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## Foreword.

Every reader of this Magazine is interested in the future of the School, but not everyone realises what this question of Voluntary Aided Status means and why it is going to cost so much. A full explanation of the issues involved will be found in a special article and I would draw the attention of everyone to it.

Although he hardly realises it, the question probably concerns the small boy in Form One even more directly than a member of the Sixth Form. The small boy may not understand what it is all about but even he can let his parents and others know that the School needs their help. When every parent, every friend of the School and every Old Boy have pledged their aid the confidence of the Governors will be justified. Provost Conybeare, one time Vice-Chairman of the Governors, has given two hundred and fifty pounds. This is a lead which shows how convinced the Governors are of the necessity for this Appeal. The Old Boys have accepted responsibility for five thousand pounds as a War Memorial to those members of the School who were killed in two world wars. Already a number of parents have sent in contributions from one to five pounds and if their example is followed by all the Appeal will be well on the way to achieving its object, especially if these contributions can be made annually, or by means of a deed of covenant.

In the past many parents have presented prizes or trophies as a way of showing their appreciation for what the School has done for their sons. Here is an even better way for the parents of to-day to show their gratitude.

It seems to me that this Appeal is a challenge. Every boy at the School learns what it is to be a member of a team. He may not be able to define the team spirit but he can recognise it whether as a Scout, or a member of the Rugger or Cricket side. He knows that it is learnt by example rather than by precept, that it owes much to unselfish leadership and that by means of it any worthwhile object can be more easily attained. If we can apply this spirit to our efforts for this Appeal, Governors, parents, staff and boys will have achieved a new unity that will become a powerful force in the life and work of the new school on a new site near the Minster.

B. J. RUSHBY SMITH.

## Review.

If one day you want to know what happened in the School during the year 1946/7 you will look up the Magazine. It must therefore be a record of events, it may also be the means of keeping readers in touch with others, preserving old loyalties and reviving old memories. We hope that next year the date of publication will be early in the Autumn Term, that more space

will be found for views as well as news and that a lively correspondence column will make the magazine a medium for the transmission of ideas.

Once again we ask Old Boys to send for publication accounts of their experiences in any part of the world, recollections of Southwell in their time, and any other article which they think might be of interest to our readers. They should reach the Editor in the month of September each year.

Last year marked a turning point in the history of the School. This year 1946/47 has seen significant developments that have following this change of direction. The details of this change are indicated in a special article. Briefly it is this. An application has been sent to the Ministry of Education to ask that the School shall become a Voluntary Aided School. The Local Education Authority have approved this application. If it takes effect, the link with the Minster will be maintained, the Choristers will come to the School through the Junior Department, and the Boarding side of the School will be developed. The paper work concerned with the continuance of the traditional life of the School under new regulations is now well advanced. We hope in future years to be able to concern ourselves with sites, plans and building materials.

The old School building is used to its maximum capacity. There are at present 167 boys in the School. The Woodwork Room has now been scheduled to become an Art Studio, the small form room on the first floor a Biology laboratory for senior work. The Geography Room is being used as a demonstration room as well. The film strip is a means of interesting the unsuspecting, and there are hopes of an epidiascope. Members of the Sixth may be seen peering down a nearly new microscope, and the weather can now be placed under local control. Equipment has arrived for the Gymnasium and those doing exercises in the yard will have mats to fall on. The flag pole has been repainted and made safe, and a gate prevents the unwary falling down the steps to the stoke hole.

The School will always owe a great debt of gratitude to Major Lane. The purchase of Brackenhurst Hall by the Nottinghamshire County Council for an Agricultural Institute raised the question of the use of South Hill Playing Field. Both the Cricket Club and the School made representations to the County Authority about the ground and the final result has only just been made known; in effect the ground will be available to School and Club as before. The negotiations were conducted by Major Lane most skilfully. His devotion to Cricket and to the Club were such that the strength of his cause convinced the Authority. It is a debt of gratitude the School must here record.

Most people will remember this year as one of frustration and recurrent crises, of fuel shortages and bread rationing, but we in Southwell as elsewhere had many glorious weeks of sledging



and snowballing, and a superb summer for cricket, tennis and swimming. Not for many years have we been able to sit out late in the evening and not feel chilled. When these present austerities have been forgotten we shall remember 1946/47 for its exceptional weather.

R. S.

## School Notes.

### THE GOVERNORS.

It is fortunate that the retirement of Archdeacon Hales from the Governing Body has not lost the School the benefit of his advice and interest. His inspired comment, subtle wit and brilliant repartee will be missed at the meeting of the Board. It was with particular pleasure that the School was delighted to welcome Mrs. Hales on Sports Day, and it provided an opportunity for recognition to be given of the debt the School owed both to the Archdeacon and Mrs. Hales. Many of our boys have been grateful to them for their kindly interest and help. We look forward to seeing them on special days in the future.

It would surprise many people to know the amount of work that has been done by the Governors of the School. This year major decisions have not only been made but implemented. Without the skilful conscientious voluntary work of its Governors the position of the School could hardly be maintained. Constant vigilance is needed in these days of swiftly changing regulations, and development plans. In addition to the full meetings of the Board there are many special committees such as the Schools Committee, the Estates Committee, the Finance Committee, the Boarding House Committee, the Aided Status Committee and the Joint Committee for the Aided Appeal. This gives a brief idea of the efforts these busy men are willing to make on our behalf.

We thank particularly the Bishop of Southwell for his help, valuable advice and guidance; the Provost of Southwell for his astonishing energy and fine leadership in all matters relating to the School; and Mr. Caudwell and Canon Hawkes and other Governors for the magnificent efforts that they are making to enable the School to do its work efficiently.

### STAFF.

During the year there have been no changes on the staff. This alone must have been of great value to the continuity of work in the various subjects of the School Curriculum.

Dr. Ashfield was appointed part-time Music Master in September 1946. As successor to Mr. Francis he combined the post of Rector Chori at the Minster with that of Assistant Master at the School. We are sorry that he was unable to remain here longer than a year owing to the increasingly heavy burden of his

duties as Cathedral Organist. Fortunately in that capacity he is still closely connected with the School.

Mr. C. W. Doughty resigned his post as Manual Instructor at the end of the Summer Term. It seemed that the appearance of Mr. Doughty on Saturday mornings had become a permanent feature of School life. Many boys owe him a debt for the knowledge gained of this most ancient of trades. As an important member of the Southwellian Association we shall continue to see him perhaps with less regularity but with just as much pleasure.

Mr. J. M. Moreigne spent the year with us as a French Assistant. He became a valuable member of the Southwell Rugger Club side, a very popular member of the staff and a personal friend of many boys. We still hear from him and will be pleased to welcome him should he ever manage to come to England again.

We congratulate—

Mr. and Mrs. Yates on the birth of a son, Michael David, on September 15th, 1947.

Dr. Ashfield and Miss M. Lee on their marriage in August. We wish them both the best of happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Newberry on the birth of Veronica, a sister to Priscilla, and of course Mr. and Mrs. Matthews their grandparents.

Mr. Doy on his election to the Presidency of the Three Counties Rugby Union.

Mr. Pulford on his appointment to lead seventy Nottinghamshire Scouts to the World Jamboree.

A significant appointment this year has been that of Miss G. Jackson as School Secretary. The labour of returns, accounts and other matters has reached such proportions that without her effective calm control the business of the School would be in great disorder. We welcome her to the staff most cordially.

It is suggested that Mr. Thomas was seen in France near the Puy of the Central Plateau in the month of August, certain detailed maps of this area have appeared in the staff room. It is also rumoured that Mr. Winn has moved house, this does not mean that there is a vacant house in Southwell. Mr. Yates we are told has a special knowledge of railway timetables, especially those trains which link up with channel crossings. It is said that the Headmaster has been seen smoking a Dutch cigar and that Mrs. Rushby Smith has returned from somewhere with several Dutch cheeses. These sidelights on the outside activities of the staff are of course only rumours.

### THE SCHOOL.

Expeditions, always a part of School routine in Southwell, are now made easier by the operation of the Scholarships and Other Benefits Fund of the Local Education Authority.



Many boys enjoyed a visit to the Rural Science Exhibition at Newark. The Bee Keepers' display proved the most fascinating. There is no doubt that the Biologists found much interest in the fine drawing in the note books of another school. Still concentrating on Agriculture a large party visited the Royal Show at Lincoln. Some were fortunate enough to obtain a glimpse of their Majesties the King and Queen through the spokes of the wheels of a brewer's dray. Our farmer sons were immediately lost among the astonishing instruments of this age of mechanised farming. Others less directly interested wandered along the lanes of sheep, cows, pigs and shire horses, trying to decide why one had a mass of rosettes pinned on its stall and the rest had none. On this day there were more people visiting the show than on any previous occasion. In spite of this everyone collected at the main gate in time to step on the bus as it passed by in the great queue of vehicles—those were the days of "basic."

Two other visits must be mentioned. Our best Rugger players travelled to Leicester to see the New Zealanders play against a Midlands side. To many it was their first view of good Rugger. It has been of great value to the side, and they returned with an idea of the possibilities of the game. It was indeed a fine display. As in other years, the Cricketers were able to visit 'Trent Bridge' to see either on the Saturday or the Monday one of the best matches of the South African tour. For weeks afterwards an intent group was seen round the wireless at lunch time listening to the broadcasts of the other matches.

At the end of the Christmas Term a Model Exhibition was held again. The African Hut made by Form I. under the direction of Miss Gibson was a very fine model. The hand loom on loan from the Geography Room was beautifully made. Of special interest was the model of the proposed Recreation Ground Reconstruction. The models lent by Nuttall were all examples of fine craftsmanship. The collections taken on each day were handed to the International Schools Fund.

In July again over one hundred small boys arrived for the Singing Test and Admission Examination for the Junior Department. Fortunately it was a fine day and the School were able to use it for Sports preliminaries.

For a long time the School have used the Minster for the opening service each day. Now that this service is held in the Choir the feeling of corporate worship has been increased and we have a "School Chapel" of a kind possessed not even by many of the great Public Schools. We are indebted to the Provost for making this arrangement possible. On two occasions during the year the Provost has taken the School Service and given the School an inspiring address. The Remembrance Service held in November has its permanent place in the life of the School. Each year the names of those who fell in two world wars are read out by the Prefects of the School. This service has become a

solemn occasion, simple in its dignity, and momentous for the rededication of youth.

