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School Notes.

THE GOVERNING BODY.

We are glad to see Mr. W. A. James back on the Governing Body, this time as a representative of the Rural District Council. Mr. James had already served for three years as a Governor, and we knew the value of his services. His interest in the School and his intimate knowledge of its past and present history give him a special place on the Board.

He now takes the place of Mr. Barrow, who has for many years done valuable work for the School, but who has been unable recently to attend as often as he would wish.

The School has been fortunate in securing the services of men of such sound judgment and experience as Mr. Barrow.

IN GENERAL.

We congratulate G. R. Hibbard on his success in the Higher School Certificate. This is the first success of its kind the School has gained, and we hope it may lead to further academic distinctions, not only for Hibbard, but also for other members of the Sixth Form. Hibbard took English and History as his principal subjects, with Latin and Mathematics as subsidiary.

C. A. Walker passed the School Certificate in December, 1930, and B. Foster in July of this year.

We congratulate them both.

K. Cook passed the College of Preceptors with a distinction in French.

An important event of the year has been the purchase by the Head Master of Ashleigh, with the idea of securing while it was in the market, a house which would give additional accommodation for boarders. It will be readily appreciated by our readers that the only possible increase in the School's numbers will be by boarders, as the boy population of Southwell and its district is not merely small but diminishing. Besides, the community life has long been traditional with Southwell School.

Ashleigh stands in Church Street, opposite Vicars' Court. It was built in 1819, in the same year as the present School building, and has many interesting architectural features, notably its graceful staircase. It has been in its time used for a school, and with the excellent restorations carried out by Mr. J. K. Lane it is admirably suited for its purpose.

The present School house is full with twenty-four boarders: there are now twenty-six. Had there been a slightly greater demand for places it would have justified the opening of the new "House" this September. Though this is not being done, it is none the less an act of prevision, giving the School that elasticity and capacity to seize the opportunity of meeting its growing needs. At this moment it would be short-sighted policy to be obliged to turn away boys for want of room. We should like to see a number of flourishing "Houses" in the Cathedral precincts. It is the way in which Public Schools with less tradition than Southwell have been made.

The following left the School during the year: Sept.-July, 1930-31:-

	Entered.	Form.	Left.	Form.	
G. Brown	Sept., '25	III.	Apr., '31	VI.	Certificate, 1930.
K. Cook.	Sept., '23.	II.	Dec., '30	V.U	
G. Jenkins.	Sept., '30.	V.A	Dec., '30.	V.U	
H. M. Tupper.	Jan., '23.	II.	July, '31.	V.U	Capt. 1st XI, '31. Chorister.
C. A. Walker.	June, '28.	IV.	Dec., '30.	V.U	Certificate, 1930.
E. Beaumont.	Jan., '28.	III.	Dec., '30.	V.L	1st XI Cols, '30; 1st XV Cols, '30.
J. Barratt.	May, '27.	II.	July, '31.		IV.
R. Langford.	Sept., '29.	II.	July, '31.	II.	

The following entered the School this year: 1930-1931:-

<i>Templeman</i> K. E. Helmy	III.	..	Free Place.
G. A. Sheppard	III.	..	Free Place.
D. Beech	III.	..	
H. Longdon	II.	..	Boarder.
<i>G.A.</i> E.H. Peacock	II.	..	Chorister.
C. Hill	III.	..	Boarder.
J. Hill	III.	..	Boarder.
B. Hatcher	III.	..	
J. Talbot-Easter	II.	..	Boarder.
S. Talbot-Easter	II.	..	Boarder.
J. C. Lee	II.	..	Boarder.

Free Places for 1931 have been awarded to Peet, Allen, Bratley, Caudwell, Heald, and Swann. Owing to the record entry, an additional three places were allowed. The successful Schools are: Lenton, Lowdham, Winkburn, Kneesall and Upton.

J. F. Miller and J. Talbot Easter have been awarded Choral Scholarships.

Numbers during the past year have been:—Autumn, 57; Spring, 59; Summer, 60.

This year the School opens with 66.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following : *The Wycombiensian, The Magnusian, The Brunts School Magazine, The High Pavement Magazine, The Mundellian, The Nottinghamian, The Newtonian, and The Centaur.*

Speech Day.

DECEMBER IITH, 1930.

SPEECH DAY was memorable this year because for the first time it was held in the Great Hall of Bishop's Manor. The historic setting was appropriate to this occasion in the life of our historic School: the School met, as the Head Master said in his speech, in the Hall of its Founders.

The chair was taken by the Bishop, and with him were Canon Gordon (Vicar of St. Mary's, Nottingham), our visitor, the Rector of Southwell, the Archdeacon of Newark, Canon Field, Dr. Willoughby, Mr. C. G. Caudwell, and the Head Master.

The Bishop, in opening the proceedings, said it was a privilege and honour to take the chair that afternoon. He was afraid he did not see as much of the Grammar School as he would have liked, but the more he saw of it, the more he heard of it, and the longer he was in touch with it, the more he appreciated and honoured it, and the greater affection he had for it. It meant a very great deal, he believed, to the Minster, to the Diocese and to Southwell that there should be that School, with its old foundation, and carrying on the great traditions of the past, and yet ever new, with a really modern educational outlook, and therefore he valued more than he could say the intimate association of that School with the Minster and with Southwell. For many years, as they knew, the association had been very close indeed, owing to the fact that most of the Choir received their education at that School. But certainly within the last year or so the association of the School with the Minster had become closer and closer, and the mere fact that some of the older boys of the School helped them in the Service as servers and so on, made him realize more than he did when he first came to Southwell, from the point of view of the Minster, what intense value their association was with the Grammar School.

Those who were intimately connected with the School were always having to say goodbye to someone, and three or four of the senior boys who had come into close association

with the Minster were leaving at the end of this Term. He hoped that some of the older boys remaining, and not only the Choir, would become associated with the worship of the Minster, and that the tradition would be maintained in the future. He valued it very much, and the more he heard of the fresh life of the School, and the more he knew of the fine leadership given to the School by the Head Master, the more intensely did he value and appreciate the Grammar School of Southwell. He hoped that for many years to come it would remain strong and vigorous, true to its ancient traditions and foundations, and that the boys coming there might receive that life that only an old foundation could give. It was because he believed in the tone of the School and valued its history and traditions that he was proud indeed to be Chairman of the Governors and taking the chair that afternoon.

The Head Master then presented his Report, which was as follows :—

It is now eleven years since I had the honour of presenting my first Report on the work of Southwell School, and each year hitherto I have delivered it, such as it was, from my own quarter-deck—or rather, from a precarious platform of trestles, which, little did my Governors know, threatened to give way under us.

