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Foreword

"Wearing one's heart on one's sleeve" is not popular in this country, but there seems to be less objection to the badge in the button hole especially if it is discreet. If your badge is that of the Company of Service there are several good reasons for wearing it, not the least of which is the constant reminder of what it stands for.

Since it was first formed some six years ago the Company has established itself as a valuable institution in the school. Experience has shown the need for minor alterations in its constitution and a more practical restatement of its principles and aims. Membership has now really to be earned; the aims are similar but there is more emphasis on effort, and the members have a job to do in bringing forward any matter that concerns the boys of the school.

In this coronation year and remembering both the example and the charge given by Her Majesty the Queen, it is not perhaps unfitting to publish the aims and principles of an institution which puts emphasis on service to the community.

The new card of the Company of Service given to each member, contains the statements that follow and the most important event in the year is the service of dedication referred to in the last clause. Fortunate too is the fact that the Provost has been able to take this service and so each year give to the members a true understanding of the meaning of real service to our fellow men.

—B. J. RUSHBY SMITH.

THE COMPANY OF SERVICE

Membership

A member of the Company of Service is expected to do all he can to promote the welfare of the school.

He can do this best

- by maintaining his interest in the school activity for which he was awarded the badge of the Company;
- by trying to find other ways in which his services can be of benefit both to the school and his fellows;

- by generally being useful, taking the initiative and being ready to accept responsibility;
- by ensuring fair play for others, being concerned about good manners and making a constant effort to maintain a high standard of honour in work and games;
- by trying to be loyal to the school leaders, and by endeavouring to create a sound and healthy public opinion in the school.

A member is expected to wear the badge at school and on all occasions.

Award of Membership

Any boy in the main school is eligible for membership after his first term.

The award will be made by the Headmaster on the recommendation either of the staff or of the prefects (by a majority vote and subject to veto by the staff).

The reason for the award will be stated.

Deprivation of Membership

Any boy may be deprived of his membership by the Headmaster after reasonable warning and after consultation with the staff and prefects.

He will be given a full account of the reasons for his deprivation and be allowed to speak in his own defence.

Such deprivation will make the boy ineligible for membership for at least one term.

Meetings of The Company

The Company will meet at least twice a term.

At the meetings any member may bring forward for discussion any matter which directly concerns the boys of the school.

The officers will be:-

The Headmaster (President)	The Vice-Master (Vice-President)
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The Head Prefect
(Chairman)

The Prefects and Sub-Prefects (Senior Members)

The Company will hold a Service of Dedication once a year in the Minster.

Review

Hill House, well known to many as the home of Archdeacon Hales, became the property of the Governors in April of this year. Briefly this means that the Boarding Establishment will become a part of the Voluntary Aided School; that by September, 1954, seventy five boarders will be housed in Sacrista and Hill House and that the school itself will cease to accommodate a large majority of the boys thus freeing many rooms for changing rooms, music rooms, extra sixth form rooms and so forth. It is perhaps significant that since the school took possession the garden has yielded the finest crop of potatoes ever seen.

We here record our gratitude to those Governors who have spent many arduous hours carrying on vital negotiations with the Local Education Authority, the Ministry of Education and the Diocesan Board. Their labours are still not over, for detailed plans of alterations as well as blue prints for reorganisation have still to be considered. Unlike the Clerk and the Headmaster the Governors are not acting in a professional capacity and all the time they spend on the school is not only voluntary and unpaid but often unrecognised by the boys, by the parents and by others.

Of the staff in the course of the year Mr. Jefferson Winn left to take up a post as Housemaster at Oswestry. Besides organising the school's chemistry and biology department Mr. Winn arranged those smooth running sports days, was responsible for the stage managing and lighting of the school plays, and was well known in the town as Secretary to the Parish Council. Mr. Adshead was here long enough to endear himself to many boys especially as Scout Master and Cricket Coach and left with the intention of taking a permanent post in the Colonial Service. The appointment of Miss Cox to the music staff of the county has been of great assistance to the school. Miss Cox comes to us from Retford on two and a half days a week and since she came in January she has changed entirely the outlook for the strings, even the double bass player has yielded to her charming methods of correction and the orchestra now has far more confidence than formerly. Mr. Latham too, the teacher of the cello, has already caused a vast improvement to take place in the bass section. M. Dronneau, the French assistant, really enjoyed his stay here, he took a refreshing interest in school activities and his precise sense of humour kept many of us vastly amused.

One term is a short time for a member of the staff to leave an enduring impression, but Mr. Ashton who took on Mr. Winn's work for the summer term only will certainly be remembered. Perhaps not every one realised the difficulty of taking over in the middle of the course, and Mr. Ashton's industrial experience had not given him quite the formula for dealing with a certain Irish combination in form Two.

We welcome to the staff both Mr. Holling and Mr. Young. Mr. Holling after experience in Hansworth Grammar School in Birmingham and with a record of athletic and boxing achievements at Sheffield University comes to take charge of what was Mr. Winn's department. We offer our best wishes to his wife and daughter Judith, and hope that they will soon solve their housing problem. Mr. Young has replaced Mr. Adshead as Geography Master and resident Housemaster. Via Harrow, Exeter University and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, Mr. Young has a cricketing background and those of us who stand on the Recreation Ground on Saturday afternoon know that he is not without an interest in Rugger.

On reading again past magazines it seems to me that this review has gone over the same ground as the longer articles which follow it. Economy will not allow such repetition, and interest is not really increased thereby. Looking back however certain things stand out, the remarkably fine concert given in Bishop's Manor Hall the best we have performed; the production of "Tobias and the Angel" which made an excellent impression on even the County Drama Adviser who sees innumerable school productions weekly; the fine record of the Cricket Team whose achievement might well be said to match the Rugger record.

I know that a school magazine rarely refers to school work except to record successes in the General Certificate of Education and to note the appropriate statements that have been made on Prize Day. It might however add to the attraction of the magazine if the Maths department noted that so and so had achieved his colours for geometry and that what's his name held the record for mental arithmetic. Certainly the epic struggle that goes on each year among members of the staff to sort out the sixth form timetable is worthy of more publicity, but after it is over the staff have always remained on very good terms with one another.

One event has certainly to be regretted that is the closing of the school kitchen. This has deprived the

school of the great advantage of meals prepared on the premises. While it would be true to say that dinners themselves have not been affected, the change has increased the difficulties of entertaining visiting teams.

In conclusion we note that in the new school year the number of boys in the school has reached 200. This is presumably a record and emphasises the need for more space and a new building on the designated site near the Minster.—B.J.R.S.

The Service of Commemoration

On the morning of Prize Day the Commemoration Service was held in the Choir of the Minster, the perfect setting for this great service. The congregation each year becomes larger and more and more people are coming to realise that the commemoration is infinitely more important than the Prize Giving. The school choir under the direction of Mr. J. V. Peters helped by the beauty of their singing to make this service memorable. The school was honoured by having the Right Reverend Bishop J. Weller, M.A., as preacher. His rich wisdom founded on the experience of the great diocese of South America enabled him to bring home to every boy present the meaning of Christianity.

The Prize Giving, November 17th, 1952

The Ceremony as in previous years was held in Bishop's Manor Hall. Skilful packing forced in a record number of parents, boys and others; the crowd at the head of the stairs were nearly as great as inside. The Lord Bishop of Southwell, the Chairman of the Governors was delayed a few minutes and the Provost, the Vice Chairman, opened the proceedings. The Lord Bishop's arrival, however, cut short this initial address and with "no one will ever know what I am going to say now" the Provost made way for the Bishop. This delightful opening set the tone for the whole proceedings and everybody really enjoyed the occasion. Mr. S. A. S. Malkin, C.B.E., Chief Surgeon at Harlow Wood Hospital presented the prizes.

The Lord Bishop continuing where "he supposed the Provost had left off" referred to the school's new status.

It was a matter for immense satisfaction for them all, he said, but it meant that all the friends of the school who had worked to provide the necessary finance must now redouble their efforts to secure and extend the opportunity that was now before them.