### EXAMINATIONS.

We congratulate the following on their successes in the School Certificate Examination, July, 1947:

J. H. Barber, D. M. Bowes, G. G. Gibson, M. L. Hayes, B. E. Kirk, P. E. Phillips, E. Ward, J. G. Watchorn  
"A's" denoting distinctions were obtained by:

M. Nuttall in Geography; and G. G. Gibson, F. Coldham and B. Kirk in French Oral; Bradley, Nuttall and Gibson in Mathematics.

We congratulate the following who obtained Higher School Certificates in July:

W. Gibson, A. Rogers, V. Coldham.

A "G" was obtained by Rogers and Coldham in Pure Mathematics.

### NUMBERS IN THE SCHOOL.

	Day Boys.	Boarders.	Total.
Autumn Term .. ..	116	43	159
Spring Term .. ..	111	42	153
Summer Term .. ..	105	42	147
Current Term .. ..	121	45	166

### LEAVERS DURING THE YEAR.

	Date	Form.	Boarder or Day-boy.
Atkins, P. A.	2-11-46	V.	Day-boy.
Nevett, G. R.	2-11-46	R.	Day-boy.
Stratford, R. V.	23-11-46	VI.	Day-boy. School Certificate, July, 1946.
Shepperson, I. J.	20-12-46	V.	Day-boy.
Renshaw, K.	20-12-46	V.	Day-boy.
Inger, D. R.	17-1-47	VI.	Day-boy. 1st XI. Cricket Colours. School Certificate, July, 1946.
Sledger, A. J.	23-1-47	II.	Day-boy.
Woodcock, D. T.	1-2-47	VI.	Day-boy. 1st XI. Cricket & 1st XVI Rugger colours. Prefect, School Certificate, July, 1945.
Shepherd, J. E.	11-2-47	R.	Day-boy.
Mawer, W. K.	31-3-47	R.	Boarder.
Tomlinson, J. F.	31-3-47	I.	Boarder.
Lees, D. N.	3-6-47	IV.	Day-boy.
Baldwin, A. M.	11-6-47	IV.	Day-boy.
Lyons, D.	1-8-47	III.	Boarder.
Price, F. F.	1-8-47	II.	Day-boy.
Wiggington, A. G.	1-8-47	IV.	Day-boy.
Rastall, J. D.	1-8-47	IV.	Boarder. Scholarship to Malvern College.
Richer, K. S.	1-8-47	R.	Boarder.



	Date	Form	Boarder or Day-boy	
Barber, J. H.	1 -8-47	VI.	Day-boy.	Prefect, Cricket & Rugger colours. School Certificate, July, 1946
Doxey, D. B.	1 -8-47	VI.	Boarder.	Prefect.
Rogers, A. W.	1 -8-47	VI.	Day-boy.	School Certificate, Dec., 1945. Higher Certificate, July, 1947.
Coldham, V.	1 -8-47	VI.	Day-boy.	School Certificate, July, 1944. Higher Certificate, July, 1947.
Gibson, W. H.	1 -8-47	VI.	Day-boy.	School Certificate, July, 1944. Higher Certificate, July, 1947. Captain of Cricket Rugger colours. Head-boy.
Watchorn, J. G.	1 -8-47	V.	Day-boy.	School Certificate, July, 1947.
Ward, E.	1 -8-47	V.	Day-boy.	1st XI. Cricket Colours. School Certificate, July, 1947.
Cooper, G. A.	1 -8-47	R.	Day-boy.	

## Prize Giving.

The ceremony was held in the Great Hall, Bishop's Manor, on Monday, November 25th, at 11 a.m.

The Lord Bishop of Southwell, Dr. F. Russell Barry, presided and Mr. Sidney Shephard, M.C., M.P., who was accompanied by Mrs. Shephard, presented the Prizes. Among those on the platform were the Provost, the Vice-Chairman of the Governors and members of the Governing Body. Both Mr. E. Broome, the President of the Old Boys' Association, and the Reverend J. Wright, a former headmaster, were also present.

The Headmaster, in presenting his report, welcomed Mr. Shephard as one of those persistent questioners in Parliament who made it his business to see that the rights and liberties of his constituents of whatever party were given due consideration.

The most significant act of the last school year, stated the headmaster, was the establishment of a form for boys whose suitability for entry to the Cathedral Choir was determined by a singing test, and whose capacity to profit by a Grammar School education was gauged by an examination and interview. The majority of choir schools were independent of the State system of education, but in Southwell there existed to-day a Union of Song School and Grammar School, which was of immeasurable value to both institutions.

"The maintenance of the Boarding School as a part of the School," he continued, "is also of vital importance. The future

of the School must depend on the natural advantage of its situation for boarding pupils. This situation is ideal. A small town—in one book on Nottinghamshire it is called a city—of surpassing beauty; a countryside free from urban development, a healthy situation, a lovely old house with beautiful grounds, an atmosphere of personal contact peculiar to smaller schools, and a close association with the Minster; these factors are rarely found together.

The third fact of importance, the report continued, was the energetic way in which the Old Southwellian Association under its able President, Mr. Broome, had sponsored the appeal for assistance to enable the School to achieve aided status.

In the report on Games and Outside Activities the Headmaster stressed the fact that the Rugger tradition had been well maintained, and he congratulated J. A. Gibson on being selected for the County Team against Derbyshire. The presentation of the Little Plays of St. Francis, performed before the great screen of the Minster would be remembered by all who saw it. Referring to the daily service in the Minster he stated that "here there was no statutory obligation but deeply ingrained in the life of the place."

"My Lord Bishop," he concluded, "a year has passed since you were pleased to welcome to Southwell my wife and myself. I think we can say at least this, that neither of us has ever had to work so hard before. Our large family of boarders has been a happy one. The boys have been given freedom to develop their interest, they have learned new ways of using their leisure, they are learning the need for co-operation in community life and the necessity of tolerance in dealing with their fellows. They have responded well to the degree of freedom they now enjoy; the tone of the house is good. It owes much to the conscientiousness of the two house-masters, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Pulford, and to the leadership of individual prefects, especially Bonham. The evening prayer in the Boarders' Chapel gives that sense of fellowship in Christ which helps to direct our lives to the needs of others. The Boarding House is part of the School, there is no distinction."

The power of personal response is the supreme asset of man in the reaction of his environment and his heredity. Nowhere is this more true than in the School, where this power might be developed to enable the boy to achieve the full stature of his manhood in the service of one whose "Service is perfect freedom."

The Bishop of Southwell said that this was one occasion when he did not need to say much himself, but listen to others making speeches. It seemed that through all crises and changes it was a fixed and inviolable thing that before receiving their prizes boys and girls must listen to a series of speeches. So far as this School was concerned, in spite of interruptions and changes of form, it had come through 1,000 years and was really unique in the country, and he wanted that it should remain as it is within



the provisions of the new Education Act. The Governors were particularly anxious to extend the facilities for boarding accommodation in the School, as he felt that boys profited by residential school life. But he added that those who wished to see it continued as a grammar school in connection with the Minster must be prepared to back it up with their hard work and help.

Mr. Sidney Shephard, M.C., M.P., who gave the address after presenting the prizes, spoke of the situation of the country at the time. He said that the world was in a state of unrest, and that foreign affairs were proving very difficult. The failure of the League of Nations to restore peace as a permanency after the last war was due to the fact that men were not ready. The United Nations Organisation of this war differed from the League of Nations in two respects: Firstly, that Russia and America were taking part in this, and secondly, that the United Nations Organisation was to be armed to resist aggression.

Telling the boys that they would be conscripted on leaving school, Mr. Shephard said that he was unashamedly a firm believer in conscription. Our unpreparedness at the beginning of this war was brought about by the rearmament of Germany after the last war and our disarmament. "People who are against conscription are the idealists, and we must be practical. The world has not yet reached the stage when we are ready to live in peace."

The problem to-day was one of what opportunities were offered for the future. He said how difficult it was for a young man to make his way in life; on coming out of the Forces they seemed to be frustrated.

A high standard of living would not be sure for years to come, and this depended on hard work and would take a long time. The export trade must be built up to feed ourselves and supply raw materials.

Speaking of the danger of inflation, Mr. Shephard said that it reduced the value of our benefits through social security, and the only solution was to save.

There seemed to be a lack of spirit and willingness to work to-day. Whether it was due to six years of war, the fact that there was nothing to buy in the shops, or tiredness, he did not know, but we must join united as a nation in raising the prosperity of this nation.

Mr. Shephard urged the people to be interested in the Government of their country, and local government, and recommended reading of Trevelyan's "Social History of England." He concluded his address by telling the boys that their activities in later life would be governed by the Minster environment, and he wished them every success.

The vote of thanks to Mr. Shephard was proposed by Ald. Caudwell, an old boy of the School, and a bouquet was presented to Mrs. Shephard.

### THE PRIZE LIST.

- The Upper Sixth Form: Prize for Science, J. A. Gibson; Prize for Mathematics, J. A. Gibson.
- The Lower Sixth Form: Prize for French, M. M. Johnson; The Canon Glaister Prize for English, M. M. Johnson; Prize for Geography, K. Pacey; The Canon Glaister Prize for History, M. M. Johnson; Prize for Physics, W. Gibson; Prize for Chemistry, V. Coldham; Prize for Applied Mathematics, W. Gibson; Prize for Pure Mathematics, V. Coldham.
- The Fifth Form. Prizes for School Certificate Examination: First Prize, P. B. Pritchard; Second Prize, W. D. Cope; Third Prize, J. J. Watts. Prize for Religious Knowledge, P. B. Pritchard; Prize for English Literature, P. B. Pritchard, J. J. Watts. Prizes for French, P. B. Pritchard, J. J. Watts. Prizes for Mathematics, A. W. Rogers, J. H. Barber. Prizes for Science, J. J. Watts, J. Garfield. Prize for History, W. F. Bevell. Prize for Geography, J. H. Barber. Prize for Art, J. J. Watts.
- Award of Certificates: Higher School Certificate, J. A. Gibson. School Certificates: J. H. Barber, R. E. Bonham, J. T. Clarke, W. D. Cope, J. Garfield, P. E. Harrison, R. W. H. Henton, D. R. Inger, P. B. Pritchard, J. T. Pykett, A. Rogers, R. V. Stratford, J. J. Watts.
- Form Prizes: Remove, G. G. Gibson, W. A. Bradley, C. R. Shaw. Fourth: H. W. Brookfield, P. I. Barker, R. T. F. Bell. Third: G. F. Roach, J. M. H. Gough, P. W. H. Pickup. Second: G. J. Rogers, J. M. Spoulton, R. M. Hind.
- The Starkey Prize: V. Coldham.
- The Starkey Scholarship: J. A. Gibson.