These gatherings in the old schoolroom were essentially homely, and not infrequently stuffy.

To-day it is otherwise. Thanks to the kindness of our Chairman, thanks also to those good people and parishes of the Diocese of Southwell who furnished this glorious hall with chairs, the Cathedral School holds its Prize-giving in the hall of its Founders.

The gathering this afternoon cannot lose anything of its homeliness, for we are surrounded by those who must have touched our lives in some degree, some more and some less.

My predecessor must have crooked his knee as James I passed through to take his kingdom. Our boys must have watched the unhappy Charles ride off. Southwell boys were at school when Kemp built this Manor House, and Wolsey may have smiled on some chorister. And so down to our own day, here is Bishop Hoskyns, whom many of us knew and loved, smiling to hear the Head Master he appointed justifying the appropriateness of holding the Prize Distribution in any other place than his own school.

Yet our being away from the School does not detract from the warmth of welcome which we as a School extend to our parents and friends, and especially to our visitors,

Canon and Mrs. Gordon. Canon Gordon claims our welcome for his kindness in coming to us on the eve of his departure, when he must have so much to see to : but we are particularly glad to have him because he is a Scout, to whom the School, with its large percentage of Scouts and Cubs, extends the left hand of fellowship.

In the course of this short Report I shall have occasion to speak of the School Scouts, but Canon Gordon will be able from his wider experience to tell us what Scouts from a School Troop may and should become.

I have mentioned this Report as likely to be a short one. How could it be otherwise? Many things seem to happen at schools, but in reality no life is more even, less disturbed by sensationalism, than the life of a school. Even the *Daily Mail*, in its enthusiasm at having discovered Southwell, remains unmoved by the presence in the Precincts of England's oldest school.

A school year is uneventful. The plan of a year lies before us, a time-table is made out, text-books are prescribed, and so we move from hour to hour by the clanging of a bell.

EXAMINATION QUALMS.

Examinations, both public and private, come round and cause a slight ruffle on the surface, there are certain qualms, and lo, here is the end of July, we go into Camp, and the school year has come to a close. A lot of ink has flowed over exercise books, far more than is required in some cases (laughter) ; it is hoped some knowledge has been gained, a wider interest has been opened up, and there has been some enrichment. If all this has led to mental and spiritual growth, as past question there has been physical growth, the school year has brought with it a measure of success that cannot easily be judged.

Such a year have we passed through. It would naturally be a matter of great satisfaction for the Head of any school to be able to present a long list of outstanding successes in scholarship and sport. In a school of sixty there can be no such list. But that is not to say that in proportion we are not doing all that any school can do. The measure of success for the majority of school boys and girls is rarely gauged at school at all.

Yet even here and now we have done well to have in our School a Form of boys who have taken their School Certificates and are staying on to take advantage of the opportunities they now have of reading more widely and of doing more specialized work. There must be a number of

country schools in which there are no post-certificate pupils at all. I can assure you it is an immense asset to the School to have at the head a group of senior boys looking forward to the possibilities of a university career. That such a group has come to stay is, in my opinion, the best achievement of the year, and is a distinct mark of progress.

The School Certificate examination is called by the Board of Education the First Public Examination. But there is a second, and that is the Higher Certificate, and it is expected that two years should be taken between the first and the second.

These two years are essentially the years of higher education, which justify the School's claim to be a secondary school. Those two years are the bridge between the school and the university. The work of those years can be better done at school than in classes at a university college. Apart from school work, the stability and balance in character gained in those two years are much more likely to be gained at school than elsewhere. There must be a large number of immature students at the newer universities congesting the lecture rooms, and a source of anxiety to professors. Even at the older universities we hear strange rumours of a lack of discipline. Sixteen to eighteen are great but disturbing years : they are better spent in school. Naturally, I would not prescribe it for all. There are many whose gifts lie in other directions, and who learn best in their life's work. These constitute the majority of the School, the majority of most schools.

Yet for these also there comes a time when they need some qualification for progress in their work, and too frequently they come back to us and say : " I find I have to have passed the School Certificate or to be exempted from matriculation before I can get any further." This is rather a pathetic statement, because sometimes the habit of school work has been lost. It is the best policy for such boys to have worked steadily to reach a qualifying standard of work, and so to have gained the power of application to any problem they may have to meet.

SCHOOL PROGRESS.

In this respect of steady application, I think I may say the School has been growing during the year. This hum-drum slog makes no show in a Report. But it makes up the greater part of school life, as it makes up the greater part of our lives. An occasion like this gives an opportunity to encourage all to go on and do well what lies before us.

I have to report another year entirely clear of illness. This is very fortunate, because absences in a large school are bad for individuals, but do not seriously affect Forms as a whole. But in a small school it might well lead to the reduction of a Form below teaching point. The doctor who medically examined the whole School in October commented on our freedom from defects and on our general fitness.

The year's activities outside the class-room have been as keenly pursued as ever. The Rugby season, the Athletic Sports, and the Cricket season consumed and developed much energy.

We had again the honour of getting a place in the Schools' XI at Trent Bridge, G. R. Poole being selected to play.

It is now seven years since this Cricket Match was started, and we have always had one and sometimes two players in a side drawn from all the schools in Nottinghamshire.

Besides these activities, we had an eventful and stimulating expedition to France at Easter, which I hope may lead to other journeys abroad.

Indoors our activities are mainly literary and dramatic. The School Players have become an institution, almost a tradition. Southwell fixes its entertainment calendar round the week of the Grammar School play.

No one will, I think, deny the educational value of acting plays. It is as much an art as any other form of expression. It has its technique and discipline, which must be painfully learnt; it uses for its expression words and gesture, the voice and form, surely two of the loveliest things, and it calls for creative, not purely imitative, power in revealing character.

No doubt, the growth of interest in drama, which has been so marked in recent years, is partly due to the good work which has been going on in schools all over England.

We started this year on *Julius Caesar*, but abandoned it five weeks ago for *Twelfth Night*. We had no space for *Julius Caesar*. Even our imaginations could not stretch our Schoolroom to the size of the Forum, to say nothing of the Plains of Philippi. It is now seven years since we played *Twelfth Night*, so that the Cast is new. It can, of course, stand constant revival.

The School Library is becoming more and more generally used. A new Society, combining the literary and dramatic interest, came into being during the year—the Play-Reading Society, which meets in the Spring Term.

Lectures of a semi-public nature have been organized by the boys themselves through the winter months.

