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Review : 1939.

The School Year which came to an end in July, 1939, seems so far off that to write a review is to delve into an age that has completely passed away.

Things can never be the same. The School that is now well away with the new year's work is like a new one.

The history text book likes to say : " This marked a turning point in the history of such and such a movement." Then things go on as before. When we went off in July last for the summer holiday we left the old School for ever. We no longer work in the same rooms or look out on the same strip of sky. No longer in these colder days do we catch a glimpse from a back seat of a comic little fireplace where the master warms the calves of his legs. But a grateful warmth steals over us as we enter the place generated in some infernal region. But this is all taken for granted by the new-comers. You never knew anything else. But we have lived for twenty years here in this school and so the migration which began in August was indeed a break or a turning point.

Not that the past year did not see something of the coming changes. Never have the Governors met so often. There was much coming and going, receiving and discussing of plans for additions for heating, for decorating, estimates and tenders, hopes and fears, eyes on the European situation, lest some crisis worse than the last might suspend the beginning of works that had been long hoped for.

And just in time and only just, the word 'go' was given. There appeared men in overalls and noises 'off' were heard, and not so far off either. A mantle of dust began to appear, valves, pipes, engines, braziers ; lorries trundled into the yard and dumped bricks.

We knew something serious was about to happen before we left when old 'lab.' benches began to come away in parts and appear in the playground. So that was started and much of it finished. It was this which delayed our start and not the aggressive action of a German Chancellor. But Hitler or no Hitler, it is certain we could not have started even yet if Sacrista Prebend had not been given for the use of the Headmaster as a house for boarders.

But all that belongs to this new age and this is a review of a year that ended in July.

The School's activities are detailed in this issue. It was a perfectly normal year and one might re-write any review of some five years past—numbers the same, games the same, a play (the titles changed), lectures, athletic sports, cricket,

examinations, and so home. Something attempted, not a little done ; but still a round, a common task. Let us hope it will have furnished all we need to ask and help us on our way.

School Notes.

The chief news item of the year has been the revolution in our school life. The great change hardly belongs to the year under review, but the delay in the issue of *The Southwellian* compels us to include it here.

For some time we have considered the desirability of moving out to leave the whole block available for purely school uses. The difficulty had always been to find a suitable house for the Headmaster and the boarders. In August, Sacrista Prebend became vacant. It was the hope of the Rev. T. J. Hardy, always a true friend of the School, that it might become the home of the Headmaster and the boarders, and he gave the Bishop the first refusal. The great opportunity was taken and the noble generosity of Mr. William Player placed the house at the disposal of the Bishop.

Within a few days the Headmaster moved in. The story of the move is an epic.

Sacrista and its charming grounds, supplementing the desire of many Nottingham parents to move their sons to the comparative calm of Southwell, doubled the number of boarders in three weeks.

So the old School began a new life. New classrooms 'over the road' came into commission and Contractors notwithstanding, still at it while I write, did not prevent us starting the term with a record number of eighty-seven.

Then the warmth of the old School ! There ought to have been an official lighting of that boiler fire on October 14th.

There was a beautiful opening of Sacrista by the Bishop on the day the house was handed over to the Chapter and the Cathedral Council, October 17th. After service at the Minster, the Canons and Council, preceded by the choir, walked in procession to Sacrista. The Bishop opened the door and, standing at the head of the stairs, blessed the house.

Unfortunately, our benefactor, Mr. Player, could not himself be present, but he sent us a letter expressing his hopes for the future well-being of the School and its work for the Minster.

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We congratulate Hemsall, Neil, Pulford and Starmer on their successes in the School Certificate Examination. The

credits gained are evidence of all-round ability, but special mention may be made of their achievement in Mathematics.

They were placed in the following order :

G. Starmer	..	Credits : English, History, Geography, French (A), Maths. (A).
W. Hemsall	..	Credits : English, History, Geography, French, Maths.
S. Pulford	..	Credits : English (Lit.), History, French, Maths. (A).
H. O. Neil	..	Credits : English, History, French, Maths. (A).

'A' now denotes 'distinction' mark.