### The School Play.

#### "THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE."

George Bernard Shaw.

Cast.

Mrs. Dudgeon	-	-	-	-	-	P. Pritchard.
Christy	-	-	-	-	-	I. Shepperson.
Essie	-	-	-	-	-	R. Cope.
Rev. Anthony Anderson	-	-	-	-	-	M. M. Johnson.
Mrs. Anderson	-	-	-	-	-	P. Barker.
Uncle William	-	-	-	-	-	J. Foster.
Uncle Titus	-	-	-	-	-	E. Bust.
Richard Dudgeon	-	-	-	-	-	C. C. Johnson.
Sergeant	-	-	-	-	-	J. Siddons.
Soldiers	-	-	-	-	-	Bust and Foster.
General Burgoyne	-	-	-	-	-	P. E. Phillips.
Major Swindon	-	-	-	-	-	J. Woodcock.
Chaplain (Mr. Brudenell)	-	-	-	-	-	P. Harrison.
Hangman	-	-	-	-	-	W. Gibson.

Time 1776.



Act. I.: Mrs. Dudgeon's House, Websterbridge.

Act II.: Rev. Anthony Anderson's House.

Act III.: Scene I., An anteroom in the Town Hall; Scene II., In the Town Hall; Scene III., Outside the Town.

Backcloth designed and painted by F. J. Winn and Miss E. Gibson.

Lighting and Effects, S. W. Pulford and F. J. Winn.

Costumes and Wigs, Citizen House, Bath.

Furniture lent by Mrs. Rushby Smith, Mrs. Oxyby and Mrs. Swingler.

Play produced by B. J. Rushby Smith, assisted by Mr. J. K. Ball.

The annual dramatic show this winter was on December 12th, 13th and 14th. There were certain departures from our "traditions"; this was the first time we had attempted a Shaw play; it was the first time we had used the Trebeck Hall (that alone presented the technical side with several headaches) and also, what was the least successful of the innovations, we gave a matinee performance on Saturday. But we seem to have satisfied our audiences and to have preserved our reputation.

It was an ambitious effort—but the cast showed its ability to take it on, to give this picture of the testing of a sensitive man opposed by the narrow bigotry of sectarian puritanism, in a sequence of events which not only led two of the chief characters to find their true selves, but also gave the dramatist the chance to satirise the too common British tolerance of "jobbery and snobbery, incompetence and red-tape," creating, as he does so, one of the most satisfying of Shavian characters.

Here we were lucky in our Burgoyne, for in retrospect Phillips' playing stands out. Excellently made-up, he conveyed the urbanity of Burgoyne with ease and distinction and was indeed a "Gentlemanly Johnny"—although occasionally what the audience heard from him was not Shaw! Swindon, the other military man, was done well by Woodcock—of him the criticism was heard that he was rather a Lieutenant than a Major.

Shepperson as Christy was the popular favourite—and his line "He's the bad brother, I'm the good one," never failed to rock the house. C. Johnson lacks grace—his gestures were at times a little awkward and unnatural, but he was the unquestioned choice for Dick: this long part he played with remarkable consistency and assurance. He can look back on his interpretation with satisfaction. M. M. Johnson's Rev. Anthony Anderson was more effective in the first scenes: he hardly carried out the transformation from the Man of God to the man of war who found himself amid the thunder of the captains and the shouting. The last scene was, in consequence, the less convincing—a difficult part to play, however, and Johnson did well with it. As Judith, Barker not only looked charming, but acted with great effectiveness—he was the year's "discovery"—congratulations! The bitter,

suppressed, thwarted nature of Mrs. Dudgeon was brought out by Pritchard. Among the minor characters Foster's Uncle William was notable for nice touches.

J. K. B.

### 'Sacrista.'

During the summer months visitors to Southwell passing from the Minster to the Saracen's Head or the Minster Café turn curious eyes to admire the front of one of those quiet prebendal houses that make the setting of the Minster so beautiful. They seem a little surprised when five or six small boys come rushing down to the gate. Looking again they see a brass plate that says Minster Grammar School. Then feeling perhaps self conscious they move on to tea and ices next door but one. If they had penetrated beyond the gate they, like many others, would have been surprised to find how the ground spreads out, giving the Boarding House one of the largest gardens in Southwell. This year these grounds have been used as never before, for few can remember a summer so glorious.

In the wilderness the Scouts—day boys and boarders—have learnt how to make camp fires, passed their tests in axemanship and played their specialised games. The pigsty has produced its progeny of rabbits, guinea pigs and white mice; the orchards a magnificent crop of apples, a few plums, and the occasional tummy pain; the boarders garden a few lettuces, the odd radish, two strawberries and several varieties of weed. The tennis championships on the newly rigged tennis lawn were not remarkable for brilliant play, but the competition was extremely keen. Some complained that anyone who played with Brian Doxey's racket was bound to win. Perhaps it was natural that Waters should be the most frequent applicant for the cooling waters of the fountain. Fortunately for the bathers the gold fish had succumbed on account of the previous hard winter. No one has yet found a means of keeping either Webb out of a tree or Bullard clean. The biologists' interest in newts and tadpoles was much increased by a special pool of their own. Unfortunately the tadpoles suffered much from the misguided efforts of one of the biologists to deprive them of all food. And in spite of all this disturbance, steadily swinging his adze or wielding his hoe and chasing "them weeds" was Mr. Smith. "Young people don't know what work is" is his daily comment. When one views the neat rows of vegetables in the kitchen garden one is inclined to agree with him.

It took some time for the modelling club to clear a place in the old wash house up the yard, but under the guidance of Hayes and Phillips the space was cleared and many lovely models built. A billiard table, presented by Mr. Burton, the Officer of the Local A.T.C. unit, and its instructor in engineering has gained the Upper Common Room the nickname of the Senior Saloon. We



believe that Bott's skilful manipulation of the cue has some connection with his visit to Tangier.

A little more space has been gained by the use of the Headmaster's dining room as a Middle School Common Room. The house has been redecorated throughout and the holes in the canvas walls of the dormitories patched. It is said that in spite of this one of our number has found the "key" to undo them.

A great event of the year was the Christmas party in the Dining Hall decorated with *Sacrista* holly. Plum puddings, mince pies and tinned fruit were all on the menu. Previously Webb and Ball's company had given us their version of a Christmas pantomime, and Joan as the fairy had promised us all a spate of good things at Christmas.

New furniture, beds, chairs and tables have helped us to accommodate the extra numbers; a trolley has made table setting easier but no safer; it is hoped that the Courtier Stove will make the Middle School Room warmer, and the rubberoid will make the passage less noisy.

The points system has no connection with ration books. For some it has made Sunday dinner a time of uncertainty; after the meal the inter-house points are read out. So far "Alexander" has always defeated "Montgomery." It is hoped this will not always be so. The terminal outing for the winning house has been popular and the exchange of those who lost most points in the winning house for those who gained most in the losing house seems only just.

We are sorry to lose Rastall, but we wish him well at Malvern. Doxey, our oldest inhabitant, said goodbye to Daisy, the motor mower, at the end of the summer term. This was a double disaster for the House. Doxey knew all there was to know about supervision of cleaning duties, and "Daisy" has never gone since. We learn that the Navy has claimed Doxey and we wish him well.

*Sacrista* has not only survived another year but the new paint and an influx of young choristers is enabling the House to do what the trust deed says it should do. The visitors this next summer will be fewer unless "basic" returns. But there are two that we hope to welcome again, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews. If they can come to stay during term both the house and many others will be more than pleased.

R. S.

## The Concert of the Musical Society.

On the evening of March 14th a performance of songs, piano solos and verse speaking was presented in the School Hall. The rest of the School had enjoyed a special presentation in the afternoon.

This year the standard achieved was a great tribute to Dr. Ashfield, who organised the whole thing. The year before the concert was for the School only. This year it was well attended by an appreciative audience. Next year it is hoped it will be presented on two nights, and that seats will be booked as they are for plays.

A very popular item was the singing of the Junior Choir, the members of Form One; this was hardly less accomplished than that of the School Choir itself. Not only was the tonal quality good but it was possible to understand what they were singing about. Such is the situation of the Music Room that not only the members of the School but many who stand in the bus queues had become familiar with the "Nut Brown Maiden." One of the finest was the opening item "In Praise of Neptune," sung by the School Choir.

It was of great importance to have a good piano, and we were grateful to the Minster Authorities for allowing us to use the lovely instrument that is used in the Minster. The advanced technique and high competence of J. Martlew gained for him more than one encore. His performance was of remarkably high quality for one of his age. R. Bell is also a fine pianist but does not possess that confidence which makes a good concert performer.

Of the verse speaking, J. C. Squires "The Birds" was given a most pleasing rendering by P. B. Pritchard and M. M. Johnson. Clearly spoken, finely phrased, it left an enduring impression on the mind.

The singing of madrigals can give much enjoyment in practice and the sextet did manage to convey something of that delight to the audience.

The concert ended on a patriotic note with the lovely "Land of our Birth" by Vaughan Williams.

The Society will do very well if it maintains this standard in future years.

R. S.

## CONCERT PROGRAMME.

1. Unison Song, "In Praise of Neptune," John Ireland (b. 1879), School Choir.
2. Piano Solo, Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Rachmaninoff (1873-1938), R. T. F. Bell.
3. Recitations, "The Tiger," William Blake (18th Cent.), D. L. Bullard. "The Fighting Temeraire," Henry Newbolt (19th Cent.), H. J. Rusby Smith. "The Tarry Buccaneer," John Masefield (20th Cent.), A. J. Davies.
4. Madrigal, "April is My Mistress' Face," Wilbye (1574-1638), sopranos, D. M. Bowes, J. R. Cope; altos, H. W. Brookfield, P. J. Barker; tenor, Rev. S. Howell; bass, The Headmaster.
5. Three Traditional Songs, (a) "The Lincolnshire Poacher," (b) "Over the hills and far away," (c) "I saw three ships," Junior Choir.