The Scout Troop has an all-the-year-round season, and is now entering on its third year. It retains and renews its youth. It functions indoors and out—preferably out; and as its numbers grow to include practically the whole School, it bids fair to be a power to be reckoned with.

I have always believed that a school must gain by association with the life of the town in which it is. It is quite possible for a school to be in a town but not of it. I am anxious that that should not be so here, and I have said frequently that the School should be ready to give any services to Southwell that it could. Now, in its Scout Troop, the School has a chance of serving Southwell in a way that it is peculiarly fitted to do.

By reason of their age, their length of training, and the nature of their school life generally, the School Scouts can well share their opportunities with others. There is a dearth of young leaders in Southwell, and I know there is a need for a lead in the formation of a Troop amongst the boys of Southwell, and I feel that the School can here give a hand. I know Mr. Metcalfe will be glad to see his pioneer work still blazing a trail.

In all our activities, in school and out of school, we are indebted to so many, without whose devotion and loyalty the joy and purpose in our work would be lost.

We are bound together by common interests in a school which I fully believe is worthy of your devotion.

Our Governors have always given much thought and time to strengthen and extend the usefulness of the old School. They are thoroughly representative of all those who have at heart the well-being of Southwell School, both in the town and in the county. It is particularly in other parts of the Diocese of Southwell and the county of Nottinghamshire that we must look for future Southwellians, because Southwell itself is only a village, and its boy population is small. The Governors, with their wide range of interests, can and do bring the School into contact with that wider area from which we must draw. For their ungrudging support and sympathy in the many tasks we have to undertake we would wish to express our thanks.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all parents for their co-operation and the confidence they place in us.

There are also a number of friends of the School who in numberless ways are at hand to help. They are not parents of boys at the School, but they follow the fortunes

with sympathetic interest ; they always come to our functions, and so help forward many of our activities. They have also helped many of our boys in their careers when they have left School. This is a most valued service to the School, and greatly appreciated.

There is a strong body of Old Southwellians in all parts of the world. They are not very communicative, but since the revision of the register they have touch with the School through the Magazine, and can be of great value. Amongst them, of course, are many close at hand, who, as Governors of the School or in other capacities, are splendid workers for the School.

All this, we feel, is at the back of us : and by us I mean the whole Staff, both in the School and in the House. I do not think any school could be better served. This is no conventional tribute, I assure you. Apart from the character of such service, length of service gives it a constancy that is so valuable. It is good service that begets and attracts the trusted servant, and such are my colleagues.

I therefore present to you this afternoon a School in being, with a record of sound and effective work throughout the past year, a School with living and healthy activities in many fields of service, so that I trust both Church and Commonwealth may be bettered by our studies.

After presenting the Prizes, Canon Gordon spoke as follows :—He was, he said, rather embarrassed on such an occasion. He had heard a number of Prize-giving addresses, and had read many as well. As a rule, they were given by a distinguished "old boy." He was not an "old boy," neither was he distinguished. After deprecating the speaker who claimed to have done no work at school and yet had made a successful career as probably a victim of imagination, and the other type who spoke down to his hearers, he hoped that what he had to say would be accepted as a statement of what he really meant.

"What," he asked, "was the purpose of a school like this?" Some people thought the main purpose of such a school for those beyond fourteen years of age was to help them to earn more money when they were older. But that was not the real motive of education.

Education was worth while for its own sake. It was to build them, and make them bigger people.

The Chief Scout, to whom many of them in that room owed special loyalty, had told them to go about the world doing good turns, but before they could attempt to do good turns and help other people there was the Scout motto :

"Be prepared." They could not do good turns unless they were prepared for it. The more they built up their personalities, whatever their job in life, the more valuable and useful people they would be.

After emphasizing the ideal of service which Scouting aimed to achieve, Canon Gordon concluded with a picture. There were, he said, two possible attitudes to life. One, the hard commonsense way in which a person might say : "I am going to get on ; I am going to be a success in the world." "I" all the time, and the symbol of that was a big "I." The opposite was the way Christ taught them, and as they learned in their Scout law, and the symbol of that was the Cross—the "I" crossed out. That was the idea which a school of that kind, with its great religious foundation, and the Scout movement, could put before them.

The Rector, in proposing thanks to Canon Gordon for coming to Southwell, said that his words had been words of great encouragement to a School which, as the Bishop had said, was loved with an intensity which no words could express, and which they were determined to maintain and hand on to future generations, as it came down to them from Saxon times.

Canon Gordon was leaving England for six months, for a much-needed change, and he took with him all the good wishes of Southwell.

Dr. Willoughby seconded the vote of thanks.

Mr. C. G. Caudwell voiced the thanks of our visitors to the Bishop for allowing us the use of the Great Hall. They appreciated the beautiful surroundings on an occasion to which all in Southwell looked forward.

PRIZE LIST.

GLAISTER PRIZES : *Sixth Form*, G. R. Hibbard ; *Fifth Form*, J. W. Humberstone ; *Fourth Form*, W. E. Draycott ; *Third Form*, E. Bridges ; *Second Form*, J. F. Miller.
MATHEMATICS : J. W. Humberstone, F. G. Brown, J. Norfolk, E. C. Dodd.

RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE (presented by the Rector of Southwell) : K. W. Wright.

FRENCH : J. Thraves.

ART : K. Cook, R. Hipwell.

STARKEY SCHOLARSHIP : G. R. Hibbard.

STARKEY PRIZE : E. Cox.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES : E. Cox, J. W. Humberstone, K. W. Wright, G. Brown.

SCOUT PRIZE (presented by Mr. N. A. Metcalfe) : H. Morris.

"Twelfth Night."

"TWELFTH NIGHT" is ever fresh, so that we do not apologise for producing it again after seven years. We are apt to judge from the players' point of view, forgetting that an audience enjoys in two hours or so, and in continuous interest, what we have ground out in two months, in broken bits, in fustian and in daylight.

An unfolding delight in its simple setting, in its rich dress, its haunting music, its fun, its romance, seen as a whole and very finished work, *Twelfth Night* of 1930 was a great success. It was much fuller than our 1923 production, and we thus gained a better balance, besides giving "Sebastian" and "Antonio" an opportunity for some spirited work. Our old "Antonio" waited two hours to say his line; our new one (G. R. Hibbard), called in through Wright's illness at the last moment, poured out lines of bitter regret.