"In this Diocese we have every ground to feel pleased with ourselves about the position of our Church Schools. We can see our way now to retaining 70 schools in this county area—which is a great deal higher proportion than in most other dioceses.

"We have established our claim to be a responsible and trusted partner in the national educational system in our own county," said the Bishop.

"It is a matter of great importance that the church should retain a proper proportion of its schools. If it does not it forfeits its claim to be taken into consultation in any future Education Act."

In his annual report Mr. B. J. Rushby Smith welcomed most heartily Mr. Malkin who had done so much for many people at Harlow Wood and the Portland Training College, and he congratulated him on his recently conferred honour of C.B.E. The Headmaster went on to say "If we retain this new status, we must honour the guarantee given through the Diocese to the Ministry that we can keep this up."

We look to the parents of new boys to replace as subscribers those parents whose boys have left, to more people in Southwell for help—as the present number of subscribers is not as large as it could be—and to those who become Old Boys to keep up their subscriptions in a new capacity.

Just £100 a year from each group is all that is asked for.

Do not any of you let the school down now that we have done what we set out to do.

"I would like to propose," went on the Head, "that all subscribers to the Appeal Fund should be entitled to become patrons of the school, and that there should be a social event in the summer at which probably a concert or play could be given by the school, and at which a full report could be given of the progress of the fund and suggestions discussed for its more efficient organisation.

We certainly need a small representative committee to help in the work, and such a committee may well be elected by the patrons.

If this idea received support I will try to do something at a time next summer that does not too closely coincide with the Coronation."

In the General Certificate of Education the school had 83 percent successful, reported Mr. Rushby Smith.

"When we remember that the pass standard at ordinary level in the G.C.E. has been raised to that of the school certificate credit standard the number of successes in relation to failures is very good indeed" he said.

New Examinations

"New examinations for old" has been the cry of the Secondary Schools Examination Council and many educationalists, but fewer practising teachers have, like so many naive Aladdins, surrendered their shabby and slightly dis-credited valuable old lamps of the School and Higher Certificate for the bright new lamps of the General Certificate of Education. Also in spite of vigorous rubbing the result is no magical transformation, but problems innumerable.

External assessment of academic standards there must be, and no school internal certificate will effectively replace it this side of Utopia. Why, therefore, must no recognition be given to merit not only at advanced level but also at an ordinary level, at a time when the majority of Grammar School pupils leave; why, too, should not a standard lower than the old school certificate credit be shown to enable the hardworking but not very able pupil to have something to show for his effort?

It is not easy to persuade a pupil that a subject which he did not take in the G.C.E. is of the same importance; neither is it proving a good thing for a pupil to have to make up his mind after three years in the school as to what subjects he should start to specialise in, even with the staff assistance, when he has not a clue to the career he wants to enter. Add to these difficulties time table problems, limitation of staff and space and it becomes clear that in this matter it is advisable to make haste slowly.

In his address Mr. Malkin advised the boys to take an interest in "the more serious newspapers" to find their relation to the rest of the world.

They should strive to become clear writers and clear thinking would follow almost automatically.

He invited the Sixth Form boys to visit the Portland Training College to see the work being done there. "You will see men overcoming severe handicaps to achieve the most remarkable things." He said that he would offer

two prizes for the best essays to be produced by the Sixth Formers after their visit to the college.

M. J. G. van der Burg, the Head of the School, proposed the vote of thanks and gratefully accepted Mr. Malkin's invitation and generous offer.

THE OLD SOUTHWELLIAN SOCIETY

Old Boys Cricket Match 1953

For the first time in many years the Old Boys were able to place two XI's in the field for the Annual Cricket Match, the School being only too pleased to find the necessary opposition for our 2nd XI.

The 1st XI had a much stronger look on paper than in recent seasons and were able eventually to force a very creditable draw. The School batted first and amassed a total of 177 for 8 wks. before declaring the innings closed. Once again Mobley proved a thorn in our side and after a very uncertain start he settled down to a useful defensive innings which reached 87. He was ably supported by Mr. Fox with 26, a stubborn innings of 17 by Mr. Yates and at the end of the innings Walker came along with 21 not out.

For the Old Boys Bell bowled very well to take 5—27 in 14 overs. The bowling figures of Hare, Reid and Paling would have been better had all the chances been taken.

When the Old Boys had lost 5 wks. for 77 the position did not appear too rosy but by 7 o'clock the score had reached the respectable total of 151 for 8 wks. Top scorers were Bridges 25, Bell 20, Paling 22, Leek 23 not out and Ball 20 not out. Archer was the most successful bowler for the school, taking 6—58 with his cunning slows, whilst Walker bowled accurately for 18 overs without being rewarded with a wicket.

In the 2nd XI Match the Old Boys ran out winners 119—102. Although the score book presents problems it would appear that Spouge made 27, Stuart Smith 19, a Mr. Taylor 17 and Mr. Extra 19 whilst our most successful bowlers were Spouge 6—30 and Hurst 3—22.

This match was characterised by the amount of noise and hilarity coming from that particular part of the ground and one can only assume that our skipper, Stuart Smith, was giving his men the necessary vocal encouragement.

We were extremely fortunate in having a fine day for the matches and when later in the evening the landlord of the local hostelry called "Time" it was generally agreed that a good time had been had by all.

The Annual Dance was held at the Saracen's Head Hotel in January and thanks to the efforts of the local sub-committee was very well attended. It had previously been arranged that the event primarily should be a success socially, and having attained its object in this direction the financial side also showed a small profit.

The Annual Dinner took place in February and once again there was an excellent attendance. It was generally agreed that the function was the most successful for a number of years.

The following weddings have taken place since our last number:

Mr. K. Jones to Miss Dahpne Dodsworth.

Mr. E. Bust to Miss Ellena Glazebrook.

Mr. N. Peacock and Mr. M. Hayes also got married.

We offer our sincere congratulations to the following:—

Mr. G. G. Gibson, B.Sc. Nottingham (Geography).

Mr. V. Coldham, B.Sc. Nottingham (Maths.).

Mr. A. I. Davies was successful in the entrance examination to Dartmouth.

THE PRIZE LIST

SCHOOL PRIZES

The Starkey Scholarship
The Starkey Prize

The Canon Glaister Prize for History
for Religious Knowledge
for Geography
for Art
for Mathematics

The Lady Robinson Prize for

Chemistry
for Biology
for Physics

J. M. Spolton
M. G. J. van der Burg
D. G. Walker
B. M. Key
C. Clifford
R. L. Reid
M. G. J. van der Burg

R. M. Hind
R. M. Hind
M. G. J. van der Burg

SPECIAL PRIZES for high standard in the General Certificate of Education for those who have not gained a School Prize in the subject.

ORDINARY LEVEL

English Language
Mathematics
French

History

Geography

Physics

B. Hoare
G. Kemp
G. G. Fox
C. M. Bromley
P. B. Pailing
B. M. Key
C. M. Bromley
G. G. Fox
G. Kemp

AWARD OF GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION.

ADVANCED LEVEL

C. D. Ball (1), C. Clifford (1) R. M. Hind (3), J. M. Spolton (3),
M. G. J. van der Burg (3), D. G. Walker (3).

DISTINCTION PRIZES

J. L. Hutchinson, S. Leeson, C. C. Gay, R. L. Reid, P. Brett.

FORM PRIZES

Remove
Fourth
Third
Second
First

P. Brett
J. L. Hutchinson
J. M. Davis
C. C. Gay
D. W. Topliss

(Figures indicate number of subjects passed)

Lady Hicking Merit Cup, Winning House—Booth House

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION—JULY, 1953.