6. Recitations, "Leisure," W. H. Davies 20th Cent.), J. Van de Berg; "To a Poet a Thousand Years Hence," J. Fletcher (20th Cent.), J. Van de Berg.
7. Violin Solo, "Humoresque," Dvorak (1841-1904), F. W. Coldham.
8. Unison Song with Descant, "Marching Through Georgia," American National Song, arr. Whittaker, School Choir.  
Interval.
9. Carol, "Whence is that goodly fragrance," Old French, School Choir.
10. Piano Solo, "Rustle of Spring," Sinding (1856), J. Martlew.
11. Recitation, "Ode to Autumn," John Keats (19th Cent.), P. J. Barker.
12. Folksong, "Early One Morning," English Traditional, arr. T. Dunhill, Sextet.
13. Two Songs, (a) "Cradle Song," Schubert (1797-1828), (b) "Horo my nut-brown maiden," Gaelic Traditional, Junior Choir.
14. Recitation, "The Birds," J. C. Squire (20th Cent.), P. B. Pritchard, M. M. Johnson.
15. Piano Duet, "Marche Militaire," Schubert (1797-1828), V. Coldham, A. W. Rogers.
16. Unison Song with Descant, "Land of our Birth," V. Williams (b. 1872), School Choir.  
God Save the King.

### The Play's the Thing.—(*Hamlet.*)

These are some playful notes on those little things the Southwell audiences never saw when they came in their hundreds to see the Grammar School Players.

About those audiences first. Back in 1919 they were a trifle sticky. They would persist in calling our shows "concerts," though never a note sounded except from a concealed orchestra in a gramophone box very much "off." But I forget; in our first "Hamlet," a young bugler, somewhere in that class-room over the coalhouse, by a series of signals up the stairs, blew a "tucket"—it was not a success, the delayed action held up the "show."

Our patrons were tolerant; it was nice to encourage the boys. So they were content to sit on each other's knees, elbowed by their fatter neighbours, and suffer from the crawling draughts that whistled through the old street door. The more knowing ones ensconced themselves in a corner by the open fire at the back. But if they came first to patronise, they came at last because the nature of our performances compelled attention. Our productions extended from two nights to a week and a matinée, and even then we played to capacity.

All our old players will recall the conditions under which we played. The stage was little larger than a postage-stamp. The

fit-up was held together, but only just. Often after a "heavy" scene Bob Green would crawl along and fix a creaking trestle, an operation as tricky as mending an army lorry in an action. It was some years before we had a solid stage. The trestles had one advantage in Hamlet, we could lift one up and have an open grave and pop our Ophelia in and let her crawl off into the wings, where George Blair was juggling with property skulls. By the way, that solemn event nearly wrecked the show. You see, Ophelia was played by Martin Tupper. The "lady" was a rather hefty youth and on a bier made the undertakers pant and blow, as they tried to hoist her in. There was the King and his sorrowing spouse (D. H. Doy and Kenneth Wright) working up appropriate grief, priests and mummers chanting plain-song, all packed tight in a space where a fat prompter made a crowd. Hamlet and Horatio on the stage nervously tapping their feet, having already commented on the approaching cortege. Under my breath I hiss enquiries: "Where's that corpse? Bring her in, can't you?" All the time the King and Queen in full regalia were staggering under the burden. Every time the front pair of bearers tilted the bier up Ophelia slid gently off. What mugs we were. Why have a corpse at all? Next night, a decently faked but empty box was carried in and duly buried, while Ophelia sipped ginger-beer in the green-room.

In the same show I trod heavily on the prostrate King in the final piling up of corpses. His brass crown, still fixed firmly on his royal wig, was driven firmly in by my heel. Still in death, he never uttered a cry. What discipline!

You are not to suppose from all this that our Hamlet was a flop. Far from it. The audience was held spell-bound through it all. The scanty stage, the hard seats, the stuffy hall, all the inadequacies were forgotten as that matchless tragedy unfolded itself. "Farewell, sweet prince, and flights of angels wing thee to thy rest."

The year before Hamlet we had played pure slap-stick by gas-light, "The Private Secretary." I played Spalding for my sins. He's a poor nervous mut who made all London laugh for about three years, until the original player, Penley, went off his head, and no wonder. Chivvied from pillar to post, stuffed in a chest from which he pokes his innocent head like a jack-in-the-box, the forerunner of Robertson Hare, he plaintively "seeks a little repose." I used to walk to the edge of the stage and pull a string attached to the gas and lower it in full view of the audience! We who played in it knew it so well, we wondered how anybody could raise a smile at the so-called gags. And yet, would you believe it, the house rocked as Mr. Doy, in the part of a blackmailing tailor, and himself in the tightest of check trousers, offered to measure a guest at a country-house party for a pair of bags, and tore his pattern from The Times; Spalding had only to drop a galosh as Cattermole kicked him across the stage for the



audience to hold up the action for a full minute while they wiped the tears of laughter from their eyes.

We used to alternate our serious productions with these lighter follies. Many O.S. will recall happily "When Knights Were Bold." Those charming ladies, Ronnie Stokes and Jack Theaves, and Eric Dodd, all veterans of the war! Mr. Doy, as usual, the dignified Seneschal, talking solemnly about "Woden's Day," a distinguished professor at University College, Hibbard, my valet, helping me to my mustard bath, spilling the mustard all over the stage and being told to get a bit of beef to wipe it up. Very pre-war that. And who was the villain of the piece but your present Headmaster? How we fought in full plate-armour! I had a two-handed sword about five feet long and nearly took off the beard of a Reverend Canon who sat in the front row. I saw him duck. Later, when we disrobed, we were blue with bruises and every rivet showed on our devoted bodies.

Space will not allow much more. Twenty years of unbroken playing of plays that came to be the event of the year in Southwell can only be passed over lightly here. We became a repertory company and general favourites with old playgoers who made a night of it year by year. War came to break the tradition, as it broke so much that was good besides.

It is good to hear the tale is being taken up again. Here's wishing you well as you tread the well-trod stage, for though I say it as shouldn't, it was well-trod.

One old countryman who strayed in for a bob's-worth of "The Merchant of Venice" by some strange accident, was heard to remark at the close of a tense scene: "That bloke can act and this is a durned good play; who wrote it?" I was the "bloke" and I owe more to Will Shakespeare than I shall ever repav.

R. M.

## The School, the Future and Voluntary Aided Status.

This is the third time this subject is mentioned in the Magazine and many of you may say "well we have heard much on this subject from many people and we do not need to be told again." You may be sure that no more attempts would be made to explain it if we were certain that every reader knows what is involved for the School in this rather legal phrase. The Education Act and explanatory pamphlets and memoranda fill a book of several hundred pages and I am told can give even lawyers a headache, so any one who tries to offer a simple explanation free from technicalities is perhaps asking for trouble. But I feel that unless people really do understand, they are not likely to help. In the booklet for the Aided Appeal an attempt was made to make the position clear as briefly as was consistent with clarity;

but it was not possible in such an appeal to go into detail about any point, for it was addressed to the general public.

A Grammar School such as ours must not be confused with an Aided Primary School. Before the Act was passed this School was conducted under a special system drawn up by the Board of Education and because scholarships were awarded to boys through the County a grant was made by that Authority to enable the Governors to meet any deficiency. After the Act was passed all tuition fees were abolished and to enable the School to carry on, the School was transitionally assisted by the Local Education Authority. The School continues to be so assisted until a decision can be made about its status in the new educational set up. This process is common to all Schools in the country whose Governors decide they are not able to become independent of the state system or achieve the position of a Direct Grant School. At present then the School is Transitionally Assisted, and except for certain regulations stated in a government pamphlet called Grant Regulations the School is conducted in like manner as before.

But this position can not remain like this. The County Authorities have, as many of you know, prepared Development Plans for their areas. Before these are sent to the Ministry it is necessary for Schools such as ours to apply to the Ministry through the Local Authority stating whether the Governors wish the School to become a Voluntary School. At the same time they must state whether they wish it to be an Aided School or a Controlled School. If the former they must say whether they are able and willing to meet in effect half the cost of the external repairs of the premises, the alterations necessary to bring these up to the required standard, or if the School has to be transferred because the present site and buildings are inadequate, half the cost of rebuilding. After these and other details about articles of government have been considered the Minister will make an order, if he is satisfied that the Governors can meet their obligations when called upon to do so, stating that the School is a Voluntary Aided School, and as such maintained by the Local Education Authority.

Now Southwell is a small place. If a new Grammar School was to be built it would not be placed here at the present day. But it does happen that such a School has been here for centuries. And this School has connections with the Minster and links with the Choir. It could not be expected that the Local Education Committee would build a Grammar School here. The alternative then is whether the existing School shall cease to exist, become controlled, in other words completely maintained by the Authority but with certain Governors to see that the regulations about religious teaching were carried out, or become aided with the advantages as set out in the booklet. It has been made quite clear by the Authorities that the special qualities of this School can only be retained if it becomes aided, and that without this



demonstration of local support and assistance from Old Boys and friends of the School the case for its retention would be a weak one. In other words, as an Aided School the opportunity for the Grammar School to render its unique contribution to local and even national education can be seized: it can retain its chorister pupils, its direct link with the Minster, its ancient traditions, its boarding accommodation and the certainty of continued existence. The alternative was made quite clear when the Director of Education stated on Prize Day this year "that we dare not contemplate the failure" of the appeal for Aided Status.

B. J. R. S.

## Rugby Football Report.

This season, had the weather been a little less severe on us, might have proved the best for years. Although the last game was played in January, we had up till then only lost one game.

We started the season with the usual game against the town, which, although it can hardly be called a school game, generally finds our weak spots. A week later we severely defeated Barrow, while the same day our juniors beat Bridgford Juniors. Whether or not of the team was content with that, it is difficult to say, but the next game saw Bridgford 2nd XV. eight points ahead after only five minutes play. Here was last season's weakness; the School team was far too slow at the start of the game and in several matches found themselves on the losing side in the first few minutes. However, in this game, as in all others, once the team really got "warmed up" they played very well indeed and two very good movements nearly brought tries in the corner. However, the game ended without further score, and one more lesson, we hope, has been learnt. Within the next fortnight we beat Magnus, a very much improved team, and Pavement.

