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Standing: J. C. Cranidge, J. H. W. Foster, C. Clifford, R. Parker, L. Murfin, R. T. F. Bell.
Sitting: E. J. Davies, R. L. Reid, J. D. Bell, G. G. Gibson (Capt.), N.N. Bemrose, P. B. Pailing.

Foreword.

If asked the question what is our national game, a very large number of people would say Soccer and it is probably true that filling in football pools is one of our most popular occupations. Naturally it is a disappointment to some new boys to find that the school to which they come at the significant age of 11 plus prefers to play Rugger. Somewhere in the school you will find ancient photographs of old boys impressively posed round a Soccer ball, but soon after the final World War the change was made and Mr. Doy, after surviving violent games between Southwell St. Mary's and school, contrived to break many of his bones on the Rugger field. Since that date the school has built up a very fine tradition for one so small in numbers, and provided the numbers round which Southwell Rugger Club has been built up. Many of our best players were nurtured on Soccer and very few have regretted the change. Whatever be your personal preference, both are fine games when played hard, cleanly and with emphasis on the team spirit. They provide growing boys with a safe outlet for superabundant energy and demand a high degree of personal sacrifice and self discipline which can be of immense value in shaping characters. Read the record in the last few magazines and you will see that to keep the high standard due to the immense energy and grit of Mr. Pulford and his hard-working assistant coaches, demands a personal effort by every boy fit to play. So do not let any wrong ideas about one game in preference to another prevent you from giving your best. Your School plays Rugger, therefore you play Rugger as hard as you can.

B. J. RUSHBY SMITH.

Review.

The year 1949/50 will be remembered in our Grammar Schools as the last year of the School and Higher Certificate Examinations. As from 1951 boys and girls will seek to obtain a General Certificate of Education which since it can be obtained in one subject is rather inappropriately named. Here at Southwell we have experimented by introducing a scheme of options and a large number of periods in order to give the inhabitants of a one stream school as wide a choice as possible. It has been a valuable year and as a result we are able to start on this year of the new Certificate with more assurance than many. In spite of the experiment the School and Higher Certificate results recorded elsewhere were well up to standard.

The record in Rugger and Cricket is a very fine one, some very promising new players have been found and if still more long-distance day boys will pull their weight the coaches will

find the task easier. Sports day was as superbly organised as ever and this year there was no doubt about the Tea.

The Dramatic Society gave their finest performance in Richard of Bordeaux. P. J. Barker's outstanding performance as Richard made certain its success, but it is true to say that no part was badly played. The new staging and lighting in the Trebeck Hall which was designed by the School producer and stage manager with the assistance of Mr. Corry, an expert, added greatly to the dignity of the production. Notable too were the Three Plays for Juniors, especially the "Price of Coal." As will increasingly happen the musical work of the School improves annually. The School Concert this year was more ambitious than ever before. It was held in the Bishop's Manor Hall for the first time and the setting helped to enrich the performance. The Orchestra has been much augmented by violins, clarinets and a double bass; the latter played, shall we say tentatively, by the Headmaster. For the whole success of the occasion the School owes a great debt to the fine enthusiasm and musicianship of Mr. Peters, who succeeded Mr. McConnell at Christmas. At more frequent intervals than before the School Choir sings Evensong in the Minster; it has also joined in the Festival of Church Choirs. We have now, too, a recording of the School Choir singing carols made just before Mr. McConnell left and to the latter we owe the fine singing on Prize Day and at the Carol Service just before Christmas.

The Scouts have distinguished themselves by gaining the Shield of Central Notts. presented at the St. George's Day Service to Mr. Pulford. It must be noted what good work goes on here without large publicity. The summer camps were not favoured by good weather but it was only in this respect that they were lacking.

The new Art Club has many enthusiastic members who have helped to provide posters and back cloths for all school activities. The new premises at the Provost's have given the school greater opportunities and we are grateful to the Provost both for providing the rooms and exercising much patience in the negotiations concerning the rental.

As in past years there have been many special services. The Rev. P. W. Wiggington gave the address at the Remembrance Day Service and we are very grateful to him. We were able to book the Provost for the annual Dedication Service of the Company of Service and he gave an exceptionally fine address which made a deep impression on all who were present. Seven boys from the school were confirmed on Ascension Day.

It should be said that the removal of the clause concerning punishment in the rules of the Company of Service has been much to its advantage. Any boy now may qualify for membership which is given recognition for service to the School in any capacity and is withheld from those who make a habit of misbehaviour.

Expeditions there have been in large numbers. Family affairs did not prevent Mr. and Mrs. Yates from taking a party to Paris at Easter. Here they were able to meet an old acquaintance in M. Moreigne who had previously been at the School as a French Assistant. Stratford was visited in September after long negotiations for tickets. Those who went were not so fortunate as in previous years as they were seated on the back row of the balcony. The visit to the Hallé Orchestra in Nottingham proved to be exceptionally worth while. Bad weather reduced the view of Derbyshire and almost obliterated Sheffield on Mr. Thomas's Geographical expedition but it is understood that the first-rate knowledge of local conditions was effectively gained. Nearly the whole school went to that almost documentary film "Scott of the Antarctic," and another party saw the film "Hamlet". We are grateful to the Manager of the local cinema, Mr. Woodward, for his arrangements both for the film and also for the National Savings Film earlier in the year. The Test Match, of course, claimed nearly the whole school and the weather fortunately was kind. The Sixth Form have now restarted their visits to local industries and places of interest. Mr. Caudwell showed us round the mill in Southwell with much amusing anecdote and refreshing comment as on former occasions. At Boots factory the pill department was given most attention. The most interesting visit was undoubtedly that to Bilsthorpe Colliery. Haddon Hall and Chatsworth had not been seen by many, so after the summer examinations the Sixth had the opportunity of comparing two great houses of much historical interest. Mr. Beaumont, the Honorary Librarian of the Minster, showed a small party of keen boys the fascinating volumes in the Minster Library including the famous White Book. The school is grateful for the kindness of all those who helped to make these visits so worthwhile.

Of visitors in the Autumn Term, Mr. Essah, from Nigeria, gave the school a vivid picture of life and conditions in his home country. Later in the year Mr. Beccles and Mr. Millard, from Jamaica, stayed for a time as guests of Sacrista and made many friends. Both headmasters of long experience, they left their wives in charge and came to England to study our educational system. I think they learned as much from us as we did from them. They were delightful people and we enjoyed their visit very much. They, with Mr. Bane, from the Bahamas, spent a day and a half at the School. We look forward to a visit of other coloured citizens of the British Empire next year. The Archdeacon of Newark, The Rev. Caporn, and the Rev. Lloyd Jones have carried on heated discussion with the Sixth Form and the latter are very grateful for their kindness in giving up this time to come and talk to them. The concert of music with old instruments given by Cecily Arnold and Eric Johnson proved as interesting as on previous occasions and gave a rare opportunity to those concerned with the history of music.

Two events were very popular, the election on February 23rd and the Mock Trial at the end of the Summer Term. We think the School were right to choose M. Schell as their candidate and we are glad to hear that Mr. Yates was acquitted on the ground of insufficient evidence, though undeniably guilty of robbery with violence. The School has been photographed in length again and nobody was included twice. The new projector for which we are a host-school has proved a great value to Mr. Thomas, who is an expert in all forms of visual aids. Mr. Dakin very kindly sent to the school a large miscellaneous collection of books on his leaving Southwell. The change from Form V to the Music Rooms has greatly benefited the music though not perhaps the Sixth Form next door.

We cannot end this review without mentioning the death of Mrs. Wright. We are able to publish in this issue an appreciation of one who did much for the boys of the school in past days. The fine portrait of a former Headmaster of the School has been presented to the School by his daughter Mrs. Cope and will be a reminder of what The Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Wright accomplished for the school in very difficult years.

"The School and especially the boarding house, does so many things for the Minster in the way of fetching and carrying, that though I know it is done cheerfully and with the utmost good will, I should like to send from the Minster some token of gratitude. Please use it as you think best."

This quotation from a letter received from the Provost concludes this review. The gift was completely unexpected but it is one of which the school will be particularly proud. Our services are quite naturally at the disposal of the Minster when in need as they must always have been throughout the centuries and we hope will be continued in the future.

B.J.R.S.

The Governors.

We publish again this year a list of the Governors as there have been a number of changes; some of these were referred to in our last issue. We are very sorry indeed that Mr. C. C. Caudwell's name is no longer on the list. His service as a Governor has been of great value to the school. He possessed a great knowledge of the school in earlier days, spoke with authority on financial matters and was most shrewd in his comments upon present plans. He had the great advantage, too, of living in Southwell and this added to his very deep rooted interest in Southwell will make his absence a severe loss to the Governors. His was just that permanent interest which is so valuable to such a body. We are glad

that he still is in Southwell and able to come to school functions. We shall always be glad to see him any time he wishes to pay us a visit. Both Mr. Eggleshaw, Vice-Chairman of the County Education Committee, and Professor A. Radford have paid visits to the school and already benefited it by their advice. We are also very pleased to welcome the Archdeacon of Newark, The Very Rev. F. West. The Archdeacon lives near at hand at Upton and has on two occasions visited the school to talk to the Sixth Form. He has written a most interesting book on Upton called "Rude Forefathers" during the time of the Civil War. Perhaps he may one day find time to do something similar for the school. To Canon Bulley, who is very well known in the Diocese, especially for his wide knowledge of educational matters, we also extend a very warm-hearted welcome. His advice will be immensely valuable to the Board and he needs no introduction to either the school or the people of Southwell.

The school is fortunate in having so distinguished a governing body for a great responsibility lies on their shoulders in deciding the policy of its future. This is clearly outlined in a resolution passed at the March meeting of the Governors and stated here.

"The Governors record their determination to do all in their power to secure that the Southwell Minster Grammar School shall continue as an Aided Grammar School.

- 1 with that particular Christian tradition which is derived from its long and historical connection with the Church of England;
- 2 with its conception of education at all points related to music;
- 3 with good and sufficient boarding accommodation; and
- 4 in new buildings worthy of its past, proper to its future, and on a site which will secure its continuous association with the Minster."

LIST OF GOVERNORS 1949-1952.

The Lord Bishop of Southwell.
 The Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood, Provost of Southwell.
 Alderman L. W. A. White.
 Alderman Sir William R. Starkey, Bart., D.L., J.P.
 A. Eggleshaw, Esq.
 The Rev. Canon S. C. Bulley.
 Alfred G. Merryweather, Esq., J.P.
 G. S. Kirkby, Esq.
 The Rev. D. H. N. Allenby. S.S.M.
 J. T. Grainger, Esq.
 Professor H. Cotton, M.B.E., D.Sc., A.M.I.E.E., F.R.Met.S.
 Professor Radford.

Staff.

We welcome to the school this year three new members of the staff. Mr. Bolland who succeeded Miss Gibson takes charge of the Art Department. Trained at Edinburgh and previously on the staff of the Bradford School of Art he has brought to the school the benefit of a wide experience and his fine artistic ability. Fortunately he has been able to find a house and Mrs. Bolland combines house-keeping with the post of Music Mistress at the Queen Elizabeth Girls' Grammar School in Mansfield. Their arrival in Southwell has been an asset to the place as well as to the school. The Art Room is one of the most popular rooms in the school under Mr. Bolland's skilful control. Mr. Fox who made a reputation for himself on South Hill ground before he came has strengthened the modern language side and made Mr. Ball's task easier by taking Latin. His work on the Cricket and Rugger field has been of great assistance to Mr. Pulford and Mr. Thomas. He braves the elements by coming to us each day from Nottingham on a motor bicycle. His ability as a pianist has helped the musical side of the school. We congratulate him and his wife on the birth of a daughter, Hilary.

Then in January, Mr. Peters was appointed to the new post of full-time Music Master. A very important post in connection with the future development of the school. Like his predecessor, Mr. McConnell, he comes from New Zealand. He is an F.R.C.O. and has the degree of Mus.B. (Durham). We congratulate both him and Mrs. Peters on the birth of a son Jeremy. Since Mr. Peters has been here he has given the school its finest concert and helped enormously those boys who have real musical ability. It was no easy task to fill the post vacated by Mr. McConnell who did so much to make the school musically conscious and whose vitality almost made one gasp. Mr. McConnell left us for Malvern in December. Mr. Peters has not only filled the gap but we are confident that under his direction the school will be able to achieve that high standard which is essential if its future as a Grammar School with a special place for musical education is to be ensured.

M. Rene Schell also came to us as a French Assistant for one year from Algeria. When he got used to our climate and our peculiar ways he settled down to enjoy Southwell. Not only did he conduct lessons in French but also played the violin in the Orchestra, electrified the audience by his amusing electioneering and played Rugger with traditional French energy. We know he was sorry to leave us and hope that he will meet us again one day. M. Sommer from Lyons takes his place this year and we extend to him a hearty welcome. To Mrs. Oxby who has entertained three such assistants the school owes a great debt of gratitude.

Of others, Mr. Ball has made a move to Burton Joyce as his family had outgrown his house and he was unable to find another

in Southwell. He has now taken on the editorship of this magazine and relieved the Headmaster of one annual burden. Rumour has it that Mr. Yates is planning another visit to France next year; Mr. Winn has become Clerk to the Parish Council and is specialising in television; Mr. Pulford has spent most of the summer holiday in Scout Camps and Mr. Doy and the Headmaster have spent all their Summer holidays thinking about the new time-table.

Unfortunately Miss Jackson's family moved to Nottingham and so she had to go too. This almost caused a major crisis in our affairs. Miss Jackson could place her fingers on anything however remote in the school files, kept perfect accounts and was kindness itself to boys and parents. It was some time before the staff recovered from the blow. Miss J. Mason came in March to take her place. Once in the office of Mr. Metcalfe she had previous experience of school affairs and her stay at the Post Office qualified her to keep our accounts. We welcome her to that vital post of School Secretary and we have now recovered our confidence in the filing system.

The resignation of Mrs. Thorne as Cook Supervisor during the holidays has complicated the problem of School Meals. Mrs. Thorne was most helpful in serving games' teas in addition to the dinners and the school is grateful to her for her work.

B.J.R.S.

Examinations.

We congratulate the following on their success in the School Certificate in:—

December, 1949—E. D. Harriss, M. Scrimshaw.

and in July, 1950—C. D. Ball, C. Clifford, R. M. Hind, S. Parker, J. Pescott-Day, D. L. Roberts, G. Rogers, J. Spolton, G. Stevens, M. Twidale, K. B. Waters and W. E. Webb.

