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The Year in Review.

A giant elm has just been felled. He is the last of his race which for a century and a half has overshadowed the school-yard. With his fall we begin another issue of *The Southwellian*, feeling indeed that a period has been put to another year and that things can never be as they were.

The first impression that comes to our mind is one of light, revealing with almost searchlight clarity, things that were romantically shaded. We are like mid-Victorians faced with the naked reality. But sunlight is good and we welcome it. And a definitely dangerous group of neighbours have been removed.

What the School has done during the year appears in the pages following. The round is in many ways trivial to the ordinary reader and it follows a normal course as it should. But there are changes in the air. The fate of the elm trees is more than a symbol; it is a preparation for a new building along the wall. The meetings of the Governors have all been concerned this year with this coming work. The services of the County Architect have been at our disposal; a survey has been made. For the first time it would seem we have been measured up and planned. What happened to the original drawings of 1819? These things have arisen from the Board's report and we now look forward to the long desired reconditioning.

We began the year with a full school and we look like maintaining the number.

Speech Day, with Principal Wortley as our visitor, was as happy an event as ever, with the added interest of music. The closing ode in the gallery was particularly beautiful. And so through the term towards the Play. But the 'Merchant' proved more intractable than had been thought and wisely we interposed the Christmas holiday to produce it freshly and with commendable finish in January. An uneventful Spring Term followed the excitements of the Play week and closed with sports, examinations and yet further dramatic achievements.

The all too brief Summer Term seemed to rush by with a record number of cricket matches, a delightful Old Boys' day, and for some the testing time of the School Certificate.

The Old Southwellians have danced, dined, and played cricket, and on all occasions acquitted themselves well.

Amongst the Staff there has been much progress. In December Mr. Doy was married in the Minster, at Easter Mr. Ball was married, and Mr. C. Doughty in July.

The sound of "Lord, dismiss us" dies away, farewells are said; Mr. Yates' "Continental" leave for France, a silence falls upon the old building. The School Year has ended once again.

School Notes.

There have been no changes on the Governing Body.

The work of the Estates Committee in particular and of the Governing Body in general has been most active in the consideration of schemes to give effect to the report of the Board of Education on the School buildings.

General reconditioning is what is aimed at. But while it is desired to make the place more suited for its purpose it is also advisable that it should be better to look at. It is therefore proposed to instal a system of central heating. At first a newly-equipped laboratory was designed for the present room, but the need for an additional classroom is to be met by building a new laboratory, on the east side of the playground and by converting the present laboratory into a classroom. This will abolish the double class arrangement in the lower schoolroom, a defect from which we have long suffered.

We announce with pleasure the acceptance by the Head Master of Winchester to come on November 7th to speak to us on Speech Day.

STAFF.

Mr. St. G. K. Day has been appointed to the Staff of Giggleswick School. We congratulate him on his appointment and wish him every success.

Mr. Day came in September, 1936, and was in charge of the science teaching.

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He is succeeded by Mr. T. A. Rose, B.Sc. (Reading). Mr. Rose was at Reading School and while there played Rugby for the Berkshire Public Schools. We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Rose.

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Many Old Boys will note with regret the passing of Mr. H. J. Baker in his 73rd year. Mr. Baker was Woodwork Instructor here from September, 1901, to July, 1929, a remarkable record.

THE SCHOOL.

The numbers this year have been: Autumn, 77; Spring, 74; Summer, 75.

EXAMINATIONS:

OXFORD H.S.C. AND SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

We congratulate R. H. Thorne on his passing the Higher Certificate. Principal Subjects: English and French; Subsidiary, Mathematics and Art.

Congratulations also to the following who have contributed to the best Certificate result for many years: J. O. C. Lee, F. Foster, J. B. Smith. (Order on the aggregate of credit marks on the whole examination.) R. Fowkes, J. Green, R. Hardstaff, A. Heath, J. M. Parr.

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The following entered the School during the year:—

T. J. Cox	Sept., 1937	Form VB	Boarder.
F. Coldham	"	" III	Special Place.
J. Davies	"	" III	Special Place.
W. R. Hardwick	"	" III	Special Place.
R. E. Trueman	"	" III	
D. G. Goodwin	"	" II	
J. E. H. Kirk	"	" II	Chorister.
D. W. Gascoine	Feb., 1938	" II	
D. Dean	May, 1938	" IV	Boarder.