Then the injuries started, and in the last game we were playing five reserves. This helped in a way, as it meant that some of the younger boys were getting very valuable match practice.

We ended the Xmas Term by beating Pavement in the mud at Strelley, and after the holidays we ended the season by beating Magnus at Southwell.

Unfortunately the Old Boys game had to be cancelled, as did four or five other Spring Term fixtures.

During the Xmas holidays Garfield and John Gibson (now a member of University College 2nd XV.) were picked for a Schoolboys trial at Beeston.

Throughout the season the team worked as a whole, although there were one or two occasions when the three-quarter division was not given enough to do. Thus they did not gain the confidence they should have done, and we find ourselves this year with the problem of finding a suitable line.

Of the forwards, Phillips and Woodcock were outstanding, while all the others worked hard; Woodcock scored many points with his kicking, and changed the outlook of one game by getting an almost impossible penalty goal. Of the backs, Gibson was his usual self at Stand Off, although injury found Johnson and Gibson (G.) also in this position. Bell played throughout at the base of the scrum, and his unceasing effort is an example to the team which some of the older players would do well to follow.

Foster was about the only player of the threes who played regularly this season, and he carried most of the work in this part of the field. A quick "snapper up" of the loose ball, he has a useful turn of speed and should be a great asset this year. Johnson and Stevens played well at wing forwards, as did Woodcock before he left us. Harrison at full back was very sound and his speed saved us from at least one defeat.

With eleven of last year's team still available, we look forward to an exciting term's rugger, although the ugly head of the "monster injury" has already shown himself, and we open the season with a crooked captain. He handled the team very well indeed last year and set an example to all. Let us hope that this year he will find his way into the Grammar Schools XV.

Colours were awarded to Woodcock, Harrison and Phillips during the season, and to Gibson, Barber, Coldham and Foster at the end of the season.

Matches played 8, won 7, lost 1. Points for 117, points against 31.

The team was usually selected from the following boys: P. E. Harrison; J. K. Hanson, J. Foster, G. G. Gibson, R. Stratford; W. H. Gibson, J. Bell; V. Coldham, P. E. Phillips, P. B. Pritchard, D. T. Woodcock, C. Johnson, J. Siddons, G. Cooper, J. H. Barber and J. Garfield.

We cannot let the opportunity go of thanking M. Moreigne, who did so much to make this season such a success. He played in our practice games, and also for the town; he coached and made many useful suggestions which we hope to put into practice this year.

Booths retained the rugger cup for the year with a total of 83 points against six.

S. W. P.

## RESULTS.

Southwell 2nd	Won	10	3
Humphrey Perkins	Won	48	0
West Bridgford	Lost	0	8
Humphrey Perkins	Won	5	3
High Pavement	Won	17	6
Magnus	Won	11	6
Magnus	Won	20	0
High Pavement	Won	6	5



## JUNIORS.

West Bridgford  
Magnus

Won	37	0
Lost	5	17

## A Rugger Ball.

Oh, to be a Rugger Ball  
Flying through the air.  
No one cares a fig for me,  
Foul weather or fair,  
They bring me out each Thursday,  
I think it's my Sunday treat,  
And then they start to kick me  
With dirty, muddy feet.  
I often feel quite dizzy  
Flying through the air,  
First I find I'm in one place,  
Then I turn up there.  
Still, I'm really happy  
With all the boys at play,  
I have such fun and do enjoy  
Myself on Rugger Day.

P. WELSH, Form III.

## Cricket, 1947.

In nearly every annual review of a season's cricket reference is made to the weather and often hostile attitude of "The Clerk" to the fixture list. This year, 1947, has given us a glorious summer, and we may regard ourselves as fortunate that the elements interfered in only one game, namely at Newark, when after Magnus had scored 52 for 5 the game had to be abandoned owing to rain. For other matches the pitches have been bone hard and have rendered little assistance to the bowlers: high scores, however, did not come our way.

The 1946 review ended on an optimistic note by indicating that 1947 would see the retention of several old "colours." It was not to be. First Inger left School, then Stratford, followed by Woodcock, and our bowling strength was considerably weakened. Thus when the season opened against Kelham the side was largely an experimental one and contained but two old colours, Gibson, W., and Ward. While we suffered a severe reverse the experience was particularly valuable in giving the captain, Gibson, W., an opportunity of re-assessing the potentialities of the team. At this stage in the report it is well to draw attention to the great part played in the XI's success by Gibson, W.; he not only headed the batting and bowling averages, but by his excellent fielding set the team a fine example. Like his elder brother, who played for the Notts. Grammar School in 1946, he brought honour to

Southwell by being chosen to play for Notts. against Derbyshire in 1947.

Bell, J., Johnson, C., and Barber rendered very useful service with the bat, and with Gibson, W., scored the majority of the runs made by the School. The remainder of the side showed many weaknesses. Ward, from whom much was expected this season, had a comparatively lean time. Bell, J., by coming third in the bowling averages as well as second in botting, and by particularly keen and aggressive fielding, has demonstrated his all-round ability. Bell, R., has shown himself to be a bowler of merit, narrowly missing being head of the averages. Ward and Gibson, G., did quite well as change bowlers, but the bowling as a whole lacked "punch." Behind the wickets Johnson, C., acquitted himself well.

One regrets that once more reference must be made to the state of fielding. It was poor, and while it improved during the course of the year, at the beginning it was of a very low standard, and dropped catches cost us at least two matches; Juniors take note!

Colours were awarded during the season to Bell, J., and Johnson, C., and at the end of the season to Bell, R. It is hoped that these three will be available next season.

Matches were played against the following schools: Magnus, Humphrey Perkins, Notts. High, and West Bridgford. Other fixtures included matches against Kelham, Southwell 2nd XI., Old Southwellians and S.M.G.S. Staff.

Of the matches played by the Juniors only one was won, three lost and one abandoned. Of the batsmen, Pepper and Sherwin deserve mention, for they alone had the ability to "go" for the bowling. As bowlers Waters, Cope and Ball show promise.

The following represented the First XI.: Gibson, W., Ward, Johnson, C., Bell, J., Bell, R., Barber, Stevens, Dawes, Gibson, G., Harrison, Bott.

For the Juniors the following made appearances: Cope (capt.), Stevens, J. Sherwin, Waters, Pepper, Ball, Clemence, Foster, J., Roach, G. Parker, Clifford.

The House Cup was won by Grays.

G. T.

## LIST OF MATCHES.

		S.M.G.S.	Opponents	
Kelham Mission	Away	26, 38	113 for 9	L
Magnus	Home	42	66	L
H. Perkins	Away	84	59	W
Notts. High "A"	Away	40	108 for 7	L
W. Bridgford 2nd XI.	Home	54 for 4	52	W
Magnus	Away	Game abandoned	52 for 5	
Southwell 2nd XI.	Away	37	150 for 9	L
W. Bridgford 2nd XI.	Away	98 for 8	49	W
Old Southwellians	Home	115	114	W
S.M.G.S. Staff	Home	69	104	L



## 1947 AVERAGES.

## BATTING.

	No. of innings.	runs.	Times not out.	Av.
Gibson, W.	8	135	1	19.3
Bell, J.	10	67	1	7.4
Johnson, C.	8	49	0	6.1
Barber	9	54	0	6.0
Stevens	10	44	0	4.4

## BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av.
Gibson, W.	83	28	194	30	6.5
Bell, R.	36	5	100	15	6.6
Bell, J.	76	13	213	26	8.2
Ward	52	11	134	8	16.8
Gibson, G.	15	2	35	2	17.5
Barber	11	2	43	2	21.5

The following catches were made: Gibson, W., 4, Barber 4, Gibson, G., 3, Bell, J., 3, Ward 2, Bott 2, Foster, Sherwin, Stevens, R., Dawes, Bell, R., Johnson C., Harrison 1.

## Annual Sports 1947.

The preliminaries to Sports Day this year saw the innovation of a new system of elimination in place of the usual heats method. A table of figures and heights, times and distances was compiled whereby each event had allotted to it two "standard" times or distances, one being designated "high," the other "low."

Unless exempt on medical grounds, every boy in the School attempted all events, those equalling or beating the "low standard" gaining one point for their house whereas those equalling or beating the "high standard" gaining not only two points for their house, but qualifying automatically for the quarter trials.

This method not only increased the general interest in events, but enabled a greater staggering of them and subsequent improvement in results.

July 23rd was typical of most of our recent summer—fair and warm and, with the ground in its usual excellent state, conditions were perfect. An attempt was made to restore some of the pre-war grandeur to the occasion by the provision of an enclosure and light refreshments, the latter being organised by Mrs. Rushby Smith.

Mrs. Hales presented the prizes and in her speech summed up the general feeling that performances were excellent.

J. W.

Victor Ludorum: Senior—Phillips. Junior—Siddons.

LONG JUMP (Open).—1, Phillips (B); 2, Foster (B); 3, Harrison (T).  
16ft. 9in.

LONG JUMP ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Gough (B); 2, Pepper (G); 3, Siddons (T).

100 YARDS (under  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Murfin (G); 2, Davies (T); 3, Ball (T).  
14 secs.

100 YARDS (Open).—1, Phillips (B); 2, Harrison (T); 3, Johnson (B).  $11\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

100 YARDS ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Gough (B); 2, Siddons (T); 3, Pepper (G).  $11\frac{4}{5}$  secs. Record.

HIGH JUMP (Open).—1, Johnson (B); 2, Dawes (H); 3, Phillips (B).  
4ft. 10in.

220 YARDS (under  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Murfin (G); 2, Avey (T); 3, Wheat (G).  
 $31\frac{4}{5}$  secs. Record.

FOOTBALL RACE ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Pickup (G); 2, Siddons (T); 3, Main (B).

440 YARDS (Open).—1, Phillips (B); 2, Doxey (G); 3, Foster (B).  
 $63\frac{3}{5}$  secs.

HIGH JUMP (under  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Wheat (G); 2, Davies (T); 3, Bemrose (T).  
3ft. 8in.