A's denoting distinction were obtained by:

Spolton in English Language, Maths. and Physics; Webb in History; Clifford in Geography, and Roberts in Art.

We congratulate R. T. F. Bell, D. M. Bowes, A. Fowkes, G. G. Gibson and W. A. Lee who obtained their Higher School Certificate in July, 1950.

G's were obtained by Fowkes and Gibson in Geography, Fowkes in Pure Maths. and Physics. Wilson also obtained a G in Geography.

SCHOOL NUMBERS

	Day Boys.	Boarders.	Total.
Autumn Term	138	45	183
Spring Term	127	47	174
Summer Term	122	46	168
Current Term	132	48	180

LEAVERS DURING THE YEAR.

	Date.	Form.	Boarder or Day-Boy.	School Certificate
G. Watts	19-10-49	III.	Day-Boy.	
D. W. Pepper	25-11-49	VI.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1949. Cricket and 1st XV. colours.
P. Pickup	22-12-49	VI.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1949.
M. Scrimshaw	22-12-49	V.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1949.
D. Stephenson	22-12-49	VI.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1949.
J. E. Peet	22-12-49	V.	Day-Boy.	1st XV. colours.
E. B. Hill	22-12-49	III.	Day-Boy.	
J. S. Stevens	13- 1-50	V.	Day-Boy.	
D. Holland	27- 1-50	V.	Day-Boy.	
A. D. Starr	24- 2-50	R.	Day-Boy.	
R. Swain	6- 4-50	VI.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1948.
G. Richards	6- 4-50	R.	Day-Boy.	
D. J. Richards	6- 4-50	III.	Day-Boy.	
I. H. Galbraith		R.	Day-Boy.	
E. D. Harriss		VI.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1949. 1st XV. colours.
K. M. Brotherhood	25- 7-50	I.	Boarder.	
R. E. Lloyd Jones	25- 7-50	I.	Boarder.	
E. Slatcher	25- 7-50	III.	Day-Boy.	
R. Johnson	25- 7-50	III.	Day-Boy.	
J. L. Pye	25- 7-50	III.	Boarder.	
R. Caunt	25- 7-50	R.	Day-Boy.	
T. Snushall	25- 7-50	R.	Day-Boy.	
J. R. Smith	25- 7-50	R.	Day-Boy.	
G. Rogers	25- 7-50	V.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1st XV. 1950.
M. Twidale	25- 7-50	V.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1950.
K. B. Waters	25- 7-50	V.	Boarder.	School Certificate, 1950.
D. L. Roberts	25- 7-50	V.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1950.
J. F. Prescott-Day	25- 7-50	V.	Boarder.	School Certificate, 1950.
S. Parker	25- 7-50	V.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1950. 1st XV. colours.
T. N. Bond	25- 7-50	V.	Day-Boy.	
R. Dodsworth	25- 7-50	V.	Day-Boy.	
A. Fowkes	25- 7-50	VI.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. King's Scout.
J. C. Cranidge	25- 7-50	VI.	Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1948.

W. A. Lee	25- 7-50	VI. Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. 1st XV. colours.
R. T. F. Bell	25- 7-50	VI. Boarder.	School Certificate, 1948. Higher School Certificate 1950. 1st XI. and 1st XV. colours.
D. M. Bowes	25- 7-50	VI. Day-Boy.	School Certificate, 1947. Higher School Certificate 1950. Prefect.
G. G. Gibson	25- 7-50	VI. D-B Head Boy	Captain of Cricket & Rugger. Higher School Certificate 1949-1950 and School Certificate. 1947.

The Plan Takes Shape.

What is the latest news about the plans for the new school? Will the school be able to obtain enough money to put these plans into effect when they are passed? What effect will the National economy campaign and the defence programme have upon the plans? These questions are often in the minds of many people when the Minster Grammar School is either mentioned in conversation or referred to in the Press.

The answer to the first question is set out with clarity and distinction in an excellent article entitled "The Minster School" written by the Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. Spencer Leeson, in the June number of the Southwell Review, the quarterly journal of the Diocese. I would urge all who wish to learn the whole purpose behind our present efforts for the school to buy or borrow a copy of the Review and read with care the case so ably presented. Certainly if they do they must be convinced of the great opportunity which the school now has of becoming one unique in our system of education in this country.

Another article with three fine photographs which were published in the last issue of the Southwellian, has appeared in the July number of "The Nottinghamshire Countryside." This article is called "A Grammar School for Musical Boys". It explains in some detail the proposals for developing the school on the lines set out in the Governors' resolution quoted elsewhere under the heading of "Governors".

The Development Committee of the Governors has met on several occasions concerned with the questions of site, architects and publicity, discussions have taken place between the Governors and the Local Education Authority and meetings have been held between representatives of the school and those of the Ministry

of Education. As a result it has become quite clear that the first objective to be attained is Aided Status. Once achieved and guaranteed the major project can become a possibility. The whole position about Aided Status is becoming clearer. As one of the schools which the Diocese has agreed to include in its scheme of assistance, the liability of the School Authorities can be reduced to an annual sum or premium, in our case £500 a year. Towards this sum we have the amount already collected for the appeal and what we now need is a sufficient number of subscribers to guarantee it. I am certain that in one way or another we could obtain this sum each year from the local area, the Old Boys, the parents and friends of the School. There are about 180 boys in the School. If the average contribution from each parent was 6d. a week for each week we should have over one third of the money required. I am sure it is not over optimistic to hope that parents of boys in the school will see their way to find at least sixpence a week to help the school achieve this objective. The answer to the second question depends in the first instance on all who read this article.

There is a short answer to the last question and this is that it is nothing else than defeatism to allow worthwhile objects to be affected by our present troubles. A longer delay there may be, but if support from this idea is strong the delay will be correspondingly less. In any case it will not influence the first objective of Aided Status as the time for this decision is already upon us.

All the speeches, all the pamphlets and articles, all the plans will be of no avail unless our friends believe that the Minster Grammar School is worthy of their support. Read this magazine, talk to the boys and the staff and then ask yourself is it not worth some small sacrifice?

B. J. RUSHBY SMITH.

Commemoration.

The Service of Commemoration of Benefactors was held in the Choir of the Minster by the kind permission of the Provost, on the morning of Prize Day. The form was similar to that of last year, an outline of which was published in our last issue. The Anthem "There is an Old Belief" written by Lockhart and set to music by Parry was sung by the School Choir. The Sermon was preached by the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood, the Provost of Southwell.

The Provost stated that the service was a family act and stressed the need to watch who was mentioned. He remembered Caius College commemoration and said that in that service three classes were commemorated: those who had a whole paragraph read about them, those whose names were printed and not read, and those who were not mentioned by name. Was this, he asked,

a means test, and what about those who had no memorial, the staff who cleaned and swept and their like. As the service was a family act so it was a warning lest we break with the past. What did our benefactors hope and desire? As it was a family act we should see that it reminded us of the precious details of the past, those fragments surviving in account books, scrap books, admission books and Governors' minute book. It was a family act too because it was the act of Christians and therefore not just memory, nor was there in it any place for grief. Certainly in this world of ours the Provost said, "man tries to exercise control and usually makes a mess of it. That is what sin is. But the 'old belief' about which Mr. Lockhart expresses himself with such a fervency of hope that you begin to wonder what he really thinks—the 'old belief' is the only thing that makes sense of this family act today". The Provost went on to point out that it was not a case of meeting once more so much as of meeting in the present. It was a case of quiet knowledge that before us and beside us our elder comrades stood, and when we thought of all who had known and loved the school it should be all who had passed before, and they were on that day all who had swept and cooked and builded, all who had taught and wrestled with the lively and the stupid. They were built into the family and it was we who reaped what they had sown. "What are you sowing in your turn?" the Provost asked, "and when another century has sped its silent course what will be found in the harvest of tomorrow which will make your successors in their turn thank God for you their elder comrades, resting as you then will be, safe in His keeping who changes not with the years".

B.J.R.S.

Prize Giving.

The Bishop again kindly allowed the school to use the Great Hall of Bishop's Manor for the ceremony. Careful attention to seating problems enabled the maximum number of boys, parents, friends and staff to be squeezed in. Those outside on the landing were able to hear quite as well as those inside the Hall—one or two small boys had to be told that the proceedings were not being broadcasted but only amplified. Mr. Hurst had decorated the hall with plants and flowers most judiciously placed. The new Bechstein piano had been transferred from the school and the School Choir sang the "Fair Chivalry" by Dr. Ashfield in such a way that must have pleased not only the audience but the composer himself. The prizes were presented by Alderman Holland, Chairman of the County Education Committee; Mrs. Holland, Mr. J. Edward Mason, Director of Education, were on the platform together with a strong representation from the Governing Body.

The arrangements for tea in the school after the ceremony were very popular. This tea is doubly welcome first because many parents come from a long distance and there are few cafes in Southwell; secondly it gives an opportunity for Governors as well as staff to talk and get to know the parents of the boys.

As usual we are including a press report of these proceedings published in the Newark Advertiser. Much of the Headmaster's report has been left out as it mainly includes accounts of achievements already noticed in last year's magazine.

B.J.R.S.

The Press Report.

"The Lord Bishop of Southwell, Dr. F. Russell Barry, who presided, said one of the significant things of our time was the revival of interest in the concern for education in this country. There might be almost too much of it. Bad education, he stressed, was like false religion. It was something which the more of it they had the worse it was for them.

What was the right kind of education? Both in politics and education the real ultimate purpose was the question about the souls of men—what men and women really are and were meant to be. The education that was worthy of its cause was that which initiated people, as they grew up into the Christian philosophy of life as a whole.

SCHOOL'S FUTURE

The Bishop continued as to the future of the school, acknowledging the great help they had received from the Education Committee and the Ministry of Education, and impressing upon his hearers the unique opportunity which the new Education Act offered them of working out the collaboration between church and school upon which the future of Christian education depended. He reminded them of the financial implications of that opportunity and appealed to them to work vigorously to see that the needed money is raised."

The Headmaster, in his report, welcomed Alderman Holland because no one had more at heart the true needs of the Nottinghamshire boy and girl, because Mr. Holland had a very strong love for Southwell and a very great interest in the school and its future, and because he was a man of that quality of spirit that made him not only admired by all but also loved by those who came in contact with him.

The school was fully one stream, the Headmaster stated, having forms of thirty boys throughout the main school. The numbers at the beginning of the term were 183. Of the entries an increasing number came from outside the local area, not only as boarders but also as transported day boys; nineteen came by train and seventy three by bus. The competition for admission to Grammar Schools had given schools on this side of the County

the immense problem of coping with the transported pupil and it demanded a very high standard of self-discipline from the pupils. It said much for the school that complaints were few and far between.

After commenting on the examination results, in which fifty per cent. of the entries gained matriculation exemption, and referring to achievements in games and outside activities, the Headmaster ended: I think it is true to say that the boarders make a definite contribution to the life of Southwell not only by attending local events but by also helping in all sorts of inobtrusive ways, carrying chairs, acting as stewards, and placing pennies round the Minster, or singing carols at Christmas. I must emphasise, too, what faithful service Mrs. Rushby Smith has obtained from a band of hard workers in the kitchen.

The school is, in numbers, as large as it has ever been. The members on its staff are competent and enthusiastic, working well as a team and unsparing in the time they give to school activities. The standard of work is high, tested by achievements in public examinations, and the curriculum is varied—remarkably so for a small school. The games record is excellent in spite of the difficulties of the transported pupil, and the spirit in which the games are played is in the best tradition. There is no boy who has been in the senior school who has left without immediately joining the Old Southwellian Association.

After presenting the prizes, Alderman M. Holland said he considered the students at Southwell were most favoured because their school was in a nice spot, and moreover they had the Minster. Also, it was one of the oldest schools in the country, and there was nothing else quite like it.

Next he spoke of the increased demand for secondary and technical schools, and of the need of greater space at the universities.

He referred to the purpose and value of education, remarking that he agreed with what the Bishop had said about the Christian aspect of the matter. There were responsibilities to be faced, he said, but they should not be afraid of life and its responsibilities.

There were great temptations, for the right way was not always easy. They had to ask themselves: what could they get out of life; what could they give to it. They were told "Give and it shall be given unto you," and that was the basis of modern philosophy and our modern welfare State. By giving they would find the most ample and satisfying reward.

The right way was a way of adventure and even danger. It was the way all great men had gone. To go that way needed courage, because there were always those ready to take an advantage.

Today they had the finest body of young people they ever had. He wanted them to have the fullest opportunity that could be given them.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Canon Hawkes, Diocesan Director of Education and a Governor of the School."

THE PRIZE LIST.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

The Starkey Scholarship: G. G. Gibson.
 The Starkey Prize: W. A. Lee.
 The Canon Glaister Prize for English: M. A. Beard.
 The Canon Glaister Prize for History: M. J. Wilson.
 The Lady Robinson Prize for Mathematics: G. G. Gibson.
 The Lady Robinson Prize for Science: G. G. Gibson.
 The Lady Robinson Prize for Languages: P. J. Barker.
 Prize for Religious Knowledge: M. L. Hayes.
 Prize for Geography: G. G. Gibson.
 Prize for Art: D. G. Walker.
 Prize for Music: M. G. J. Van der Burg.

SPECIAL PRIZES for "A" Standard in the School Certificate.

English Language: I. B. Bott.
 History: P. W. Pickup.
 Geography: M. A. Beard, M. H. Boon, I. B. Bott, E. D. Harriss,
 J. P. Massey, G. F. Roach, M. G. J. Van der Burg.
 French: M. A. Beard, G. F. Roach.
 Mathematics: M. A. Beard, M. H. Boon, I. B. Bott,
 G. F. Roach, M. G. J. Van der Burg.
 Physics: I. B. Bott, M. G. J. Van der Burg.

AWARD OF CERTIFICATES.

Higher School Certificate: G. G. Gibson.
 School Certificates with Matriculation Exemption: M. A. Beard, M. H. Boon, I. B. Bott, J. M. H. Gough,
 P. W. H. Pickup, G. F. Roach, M. G. J. Van der Burg,
 D. C. Walker.
 School Certificates: J. D. Bell, J. H. M. Foster, J. P. Massey,
 D. W. Pepper, D. Stephenson.
 Royal Schools of Music Final Examination, Grade VIII.:
 J. P. Martlew—passed with distinction.

