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School Notes.

GOVERNING BODY.

AT a recent meeting of the Governors several matters connected with the School improvements were set on foot—notably, the painting of the passages, repairs to the playground, and re-fitting of the bicycle shed. This last item will be a great gain. The shed in its present state can never have been constructed by a cyclist.

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The reference to the lack of pictures in the School, made by the Headmaster in his report, was generously taken up by the Rector of Southwell, who gave us two well-known pictures: Millet's "Angelus" and "The Boyhood of Raleigh," by Millais.

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Other pictures were purchased out of various funds : two exquisite Medici prints—Peter de Hooch's "Dutch Courtyard," with its rich glow and sunlit street beyond, and Whistler's "Portrait of his mother." A photograph of the "Discobolus" hangs in the Sixth Form Room.

GENERAL.

We heartily congratulate all those who helped to make the production of *Twelfth Night* so great a success. We give elsewhere a criticism of the play. There were, altogether, four performances, and the takings exceeded anything before taken. Mr. Barrett's excellent photographs of Sir Toby, the Duke, and Malvolio, appeared in the *Nottingham Guardian*.

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Mr. Summers, whose lectures at the School are always so much appreciated, had the pleasure of giving his lecture on "Monastic Remains in Nottinghamshire" to the Historical Association at University College, Nottingham.

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The following left the School at Christmas :—

H. E. Beaumont.—Entered September, 1918; Form II; Left VI. Head Prefect. 1st XV.

S. A. Cooke.—Entered January, 1922: Form III.; Left V.

L. Wilson.—Entered September, 1919: Form II.; Left IV. 1st XI. Cricket.

W. A. Ward.—Entered January, 1923: Form II.; Left III. Chorister.

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The following have entered the School this Term :—

N. W. Howard .. Placed Form III. .. Nottingham.

H. Gibson III. .. West Bridgford.

J. G. Hill II. .. Beeston.

C. H. Lowings III. .. Southwell.

D. A. Lowings II. .. Southwell.

Chorister.

E. A. Baxter II. .. Southwell.

Chorister.

D. H. Hutchinson. II. .. Southwell.

Chorister.

THE MAGAZINE.

We reprint from our Christmas number the following paragraph, because this number will be circulated to all members of the Old Southwellian Society :

"The response to our appeal to Old Southwellians to support the publication of the School Magazine was distinctly

disappointing. We feel certain that the issue of three numbers a year is a good thing in itself, and no one can question the excellence of our new number.

"Apart from the record of the old School's doings, a vigorous School Magazine is an asset to any school with records worthy of account, and by subscribing to the Magazine Old Southwellians have an opportunity of giving the School tangible proof of their affection and loyalty.

"Besides, Old Boys have in the Magazine an opportunity of letting other Old Boys know of their whereabouts and doings. Reports of marriages, and births of future Southwellians, let us hope, will be welcomed.

"Future activities of the Society can be announced, and further activities stimulated. But, if these announcements only reach ten out of hundreds of Southwellians! We consider the close association of Old Boys with their old School the supreme test.

"The subscription to the Society is 2/6. Such subscribers will receive the Easter Magazine. But, to get the Summer and Christmas numbers in addition, and so complete the year's record, another half-a-crown should be sent to the Editor, who will post the two numbers."

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We should like to thank W. B. Sharley for his generous donation to the School Library.

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Prefects this Term have been :—G. S. Woodcock, H. E. Woodcock, T. Hoad, A. E. Smith, N. Bond, and G. D. Wells.

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1st XV. Colours have been awarded to T. Hoad and G. D. Wells.

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1st XI. Colours returning next Term : H. E. Woodcock, G. S. Woodcock, and H. Leek.

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G. S. Woodcock will be Captain of Cricket for the coming season, and H. E. Woodcock has been elected Vice-Captain.

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Our numbers this Term have been 78: Day-boys, 53; Boarders, 25.

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Term ends on Wednesday, April 16th. Next Term will begin on Thursday, May 8th, and will end on Friday, July 25th. Certificate candidates will finish on Saturday, July 26th. There will be no Half-Term holiday.

Speech Day.

Speech Day took place on Thursday, December 13th, when Professor A. W. Kirkaldy, M.A., B. Litt., M. Com., Professor of Economics at University College, Nottingham, presented the prizes. Our space was, as usual, taxed to the uttermost.