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The following left during the year or in July, 1937:—

	Form.	Left.	Entered.	
A. Caudwell,	VI	July, '37	Sept., '31	S.C. '35 and '36. Capt. Cricket & Football, '36, '37. <i>Victor Ludorum</i> , '36, '37. O.S. Cup, '35, '36. Starkey Schol. '36.
R. W. Clarke,	VI	"	Sept., '32	S.C. '36. 1st XI Cols., '36-'37.
J. V. Barnes,	VA	"	Sept., '3	1st XV Cols., '37. Notts. Public Schs.
G. I. Burgon,	VA	"	Sept., '32	S.C. 1937. 1st XV Cols., '37.
J. E. Golding,	VB	"	Sept., '36	
S. H. Brown,	IV	"	Sept., '35	
R. S. Johnson,	III	"	May, '37	
P. Melton Pease,	VI	"	Sept., '32	S.C. '37. 1st XV '36, '37. 1st XI '37.
J. Wilkinson,	VB	Dec., '37	Sept., '34	
F. Dance,	IV	Oct., '37	Sept., '36	
W. F. Walton,	VA	Feb., '38	Sept., '31	

	Form.	Left.	Entered.	
R. H. Thorne,	VI	July, '38	Sept., '32	S.C. '36. Matric. '37. H.S.C. '38. 1st XV Cols. '37-38. O.S. Cup '37. Starkey Scholar '37. Head Prefect.
A. Heath,	VA	"	Sept., '33	S.C. '38.
J. Parr,	VA	"	Sept., '33	1st XI Cols., '38. S.C. '38. 1st XV Cols. '37.
E. Clifford,	VB	"	Sept., '31	
J. Hatton,	VB	"	Jan., '35	
G. Riddell,	VB	"	Sept., '34	
J. Baker,	IV	"	April, '37	
G. Ballard,	IV	"	Jan., '33	
N. Hepworth,	IV	"	May, '35	
J. B. Smith,	VA	"	Sept., '38	S.C. '38.
P. Smith,	IV	"	May, '34	
R. P. Harvey,	IV	"	Sept., '36	

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The following books have been added to the School Library: *The Drum* (Mason), *North West Passage* (Roberts), *Child under Sail* (E. Linklater), *The Map-Makers* (Cottler & Jaffe), *The Arts of Mankind* (Van Loon), *An Infamous Army* (Heyer), *A Woman among Wild Men* (Helen Simpson), *England, have my bones* (White), *They seek a Country* (Brett Young), *Plays* (Bernard Shaw).

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *Notts. High School Magazine*, *The Magnusian*, *The Centaur*, *The Pavior*, *The Brunt's School Magazine*, *The Newtonian*.

Speech Day.

Speech Day was held on Friday, November 5th, in the Great Hall of Bishop's Manor. Our visitor was Principal H. A. S. Wortley. It was in 1933 that Principal Stewart had come to Southwell and on that occasion the Head Master commended to him a pupil who was about to enter University College. Five years later his successor comes and the news he has to tell us is that the College Council have just been considering the first award of the High Stewart Travelling Scholarship—a scholarship founded to perpetuate the memory of Nottingham's splendid Principal. That award was conferred on our pupil of five years back—G. R. Hibbard. We were told the exacting conditions governing the award: A first-class degree, powers of leadership, sound judgment, and the will and capacity to serve the Empire. The Hall was full to overflowing and a

great welcome was accorded to Principal Wortley by an opening Ode of Welcome sung by the School and led by Mr. F. Schumach. The Bishop, who presided, added further words of welcome and happily referred to the return of the Provost, just returned from a long enforced absence.

The Head Master's report covered the achievements of the past year with special emphasis on bare facts, an emphasis rendered necessary by recent ill-informed utterances in public places. An important part of the report dealt with the Board of Education Inspectors' recent visit and looked forward to the constructive or rather reconstructive work which the Board advised should now be put in hand.

This work the Head Master commended to the School Governors in his closing words, confident that they would face them with the zeal they were always ready to display, so that not only might we preserve our inheritance, but meet the needs of this present day by such renewals as would lead towards a greater efficiency and towards that which he believed to be essential for education, something of beauty and the dignity of right living.

Principal Wortley's address turned on the importance of making real to the imagination the phrases we read describing current events. We heard a good deal about physical exercises; what he emphasized was the need of mental exercises, exercises which were best carried out in school, but which were needed also all through life. The need of the day was the mind which was no longer the slave of the catchword but capable of interpreting the facts of life in the light of experience.

Votes of thanks were given by the Provost, supported by Archdeacon Hales and Alderman Caudwell.

THE PRIZE LIST.

Form Prizes : VI, R. H. Thorne; VA, G. I. Burgon; VB, F. Foster; IV, S. Pulford; III, D. Coldham; II, P. Cox.

Canon Glaister Prizes for English and History : G. I. Burgon, H. Longdon, J. Golding, W. Hempsall.

Languages : H. Longdon, F. Foster, J. Green, P. Conlon, B. L. Matthews.

Mathematics and Science : R. H. Thorne, A. Caudwell, J. V. Barnes, G. I. Burgon, T. Carding, J. O. C. Lee, P. Melton, F. Foster, J. B. Smith, R. Hardstaff, S. Pulford.

Religious Knowledge : J. Broadberry.

Art : R. Fowkes, M. G. Enser, N. Peacock.

Starkey Scholarship : R. H. Thorne.

Starkey Prize : T. Carding.

Lady Robinson Prize : P. Melton.

School Plays.

"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE."