We congratulate the following on gaining passes at Advanced Level: E. J. Davies (1), B. H. Doar (2), A. C. Johnson (3), J. K. Marriott (1), J. P. Martlew (2), F. G. Mobley (2), B. M. Sutton (2), M. G. J. van der Burg (1) Scholarship (2); and those gaining passes at Ordinary Level: C. Allan (4), G. Ashley (2), D. W. Bailey (5), C. W. M. Bell (4), D. J. Betts (4), P. Brett (6), B. Burrows (3), D. Carr (1), M. D. Clarke (4), J. F. Clay (5), G. Flint (3), C. Greaves (6), B. Hoare (1), E. Loughton (3), J. B. Pick (4), H. J. Rushby Smith (6), K. Stringfellow (6), G. Twidale (3), R. A. Walker (5), D. C. Wright (2). (Figures are the number of subjects passed).

LEAVERS.

I: M. Archer, G. B. D. Haddon.

III: T. Ainsworth, A. Trueman, N. Lakin.

IV: P. Gould.

V: D. C. Wright, G. Flint, C. R. Beard (Queen's Scout), D. A. Carr, G. H. Twidale, C. W. M. Bell, J. D. B. Heighton.

VI: P. F. Kitson, D. C. Barrow, G. D. Gent, R. A. Smith, M. G. J. van der Burg (Head of School and Boarding House), B. M. Sutton (1st XV Colours, County Rugger Trials), B. H. Doar (1st XV Colours), J. K. Marriott, A. C. Johnson, J. W. Walker (1st XV Colours, County Rugger Trials), E. J. Davies (Captain of 1st XV and Vice-Captain 1st XI, Queen's Scout, Public Schools XV), F. H. Mobley (1st XI Captain, Prefect, County Grammar Schools Cricket '52 and '53, Public Schools XI '52, Final Grammar Schools Trial '53).

The Company of Friends of The School

On Sports Day, July 9th, an important meeting was held in the School Hall. To this meeting were invited all the contributors to the Aided Appeal Fund. The attendance was not large but it was certainly representative and keenly interested.

The meeting was called to find out if there was a more effective way of helping the school's real friends to feel that their efforts were worthwhile. As a result it ended by agreeing that a Company of Friends of the School should be formed. It was agreed too that the Headmaster should get together a few volunteer helpers to form a working committee. The task of the committee was to be twofold, one to work out the details of membership and advise about meetings, two, to concern itself with recruitment.

The committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis of Mansfield, Mrs. Burgan of Burton Joyce, Mr. Pogmore of Mansfield, and Mr. Parker of Southwell, and the Headmaster, has already had its first meeting. In the immediate future we can expect action which this committee hopes will awaken interest and extend recruitment.

In the meantime anyone who reads this article and wishes to join the Company should write to the Headmaster who will send by return all the information he can.

The Rev. H. M. Jenkins, Diocesan Director of Education, talked to the meeting about the Barchester Scheme and the great idea which the Diocese had of having a new Voluntary Aided Grammar School for Nottingham while the ancient Grammar School of Southwell would remain the Voluntary Aided Grammar School for the county.

The Appeal Fund Accounts are published here in full as they were presented to the meeting in July. It is intended that they should be published each year then everyone will know exactly how we stand in relation to the fund.

All regular subscribers to the Appeal Fund will be issued with a card of membership of the Company of School Friends, they will, receive notices of all school functions and be requested to attend an annual meeting in Southwell when the accounts will be presented and a report given on the progress of the fund and so on during the year. It is hoped too that this meeting will be a social occasion, one at which entertainment will be provided by the boys of the school, by way of concert, play and the like. The date suggested for the coming year annual general meeting is June 12th, 1954.

I hope all our members and intending members will make a note of this date.
—B.J.R.S.

Rugby Football

An interesting season, and if not quite so successful as last year as far as results go, very promising for future seasons, with the development in the play of some of the younger members of the first fifteen and the under fourteen team.

Seven games out of a possible fourteen were won by the 1st XV, and three of the lost games came in that disastrous period at the end of the season when over half the team were injured. In fact, it looked as though we would be unable to field seven fit men at Easter.

Before Christmas, the first team was chosen from only sixteen boys, so easy was the task of the selection committee; after the holiday, this very rapidly became twenty two or three; however, more players received valuable match practice.

The fifteen has been ably led by Davies, who showed great skill and determination throughout; the pack was inspired, quite literally, by the play of its rather small leader, but his effort in the gale against Newark was his best success; having played wing forward, and led the pack in every game except the last, he showed his versatility by becoming hooker for the "seven."

Towards the end of the season, we had a great improvement by Bailey on the wing, who should be a great asset next season, possibly in the centre. Mobley and Roach have played steadily in this position and the other wing position has been adequately filled by Walker R. or Eastwood, whichever has not been at full back.

In mid season, we also had a welcome "fitting together" of the pack, and Eastwood M. and Smith came more into their true form; they were ably supported by that solid second row pair Sutton and Doar, whose play, sometimes brilliant, was never other than sound. Support by the rest of the pack came from Twidale, Fox and Hill, to say nothing of Paling whose lineout play and hooking were invaluable.

Last, but very far from least, the scrum half position was occupied by Ashley, who although in the smaller category of such players, always had the heart of a lion, and a very surprising turn of speed; his delivery from the base of the scrum justified its inclusion in the press and he was selected for County games at Christmas.

The under fifteen team had only five games and their play could well be associated with the "Curate's egg"; however, some of them could easily find places in the first fifteen at the beginning of next season.

The under fourteen had a most successful season, winning seven of their eleven games; as always, the net was thrown wide, and no less than 26 boys played for this team! if they can remain as a team next year, they could in two years form a quite formidable combination.

Although the very junior team failed to record a win, they did not lack enthusiasm, and even frost and snow could not prevent them from playing.

This year, we made our visit to London of two days duration, and thanks to the generous hospitality of Roxeth Manor, spent a delightful week-end with them. We look forward to having them with us next season if at all possible.

At Skegness, with possibly the luck of the draw, we became runners up, but let not that detract from the standard of the play, for on Easter Monday, in the usual East Coast weather, the team played as well as at any time during the season to be beaten 5—0 in the final. At Beeston, we were well and truly beaten by Spalding, and so ended a season that had seen the House matches take no less than four games to decide; an English XV at the top of

SOUTHWELL MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL AIDED APPEAL FUND
Statement of Accounts for the year ending
March 31st 1979

Income		Expenditure	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at Nat. Pro. Bank	387 18 9	390 1 9	Stamps, stationery
April, 1952	2 3 0		Diocesan Education Committee
Cash in hand			Transfer to York County Savings Bank
Subscriptions	96 15 0		Balance at Nat. Pro. Bank April 1st
Parents	59 16 6		Balance in hand
Local Area	100 0 0	256 11 6	
Old Boys		38 1 11	
Transfer from School Account			
Income Tax reclaimed on			
Covenanted subscriptions			
1951/52	30 18 10		
	£715 14 0		£715 14 0
Reserve Account			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Balance in Bank April, 1952	1370 19 0	Balance in York County Saving Bank	
Interest Nov. 1952	31 2 6	April 1st, 1953	
Deposit from Current Account	200 0 0		
	£1602 1 6	1602 1 6	
		1602 1 6	

I have examined all documents submitted to me and to the best of my belief the above accounts are a true and correct statement of affairs of this fund.

—D. HOWARD

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B. J. RUSHBY SMITH, Headmaster

the table, after far too long an interval; the introduction of a combined seven a side competition with the club, and a much closer relationship between club and school as a result; and very nearly half the school playing in one or other of the teams.

House Match results:—

Booth 3	Gray 3.
Booth 11	Gray 9.
Booth 0	Thomas 0.
Booth 6	Thomas 8.

RESULTS.

1st XV.