It has been decided not to hold Speech Day this year. Judge Hildyard, who had kindly consented to be our visitor, was absorbed in additional duties, but he hopes to be with us in happier days.

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The following entered the School during the year :

J. Coleman	..	Sept., 1938	Form III	Special Place.
R. Tarbate	..	"	" III	Special Place.
J. B. Inger	..	"	" III	Woodboro'
J. W. Bentley	..	"	" III	[Scholar.
A. S. Daubrah	..	"	" III	
J. W. Hepworth	..	"	" III	
K. F. S. Kirby	..	"	" III	
G. W. Renshaw	..	"	" III	
S. Taylor	..	"	" III	
G. L. Brown	..	"	" III	Boarder.
J. K. Almond	..	"	" II	
D. B. Doxey	..	"	" II	Choral Scholar.
J. T. Fairholme	..	"	" II	Chorister.
A. R. May	..	"	" II	Chorister.
H. G. Rickett	..	"	" II	
J. Hall	..	Jan., 1939	" III	Boarder.
F. Hardy	..	"	" III	
M. Nuttall	..	"	" II	Chorister.
P. Wendels	..	"	" II	Chorister.
G. D. Matthews	..	May, 1939	" III	
W. G. E. Pykett	..	"	" III	Boarder.

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The following left during the year :

	Form.	Left.	Entered.	
J. Green	..	VA July, '38		S.C. 1938.
J. Shaw	..	VB "		
G. Ballard	..	IV "		Chorister.
J. O. C. Lee	..	VI Dec. '38	May, '31	S.C. '38. 1st XI Cols., '37. 1st XV Cols. Notts. Cricket Cols. Victor Ludorum, '38.
P. L. A. Smith	..	IV Nov. '38	Sept. '36	
T. J. Cox	..	VB Dec. '38	Sept. '37	
P. E. Wallis	..	VB "	Sept. '33	Chorister.
J. P. Walkden	..	VB "	Sept. '36	

	Form.	Left.	Entered.	
J. S. Dempsey	..	IV Dec. '38	Sept. '34	
R. Hardstaff	..	VI April '39	May, '32	S.C. 1938.
G. Rainbow	..	VB "	May '34	Chorister.
T. Carding	..	VI July, '39		S.C. 1938.
F. Foster	..	VI "	Sept. '34	S.C. 1938.
R. Fowkes	..	VI "		S.C. 1938.
H. Longdon	..	VI "	Sept. '30	S.C. '38. Head Prefect. 1st XI Cols. Choral Scholar.
R. Croft	..	VA "	Sept. '33	
E. H. Scraton	..	VA "	Sept. '34	1st XV Colours.
J. Broadberry	..	VB "	Sept. '35	
R. H. Crilly	..	VB "	Sept. '34	
B. L. Matthews	..	VB "	Sept. '34	
G. C. Mosedale	..	VB "	May, '34	
A. A. Hepworth	..	IV "	Sept. '35	
P. Legge	..	IV "	May, '35	
T. A. White	..	IV "	Nov. '35	
A. S. Daubrah	..	III "	Sept. '38	
D. G. Matthews	..	III "	May, '39	
G. W. Renshaw	..	III "	Sept. '38	

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The following books have been added to the Library during the year : *Crippled Splendour* (Evan John), *The Circus is Coming* (Noel Streatfield), *The Land of Seals* (J. M. Scott), *Beyond Horizons* (Lincoln Ellesworth), *South Riding* (Winifred Holtby), *The Yearling* (Marjorie Rawling), *Athletics and Training* (Butler), *Face to Face with Napoleon* (O. V. Caine), *Rabble in Arms* (Kenneth Roberts), *Your House and mine* (Geoffrey Boumphrey), *Leader by Destiny* (Jeanette Eaton), *Eric Ambler's Three Great Adventures*, *The Junior Week-end Book* (J. R. Evans), *The Silent Trail* (Major Charles Gibson), *Blow the man down* (Charles Vipont).