The strange fact that the School play has become one of the outstanding events of the year is a distinct embarrassment. It has to go on being so. Our old patrons would otherwise begin to shake their heads and say things are not what they were in the old days. So far we have managed to prevent head wagging and this year's production was said to be as good as ever, even the best we had done.

The Merchant is not easy to play. It is not enough to say it all depends on your Shylock or your Portia, though they are as important as your Prince of Denmark in *Hamlet*.

Still we were most happy in our Portia, a great undertaking by Tom Carding, quite an untried player; yet, as we look back, who else could have sustained so fine a part right through. As for Mr. Matthews' Shylock, it must be counted amongst the best of his many parts. There was always a dignity about the Jew in spite of all, a dignity inherent in a noble race. That was what we felt as we heard his plea "Hath not a Jew eyes?" . . . or his cry . . . "no tears but of my shedding."

The whole company played well. Note Gratiano's finished work, Thorne's Duke and his effective Tubal, taken at the last moment, Antonio's solid worth, Bassanio's charm. Perhaps the most appreciated triumphs were the Gobbos, young and old, Dempsey's clowning was excellent and Clifford's old man a most finished performance. Nerissa proved an excellent "clerk" and if Jessica was not as pleasant as Lorenzo thought her, that was not Baker's fault; one night, after lengthy apologies for appearing as a boy, she appeared complete with skirt and got away with it in the darkness! "On such a night did Jessica . . ." elude the dresser and join the Gentiles. One wonders whether she forgot those pearls, ducats, and diamonds.

The 'sets' were adequate as a backcloth to the dazzling splendour of Burkinshaw's dresses, and Walton's lighting 'plot' illumined Venice and Belmont faithfully from blazing Mediterranean noontide to nightfall, to moonshine and revealing dawn.

"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE."

Characters in the order of their appearance :

<i>Antonio</i>	D. H. Doy
<i>Salarino</i>	H. O. Neil
<i>Salanio</i>	J. Lee
<i>Bassanio</i>	P. A. Yates
<i>Lorenzo</i>	H. Longdon
<i>Gratiano</i>	J. K. Ball
<i>Portia</i>	T. Carding
<i>Nerissa</i>	A. D. Matthews
<i>Servant</i>	R. Croft
<i>Shylock</i>	R. Matthews
<i>Launcelot Gobbo</i>	J. S. Dempsey
<i>Old Gobbo</i>	W. E. Clifford
<i>Jessica</i>	J. W. Baker
<i>Tubal</i>	R. H. Thorne
<i>Salerio</i>	J. Cox
<i>The Duke of Venice</i>	R. H. Thorne

Scenes : Venice and a Garden in Belmont, by R. Matthews.

Lighting and Effects by W. Walton.

Wigs and Costumes by J. Burkinshaw & Sons, of Liverpool.

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Mr. Doy's players played Clemence Dane's thriller, *Shivering Shocks*, at Easter, with the cast that follows. It had all the ingredients which we expect and we were well entertained.

<i>Capt. Dallas</i>	J. Lee
<i>Kysh (his servant)</i>	R. W. Croft
<i>Granville Hughes, B.Sc. (an inventor)</i>	W. E. Clifford
<i>Dawson</i>	} Crooks {	A. Heath
<i>The Shepherd</i>		J. M. Parr
<i>Inspector James Pollock, alias "Rowley"</i>	J. S. Dempsey

Clifford as the terrified scientist and Dempsey again showed a nice sense of stage-craft.

Shivering Shocks was followed by a fine episode adapted by Mr. Ball from Dumas' *Monte Cristo*. The bulk of the work fell to Thorne, whose Gaspard was remarkably well played. As an emotional actor, Thorne does well, witness his Tubal. Here he had all the 'fat' and gave us a full-blooded performance. Longdon's 'Jeweller' from Paris was a nice study as was Neil's sinister figure and voice in the smuggler's part.

Perhaps we ought to play *Maria Martin* and *Sweeney Tod* to our Christmas audience; we have abundant talent and it seems to come natural to our players.

"THE DIAMOND OF DANTES."

Adapted by J. K. BALL from *Monte Cristo*.

<i>Gaspard Caderouse</i>	R. H. Thorne
<i>Carconte (his wife)</i>	J. Baker
<i>M. Joannes (a Paris jeweller)</i>	H. T. Longdon
<i>Pierre Pigalle ("Asticot"), a smuggler</i>	H. O. Neil
<i>A Sergeant of the Gendarmerie</i>	R. Harvey
<i>M. Dubois (a Revenue Officer)</i>	T. Carding
<i>Gendarme</i>	J. Sands

Time : Early Nineteenth Century.

Scene : A wayside inn in the South of France.

Rugby Football, 1937-38.