FORM PRIZES.

Remove: J. M. Spolton, G. J. Rogers, N. J. Lincoln.
 Fourth: J. P. Martlew, J. W. Walker, B. H. Doar.
 Third: G. G. Fox, C. M. Bromley, G. E. Kemp.
 Second: H. J. Rushby Smith, G. Greaves, J. B. Swainston.
 First: P. Brett, R. J. Hill, P. K. Else.

Senior Scout Report.

Most of the Senior Scouting this year has been carried out by some five boys, although the roll gives eleven names. The old examination "bogey" has been allowed to interfere too much with Scouting, and has once again been proved to be without foundation. All Senior Scouts who took public examinations got through, and obtained very good results into the bargain. Let us hope that this year, those who are in the Senior patrol will bear this in mind.

As far as scouting goes, we entered a team in the County Cycle Marathon which acquitted itself well, and with a little more luck would have won; however they were only a few points behind the winners, 6th Beeston. We gather that as a result of the wanderings, one of the junior patrols had its larder replenished. We are also given to understand that anyone wishing to replace cycle spokes in a hurry should apply to Clifford & Fowkes.

We were delighted to hear of the luck of Pat Massey in being chosen to represent the Channel Islands at Valley Forge; it seems such a short time since he was here as a junior scout, never mind a Senior. He has also been heard in "Jamboree", the weekly scout radio programme. Rumour has it that he is due in Nottingham towards the end of October. We can only hope that Southwell is on his list of "public engagements".

Having been asked to nominate any likely athletes from the Seniors, we sent forward the names of Foster, Clifford and Reid. These boys went to Nottingham to represent the County Scouts in their match with other youth organisations. Reid won the obstacle race, while the others were eliminated in their heats. Nevertheless, the meeting enabled us to see yet another aspect of the "look wide" policy of the Senior Section of the movement. It is still a matter for discussion as to how Reid entered one obstacle third, came out first and went on to win, while the would-be winner collapsed immediately after leaving that obstacle.

Two of the patrol went on to gain their King's Scout badges; they were J. H. Foster and A. R. Fowkes. Two others, R. Bell and R. L. Reid gained their 1st Class. It was a pity that Bell could not manage to obtain one more badge to enable him also to qualify for King Scout.

Senior Camp was exciting as usual, and made even more so by having some of the older boys from the Junior Troop with us; the weather was far below scratch, but it did not hamper operations in any way.

One of the Seniors, A. R. Fowkes, has been doing a good job of work in acting as A.S.M. of the local town troop, while J. R. Smith has helped throughout the year with the "pack". These things are the ultimate test as to whether you have gained anything from the movement.

Many thanks to all badge examiners in the Senior Section; theirs is a very exacting task which takes up much of their spare time.

One new feature of the last year's programme has been a terminal visit to the Playhouse. We saw and enjoyed "Present Laughter" and "The Chiltern Hundreds"; we hope our guests did too. The proposed trip to Derbyshire was lost in the end of the year rush, which seems to envelop everything as soon as public examinations begin.

At the end of the year we lost R. Bell, A. R. Fowkes, G. G. Gibson and J. R. Smith. They all played their part in school life in their own particular sphere; we wish them every success. To those remaining, there is a World Jamboree next year in Austria; the very minimum qualification will be the holding of a King's Scout badge. Here, then, is a target for every Senior Scout in the Group.

Junior Scout Report.

Each year one starts thinking that the troop can never repeat the successes of the previous year; one finishes the year, at the very least, agreeably surprised, and, this year, very satisfied.

The patrols have varied in keenness and efficiency during the winter months; there are still too many boys content to rest with a Second Class badge and regard the next stage to be attempted by a Senior with plenty of spare time. Nothing could be further from the truth, and it might act as a spur to remind juniors that the first two boys to gain the First Class Badge in the Group after the war were both Junior Scouts. One of them was recently in America.

During the year Salmons, Coffey, Bemrose and Plowright have obtained their Scout Cords, while Sargeant and Reid also earned 1st Class badges.

The Scout party was the usual success, although lack of space may necessitate holding the Junior and Senior parties separately this year.

We were visited by Mr. Sanderson in the Autumn and he was his usual amusing self, although he caused some of the Seniors some discomfort . . . we believe they never told Mr. Thomas.

The troop was awarded the Central Notts. "Efficiency" Shield for good work during the previous year, and it was presented on St. George's Day in the Minster.

The camping season went very well, ending with a successful week at Walesby for the Jamboree. Some boys managed as many as 25 nights camping this year and there were very few who did not get any camping experience.

The "Peewits" were second in the Association Competition and so passed on to the County Competition where they were not so successful.

During the year we lost "Tosh" Sargeant, as he followed the family calling of the Air Force. We wish him the best of luck, as also Main, Stevens and any other Junior Scout now in the Services.

Our very sincere thanks to Badge Examiners and to the owners of Camp Sites; their help has eased the task of the "Skipper" considerably.

We were very pleased to welcome our A.S.M. to Walesby and to Devon; on the few occasions we can take him away from his work, we make the very best use of him; also thanks to Rover J. A. Gibson and Arthur Fowkes for their help at Walesby.

A very close friendship has now been established with the town troop; this is a very good thing for both troops.

The winners of the inter-patrol hike were Davies, E., Avey, Pick, Beard, Bunney and Smith, M. Both patrols did very well and the standard of work done on this hike improves yearly.

The winning patrol at Walesby consisted of J. Pritchett, Bunney, Bailey, Palmer, Gent and Simpson, although there was very little to choose.

Bouquets this year must be awarded to the following for reasons which most of the troop will recall:

J. P. Massey on his visit to Valley Forge and his broadcasts on "Jamboree."

The two boys who did 26 miles on their 1st Class Journey at the age of 13.

The Juniors who went Westward and ate more than the Seniors.

The Juniors who were so interested in the "countryside" of Taunton station that they forgot to get out; we hear they are now experts on the Exeter district.

The junior scout or scouts who were so prompt for meals at Westward for reasons of their own.

Rugby Football.

Although more matches have been lost this season than last, the standard of football has been much better, and we end the year with more promising players than at any time since the war—the majority of this talent being in the lower school.

The team work has been very good, the spirit excellent and these two factors account very largely for the success of the XV's.

We had an unbeaten term before Xmas with the 1st XV, but with the leaving of Bell, J., Sherwin, Pepper and Peet, much hard work and reorganisation had to be put in before we were able to record further wins. Sufficient be it to say that before Xmas we beat Bridgford 12—0, and after Xmas we lost 23—0.

Taking all teams into account, it gives me great pleasure to record that the wing three-quarters scored over half the total number of tries and some strong running by Gough, Bell, Sherwin,

Avey and Reid augurs well for the future. The centres have done their work well, but the tackling on some occasions could have been harder. Foster, Gibson, Clifford, Parker, Davies and Roach have been good in attack, but the defence of one or two is suspect. At "fly-half" Gibson, Clifford, Murfin and Paling have moved their respective lines well, especially Clifford, who has been an enormous help to the young scrum-half Davies in the 1st XV. Of the scrum-halves Bell, J., Davies, E., Barks and Ashley have all gained in experience and we should be well supplied in this position for several years.

Amongst the forwards, Pepper, Roach, Wilson and Hazard deserve special mention, although all the first XV scrum have worked very hard indeed. Of the junior packs, Doar, Coffey and Walker have done well this year.

Last, but by no means least, the full back berth has been well filled by Walker, D., in the 1st XV; Plowright and Walker, R., in the junior XV's. Plowright had the misfortune to be injured during the closing minutes of the season. In fact, he was our only really serious casualty of the year. All three full backs must try to be quicker in getting to the ball; their tackling is very good.

This year we have ventured into Lincolnshire, and have had some fine games with Market Rasen and Lincoln Schools. Our matches with Dolphin, although played by our most junior XV, lack nothing in vigour and very little in skill.

Turn out for practice has been excellent, and I cannot over-stress the importance of this "after school" activity; much can be done by an enterprising captain without the organisation of a master. What about the kicking, the pack, and the tackling?

Of the captains, Bell and Gibson have shown true sportsmanship both on and off the field. Avey and Barks have set their teams an excellent example of hard work and shrewd judgment.

Eight of the 1st XV had trials for grammar school representative games, and several played in the games in the holidays.

J. D. Bell	}	Notts. Grammar Schools v. Dungannon School
C. Clifford		
D. W. Pepper		

J. D. Bell	}	Notts. Public Schools v. Moseley Public Schools
G. F. Roach		

J. D. Bell	}	Notts. Schools v. North Lincs. Schools.
D. W. Pepper		

1st XV colours have been awarded to Lee, Bell, R., Boon, Sherwin, Peet and Wilson.

Our thanks to Mr. Whysall for such "fatherly" care of the grounds; to the club for giving occasional games to some of us when there have been no school games; to Mr. Ball, Mr. Yates and Mr. Lloyd Jones for refereeing; to Mrs. Thorne and all those who have helped in the kitchen; in fact—a season of very good team work.

We had an inspiring talk one afternoon by Ian Botting, the English wing three-quarter, and we hope to see him again next season.

Visits were made to several County matches by various sections of the school.

The house matches again provided the thrills and the surprises with Grays eventually winning the cup.

And what of next season? The team we had before Xmas was the best since the war . . . so far.

I believe there is playing strength in the school now, if people will try hard to improve even on this year's team. At least nine of this year's team are available for next season.

Touchline support has been confined to the very few, and here there is room for much improvement.

RESULTS.

1st XV. and Composite XV.

Southwell R.F.C. 2nd XV.	..	..	..	Won	33	3
Cranwell Apps. 2nd XV.	..	..	..	Won	16	5
Henry Mellish 2nd XV.	..	..	..	Won	38	0
High Pavement 2nd XV.	..	..	..	Won	33	0
Southwell R.F.C. 2nd XV.	..	..	..	Won	16	3
Nottm. University 4th XV.	..	..	..	Lost	0	5
West Bridgford 1st XV.	..	..	..	Won	11	0
Magnus 1st XV.	..	..	..	Won	17	0
Cranwell Apps. 2nd XV.	..	..	..	Won	13	9
Magnus 1st XV.	..	..	..	Won	9	8
West Bridgford 1st XV.	..	..	..	Lost	0	23
Henry Mellish "A" XV.	..	..	..	Lost	0	3
Old Southwellians	..	..	..	Lost	6	16
Nottm. High School Colts	..	..	..	Lost	0	11
Nottm. High School Colts	..	..	..	Won	8	6
Cranwell Apps. 2nd XV.	..	..	..	Won	24	0
R.N.A.S. Syerston	..	..	..	Won	9	6
De Aston School	..	..	..	Won	16	6
Lincoln Schools	..	..	..	Won	33	0
R.N.A.S. Syerston	..	..	..	Lost	0	6

"A" XV.

Henry Mellish "u 15"	..	..	..	Lost	9	11
Magnus 2nd XV.	..	..	..	Won	12	11
Lincoln Schools	..	..	..	Won	14	3
High Pavement 2nd XV.	..	..	..	Lost	6	14
Magnus 2nd XV.	..	..	..	Won	47	0

"Under 14"

Henry Mellish	..	..	..	Lost	6	9
High Pavement	..	..	..	Won	6	0
High Pavement	..	..	..	Lost	9	14
West Bridgford	..	..	..	Won	16	3
Magnus	..	..	..	Won	18	3
Magnus	..	..	..	Won	14	0
West Bridgford	..	..	..	Won	9	8
Henry Mellish	..	..	..	Lost	0	19
High School	..	..	..	Draw	11	11

"Under 13½"

Dolphin	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	0	14
Dolphin	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	3	9
Dolphin	..	..	..	..	..	..	Won	6	5
Dolphin	..	..	..	..	..	..	Won	9	3

Played 38; Won 24; Drawn 1; Lost 13.

Cricket, 1950.

When the writer of these notes left his home in Wales a day before the term began, the Cader range was blanketed in snow. Arriving in Birmingham he was greeted with brilliant sunshine and heat that was almost tropical, but by the time that Derby was reached the sky had become overcast and threatening. Southwell's welcome was a torrential downpour. Little wonder that his thoughts turned to cricketing weather and the season's prospects. While we did not have snow, we were at the receiving end of almost everything else that the heavens had to offer. In consequence we had an interrupted fixture list, four matches having to be abandoned and two cancelled.

The first fortnight of term saw feverish activity at the nets and we were glad to reflect that we had five of last year's successful XV. The first match was eagerly awaited, but rain interfered and the season was nearly a month old before we were able to play our first match. An opening pair of batsmen had to be found and in Reid and Parker, S., we were singularly fortunate. Both left-hand bats, the forcefulness of the former and the solidity of the latter often provided a good foundation on which to build up a respectable score. Parker obtained the highest score of the season—42, while Reid, in addition to heading the batting averages, also did well as a bowler.

Bell, J., again demonstrated his versatility with bat and ball and was the spearhead of the attack. Gibson, who captained the XI with quiet efficiency, topped the bowling averages; he did not quite repeat his batting performances of the previous season. Clifford as a bat, and Foster and Bell, R., as bowlers rendered useful services. Davies, E., who had had little experience of keeping wicket, quietly settled down and did very useful work. Parker, R., is likely to prove an effective understudy.

The fielding was generally satisfactory and tighter than in recent years. The arrival of a slip cradle should do much to improve close-in fielding and help to overcome the natural reluctance of small boys to catch and handle a 'hard' ball.

New fixtures against Brackenhurst Farm Institute, Brunts and Queen Elizabeth's, Mansfield, were pleasing features of the season. Against these schools, much greater in numbers, we held our own—losing to Brunts by three wickets and defeating the latter by one wicket. In fact, losing to Brunts was the only school

match lost during the season, though in fairness to Magnus, it would seem that we were in great danger at Newark when rain intervened to save the day.

It is a pleasure to record that Gibson and Bell, J., had trials for the County Grammar Schools XI, but were not chosen to play for the final XI; that Reid and Bell, J., played for Major Lane's XI. v. a Notts. Club and Ground XI.; that Reid was chosen to play against the Notts. Public Schools XI. but had to decline the invitation owing to the pre-arranged Scout Camp.

