is yellowish in colour, though it is quite clear. Though we put forth all our skill, sport is poor, and we determine to push on to the main stream. We are now at Rheidiol, and right opposite us, bare and rocky, is Plinlimmon. We see another shepherd's house past which flows a little stream which comes from Llyn Llygad Rheidiol, "the pool at the eye, or source of the Rheidiol." On all sides, except through which the stream flows, lies precipitous crags, where the raven builds her nest. We now have better sport, and rapidly from every pool draw out the golden trout. The fly is thrown lightly upon a swirling eddy underneath the opposite bank, the line suddenly grows taut, a sharp turn of the wrist, then there is a sudden fierce rush up the stream, and your excitement is not allayed until he is laid gasping on the bank. Turning a sharp corner in the stream we suddenly come upon another fisher, who however flew away; he has probably come from an heronry about twelve miles distant. The river here is lined with boulders, which after a little disappear, and it opens out on a wide flat valley. At this point we have our lunch. After lunch we again start fishing, and on the long flat stretches of water, rippled by the wind, we add considerably to our baskets. After fishing for about a mile we come to Hingwmanedd, a name which even I do not know the meaning of. Here the stream divides into two, and we notice a curious phenomena: the stream on the left is a moorland stream, and runs through peat bogs, and the fish in it are black-backed, golden yellow underneath, with bright pink spots along their sides: while the stream on the right is quite blue in colour, and runs through gravelly soil, and along it are strewn huge boulders. The trout in this stream are the most beautiful I have seen, dark fish, dazzling silvery white underneath, and covered along back and sides with splendid black rings, which in a fish about a foot long attain the size of a three-penny piece. Francis decides to go up the moorland stream, while I go up the other. By looking carefully over the boulders I see some beauties basking in the sun, but an incautious movement scared them underneath the banks. By lying down and casting over the boulders, and keeping well away from the stream, I get however many a good fish. I come at last to the source where some of my best are landed. The stream here is three to four feet wide, but with very deep holes with rushes growing at the sides, and coming up at the top to form a canopy over the stream. It is difficult to fish here, but occasionally there was a patch bare of rushes, where the fly could be gently dropped and allowed to float down stream. How different was the manner in which the fish here took the fly: in the deep wide pools there is

a sudden rush towards the alluring bait and a swift return, if possible, to its lair beneath the bank, so that often a fish hooked itself; here the fly was calmly swallowed, and as suddenly rejected if allowed a single instant to do so. In this way several good fish were lost, and also several good pieces of gut, which got fast in the flowers of the rushes, and were snapped by the rushing fish. It is now getting on in the afternoon, and I take a last glimpse at the steep hill which hides from me the source of the Severn and start fishing down stream. On arriving at the junction of the two streams I meet Francis, who has been waiting for me. I find that I have more fish, while his are the heavier and finer. We determine to abandon the stream and make a bee line for Hyddgen, which is about two miles away, but which is hid from us by the hills. We are guided by the tarns on the hills; these are large heaps of stones raised by the Surveyors of the last Ordnance Survey. On ascending the hill in front of us we find ourselves in the midst of peat bogs, and with difficulty pick our way along the edges. Great long walls of peat, eight or nine feet high, stretch on every side. These have been cut out by the autumn floods, though now there is no sign of a stream. We suddenly come upon some grouse; the parent birds and six young ones, who whirr away and settle down about two hundred yards away. Little do they think of the morrow. After arguing a little about the right direction we steer a middle course, and at last come into sight of Hyddgen. We put up another family of grouse; they are only four in number, the rest of the family having probably died during the heavy rains of a week ago. The two young birds are puny little things barely able to fly, one of which Francis knocked down with his cap. The hen bird was flying about and calling plaintively, so we left them unmolested, and their lives would probably be spared that year. I left Francis at Hyddgen, and started homewards with another companion. I had not yet pulled my rod apart, so when I got near the top of the cascade I could not resist trying a rocky pool there. Keeping well out of sight I made my first throw on a dark patch of swiftly flowing water near the opposite bank. The line suddenly stopped and got taut, there was a sudden rush up and down the pool, then, before I knew how it happened, the line got slack again. I thought as I slowly and sadly reeled in my line, as every true fisherman does, that that was the best fish of the day. I pulled my rod apart and stepped briskly down the steep path and walked homewards by the same road I had followed in the morning. I reached home about half-past seven, when I find dinner awaiting me. After a little talking I went quietly to bed. Thus ended a pleasant day in the Welsh hills.

THE ORPHAN.

The snow lay thick upon the ground,
The night was as clear as the day,
Out in the street, alone, was found
A child who bid passers stay;
Clad in a suit all tattered and torn,
And nothing to cover his feet,
There he stayed from night 'till morn,
While others were fast asleep.