King's School, Grantham, 2nd XV	..	Won	37	0
De Aston, Market Rasen, 1st XV	..	Won	17	6
Trent College "A" XV	..	Lost	3	23
Newark Magnus 1st XV	..	Lost	8	18
Spalding 1st XV	..	Lost	3	19
West Bridgford 1st XV	..	Lost	9	10
Old Southwellians	..	Won	21	3
High Pavement "A" XV	..	Lost	0	25
Lincoln Schools 1st XV	..	Won	58	0
Nottingham High School Colts	..	Won	10	0
Nottingham University 4th XV	..	Won	23	6
Newark Magnus 1st XV	..	Won	9	0
Henry Mellish "A" XV	..	Lost	0	16
West Bridgford 1st XV	..	Lost	3	36
Roxeth Manor Old Boys	..	Lost	0	14

Under 15.

Trent College	..	Won	20	5
Newark Magnus	..	Lost	0	18
Spalding	..	Won	19	0
Magnus	..	Lost	3	15
Magnus	..	Lost	0	3
Roxeth Manor	..	Lost	0	11

Under 14.

Magnus	..	Lost	3	9
Grantham	..	Won	6	5
De Aston	..	Won	15	3
West Bridgford	..	Won	12	8
Grantham	..	Won	11	3
High Pavement	..	Won	9	0
Newark Magnus	..	Lost	8	9
Nottingham High School	..	Lost	5	13
Henry Mellish	..	Lost	6	8
West Bridgford	..	Won	14	13
High Pavement	..	Won	40	3

Under 13

Dolphin	..	Lost	0	26
Dolphin	..	Lost	3	25
Magnus	..	Lost	6	15

Extra XV's

Player's Under 14	..	Won	53	0
Player's Under 15	..	Won	23	0
Lincoln Schools 1st XV	..	Won	33	3
High Pavement Under 15	..	Won	24	3

1st XV Colours awarded to:

G. Ashley, M. A. Smith, B. Doar, M. A. Eastwood, D. Bailey, C. N. Roach.

County Grammar Schools XV: Ashley.

Notts. Public Schools v. Lincolnshire: Ashley.

The Under 14 team which did so well:

Gilbert; Stringfellow, Luke, Peabody, Whitaker; Tagg, Reavill; Atkin, Rowbottom, Hoare; Heath, Davies P., Smith K., Dobb, Musson. Res., Davis J.

Cricket 1953

A team which has played 13 matches and only been convincingly beaten twice may with all justice be said to have had a successful season. This is certainly true of the 1st XI. With but three old Colours remaining to leaven the side and a number of "unknown quantities" recruited to it, by the end of the season there is no doubt that it had welded itself into a formidable XI—as was proved by a resounding victory over Brunts' 1st XI in the last match of the season. That this transformation was possible must in large measure be attributed to the experienced leadership and outstanding example of Mobley, whose performance with the bat easily eclipsed all others and whose vigilance behind the wickets ensured a like degree of alertness on the part of his fielders. He was ably supported by Davies E. and Archer who between them took the majority of the wickets. But let it not thus be assumed that three men make an XI. Much credit must also go to the younger players for their enthusiasm and will to give of the best. There is much of promise among them: the names, Eastwood, Smith M. A., Fishburne and Walker come to mind as having gained success, though not always consistently, with bat and ball. It is upon these and their like that the team will rely next season. Now that there is a foolproof, weatherproof, and safe practice wicket there is much opportunity not only for routine practice but for intelligent practice with a view to self-improvement. It is hoped to see this wicket being put to prolonged and concentrated use at the end of the Spring Term and at the beginning of the Summer one.

The team will miss van der Burg who has kept an exemplary scorebook for the past three seasons. Gratitude must also be noted to the band of volunteers who have so cheerfully serviced the top-ground matches with teas.

The Junior XI played devil-may-care cricket but with not quite as successful a record as the 1st XI. They played 7, won 2, drew 1, and lost 4 matches. It may be pertinent to point out to Junior cricketers that half last season's 1st XI were Juniors of the previous season. There is thus considerable point in making every effort to improve one's play at this early stage.

The following is a summary of the more notable performances of the season by 1st XI players.

Mobley: 87 v. Old Boys; 85 not out v. Nottingham High School; 55 not out v. Queen Elizabeth G.S.; 48 v. High Pavement.

Davies E.: 41 not out v. West Bridgford G.S.; 45 v. Nottingham High School.

Archer: 8 for 44 v. Becket School including a hat trick; 6 for 16 v.

High Pavement; 6 for 58 v. Old Boys.

Dobb: 4 for 0 v. Henry Mellish 'A.'

Smith M. A.: 5 for 7 v. D. H. Doy's XI.

Davies E.: 5 for 8 v. Brunts.

Archer and Mobley were selected for the County Grammar Schools' Trial and Mobley subsequently played in two representative matches for the County Grammar Schools' XI.

Athletics

This year's athletics were interesting from several points of view. One of them was certainly not the number of records achieved; poor conditions on Sports Day prevented this.

However, this season has seen a greater interest taken, both in training and in performances by a certain section of the school. We

were lucky on two occasions, to have the services of Mr. Pitchfork and Mr. Woolcott, two of the County coaches, and their help proved invaluable as the term progressed.

Four of the members of the school now belong to Athletic Clubs, Bailey to Notts., Smith and Walton to Sutton, and Eastwood M. to Meden Valley. I am sure that one or two more would benefit from the training which these clubs can provide.

In school athletics, Eastwood M. was the winner of the Senior Victor Ludorum, having firsts in the Walking Race, Cross Country, Mile, Half Mile, Quarter Mile and the Hurdles. Bailey was runner-up with firsts in the 100, 220 and the Discus. Smith won the Shot, and had seconds in the Javelin, Discus and Cricket Ball.

In the Middle Section, we had a very close contest with Luke eventually winning the Victor Ludorum with 17½ points. Palmer had 17 points and Soar 16½.

Records were broken or equalled in the Middle School Cross Country, the Senior Half Mile, the Senior Mile, the Junior High Jump, and the Senior Relay.

In Championship meetings, H. Luke was second in the Boys' Hurdles, Smith was the winner of the Junior Discus and was third in the Junior Shot. Both Smith and Bailey went to the Midlands meeting.

Scout runners helped the County Scouts to win both the Senior and Junior events at the County Youth meeting in July, and the School Group were the winners in the Central Notts. Association Scout Sports held at Arnold in May, in both the Senior and Junior sections.

The trophies on Sports Day were presented by Mrs. Lilian Jenkins at the end of an afternoon which was far from ideal for the runners, and not at all pleasant for the spectators.

As all our champion runners are available next year, we hope for a very good season.

RESULTS

WALKING RACE:

1, M. Eastwood; 2, G. Twidale; 3, S. Leeson. 1hr. 20m. 5-6s.

CROSS COUNTRY:

Senior: 1, M. Eastwood; 2, J. Walker; 3, G. Fox. 23m. 43-8s.

Middle: 1, C. Simpson; 2, A. Whitaker; 3, P. Peabody. 21m. 58-9s.

Junior: 1, N. Lakin; 2, A. Warner; 3, P. Shore. 12m. 57-6s.

ONE MILE:

Senior: 1, M. Eastwood; 2, G. Fox; 3, M. Smith. 4m. 57-5s.

Middle: 1, M. Wharmby; 2, A. Whitaker; 3, C. Simpson. 5m. 45s.

HALF MILE:

Senior: 1, M. Eastwood; 2, J. Walker; 3, B. Walton. 2m. 19-2s.

Middle: 1, A. Whitaker; 2, M. Wharmby; 3, H. Palmer. 2m. 35s.

CRICKET BALL:

Senior: 1, F. Mobley; 2, M. Smith; 3, D. Bailey. 77yds. 2ft.

Middle: 1, M. Soar; 2, T. White; 3, A. Whitaker. 65 yds.

Junior: 1, C. White; 2, D. Crisp; 3, A. Trueman. 65 yds. 2ft. 8½in.

JAVELIN:

Senior: 1, F. Mobley; 2, M. Smith; 3, B. Burrows. 111ft. 2in.

Middle: 1, M. Soar; 2, H. Palmer; 3, C. Reavill. 105ft. 6in.

SHOT:

Senior: 1, M. Smith; 2, D. Bailey; 3, B. Burrows. 35ft. 2½in.