The tripartite use of the cricket field by the School, Southwell Club and Brackenhurst was not without its difficulties and required careful arrangement of fixtures and allowed little scope for postponed matches. The additional square proved useful when the weather seemed doubtful or when normal play might have injured the main square. Once more we have to thank Mr. Whysall for his care and preparation of the wickets.

Colours were awarded to Reid, Clifford and Parker, S.

The House Cup was won by Grays.

Of the Juniors, Paling and Millington continue promisingly with the bat, while Kemp and Hill, R., distinguished themselves as bowlers. But generally the Junior fixture list remained a black page in our record. What about it, Juniors?

Matches and results are as follows:—

1st XI.	Home/Away	S.M.G.S.	Opponents	Result
Henry Mellish	H	86	27	W
Brunts	H	62	66 for 7	L
Mr. Doys XI.	H	146 for 8	147 for 6 Dec.	D
Henry Mellish	A	75	—	Abandoned
Notts. High A.	A	—	7 for 0	Abandoned
West Bridgford	A	63 for 7	46	W
Magnus	A	30 for 3	129 for 4 Dec.	Abandoned
Brackenhurst F.I.	A	43	96 for 5	L
Queen Elizabeths	A	57 for 9	45	W
S.M.G.S. Old Boys	H	100	128	D
S.M.G.S. Staff	H	128 for 9 Dec.	29	W
Southwell C.C. 2nd XI.	A	14 for 1	42	Abandoned
Other Matches.				
2nd XI. v. Notts. High	A	—	28 for 2	Abandoned
under 15	A	—	—	—
2nd XI. v. Magnus	H	39 for 4	51	Abandoned
2nd XI.	H	—	—	—
U 14s. v. Magnus	A	54	55 for 5	L
under 14s.	A	—	—	—
U 14s. v. Queen Elizabeth	H	46	53	L
under 14s.	H	—	—	—
U 14s. v. Brunts	H	36	38 for 3	L
U 14s. v. West Bridgford	A	47	68	L
Juniors v. Dolphin	A	23	57	L
Juniors v. Dolphin	H	25	27	L
Juniors v. Notts. High	A	97	24	W

AVERAGES.	1st XI.	BATTING.		
	No. of Innings.	Runs	Times not out	Av.
Reid	11	178	—	16.18
Parker, S.	8	113	1	16.14
Bell, J.	8	93	1	13.2
Clifford	8	78	2	13.0
Bell, R.	8	31	4	7.7
Gibson	8	43	—	5.3

1st XI. BOWLING.	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Av.
Gibson	71	27	97	17	5.7
Bell, J.	59	9	125	17	7.35
Reid	48	9	108	14	7.7
Foster	41	13	104	12	8.66
Bell, R.	47	12	153	14	10.9

Catches : Bell, R. 4; Davies, E. (wkt.) 3; Clifford 3; Reid, Ball, Bell, J., Waters, Foster, Gibson, 1 each.

NOTABLE FEATS.

Bowling : Bell, J. 8 wickets for 10 v. Henry Mellish; Foster, 6 for 5 v. Queen Elizabeth's; Reid 6 for 34 v. Old Boys; Gibson 6 for 5 v. Staff; Bell, R. 5 for 3 v. Southwell C.C. 2nd XI.

Batting : Reid 28 v. Brunts, 32 v. Mr. Doy's XI., 37 v. Old Boys; Clifford 26 v. Henry Mellish; Parker, S. 42 v. S.M.G.S. Staff.

G.H.T.

Swimming.

This has been a most important year for swimming. In the first place swimming has been officially received into the House points system, with standard points counting towards champion house, and winner's points counting towards the Victor Ludorum Cup. The effect of this change both for houses and individuals has been very marked.

Thomas's, who until the swimming sports were almost level with Booth's for the position of runners-up, fared so badly in the pool that they were left in a virtually hopeless position, and Hazard, who was chiefly responsible for their discomfort, won sufficient points to make him a very serious challenger for the Victor Ludorum cup (he was ultimately runner-up).

Secondly, though certainly no less important, is the fact that a record number of boys attended for instruction with the result that, taking an average throughout the school, just over one boy in every three can now swim. Many others will soon join these elect. All members of the swimming classes have, of course, greatly benefited by the arrival of Mr. Fox and by the temporary stay of Monsieur R. Schell, both of whom have helped with swimming instruction. By doubling the numbers of staff available as instructors they have enabled all boys to have more individual instruction.

The main event of the swimming year, the annual swimming sports, took place at the Newark Baths. The results brought few surprises. Hazard is easily our best senior swimmer, and he won

most of his events, but we must not overlook a stout effort by G. F. Roach which brought him home first in the open 2 lengths (100 metres) free style.

In the junior section competition is more open, but Paling, of whom we shall hear more, deserves special mention for breaking the school record for the long plunge (an open event) whilst still in Form II. Once again it was noticeable that the average standard of diving was highest in the Junior forms.

The two real surprises of the swimming sports were quite unrehearsed, the first was a sudden downpour which left the spectators wetter than the competitors, and the second was a never-to-be-forgotten life-saving race. The original intention was that each competitor should swim across the baths, rescue his partner and tow him back to the starting point. In point of fact our French Assistant, Mons. Schell, who was on genuine life-saving duty, had to rescue practically everyone who went into the pool.

Those who did well in their events deserve every congratulation, but there are many others, the 'also rans' and those eliminated in heats, who deserve our thanks and encouragement for having contributed of their best and thus made the sports a success. There are those, some not even able to swim, who have never appeared in a public event, but whose stout efforts and perseverance have not gone unnoticed during the weekly swimming periods. Their names are too numerous to be listed here in full but if, as examples of this group we instance Doar, who with a push can now "nearly get half-way across," and Avey still struggling to stay on the surface long enough to qualify for that elusive scout badge, they will know that they really do count.

P.A.Y.

Athletic Sports, 19th July, 1950.

Although one would have thought that it was almost an impossibility, this year's Sports Day was run with even greater efficiency and all credit must go to Mr. Winn and to Mr. Pulford who organised the whole. What meets the spectators' eyes on The Day itself is, of course, merely a fraction of the enormous effort and store of hard labour that has gone into the making of this event in the school year: the number of races previously decided gives some indication of that. Two new school records were made on the day itself—the open hundred and the open hurdles; and the competition for the Sports Cup remained keen all through the afternoon, giving stimulation and excitement to the programme. We must record our thanks to the judges, Mr. J. U. Smee and Captain Stuart Smith, who with Mr. Doy, officiated so well. At the close, Mrs. Rushby Smith presented the prizes and trophies. If all Sports Days went off as successfully, we should be more than pleased. Results are as follows:—

SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY.—1, P. Cranidge (B); 2, R. Swain (B); 3, D. Linley (G). Time 24 mins. 0 secs. Record for this Course.
MIDDLE CROSS COUNTRY.—1, C. Millington (T); 2, G. Kemp (G); 3, C. Roach (G). Time 22 mins. 53.2 secs. Record.
JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY.—1, R. Eastwood (G); 2, C. Simpson (G); 3, P. Peabody (T). Time 12 mins. 52.8 secs.
HALF MILE SENIOR.—1, D. Linley (G); 2, M. Gough (B); 3, M. Boon (T). Time 2 mins. 30.7 secs.
HALF MILE MIDDLE.—1, C. Millington (T); 2, M. Smith (T); 3, B. Walton (B). Time 2 mins. 45.9 secs.
ONE MILE SENIOR.—1, D. Linley (G); 2, P. Cranidge (B); 3, M. Boon (T). Time 5 mins. 21.2 secs.
ONE MILE MIDDLE.—1, C. Millington (T); 2, P. Pailing (B); 3, M. Smith (T). Time 5 mins. 49.85 secs.
CRICKET BALL SENIOR.—1, G. Gibson (T); 2, J. D. Bell (B); 3, R. Reid (B). Distance 79yds. 1ft. 4ins.
CRICKET BALL MIDDLE.—1, M. Smith (T); 2, R. Walker (G); 3, D. Bailey (D). Distance 82yds. 2ft. 10ins.
CRICKET BALL JUNIOR.—1, M. Soar (G); 2, M. Dobb (B); 3, R. Eastwood (G). Distance 51yds. 2ft. 11ins.
WALKING RACE.—1, D. Linley (G); 2, E. Harriss (G); 3, M. Boon (T). Time 1 hr. 16 mins. 37 secs. Record.

The above events had been previously decided.

HIGH JUMP SENIOR.—1, M. Gough (B); 2, P. Hazard (B); 3, G. Roach (G). Height 4ft. 7ins.
HIGH JUMP MIDDLE.—1, M. Smith (T); 2, G. Pitt (G); 3, A. J. Davies (B). Height 4ft. 2½ins.
HIGH JUMP JUNIOR.—1, D. Fishburne (B); 2, R. Eastwood (G); 3, K. Smith (G). Height 3ft. 6½ins.
120 YARDS HURDLES SENIOR.—1, C. Clifford (T); 2, M. Gough (B); 3, J. Avey (T). Time 17.8 secs.
120 YARDS HURDLES MIDDLE.—1, G. Pitt (G); 2, D. Bailey (B); 3, M. Haslam (G). Time 20.8 secs.
100 YARDS SENIOR.—1, M. Gough (B); 2, C. Clifford (T); 3, R. Bell (G). Time 11.5 secs. Record.
100 YARDS MIDDLE.—1, B. Walton (B); 2 (equal) M. Smith (T) and G. Pitt (G). Time 13.4 secs.
100 YARDS JUNIOR.—1, P. Brett (T); 2, D. Fishburne (B); 3, J. Buxton (T). Time 14.6 secs.
FOOTBALL RACE SENIOR.—1, G. Gibson (T); 2, J. Avey (T); 3, R. Dodsworth (T). Time 34 secs.
FOOTBALL RACE MIDDLE.—1, A. J. Davies (B); 2, M. Smith (T); 3, D. Bailey (B). Time 38.2 secs.
FOOTBALL RACE JUNIOR.—1, Lloyd-Jones (B); 2, R. Eastwood (G); 3, P. Peabody (T). Time 44.6 secs.
220 YARDS SENIOR.—1, M. Gough (B); 2, C. Clifford (T); 3, R. Bell (G). Time 26.7 secs.
220 YARDS MIDDLE.—1, B. Walton (B); 2, C. Millington (T); 3, M. Smith (T). Time 29.8 secs.
220 YARDS JUNIOR.—1, R. Eastwood (G); 2, C. Tagg (G); 3, D. Fishburne (B). Time 33.6 secs.
LONG JUMP SENIOR.—1 M. Gough (B); 2, G. Gibson (T); 3, G. Roach (G). Distance 17ft.
LONG JUMP MIDDLE.—1, G. Pitt (G); 2, B. Walton (B); 3, M. Smith (T). Distance 13ft. 10½ins.
440 YARDS SENIOR.—1, R. Bell (G); 2, D. Linley (G); 3, M. Gough (B). Time 60.2 secs.
440 YARDS MIDDLE.—1, C. Millington (T); 2, B. Walton (B); 3, M. Smith (T). Time 70 secs.

440 YARDS JUNIOR.—1, R. Eastwood (G); 2, K. Smith (G); 3, C. Simpson (G). Time 80.5 secs.

POTATO RACE SENIOR.—1, C. Ball (T); 2, J. Foster (G); 3, M. Gough (B). Time 46.7 secs.

POTATO RACE MIDDLE.—1, B. Walton (B); 2, M. Clarke (B); 3, J. Pritchett (T). Time 52.3 secs.

POTATO RACE JUNIOR.—1, D. Fishburne (B); 2, C. Gay (B); 3, P. Walls (B). Time 54.0 secs.

OLD BOYS' RACE.—1st equal, M. L. Hayes and S. W. Pulford; 3, W. Wheat.

RELAY RACE SENIOR.—1, Booths; 2, Grays; 3, Thomas. Time 2 mins. 25 secs.

RELAY RACE MIDDLE.—1, Booths; 2, Thomas; 3, Grays. Time 46.9 secs.

RELAY RACE JUNIOR.—1, Grays; 2, Thomas; 3, Booths. Time 50.5 secs.

INTER-HOUSE TUG-OF-WAR.—1, Booths; 2, Thomas; 3, Grays.

HOUSE POINTS FINAL:

Booth 323; Thomas 304; Grays 338.

CUP WINNERS:

Cross Country—P. Cranidge (B).
One Mile—D. Linley (G).
Walking Race—D. Linley (G).
Rugby Football—Grays.
Athletics—Grays.
Tug-of-War—Booths.
Junior Victor Ludorum—M. Smith.
Senior Victor Ludorum—M. Gough.

OFFICIALS:

Judges—Capt. S. Smith, Mr. J. U. Smee, Mr. D. H. Doy.
Clerk of the Course—Mr. F. J. Winn.
Recorder—Mr. S. W. Pulford.
Starter—Mr. P. A. Yates.
Timekeeper—Mr. G. H. Thomas.
Amplifying Equipment by Messrs. Gooch & Hill.

Richard of Bordeaux.

This year we had the advantage of the improvements made to the Trebeck Hall stage—the forward extension, the neutral curtains and especially the new switchboard which made possible all sorts of attractive lightings and which at first in its complexity almost baffled even its designer, Mr. Winn. Undisputably the production gained enormously from the new lighting.

This was perhaps the best of recent productions: it is a remarkably good play and has the great appeal of costume. It meant a great personal triumph for P. J. Barker, who entered very thoroughly into the character of Richard, the sensitive and artistic king hemmed in by coarser-fibred men of action: the quietness of his acting gave greater point to the outbursts of petulant fury: always dignified, always convincing, he used his voice with real effect. We had always known that Barker was a highly capable actor, but here he gave us proof incontrovertible.

P. Brett, as Anne of Bohemia, made a charming Queen and acted extremely well: he suggested femininity as well as any of our previous female impersonators. His last scene with Richard had real emotional power. We must congratulate him and hail him as our most notable discovery.

Another newcomer who distinguished himself was A. Sergeant, who revealed the devotion of Maudelyn to his master until the last moment; and the last scene gained greatly in power and effect from this capability of his.