No need to compare—it was a very happy production: such a gracious "Duke," a winning "Viola," a calm and noble "Olivia"; and the baser folk: "Sir Toby" to the life, a fine presence, rich, full-blooded, racy, and "Sir Andrew's" incredible imbecility, combined with the sporting "Fabian" and a rather malignant "Feste." George Wilson's "Maria" was admirable. If Thompson was malignant as the "Jester," yet he gave good words with his tongue that compensated for the "poison of asps": his "Come away, death," to Dr. Arne's music, and the "O Mistress mine" of Byrd, showed us that he "took pleasure in singing."

Mr. Matthews' "Malvolio" had just that touch of dignity and restraint which we believe it to require, triumphing over ridicule and pricked vanity through the bitterness of the mad-house till we felt with "Olivia" that he had been notoriously abused.

The Players' team-work in production was again splendid, and the smoothness in performance owes everything to this happy division of labour and willing attention to detail, not only behind the curtain, but also in front.

"TWELFTH NIGHT."

PERSONS OF THE PLAY:

<i>Orsino</i>	.. .. .	F. Barrett	.. .. .	Mr. W. L. Palmer.
<i>Curio</i>	.. .. .	J. W. Humberstone	.. .. .	F. Barrett.
<i>Valentine</i>	.. .. .	J. Norfolk	.. .. .	N. Ross.
<i>Guard</i>	.. .. .	G. Mason	.. .. .	G. S. Woodcock.
<i>A Sea-Captain</i>	.. .. .	W. E. Draycott	.. .. .	G. Hazzard.
<i>Viola</i>	.. .. .	R. Stokes	.. .. .	P. Cox.
<i>Sir Toby Belch</i>	.. .. .	D. H. Doy	.. .. .	G. D. Wells.
<i>Maria</i>	.. .. .	G. Wilson	.. .. .	A. E. Smith.
<i>Sir Andrew Aguecheek</i>	.. .. .	B. J. Rushby-Smith	.. .. .	K. G. Blair.
<i>Feste</i>	.. .. .	G. Thompson	.. .. .	T. Hoad.
<i>Olivia</i>	.. .. .	M. Tupper	.. .. .	A. Steedman.
<i>Malvolio</i>	.. .. .	R. Matthews	.. .. .	R. Matthews.
<i>Sebastian</i>	.. .. .	H. Revill	.. .. .	N. Bond.
<i>Antonio</i>	.. .. .	K. W. Wright and	.. .. .
		G. Hibbard	R. H. Green.
<i>Fabian</i>	E. Beaumont	E. T. Beaumont.
<i>A Priest</i>	G. Gray	H. E. Woodcock

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Musician: P. COX.

Lighting Effects by Mr. F. A. SAMUELS;

Properties by Mr. RUSHBY SMITH.

Wigs and Costumes by BURKINSHAW & SONS, of Liverpool.

The Play produced by the HEAD MASTER.

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The total takings from our production, including the sale of programmes, were £40 18s. 8d.

Rugby Football.

SEASON: 1930-31.

IT is, perhaps, better in a report of this kind to consider the prospects for next season than to dwell unduly on the results of last. Partly for the reason that the intervening Cricket season has absorbed a great deal of our enthusiasm for field games, and partly because our Football gave promise of better things than were achieved at the time. In a school where the choice, both in weight and skill, is so limited we performed quite creditably after being thoroughly beaten by Magnus in the first match. They did not score a century, but might well have done if we had played forty minutes each way, instead of thirty-five. After that, we really settled down and had the satisfaction of beating a High Pavement team in what was the best game of the season. The other matches were thoroughly enjoyed, and several players of promise were noticed. At Christmas we lost the services of H. E. Beaumont, the captain, and Cook. Beaumont, although on the light side, was a really good player, and we hope to hear more of him.

Next season we shall have several experienced players left. Humberstone and Mason are three-quarters who should score freely, as they will be fed by the same pair of halves, Norfolk and Revill. Of the forwards, Hibbard, Wilkinson and Wright remain, and they should form the nucleus of a good pack. If we are able to discover an efficient full-back, we should have the best season for some years.

The Play-Reading Society.

ALTHOUGH the activities of the Society were confined to the Easter Term, four very enjoyable meetings were held. Owing to the somewhat limited issue of Plays by the Nottinghamshire County Library, it was decided to join the British Drama League. As a result, we have been enabled to obtain copies of Plays from their exceptionally well-stocked Library to assist us in our selection of a play for the Christmas Term, in addition to those needed for the actual readings.

As officers for the year, G. Wilson was elected Vice-President; G. R. Hibbard, Secretary; K. Wright and N. D. P. Norfolk to the Committee.

At the first meeting G. B. Shaw's *Major Barbara* was read, and with judicious "cuts" was completed in the one evening. The depth of penetration which reveals poverty as a crime, as well as Shaw's scarcely innocuous sarcasms, were much appreciated by the more senior members of the Society.

This was followed by a selection of One-Act Plays: *The Soup and the Savoury*, by Gertrude Jennings; *The King's Hard Bargain*, by Lieut.-Colonel Drury; and *The Bishop's Candlesticks*, by Norman McKinnel.

At the last two meetings "No. 17," by Jeffrey Farjeon, thrilled the Society. Although the reading was informal, the dramatic tension was well maintained, but effectively relieved by the pointed remarks of "Cockney Ben."

The Society is to be congratulated on the excellence of the readings, which have always been interesting, and even lively; the members, because they have never been afraid to "let themselves go."

B. J. R. S.

Athletic Sports.

THERE were some keen contests at the Annual Sports, which were held on Tuesday, April 7th. Although the times were not remarkably good, almost every event provided a close finish. In spite of a rather unfavourable outlook, the weather conditions remained pleasant, and there was a splendid attendance of parents and friends.

The officials were:—*President*, Mr. R. Matthews; *Committee*—H. M. Tupper (*Hon. Sec.*), G. R. Hibbard, K. W. Wright, J. W. Humberstone, G. W. Thompson, F. G. H. Brown, J. R. Stokes; *Judges*—Messrs. R. Norfolk, A. A. Ringer, A. G. Merryweather, F. G. Mason, B. J. Rushby-Smith; *Recorder*—Mr. F. A. Samuels; *Starter*—Mr. D. H. Doy.

At the conclusion of the racing the Head Master called upon the Archdeacon of Newark (Ven. E. Hacking) to present the Cups. In doing so, Mr. Matthews thanked all who had helped to make the Sports such a success. It had meant a lot of hard work, but everyone had worked well and contributed to a very happy afternoon. (Applause.)