Last football season was one of the most unfortunate in recent years from several points of view. Our fixture list was very curtailed for various reasons. At the beginning of the season the grounds were so hard that match play was impossible and practice was far from satisfactory. We played no matches at all in the Spring Term, partly owing to the School Play being transferred to the end of January and partly to illness, either with us or with our opponents. Our results were far from being as good as usual, chiefly owing to lack of physique and to our inability to discover any wing three-quarters. In the past we have relied very largely on the speed and strength of our backs but these rather failed us last year. Also we were badly hit by injury and our resources are so small that we can ill afford to have two or three prominent players on the injured list.

The captain, P. L. Melton, was certainly one of the best footballers that we have produced. He had a real football brain, a wonderful sense of position and limitless courage and energy. At centre three-quarter his defence was first-rate and he was always looking for a chance to use his strength and resource in attack. Previously he had been a wing forward but our weakness behind the scrum caused this very adaptable player to play outside. His merits were deservedly recognized when he was chosen to play for the Notts. Public Schoolboys during the Christmas holidays.

He was ably supported by the vice-captain, Lee, at stand-off half. Lee was the spear-head of attack, fast off the mark and possessing a beautiful pair of hands. His defence needs some tightening and if he will put in extra practice in this department he will make a first-class player. These two players were the mainstay of the backs although Longdon, in an unaccustomed position, did his best as fellow centre to Melton. Hardstaff, much too frail, showed promise at scrum-half, while Croft on occasions played quite well at full-back. Generally, speaking the

wing three-quarter play was pitiful, although in the House matches Crilly showed that he has possibilities in this position.

The forwards as a whole were slow and inclined to be lethargic and unimaginative. Parr hooked well and was ably backed up by Thorne, whose value in the tight scrums was very noticeable. These two formed the backbone of the forwards but the others, with the possible exception of Scraton, did not show sufficient dash and always appeared to be thinking too slowly. However, on occasions they gave glimpses of having some football ability and greater experience may remedy many of their faults. They all pushed well in the set scrums but often seemed 'lost' individually.

The 1st XV was generally: Croft; Riddell, P. L. Melton, Longdon, Smith; J. O. C. Lee, Hardstaff; R. H. Thorne, J. M. Parr, Scraton, Green, Cox, Shaw, Fowkes, Walkden.

Thomas's were the winners of the House Cup.

RESULTS.

Played, 6; Won, 2; Lost, 4.

				Points	
				for	ag't.
Oct. 27—	Humphrey Perkins' School	A. L.	53	18
Nov. 3—	Henry Mellish 2nd XV	H. L.	8	54
„ 10—	High Pavement 3rd XV	A. L.	10	22
„ 17—	Magnus 2nd XV	H. W.	15	6
„ 24—	Humphrey Perkins' School	H. W.	58	20
Dec. 1—	Henry Mellish 3rd XV	A. L.	3	60

Athletic Sports.

The sports were held on Thursday, April 7th, and we were favoured by excellent weather conditions, which probably accounted for the noticeable increase in the number of spectators. The results this year did not provide the thrilling finishes that are the very essence of track events. This was due to the outstanding performances of Lee and Riddell. Lee secured no less than seven 'firsts,' these being chiefly in the shorter distances. Naturally this success was sufficient to ensure that he became the holder of the Senior *Victor Ludorum* Cup. In all he obtained 25 points, his nearest rival being Riddell with 15 points. Riddell ran superbly to win the Cross-Country, of which the result was never in doubt, and he also won the Mile in very good time. Unfortunately, he is not a sprinter and he was unable seriously to challenge Lee for the chief honours of the day.

The "under 14" results were much of the same nature as those of the open events. The winner of the Junior *Victor Ludorum* Cup, A. D. Matthews, was not such a notable performer

as Lee but he also collected most of his points in the sprints and the field events. His aggregate of 18 points was sufficient to beat that of Wilson who did exceedingly well to win outright the four events of 440 yards and over. He should develop into a really good long distance runner.

Perhaps the performance most worthy of note was Thorne's success in the walking race. In this he broke all records and throughout he maintained a pace that gave his rivals no hope of gaining first place.

For the first time for years, Thomas's met a serious challenge for supremacy in the House Competition. At one period it seemed that Gray's might at last secure the Cup, but their weakness in the senior events allowed Thomas's to retain it. The final placings were: 1, Thomas's, 103½ points; 2, Gray's, 87 points; 3, Booth's, 37½ points.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who, in any way, contributed to the success of the meeting, especially the judges who so readily give their services every year.

RESULTS.

OPEN EVENTS.

LONG JUMP.—1, Lee; 2, Fowkes; 3, Longdon.
 100 YARDS.—1, Lee; 2, Smith; 3, Walkden.
 440 YARDS.—1, Lee; 2, Riddell; 3, Shaw.
 120 YARDS HURDLES.—1, Lee; 2, Riddell; 3, Parr.
 FOOTBALL RACE.—1, Parr; 2, Matthews, A. D.; 3, Grafton.
 220 YARDS.—1, Lee; 2, Shaw; 3, Walkden.
 HALF-MILE.—1, Lee; 2, Riddell; 3, Shaw.
 POTATO RACE.—1, Riddell; 2, Hardstaff; 3, Thorne.
 MILE.—1, Riddell; 2, Lee; 3, Heath.
 CRICKET BALL.—1, Lee; 2, Croft; 3, Crilly.
 WALKING RACE (7½ miles).—1, Thorne; 2, Heath; 3, Parr.
 CROSS-COUNTRY.—1, Riddell; 2, Hatton; 3, Hepworth, N.
 HIGH JUMP.—1, Heath; 2, Lee; 3, Smith and Thorne.