The Bishop of Southwell took the chair, and called on the Headmaster to read his report for the year ending July, 1923, which was as follows:

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It seems hardly a year ago since we were honoured by your presence on a similar occasion. I am sure we appreciate more and more each year your willingness to risk the congestion of Southwell Schoolroom, because it argues a determination to support the School in spite of the well-known limitation of space. And I am always very pleased to see you in this room. We are at home here, and although we might accommodate you slightly better elsewhere, we could not be at home to you quite so naturally; nor would you see the place about which you must hear so much from your boys.

So again I extend our heartiest welcome to Governors, parents and friends, to the School, which, though wanting in space, has endured in time out of all comparison with any other school in the country. Whatever may happen in other spheres of national life, and notably in the political world, Southwell School goes on. And I know it is your hope that it may long continue to flourish.

This Report covers the School Year which ended in July of this year, with some allusions to this present Term. The year has been one of steady progress, as a result of which we may at the outset congratulate ourselves on the achievement of the Form which took the School Certificate Examination. All the candidates entered passed, without exception, an event we signalised by taking an extra half-day holiday at Half-Term. With regard to such public examinations, I should like to urge this point with so many parents present. Do not let your boys leave us without some such standard of achievement. I am not covetous for mere percentages of passes, nor am I unaware that examinations are not always a test of merit. Far from it,—for we have with us boys who, shall I say, have not the genius for passing examinations, but who, by accepting responsibilities in the upper part of the School, and giving loyal service, have acquired merit

far above certificated rewards. Yet even with those the honest efforts to attain to a high standard in their Form has been a disciplinary endeavour of great value. But neither this result nor the other of passing the test of a public examining body can be brought about unless parents let their boys stay long enough. To pass out of the School without ever having experienced a term of office as Prefect or House Captain or Secretary of some school society, or without any outside test of intellectual attainment, is to miss the very thing which schools like this can most assuredly give. It is, moreover, to lose the value of much that has been gained in the earlier years, of discipline and obedience to law. Nothing, you will agree, has such a sobering effect on elements of opposition as a year or two of office. Nor is anything more important in a training for citizenship than the acceptance of some responsibility, however small. An ex-Prefect of a school will be the more ready to take his share in later years in the public services of his village or town, whether as a parish councillor or churchwarden, or in some such capacity.

But as regards the examination certificate, this is, at any rate, a purely impartial, detached outside judgment on the ordinary work of the school. It is something you can show to the heads of business houses as independent proof of having reached a certain standard of attainment, even if it is not very high. It reinforces anything a Headmaster may say, and is some proof that he is not boasting his own wares out of mere kindness of heart for his pupil. Then, again, the preliminary success will, undoubtedly, whet the eagerness of the boy himself to go on with his education, instead of drifting into a vacuity which is dangerous and demoralising. Unless our education makes a boy eager to go on because he has caught the gleam, it is failing. I am glad to say that all those who took the School Certificate in July last are going on, either at University College, Nottingham, or at Training Colleges; and we still receive reports of the progress of Old Southwellians of older standing who are continuing the work they began here at places of higher education. I should like again to congratulate Harold Beckett on his work at University College.

Such work as I have referred to can only be achieved in an atmosphere of enthusiasm, and we have here a Staff of workers who really love the School, and all that it stands for. Both in the class-room and in the many activities that lie outside the class-room the Staff has shown a devotion which is not only fully appreciated in the School by the boys, but is highly valued by the Governors and myself.

Parents, I expect, hear a good deal about us ; we expect candid and partial criticism ; but I fully believe that if we are accounted beasts by our critics, they will all of them add that we are just beasts. As a matter of fact, in calmer moments they will probably admit that we are jolly decent fellows : a standard of judgment which, as a schoolmaster of some years' experience, I accept as a very high tribute.

At Christmas we are losing Mr. Palmer. I cannot here refer adequately to his work for the School. It reveals itself in so many ways, notably in the improvement of the English throughout the School, in the increased use of the School Library (a sure test), and in the high standard of output in the School Magazine. The fact that to-night we produce *Twelfth Night* shows activity related to his work. Mr. Palmer is leaving to take Holy Orders and to work in Eastern Canada. And that, my lord, is true to Southwell traditions, that we should turn out men to serve God in Church as in State. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Palmer every happiness in their new life. I have appointed Mr. L. D. Heppenstall, formerly Scholar of Jesus College, Oxford, to take Mr. Palmer's place.