Of the others, R. T. F. Bell as Arundel gave a forceful interpretation of the army leader having little patience with the new ideas of his civilian king: J. W. H. Foster's characterisation—of Gloucester—was vigorous and strong, perhaps at time a little too much for the small auditorium. K. Waters gave another smooth performance as the polished and elegant Robert de Vere—the only friend whom Richard really loved. Ellis's Mowbray was good—he was always wholly at ease and though he had no subtleties of character to indicate, he gave us a strong impression of acting ability. Sherwin's Bolingbroke—the bull-necked warrior without any regard for accomplishments of the mind—was a good foil to Richard. D. M. Bowes gave a fine study of the Duke of Lancaster: perhaps his greater maturity of approach gave added convincingness.

We cannot finish without praising the magnificent backcloth of Carnarvon Castle which Mr. Bolland painted and which was much too good to serve for one scene only. Variations of stage setting made it possible to be the Tower of London (seen through the bars of Richard's prison) and the Palace of Sheen (through the archway of the garden pavilion). We must congratulate very warmly the producer for the high quality that the play reached. A successful innovation was the four-piece orchestra. Our thanks also are owed to all those who gave such generous help with properties and furniture.

Full details are below:—

Characters in Order of Appearance.
The Play is in Twelve Scenes.

Dark Page	-	-	-	-	-	-	A. G. Sargeant
Fair Page	-	-	-	-	-	-	A. J. Davies
Richard II	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. J. Barker
Anne of Bohemia (His Queen)	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. Brett
John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster	-	-	-	-	-	-	D. M. Bowes
Thomas of Woodstock, Duke of Gloucester	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. H. M. Foster
The Earl of Arundel	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. T. F. Bell
The Archbishop of Canterbury (Thomas Arundel)	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. M. Spolton
Robert de Vere, Earl of Oxford	-	-	-	-	-	-	K. B. Waters
Michael de la Pole, Chancellor of England	-	-	-	-	-	-	B. H. Doar
Sir Simon Burley, the King's Tutor	-	-	-	-	-	-	W. E. Webb
Edmund, Duke of York	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. J. Wilson
Thomas Mowbray, Earl of Nottingham	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. D. P. Ellis

Henry, Earl of Derby (Bolingbroke, son of Lancaster)	-	-	-	-	M. G. J. Van der Burg
Mary Bohun, Henry's wife	-	-	-	-	J. W. Sherwin
Agnes Launcekrone, the Queen's waiting woman	-	-	-	-	B. M. Key
1st Page	-	-	-	-	J. R. Thornhill
2nd Page	-	-	-	-	B. Walton
Maudelyn	-	-	-	-	A. G. Sargeant
Edward, Earl of Rutland (Aumerle, son of York)	-	-	-	-	R. M. Hind
Sir John Montague	-	-	-	-	R. L. Reid
Waiting Woman	-	-	-	-	N. N. Bemrose
Doctor	-	-	-	-	G. F. Roach
1st Man in the Street	-	-	-	-	A. Plowright
2nd Man in the Street	-	-	-	-	J. L. Avey
3rd Man in the Street	-	-	-	-	A. Johnson
Woman with Loaves	-	-	-	-	W. A. Lyons
Woman with Vegetables	-	-	-	-	G. D. Gent
3rd Page (Lord Derby's)	-	-	-	-	C. J. Millington
Soldiers	-	-	-	-	I. J. Lynds
					E. J. Davies

Part I.

Scene I	A Corridor in the Royal Palace at Westminster, February, 1385.
Scene II	The Council Chamber in the Palace.
Scene III	A Room in the Palace, that same night.
Scene IV	A Pavilion in the Garden of the Royal Palace, at Eltham, Autumn, 1386.
Scene V	A Room in the Tower of London—a month later.

INTERVAL.

Part II.

Scene VI	A Room in the Royal Palace at Sheen—3 years later, 1389.
Scene VII	The Same—2 years later, 1391.
Scene VIII	A Street in London.
Scene IX	A Gallery overlooking the Great Hall, Westminster—3 years later, 1395.
Scene X	A Room in the lodgings of the Earl of Derby, in Paris—3 years later, 1398.
Scene XI	Courtyard of Conway Castle, 6 months later, 1399.
Scene XII	A Room in the Tower of London, a month later, 1399.
The Play produced by Mr. Rushby Smith.	
The Music directed by Mr. McConnell.	
Stage Management and effects by Mr. Ball and Mr. Winn.	
Lighting by Mr. Winn.	
Scenery by Mr. Bolland.	
Business Management by Mr. Doy.	
Instrumental Ensemble: 1st Violin—M. Schell, 2nd Violin—Mr. Yates.	
Cello—Mr. Thomas. At the piano—J. P. Martlew.	

OTHERS ASSISTING.

Stewards—J. D. Linley, M. P. Coffey, D. G. Walker. Ticket Sellers—H. W. Brookfield, T. N. Bond, W. A. Lee, D. G. Walker. Programme Sellers—J. W. Walker, R. J. Parkin, H. J. Rushby Smith. Stage-hands—H. W. Brookfield, W. A. Lee, J. M. H. Gough, G. G. Gibson.

The thanks of the Dramatic Society are due to: Mrs. Rushby Smith for dressing; Mrs. McConnell for assisting with make-up; Mrs. Reid, Mrs. McCallum, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Heywood, Miss James, Archdeacon Hales, Mrs. Swingle, Mrs. Oxy, The Lord Bishop of Southwell, Mrs.

Rushby Smith, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Metcalfe for so kindly lending properties, furniture and curtains. The Trebeck Hall Committee for for every assistance.

The Profits will be given to the Trebeck Hall Committee to assist them in paying off the debt of £200 incurred by the alterations made to the stage.

Junior Plays.

It is certainly not everyone who can appreciate three plays so different as these in subject, style and intensity when they are presented as a group in one evening. To those who can, however, this entertainment was indeed most enjoyable.

The first play was a delightful little picture of a youngster's dream of pirates. The two boys—played by Whittaker and Else—fell asleep on a quayside and dreamed of adventure. On the stage their dream comes true to life when Eastwood as Captain Cutlass and his crew appear. The dream continues on the pirate ship but ends abruptly as the boys are woken by the old policeman—taken by Lynds—who weeps because he can no longer hear the pirates' song. Not at all serious, the play afforded a good deal of enjoyment.

A somewhat hasty adjustment of one's mind was necessary at this point, for the play which followed—"Hewers of Coal"—was deeper and more intense. Trouble in the pit had been blamed on Billie, a young pit boy whose part was played by the younger Eastwood. Dick, however, stuck up for the lad while the other men frightened him with threats of dismissal. It was the collapse of the pit which changed the situation. All were then equal—with Death not far away. In a scene in which the suspense became more and more acute, and thirst more overpowering, it was Dick—played by Reid with great depth of feeling—who kept up their spirits and encouraged hope to remain alive. The weight of the situation increased and Joe—one of the entombed miners—fell asleep. He did not hear the distant tap . . . tap . . . tap . . . , nor did he draw another heavy breath to shout to the rescue party, as the others did. He did not wake.

The play—certainly not an easy one for boys—came over well in spite of an occasional moment when the tenseness of the drama was slackened.

Lastly, we had "Low Bridge"—again a very different play—a drama of family life, of love, religion, and deceit. It had not been written especially for boys, but in spite of this, Jed Barlow and his wife—played by Davies and Gent—succeeded in conveying to us some of their emotion. Their two daughters—save for a few points of dress and feminine bearing that were overlooked—were equally well played by Pailing and Walton. Deserving mention also was Soar who as the bookmaker acquitted himself well.

We cannot close without mentioning the most valuable work of the producers, stage-managers, and all the other helpers who, though invisible to the audience, were nevertheless necessary for the success of the show.

P.J.B.

"UNDER THE SKULL AND BONES"

By R. Gow.

Cast in order of appearance.

Bert										A. J. Whitaker
Tom										P. K. Else
Captain Cutlass	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. A. Eastwood
Slit Gizzard Bill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C. N. Roach
Snooks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H. J. Rushby Smith
Ramrod	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. F. Clay
Bloodwinkle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. L. Pye
Slimy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. Gould
Blue Nosed Pete	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. B. Pick
										J. G. Marshall
Pirates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	J. D. Heighton
										R. I. Douglass
										C. C. Gay
										D. A. Carr
Policeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I. J. Lynds

Scene I A Quay Side.

Scene II The Pirate Ship.

Scene III A Quay Side.

Producer—P. J. Barker. Stage Manager—W. E. Webb.
Make-up—D. M. Bowes and K. B. Waters.

"HEWERS OF COAL."

By J. Corie.

Cast in order of speaking.

Dick, a miner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. L. Reid
Billie, a pit boy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. R. Eastwood
Peter, a pit handy man	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. Fisher
Bob, a pit deputy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. Brett
Joe, a miner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. J. Hill
Announcer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	D. J. Pullan

Scene I A heading underground.

Scene II Old hard coal heading.

Producer—M. J. Wilson. Stage Manager—J. H. Foster.
Make-up—M. J. Wilson.

"LOW BRIDGE."

By W. Massey.

Cast in order of speaking.

Mrs. Barlow, wife of Jed Barlow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	G. D. Gent
Mrs. Maggs, a neighbour	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	D. C. Wright
Sheila Barlow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P. B. Paling
Jed Barlow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A. J. Davis
Doris Barlow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	B. Walton
Tom Clegg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M. J. Soar

Period: The Present.

Scene I The evening.

Scene II The following morning.

Producer—G. G. Gibson. Stage Manager—H. W. Brookfield.
Make-up—G. G. Gibson and H. W. Brookfield.

OTHERS ASSISTING.

Stage Hands—J. H. Gough. Stewards—J. D. Linley, D. G. Walker and R. J. Parkin. Ticket Sellers—H. W. Brookfield, J. R. Smith, B. Doar and R. Dodsworth. Programme Sellers—J. Walker and R. J. Parkin. Stage Settings—J. R. Smith, B. Greenslade, R. J. Parkin. Lights—W. A. Lee. Business Management—J. D. Linley. Posters—A. Sargeant and R. M. Hind. Programme design—J. R. Smith.
The thanks of the Dramatic Society are due to all those who have so kindly lent furniture.

Visit to Stratford.

Our summer term visit to Stratford had to be postponed till September—the difficulties of booking seats were till then insurmountable and in the end we had to take what was left, not what we should have liked to have seen. For several reasons the play would not have been our choice: the authorship is doubtfully Shakespearean, the play itself is a far poorer one than "Hamlet," "Macbeth" or "Richard II." and it needs a certain knowledge of its historical background for full appreciation. However, those of the School who went, undoubtedly enjoyed the show. We had a very pleasant run; the day was fine and mild, and before the show most of the party disported themselves—with very varied degree of skill—on the Avon, much to the danger of the swans, skiffs, canoes and even the old bridge itself.

The play was done without any use of drop curtains and with a static set: the oak panelling, the Tudor furnishings, the steps leading on stage right to the throne, the flight of stairs rising to midstage and the descent backstage, with the alcoves underneath, made a very impressive setting for the clash of two highly ambitious wills. The transitions to following scenes were made with that remarkable ease which is a feature of the Stratford productions: the weakness of such an arrangement, however much the play gains in swiftness of pace, became apparent with the falsity of the dying Katherine's last scene in the surroundings of a palace which she had renounced. Henry VIII. (played by Anthony Quayle) was most impressive—the majesty, the ruthlessness, the ambition, the grossness, the selfishness, the egotism, all of which speak from Holbein's portrait, were here in the flesh, dominating and triumphant. Diana Wynyard's Queen Katherine was a most satisfying performance and Wolsey as played by Henry Andrews pleased us all greatly. Much as we enjoyed the play, we hoped that next year we should be able to see a play of our own choice and could not help drawing an unfavourable comparison with the enjoyment we had experienced from our previous Stratford visits.

Sixth-Form Discussion Group, 1949-50.

The year 1949-1950 has been a very successful one from the point of view of the Sixth Form Society.

We began with a visit to the local Flour Mills of Mr. Caudwell and in the same month we travelled to Long Eaton to watch the manufacture of lace. The mass production of cough and saccharine tablets and other small commodities amazed us on our visit to the model factory of Boots Pure Drug Co. at Beeston which took place early in the Spring Term. In contrast to the previous trips but nevertheless of considerable interest was that of the short journey to Mr. Simmons, of Southwell, to see his remarkable butterfly collection. Towards the end of the term the Society went to Bilsthorpe Colliery where we were much indebted to the Deputy for a very interesting day. This included a trip to the coal face and a brief survey of the surface workings. We were very thankful for the washing facilities provided—they were needed by all.

The year concluded from the visiting angle with a Derbyshire tour, which included stops at Haddon Hall, Chatsworth House and the Crich Memorial to the Sherwood Foresters.

In the course of the year several speakers addressed the Society on a variety of subjects. Archdeacon West gave the first lecture on Christianity and the Christian civilisation, while Mr. McConnell's account of his life and experience in the Royal New Zealand Navy gave rise later in the year to the rival talks by the Rev. Lloyd Jones on his experiences in the Army. Another member of the staff to address the Society was Mr. Winn, whose subject was Heraldry. This proved to be most interesting. The Rev. Caporn faced a battery of questions on various subjects from enthusiastic members of the Sixth Form Society as did Mr. Shaw, who spoke later in the term on careers.

Apart from these visits and talks the Society organised several interesting features. With national feeling at its height before the General Election the Sixth Form organised a Mock Election which was carried out in the presence of the School, to which M. Schell added a touch of humour.

After much work the previous terms members of the Society produced three one act plays for the Juniors on May 3rd and 4th.

Just prior to writing this, Senior members of the school enacted a Mock Trial which was both educational and amusing. It must have been a relief to fellow members of the staff when the defence succeeded in gaining immediate release for Mr. Yates, the accused; fortunately not on the grounds of insanity.

We should like to express our thanks to all those who have made possible this successful year.

J.D.B.

J.D.L.

House Reports, 1949-50.

BOOTH'S HOUSE REPORT.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

This year we found ourselves with very few outstanding footballers. John Bell had left us at Xmas, and things looked far from good. However, after several practices we took the field against Thomas' with very little chance (so we thought), but not at all undaunted. We beat Thomas' 11 points to 8; this in itself was a great tonic to the whole team and much credit must go to the lesser lights, who not only scored the winning tries, but who worried the Thomas' "halves" unceasingly.

The final against Gray's appeared to be the same type of game with no score at half time; however, luck now deserted us and we found ourselves with Ellis injured and with the pack far outplayed. Hazard deserves a special mention for the way he never gave up trying to do the work of three men, in order to keep Harris, Wilson and Roach from "feeding" their three quarters. With the occasional run by Gough and Cranidge we were still in the picture, but not for long. The fast moving Grays' started to pile on the points and it was all over. Ilett also deserves mention, for his defending in this game was grand to watch. We are pleased to note his appearance in the 1st XV. this term.