UNDER 15.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—1, Shaw; 2, Glasper; 3, Matthews, A. D.

UNDER 14.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—1, White; 2, Enser; 3, Grafton.
 100 YARDS.—1, Traill; 2, Matthews, A. D.; 3, Smith, P. L. A.
 HIGH JUMP.—1, Matthews; 2, Traill; 3, Wilson.
 220 YARDS.—1, Matthews; 2, Paling; 3, Traill.

SACK RACE.—1, Wheat ; 2, Matthews ; 3, Cottam.
 440 YARDS.—1, Wilson ; 2, Traill and Enser.
 POTATO RACE.—1, Hill ; 2, Matthews ; 3, Peacock.
 CRICKET BALL.—1, Matthews ; 2, Davies ; 3, White.
 HALF-MILE.—1, Wilson ; 2, Paling ; 3, Davies.
 CROSS-COUNTRY.—1, Wilson ; 2, Grafton ; 3, Matthews.
 MILE.—1, Wilson ; 2, Grafton ; 3, Paling.
 LONG JUMP.—1, Matthews ; 2, Traill ; 3, Grafton.

UNDER 13.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—1, White ; 2, Smith, P. L. A. ; 3, Davies.
 220 YARDS.—1, White ; 2, Paling ; 3, Smith, P. L. A.

UNDER 12.

100 YARDS.—1, Cox ii ; 2, Carding ii ; 3, Noble.
 220 YARDS.—1, Noble ; 2, Cox ii ; 3, Hare.
 POTATO RACE.—1, Noble ; 2, Cox ii ; 3, Gascoine.
 HALF-MILE.—1, Noble ; 2, Hare ; 3, Cox ii.

UNDER 11.

100 YARDS.—1, Carding ii ; 2, Hinde ; 3, Hare.

HOUSE COMPETITION.

SENIOR RELAY.—1, Thomas ; 2, Booth ; 3, Gray.
 RELAY "A."—1, Thomas ; 2, Gray ; 3, Booth.
 RELAY "B."—1, Booth ; 2, Gray ; 3, Thomas.
 SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY.—1, Booth ; 2, Gray ; 3, Thomas.
 CROSS-COUNTRY "A."—1, Gray ; 2, Thomas ; 3, Booth.
 CROSS-COUNTRY "B."—1, Gray ; 2, Booth ; 3, Thomas.
 TUG-OF-WAR.—1, Thomas ; 2, Booth ; 3, Gray.

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At the conclusion of the events the Archdeacon of Newark,
 Rev. J. P. Hales, presented the Cups as follows :—

<i>Inter-House Sports Cup</i>	..	Thomas's (Lee, Captain).
<i>Mile Cup</i>	G. E. Riddell.
<i>Cross-Country Cup</i>	G. E. Riddell.
<i>Senior Victor Ludorum</i>	..	J. O. C. Lee.
<i>Junior Victor Ludorum</i>	..	A. D. Matthews.
<i>Inter-House Football Cup</i>	..	Thomas's.

Replicas of the Cups which they returned were also handed
 to last year's winners, and the Tug-of-War cake was divided
 between the members of Thomas's team.

Cricket.

From every point of view, except occasionally perhaps the
 weather, the cricket season just past has been successful and
 enjoyable. We started with only one 'colour' from last season's
 team and it seemed probable that, in the way of results, we
 should have a lean time. Fortunately, this was not the case
 and by the enthusiasm of all the members of the team and the
 individual success of Lee, Parr and Longdon, we have a very
 creditable record. Of the four matches which were lost, two
 were against teams of experienced players. In one of these
 games, that against D. H. Doy's XI, the team put up its best
 performance of the season. The opposing side was composed
 of players who are all well known in Nottinghamshire club cricket
 and, on paper, it looked much too strong for the School XI.
 However, the scratch side had to fight hard to score just over
 100 runs and we were unlucky, in our turn, to fall just short
 of this total.

The batting of the team as a whole has been patchy and,
 with one or two exceptions, the individual performances have
 been inconsistent. This lack of continued success accounts for
 the fact that only two colours were awarded this season. Most
 of the players were successful for one or two matches but at
 no time could they be called reliable. Lee, the captain, was a
 tower of strength to the side. He scored a record aggregate
 of runs with an average of well over thirty and on no occasion
 was dismissed for less than double figures. His fast-medium
 bowling brought him a "bag" of 28 wickets, but he was inclined
 to be rather expensive. Above all, he set a magnificent example
 in the field. He has, of course, been outstanding in this respect
 for three seasons and, this year, his example has been followed
 by all the members of the team. Whatever lapses they may
 have had with bat or ball, they have fielded consistently well
 and sometimes almost brilliantly. This keenness in the field is
 in itself sufficient tribute to Lee's captaincy. He was awarded
 his county cap when he played for the Nottinghamshire Schools
 versus the Derbyshire Schools at Trent Bridge.