The health of the School has, on the whole, been good. But our unbroken record of immunity from epidemics was destroyed in the Summer by an outbreak of measles. It created some dislocation in the lower part of the School. Thanks to the care and skill of Mrs. Matthews, we had only two cases in the house. The outbreak upset a cricket season which promised well. Apart from this, the attendance throughout the year has been good. I need hardly remind parents of the value of continuity in attendance. A day missed often means the loss of some new point to be gained upon which further work is based, so that it is not a loss of one day only, but a break in a line of thought that is not always made up. Nothing but illness should interfere with the boy's course of work.

The School games show every evidence of enthusiasm, leading to a growing success. This is most noticeable in Rugby football. Under the defeats which might have made many Fifteens quail, our people have come up smiling and determined. With such spirit did they face last season's time of trial that this season they are reaping a reward which made that time worth while. The composite side made up of the School XV. and Staff has not been beaten so far, and the School side alone is not only holding its own, but is admittedly playing the game as it should be played. While referring to the School games, I should like to say that we are assured in our occupation of one of the best grounds for cricket or football in the county, and its distance from the School is no bar to a full attendance every half-holiday.

Our numbers remain about the same : 76. There has been an increase in the number of Day-Boys, and a slight fall in the number of Boarders. The most interesting point is the growth of our connection down the line as far as Lowdham, which now sends quite a formidable contingent daily. With this I close my report for the year. Your presence here to-day is a proof of your interest as parents, Governors, or friends of the School, and we thank you for that interest. It is an encouragement to us to go forward and to make Southwell what it has so long been—a place from which generation after generation may draw spiritual power.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Bishop, in his address to the boys, remarked as the Headmaster had said—it scarcely seemed a year since they were gathered together before. Time passed quickly, and the history of the School passed quickly, too, and he would like them to understand and try to realise that they were passing through an extraordinarily important part of their national life. They were talking at the present time about politics and various things which had been before them of late, and in which all took an interest, but a far more important thing they had to remember was that what the country really wanted was leaders. They were suffering in various parts of the country from what they might call want of "leadering," and when they talked to some of their great men of commerce and financiers they were told that what they were looking for at the present moment were men from the Public Schools and Universities who had not only learned certain things out of books, but had learned a far more important thing, the ability to lead men in the great work of the country and the citizenship of the Empire. He had been talking to one of these great men of commerce, and he had been telling him of his interviews with Oxford and Cambridge men who had come to be appointed to some of the most important posts in the country. He described the kind of conversation he had with these men, and said they had not been in his office five minutes before he found that they were not out for the good of the country or Empire, but were all for self. What they were looking for was someone who thought not merely of self. They first began to think of the School, then of after life,—possibly, it might be in the parish or town ; then their thoughts naturally began to turn to country and Empire : and that was what had made the success of the Indian and Egyptian Civil Service. It was just that spirit they wanted to raise in the schools. He was speaking to some boys who would later become citizens in some of

our towns, and might be responsible for a great deal of the life of those towns. They might be Mayors or Councillors; they might hold leadership. What they wanted in those positions was men who were not out merely for self and self-aggrandisement, but honestly looking out for the welfare of the community in which they lived, with good citizenship and good leadership; and if that be their lot, he trusted that what the School had taught them they would remember. That was the object for which the School existed. There was no division between the religious and secular: it was all God's work, and so they tried to develop the spiritual life, the mental life, and they tried to develop the whole personality, and they knew if they did that, then whatever the future of the boy might be, it would be a blessing to him. That was the great object of the School. (Applause.)

PROFESSOR KIRKALDY.