The House Cup for Rugby was awarded to Thomas's House (*Captain*, Humberstone); Mile Cup, Foster; last year's winner, Whitehead; House Cup for cross-country running, given by Mr. J. Lewis, Nottingham—Thomas's House (Foster, first man home); Old Boys' Race, J. Barber.

There was a very close contest for the Victor Ludorum Cup, Mason eventually beating Foster by $2\frac{1}{2}$ points. The House Cup went to Thomas's, with Gray's runners-up.

After presenting the prizes, Archdeacon Hacking called for cheers for the Head Master and Mrs. Matthews, Humberstone leading cheers for the Archdeacon.

The results were:

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—1, Hibbard; 2, Mason; 3, Stokes.
100 YARDS SCRATCH (open).—1, Mason; 2, Foster; 3, Tupper.
100 YARDS SCRATCH (under 11).—1, Peacock; 2, Schumach; 3, Templeman.
HIGH JUMP (open).—1, Draycott and Mason (equal); 3, Brown.
100 YARDS SCRATCH (under 14).—1, Gray; 2, Carey; 3, Norfolk.
440 YARDS SCRATCH (open).—1, Foster; 2, Hibbard; 3, Humberstone.

- 100 YARDS SCRATCH (under 13).—1, Dodd; 2, Peacock; 3, Schumach.
- LONG JUMP (open).—1, Mason; 2, Tupper; 3, Thompson.
- POTATO RACE (under 12).—1, Dodd; 2, Schumach; 3, Langford.
- 220 YARDS SCRATCH (under 14).—1, Gray; 2, Carey; 3, Hall.
- POTATO RACE (open).—1, Mason; 2, Thompson; 3, Foster.
- 220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 11).—1, France; 2, Whittle; 3, Templeman.
- HIGH JUMP (under 14).—1, Revill; equal 2, Gray and Carey.
- FOOTBALL RACE (open).—1, Thompson; 2, Brown; 3, Revill.
- HALF-MILE HANDICAP (open).—1, Peacock; 2, Templeman; 3, France.
- FOOTBALL RACE (under 13).—1, Woodward; 2, Whittle; 3, Sheppard.
- POTATO RACE (under 14).—1, Gray; 2, Cottam; 3, Revill.
- 220 YARDS SCRATCH (open).—1, Mason; 2, Foster; 3, Tupper.
- SACK RACE (under 14).—1, Langford; 2, Keetley and Templeman (equal).
- 440 YARDS HANDICAP (under 13).—1, St. Clair; 2, Peacock; 3, Woodward.
- SENIOR RELAY RACE.—1, Gray's (Allen, Stokes, Hibbard, Morris, Mason); 2, Booth's.
- OLD BOYS' RACE.—1, Barber; 2, Cox; 3, Poole.
- RELAY RACE (under 14).—1, Thomas's (Gray, Brown ii, Cook, Hall, St. Clair); 2, Gray's; 3, Booth's.
- JUNIOR RELAY RACE (under 11).—1, Booth's (Suckling, Naylor, Schumach, Templeman); 2, Thomas's; 3, Gray's.
- INTER-HOUSE TUG-OF-WAR.—1, Thomas's; 2, Gray's.
- ONE MILE (open).—1, Foster; 2, Draycott; 3, Thompson.
- THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (under 14).—1, Revill; 2, Trueman; 3, Norfolk. 50 yds. 10 in.
- SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY (5 miles).—1, Thomas's; 2, Booth's; 3, Gray's. (Individuals: 1, Foster; 2, Thompson; 3, Draycott).
- CROSS-COUNTRY, II—14 (3.3 miles).—1, Thomas's; 2, Booth's; 3, Gray's. (Individuals: 1, Revill; 2, Baxter; 3, Hall.)
- JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY (under 11).—1, Booth's; 2, Thomas's; 3, Gray's. (Individuals: 1, Peacock; 2, Templeman; 3, Schumach.)

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An amusing addition to the programme was a Tug-of-war between the Old Boys and the Judges, the former proving victorious after a hard struggle.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Lewis for his generosity in presenting a Cross-Country Cup, and also the Judges for the very efficient way in which they carried out their duties.

Cricket, 1931.

IN this most unkind of summers we must think ourselves extremely fortunate in having to cancel only two of our matches. In one other, that against High School on June 17th, the start was so delayed that each side batted for one hour.

The greatest handicap under which the team has laboured has been the absence of a fast bowler. This has thrown a greater burden on the Captain, H. M. Tupper, who, although bowling his left-arm slows as well as ever, has not been as effective as he would have been had he had the assistance of a pace bowler at the other end. He usually opened the bowling with Stokes, who brings the ball in quite nicely from the off, but has not sufficient command of length to be called a real success. On occasions, Wilkinson and Hibbard have bowled steadily, and Thraves shows great promise, although he had to wait until the last match before taking his first wicket for the 1st XI.

The chief fault with the batting has been lack of confidence. At practice and in House matches much of the batting has been good, but this standard has not been maintained in School matches, when there has been a noticeable reluctance to go to the pitch of the ball, the batsman preferring to play back most of the time. Besides not being profitable from a scoring point of view, back-play has almost invariably been the cause of dismissal of at least half the side. A notable exception to this criticism has been Stokes, who by sheer keenness and enthusiasm for the game has developed into a distinctly good batsman. So great was the change in him that we hardly noticed it! After playing in the trial match, the selectors unanimously picked him for the County Schools *versus* the Notts Club and Ground, when he further distinguished himself by being the second top-scorer. In addition, he clean-bowled Castledine, thus taking one of the two wickets that fell for 16 runs. Certainly, a good performance! Of the others, Morris has probably been the most consistent, although Hibbard and Bridges have made runs when needed. Norfolk is perhaps worthy of mention, as for so young a boy some of his innings have shown distinct promise.

The real weakness of the team was in its fielding. Time after time, matches have been lost by dropped catches. On one occasion, when we were playing a powerful Southwell XI, the fielding and catching were excellent, and the side realized how much they had thrown away in the other matches by their indifferent and sometimes even casual gathering of the ball. When the team as a whole realize that fielding is the most interesting, besides being a most vital, part of the game, then we shall see many of our defeats turned to victory. Hibbard and Wilkinson have certainly done their best, and Humberstone behind the stumps has performed creditably.

After the Grosvenor match, Stokes and Wilkinson were awarded Colours, and Hibbard's were the outcome of his splendid undefeated innings against the Old Boys.

After a stern struggle, Gray's carried off the House Cup; while Thomas's, thanks mainly to the all-round ability of Hall, were successful in the junior competition.