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Our numbers during the past year have been : Autumn, 76 ; Spring, 74 ; Summer, 74.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *The High School Magazine*, *The Magnusian*, *The Centaur* (Henry Mellish), *The Brunt's School Magazine*.

School Calendar for 1939-1940.

Autumn Term	..	September 22nd to December 19th.
Spring Term	..	January 12th to April 3rd.
Summer Term	..	May 1st to July 26th.

Speech Day, 1938.

A full report of the Headmaster's speech, together with the valuable and inspiring words of the Headmaster of Winchester on the occasion of his visit, was printed and circulated to our readers. We can do no more here than record our sense of the importance of that day in the Great Hall of Bishop's Manor. It was indeed a signal honour paid to Southwell School by Dr. Spencer Leeson; he was, as he said, glad that the invitation had come to him, for he was a Nottinghamshire man and had often passed the School and wondered if some day he might have the pleasure of coming to speak to the members of a school whose origin went back even further into English history than did the famous school from which he came.

In the light of the stirring days in which we now live, Dr. Leeson's closing words need to be restated. "In this country in 1938, we are fighting an invisible battle on behalf of what may be called the English political tradition, which is the tradition of government by consent, and the great elementary rights of freedom and toleration.

It will probably rest with you, more than with my generation, to see which way that invisible battle will go. But if democracy is to thrive in England, and in those countries that take their example from England, it will not do unless every member of the democratic state is prepared to make a positive, constructive contribution towards it.

It is not enough to lie back and say, "Oh, we're a democracy and everything is all right. We're good and the rest of the world is rotten." We have got each of us a personal individual responsibility for the preservation of the English political tradition, and if this battle is to be won—and I believe it will be won—it means that you and I and everybody else, whether at school or whether we have left school, have got to make a personal contribution to the goodwill, the good government, the neighbourliness, and general charitable goodwill in the particular part of the country in which we are placed.

When you leave school, be on the look-out for opportunities of service.

The Headmaster in his report had also appealed for the maintenance in school life and afterwards of a respect for law and ordered freedom.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

Form Prizes: R. Thorne, J. O. Lee, S. Pulford, P. Smith, F. Coldham, P. Hinde.

Canon Glaister Prizes: H. Longdon, T. Carding, R. Hardstaff, J. M. Parr, W. Hemsall, A. D. Matthews, A. Ford.

Prizes for Mathematics: F. Foster, R. Fowkes, J. Green, R. Hardstaff, A. Heath, J. Lee, H. Neil, J. Parr, J. Smith, G. Starmer, S. Pulford, K. Jones, A. D. Matthews, F. Coldham.

French Prizes: R. H. Thorne, R. Hardstaff, S. Pulford, W. Hemsall.

Religious Knowledge Prizes: J. Lee, J. Parr, P. Cox, M. Taylor.

Art Prizes: R. H. Thorne, F. Foster, G. Riddell, N. Peacock.

Lady Robinson Prize for Science: R. Fowkes.

Starkey Prize: F. Foster.

Starkey Scholarship: R. H. Thorne.

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School Certificates were presented to:

F. Foster	4 credits.
R. Fowkes	3 "
J. Green	3 "
R. Hardstaff	.. .. .	3 "
A. Heath	.. .. .	3 "
J. Lee	.. .. .	5 "
J. Parr	.. .. .	4 "
J. B. Smith	.. .. .	4 "

This number represented a record for the School.

School Play.

"TWELFTH NIGHT."

A very pleasant revival, with many of our old players, played with our customary gaiety and finish.

There was the customary difficulty of past actresses capable of the part but whose voices were 'cracked within the ring,' even if they did not 'beard' us. In spite of these cacklings the Countess Olivia of Thomas Carding carried through to her happy union with a somewhat slender Sebastian, most sympathetically played by Hardstaff. Alas, that this promising juvenile lead should have now deserted us, he was a Shakespearian player of great promise.

One notable change and a most successful one was our Malvolio. This has been twice played by Mr. Matthews, but at half-time Longdon took on the part and achieved a great distinction, while the delicate folly of Feste, with his haunting songs, was given by the Headmaster.