Professor Kirkaldy, in referring to the Headmaster's allusion to the small dimensions of the School, said he hoped that before long Southwell would rejoice in adequate buildings. As the Headmaster had said, it was one of the oldest Grammar Schools in the country, but about sixty and seventy years ago it almost had a knock-out blow. But still it subsisted, and they hoped that under Mr. Matthews this School had started on a new career, and that long before most of them had ceased to have anything to do with it, it would once again have developed to that point they all desired to see. There was ample scope in Southwell for a really good Grammar School, developing perhaps into the dignity of a Public School. For himself, when he considered the history of that old foundation, and the great names connected with the Minster and the surrounding neighbourhood, it seemed to him they ought not to be content with a comparatively small school like the present one, but the value of the old traditions should be realised, and they should build up something which could draw inspiration from the distinguished past. They were living in days when tradition counted for little, although it meant so much. They could ill afford to spare these traditions, and when they had the possibility of re-building the traditions they ought to do so. They might say that was the business of the Governors of the School. To a certain extent it might be, but, unfortunately, in these progressive days Governors made very good figure-heads to use as "cock-shies," but there was behind the Governors an authority, very exacting, and very difficult to get near. They had behind them the County Education Authority and the Central Education Authority, and though they might be kindly

disposed towards them, they might be more so if they at the School showed ability to help themselves. The inspiration for this must come, not so much from the Council as from the boys and Staff of the School. If they built up a great spirit worthy of a great school, although it might be only a small beginning it would have great influence and great developments. It would strengthen the hands of the Council, and it would persuade the County authorities and the Central Authority, the Board of Education, that this was a place where a great Grammar School should be founded and maintained. The Headmaster had told them about the playing fields. On those fields they learned to play the game, to exercise team work, and to give and take. That was only one part of their school life—they had class work to do. But they had still greater advantages: they were adjoining one of the famous monuments of the country—the old Minster. All its associations and all it meant to religion should appeal to the imagination of the boys who were educated there, as few other things could. Of the boys who attended the Services in the Minster, and took part in the beautifully-rendered Services and music, how many realised that the Chapter House was one of the priceless treasures of Art of the world? (Applause.) To use an ordinary expression, the boys had got to "buck-up!" The boys and men of this country at the present time were on their trial: they were facing difficulties, facing problems which were not going to be settled by merely taking our ease in easy-chairs. They were now at the end of a political struggle which had opened up new possibilities, which might, perhaps, mean a better future for the country. Did they realise that there were nearly a dozen women M.P.'s? He remembered when there were only two Labour Members of Parliament. In the last Parliament, Labour became His Majesty's Opposition. At the present moment there was a possibility that Labour might become His Majesty's Government. And before many years were out, if the men were apathetic, and did not train themselves in citizenship, they would find the women taking the place of men, and they would have them growing in numbers in Parliament and every public office. He wondered how many of the boys realised their responsibilities as citizens of the greatest Empire in the world? The Empire's work in the world had not been for the purpose of domination, but to elevate: and that had been the secret of their success. They had succeeded, not because they had been unduly selfish, but because their traders had seen the possibilities and had set out on a policy calculated to elevate and benefit the world. There was need for discipline in this country

as there had never been before ; there was need for that regard for authority which meant so much in the development of character. There was need for team-work in all directions ; no one could carry on with a policy of self. In conclusion, he again appealed to the boys to realise their responsibilities to the town in which the School was situated. (Applause.)

A vote of thanks to Professor Kirkaldy for distributing the prizes was proposed by Archdeacon Conybeare, seconded by Mr. Harold Browne, and carried, with applause.

The following was the Prize-List :—

FORM PRIZES.—VI., H. A. Cobbin ; V., N. Bond ;
IV., H. F. Kirk ; III., F. Barrett ; II.,
A. Steedman.

HISTORY AND ENGLISH PRIZES (Canon Glaister's
Bequest).—I, H. Woodcock ; 2, G. D. Wells ;
3, W. Swift.

FRENCH.—I, A. E. Smith ; 2, F. Newbould ;
3, F. Barrett.

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS.—I, G. S. Woodcock ;
2, T. Hoad ; 3, L. Wall.

ART.—I, E. T. Beaumont ; 2, L. Norfolk ;
3, R. Morris.

DIVINITY.—G. Hazzard. (Presented by the Bishop.)

SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATES.—H. A. Cobbin,
J. Gibson, W. B. Sharley, A. E. Smith, and
F. Smith.

STARKEY PRIZE.—W. B. Sharley.

STARKEY SCHOLARSHIP.—F. J. Smith.