"Hark! I hear sure footsteps coming,
 'Tis the policeman on his beat,
 I must from his sight be moving
 Or I'll get a kick with his feet;
 I have not strength to move a limb,
 I have not cheek to beg for bread,
 O God in Heaven pray pity him,
 For both his parents now lie dead.
 Onward comes the tramp of duty,
 I must sure to prison go,
 But now I see through things more clearly,
 I see the sky open, and faces I know;
 Alas, I feel sleepy, so here I'll lie,
 Not forgetting that first I must pray:
 "O Lord in heaven please shew me the way
 To obtain a Crown at the Judgment Day."
 There flashes a light across a body,
 Two arms extend to raise a child,
 A policeman's heart is warm with mercy,
 Though the night be cold and wild;
 All is too late, the soul's departed,
 Death has been and done its deed,
 Had he been an hour sooner!
 Death does no policeman heed.

F. A. MARSHALL.

OLD BOYS' COLUMN.

In response to the following circular a meeting was held and the Old Southwellians' Society was inaugurated on May 4th.

DEAR SIR,

April, 1905.

"OLD SOUTHWELLIAN SOCIETY."

We are glad to acknowledge receipt of your letter informing us of your intention to support and become a member of the above Society, and we now have pleasure in advising you that it is proposed to hold the First Meeting of the Society at the Grammar School, Southwell (by kind invitation of the Rev. J. S. Wright), on Thursday, the 4th of May, at 4.15 p.m., for the purpose of electing Officers and Committee, fixing annual subscription, and arranging other matters connected with the Inauguration of the Society.

The sad death of Mrs. Wright, and other circumstances have necessitated postponement of this meeting beyond the date originally anticipated, but it is hoped that you will make a *special effort* to be present, so that the Society may have an encouraging and successful opening.

Kindly reply to one of the undersigned before the 27th inst.

We are, dear Sir, Yours faithfully,

J. M. BARNETT,

133, Carlton Road, Nottingham;

E. B. HIBBERT,

Beechenhurst, Mansfield;

E. A. MERRYWEATHER,

Southwell;

Acting Secretaries.

The Head Master being voted to the chair opened the proceedings by reading the following letter, which he said had been instrumental in awakening the desire lying dormant in the hearts of many old Southwellians for the formation of such a Society. E. B. Hibbert had taken up the matter with energy and enthusiasm and successfully brought matters to their present position.

Letter addressed to the Editor of the *The Southwellian* :—

"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 lead me to suggest that such a means would be found in an Old Southwellian Society.

The period of re-organization and re-construction through which the School is 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 for 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 Minister, grand and grey, stole into my heart with its message of 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."

The Secretaries announced that they had received Letters from many Old Boys, from which the following representative extracts are given :—

ALNWICK.

"I am delighted to receive your circular proposing an Old Boys' Society for the Old School. It has often occurred to me that such an institution would be an immense success. I am, of course, heartily and entirely in sympathy with the suggestion."

MELBOURNE.

"I was so pleased to receive the Magazine, it reminded me so much of the jolly times I had in my schooldays. I hope to attend the meeting."

BURTON JOYCE.

"I myself would try to be present, but could not promise definitely. I have been at the Old School several times since I left, to play in the Annual Match, and always enjoy myself. Last summer, when I was there, Mr. Wright showed me my father's name, where he wrote it some 50 years ago on a pane in one of the windows. I can assure you I felt very proud to think that my father went to the Old School before me, and now I have a son I mean to send him if I can."

"Undoubtedly the idea is a good one. I shall have much pleasure in being a member of the Old Southwellians' Society.

E. TINLEY, Assistant Resident Magistrate, Griqua Town, S.A."

"I shall be very pleased to join an Old Boys' Society. Some years ago, in writing to Mr. Wright, I strongly advocated the forming of an Old Boys' Society. W. H. SMITH, Mansfield."

"My brother and I will be glad to join.

H. WILKINSON, Nottm. & Notts. Bank, Retford."

And many others, from England, Australia, and S.A.

The Rev. W. Webster, Head Master of the Junior School, Liverpool College, then proposed the establishment of a Society in the following terms:—

The late Professor Drummond used to say that life consisted in being in vital communication with one's environment; which means, for instance, that *I live* just so long as *I*, by any faculty which I may possess, *am able to preserve my contact with all the beings and things, material and immaterial, which surround me*, and that I die as soon as I lose this power of living communication with my environment. The environment remains, but as I am no longer in contact with it, I am dead to it. Just to take one instance:—Beethoven, one of the greatest of musical composers, whose symphonies and sonatas will always delight the truly musical, began to lose his hearing when he was only 28 years of age; in a short time he became totally deaf and lived—or shall I say, existed—in that condition for over 20 years. Was he not in a sense dead? Was not the whole world of sound, which was still round him, a closed world to him? The songs of birds and the voices of nature, the harmonious combinations of the orchestra, and the glorious human voice were all as nothing to him! He had lost the faculty—the means of communication he had once possessed—of keeping him in living touch with that great portion of his environment, the world of sound.