Parr, the vice-captain, is equally as keen a cricketer and
 developed into a really good opening batsman. In this capacity
 he has been of great service and on most occasions has proved
 a difficult batsman to dislodge. His left-arm slow bowling has
 undoubtedly been very useful but his figures are perhaps rather
 flattering. His fielding in the "gully" has been consistently
 good and his general enthusiasm for the game has done much
 to create a similar keenness amongst the younger players.

Longdon was awarded his colours after the High School match in July. He has generally opened the innings with Parr and at the beginning of the season was rather disappointing. However, he showed his real worth against D. H. Doy's XI when he batted for an hour and a half against the best bowling that the School has faced this season. That display gave him confidence and he ended the season in really good form.

Of the bowlers, Thorne was the most successful. He was only "discovered" half-way through the term and since then captured 15 wickets. He would be the last to claim that he is so much better a bowler than the others as his figures would seem to suggest. He was too inconsistent to be called a good bowler but when he found a length he was very effective. Broadberry and Hardstaff sometimes bowled well and when the latter can make sure of his length he should develop into a really dangerous bowler. Towards the end of the season Croft started bowling spinners and with more practice should do well. As he is a most promising batsman, we have great hopes of him next season.

The 1st XI has generally been : J. O. C. Lee, J. M. Parr, H. T. Longdon, Thorne, Heath, Shaw, Croft, Hardstaff, Scraton, Broadberry, Cox.

In the House Competition, Thomas's won the cup without any really serious opposition.

1ST XI RESULTS.

Played, 11; Won, 5; Drawn, 2; Lost, 4.			
May 5—Nottingham High School "A" XI	A.	D.	111 (7)—116 (8)
" 11—High Pavement School 2nd XI	A.	L.	89—125 (6)
" 14—Southwell C.C. 2nd XI	H.	W.	127 (7)—106
" 21—Humphrey Perkins' School	A.	W.	133 (8)—44
" 25—High Pavement School 2nd XI	H.	W.	117 (8)—113 (7 dec.)
June 1—Grosvenor School	H.	W.	89 (5)—35
" 8—D. H. Doy's XI	H.	L.	94—114
" 15—Grosvenor School	A.	W.	97—83
July 6—Humphrey Perkins' School	H.	L.	65—73
" 14—Nottingham High School "A" XI	H.	D.	108 (3)—130 (2)
" 18—Old Boys	H.	L.	69—159

"A" XI RESULTS.

June 29—Newark Technical College	H.	W.	52—43
May 19—Nottingham High School (under 15)	H.	Tie	36—36

"UNDER 14" RESULTS.

June 15—Magnus "under 14"	H.	W.	
" 29—Magnus "under 14"	A.	L.	

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Innings.	Times Not Out.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
J. O. C. Lee	11	1	324	62*	32.4
J. M. Parr	11	0	221	46	20.09
H. T. Longdon	11	0	160	62	14.55
Croft	11	2	86	20	9.54
Thorne	11	1	85	27	8.5

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Thorne	46	8	117	15	7.8
J. M. Parr	104	29	233	21	11.09
J. O. C. Lee	108	19	318	28	11.35
Broadberry	52	15	129	10	12.9
Hardstaff	40	11	121	9	13.44

The Old Southwellian Society.

President : J. GIBSON, ESQ.

The Society is now so firmly established that its three annual reunions are taken as a matter of course and form a very definite part in the social life of Southwell. During the past year each of these functions has been well attended and consequently very successful. The cricket match on July 18th was played under ideal weather conditions and a most interesting game resulted. The Old Boys fielded a strong side but they were, at one time, in danger of being routed by the School XI. Only a stout innings of 69 by Stuart Smith averted this disaster and the match finished two minutes from time after six hours entertaining cricket.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on February 5th, immediately preceding the dinner. Members are asked to note that the date of the meeting and the dinner is fixed for the first Saturday in February and that in 1939 they will be held at Southwell. Mr. J. Gibson was a very popular choice as President for the ensuing year and an innovation was made by the election of a Vice-President, who was to take on the presidency in the following year. The first Old Boy to fill this office is Mr. F. L. Bailey, whose presidential year will start after the 1939 dinner.

The gymnasium fund grows steadily but the committee wishes to remind members that more money is needed and that regular contributions, however small, will be welcomed.