Another season is over, and if the results have not quite come up to our expectations, at least we have enjoyed it thoroughly. Next year we hope to have at least eight or nine of the present team, but we shall sadly miss Tupper, who is the best left-arm bowler we have had for a very long time. Too excitable to be a great captain, he is a player that many a good side would welcome. And Stokes, we hope, will be here next year!

OLD SOUTHWELLIANS v. THE SCHOOL.

JULY 16TH.

Won by the O. S. by 9 runs.

THE SCHOOL.

J. R. Stokes, b Roads	3
W. Leek, l. b. w., b Steedman	0
Morris, l. b. w., b Roads	3
J. R. Wilkinson, b Roads	2
Norfolk, l. b. w., b Howard	1
D. H. Doy, b Roads	0
Allen, c and b Howard	5
H. M. Tupper, b Roads	0
Cox, c Steedman, b Leek	3
G. R. Hibbard, not out	34
Thraves, b Howard	3
Revill, b Howard	0
Bridges, b A. Merryweather	15
Humberstone, b Roads	4
Extras	6
Total	79

OLD SOUTHWELLIANS.

A. H. Hickson, b Tupper	4
A. Bailey, b Tupper	18
A. W. Steedman, l. b. w., b Doy	0
N. P. Myers, b Doy	0
H. Leek, b Tupper	22
G. E. Foster, l. b. w., b Doy	7
N. Howard, c and b Doy	5
C. R. Brown, l. b. w., b Tupper	1
W. N. Parr, b Doy	7
N. Witham, b Stokes	6
J. Wesley Roads, c and b Doy	0
N. Ross, run out	5
F. Barrett, b Stokes	4
A. Merryweather, not out	1
Extras	8
Total	88

BOWLERS.

	O.	M.	No-B's.	Wides.	R.	Wkts.	Av.
D. H. Doy	13	4	0	0	39	6	6.5
H. M. Tupper	10	0	0	0	32	4	8
J. R. Stokes	3.4	0	0	0	7	2	3.5

RESULTS, SEASON, 1931.

May 13 v. Grosvenor. Won: 112—81.
" 20 v. High Pavement. Won: 49—30.
" 27 v. Lincoln City School. Lost: 18—130 (five wickets).
June 3 v. High Pavement. Won: 76 (six wickets)—68.
" 10 v. Magnus 2nd XI. Cancelled, owing to rain.
" 17 v. High School "A." Drawn: 29 (four wkts)—75 (one wkt.).
" 20 v. High School "A." Lost: 37—94 (six wickets).
" 24 v. Lincoln City School. Lost: 52—114 (seven wickets).
" 26. Junior XI v. Halam School. Won: 104 (3 wkts)—48.
" 27 v. High School (under 15). Lost: 19—129 (eight wickets).
" 29 v. Kelham S.S.M. Lost: 85—98 (one wicket).
July 1 v. Magnus 2nd XI. Drawn: 31 (seven wickets)—112.
" 2 v. Kirkby's C.C. Lost: 128—141 (nine wickets).
" 8 v. High School (under 15). Lost: 74—110.
" 15 v. Grosvenor School. Cancelled, owing to rain.
" 16 v. Old Boys. Lost: 79—88.
" 21 v. Southwell 2nd XI. Lost: 57—70.
" 22 v. Kelham S.S.M. Lost: 72—104 (eight wickets).

Total Matches played: 18. Won, 4; Lost, 9; Drawn, 2; Cancelled, 2.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	O.	M.	R.	Wkts.	Average.
H. M. Tupper	143.2	23	387	46	8.41
J. R. Stokes	128.4	34	285	24	11.45
J. R. Wilkinson	93	14	211	13	16.23
Bridges	24	6	45	2	22.5
Hibbard	20	4	50	2	25

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
J. R. Stokes ..	12	156	41	14'18
G. R. Hibbard ..	11	66	34	9'42
Bridges ..	12	74	21	8'25
Norfolk ..	13	97	25	7'46
Humberstone ..	10	57	24	6'5

The Scouts.

THE work of the Troop, which now numbers twenty-nine Scouts and eleven Cubs, has been of a varied and interesting character. During the two Winter terms valuable work for Second Class and other Proficiency Badges has been carried out, and many Scouts have made rapid progress towards the obtaining of First Class Badges. In the Summer Term several delightful Saturday afternoon expeditions have been made to Winkburn Park, while several Scouts have spent their Saturday nights under threatening skies or heavy rain; a few, however, have been more fortunate, and have enjoyed the beauties of a summer's evening in the wilds of the Park. The Cubs, an extremely enthusiastic body of intending Scouts, had a most enjoyable week-end at Winkburn. Superintended by the two Scoutmasters, they experienced their first night under canvas favoured by the most beautiful weather.

The existence of Scouts in the School seems to have become an institution, and it is a sound indication of the condition of this organisation that the Scouts have realized that it should be self-supporting. As a result, a so-called Fun Fair and "Vaudeville" was held in the School yard on Easter Monday. The Fair consisted of various games of skill and chance, mostly constructed by the Scouts themselves, and it was followed by a programme which was quite up to the high standard set by the School in dramatic entertainment. This consisted of songs and other items by the Scout Troop, assisted by the Group Scoutmaster, whose "Songs of our Grandfathers" brought down the house. G. Mason proved an excellent comedian. The old favourite "*Ici en parle francais*," was performed as the second half of the programme, and this thoroughly delighted a crowded and most appreciative audience. J. D. P. Norfolk, as "Mr. Spriggins," naturally suited to the part, made an admirably comic old gentleman; G. Wilson as "Mrs. Spriggins" was absurdly dignified; and D. A. Keetly as "Anna Maria" gave a triumphant interpretation of a "Maid of all work." Mr. Smith's "Major Rattan" was a terrifying success.

The profits of about £12 were an ample reward for the efforts of the Scouts, who had worked very hard and with commendable enthusiasm.

Of those who gained Badges, J. D. P. Norfolk is to be congratulated on becoming our first First Class Scout.

During the year nine Scouts and four Cubs have been recruited.

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The following Proficiency Badges have been awarded during the past year:—

<i>Ambulance</i> ..	J. D. P. Norfolk.
<i>Artist</i>	R. J. Cook.
<i>Cyclist</i>	D. Beech, T. E. Bridges, E. C. Dodd E. Helmy, H. Hurst, G. Mason, D. Payne, J. W. Thraves, and G. Wilson.
<i>Entertainer</i> ..	D. A. Keetley, G. Mason, H. Revill, M. Tupper, R. Stokes, G. Wilson, K. W. Wright.
<i>Gardener</i>	E. Helmy, K. B. St. Clair.
<i>Interpreter</i> ..	K. Cook, J. B. Foster, J. W. Humberstone, K. W. Wright.
<i>Marksman</i>	K. Allen, J. Barratt, F. W. Baxter, T. E. Bridges, R. J. Cook, D. A. Keetley, G. Wilson.
<i>Musician</i>	E. Dodd.