120 YARDS HURDLES ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Siddons (T); 2, Clifford (T); 3, Wiggington (T).  
20 secs.

FOOTBALL RACE (Open).—1, Barber (T); 2, Gibson (T); 3, Harrison (T).

440 YARDS (under  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Murfin (G); 2, Eastwood (T); 3, Wheat (G).  
 $73\frac{1}{8}$  secs.

440 YARDS ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Pepper (G); 2, Siddons (T); 3, Bell (B).  
62 secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES (Open).—1, Phillips (B); 2, Harrison (T); 3, Barber (T).  
18 secs.

HIGH JUMP ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Gough (B); 2, Siddons (T); 3, Pepper (G).  
4ft.  $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. Record.

POTATO RACE (under  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Murfin (G); 2, Plowright (T); 3, Wheat (G).  
 $50\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

220 YARDS ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Bell (B); 2, Siddons (T); 3, Pepper (G).  
 $26\frac{3}{5}$  secs. Record.

220 YARDS (Open).—1, Phillips (B); 2, Doxey (G); 3, Barber (T).  
 $27\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

POTATO RACE ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Siddons (T); 2, Gough (B); 3, Pepper (G).

POTATO RACE (Open).—1, Harrison (T); 2, Johnson (B); 3, Gibson (G).  
46 secs.

FOOTBALL RACE (under  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Murfin (G); 2, Poxon (G); 3, Wheat (G).

OLD BOYS RACE.—1, Elderkin; 2, Mairs; 3, Hinde.  $28\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

SENIOR RELAY RACE.—1, Booth; 2, Thomas; 3, Gray. 2 min.  
 $26\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

$12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$  RELAY RACE.—1, Booth; 2, Thomas; 3, Gray.  $55\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

Under  $12\frac{1}{2}$  RELAY RACE.—1, Thomas; 2, Gray; 3, Booth.

TUG-OF-WAR.—1, Thomas; 2, Booth; 3, Gray.

$240\frac{1}{2}$  Thomas.  $225\frac{1}{2}$  Booth.  $213\frac{1}{2}$  Gray.



*Events Previously Decided:*

SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY.—1, Phillips (B); 2, Garfield (B); 3, Linley (G). 28 min. 36.4 secs.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY.—1, Siddons (T); 2, Roach (G); 3, Pepper (G). 25 min. 8 secs.

JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY.—1, Massey (B); 2, Wheat (G); 3, Wright (G).

WALKING RACE.—1, Linley (G); 2, Phillips (B); 3, Hallam (T). 1 hr. 22 min. 25 secs.

CRICKET BALL (Open).—1 Gibson (G); 2, Barber (T); 3, Ward (B). 77 yards  $1\frac{1}{4}$  ft.

CRICKET BALL ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Siddons (T); 2, Starr (G); 3, Sherwin (T). 59 yds. 1 ft.

CRICKET BALL (under  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Wheat (G); 2, Goodwin (T); 3, Ball (T). 49 yds. 2 ft.

1 MILE (Open).—1, Phillips (B); 2, Doxey (G); 3, Barber (T). 5 min. 19.7 secs.

1 MILE ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Siddons (T); 2, Pepper (G); 3, Bell (B). 5 min. 30.2 secs.

$\frac{1}{2}$  MILE (Open).—1, Phillips (B); 2, Doxey (G); 3, Hallam (T). 2 min. 28 secs.

$\frac{1}{2}$  MILE ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  to  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ).—1, Siddons (T); 2, Bell (B); 3, Coombes (G). 2 min. 31.8 secs.

*Cup Winners to date:*

Cross Country—Phillips. 1 Mile—Phillips.

Walking Race—Linley. Rugger—Booths.

Judges: Mr. A. A. Ringer, Mr. W. Lennard, Mr. T. W. Howard, Major Lane.

**Swimming.**

During the Summer Term, swimming classes were again held on Tuesdays and Fridays after School. On the first day the number of applicants exceeded the number of vacancies allotted by the County Authorities and a waiting list had to be formed consisting of the names of boys who would take the place of absentees. In addition a small but enthusiastic class was made up from members of Form I. This Junior Class was under the charge of the Headmaster and attended at special times.

The exceptionally fine weather was a great help to the classes, and on July 30th a swimming gala was held at Calverton. The general standard of swimming was higher than last year. Hayes and Waters again did well and Bullard, at the age of 8, not only distinguished himself by winning "Form I. Championship," but also insisted on entering for the "open" diving, thereby putting to shame several senior boys who, on finding the water a little colder than usual, discovered that they had "a cold," "a bad back," "a bit of a headache" etc., and that therefore they "thought it best" not to go in.

During the term 13 boys learned to swim and 7 boys passed the swimming test for the 1st Class Scout Badge. Clifford, C., gained his Swimmers' Badge (Scouts under 15) and Hayes is to be congratulated in gaining his Master Swimmer's Badge, which among other things requires a swim of half a mile. 11 boys took their first certificate under the County Scheme, and one boy (Lincoln) obtained his second Certificate.

For those boys who have obtained their first certificate occasional classes will be held during the winter to enable them to qualify for the second certificate as soon as tests begin again next Summer and so obtained their third before the end of the Summer Term.

P. A. Y.

**Sixth Form Society.**

The Society was extremely pleased to welcome the Lord Bishop of Southwell on a Thursday afternoon during the Easter Term. It was the first time many of the members were able to talk to the Bishop at close range. In the space of little more than an hour Dr. Barry had dealt with a great variety of questions on a vital subject. It was indeed a great opportunity and the afternoon was much enjoyed.

On several occasions the Society has boarded a special bus and visited several local industries. Owing to the kindness of Mr. Milligan, whose recent death has come as such a shock to Southwell, the members were given a most interesting time at the Castle Works of Players. The ingenious machines used to make cigarettes were closely examined. It was clear that an engineer might enjoy himself repairing such a machine, but the "machine minders" work seemed far from inspiring. No more magnificent factory exists than Boots at Beeston. It was extremely difficult to persuade some of our number to leave the assortment of mixers used to produce ointments, creams and malt and cod liver oil. We are grateful to the management for a fascinating tour, and a very good tea. A visit to Ericssons completed this year's factory tour. We hope when the Sixth Form has changed its membership in a year or two these visits will be possible again.

After the experience of the Mock Trial a visit to the Assize Court seemed absolutely necessary. The Society is extremely grateful to Judge Caporn for making special arrangements for the members to be present at the opening of the Assize Court in Nottingham. It was a first hand experience of the functioning of one of the most important institutions in the County. The whole party were impressed by their experience. The dignified ceremonial opening of the Assize left a vivid impression. The existence of human suffering and the tragic consequences of acts which had brought the prisoners into court made the occasion a solemn one. Great admiration was felt for the way in which Mr.



Pritchard, K.C., the Commissioner for the Assize, tempered justice with mercy. It was certainly a thoughtful party that returned home that day.

University College, Nottingham, has a special interest for many of our Sixth Formers. It was therefore an exceptional occasion when Professor Cotton welcomed us to the University and took the whole party on a special tour over the Electrical Engineering Laboratory. The staff of the Laboratory after a desperately busy Term yet managed to spare us a whole afternoon to show us the remarkable developments of modern electrical engineering. Of course the crackling sparks of the high power testing room were a highlight of the occasion. Cathode ray tubes flickered and even gave out altogether when a Gibson placed his mouth near the microphone. Certain literary members of the Society gained much insight into the spectrum of fluorescent lamps, but have not yet been persuaded to write an account of their impressions. Through all these rooms Professor Cotton led us. It is perhaps the sign of a great scientist that he has the ability to explain the most complicated mechanisms to the ordinary layman. After our visit there must have been few things that we felt we did not understand, so clearly had the working of these complicated instruments been explained. Afterwards we were entertained to tea in the refectory. We thank Professor Cotton and his staff for an excellent afternoon and one which we shall not easily forget.

It has now become established that the Society shall produce a "show" of some kind before the whole School at the end of the Spring and Summer Terms. A full dress debate was held in March. Stimulated by the taunts of the Sixth Form many speakers from the rest of the School clamoured to be heard and only occasionally could members of the staff manage to press their points home. The abolition of Saturday morning School and the adoption of the five-day week were furiously debated. It is said that there is no connection between the result of this debate and the change that took place in the Summer Term. In July the Interview, a new name for a "viva," was fully explained with examples. "The Seven Interviews of Man" left the audience in no doubt about the importance of these occasions in the life of every man. When one is young one's nurse has to be interviewed. Phillips as the old fashioned "Mrs. Camp," demonstrated with high glee the effects of his explosive potion upon the unfortunate babe in the clothes basket. At eleven plus the unauthorised act of the vicar suggested other ways of entering a Grammar Schol. It is doubtful if Mr. Winn was presenting a time portrait of a headmaster, but the audience seemed to think it most convincing. A stage further was reached in the subtle interview when one is choosing a bride. The couple of crooks presented by Watts and M. Moreigne "bought it" as they say when the father, Mr. Yates, simpler than usual, offered his other

daughter. The unfortunate soldier, B. Doxey, became sadly embroiled with a dervish, a sausage, and Mr. Doy's whiskers. After the soldier came the shop walker and then the night watchman. Where did Mr. Thomas get those eyebrows?! Appropriately the last scene was enacted on a "cloud," cumulus type, five thousand feet up. Notices suggesting that it was dangerous to lean out, and "you have been warned" signs gave an atmosphere of uncertainty. St. Peter, Mr. Ball, and his angelic assistants conducted the seventh interview after, of course, duly disinfecting the new arrival. Halos we learnt were lent, were worn at an angle and made to size; wings had to be clipped. This last scene was a superb bit of nonsense which brought the show to a most successful end. The whole idea of these Interviews took shape in about three days. The Sixth Form Society are rather pleased about the result. The problem now is what to do next Term.

R. S.

## 1st Southwell. Report, 1947.

This year has been a phenomenal one in many ways. Firstly, the weather has enabled us to have two or three patrols out each week-end; also to have a Whitsun and a Summer camp without any rain whatever.