CRICKET.

Here luck favoured us a little better, for Bell decided to return to school; however, before the cricket matches he was on the injured list owing to a cycle mishap. Booth's played Gray's in the final and it was only the innings of Pailing which made the issue safe for Gray's. When two of Gray's leading batsmen came back to the pavilion in one over, we began to think that there was still a hope. This "temporary collapse" was the work of Cranidge.

ATHLETICS.

The house has done very well here, especially in the Senior part of the school. Six of the first seven runners in the Senior Cross-Country were Booth's, while the winner, Cranidge, now holds the school record for this course. During the preliminary events leading up to Sports Day, Booth's had to be content with third place, but on the actual day moved up to second place, only fifteen points behind Gray's. As to individual performances, Gough retained the Victor Ludorum and Hazard was runner-up; J. Bell retained the cup for the best all-rounder, while Walton was runner-up in the Junior Victor Ludorum.

We regained the Tug-of-War, thanks largely to a stalwart performance by Roberts, the anchor, and won both the Senior and Middle School relays.

SWIMMING.

This has been brought on to the standard basis this year, and has meant that points count for the Victor Ludorum. Hazard, who has proved himself to be a very capable swimmer in previous years, collected some 14 points in the swimming sports, and it is to be hoped that in future years he will not have to carry such a large proportion of the House Swimming. He was backed up by Massey, Clarke, Greenslade, Caunt, Ilett, Baxter and Leeson, but there are still many members of the House content to let those few carry the whole programme.

LEAVERS:	Scrimshaw	House Rugger XV.	
	Swain	House Rugger XV.	
	Galbraith	House Rugger and Cricket.	
	Cranidge	House Rugger and Cricket.	1st XI
		Cricket.	
		Holder of Senior Cross Country Record.	
	Fowkes	House Rugger XV.; King's Scout.	
		Higher School Certificate, 1950.	
	Twidale	House Cricket XI. and Rugger XV.	
	Caunt	House Cricket and Rugger.	
	Roberts	House Rugger.	
	Lloyd Jones	Holder of School Record in Junior	
		Football Race.	
	Stephenson		

WORK: We do congratulate Fowkes on gaining a very good H.S.C. with "Goods" in Geography, Physics and Pure Maths.; also Hind, Roberts, Spolton, Stevens and Twidale on gaining their School Certificates. The work of most members is good, and it is interesting to note that the top boys in forms 2, 4, Re, and 5 last term were members of the House.

If we are to reproduce last year's results the efforts of those in the middle and junior school must be increased, especially as we hear that Gough is likely to leave at Xmas. There is no reason why this House should not have a very successful year, and if all members show the same enthusiasm as the House officials, there should be no doubt about it whatever.

I.H.H.G.
H.W.B.

GRAY'S HOUSE REPORT.

For Gray's 1949-50 has been even more successful than the previous year, for we have won all three House Cups.

RUGBY.

During the Spring Term the inter-house rugby matches were played. Gray's obtained a bye in the first round and played

Booth's in the final. Although this game was won by a margin of 23-0 it was a far harder match than the score suggests. At half-time the score was 0-0. In the second half we played much better as a team, and very soon built up a commanding lead. Special mention must be made of the kicking of M. J. Wilson, who turned four of the tries into goals.

CRICKET.

In the first match Gray's beat Thomas by 12 runs (Gray's 91-Thomas 79). Of the individuals Haynes scored 18, Parker, R., 19. Foster took 6 for 29 and Kemp 2 for 18. In the final we beat Booth's by five wickets (Booth's 29, Gray's 32 for 5). In this match Bell returned an analysis of 5 for 20 and Foster 4 for 5.

SWIMMING.

Due to the efforts of the Juniors, Gray's won the swimming sports by a substantial margin. Of the Juniors, Pailing and Hill of the Second Form distinguished themselves. Pailing is a very strong swimmer and should be a great asset to the House in future. The lead gained in the swimming sports was more than a useful contribution to the winning of the Athletic Cup.

ATHLETICS.

Again Gray's managed to retain the Athletics Cup. Linley again distinguished himself by winning the mile and the Walking Race Cup. Again much of our strength lay in the Juniors, which certainly augurs well for the future; of these Pitt and Eastwood deserve mention.

Altogether it was a very successful year the House winning five cups out of a possible nine. Most people in the House gave their best and can now be satisfied with the results. From Gray's point of view it is certainly a year to be remembered.

J.H.M.F. and M.J.W.

THOMAS HOUSE REPORT.

RUGGER.

Unfortunately we failed to regain the Rugger Cup this season: the result of the "toss-up" between the House Captains matched us against Booth's, to whom, contrary to expectation, we lost. Half-time saw us in the lead by eight points after a grim battle, in which tries were scored by Clifford and Gibson. The second half, however, was a different tale—we were outplayed by sheer determination on the part of the Booth's scrum. In this half Thomas' did not increase their score and Booths took the lead by three points. Result: Booth's 11, Thomas's 8.

CRICKET.

As a result of this season's inter-house cricket matches we surrendered the cup to Gray's, against whom we played our only game. We lost by 16 runs mainly due to bad fielding—the only commendable performance was made by Reid, who scored over a

quarter of our total. Praise must be given to Gray's for their batting, for they obtained a score which greatly exceeded what was expected. Result: Gray's 92, Thomas 76.

ATHLETICS.

Here again Thomas were the bottom house after being at one time ahead of Booth's and only eight points behind Gray's. However swimming let us down: this was not because members were unable to swim, but because they just did not turn up in sufficient numbers, and as a result we lost valuable points. We did, however, obtain the Junior Victor Ludorum which was won by Smith, M.—a notable performance.

LEAVERS FROM THOMAS HOUSE.

G. G. Gibson	Head Boy, Thomas House Captain. Captain of School Rugby XV. Captain of School Cricket XI.
W. A. Lee	1st XV. Rugby Colours.

The School Visit to Paris.

On the evening of April 10th a group of questionable characters, bearing suspicious bundles, met at Southwell Station and after roll-call, disappeared into the night. At Nottingham a subsidiary group attached itself to the main body and 23 boys under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Yates were on their way to Paris.

On the following morning the "Arromanches", which had a short time ago brought President Auriol on his state visit to England, carried its even more distinguished passengers across a stormy Channel and discharged them safely on the war-torn quayside at Dieppe.

A train, the apple orchards of Normandy, festoons of mistletoe, white houses, red roof tops, level crossing, and there away to the left a dazzling mosque-like building perched high on a hill and glittering in the sun—the "Sacre Coeur" as distinctive as the Eiffel Tower, and all Paris spread below the Southern slope.

The next day—our first full day in Paris—we began our round of visits; through the Carrousel, along the Champs Elysees, across the Concorde and so to the Arc de Triomphe, from the top of which not only were we able to form a good first-hand impression of the general plan of Paris, but we also witnessed a traffic accident below, and a spirited argument on the Arc itself between the forces of the Law and a gentleman caught taking photographs without permission.

From the Arc de Triomphe we continued to the Palais de Chaillot past the fountains under the Eiffel Tower, and along the South bank and back by "Metro".

On most mornings save Saturday and Sunday similar visits were arranged. Attendance was voluntary, but except for the visit

to the Louvre, which obviously had a restricted appeal and which equally obviously could not be ignored, most boys took part. Among other places thus visited in addition to the above, were Sacre-Coeur, Notre Dame, Les Invalides, the Pantheon, Les Halles, the most famous boulevards and shops, Montmartre (in which our Hotel stood) and many other places of interest. On the last full day a number of us also ascended the Eiffel Tower to view again the scene of our wanderings.

These visits were not always without incidents. In Notre Dame, for instance, friends Lyons and Haslam calmly walked through a door marked *PASSAGE INTERDIT* (was it really true that they didn't understand) and although the official on duty was promptly alerted and sent hot-foot in pursuit, the narrow spiral staircase was too much for him, and the two fugitives had the satisfaction of being the only members of the party who saw that particular part of the buildings.

The free pass to "State" buildings which we had obtained from the French Ministry of Education was invalid for the privately owned Eiffel Tower, and only after a most animated debate did the management consent to a reduction. A complicated system of scaled reductions was conceded, requiring in all about 3,000 francs. We temporarily pooled our resources, paid largely in small change and on final check up it was discovered that the leader of the party had made 9 francs (2½d.) on the deal, a fact that he was subsequently not allowed to forget.

Time as ever went all too quickly and soon with bags noticeably larger than they had been on our arrival, we were on our way home. The return journey was broken in London, where we spent the night at St. Donat's Hotel, and leaving London at 9 a.m. the next morning we were home for lunch of the 19th.

This account would not be correct without mentioning our old friend Mons. Moreigne, who spent a year at school in Southwell in 1947-48. We were delighted to meet him again in Paris and to see him looking so fit. He joined us on the evening of our arrival, accompanied us, often as a guide, on numerous occasions, and he did all he could to make our stay a success. He knew, of course, many members of our party and asked us to send his greetings and good wishes to the school. His message has already been passed on to those still with us, and the school magazine seems to be the best way of reaching those old boys who knew him. We all owe him our best thanks.

The main events of the visit we shall all remember, but which is the small incident which will remain longest. The "Passage Interdit"? Paris slowly lighting up in the evening and seen from the Sacre Coeur? The lady who dropped parcels from a 6th floor window? The unrationed chocolate? The coloured fraternity scouring the boulevards for sterling? The gentleman that Ball and Haslam didn't see again? Or a famous evening 'phone call

from a small group of Seniors (we hope they enjoyed the show!) One incident which continues to give me lively satisfaction was the recurring sight of certain Seniors standing up manfully to their "grenadine" and struggling almost beyond the limits of human endurance to keep a French conversation going lest a fair vision should fade with their flagging eloquence.

They have still to learn that Paris never loses its charm.
P.A.Y.

The Library.

Both the School and County Libraries have greatly increased in popularity during the year. The County Library selection, offering the greater variety of books, is more widely used, in spite of sundry exclamations of dislike and criticisms of our choice of books, these criticisms coming in the main from the first, second and third forms.

On leaving Southwell, Mr. Dakin kindly gave to the school a number of interesting educational books, which were put into the School library. These books have been of great value to the more senior members of the school.

There is still a distressing lack of interest in reading in the Remove and Fifth Forms, but this is more than made up for by the energetic First Formers, who appear to enjoy reading anything from Percy F. Westerman to H. G. Wells's short stories.

The periodicals, including "The Illustrated London News", "Punch", "Discovery" (a science magazine) and "The National Geographic Magazine" provide mines of information and interest to most of the school, and the daily papers keep anyone who is at all alert up to date with current affairs, as well as providing an excellent excuse for our less scrupulous members to remain in the school buildings during the break and the dinner hour.

H.W.B.

Sacrista, 1950.

It is with difficulty that I collect my thoughts as I take up my pen to write this article. From up in the "wilderness" can be heard the wild war-whoops of the juniors, while in the seclusion of the Senior Common Room the click of billiard balls as Mr. Thomas makes yet another devastating break is accompanied by a somewhat blurred reception of "Jazz Club" from the wireless. This dilapidated but serviceable instrument was acquired for us by Waters who donated it to the Common Room before he left at the end of the year. Its main disadvantage is that the only programme that can be heard with reasonable volume is the "Light", and even then it is not an uncommon sight to see a group of boys crowding round with large newspaper ear trumpets to catch as much sound as possible.

This year has seen a drop in the members (in both senses) of the pets club, if indeed it existed under that name, but congratulations must go to Ellis for keeping the banner flying above his rabbit hutch. He was the only one who kept pets all the year round, and no doubt owes his success very largely to Mr. Rushby's cabbages. The gardening club again tilled its plot of land near the "mousery" and although making a profit, was not as successful as the previous year. At the beginning of the summer term, the club was organised on different lines, pairs of boys being allocated certain duties in the garden to be carried out throughout the year. Clifford and Boon are suspected to have removed two or three weeds from the strawberry bed, and it is even rumoured that one of van der Burg's chrysanthemums grew to the size of a daisy.

The tennis club was the most popular as before, more than half the boarders being members. At the end of the summer term a tournament was arranged and it was hoped that for the first time in the history of the club it would be completed, but most unfortunately the rain came before the end and the tournament had to be abandoned. The lawn was kept cut by "Daisy", who for the first part of the year was subjected to the by-no-means gentle treatment of Barker, Reid taking over for most of the summer term. The woodwork "academy" under the supervision of Barker, produced an unending variety of model aeroplanes, especially in the summer term, and this year it can be said that, owing to the sad accident to Barker last year, members of the "academy" always kept their hands behind the cutting edge of the chisel. The Archery Club flourished with many enthusiastic junior members, and our thanks must be extended to Mr. Bramwell, who so kindly came to instruct in this very ancient art.

As many readers will know, there is in existence a Boarding House Points System whereby individuals may gain or lose points. Last year this was worked on a dormitory competition basis, the winners at the end of each term being treated to an entertainment. After the autumn term, Barry dorm. consisting of Webb, Davies, E., Parkin and Ellis were taken to see "The Taming of the Shrew" at the Nottingham Playhouse. Mosely dorm. at Sacrista, however, took the lead at the end of the remaining two terms of the year, and so they are to be treated to an extra-special show.

During the year visits were paid to the Nottingham Playhouse by boarders, who were kindly allowed to travel with the Southwell Arts Society 'bus trips on several occasions, and many were glad of the opportunity to see "The Rivals" and "A Hundred Years Old" acted by so good a company. In the autumn term a large party of boarders went to see the illuminations at Nottingham and were very impressed and interested by what they saw.

We must close by thanking Miss Louit for the invaluable help she gave by assisting in the domestic affairs of the House and we hope that she has benefited greatly by her stay in England. We must also thank Mr. and Mrs. Rushby, Mr. Pulford and Mr. Thomas for all they have done for us in the last year, remarking that we cannot understand where they get the patience from to run a boarding house full of small, medium and large boys.

J.H.M.F.
M.H.B.

Musical Notes.

The closing stages of the Spring Term were marked by a brief—but sufficient—period of vigorous activity in preparation for the School Concert. This hardy annual, involving an encouragingly large section of the School, was held, by kind permission of the Lord Bishop of Southwell, in the Bishop's Manor Hall on March 30th and 31st and April 18th.