HOUSE CHALLENGE CUP FOR CRICKET (Archdeacon
Hacking's Cup).—Won by Booth's House.
House Captain, G. S. Woodcock, Captain of
Games.

"Twelfth Night."

WHEN the first surprise had passed off, our crowded audiences sat forward and lost themselves in the sheer delight. The surprise was that we should be playing *Twelfth Night* at all ; but no sooner had the curtain gone up, with the sweet air of an old traditional tune, than all feelings were caught up in the colour, the simple but effective setting, the finish and spontaneity of the playing.

The outstanding scenes of the play were, perhaps, the "Box Tree" scene, with its under-current of asides from Sir Toby, Sir Andrew, and Fabian, and Malvolio "jetting

under his advanced plumes" in the foreground : then "the midnight shout and jollity," restrained, and yet full-flavoured. Few will forget the Clown sitting on the table between Sir Toby and Sir Andrew, singing in the candle-light and gloom old William Byrd's sweet song, "O, Mistress mine," nor Maria's sprightly entrances and Malvolio's dramatic appearance.

How completely did our charming Olivia hold us in that perfect scene with Viola, delivering her spirited message from the Duke.

But there was charm throughout from the Duke's beautiful opening, through all the chances and mistakes to its close, chastened by the pathos of Malvolio's bitter humiliation. Music creates the very atmosphere of *Twelfth Night*, and no notice would be complete without some reference to it.

As far as possible, this was from contemporary writers, and the play owed much to Mrs. Matthews for her playing and selections, as also to G. Foster for his singing of "Come away, death," and to T. Hoad as "Feste."

The dresses, by Burkinshaw, of Liverpool, were excellent so too were Mr. Green's clever scenes. The garden of the Countess with its yew hedge formal flowers and dark cypress trees was especially effective.

Of the players it is needless to say they all lived their parts. We were aware as rehearsals came round how these characters were growing : a touch here, a gesture, an intonation, a gouty limp, a something which revealed emotion.

Our ladies truly Elizabethan were delightful. Steedman's gracious Olivia, Cox's Viola, and Smith's sprightly Maria, were amazing. We were unusually fortunate in our men. Wells' Sir Toby was a triumph, so was Mr. Blair's ineffable Sir Andrew, and Hoad's crisp Feste.

Mr. Palmer's Duke Orsino was played with his accustomed dignity, and his courtiers caught something of his grace.

Malvolio stands apart from the other groups—a pathetic figure of human vanity and conceit, that jars upon the gaiety and affords just that contrast which heightens the beauty of the play. Such was the conception which Mr. Matthews gave of the character. We have seen him in many parts, but in none better than in this.

It was with great regret that the Antonio scenes had to be cut, because the part gave Mr. Green just the opportunity he would have seized upon for heroic and spirited delivery. But with it went, also, Sebastian's lines, and it was late before we lighted upon Bond's possibilities.

Some day a great writer will write an epic of the Box Office, when Mr. Day will come into his own. He and his agents worked with amazing skill to seat more people than we have seats for, which is a tribute also to his mathematical abilities, because we always believed that two's into one won't go: but he made them.

TWELFTH NIGHT,

As played by the Grammar School players on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 13th, 14th and 15th.

"If music be the food of love, play on."

PERSONS OF THE PLAY,
in the order in which they appear.

Orsino, Duke of Illyria	W. R. L. PALMER.
Curio—a courtier	F. BARRETT.
Valentine—a courtier	N. ROSS.
A Guard	G. S. WOODCOCK.
A Sea-Captain	G. HAZZARD.
Viola—Sebastian's sister	P. COX.
Maria—lady in attendance on Olivia	A. E. SMITH.
Sir Toby Belch—uncle to Olivia	G. D. WELLS.
Sir Andrew Aguecheek	K. G. BLAIR.
Feste—a clown	T. HOAD.
Olivia—a countess	A. STEEDMAN.
Malvolio—her steward	R. MATTHEWS.
Fabian—a groom	E. T. BEAUMONT.
A Singing Man—the fool's zany	G. FOSTER.
A Priest—attendant upon Olivia	H. E. WOODCOCK.
Sebastian—Viola's lost brother	N. BOND.
Antonio—his friend	R. H. GREEN.

Musician: D. A. MATTHEWS.

The School Society.