This not only gave Longdon his opportunity for character acting, but in Mr. Matthews' hands Feste balanced up the scenes in which he figured, particularly in the kitchen scene with Toby and Sir Andrew, in the capable hands of Mr. Doy and Mr. Ball.

THE CHARACTERS.

<i>Orsino</i>	P. A. Yates
<i>Curio</i>	T. A. White
<i>Valentine</i>	H. O. Neil
<i>Viola</i>	A. D. Matthews
<i>Sea Captain</i>	J. Dempsey
<i>Maria</i>	J. Sands
<i>Sir Toby Belch</i>	D. H. Doy
<i>Sir Andrew Aguecheek</i>	J. K. Ball
<i>Feste</i> (a jester)	R. Matthews
<i>Olivia</i>	T. Carding
<i>Malvolio</i>	H. Longdon
<i>Antonio</i>	S. Pulford
<i>Sebastian</i>	R. Hardstaff
<i>Fabian</i>	J. O. C. Lee
<i>Officer</i>	R. C. Traill
<i>Priest</i>	J. S. Dempsey
<i>Courtiers, Sailors, Lady in Attendance</i> : J. Cox, D. Dean, P. Cox.	

Back Cloth. Scene in Illyria by T. A. Rose.

Lighting and Effects by T. A. Rose.

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

Music arranged by Mrs. Matthews.

Stage Manager and Producer : R. Matthews.

Rugby Football, 1938-39.

The playing record for last season appears at first sight to be almost dismal and certainly compares unfavourably with the results of previous years. It would, however, be quite unfair to the players not to put on record the unusually large number of casualties which, on every occasion, prevented the team from turning out at full strength. During practice, before a single match had been played, Longdon, an experienced and fearless player, injured a knee so badly that he took no further part in the game for nearly three months. Glasper, in the first match against Humphrey Perkins, broke a wrist which necessitated a long rest and also destroyed his confidence, so that when he did return he was not nearly so effective as his ability led us to hope he would be. Lee suffered severely from an injured ankle and in three successive matches was unable to do himself justice and had to content himself with a limping game at full-back. Croft, another experienced and dependable footballer, displaced a cartilage in a practice game and the consequent operation naturally debarred him from playing for a very considerable period.

Such a crop of injuries to the "star" players, in addition to usual absences through illness, was enough to shake the confidence of the players in more experienced teams than ours and also served to show very clearly our lack of reserve strength. After the home match with Humphrey Perkins, in which the

defence was deplorable, a great improvement was noticeable and we drew with Magnus, beat West Bridgford fairly soundly, and lost to High Pavement and High School by smaller margins than could have been expected after the dismal showing at the beginning of the term. At Christmas we lost the services of Lee, Cox, Walkden and Wallis, and illness or the unfit state of the grounds prevented the playing of all but two matches. These were both against Henry Mellish and we were unable to field teams that could furnish even reasonable opposition to our opponents. Scraton, who had taken over the captaincy from Lee, was unable to play in either game, so our run of ill-luck continued to the end of the season.

Of the individual players, Lee was outstanding. A natural player, with splendid hands, great speed and sound defence, he was a tower of strength and his merits were recognized by the Nottinghamshire Public Schools' selectors who chose him for every match in the holidays. In these games, he showed his versatility by occupying the outside-half, centre three-quarter, and full-back positions in successive games. He was well supported by Scraton, a whole-hearted player either in or out of the scrums, and by Cox, who improved tremendously during the season and was outstanding as a forward. Both these players were awarded colours.

Of the others, Traill at scrum-half improved every match and A. D. Matthews, towards the latter part of the season showed promise as a wing three-quarter. Fowkes, Foster and Dean worked hard amongst the forwards and Hardstaff was an adequate full-back.

Thomas's again won the House Cup, beating Gray's in the final round.

RESULTS.