We would record with considerable satisfaction the heartening enthusiasm of all those boys who took part. Their willingness to attend a strenuous rehearsal programme was responsible for a result with which—for the present—we may be well pleased.

Verse speaking, graded instrumental items, *et hoc genus omne*, the staple fare at this type of entertainment gave boys at all stages of development an opportunity of performing in public.

The Violin group expanded to include the larger instruments of the string family, and the consort was still further strengthened by the addition of some wind. The result was broad and vigorous—and often in tune. A happy item indeed, marred (or heightened, according to the point of view), only by the wretched efforts of one boy, who for reasons best known to himself, sought at one of the performances to prevent the Double Bass from taking its rightful place in the assembly.

The *pièce de résistance* was the group of Sea Shanties, sung in Maurice Jacobson's fine arrangement at the end of the concert. The Choir was by then in high good humour, and some of the happier thoughts in these charming old ditties moved boys to renew their chant with indescribable zest.

The School Choir, reorganised, and including singers drawn from the whole School, operates as a body on special occasions and in sections for normal School activities. Thus all have their clearly defined duties. The choir for the morning School service is drawn from volunteers from both the Minster and former "School Choir" with the addition of day boys who are unable to come to the Sunday evening services. The present arrangement of the daily School Service gives these boys an opportunity of making a worthy contribution to the most important feature of the School day.

Another section of the School Choir, independent of the Choristers, alternates with the Minster Choir at the Sunday evening Nave Services. This section concluded another year of worthy endeavour with a visit to Matlock Bath, a splendid outing made possible by the generosity of the Parochial Church Council. A word of thanks is due to the Choir members for their loyalty and enthusiasm. Many boys regularly travel some distance to be present on Sundays.

We are grateful to Mrs. Gould for her painstaking work with the Violin Groups. Their performances during the present year show how well they have developed under her guidance.

We are grateful, too, for the assistance of the Piano teachers at the School: Miss Reeves, who for some time has helped a number of boys and produced some of our best pianists; and Mr. Fox and Mr. Bevan whom we are glad to welcome as Piano teachers.

A special word of thanks, too, to those members of the staff who have helped so much by their playing and singing—a happy manifestation of enthusiasm which has contributed much to the musical life of the School.

J.V.P.

CONCERT PROGRAMME.

1. Unison Song for Massed Singing - - - John Ireland
"In Praise of Neptune."
2. Music for Two Recorders - "Ayre and Variation—La Volta"
William Byrd (1542–1623)
Minuetto Henry Purcell (1658–1695)
A. WHITAKER and P. ELSE.
3. Verse Speaking - - "The Night Express" - - Monkhouse
A. DAVIES and R. REID.
4. Class Singing - - "Gossip Joan"
Form I. "The Little Chicken" Brahms (1833–1897)
"Spring Returns" Breton Folk Song.
5. Piano Duets - - Minuetto from "Orfeo" - - Gluck (1714–1787)
P. GOULD and R. DOUGLASS.
"A Sunny Day" - Felix Swinstead.
P. ELSE and P. PEABODY.
6. Verse Speaking - "There is a hill beside the Silver Thames"
M. ELLIS. Robert Bridges.
7. Violin Groups - - Three Irish Melodies - - Traditional—
arranged by Chara.
Rustic Dance Woodhouse.
Under the direction of MRS. GOULD.
8. Verse Speaking - "Sailing Ships" - V. Sackville West.
P. BARKER and D. BOWES.
9. Piano Solo - Sonatina in G (first movement) - Beethoven (1770–1827).
M. PARKINSON.
10. School Trebles Massed - "Nymphs and Shepherds" - Purcell.

— INTERVAL —

11. School Instrumental Group - Siciliano and March - Handel (1685-1759)
Violins 1st, 2nd and 3rd Cellos, Double Bass,
Recorders 1st and 2nd, Clarinet.
 12. Piano Duet - - Bourrée in B Flat - - - Handel
C. ROACH and B. WALTON.
 13. Verse Speaking - - "Roadways" - - John Masefield.
P. PEABODY.
"The Mouse and the Cake" - - Eliza Cook.
C. GAY, K. BROTHERHOOD, R. LLOYD JONES.
 14. School Trebles - - "If fortune you would know" - - Bach
(Phoebus and Parr) (1685-1750).
 15. Piano Solo - Carnival Jest from Vienna - - Schumann
(first movement) (1810-1865)
J. MARTLEW.
 16. Verse Speaking - "Ode on a Grecian Urn" - - John Keats.
K. WATERS.
 17. Vocal Solo - - "When Daisies Pied" - - (Shakespeare)
P. BRETT. Arne.
 18. Piano Duet Chorale - "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" - Bach.
P. BRETT and J. RUSHBY SMITH.
 19. The Choir. Sea Shanties arranged by Maurice Jacobs.
"Billy Boy."
"Tom's gone to Hilo."
"A-Roving."
"Whisky Johnny."
- Accompanists: R. T. F. BELL and J. V. PETERS.

— GOD SAVE THE KING —

Presentations to the School.

FROM MR. BURTON.

On May 17th, 1950, Mr. Thomas W. Burton, of Landseer Road, Southwell, presented to the school five coloured drawings of rare fungi which he had found in the near neighbourhood. He sent the following explanatory notes with them:—

"I am giving to the Southwell Grammar School these 5 coloured drawings of rare and interesting fungi—No. 1, Geaster fimbriatus, was found at the back of Westhorpe Hall on April 28th, 1928. I have never seen it since. No. 2, Geaster Bryanti, was found near Normanton Hall, July, 1932; and No. 3, Geaster rufescens, was found 17 years later in Sports Close, December, 1949. All species are of rare Earth Stars, a most extraordinary occurrence. No. 4, belonging to the order Ascomycetes, was also found in 1949 on the Terrace at Brackenhurst Hall. No. 5, Amanita Citrina, was found near the drive at Norwood Park; its chief interest lies in its poisonous qualities. It is often mistaken for the common mushroom with fatal consequences. I thought you might like them as all were found near the Grammar School."

FROM MR. MATTHEWS (Former Headmaster).

On March 10th, 1950, the Headmaster received notice of the impending arrival of 12 volumes of Froude's "History of England" sent by Mr. Matthews, who added this note:—

"I was in the course of reading it when I left Southwell. It may well be that no advanced student of history will want to wade through Froude, but there is much in it of entrancing interest—parts of it are classical as writing. It is, of course, anti-clerical! The bad Latin in W. A. James' introduction in Volume I commemorated a doughty fight I had which probably saved the School."

FROM MRS. COPE (daughter of the Rev. J. S. Wright, former Headmaster).

On February 14th, 1950, Mrs. R. Cope offered the School an oil painting of the Rev. Magnus Jackson, a former Headmaster of the School. In accepting, the present Headmaster said:—

"I have placed it in the library and there it looks very well. We will see to it that it is well looked after. It is of great interest and its history is fascinating."

In her letter, Mrs. Cope sent some notes of her mother in connection with the school, which will be of great interest to all who knew Mrs. Joseph Wright. Her daughter says:—

"In the first place she came over to see the school because her grandfather had lived there and her own father and aunts and uncles were born there. It was her first visit after many trips abroad. In the Headmaster's bedroom there were the same windows as in her Grandfather's time. There on a lower pane in the window overlooking the churchyard was the J.F. cut by a diamond which her uncle had scratched when he said goodbye to the Headmaster. He, James, the son was starting off very early to rescue his Elizabeth whose guardian had sent her away to Bournemouth. He took Elizabeth away to Gretna Green to be married. They came home, but she died a year later, aged 20, and was buried in Halam Churchyard. Her husband was a vicar there I believe. My Father was interested in this and my Mother and he became friends and later were married in 1910. I was the first baby to be born there after my Footit relations. One magazine—the 1909-10, contains an article by Mrs. Wright describing the trip in a tramp steamer belonging to her brother-in-law. She describes trips through the Mediterranean and Black Sea". (Mrs. Joseph Wright died in January, 1950: the school joined in sending a wreath).

Notes on the history of the painting are (from Mrs. Cope:—

The oil painting, said to be by Romney, of the old Headmaster, Magnus Jackson, had several notes and newspaper cuttings stuck on the back. My father made a copy of these before sending it to London to find out if the picture really

was painted by Romney. It was returned with the information it was not, but after his style by a pupil perhaps.

From notes by the Rev. Joseph Wright:

Copy of inscription pasted in the back of the picture.

1. "This picture was painted by Romney, the first portrait painter of his day (This was in a female hand and unsigned)—(J. S. Wright).
2. "All I know about this man is that he was a very clever and learned fellow of a College; he was an intimate friend of Romney's who begged to take his picture. The last of his relations died a few years ago and this picture was sold with other things and I bought it because I had admired it exceedingly for the last 60 years.

E. R. Pigot, 1858. Southwell, Notts.

3. "I bought this picture at Miss E. R. Pigot's sale in 1869 and had it lined and restored in 1873.

Alfred Tatham, Minor Canon of Southwell.

4. "The Name"

The Rev. Edward Jackson, M.A., was on the picture when I bought it, but was removed by Knowles when it was restored."

Alfred Tatham.

5. "I bought the picture at Mr. Tatham's sale in September 1885, as I was informed the subject was a former Headmaster of Southwell Grammar School."

John Wright,

Headmaster of the Grammar School, Southwell.

6. "The Miss Pigot was the friend of Lord Byron whom he addressed in one of his poems as Eliza and with whom he corresponded when he was at Cambridge—see Morris' "Life of Byron".

Knowles who restored the picture remembers her and vouched for the autograph.

J. S. Wright.

December 21st, 1907.

Death of Mrs. J. S. Wright.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. Clara B. Wright, the widow of the late the Reverend Joseph Sugden Wright, Headmaster of the School from 1897 to 1919. Her memory will be dear to all those Old Boys who were at school during the Rev. Joseph's Headship—especially during the war years of 1914-18 and in the 'flu epidemic of 1919, when the heavy pressure on the Staff threw additional work on Mrs. Wright—a burden which she so nobly and ably took up. Her constant attendance in the "sick-room" and her devotion to her charges will ever be remembered with grateful affection.

The School subscribed to buy a wreath and was represented at the Funeral Service on January 20th, 1950, by the four Prefects, by Mr. D. H. Doy, Second Master, vice the Headmaster who was not able to be there, and by Mr. S. W. Pulford, who also represented the Old Boys' Society.

Film Shows.

The following are the films shown during the Summer Term. All films were from the Central Film Library with the exception of the first five, which were lent by the courtesy of the Petroleum Films Bureau.

The Puddle Muddle Riddle

Cinemazine No. 11

A.B.C. of Oil

Oil from Khuzistan

First Principles of the Petrol Engine

The Toad

The Fenlands

Radar

Line to Tschierva Hut

A Cornish Valley

The Gold Coast

The Last Shot (aftermath of war in Holland)

High over the Border (Bird migration in North America)

Harnessing the Hills

How a motor-car engine works

Mediaeval Village (Laxton, Notts.)

Downlands

Trees that reach the sky.

Valley of the Tennessee

Harvests for tomorrow

The Hurdler

The Runner

Old Southwellian Sensation.

OLD BOY RECEIVES IMPOSITION.

At a Committee Meeting last year, the writer, having "beefed" mildly about the lack of news in the "Old Southwellian" magazine, was handed a delayed-action imposition by the Head Master.

The Scribe to the Tribe—Steeve—was peeved and asked for his cards, what is more, he got them. Thereupon the Head Master in a spirit of facetious bonhomie or cheerful malice prepense proposed that the job be given to me. One Dudley, likewise Doy, seconded with alacrity.

The almost sardonic delight of the Proposer and Seconder after the proposition was carried, seemed to indicate that this was something they had been waiting for.

And so boys, the wigs are on the green and I, as your patriarchal scribe expect to receive news aplenty to put in the magazine. If not, it will not be wigs, Bevan's or otherwise, that I am after but scalps.

After all, it's your magazine, which incidentally, is free though costing in the region of 4/- per copy. Free that is to Life Members and paid-up Ordinary Members. Have YOU paid YOUR "sub"? You know it is only a fraction over a penny per week per annum. Please do not bring poor old Joe's grey hairs down in sorrow to the grave, even if he is a long way from it. Nip out now and get that postal order and post it to:—

Mr. J. Gibson, 5, Eton Grove, Wollaton Park, Nottingham.

As to news, if you hear that old Bill has got married or if he has become the proud father of twins, do not keep it to yourself, let me know so that it may be published.

And so to the annual report.

"This year has seen a somewhat slow and disappointing increase". So opened the Society's news section in the magazine for 1947-48.

As far as news for the present issue is concerned the above quotation is still very apt.

Three items only have come to hand, two from Mr. Harry Wilkinson and one from Mr. Arthur Lennard ("Winkle"). I give the latter's item pride of place. On June 3rd his wife presented him with a bouncing boy. Our "congratlers" to both of them. At the time of going to press Junior is coming along splendidly and it will not be long he will be swinging on father's "handlebars".

His many old friends will be pleased to know that the Rev. W. A. Steedman has left Beckingham Rectory to become rector of Appleby Magna, Leics.

It is with pleasure that we record that Mr. J. H. H. Corah has become Mayor of Loughborough. He has been a member of the Town's Council for 4½ years. During the first war he served in the R.F.C. and later in the R.A.F. as a wireless operator from 1917 to 1920.

Our congratulations to W. H. Gibson, who has gained a First Class Honours in Maths. at Nottingham University. He hopes to obtain his M.Sc. next year and our good wishes go with him.

Earlier this year, P. Massey, King's Scout, was one of nine boys representing British Scouts on a visit to the U.S.A. We think an account of his trip should provide an interesting news item for the magazine. What about it Mr. Massey?

Friends of D. Woodcock will be pleased to hear he has left the sanatorium fully recovered, and also that Eric (Bill) Helmy is now out and about and convalescent and looks like being back on the old treadmill in the near future.

The Annual Dance last December was the usual enjoyable affair and was well attended. The resultant profit was £18, rather less than usual, and in passing it may be remarked that the cost of "The Southwellian" will absorb most, if not all of it. It is likely that the notices of this year's dance will be out before the magazine, but you may like a reminder of the date, which is December 21st, THURSDAY.