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VAUDEVILLE PROGRAMME :

- (1) The following Scouts will hoot in Chorus : Stokes, Wilson, Baxter, Thraves, Gray, Keetley, Dodd, Tupper, Norfolk, Mason (Owl - Patrol!).
 - (a) "Come, follow, follow?"
 - (b) "Some Folks."
 - (c) "Volga Boat Song."
 - (d) "Sea Shanty."
- (2) The Group Scoutmaster, by special license, will sing two mid-Victorian Music Hall ditties, showing what Grandpa had to put up with.
 - (a) "Wedding Bells."
 - (b) "The Schoolmaster."

It is hoped the audience will assist in this trying effort.
- (3) "Our Stretcher Bearers." *Victim* : Bobbie Langford.
First-Aiders : Baxter, Revill, Bridges, Cook.
- (4) "Shut the Gate!"
The Assistant S.M. and "George" in their whimsical turn.
- (5) Wright, Mason, Baxter and Tommy Dodd will give you quite an original turn : "The Scouts' A B C."

[INTERVAL : and you'll need it!]

If there is anyone left after PART I, the Troop will present that time-honoured Farce :

"ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS."

Mr. Spriggins	J. NORFOLK.
Mrs. Spriggins (nee Fitzpontonville) ..	G. WILSON.
Angelina (their lovely (!) daughter) ..	R. STOKES.
Major Regulus Rattan (of the Cape Coast Slashers)	B. J. RUSHBY SMITH.
Julia (his blushing bride)	H. M. TUPPER.
Victor Dubois (a fascinating Frenchman)	W. DRAYCOTT.
Anna Maria (Maid of all work)	D. A. KEETLEY.

Camp, 1931. Snettisham Again.

"Heigh ho, the wind and the rain."

IT was the wind in particular. Its penetrating power after crossing the Wash from the north-west was astonishing. And it would blow the flame from under the pots. After the first two days, however, it died down, and the weather became really hot, except when we left Camp for a "joy-day" in Hunstanton. Camp was a great success. We were within a few yards of the sea, perhaps a little too far from our drinking water, but, on the whole, well placed. After a year's sound training there was no need for further definite Scout work than that which is in itself the best training of all—the art of living cleanly and well away from the conveniences of modern civilization.

There were fifteen of us altogether; unfortunately, Mr. Samuels had to leave after a few days.

Space will not permit of a full description of our journeys and days spent so pleasantly by the sea, the sunrises and settings over a silky sea, the good smell of earth after rain, and the tickle of wood-smoke. These things must be felt and experienced. We had them all; we grew daily in proficiency as campers, and left "without trace."

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The following were present in Camp:—Cox, Allen, Wilson, Stokes, Thraves, Cook, Keetley, Revill, Gray, Dodd, Baxter, Miller, Strong.

Miniature Rifle Club.

OUR matches have been fired, and four interval Competitions. In addition, Beaumont, Mason and Stokes have fired for the Southwell senior team in the majority of its matches.

Thanks are due to the Southwell and District Rifle Club for the use of their ranges and equipment.

March 7th.—Postal Match *v.* MAGNUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

	<i>Deliberate.</i>	<i>Rapid.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
MAGNUS	352	339	691 pts.
SOUTHWELL ..	353	332	685 pts.
<i>Team : Mason, Stokes, Norfolk, Bridges.</i>			

June 4th.—TRIAL MATCH.

	<i>Deliberate.</i>	<i>Rapid.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
"A" Team. Stokes (<i>Capt.</i>)	327	340	667 pts.
"B" Team. Mason (<i>Capt.</i>)	338	307	645 pts.

June 7th.—JUNIOR SUMMER COMPETITION. (All England.)

Team under 15 years: Mason, Norfolk, Baxter, Cook.

<i>Deliberate.</i>	<i>Rapid.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
329	310	639 pts.
<i>Position in Competition : 12.</i>		

June 8th.—OWN HANDICAP COMPETITION.

	<i>Deliberate.</i>	<i>Hand'p.</i>	<i>Penalty.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
1st, Stokes	91	9	—	100 pts.
2nd, Mason	93	8	2	99 "
3rd, Norfolk	89	10	—	99 "

June 11th.—SCOUT COMPETITION for Duke of Connaught SHIELD.

Teams from Empire under 16 years.

<i>Deliberate.</i>	<i>Rapid.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
514	510	1,024 pts.

Team : Mason, Stokes, Norfolk, Wilson, Bridges, Baxter.

June 13th.—DON JARDINE CUP.

Shot shoulder to shoulder at Mapperley Park.

Team : Norfolk, Wright, Bridges, Mason, Wilson, Cook.

45th Carrington Troop Boy Scouts, 545 pts.

1st Southwell Troop Boy Scouts, 495 pts.

June 18th.—INTER-PATROL COMPETITION.

1. BEAVER : Mason, 95	2. WOLF : Stokes, 90
Bridges, 82	Baxter, 80
177 pts.	170 pts.
3.—Fox : Norfolk, 86	4.—HORSE : Wright, 82
Allen, 79	Barratt, 70
165 pts.	152 pts.

AVERAGES IN MATCHES.			
	No. of Matches.	Av. Deliberate.	Rapid.
Mason ..	6	91.7	88.7
Stokes ..	4	92.7	85.3
Wilson ..	3	84	84.5
Norfolk ..	6	89	82.7
Bridges ..	5	75	82.7
Wright ..	3	84	84.5
Baxter ..	4	78	73
Cook ..	3	75.3	70
Allen ..	1	79	—
Barratt ..	1	70	—

MEDAL COMPETITION.			
	Deliberate.	Rapid.	Total.
1. G. Mason ..	93	93	186 pts.
2. J. R. Stokes ..	90	89	179 "
3. K. W. Allen ..	85	81	166 "

Large Silver Medal.
Small Silver Medal.
Bronze Medal.

OWN HANDICAP (concurrent with above).

	Score.	Handicap.	Total.	
1. Stokes ..	179	plus 18	197	Silver Spoon.
2. Mason ..	186	" 8	194	
3. Wilson ..	152	" 38	190	
4. Bridges ..	159	" 30	189	

Old Southwellian Society.