We started the year with the formation of a senior patrol. It has been found very difficult to run such a patrol owing to the large number of its members taking public exams. We went felling trees at Edingley, we did First Class journeys in the odd week-ends we could get off, we had a most enjoyable week-end at Normanton, and we had a Summer camp at Gorleston. Of the members of the senior patrol, Pritchard, Hayes and Dawes are First Class, while Hayes and Pritchard now hold the Venturer's Badge.

It has been a great improvement to separate these boys from the rest of the troop, as it has meant that some of the senior boys have had the chance of becoming Patrol Leaders. Whether or not this was a good thing, time will tell. Of the patrols so formed, all have worked hard, and some of the Patrol Leaders have put in a lot of useful work in their spare time.

In one or two cases attendance has let us down, and this year this kind of absenteeism will only mean one thing—that the boy concerned will run the risk of losing his place.

In the Autumn term we held one hike along the banks of the Trent, and we ran our usual Xmas party.

Activity in the Spring term was largely curtailed owing to the poor travelling conditions, although Dawes and Massey completed a successful First Class journey while the snow was still around.

During the Summer term we fully made up for it. Pritchard, Dawes, Hayes and Massey all completed their First Class, and



Massey went on to get his Scout Cords, thus being the first in the Troop. Meanwhile we took a party of boys to Belvoir and had a very good time indeed.

By this time, two of our number had been chosen to attend the Jamboree in France, and in August, Peter Pritchard and myself were bound for a very enjoyable fortnight in Moisson. On our return, we had our own summer camp at Oxton, a lovely site with only two snags, wasps and water. However, with the help of waspkillers Gibson and Webb, we settled the wasps and we carried the water from the bottom of the hill. Next year we hope to get further away, but we enjoyed being at Oxton and all the neighbours were very helpful indeed.

This year we have also started a Cub pack. After much pleading from members of Form I. we gave way, and "Prickles" and myself started them going, to be joined later by Michael Hayes. We have been visited by Mr. Allen, who appeared to be very impressed by their energy as well as their enthusiasm.

Of proficiency badges, the following have been gained:

First Class: Pritchard, Hayes, Dawes, Massey, Main.

Scout Cords: Massey, Main.

Senior Proficiency Badges: Six.

Junior Proficiency Badges: Forty-two.

Cub Proficiency Badges: Six.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those parents who have turned out their boys so well for camps and for troop meetings; and for the gift of two felling axes from Mr. Galbraith.

Also many thanks to some of the seniors who have given me a great deal of help throughout the year, namely Billy Gibson, John Gibson and Peter Pritchard, not to mention the other Cub instructor Michael Hayes.

SKIPPER.

## School Journey to Brussels.

During the Easter holidays a School party of 28 boys was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Yates to visit Brussels. On April 8th we left Southwell at twenty-past seven (a.m.) in a deluge of rain, little knowing what experiences were to befall us ere our return.

In spite of midnight oil and much planning, the first difficulty arose almost before we had started. Our train, due to arrive in London at 10.53, was so overcome by the recent promotion to national status that it finally, and after many delays, arrived too late for us to catch the boat train at 1 p.m.

New arrangements had to be made on the spot. Several parents who lived in or near London and who had come to Victoria to see the party off, very generously offered what space they had, and in this manner eight boys were accommodated; for the rest "Supper, bed and breakfast" was arranged at Brighton Court Hotel.

After an evening in London, during which we saw Disney's "Song of the South," and a journey to Victoria Station the following morning via a number of "the sights," we caught the boat train and by tea-time we were afloat.

We discovered that by missing the connection on the previous day, we had quite unintentionally missed the worst Channel gale for a number of years. One daily paper reported "Waves mast high sweep the Channel."

Fortunately the storm had abated and had left little more than a moderate swell. This, however, was quite sufficient, and within a very short time of leaving Dover Harbour many of the party were showing what Britons are made of.

Arrival at Ostend put a term to the miseries of these unfortunates and by the time we had reached Brussels everyone had recovered. A meal, a scrub, bed.

The stay in Brussels was an unqualified success. Perfect weather with constant hot sun, shops full to overflowing with every luxury, window displays such as many of us had almost forgotten, and sweetmeats such as some had never seen. Visits to many places of abiding interest, visits to Continental cinemas and cafes, and on two days, longer organised trips by motor-coach, the first to Waterloo and the second to Malines and Antwerp.

At Waterloo we were taken in hand by a guide, so old that at first we mistook him for one of the survivors. He seemed fascinated by a ditch into which on that memorable June day in 1815, an astronomical number of French horsemen unexpectedly stumbled. This, he pointed out every third minute, was most unfair on Napoleon, who would otherwise have gained a thoroughly well deserved victory over his barbarous opponents. He further left us in no doubt that this, like 1066, would have been a very good thing.

The visit to Antwerp was made memorable by the very fine cathedral, and by its priceless original paintings of Rubens and one by da Vinci. An enthusiastic and well-informed guide explained both the building and the pictures to us. On leaving the cathedral we were lucky to have a more modern and quite unexpected attraction provided by the arrival of an American cruiser with attendant destroyers. A more impressive array of external radar equipment would be hard to find.

The visit was all too quickly over, and before we realised it the Channel was again taking its toll. The real blow, however, was not to fall until we again found ourselves at the mercy of what one Continental visitor was heard to describe as "the 'oapless English trainways." More than an hour after our train was scheduled to leave for London, it was still standing idly at Dover station. No one save the passengers appeared to find this in any way extraordinary. The nett result was that we missed the last train for Nottingham and were once again left to fend for ourselves. Having slept partly in trains and partly on Leicester



station, we arrived in Nottingham early next morning and went our several ways to bed.

Cuttings from the trip: the flood of ubiquitous high-school girls materialising from nowhere every time we stepped into a train or on to a boat; Hayes providing manly protection for one of the said H.S.G. in the lee of the funnel; Boon perpetually penniless, even when pocket-money had been distributed within the hour; Johnson, C., the only man who ever fell upstairs, and of course, *niet rooken*.

I have already thanked privately the many parents who either helped in the question of London accommodation or who volunteered their cars and their services at Nottingham on the return journey, but I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them publicly for their good works and of thanking them for the many letters of appreciation received during and after the trip.

At present we are, of course, prohibited by the Government from organising such a trip again. I am, however, hoping to arrange exchanges of boys between England and France where possible and there is some possibility of a trip to Eire. Details are not yet sufficient to make possible a general announcement, but for any parents interested this may serve as advanced notice.

P. A. YATES.

## The Robin.

I like my friend the robin,  
I like his scarlet breast;  
I like the dainty eggs I see  
Inside his hair-lined nest.

When other birds are silent,  
As most are in December;  
'Tis then I hear the robin sing,  
And, hearing him, remember!

DAVID J. HUTCHINSON.

## Jamboree Mondial de la Paix, France, 1947.

This year I had the good fortune to be selected as one of the thirty-two Scouts to represent Nottinghamshire at the Sixth World Jamboree at Moisson, France. The Jamboree was a great experience and it had the added thrill of being my first trip abroad. The site was near Moisson, a little village on the Seine, north-west of Paris. Large areas of forest were cleared for the purpose by French workmen and Rover Scouts. Twenty kilometres of roads and twelve kilometres of tracks, two hundred hectares for playing fields, one thousand camp sites, a car park to accommodate four

thousand cars, and an arena with six thousand seats were made in this way. There was a special railway station dealing with twenty trains every day, a garage with two hundred buses, a telephone system, a hospital, markets, banks and Post Offices. It was in fact a town as large as Dover.

Over thirty thousand Scouts came to the Jamboree from more than fifty different countries. For transport around the Jamboree area there was a special railway over five miles long running round the fifteen sub-camps, each named after a French province. Each troop lived in its own way and was free to choose its own activities. All troops joined in the great international gatherings in the arena. The Opening Ceremony there was one of the most impressive sights I have ever seen.

A Robin Hood display in the arena, in which both Nottingham troops took part, was one of the "highlights" in the activities of our troop. We were victorious over a team of French Rover Scouts at Rugger, and we made a trip to Paris. The latter was on the hottest day of a very hot fortnight and we spent much time buying cooling drinks in cafes. Alternating with this we visited Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower and the Palais de Chaillot, and, of course, had several trips on the "Metro." One interesting fact about this Paris trip was that we travelled in a "double-decker" train. We were not only impressed by its size, but by the speed at which it travelled; a great contrast to the special train which brought us from Newhaven to Trent, an hour and a half overdue, on our return to England.

P. B. PRITCHARD.

## Twelfth Night.

"What country, friends, is this?"  
"This is Illyria."

and so it was for an afternoon, to those of us who had travelled to Stratford on May 10th.

The start could scarcely have been less promising—the steady downpour of rain, delays in waiting for a missing member of the party, in choosing a "spare body" to complete the load, the unorthodox route chosen by the driver, complicated by a bridge that ought to have been there and wasn't, and the consequent detours.

But pleasant recollections are the appearance of the sun by eleven o'clock, the pursuit of ice-cream—and the bus—in Nuneaton (and even if this is not strictly true, the suggestion behind the name makes its introduction inevitable), and the feminine glances from a preceding bus, also going to Stratford, causing certain of the party to "sleek o'er" their "rugged locks." Before one o'clock we had reached Stratford and we split up—some to exhibit their grace and skill on the river, some to "see the reliques of this town," and others, simply to eat.



Then the show—not one easily forgotten, we should all agree. “Art any more than a steward,” says Sir Toby of Malvolio, but Walter Hudd, who also produced, gave the character a dignity nicely blended with the “distempered appetite of self-love” that emphasised subtly the essentially ludicrous in his nature—an excellent Malvolio and the outstanding interpretation, although Beatrix Lehmann’s “Viola” gave us great pleasure. Sir Andrew Aguecheek (Paul Scofield) was original, refreshingly above the clownish buffoon he so often is—a brilliant piece of acting in fact. Daphne Slater’s “Olivia” lacked the assurance that is usual, and Maria was disappointing—surely Maria should be younger, more sprightly. But at least there was freshness and vitality in the production—the inversion of Scenes I. and II. making an effective opening prepared us for this.

Throughout the play there appeared new touches: the introduction of a Duenna—and a very imposing one also; the Priest in constant attendance on Olivia; the marksmanship of Sir Joby with his fowling piece; the box-tree—very effectively designed, and especially the transposition of the “kitchen” scene to the pavilion in the garden—which made a most striking star-lit setting. All these, with beautiful costumes and decor gave a straightforward and fairly conventional production a delightful novelty. The comic scenes were all the stronger for the playing of Feste and Fabian—the latter showed how much can be made of a minor part.