At the annual meeting the Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. H. Doy, presented his report as follows :—

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

Once again I have the honour to present my report of the year's activities and I will begin by saying that the interest of the members has been fully maintained. The mere fact that it has become customary to enrol as a Life Member immediately on leaving school shows that the present generation is realizing that it is of some value to retain an association with the School to which it naturally owes so much. Conversely, although they may not fully appreciate it at the moment, they may, by such an action, be repaying that debt by giving support to the School which may very well need it during this period of constant change in the educational world. No fewer than ten life members have joined this year but the number of annual members has fallen off. There is no need for this decrease to cause alarm because many of the annual subscribers of previous years have now become permanent members ; but I do think that many Old Boys would willingly pay their subscriptions if they were approached personally. As an experiment I would suggest that some committee men should be supplied with receipt books so that they could take the opportunity of keeping defaulting members "up to scratch." More co-operation in this and other ways would give even greater strength to an already flourishing and well-established society.

Last year's dinner, which followed the opening of the gymnasium on February 6th, showed an attendance of sixty, which I hope will be exceeded this evening. It was a very pleasant and successful function at which the chief speaker was Dr. A. R. Bowen, of Newark. It is sometimes argued that five shillings is too much for some of the younger members to pay, but to an Old Boy, with real interest in the School, the dinner should be the most important social event of the year. On that occasion, any one who is present, has his only opportunity of hearing what progress the School and the Society has made and also of hearing one of the Governors giving his views of what may be done in the future. That alone, in my opinion, should ensure a desire, on the part of any Old Boy to be present ; and as the date is fixed for the first Saturday in February, he can with a little forethought and sacrifice, make arrangements to take his part in the proceedings.

Unfortunately, the cricket match against the School was completely washed out. There was never any hope of play and several of the players did not even make the journey to Southwell. However, about twenty of us had a very pleasant luncheon party at the Saracen's Head.

The dance was held in the Assembly Rooms on December 2nd and was a pronounced success in every way. It followed the same lines as last year, the band was excellent and the company of about one hundred agreed that it was one of the "best ever." Once more we are indebted to Mr. H. A. J. Merryweather and his band of helpers for their unsparing efforts to make the dance so successful and I am sure that the Honorary Treasurer has already expressed his thanks from a financial point of view.

News of Old Boys is always difficult to obtain but we do hear from time to time of successes and distinctions achieved by our members. Not the least this year was the award to G. R. Hibbard of the first Hugh Stewart scholarship at University College, Nottingham. Mr. Hibbard is one of our speakers at the dinner this evening and I know that everyone will wish to congratulate him on his latest distinction and to wish that he will continue to gain further honours to the glory of the School that equipped him so well.

In the athletic field, mention should be made of C. A. Walker, who just missed representing Great Britain in the Olympic Games, but who tied for 1st place in the high jump in the A.A.A. Championships. These two successes are, in their different ways, outstanding, but as a prominent Southwellian, who has known nearly all the boys for the last forty years, said to me : "It is a wonderful thing but practically everyone from the School makes a success somewhere" ; and in this respect it is worthy of notice that a first-class joiner is as great a credit as a first-class professor and that as much honour is due to him who serves his fellow-men in any capacity as to one who can clear 6 ft. 3 in. I am therefore glad to mention that many of our members are prominent figures in the public life of the county as magistrates, councillors, etc.

One event of importance, to me at any rate, was my marriage in December. My only reason for making any reference to it is that I would like to record the very sincere thanks of my wife and myself for the very handsome present to which so many of you were kind enough to subscribe.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you, Mr. President, for all you have done to make my duties as easy as possible. Also I must thank the Head Master and all members of the committee for their regular attendance at meetings and for much valuable help at all times ; and last, but not least, my Assistant Secretary, Mr. Longmore, who is ever ready to do all that is required of him and who lightens my task very considerably. Finally, I would ask all members who have heard or who will read this report to make it a personal obligation to go out of their

way to create interest in any apathetic Old Boys that they may know. In doing so, their own enthusiasm will be stimulated and they will be qualifying to take the place, when need arises, of those who have directed the affairs of the Society so well in the years that have gone.

THE OLD SOUTHWELLIAN DINNER.

This year's dinner seems to have surpassed previous gatherings by its numbers and by the distinction of its honoured guests. It was a most happy occasion that we should have with us again Principal Wortley who was able to tell the Society his high opinion of the School from his experiences at Speech Day.

"I can say," said Principal Wortley, "without exaggeration, that I have never been in a school where there was a better tone, more intimacy between the Staff and pupils, and more of what I call sound, good education, than in Southwell Grammar School."

Mr. N. A. Metcalfe presided. The Bishop was present as well as the Rev. Joseph Wright and Capt. W. R. Starkey.

Proposing the toast of the Society, Principal Wortley said that as one who had been associated with education for forty years, he believed that Old Boys' Societies were an essential part of our educational system.

Speaking of the loyalties which various associations claimed of members, he had come to the conclusion that it was the friendships made at school which had the highest claim. Southwell was a small school but knowing it as he did he would never advocate a policy which would seek to merge it into a larger institution. "As long as I remain in this district," he concluded, "I shall be a champion for the continuance of Southwell Grammar School."