THE past year has seen a definite advance in the progress of the Society, largely due to the splendid enthusiasm of the President, Mr. W. Lee. When he took office he expressed his intention to "ginger up" the members and to keep the Hon. Secs. hard at work. He has from time to time been in personal touch with many Old Southwellians, and his trouble is being repaid by the renewed interest in the Society. Particularly was this noticeable at the Cricket match on June 16th, when he presided over a company of forty-three at lunch. An exceptionally pleasant re-union was held on that occasion, and we were delighted to have the Bishop with us for lunch and during an hour or two of the play.

The Dinner was held at the Black Boy Hotel, Nottingham, on Thursday, February 5th, with the retiring President, Mr. A. G. Attenborough, in the chair.

Preceding the Dinner, the Annual General Meeting was held, when the joint Hon. Sec., Mr. D. H. Doy, read his Report for 1930, as follows:—

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

Once more I have the honour to present to you my report on the activities and progress of the Society for the year which has just ended.

First of all, I would ask you to recall the note of optimism which was so noticeable in my Report of a year ago. Then we had just completed our re-organisation scheme, and the results were regarded as highly satisfactory. Unfortunately, gentlemen, that optimism has not been fully justified. With the members who paid then, a few new members, and, of course, the life members, there were 166 on the books. The life members now number thirty-two, and of the remainder only sixty-six have paid their annual subscription. As the Hon. Treasurer will probably point out, this means that the Society has incurred a loss of £3 8s. on Magazines alone. I think that many Old Boys regard the subscription as too small to be worth the trouble of sending, and wait for an opportunity of handing it over to one of the officials. In some cases that opportunity may not occur for a long time, and thus the Society loses its due. What is much more to be regretted is that the member is likely to be crossed off the list and be for ever forgotten. Complaints reach me occasionally that some Old Southwellian has not received any notices for a considerable period. The reason is obvious. Everyone whose address could be obtained was circularized two years ago, and those who replied are enrolled on a new register. Therefore those who are omitted have only themselves to blame. The Society is now in a flourishing condition, but I thought it only right to lay these facts before you before it was too late. Please see that your subscriptions are paid regularly, and thus encourage your Committee to do all it can to further your interests.

The Dinner last year was held at Southwell on Feb. 6th, with the retiring President, Mr. N. A. Metcalfe, in the chair. The attendance was very satisfactory, and a most pleasant evening was spent. Previously, however, at the General Meeting, the members present had almost unanimously agreed that the 1931 Dinner should be held in Nottingham, in order to give those who live at a distance an opportunity of attending. Whether this was justified, you must judge by the attendance this evening.

After several years of good fortune with regard to the weather, the Cricket Match this year was a "wash-out." It rained incessantly for three days, and not a single person was optimist enough to make the journey to South Hill. Nevertheless, those brave souls who had come to Southwell foregathered at the Saracen's Head, and we had a very convivial luncheon party. To illustrate the enthusiasm of some members, I would like to mention that two of our

Old Boys travelled all the way from Scotland to take part in that re-union, and even then thought it worth while.

Having served us so badly in July, it was only reasonable to expect that the clerk of the weather would act more kindly on the occasion of the Dance, but here again we were unfortunate. For at least a week before the Dance the whole county was wrapped in dense fog, and although the night itself was clear, it was not to be supposed that anyone from a distance would take the grave risk of driving a car in such circumstances. This does not mean that the Dance was a failure—far from it. Over ninety were present, and everything went with a swing. By general consent, the Assembly Rooms were decorated most artistically, and for this our thanks are due to Mrs. H. A. S. Merryweather and Miss Nancy Harvey, who always come to our assistance on such occasions.

It is with great regret that I have to report the death of two of our members. Mr. W. B. Marriott, of Fiskerton, was the oldest of the Old Boys. In a letter to me a year or two ago he mentioned that he was the third boy enrolled after the re-opening of the School in 1860. The first two had predeceased him by many years. Most of you will remember that he was at the Dinner last year, and his hale and hearty appearance was commented upon by several who were present.

Last month we were all grieved to learn of the tragic death of W. S. Hole in the Nottingham General Hospital. He was only seventeen, and was well known to and popular with his contemporaries.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who have made my task so easy. All members of the Committee have attended whenever possible, and the work of the Sub-Committees have been above reproach. Those responsible for the Dance, especially Mr. Henry Merryweather, must be congratulated on their efforts. The success of the arrangements made by the Nottingham Committeemen you will presently judge for yourselves, and I feel sure you will not be disappointed.

THE DINNER.

A. G. Attenborough, the retiring President, was in the chair, supported by Archdeacon Conybeare (Vice-Chairman of the Governors) and by Rev. J. S. Wright.

The toast of "The Old Southwellian Society" was proposed by E. B. Hibbert, and responded to by the Chairman.

In proposing the toast of "The School," the incoming President, W. Lee, claimed that Southwell School, with its fine traditions, gave to its pupils the most important thing in life: character. As a business man and a member of one of the largest selling organisations in the world, he would much prefer to have a boy of character than one who possessed more experience, initiative and efficiency. Southwell gave that as well, but without character there could not be that stability which was the source of our national greatness.

In reply, the Head Master thanked the Old Boys for their good wishes for the School's well-being, and urged them to implement those good wishes whenever opportunities arose by supporting the School. It might be that the old School would need their support—would the shares of the "Company" if they were put on the market be over-subscribed on the day of issue? That, at any rate, would be a test of loyalty. But apart from the necessity of increasing the School's endowment, which was a pressing need, let the Old Southwellian Society use their influence to increase the numbers of the School. It was vital that they should widen their sphere of influence. Southwell could no longer remain a purely local school.

The Rector of Southwell also spoke to the toast, and said that it was no exaggeration to say that the Services of the Minster, which had gone on for centuries, had depended on the Grammar School.

O. S. NOTES.

The Hon. Treasurer, A. G. Merryweather, presented the Accounts of the Society, and showed a balance of £8 19s. 6d.

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G. Poole was awarded the O.S. Cup at the Dinner.

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MARRIAGE.—On June 25th, at St. Stephen's Church, Sneinton, by the Rev. J. R. Thomas, Harry Alexander Cobbin, of West Bridgford, to Hilda May, only child of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bloodworth, "Uley Villa," Sherwood.

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Rev. N. D. Coleman has been appointed Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Bradford.

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E. Murray Witham gained a Second Class in the History Tripos and a Third in Geography at Cambridge, and is now Assistant Master at Wellingborough College.