Middle: 1, H. Palmer; 2, M. Soar; 3, H. Luke. 32ft. 9in.

DISCUS:

Senior: 1, D. Bailey; 2, M. Smith; 3, B. Burrows. 114ft. 8in.

Middle: 1, M. Soar; 2, T. Atkin; 3, H. Luke. 99ft. 3in.

HIGH JUMP:

Senior: 1, E. Davies; 2, J. Archer; 3, M. Smith. 4ft. 8½in.

Middle: 1, H. Luke and M. Soar; 3, T. Atkin. 4ft. 7½in.

Junior: 1, C. White; 2, P. Padmore and D. Owen. 4ft. 1in.

LONG JUMP:

Senior: 1, R. Walker; 2, B. Walton; 3, M. Smith. 16ft.

Middle: 1, H. Palmer; 2, H. Luke; 3, M. Soar. 15ft. 9in.

Junior: 1, T. Sokell and I. Lennard; 3, C. White. 12ft. 8in.

FOOTBALL RACE:

Senior: 1, M. Clarke; 2, S. Leeson; 3, P. Walls. 40-4 secs.

Middle: 1, P. Peabody; 2, R. Hoare; 3, C. Reavill. 47-8secs.

Junior: 2, Sokell; 2, N. Lakin; 3, F. Bird. 45-0secs.

POTATO RACE:

Senior: 1, C. Roach; 2, P. Davies; 3, J. Archer. 49-1secs.

Middle: 1, H. Luke; 2, M. Soar; 3, R. Merryweather. 51-5secs.

Junior: 1, J. Colhoun; 2, N. Lakin; 3, I. Lennard. 54secs.

OLD BOYS' RACE:

1, C. Shaw; 2, S. Stafford.

100 YARDS:

Senior: 1, D. Bailey; 2, B. Walton; 3, D. Fishburne. 11-5secs.

Middle: 1, H. Palmer; 2, H. Luke; 3, C. Tagg. 12-8secs.

Junior: 1, D. Crisp; 2, P. Rule; 3, C. White. 14secs.

220 YARDS:

Senior: 1, D. Bailey; 2, B. Walton; 3, R. Walker. 25-8secs.

Middle: 1, H. Palmer; 2, H. Luke; 3, M. Wharmby. 26-9secs.

Junior: 1, D. Crisp; 2, C. White; 3, P. Shore. 32secs.

440 YARDS:

Senior: 1, M. Eastwood; 2, D. Bailey; 3, B. Walton. 58-9secs.

Middle: 1, M. Wharmby; 2, H. Palmer; 3, H. Luke. 65-9secs.

Junior: 1, P. Shore; 2, D. Crisp; 3, N. Lakin. 72-5secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES:

Senior: 1, M. Eastwood; 2, R. Eastwood; 3, E. Davies. 18-7secs.

Middle: 1, H. Luke; 2, M. Wharmby; 3, J. Buxton. 19-2secs.

RELAY:

Senior: 1, Booth; 2, Thomas; 3, Gray. 2m. 14-3s.

Middle: 1, Thomas; 2, Booth; 3, Gray. 47-3secs.

Junior: 1, Thomas; 2, Gray; 3, Booth. 52-8secs.

CUP WINNERS

Walking Race: M. Eastwood.

Cross Country: M. Eastwood.

Mile: M. Eastwood.

Best All-Rounder: F. G. Mobley.

Junior Victor Ludorum: H. Luke.

Senior Victor Ludorum: M. Eastwood.

House Sports: Thomas.

House Rugger: Thomas.

House Cricket: Gray.

House Swimming: Gray.

House Merit: Booth.

Swimming

The swimming season this year has been rather shorter than usual and the weather not too kind. Nevertheless just under half the School has attended for instruction and on July 15th the annual Swimming Sports were successfully held at Newark, where Mrs. Archer, of Nottingham, kindly presented the cups. Five new records were an encouraging indication of the progress made, and M. Wharmby in particular has every reason to feel satisfied with his performance—although still a Junior, he entered for the 100 metres free-style (which is an open event) and won it in record time. Wharmby has a natural and easy style, which does not go to pieces in the excitement of a race. When he enters the Senior section next year, he may well do much towards lessening the grip which Gray's House has long maintained on the Senior events. P. Paling who is to be congratulated on a new record for the 50 metres back, surprised us a little by plunging only 40ft. 6ins. Although this won the event,

it is 2ft. 5ins. short of the record which he established last year. Other records were made by Willies (Beginners), Wharmby (Junior back) and by Gray's House team (House Relay). Cups were awarded to Hill R. (Best Senior), to Wharmby (Best Junior), to Pogmore (Form I Cup) and to Grays (Champion House).

Whilst congratulations are certainly due to the new record holders and to all who did their best in heats and finals, the most important groups of all is that of about 14 boys who learned to swim during the season. A large entry for the beginners' race is the best return for our time spent at Newark, and our only guarantee of future successes, so if you are still a non-swimmer (Senior or Junior) we shall be glad to see you at the baths next summer.

Detailed results of swimming sports follow:—Held at Newark Swimming Baths on Wednesday July 15th, 1953.

50 Metres Free Style (Senior): 1, Heath; 2, Hill, R.; 3, Roach. 38.4 secs.

30 Yards Free Style (Junior): 1, Wharmby; 2, Cooke; 3, Martin. 18.7 secs.

Junior Neat Dive: 1, Fisher, B.; 2, Reavill and Cooke placed equal.

Open Life-Saving Race: 1, Hill, R.; 2, Ball, R.; 3, Hatfield. 30 secs.

Beginners (One Width): 1, Willies; 2, Simpson, P.; 3, Rowbottom.

Senior Neat Dive: 1, Hill, R.; 2, Heath; 3, Archer.

30 Yards Back Stroke (Junior): 1, Wharmby; 2, Cooke; 3, Martin. 20.3 secs.

50 Metres Senior Back: 1, Paling; 2, Leeson; 3, Hatfield. 50 secs.

Form I Race, 18 Metres: 1, Pogmore; 2, Haddon; 3, Archer, M. 22 secs.

Junior Plunge: 1, Reavill; 2, Ball; 3, Wharmby. 34ft. 9in..

100 Metres Free Style (Open): 1, Wharmby; 2, Fisher, R.; 3, Martin. 1min. 47.5secs.

30 Yards Breast Stroke, Junior: 1, Cooke; 2, Fisher, B.; 3, Wharmby. 26.5 secs.

Senior Plunge: 1 equal, Paling and Savidge; 3, Leeson. 40ft. 6in.

House Relay (4 x 50 Metres): 1, Gray's; 2, Thomas's; 3, Booth's. (Winning team — Paling, Mobley, Roach, Hill R.). 2min. 52.5secs.

CUPS

Best Swimmer: R. J. Hill (for second successive year) 8½ points.

Best Junior: Wharmby. 11 points.

Champion House: Gray's. 95 points.

Form I: Pogmore.

Senior Scout Report, 1953

This year has seen the Seniors assume the appearance of a troop rather than a group of individuals who had grown too old for Junior Scouting. The arrival of Mr. Adshead enabled Mr. Pulford to divert his attention to the older section.

A headquarters was obtained, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Brooks; this has been decorated and partly furnished, and it ought to be possible very soon to hold regular meetings there.

In the 1952 County Camping Competition, the Seniors were placed second. This year in the Association competition, two patrols were entered; they were placed 3rd and 5th respectively.

The Annual Christmas party was replaced by a visit to the Theatre Royal; a visit which was enjoyed by all.

Members of the Senior troop continue with their good work with the town pack of cubs, which now numbers twenty four.

The following nine boys gained their Queen's Scout badges during the year: M. A. Smith, M. A. Eastwood, M. R. Eastwood, M. D. Clarke, J. F. Clay, M. J. Soar, D. Fishburne, C. R. Beard, and I. J. Lynds. This was the outcome of several years' hard work.