Now I take it that an Old Boys' Society is to be the faculty, the means of keeping up life with that portion of our environment enshrined in our old School. While you and I were scholars here we were in touch with the corporate life of the school; we had the opportunity of living amongst all the influences and agents at work here to develop body, mind and spirit, and I feel sure most of us can recall with true

thankfulness that the influences, both of our late Head Master, Mr. John Wright, and our present Head Master, his son, have always been of the highest and best that they could give us. With both of them we deeply sympathise at this present time, the one in the loss of a wife, who had been so faithful a partner to him, and the other in the loss of a mother, to whose maternal care a great deal of the prosperity of this School is due. I may be pardoned, too, if I take this public opportunity of recording that Mrs. Wright was to me a true mother for many years.

I say then that while we were boys at the School we needed no further means of communication than those we then had. I fear some of us did not always use our privileges; we were too lazy in our games and bodily recreation, too indolent in our mental development, and too careless and indifferent in our spiritual life; but, if so, it was our own fault. Now, however, as old boys, and resident—at least some of us—far away from the place of our boyhood, we need some continual reminder of our School. To be that reminder will be the duty of this Society, for whose inauguration we are met to-day, and its success will depend on the mutual fulfilment of our obligations; for if the Society serves this purpose of bringing all old boys into vital relation with the School, then a double flow of life will result—from the School and back to the School. *From* the School by means of the School Magazine, by circular, by private letter, there will flow a constant stream of the life and doings at the old School, while *to* the School there will return that interest, congratulation, sympathy—not merely sympathy by word of mouth, but practical help in contribution of money, when needed, which alone will cement the bonds of good fellowship and make our Society not merely a name, but a power for good.

I say with all my heart: *Floreat* Old Southwellian Society!

The motion was seconded and carried.

The following Rules were then adopted.

- 1.—The Society shall be termed "Old Southwellians' Society."
- 2.—All past members of the School, either Masters or Boys, shall be eligible for membership.
The Captain of the School for the time being shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Society.
- 3.—The objects of the Society shall be the promotion of friendship and goodwill among Old Southwellians, and the maintenance of the connection between them and the School.
- 4.—The Officers shall be: President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Treasurer, two Honorary Secretaries, and a Committee of four.
- 5.—The subscription shall be 2/6 a year, to include a copy of the *Southwellian*, which shall be the organ of the Society. Subscriptions shall become due on January 1st in each year.

It was suggested that as many Old Boys as possible should meet on the occasion of the Annual Cricket Match against Southwell Town C.C., on June 24th, and on the day of the

Sports, when the next General Meeting will be held and arrangements made for holding a Dinner on November 1st.

Also, that it is desirable that a list should be printed of all members of the Society, giving their addresses and the date when they left the School. Will members kindly send particulars to the Secretaries?

The office of President was left vacant, so that the Committee might approach an Old Southwellian with the object of obtaining his consent to be nominated.

The Rev. J. S. Wright, M.A., and the Rev. W. Webster, M.A., were elected Vice-Presidents. Mr. E. A. Merryweather was elected Hon. Treasurer, and Messrs. E. B. Hibbert, Mansfield, and J. M. Barnett, Carlton Road, Nottingham, Joint Hon. Secs.; W. E. Palmer, W. Lee and F. A. Dixon were elected on the Committee.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Old Southwellians' Society asks the attention of all Old Southwellians to the letter enclosed herewith.

An interesting letter has been received from G. H. Spedding who is congratulated on passing his examination for Second Mate's Certificate. He writes:—

"I have no doubt you have quite forgotten me . . . but my school-days at Southwell are still very fresh in my memory, and often at sea, in the night watches, with my thoughts as my only companions, they have travelled back to the old school-room where I spent so many happy hours, and, alas! a few unpleasant 'five minutes.'

My first ship was bound for Sydney and Newcastle, N.S.W. Sydney I found to be a lovely place, so far as scenery is concerned, and the colonials are a very nice class of people. From Sydney we went to San Francisco, a different place in every way. From San Francisco we came home, the voyage taking twelve months. Next I went to Caleta Buena, a small port in Chile, then to New York, and afterwards to St. John's, Newfoundland, finally finishing at Londonderry, Ireland.

Last voyage I went to New Zealand, and of all the people out of England that I have met, I like New Zealanders best."

Marriages.

Mr. Harry Freeman, to Miss Cooke, at Epperstone, on April 25th.

AND

Mr. W. Lee, to Miss Parr, at Lowdham, on April 27th.

Congratulations and Good Wishes.

It is proposed to have two Old Boys' Races at the Sports, if sufficient entries are received. Competitors are requested to write at once and the date will be announced by Circular.

(1.) 220 Yards Handicap.

(2.) A Walking Race of (say) 1 Mile.

THE Old Southwellians' Society.

The Woodlands,

Southwell,

June 20th, 1905.

Dear Sir,

I know you will be interested in the details of our Inaugural Meeting, fully reported in the pages of the accompanying Magazine.

I shall be glad to hear from all Old Southwellians, and hope they will support the Society, allowing us to enroll them as members.

The subscription of 2/6 per annum is now due for the current year. I should like to receive this at once, that I may be able to report good progress at our next General Meeting, held in July.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST A. MERRYWEATHER,

Hon. Treasurer.