THE Headmaster opened the Term's activities with a breezy lecture on his experiences in and around Gibraltar. In addition to the photographs which the lecturer had arranged, the incidents were vividly brought before us by lightning sketches on a blackboard, which were particularly interesting. The experiences included a motor trip to Tarifa, Cadiz, Jerez, Ronda, Malaga, and back by the coast road to the Rock.

We were particularly entertained by the lecturer's first impressions of the Moors and Tangier.

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On the following Saturday, February 2nd, J. N. Bond read a paper on "Humour," illustrating his observations by passages from *Dickens*, *Mark Twain*, and others.

G. D. Wells followed with some interesting remarks on "Birds' Nests, Eggs, and Egg-Collecting." He brought several eggs, pointing out their peculiar shapes, and why they were so shaped.

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The following Saturday a debate was held, the motion being: "That in the opinion of this House corporal punishment should be abolished." This motion was upheld by T. R. Hoad and H. Middleton, and was opposed by G. S. Woodcock and H. E. Woodcock.

The motion was carried, but we understand it has not influenced the Executive.

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On February 16th we were visited by Mr. Wells, of Fiskerton, who gave an interesting, exciting and instructive lecture on his tour in Switzerland. Mr. Wells showed himself a typical British traveller, quite independent of the guides. Mr. Matthews was in the chair, and a large number were present to give Mr. Wells a hearty welcome.

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On February 19th we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Summers on "Nottingham, Town and County." This is the first part of a larger lecture Mr. Summers has in preparation, for which a number of new and unusually interesting slides have been made by him. Starting with the site of Nottingham, the lecture dealt with its historic associations from earliest times. He then passed to the Vale of Belvoir, touching Aslockton, Whatton, and so to Newark. Altogether a fascinating lecture.

Mr. Blair, in proposing the vote of thanks, said the lecturer had almost made him regret he had not been born in the county of Nottingham.

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After Half-Term, Mr. Heppenstall gave a musical lecture, which was followed with great interest; and the playing of characteristic works by classical and romantic writers, by the lecturer and by Mrs. Matthews, was received with great enthusiasm. Amongst the works played were: "Piano Concerto in D" (*Mozart*), the orchestral part played by a second piano, and *Schubert's* "Unfinished Symphony,"

arranged as a duet. Mr. Heppenstall also played some *Schumann* and a delightful Russian improvisation on a simple theme. A duet of *Dvorak's* was particularly well played.

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On March 15th Mr. Blair lectured on "Edgar Allen Poe." After giving a short and interesting outline of that famous author's life, Mr. Blair read several of the stories and passages from *Tales of Mystery and Imagination*, including the grisly story of "Amontillado," "The Red Death," and "The Fall of the House of Usher."

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A lecture of unusual interest was given on March 19th, by Mr. C. G. W. Wailing, whose previous lectures have always been eagerly followed. His subject, "Chaucer and the Canterbury Pilgrims," was, naturally, one to which he brought illumination, not only by his enthusiasm, but also by his wide knowledge and easy manner of exposition. There was also an added charm from the quaint but vigorous illustrations from the Ellesmere manuscript.

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The remaining lectures will be reported on in our next issue. There will be a talk on "Aeroplanes" by Mr. Day, of the R.A.F., and a paper by Mr. R. H. Green.

The meetings of the Society have been very successful, and those who have been active in promoting the work are to be congratulated on the variety and excellence of the season's work.

Rugger Notes.

THIS has been a very successful season, and most of the matches have been unusually interesting. The team has been better together since Christmas, and H. Leek has filled the weak spot in the "three's" with some success. With Hoad getting his share of the ball, Middleton has improved his service from the scrum, though this is still his weakness. G. S. Woodcock has developed some speed, and set an example of straight running in attack, and sound tackling in defence.

Next year's team will be young, but there is no lack of junior talent, as the House Matches clearly showed. The practice of anyone taking a ball on the "Rec." at any spare moment cannot be too much encouraged, and has proved increasingly popular.

The composite team—sorely crippled by Mr. Doy's accident—continues to give a good account of itself. Next year it should be nearly an O.S. team.

HIGH PAVEMENT.

Played on South Hill, on January 26th.