In the Central Notts. Sports, the Curtis Shield was won by the group by a very wide margin. The performances of Bailey, Fishburne and Smith are worthy of mention.

Ten boys attended the Lakeland Jamboree at the invitation of

the D. C. Windermere and acted as Quartermaster's Staff. They found it a unique but pleasant experience and it provided them with the opportunity of making many new scout friends. Among these, we are glad to include the Camp Chief, Mr. J. T. Cookson and the County Secretary Mr. R. H. Leviston, whose privately conducted tour of the Lakes was one of the highlights of a busy week. Among the many phrases to be remembered from this holiday will be: "a large bottle of 'Sass'"; "eyes in the boat"; "S.O.S." (Bob's version) and the Signals Section's rather belated plea for sausages, given over the speakers.

At the end of the holidays, some twelve or so Seniors enjoyed a ten days' stay at Penzance, thanks to the hospitality of Mr. Wallis at Lower Trannack. It's the first time we've actually camped in the midst of thousands of daffodils and anemones, but the latter did add to the beauty of this part of the country.

Land's End, St. Ives, and the "Pirates," were all visited, and we received two surprise visits from our own D.C. who was on holiday in that area.

The four teams entered for the Senior Scout Expedition were placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, the winners being the 1st Gedling.

The coming year promises to be an even greater year of activity and achievement; there is the making of an excellent Senior section and a grand chance to "Look Wide."

We were very pleased to receive from Pat Massey a copy of Ken Johnstone's "Nine Innocents Abroad" (Pat being one); this gives an idea of the sort of opportunity that does sometimes occur in the senior branches of the "great, great game."

G. G. FOX, P/L DRAKE

Junior Scout Report

By A. J. Whitaker, P/L Kestrels

The Junior Troop welcomed Mr. J. D. Adshead as the new scouter. He had Rovering experience in Cheshire, and was connected with several groups in the Stockport area. This great help enabled Mr. Pulford to take over the Seniors more or less where "Bey" left off. Due to increased membership, an extra patrol was formed, making the sixth. The patrol Swifts, was under the leadership of P. Brett. An investiture took place as usual in the first term of the year. No less than seventeen scouts and cubs were invested by the Field Commissioner, Mr. Sanderson. Scout Cords and other badges were presented.

The whole group was visited during this term by the Head-quarter Commissioner for School Groups, Brigadier Crampton. An enjoyable evening was spent by cubs and scouts not the least successful part being the supper at the end.

The number of Junior Scout Cub instructors with the town pack enables this body to have some twenty or thirty members.

The annual scout-guide party was held in the school hall and a most energetic and profitable time was had by most. Later in the year, we also had a singing evening, at which Mr. Cothey, recently arrived in Southwell from the St. Ives' area, was present.

We happened to be at school for the St. George's Day parade this time, and a strong contingent was present. Representative parties also attended the Guides' Dedication service and the County Youth Coronation Service, all of which were held in the Minster.

The group was represented at the Coronation by M. R. Eastwood, who in his official capacity was also representing Central

Notts. J. P. Martlew was one of two scouts from the Association to be present at the Scout/Guide service in Westminster Abbey later in June.

D. Fishburne, M. J. Soar and M. R. Eastwood were successful in gaining their Queen's Scout badges while still Patrol Leaders in the Junior troop. This must have set their respective patrols some very stiff targets for the future.

The Juniors were successful in winning the Curtis Shield at the Association Sports at Arnold, but not without a great struggle with the 2nd Gedling.

In the Camping Competitions, one of the junior patrols was second; this patrol, with modifications, went on to Walesby to the County event, and was also second there. Our congratulations to D. Hunt, the P.L. of these two patrols, who before the competition had never had Patrol Leading experience.

The patrol camps on the whole were well up to standard, although two patrols had to be brought very sharply up to scratch, in their camping. Outstanding points seem to have been

- (a) The hair cream which Lakin thought was cream cheese until after breakfast.
- (b) The Eagle patrol who tried to gain their Rider badge on horses supplied by the local Hoveringham girls.
- (c) Two scouts on a 1st Class Journey, whose excellent planning enabled them to rise very late on the second day.

The Scout cricket match against the 2nd Gedling was comfortably won, and here again, the Seniors were very helpful in the preparation of tea.

This virtually brought to an end another happy and successful scout year. It was very unfortunate that no summer camp could be held, but there will be another year.

We were extremely sorry to lose Mr. J. D. Adshead to the Colonial Dept., and we thank him for all his help during the last year. We would also like to thank Mr. Pallister, Mr. Yates, Mr. Peters and Mr. Bolland along with Mr. Parker at Walesby for their untiring efforts on badge work, as also Mr. Pulford, who kept an eye on the whole group.

Music Society Notes

Benjamin Britten's Cantata "Rejoice in the Lamb" and "The Revenge" by C. V. Stanford were the main works presented by the School Music Society at its last concert.

There is little doubt that the choir excelled itself on this occasion. The singers showed a fine sense of style and period in performing these two works which are diametrically opposed in conception and technique. The versatility of the choir was further shown in the singing of Four Sea Shanties arranged by Maurice Jacobson which brought to an end a well-balanced programme.

The School Orchestra which is also under the direction of Mr. Peters, played two movements from Bach's orchestral suite No. 1. The School owes much to Miss Olive Cox who has recently come from Hertfordshire to be Teacher of Violin and Viola at the School. A noteworthy improvement among the violin groups testifies to the excellence of her work.

Two senior boys of the School, P. Brett and J. Rushby Smith, played two of the Bach 48 Preludes and Fugues with skill and sensibility.

Full praise is due to Mr. Peters, the Director of Music at the School Music Society at its last concert.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CONCERT BY THE SCHOOL MUSIC SOCIETY

March 27th & 28th, 1953

PROGRAMME

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE REVENGE

C. V. Stanford
(1852—1924)

A brief interval

TWO PASSEPIEDS from Orchestral Suite No. 1.

J. S. Bach
(1685—1750)

CANTATA: REJOICE IN THE LAMB (1943)

Benjamin Britten
(1913—)

Interval

PRELUDES AND FUGUES Book I

J. S. Bach
(1685—1750)

(a) No. 13 in F. Sharp major — P. Brett

(b) No. 22 in B flat minor — H. J. Rushby Smith

FOUR SEA SHANTIES

Traditional
arranged by
Maurice Jacobson
(1896—)

(a) Billy Boy

(b) Tom's gone to Hilo

(c) A roving

(d) Whisky Johnny

Festival of Music

Over four hundred boys and girls from sixteen schools in the County took part during July in a Festival of Music arranged as part of the Coronation celebrations.

Afternoon and evening performances were given at Newark, Mansfield, Nottingham, Retford and Worksop. Large audiences appreciated the high standard attained by the schools taking part.

The Festival exceeded all expectations and it was obvious that excellent work had been done by the organisers—both in arranging the programme, which traced the development of British music from the ninth century to the present day—and in providing transport and meals for those taking part.

Sixteen boys from the School Choir began the festival with music from the ninth to the thirteenth centuries:—

(a) Parallel organum: Sequence "Rex caeli, Domine."

(b) Free organum: Trope "Agnus Dei."

(c) Melismatic organum: "Benedicamus te."

and Mediaeval Part music:

(a) Nowell, out of your sleep (3 part).

(b) And I were a maiden (5 part).

The other contribution of the School Choir was the "Blest Pair of Sirens" ("At a Solemn Music") by Parry. This lovely motet to words by John Milton, written in eight parts, was well mastered by the Choir under the guidance of Mr. Peters.

Brett and Rushby Smith showed their keyboard skill in playing three sixteenth century pieces and two Restoration pieces arranged as piano duets.

Two boys represented the School in the orchestra specially formed by selection for the Festival. Much of the orchestral music was well performed, but if co-ordination was at times faulty it was due to the lack of sufficient rehearsals.

All who took part in making this Festival such a success are to be warmly congratulated.

B.R.H.