Played, 11; Won, 1; Lost, 9; Drawn, 1.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result.
Oct. 12	Humphrey Perkins'	Away.	Lost. 11-24
" 19	Magnus 2nd XV	Away.	Lost. 14-24
" 22	West Bridgford 2nd XV	Away.	Lost. 8-19
Nov. 2	High Pavement 3rd XV	Away.	Lost. 0-45
" 9	Humphrey Perkins'	Home.	Lost. 0-53
" 16	Magnus 2nd XV	Home.	Draw. 6-6
" 23	High Pavement 3rd XV	Home.	Lost. 9-20
Dec. 3	West Bridgford 2nd XV	Home.	Won. 27-5
" 10	High School "Under 15"	Away.	Lost. 13-15
Feb. 22	Henry Mellish 2nd XV.. ..	Away.	Lost. 0-58
Mar. 8	Henry Mellish 2nd XV	Home.	Lost. 0-64

JUNIOR MATCHES.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result.
Oct. 12	Magnus "Under 14"	Away.	Lost. 0-52
Dec. 7	Magnus "Under 14"	Home.	Lost. 6-20

Athletic Sports.

Having decided most of the preliminary heats in rain and snow, we were obliged to postpone "Sports Day," fixed for April 8th, owing to the waterlogged state of the ground. The re-arranged date was Wednesday, July 26th, when the final events were decided under ideal conditions. Unfortunately, a few of the finalists left at the end of the Easter Term and their respective Houses were consequently handicapped by quite a serious loss of points. The fact that no records were broken and that there were no outstanding achievements lent greater interest to the 'finishes' and the spectators were thoroughly entertained by the strenuous struggle for points in the contests for House and individual Cups. Eventually, Thomas's maintained their supremacy in the House competition, while Crilly made sure of the *Victor Ludorum* by his successes in the sprints. It was unfortunate that Glasper was debarred, on medical advice, from taking part in these events as he was Crilly's most serious opponent. Mosedale ran splendidly to win the Cross-Country and Mile Cups, but met with no success in the shorter events. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the success of Tarbatt, who secured the Junior Trophy and who will still be eligible to compete for it next year.

At the conclusion of the sports the Cups were presented by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwell.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. G. S. Kirkby, A. A. Ringer, W. N. Parr and the Rev. N. M. M. Turner for their valuable services as judges.

The detailed results were as follows:

- LONG JUMP (under 14).—1, Tarbatt; 2, Inger; 3, Tivey.
Distance: 14 ft. 3½ ins.
- LONG JUMP (Open).—1, Crilly; 2, Fowkes; 3, Matthews, A.
Distance: 16 ft. 8½ ins.
- 120 YARDS HURDLES (under 14).—1, Inger; 2, Tarbatt; 3, Cottam.
- 100 YARDS (Open).—1, Crilly; 2, Broadberry; 3, Matthews, A.
- 100 YARDS (under 13).—1, Tarbatt; 2, Renshaw; 3, Rickett.
- HIGH JUMP (Open).—1, Crilly; 2, Croft; 3, Longdon.
- 100 YARDS (under 12).—1, Rickett; 2, Hinde; 3, Hepworth ii.
- 100 YARDS (under 14).—1, Tarbatt; 2, Tivey; 3, Jones.
- 440 YARDS (Open).—1, Crilly; 2, Broadberry; 3, Mosedale.
- 100 YARDS (under 10).—1, Doxey; 2, Wendels; 3, May.
- HIGH JUMP (under 14).—1, Paling; 2, Inger; 3, Daubrah.
- 220 YARDS (under 13).—1, Rickett; 2, Hare; 3, Carding ii.