High Pavement scored early in the first half, and after much mid-field play they scored again, both these tries being converted. Throughout the second half the School were attacking. Woodcock dropped a goal, and soon after Cox scored a try. It was exciting towards the end, but in the last minute the visitors broke away and scored a try. *Result*: High Pavement (2 goals, 1 try), 13 points; School (1 dropped goal, 1 try), 7 points.

After this match, T. R. Hoad and G. D. Wells were awarded their colours.

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A very interesting and exciting match was played on South Hill on February 14th, against the Old Boys. In the first half Woodcock scored for the School, and Ross converted the try. Just before half-time the Old Boys scored a try, which was not converted.

In the opening minutes of the second half the Old Boys scored a goal, and the score remained unchanged until, in the last minute, Woodcock scored for the School, Ross converting. *Result*: School (2 goals), 10 points; Old Boys (1 goal, 1 try), 8 points.

MAGNUS.

Played on South Hill on February 20th.

In this game the School proved no match for a strong Magnus side. The School backs were weak, and their opponents scored try after try. *Result*: Magnus, 44 points; School, none.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Played on South Hill on February 23rd.

In the first half our opponents did most of the attacking, and they scored two unconverted tries. In the next half the School attacked, and Woodcock scored an unconverted try. *Result*: High School (2 tries), 6 points; School 1 try), 3 points.

MAGNUS.

Played at Newark on March 5th.

The School attacked from the start, and after a fine threequarter movement Ross scored right out, the kick failing. From a loose scrum, Woodcock broke away and scored, the kick again failing. The School were now on the defensive, and soon Magnus scored a try.

Early in the second half, Cox intercepted a pass, and scored a try, which Woodcock converted. Throughout the rest of the game Magnus attacked, and registered to their credit two unconverted tries. *Result*: School (1 goal, 2 tries), 11 points; Magnus (3 tries), 9 points.

SOUTHWELL TOWN.

Played on South Hill, on March 8th.

The Town attacked, and they scored a try, which was converted. In their turn, the School attacked, and just before half-time Woodcock dropped a goal. Early in the second half Wells scored for the School, Ross converting. From a line-out Woodcock broke away and scored, the kick failing. In the last minute the Town scored an unconverted try. *Result*: School (1 goal, 1 dropped goal, 1 try), 12 points; Town (1 goal, 1 try), 8 points.

LINCOLN TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Played at Lincoln on March 19th.

The School attacked all through the first half. Woodcock scored an unconverted try, and with the result of a fine three-quarter movement Leek scored a try, which Ross converted. Just before half-time Woodcock scored again, Ross converting. From their kick Lincoln attacked, and scored an unconverted try.

The play in the second half was unrewarded, except by a try, which was not converted, scored by Lincoln in the last minute. *Result*: School (2 goals, 1 try), 13 points; Lincoln (2 tries), 6 points.

The Grasping Thumb.

NATURE has provided some animals with structures like human tools, with which they accomplish great things. The lobster has forceps, the saw-fish a saw, the snail a file, and the leech has an adhesive sucker. Other creatures are provided with springs, snapping organ like scissors, and other organs with which they do things anticipating human activities.

Beavers saw down trees, bower-birds build huts and lay out gardens, decorating them with flowers and berries. Fishes build nests, as witness the stickleback.

We rarely find, however, an animal deliberately using a tool. There is a story of a sacred bull, which, taking a stick in his mouth, used it for scratching his back. It is known with certainty that the "solitary wasp" will pound down the earth over the egg she has laid, using for that

purpose a suitably-sized pebble. The nuthatch uses a crevice in a tree trunk as a vice in which to crack nuts; the blackbird uses an anvil, to the discomfort of the snail, and the ant-lion, in an unsportsmanlike fashion, digs a pit, into which his prey unwarily slips.

Luckily for us, the animals have been slow in developing ideas. The cat, however, has learnt to use his foot as a sponge, and cleans his head and the back of his ears with it. Horses and cattle have to rely on one another for clean necks, which fact brings to mind the giraffe which was stabled alone, away from its fellows, at the Zoo. It was able to keep its body clean, but its neck gradually became darker and darker in shade.

Man, possessing a grasping thumb, is different from nearly all other animals. He has invented and can use tools and weapons, without which he could not light a fire.

R. H. G.

The Old Southwellian Society.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the School on Thursday, February 22nd, 1924, the chair being taken at 5.30 by the President, the Rev. J. S. Wright.