Dramatic Society

On December 11th, 12th and 13th, in the Trebeck Hall, the School Dramatic Society presented James Bridie's delightful play, "Tobias and the Angel," and again scored a resounding success. J. F. Clay, as Tobit, and A. J. Whittaker, as Tobias, both deserve great praise for their acting—Clay's interpretation of the old man being particularly pleasing. How enchantingly effective was Act II—the opening scene of this act being so well done by the girls, played by B. Fisher, B. Rogers and J. R. Lester: the first scene was an especial delight. P. Brett, as the Archangel, gave a perfectly poised and controlled study—and his transformation in the last scene of the play was a fitting climax to a fine performance. Although R. Merryweather, as an attendant, had only a small part, he showed considerable acting ability and has an obvious potential as an actor. Nor must we fail to commend M. A. Smith for a devilish fine performance as Asmodey—a very demanding role, which he took most effectively.

The producer, Mr. B. J. Rushby Smith, must feel considerable gratification with this year's play: we congratulate him most warmly and express our thanks for having given us again so fine a show. Once more, too, Mr. Bolland's backcloths and settings—especially the sandhills and the Babylonian tower—enhanced the play, transfiguring the Trebeck stage and giving the impression of a size far greater than actuality. His demon's head was a fearsome thing, contrived with great ingenuity.

Our acknowledgments and sincere thanks are due to all those who helped to make the play go so well.

The cast and technicians were:—

Tobit	J. F. Clay
Tobias	A. J. Whittaker
The Archangel Raphael	P. Brett
Anna	M. J. Bailey
Sherah	B. Fisher
Sara	B. Rogers
Azorah	J. R. Lester
Raguel	B. Walton
Asmodey	M. A. Smith
A Bandit	H. J. Rushby Smith
A Slave	H. C. Palmer
Attendants	J. L. Hutchinson, R. Merryweather and P. K. Else.

ACT I, SCENE I: Tobit's hovel in Nineveh
SCENE II: The banks of the Tigris
ACT II, SCENES I & II: Raguel's House
ACT III, SCENE I: A Khan at Khifri
SCENE II: Outside Tobit's hovel

Producer Mr. B. J. Rushby Smith
Stage Manager Mr. F. J. Winn
Scenery Mr. J. H. Bolland
Properties Mr. E. Pallister
Business Manager Mr. D. H. Doy
Prompter G. D. Gent

Dresses by Nellie Smith
Lights by Furse

Festival Concert

On May 16th the School Choir joined over 600 other singers and instrumentalists from schools of the county in a Festival Concert in the Minster. The programme included Purcell's "Te Deum" in D Major, Psalm LXXXVI by Holst, "Jesu, joy of man's

desiring" and "Flocks may safely graze," by Bach, and "God omnipotent reigneth" by Charles Wood.

The orchestra played music by Mozart and Stamitz.

Under the conductor, Dr. Armstrong, organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and Choragus of the University, the large number of people that filled the greater part of the nave, was welded most successfully into one big choir. The effect was thrilling both for those who listened and for those who took part, and we very much hope that another concert will be held next year. P.B.

Play Visits

Our visit this School year to the Memorial Theatre at Stratford was to have been on March 25th: a party went, only to find that the theatre was closed as a mark of respect to the late Queen Mary, who had died the evening before. We had left long before the telegram sent by the booking office arrived in Southwell, and although we were disappointed in our purpose, so fine a spring day was a compensation and in fact made visits to the many places of interest in Stratford a special attraction. As a preliminary, we had visited Ann Hathaway's cottage. The Headmaster was able to make a change of tickets for the matinee on June 17th, when another party went, slightly different in composition as one or two people had, to their chagrin, irrefragable appointments with G.C.E. examiners' papers.

The play was "Richard III," one new to every member of the party: the unforgettable power and strength of Marius Goring's portrayal of "Crookback" made a tremendous impact and everyone found the production stimulating and rewarding.

During the School year, parties, chiefly of senior boys, made three visits to "The Playhouse," Nottingham, where we saw Shaw's "Major Barbara" on October 7th—much enjoyed and well done; Kapek's "R.U.R." on November 25th—also a good production; and "Two Gentlemen of Verona" on May 5th, which, if seldom done for fairly obvious reasons, went well except for the song "Who is Sylvia?," which our cognoscenti did NOT admire.

The Junior Plays, 1953

The custom of presenting a bill of one-act plays in the Spring term, "nurseries" for the main production, provides our younger talent with a chance to show its paces, and enables Sixth-Formers to try their hand at production. This year's programme, of two comedies and a thriller, gave an appreciative audience an enjoyable evening, and revealed a number of promising performers.

"Higgins, the Highwayman of Cranford," by Ronald Gow, took us back to the heroic eighteenth century, the hey-day of the romantic highwayman, who, however dastardly his deeds, never forgot his manners. M. Soar, as the central character, gave his part all the authority he could muster—(his commanding presence helped him in this)—but he was, perhaps, insufficiently debonair. The members of his gang possessed none of Higgins' saving graces, and B. Lynds and M. Bunney, in particular, gave us nicely turned studies in villainy. The outstanding merit of this play rested in the sets, which were stylish and most effective: congratulations to the technical side.

The producers of "Refund" perhaps thought they were playing safe in presenting a play about school. The basic idea of the play is ingenious: an old boy coming back to school to demand back

the money that had been wasted on his education. But unfortunately the author does not make very effective use of it. The actors did their best and the production was smoothly handled: special mention must be made of J. Lesser, who in an assured performance gave conviction to the leading role, and of J. Clay, who did well as the Principal.

The most entertaining production of the evening was "A Girl from the Hall," by Margery Nugent. It was an inspired choice, with a cast of small boys, to select a play in which all the characters are women and girls. The comic possibilities of this were immediately apparent and the dressing of the play as a period piece of the twenties made the performance riotously funny to watch. The play, about an orphanage for adolescent girls, had its serious sociological implications, but these were not stressed in a production which went for the laughs all the way through. The general level of the acting was very high: the "girls" looked and sounded as though they had escaped from St. Trinian's! Their elders were portrayed with a remarkable sureness of touch. J. Colhoun, as Winnie, a nervous and somewhat hysterical girl, C. Gay, as the Assistant Matron, and B. Rogers, as Miss Piper, the local Mrs. Mountford, were particularly praiseworthy.

Apart from being good fun for all those concerned, the plays provide an opportunity for the exercise of all sorts of skills—histrionic, artistic, technical and administrative: and as Mr. Carroll Levis so sagely remarks. "To-day's young discoveries are the stars of to-morrow."

A.C.J.

The School Visit to Paris

Paris was the popular choice for this year's visit by twenty-two boys in the charge of Mr. Fox.

The outward journey was made without incident, and we were fortunate in having seats all the way from Nottingham to Paris, as also we had on the return. We crossed the Channel from Newhaven to Dieppe and luckily favourable weather and a calm sea gave most of us considerable relief.

In Paris itself we went to many monuments and places of interest, particularly the Palace of Versailles, and made an ascent of the Eiffel Tower.

On Sunday we attended Solemn Mass at the Church of St. Sulpice. Here we heard some very fine organ playing. The service was most impressive, although much confusion was caused by the three collections, one of which was a "seat" charge of 1 franc (one farthing). After the second, many of our party were frantically searching their pockets for smaller change.

It took several days to get used to the strange food, but by far the most difficult meal of the day was the "continental breakfast" which was served at an hour when most of us preferred to be in bed—as indeed on occasions some of us were.

Coming back, we were fortunate (?) in not losing any of the junior members of the party (as we had hoped!) However, it was not long before we were back at Nottingham. Here the party split up. This seems a suitable opportunity to thank those parents who, in addition to collecting their sons, delivered safely to their homes a number of boys for whom there was no convenient bus.

The prize this time? — to the two Fourth Formers who stood up all the way back across the Channel because rows of empty seats were marked "libre."