- 120 YARDS HURDLES (Open).—1, Fowkes; 2, Crilly.
- 220 YARDS (under 14).—1, Tivey; 2, Tarbatt; 3, Hardwick.
- FOOTBALL RACE (Open).—1, Grafton; 2, Buttery; 3, Inger.
- 120 YARDS HURDLES (under 15).—1, Matthews, A.; 2, Peacock; 3, Enser.
- 220 YARDS (under 11).—1, Hinde; 2, Goodwin; 3, Nuttall.
- 220 YARDS (Open).—1, Broadberry; 2, Crilly; 3, Mosedale.
- 220 YARDS (under 13).—1, Renshaw; 2, Trueman; 3, Cox.
- SACK RACE (under 14).—1, Carding; 2, Hepworth ii; 3, Cottam.
- 440 YARDS (under 14).—1, Brown; 2, Hardwick; 3, Tivey.
- POTATO RACE (under 12).—1, Hepworth ii; 2, Rickett; 3, Hare.
- POTATO RACE (Open).—1, Matthews, A. D.; 2, Fowkes; 3, Broadberry.
- POTATO RACE (under 14).—1, Paling; 2, Tarbatt; 3, Tivey.
- OLD BOYS' RACE.—No runners.
- RELAY RACE "A".—1, Thomas's; 2, Gray's; 3, Booth's.
- RELAY RACE "B".—1, Thomas's; 2, Booth's; 3, Gray's.
- RELAY RACE "C".—1, Thomas's; 2, Booth's; 3, Gray's.
- INTER-HOUSE TUG-OF-WAR.—1, Thomas's; 2, Gray's; 3, Booth's.

Events previously decided.

- ONE MILE (Open).—1, Mosedale; 2, Broadberry; 3, Scraton.
Time: 5 mins. 7 secs.
- ONE MILE (under 14).—1, Brown; 2, Hardwick; 3, Cottam.
Time: 5 mins. 47 secs.
- SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY.—House placing: 1, Gray's; 2, Thomas's; 3, Booth's. Individual: 1, Mosedale; 2, Hardstaff; 3, Fowkes. Time: 27 mins. 32 secs.
- JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY (12 to 14).—House placing: 1, Booth's; 2, Thomas's; 3, Gray's. Individual: 1, Hardwick; 2, Paling; 3, Brown. Time: 25 mins. 40 secs.
- JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY (under 12).—House placing: 1, Booth's; 2, Thomas's; 3, Grays. Individual: 1, Hepworth ii; 2, Hare; 3, Rickett. Time: 17 mins. 40 secs.
- THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (Open).—1, Crilly; 2, Croft; 3, Glasper. Distance: 77 yds. 1 ft. 7 ins.
- THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (under 14).—1, Davies; 2, Buttery; 3, White. Distance: 55 yds. 2 ft. 8 ins.
- HALF-MILE (Open).—1, Mosedale; 2, Broadberry; 3, Scraton.
Time: 2 mins. 36½ secs.
- HALF-MILE (under 14).—1, Brown; 2, Hardwick; 3, Cottam.
Time: 2 mins. 58½ secs.

HALF-MILE (under 13).—1, Inger; 2, Renshaw; 3, Wendels.
Time: 3 mins. $7\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

WALKING RACE ($7\frac{1}{2}$ miles).—1, Broadberry; 2, Mosedale;
3, Scraton. Time: 1 hr. 19 mins. 20 secs.

HOUSE CUPS.

<i>Sports</i>	Thomas's.
<i>Cricket</i>	Thomas's.
<i>Football</i>	Thomas's.
<i>Cross-Country</i>	Mosedale.
<i>Mile Cup</i>	Mosedale.
<i>Senior Victor Ludorum</i> ..	R. H. Crilly.
<i>Junior Victor Ludorum</i> ..	Tarbatt.

Cricket

We may account ourselves fortunate, in a season of such adverse weather, to have been able to play as many as ten matches, although some of these were either interrupted or curtailed by rain. The first match was fixed for the first Saturday of term and we had no real idea of the formation of the team. A rather speculative side was sent against High School under the captaincy of H. T. Longdon, the only old colour remaining, and throughout the season the team was experimental. This can be judged by the fact that no fewer than seventeen players appeared in the 1st XI. When the season started we pinned our faith in the members of the upper school who had little but physical size to recommend them. Gradually their names disappeared from the team lists so that in the last and most important match, against the Old Boys, five of the players were under fourteen and two of the others under fifteen. This fact in itself is sufficient comment on this year's cricket, indicating as it does that, although the results were far from good, the promise for the future is very encouraging. These junior players are keen and enthusiastic and gave proof of this by defeating Magnus "under 14" and High School "under 15." The latter was a particularly creditable victory as we were allowed only an hour and a quarter to get 104 runs. If this enthusiasm and progress is maintained we shall remember the 1939 season, not for its poor results but for being a period in which we discovered the nucleus of a very good side.