Replying to the toast, the President dwelt on the pride which the Society had in the School's long traditions. Another great source of joy was the affection and esteem which they had for their former Head Master, Rev. Joseph Wright, who was with them that evening.

At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Metcalfe presented R. H. Thorne with the Old Southwellian Cup.

Mr. W. Lee proposed the health of the Rev. Joseph Wright.

The incoming President, Mr. Joseph Gibson, proposed "The School," a toast to which the Head Master responded with a summary of the School's achievements and an expression of confidence in the Old Southwellians' continued loyalty.

Mr. G. R. Hibbard proposed "The Governors"—"a very friendly and human kind of people," and, in reply, the Bishop told us of his conversation with the Archbishop of Canterbury and his claims for Southwell as of more ancient lineage than Canterbury or York.

Alderman Caudwell proposed "The Visitors," to which Capt. Starkey replied.

An excellent musical programme was contributed by the Eric England Entertainers, by Mr. A. Atkins, Mr. Stanley Noble and Mr. Eric Ross.

Some News of Old Southwellians.

We record with deep regret the death of Peter Melton in May. Melton had left at Christmas, leaving behind him a splendid record of sturdy and solid work. A member of the Sixth Form, Captain of the Rugby side, and School wicket-keeper, he was a splendid example of the boy who goes "all out" for his side. An accident in some home soccer game, followed by complications, proved fatal.

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In May the School lost a distinguished Old Boy by the death of W. W. Weldon. He had long been a prominent member of the Nottingham City Council and had identified himself with the Scout Movement in the City as Rover Scout Commissioner. It was in 1931 that Councillor Weldon visited Southwell as our visitor on Speech Day.

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Aubrey Wyld Steedman (1922-27) was ordained Deacon at Sutton-in-Ashfield Parish Church by the Bishop of Southwell in May, and is now working in Bulwell.

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K. W. Wright, at Mirfield, passed Part I, General Ordination Examination, in August.

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J. D. Norfolk passed Intermediate B.Sc. in June.

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G. R. Hibbard achieved the high distinction of gaining the degree of Master of Arts in the London University in July. Very few distinctions are gained in this degree but Hibbard added to an already brilliant record at University College by being starred. He is leaving this year for further studies in Europe.

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R. H. Matthews (1925-27), who is on the Staff of the Nottingham City Library, was one of two in the Merit Division of the Preliminary F.L.A. examination (July, 1938).

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Caudwell on the birth of their daughter, and to Alderman Caudwell on thus being raised to the privileges of a grandfather.

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G. R. Hipwell (1927-33), has been appointed to the Staff of the County Architect. It would be good to find he was to have some share on the work of reconditioning his old school.

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Philip Newbould (1920-27) is home on leave to qualify for his "Masters" ticket. He is still serving with Oil Tankers. He married some time back a daughter of E. D. Mettham, who was at the School in 1899, and still holds the record High Jump.

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From Newbould we had news of his brother-in-law, R. Kemp (1917-20), who is doing well in South Africa.

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We congratulate George Mason (1928-33) on his continued progress in his course at the Royal Veterinary College, Edinburgh.

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We were visited in July by Monsieur Emery, deputising in his retirement for the Swiss Pastor in London. Fifty years ago Monsieur Emery was teaching Modern Languages here in Mr. John Wright's day. He retained an astonishing memory for names of persons and places. Amongst O.S. whom he remembered were A. G. Merryweather and W. Palmer with whom he was staying.

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Any news of Old Southwellians will be welcomed by the Head Master. Old Boys seem to be somewhat modest about their doings, but if they only knew how interesting their affairs are to others they would be very ready to send news.

The Old Southwellian Society.

This Society exists to maintain the links between past members of the School and is a source of great power and encouragement to the School itself.

The Society promotes three regular reunions a year, a dance in December, a dinner on the first Saturday in February, and a cricket match in July.

Through its committee the Society promotes the well-being of the School, particularly by the administration of its Fund which so far has given the School its gymnasium and can be expanded to help in a number of ways.

Membership is open to all past members of the School. The Life Subscription is a guinea, annual subscription 2/6. Members receive all notices of reunions and receive a copy of *The Southwellian*.

O.S. blazers and ties may be obtained, by members only, from Messrs. Johnson & Longdon, Market Place, Newark.

At intervals, a Register of Names and Addresses is published in *The Southwellian*.

Applications and subscriptions should be sent to D. H. Doy, Minster Grammar School, Southwell.

Provisional Calendar for 1938-1939.

AUTUMN TERM OPENS	September 16th.
Speech Day	November 7th.
Half-Term	November 11th—14th.
Term Ends	December 20th.
SPRING TERM OPENS	January 17th.
O.S. Dinner	February 4th.
Half-Term	March 3rd—6th.
Term Ends	April 11th.
SUMMER TERM OPENS	May 5th.
Half-Term	May 26th—30th.
S.C. Examinations begin	July 13th.
Examinations end	July 26th.
Term Ends	July 28th.