Last year's Rugger Match, Old Boys v. The School, was the customary hard-fought game which resulted in a win for the O.B.'s by 16 points to 6. The veterans "did their stuff" manfully and outstanding in this respect were Hepworth and Mr. Fox.

The Annual Meeting held at the School was not well attended. Mr. John Smee was confirmed in office as President with Capt. Stuart Smith as Vice-President. The old committee was re-elected en bloc. We want to see some of the younger members coming forward and taking their part. An occasional new blood transfusion is all to the good and it may interest members to know that some of the present committee left school nearly 50 years ago!!

Following the meeting the Annual Dinner was held at the Saracen's Head Hotel and was well attended. The guest of honour was Mr. J. Edward Mason, Director of Education for Nottinghamshire. The following is a resumé of his speech:—

Mr. Mason pointed out how the Grammar School, Choir School and Minster were all links in a vital chain in which the welfare of one affected the whole. "The Grammar School is therefore important not only to Southwell, but to the country as part of our great English heritage". Mr. Mason said Geographically the County Authorities should, perhaps, either close down the school or make it a mixed one, but instead they say that its independence must be maintained at all costs. There is no other country in the world where the State has said to the Church, "Go on in the work of education in which you were pioneers" and as there is no other school in Britain like yours, the shades from the past would all rise up and fight for tradition if it should be threatened. The £25,000 needed to maintain Aided Status must be raised to enable the school to remain associated with a particular way of life and with the Church. It must not be forgotten that the sum of £25,000 down will secure the payment of something like £1,000 per year perpetually from the State for the general running of it. Although the past of 1,000 years is indeed great, the future must be greater still, for traditions are like vines in that not only is the old bark preserved but there must be new growth every year. Under the shadow of the Minster great good work can be done.

Mr. Mason then proposed the toast of the "Old Southwellian Society." Mr. J. R. Wilkinson, the President, in responding, spoke of his disappointment that the Old Boys' Appeal had only reached £437 so far, and felt that many Old Boys failed to realise what it meant if the money was not raised. If this should happen Aided Status might not be granted and the school might cease to exist. He extended his thanks to Mr. Pulford, Mr. Ross and Mr. Gibson for their untiring services to the Society.

The Old Southwellian Cup was then presented to the best all-round boy in the school. The cup had been won by G. G. Gibson; he is the third member of his family to win it. This is the second time that three brothers have achieved this distinction. On the previous occasion the cup was won by L. W. Norfolk, N. R. Norfolk and J. D. Norfolk. After receiving the cup G. G. Gibson replied suitably.

In proposing the toast of The School and the Governors, Mr. J. U. Smee, President-Elect, felt that the main function of the school was to mould character, to teach the elementary arts and sciences, and to teach how to play well and to lose well and so make decent citizens of all. There was ample evidence that the school had not failed in that task.

In responding, the Head Master, Mr. B. J. Rushby-Smith, welcomed the Director of Education and drew attention to the examinations, in which there had been only one failure out of sixteen candidates. He ended with the belief that the universal aspect of the school in the future may make Southwell not only famous for the Minster but for the School as well.

The Bishop of Southwell, Dr. Barry, responded on behalf of the Governors, who would do their best to guide the future of the school in the right way.

The Visitors was proposed by Mr. E. Broome, an ex-President, and Major W. Foster responded.

The Annual Cricket Match took place on July 15th, when a 15 a-side game was played. The Old Boys' pulled themselves together a little this time, scoring 128 for 14, the School replying with 100 for 13 when rain stopped play, the last School batsman going out in a mackintosh! Jupiter Pluvius seems to play well for both sides without discrimination. Chief scorers for the Old Boys were A. Stafford, 32 not out, and K. Kirby 28. For the School the opening pair, R. Reid and S. Parker, scored 37 and 23 respectively. Bowling honours for the Old Boys went to W. Gibson, 6 for 31, and E. Ward, 4 for 13. R. Reid took 6 for 34 for the School.

The friendly rivalry between the Old Boys and the Old Magnusians has continued. Two cricket matches have been played, one home and one away, the home side being the winners in each instance. A tennis match at Newark and a Social Evening at Southwell were also held, and other events are in prospect for the near future.

MEMS. The Old Boys' Fund now stands at £454.

Old School ties may be obtained at the School or direct from Johnson & Longdon of Newark, price 8/6 and 9/6. It may be as well to draw a veil over the price of Blazers.

Mr. Rushby-Smith has just forwarded an interesting and charming letter from a real "dyed-in-the-wool" Old Boy which I consider merits reproduction in full. It is as follows:—

Brisbane, Queensland.
24th July, '50.

Dear Sir,

I have just received my copy of the "Church Times" for 26th May ult., containing your interesting letter about the Minster Grammar School. I have very happy memories of the Grammar School. I was a pupil there somewhere about 1887-8. I was there $3\frac{1}{2}$ years; when I left I was "DUX". Mr. John Wright was then Head Master and his son, the Rev. J. S. Wright, Second Master. I know the Cathedral well and was confirmed there. There were no Choral Scholarships then at the School, although I had my voice thoroughly trained afterwards. I went up to Oxford and then to Durham, was ordained in London and came out to Queensland. I have been a Priest now for 50 years, 11 years in the tropics of North Queensland and now the Archbishop of Brisbane's Senior Chaplain for Hospitals and Assistant Priest at All Saints', Brisbane. I have a great love for Southwell. I remember seeing some years ago a review of a book on the History of my old school. I have never seen the book—I wonder if I could get a copy? I hope you will forgive this rambling epistle, but seeing your letter I felt I must write to you. Wishing my Alma Mater every success and yourself as Head Master.

I am,

Yours very truly,

J. M. TEALE.

A School Nightmare.

(To make sense of this, insert in each numbered blank the name of a boy at present in the School: the name is different in each case. Hand your solution—if you ever arrive at one—to the Editor for publication in the next issue.)

Yesterday as my . . . ^{COOK} . . . (she is my ^{FOSTER} . . . -sister) was . . . 3 . . . some . . . ^{BACON} . . . 4 . . . for my breakfast, (I was having . . . 5 . . . 6 . . . 7 . . . and cold ^{TONGUE} . . .) the . . . ^{BELL} . . . rang: turning the . . . ^{KEY} . . . I opened the . . . ^{DOOR} . . . and there stood the . . . ^{BAKER} . . . 12 . . . with his basket. He was a . . . 13 . . . young . . . 14 . . . usually but today he looked so sad. "What's wrong?" I said. "My old grandfather's had an accident." "What, the . . . 15 . . . old fellow with the long

... 16 ... 17 ... ? ... 18 ... , tell me how did it happen?" "Well, he WOULD follow the ... 19 ... yesterday. They drew a blank in the Westwood but found in the ... 20 ... the ... 21 ... ran up the steep ... 22 ... , jumped over the high ... 23 ... at the top, turned left-handed across Bagshawe ... 24 ... and then jinked past the ... 25 ... of the lake where the ... 26 ... and then caught the big ... 27 ... and the two ... 28 ... and then on to where the ... 29 ... for the old brickworks is, through the tall ... 30 ... hedge to the cross ... 31 ... My grandfather stopped to ... 32 ... a circus poster advertising a troupe of ... 33 ... and never saw a ... 34 ... driven at great ... 35 ... to the ... 36 ... on the footpath, by a Provost ... 37 ... and a gentleman's ... 38 ... with their bags and their ... 39 ... the back. A ... 40 ... boy was there, selling rabbits. "Take your ... 41 ..." he shouted, "ave a luvly ... 42 ... strite from the blinkin' ... 43 ... where they live. They're very tasty, very ... 44 ... than 'arf a quid I shan't charge yer or ... 45 ... I'll eat my 'at." He had an assistant with him to tie up the parcels, a sort of ... 46 ... I suppose you'd call him, but he really took ... 47 ... on the side for he was a bookmaker's ... 48 ... My old grandfather was listening to them and bending down to tie his bootlace which had lost its ... 49 ... The vehicle hit him from be ... 50 ... went careering on to ... 51 ... through the costermonger's cart and bounced off the iron ... 52 ... like a ... 53 ... The old man's in bed now—very ... 54 ... and aching all over." "It ... 55 ... me very much to hear that," I said, "what a ... 56 ... and a blessing he wasn't killed. I do hope he goes on all ... 57 ..."

N.B.—The missing names are pueronyms—correction—

HOMONYMS—for the required words).

The Paper they wouldn't include.

SOUTHSRING LOCAL EXAMINATIONS SC 999/10
GENERAL NONSENSE

(Time allowed—Three Months)

ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS YOU CAN.

(This does NOT mean that if you don't know any answers you don't hand in your paper).

WRITE GENERAL NONSENSE at the head of each sheet of your answers. (If you can do more than one sheet you must have more sense than the examiners).

Errors in spelling, punctuation and sentence construction will lose you marks (if you had any to start with).

All necessary work MUST be shown. No credit will be given for answers without sufficient work. (If you don't know the meaning of the word "WORK" look it up in a dictionary). NO Mathematical Tables or Dictionaries will be supplied. (Therefore the obvious thing to do is to smuggle a dictionary into the examination room under your shirt). There is really not much point in telling you all this as you are already in the Examination Room.

Well, here we go.

- 1 If it took one man one day to build a chimney (we're not going to tell you how high this chimney was), how long would it take one million men to build n such chimneys where n is less than 10? Your answer is to be given in terms of p days where p is greater than 10.
- 2 If the Great Wall of China is 3000 miles long (it isn't, but that doesn't matter), 30 ft. high and 30 ft. thick, how many Chinamen standing shoulder to shoulder would it take to pass a 10 ton weight from hand to hand along the wall if each one dropped it over the edge and had to pick it up again? (Bear in mind that the average Chinaman is smaller than the average Englishman).
- 3 A certain famous entomologist went to Ruritania. There he caught a large moth. This moth ate oak leaves at the rate of ∞ pounds a week. If, to keep the moth fed for the journey back to England, the entomologist had to carry 17 cwts, of oak leaves, how far is Ruritania from England. (Give your answer in Wongs and Stangs). (If this is too much to ask, give it in Pieces and Patches).
- 4 A, B, C and D are brothers. The names of these brothers are TOM, DICK, HARRY and GEORGE. A is not Tom, B is older than DICK, HARRY is 21. GEORGE is mad, D is not mad, B is not GEORGE. How old is TOM? Why?
- 5 Explain the gibbon's tail of the decline and fall of the roamin' monkey nuts in KONGWA-MBONGWA. (Keep in mind—the LONGWA the STRONGWA).
- 6 How many humps has—
 - a a camel
 - b a dromedary
 - c the next-door neighbour's cat ?

WHY?

7 Which of the following are in strange company, i.e. should not be included in the same group?

- i Wigan Pier
- ii Mount Everest
- iii Joe Stalin
- iv Shangri-la
- v The Duck-billed Platypus
- vi The Loch Ness Monster
- vii The Channel Tunnel
- viii The Chunnel Tannel
- ix The Manly Art of Self-Defence
- x Ferdinand the Bull
- xi The Bull
- xii Reductio ad Absurdum
- xiii Bagpipes
- xiv Eeni-meeni-myni-mo
- xv The National Health Service

DISGRUNTLED S.C. CANDIDATE.

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OR THE AWFUL EFFECTS OF TWO YEARS' HARD
(without the option) ENG. LIT.

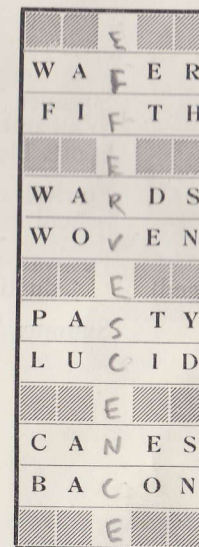
A Polisman ther was that with us roode
And versed wel in al the heigh-wey coode,
Ful ofte he hadde stopped hem that err:
Fered he was and dreded everich wher.
The vulgre peple clepen hym a coppe,
For that the metaille on his elmet toppe
He nas nat smalle in statur, ne nas lene,
A worthier copre nas ther nevere seen.
His smok with silvre buttons was y-blew
Like baarges were his betle crushers two.
A staf he had withal to yeve a blowe
To hem that to the cop shop wold nat go.
His wistle coulde he blow and eek y-wette:
A bettre polismanne I ne'er han mette.

P.J.B.

Word Puzzle.

To complete the puzzle, fill in the incomplete words with ANY consonant.

In the middle of each blank line, fill in the SAME vowel.



M. A. EASTWOOD.

School Kalendar, 1950-51.

AUTUMN TERM.

September 7th
November 6th to 9th
November 21st

December 9th to 13th
December 21st
December 22nd

Autumn Term starts.
Half-Term break.
Prize Giving. Prizes to be presented by the Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University.
School Play, "Strife," by John Galsworthy.
Carol Service.
Autumn Term ends.
Old Boys' Dance.

SPRING TERM.

January 11th	Spring Term starts.
February 3rd	Old Boys' Match and Dinner.
April 6th	Spring Term ends.

SUMMER TERM.

May 1st	Summer Term starts.
June 21st	Whitsuntide break.
June 17th to 30th	Sports Day.
July 16th to 21st (dates to be arranged)	Festival of Britain celebrations School exhibition.
July 26th	Festival of Britain School pro- duction.
	Summer Term ends.

"RICHARD OF BORDEAUX"



ACT. II. SCENE XII.

Soldier	Henry Bolingbroke	York	Canterbury
(I. J. Lynds)	(J. W. Sherwin)	(M. J. Wilson)	(J. M. Spolton)
			Richard II.
			(P. J. Barker)
			Maudelyn
			(A. G. Sergeant)

ACT I.
Anne of Bohemia
(P. Brett)SCENE V.
Richard II.
(P. J. Barker)

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ACT I. SCENE II.

Canterbury (J. M. Spolton)	Richard II. (P. J. Barker)	Arundel (R. T. F. Bell)	York (M. J. Wilson)
De La Pole (B. H. Doar)	Lancaster (D. M. Bowes)	de Vere (K. Waters)	
Burley (W. E. Webb)			



ACT I. SCENE IV.

Gloucester (J. H. M. Foster)	Lancaster (D. M. Bowes)	Mowbray (M. D. Ellis)	Montague (R. L. Reid)
York (M. J. Wilson)		Arundel (R. T. F. Bell)	Aumerle (R. M. Hind)
Richard II. (P. J. Barker)			