H. T. Longdon, the captain, led his side capably on all occasions and his leadership was followed keenly, especially by the younger members who gained much by having him in charge.

He is a sound batsman, always looking for runs, and his fast bowling was of the utmost value. His innings against an Old Boys' side, which was very strong in bowling, was particularly noteworthy. He was well supported by R. W. Croft, the only player to be awarded his colours this season. Croft was a useful bat and good spin bowler who was unfortunate in not often finding wickets to his liking. Scraton, a good forcing bat and a very useful bowler with the new ball, left school in the middle of the term. Had he been able to play in the latter matches, when the team showed such a great improvement, some of the results might have been vastly different.

A. D. Matthews played well enough to show that he has real cricketing ability and this season's experience should stand him in good stead next year. Paling, a natural hitter, batted with discretion in the Old Boys' match and treated each ball on its merits. If he develops on these lines, he should become a great asset. In a side weak in bowling, Broadberry was a useful stock bowler, but he missed some matches at the end of the season.

The fielding of the team lacked nothing in enthusiasm but showed signs of the immaturity and inexperience of the players. All the younger players have ability in this department of the game and with constant practice should become really good. The weakest feature, needing a good deal of attention, was the throwing-in. During the latter part of the season, the juvenile Buttery was entrusted with the important position of wicket-keeper and he gave evidence of much natural talent.

Thomas's again won the House Cup, beating Gray's easily in the final.

RESULTS.

Played, 10; Won, 1; Drawn, 3; Lost, 6.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Grd.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
May 6—	Nottingham High School "A"	A. L.	27—71
" 24—	High Pavement 2nd XI	.. H. W.	74—61
June 7—	Grosvenor School .. ..	.. A. L.	126—174
" 10—	West Bridgford 2nd XI	.. A. L.	114—158
" 14—	Humphrey Perkins .. ..	.. H. L.	43—139
" 21—	Henry Mellish 2nd XI ..	.. A. D.	39 for 9—111 for 6
" 28—	Humphrey Perkins .. ..	.. A. D.	92 for 7—158 for 5
July 1—	High Pavement 2nd XI	.. A. D.	67 for 2—141 for 7
" 5—	Grosvenor School .. ..	.. H. L.	48—112
" 20—	Old Boys .. .. .	.. H. L.	116—164

JUNIOR MATCHES.

June 21—	Magnus "Under 14"	A. W.	75—71
July 6—	High School "Under 15" ..	A. W.	105 for 4—103 for 8 (dec.).

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Innings.	Times Not Out.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
H. T. Longdon ..	10	0	167	41	16.7
R. W. Croft ..	10	1	141	50	15.6
Matthews ..	8	1	99	36*	14.1
Inger ..	4	2	23	20	11.5
Scraton ..	6	0	60	38	10

*Not Out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Scraton ..	51.2	13	115	13	8.84
H. T. Longdon ..	100.7	19	273	26	10.5
R. W. Croft ..	71	11	225	18	12.5
Broadberry ..	82	16	239	17	14.05

The Old Southwellian Society.

The Old Boys' Society has, on the whole, experienced a very successful year. The dance, held in December, was an outstanding social event and much of its success was due to the very efficient organization of H. A. J. Merryweather, who is tireless in his efforts to provide the best possible entertainment and, at the same time, to increase the general fund of the Society. We were fortunate in being able to play the cricket match on the date fixed, July 20th, as this was the one fine day for at least a fortnight. The start was delayed by about an hour, but play continued till past 7 p.m. without interruption and, the quality of the cricket impressed the spectators who turned up in good numbers. Lunch was taken at the Saracen's Head and tea was provided in the pavilion by the Headmaster.