The Hon. Secretary, in giving his report, brought forward the matter of a Summer Gathering, and it was eventually decided that an all-day Cricket Match should be arranged to take place about June.

The Chairman then announced that the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. E. A. Merryweather) was still indisposed, and consequently unable to be present. It was then resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Merryweather, expressing great regret at his continued illness, and the thanks of the Society for his services during many past years.

Mr. A. G. Merryweather (on behalf of his brother) then presented a statement of accounts, which showed that a substantial balance was being maintained.

The next business was the election of officers, and the Rev. J. S. Wright was again unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.

The office of Hon. Secretary was filled by the election of Mr. D. H. Doy and of Mr. H. F. Summers, who were to act jointly, thus reverting to an old custom.

When the name of Mr. E. A. Merryweather was proposed for re-election as Hon. Treasurer, it was announced that he wished to retire from office, and Mr. A. G. Merryweather was elected in his place.

The following were elected to serve on the Committee: The Headmaster of the School, Messrs. E. B. Hibbert, J. M. Barnett, N. A. Metcalfe, A. Mills, C. G. Caudwell, H. Wilkinson (Sherwood), H. Bates, H. Stafford, and W. Leek.

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The ANNUAL DINNER was held at the Saracen's Head Hotel. The President occupied the chair, supported by the Archdeacon of Newark (Ven. E. Hacking), Rev. H. K. Warrand (Westhorpe Hall, Southwell), the Headmaster, officers, Committee, and a good gathering of members. Letters of apology for absence were received from the Bishop of Southwell, the Archdeacon of Nottingham (Ven. W. J. Conybeare), Rev. Canon Ferris (Gonalston), Mr. W. H. Mason, Mr. J. R. Starkey, J.P., Dr. J. F. D. Willoughby, J.P., Professor Kirkaldy, Mr. H. Merryweather, J.P., Mr. Harold Browne, J.P., C.C., and a number of Old Boys, who sent their best wishes for the future of the Society, and hoped that an enjoyable evening would be spent.

The President submitted the loyal toast, which was appropriately honoured.

The Rev. H. K. Warrand, in proposing "Success to the Old Southwellian Society," gave a most interesting survey of events connected with the town's past history; and the President, who replied, was received with musical honours.

In a very pleasing speech, Mr. E. B. Hibbert submitted the toast of "The School," which was suitably acknowledged by the Headmaster.

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E. B. HIBBERT, Mansfield.
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BARRETT, H., Clarendon Street, Cambridge.
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*BATES, H., Church Street, Southwell.
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*COBBIN, H. A., 53, Loughborough Road, W. Bridgford.
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 MERRYWEATHER, E. A., The Woodlands, Southwell.
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 WRIGHT, REV. J. S., Southwell.

*Those marked * have paid a guinea for Life Membership.*

This list should be kept by O.S., as a full list will not be published for some time. New members' names will be added as they are received.

Double Acrostic.

(Last of the Year.)

Now's each twin
 Near the gin!

- (1) It's underground,
 And wrong way round.

- (2) A "bounder" lost his head,
 And swam a brook instead.
 (3) From a proverb or a short quotation bring
 (Without the head) a European king.
 (4) A rush, a spring, and (sure!)
 A river and a moor.
 (5) Lie down—'tis here, indeed,
 But 'tis a noxious weed.
 (6) A monster curst,
 Therefore reversed.
 (7) Low round the ankles, round the neck is high,
 Must not be dirty, and may save a try.
 (8) Lost realm and empire he bewails;
 (All-Highest)—now he's lost two tails!

SOLUTION OF NO. 2 ACROSTIC.

R o s S
 U n c l E
 G A (me)
 G o a l S
 E x t r a O (rdinary)
 R u N

Correct solutions were received from Bombardier and Murus, who have scored equal points, so far.

Editor's Note.

The Editor is very grateful to the Headmaster and the Editorial Committee, and to the Secretaries of the Old Southwellians' Society, for their enthusiastic assistance, which removed all the difficulties from his already congenial duty. Contributors are asked to note that upon them depend the size, as well as the quality, of the next issue, and the Editor trusts that the excellent past attainments of the Editorial Committee will be greatly surpassed in succeeding numbers.