Inevitably the return was anti-climatic, even with a halt to see the Old Mill and “Guy’s Cliffe.” However tired or hungry we were by nine o’clock, when we reached Southwell, we should agree emphatically that a precedent to maintain in coming years had been set.

J. K. B.

## The Hard Way.

Whenever George and myself see fellows camping in style, with their ultra-light gear and their eiderdown sleeping-bags, with their expensive super-tents, we nudge one another and guffaw heartily. George and I, you see, are veteran campers; and, which is much more important, we are veterans of *real* camping. Read about it for yourselves . . . . .

To begin with, let me point out that our week’s camping was done at only one day’s notice, and that we didn’t trouble to make any plans whatsoever.

“Rig up some sort of a tent,” suggested George one day, “and we’ll do a bit of camping ourselves to-morrow night.”

On the strength of this excellent suggestion I commenced the next morning to “rig up a tent.”

It took forty minutes!

First I craftily obtained a wagon-cloth while the foreman wasn’t looking. This done, the next requirements were tent poles

and pegs, which I duly manufactured by laboriously hewing a tough willow bough into two long bits and half-a-dozen short ones. All this at the cost of considerable sweat and a certain amount of blood.

Finally, four odd lengths of scrounged string (binder-twine to be exact) were tied on to the lengths of willow to make guy-ropes. At this point George came up and, after viewing the set-up carefully and with deep thought, inquired whether it was some form of runner bean support.

“That’s the tent,” said I, feeling hurt. George shuddered and went a little white, but he has a strong constitution and soon recovered from this initial shock.

It was decided to transport all the equipment to a spot on Edingley moor, by the headstream of the Greet; some of you Scouts have camped there this year. By this time our activities had aroused considerable interest in the locality, and our trek to the camp was accomplished with a sort of procession of youthful camp-followers engaged in interested speculation as to our intentions. These, being young and impressionable, were “press-ganged” into service, some pushing the barrow, and, on arrival at the site, collecting wood.

The tent framework being duly put up, the wagon-sheet was carefully draped over it. The middle sag, owing to the weight—nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.—of the tarpaulin, was eighteen inches. One of the more fleet-footed camp-followers was instantly dispatched to requisition a ridge-pole. He flew off at once and in due course returned, having obtained—doubtless by foul means—a clothes prop, which functioned admirably for the purpose.

We then found that the edges of the sheet came in within about 5 inches of the ground, leaving a beautifully draughty gap. Having no instrument to cut short the poles, we dug holes to lower them into the ground, thus solving the problem.

The camp-followers having been with difficulty dispersed, George and I proceeded to prepare our supper. Our equipment, by the way, consisted merely of a spade, a bent saucepan, and, for some reason, an inexplicable bit of tubular steel which must have been included by mistake. It had a loose ring at one end and five small holes at the other. (I remember that we devoted considerable thought to devising a possible use for this odd utensil, without results). We hadn’t brought a teapot. George suggested first chewing tea and subsequently pouring boiling water into our mouths, but I was not in favour of this method, and eventually we mashed in our mugs.

The agony of having expensive quilt sleeping-bags was not for us. We slept in B.O.C.M. cattle-feed bags, with motor rugs for our shoulders. You aren’t afraid of getting that kind of equipment a bit grubby, and I can assure you that there’s nothing warmer than three layers of sacking!



After turning in, as we said goodnight, with the light of the fading embers flickening through the open end of the tent, we had a rather fine feeling of having attempted and achieved something.

Yes, your de luxe gear and modern methods are all very well, but George and I will always camp our way.

J. J. WATTS.

We are told that this incident actually occurred during the summer holidays, and it is true in all details.—R. S., Editor.

## Autumn.

The grey smoke drifts right over the town,  
Away in the country the leaves float down,  
The swallows leave us to cross the sea,  
We see no more wasp, fly and bee.  
The ground is getting swiftly harder,  
Squirrels are working to fill their larder;  
Robin comes to beg for food,  
Please give him some, it will do him good.  
We pick the apples ripe and red,  
'Tis Autumn and Nature goes to bed.

A. J. DAVIES, FORM I.

## Old Southwellian Society.

The past year has been an important one in the history of the Old Boys' Society. At an Extraordinary General Meeting held after the 1946 cricket match, it was decided to support, as a form of War Memorial, the Governors' decision to apply for "aided status" for the School. That support entailed the raising of £5,000 in ten years, a target of £500 a year. The appeal to members was circulated last November and the total subscribed at the time of going to press is £300. This failure to reach the target is possibly due more to the forgetfulness of members than to their unwillingness to subscribe. Many have promised to support the scheme and the committee feels confident that the full sum will be raised. Subscriptions, large or small, may be sent to the Hon. Secretaries at the School. A small sub-committee of Old Boys is also co-operating with the Governors in making a similar appeal to a wider public.

The Annual Dance was held in the Assembly Rooms on December 21st, and the hall was filled to capacity. More than 160 were present and the profit of £25 was given to the War Memorial Fund. The committee wishes to extend its thanks to those ladies who did so much to make the evening an outstanding success.

On February 1st, the Annual General Meeting was held at the School. Mr. W. A. Lennard was elected President and Mr. N. W. Howard Vice-President. The honorary secretaries and treasurer were re-elected. Old Boys should note that owing to the increased cost of administration and material the life subscription has been raised to £2 2s. 0d. and the annual subscription to 5 shillings.

Immediately following the meeting the Annual Dinner was held in the Saracen's Head with a record attendance of well over a hundred. The principal speaker was the Lord Bishop of Southwell.

Subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer:

J. GIBSON,  
"Yorkfield," 5, Eton Grove,  
Wollaton Park, Nottingham.

## Additions to the School Library.

Readings from British Drama.  
Music, by Walford Davies.  
St. Francis of Assisi, by Chesterton.  
Cricket, by Jardine.  
Montgomery, by Moorehead.  
Rugby Football for Schools.  
Rugger Practice and Tactics.  
The Farmyard, by Darling.  
The Care of Farm Animals, by Darling.  
Market Town, by Allan.  
The Village, by Thomas.  
Everyday Things for Lively Youngsters.  
Moving Things for Lively Youngsters.  
Vital Things for Lively Youngsters.  
Students' Guide to Modern Languages, by Wilson.  
The Art of Architecture.  
Atomic Energy.  
Radio Reference Book.  
Farms of Briton, by Sanders and Eley.  
Tools for Woodwork, by Hayward.  
Book of the School Garden.  
Surveying for Young Engineers.  
English Literature, by Meicklejohn.  
Animal Drawing, by Medwick.  
Pencil Sketches, by Greer.  
Making a Water Colour, by Ennis.  
Technique of Still Life Painting, by Richmond.  
Technique of Pastel Painting, by Richmond.  
Technique of Flower Painting, by Johnson.  
Use of History, by Rouse.  
Making a Poster, by Cooper.



## School Kalendar, 1947-48.

## Autumn Term.

September 11th  
October 31st to November 5th  
November 28th

December 17th to 20th

December 23rd

## Spring Term.

January 13th  
February 28th

April 2nd and 3rd  
April 6th

## Summer Term.

April 27th  
May 14th to 19th  
July 17th  
July 22nd  
July 30th

Autumn Term starts.

Half Term.

Prize Giving. Prizes presented  
by Canon Spencer Leeson.

Old Boys' Dance.

The School Play, "Androcles  
and the Lion."

Autumn Term Ends.

Spring Term starts.

Old Boys' Match and Informal  
Dinner.

School Concert.

Spring Term ends.

Summer Term starts.

Whitsuntide Break.

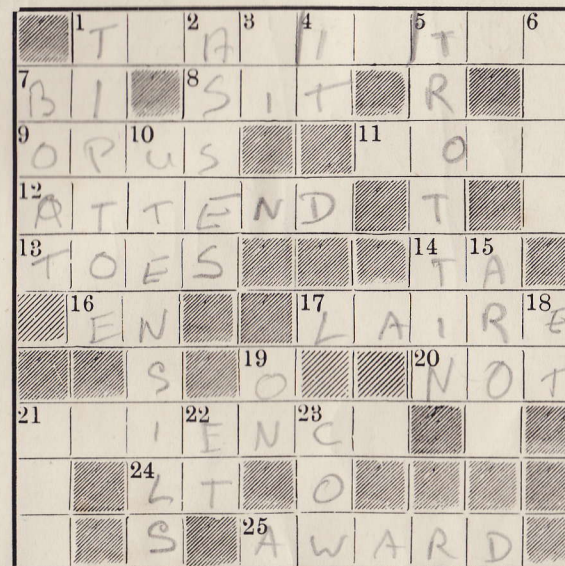
Old Boys' Match.

Old Boys' Dinner.

Sports Day.

Summer Term ends.

## Crossword.



## Across

- 1, 11. Meal for a rabbit, perhaps.  
(4, 2, 3, 4).  
7. Be I? (2).  
8. "Pensive here I — alone."  
J. Milton: "Sin and Death" (3).  
9. Not addressing a pet cat, but  
a composer's work. (4).  
11. See 1 across. (4).  
12. The price might be 10d. (6).  
13. Usually found on the foot. (4).  
14. Impolite acknowledgement.  
(2).  
16, 17. In France, this would be  
in the air. (2, 1, 4).  
20. Negative. (3).  
21. Way to express a ciné sec. (7).  
24. "Meal in the Underworld,"  
said the Lieutenant. (2).  
25. This is a draw in another  
form. (5).

## Down

1. Oerturn one of 13 across. (6).  
2. Donkeys. (5).  
3. Sixteen hours? (2).  
4. High tea, perhaps. (2).  
5. Canterring, where pronuncia-  
tion is at fault. (7).  
6. Yesterday, it belonged to a  
woman. (4).  
7. Means of conveyance on  
water. (4).  
10. Useful tools. (8).  
15. x - a = boy's name; 1/x = girl's  
name; find x. (4).  
18. And in France? (2).  
19. Not off. (2).  
21. Fit for a traitor. (3).  
22. Same as 18 down. (2).  
23. Domestic animal. (3).

P. J. B.