The dinner, held on February 4th, was again honoured by the presence of the Bishops and the guest of the evening was Mr. L. W. A. White, who is a representative of the County Council on the governing body of the School. At the General Meeting, immediately preceding the dinner, F. L. Bailey was elected President and E. P. Broome, Vice-President for the ensuing year. All the other officers were re-elected. The Hon. Secretary, D. H. Doy, presented his annual report as follows :

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I once more present my annual report on the activities of the Society. Each successive year makes it more difficult for me to vary my remarks as the three reunions have become so firmly established that any one year's report would almost suffice for any other. In one way,

this may not be entirely satisfactory. Our life as a corporate body is inclined to be too placid ; too much is taken for granted. It is pleasant to have this comfortable feeling but there is always the danger that such ease may merely develop into somnolence. This, I think, is actually happening to some of our members. They have become so accustomed to receiving their notices and circulars regularly that it never occurs to them that there is any possibility of their not getting them. This year only thirteen members have paid an annual subscription, which means that many Old Boys have had " something for nothing." I feel sure that this is only idleness and that it is only a question of bringing the facts home to them. It is nearly ten years since our last " round-up " and I suggest that the time is now ripe for a repetition. If this is the opinion of the meeting, I hope that Mr. Longmore will undertake this duty, as the busiest time of my year is now approaching and I could not give the time to do the job thoroughly. Of course, the number of life members, which is now eighty-four, is certainly great and increases every year, and they naturally form the backbone of the Society. However, I should be happier if I could feel, when I am addressing these scores of envelopes, that the recipients were at least contributing towards the postage.

The 1938 dinner was an unqualified success. The attendance of seventy was composed of Old Boys and men prominent for their work for education or in local government. The guest of the evening was Principal H. A. S. Wortley, of University College, Nottingham, who made one of the ablest speeches that we have heard at this function for several years. His championship of our ancient school was very encouraging to everyone present and, in these days of constant change in the educational world, such support, publicly expressed, may prove of inestimable worth. Once more, the Bishop honoured us with his presence and he has promised to reply to the toast of " The Governors " this evening.

The cricket match was played on July 18th under ideal weather conditions and a thoroughly good game resulted. The Old Boys fielded a strong side but only just managed, on the stroke of time, to overcome the School XI. A very successful luncheon party was held at the Saracen's Head.

The annual dance was held at the Assembly Rooms on December 1st and almost achieved a record for the numbers present. From all points of view, it was a great success and I know that the Treasurer is very pleased with the financial result, especially this year when the subscriptions have fallen away so badly. Mr. H. A. J. Merryweather and his very willing helpers deserve our best thanks for the splendid work they did

in organizing the dance and ensuring for everyone a maximum of pleasure.

News of Old Boys is somewhat difficult to collect, but from time to time we hear reports of members who continue to bring credit to themselves and to the School from which they sprang. It is worthy of special notice that William Lee, one of our very staunchest supporters, has had the honour to be appointed a Life Governor of the Council of University College, Nottingham. This honour is a fitting reward for one who has done so much in the service of his fellow-men. Also, G. R. Hibbard has gained further laurels by obtaining the degree of Master of Arts of London University with distinction in English. This is an unusual feat and we all wish Hibbard continued success in his studies at a European University. Many other Old Southwellians report academic progress and in all walks of life we notice Old Boys playing a notable part in the service of the State.

The committee has decided to draft some definite rules for the Society. It has been noticed that some people enjoy all the advantages that membership of the Society confers without fulfilling their obligations to that body, and the time has come when the Society can have some check on its membership and can impress on those leaving school that mere attendance at the School is not sufficient qualification for the enjoyment of privileges which an Old Boys' Association can grant.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to you, Mr. President, the Headmaster, and to the committee for their unswerving loyalty to the Society and for the ready help that they always give to me and my most able assistant, Mr. Longmore. It is a pity that such service cannot be brought more forcibly to the notice of the younger generation in order that it may realize that true joy is only to be found in giving willing service to their fellow-men and not waiting to accept the efforts of others. Doubtless when the time comes for the older members to retire, the younger element will be ready to take their places, but this will be more easily done if they begin to serve their apprenticeship now and learn from the experience of their elders, who have done so much to make this Society worthy of the School from which it originated.