Booth House Report

RUGBY FOOTBALL

This year's inter-house tournament proved to be quite a lengthy one, for the house had to play four games, to be finally deprived of the cup in the closing seconds of the last game. In the first round we drew with Gray's, and in the re-play, by some excellent teamwork, managed to win. The final round was played in appalling conditions of wind and snow and resulted in yet another draw. In the closing minutes of the re-play, Thomas gained a narrow victory.

ATHLETICS

Unfortunately the house did not excel in athletics this season, even at the inclusion of field events, but this was mainly due to lack of enthusiasm by the majority. Most of the work was left to a faithful few who tried hard to gain valuable points.

H. Luke, in the middle school, ran exceedingly well, and earned himself the Junior Vic. Among the Seniors B. Walton, D. Fishburne and D. Bailey were successful in most of their events on Sports Day. In the long distance events, J. Walker and G. Fox ran very well but did not receive the backing of the rest of the house. Probably our greatest achievement was the lowering of the record time for the Senior Relay by some 5 seconds.

CRICKET

The cricket XI proved rather more successful than we had dared to hope. In the first round we dismissed Thomas for 68, and proceeded to make these for the loss of seven wickets. Most of the credit goes to P. Baker, who batted through the innings for 36.

The final was less successful, for Gray's went in to bat first and made 107 for 4, a total which was far too great for us. A mere 26 was all we could muster.

SWIMMING

The results in swimming this year were as usual. Very few members of the house take sufficient interest in swimming to make it at all possible to remove the House cup from Gray's.

MERIT CUP

By hard work in school work the house has managed to retain this cup for another year. Points winners were Leeson, Hutchinson, Gay and Bailey, but here, they had adequate support from others.

LEAVERS

Walker, J.	House Capt. School sub prefect. 1st XV Colours.
Doar, B.	House Vice Capt. School Prefect. 1st XV Colours.
Marriott, J. K.	School sub prefect. House Rugger.
Davies, A.	House cricket and Rugger. 2nd XV Capt.
	Dartmouth entry.
Smith, R.	House cricket and Rugger.
Twidale,	1st XV. House cricket.
Gent	Dramatic Society.

Gray's House Report

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Although fielding a team including seven 1st XV members Gray's were beaten in a replay by Booth's House. Booth's played with enthusiasm and team work which Gray's did not match.

SWIMMING

For the third year in succession Gray's won the Swimming Cup by a comfortable margin. Special mention must be given, however, to the swimmers who, though not in the finals, gave the House a commanding lead by gaining points in the heats. Possibly the best

achievement was put up by the relay team, which lowered the School record for the event by some 20 seconds. The individual cup was won by R. J. Hill.

ATHLETICS

For the first time since 1949 Gray's lost the Athletics Cup. We have relied for success in the past on the solid packing of most of the members in the heats rather than on individual brilliance. But this year the packing was not so good and Thomas' won the Cup.

CRICKET

Gray's retained the Cricket Cup by an overwhelming victory over Booth's in the final. We batted first and scored 107 for 4 dec., Mobley making a fine aggressive 59. When Booth's batted they met with little success against some very good bowling and were all out for 26 runs.

LEAVERS

F. G. Mobley	Captain of Cricket, Rugby Colours. School Prefect. House Captain.
B. M. Sutton	School Sub-Prefect. Rugby Colours.

Thomas' House Report

RUGBY FOOTBALL

For the third successive year we took the House Cup. In the final two games were played. The first was during what one could have called a blizzard and, as a result, the match was abandoned, no points having been scored.

In the second match Thomas' continued very well against a strong Booth's side, Bailey being outstanding. It was a good game and Thomas' made it just on time. The dominant factor of this win was the Ashley-Davies combination.

CRICKET

On paper Thomas' seemed to have a good team and a real chance of regaining the Cricket Cup. However, this was not to be, for the House was soundly beaten by Booth's in the first round, despite a promising start in which the opening partnership produced a half-century. The rest of the side collapsed for less than fifteen runs.

ATHLETICS

This has been a fine year for Thomas' as regards athletics. Though the House has often produced good individual runners, it has been six years since we won this particular cup. Success was due mainly to some hard work by the House as a whole, especially in the heats. Individual wins were made by Whittaker, Wharmby, Smith, M. A., and Eastwood, M. A.; the last proved himself a real all-round athlete by taking the Cross-Country, the Walking Race and the Senior Victor Ludorum Cups. He also won the Mile Cup for the third year.

SWIMMING

This year Thomas' showed much more enthusiasm for the swimming sports, though the House has yet to win the premier award. It was good to see more of the junior school members competing. Wharmby's efforts deserve mention.

LEAVERS

Davies, E. J.	House Captain, School Prefect, Queen's Scout, 1st XV Captain, Cricket Colour.
van der Burg	House Vice-Captain, Head of the School, Head of the Boarding House, State Scholar, House Cricket XI.
Johnson, A.	Sub-Prefect, House Rugby XV.

Sixth Form Society

The Sixth Form Society has had yet another year of interesting visits, lectures and debates.

The members of the Lower Sixth Form continue to take turns in giving "news commentaries" and lectures to the Society. These were on a wide variety of subjects, ranging from "Gas" to "Life in the West Indies."

We have also been fortunate in having the Reverend Pegler, who spoke on "Patriotism," Mr. Pogmore, who spoke on "Careers in Coalmining," and Mr. Pallister, who gave us a talk "Palestine." We owe a debt of thanks to these gentlemen.

In the course of the year the Society has visited Boots' Beeston factories, Warwick's Brewery, the glassworks at Worksop and the flour mill in Southwell. All these visits proved to be of great educational value. But probably the most outstanding visits of the year were those made to the Harlow Wood Orthopaedic Hospital and the Portland Training College for the Disabled. Here we were greeted by Mr. Malkin, who showed us round, explaining most carefully the method and object of each type of treatment. The outcome of the visit to the Portland Training College was an essay competition.

These visits to local industries are invaluable in giving the members an insight into working conditions; they also help in a choice of career.

Another activity of the Society was the successful staging of the Junior plays during the Easter term.

In the course of the year the office of Chairman was held by Marlew, Sutton and Mobley, and that of Secretary by Fox, Walton and Roach.

All remaining members of the Society look forward to another year of interesting and stimulating meetings.

C.N.R.
G.G.F.

The Boarding House

Once again the Boarding House, in all its varied departments, has run very smoothly and effectively.

Through the Governors, "Hill House" has been procured as an extension to the present boarding establishment, but until this fine building is ready to receive us accommodation is necessarily limited. However, opportunities are given for many of our members to work in the picturesque gardens and orchards.

At "Sacrista," archery has been most popular, but activities have had to be restricted owing to the loss and breakage of arrows: pets, on the other hand, have been out of favour. The tennis court has been in great demand and the Seniors have spent many enjoyable hours at the new billiards table.

All the boarders were sorry to lose Mr. Adshead who, having done much good work during his year's stay here, left to take up an appointment in the Colonial Service. Mr. Ashton, the temporary Chemistry Master, who served as an additional Housemaster, will always be remembered for his "per ardua ad astra" and "care for a — bar?"

Once again we all owe a great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Rushby Smith, who continues to organise the domestic department and cooks all the meals, as well as carrying the heavy responsibilities of Matron.

J.P.M.

SCHOOL KALENDAR

AUTUMN TERM

September 11th	Autumn Term starts.
October 18th	School Choir, Kirklington.
October 23rd—29th	Half Term.
November 24th	Prize Day and Commemoration Service.
December 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th	School Play — "Twelfth Night."
December 23rd	Autumn Term ends.

SPRING TERM

January 15th	Spring Term starts.
January 22nd	Old Boys' Dance.
February 13th	Old Boys' Match and Dinner.
February 27th— March 4th	Half Term.
March 5th, 6th	Junior Plays.
April 9th, 10th	School Concert.
April 14th	Term Ends.

SUMMER TERM

May 5th	Summer term starts.
June 4th—10th	Whitsun holiday.
June 12th	Annual Meeting and Social Function— Company of Friends of the School.
June 16th	G. C. E. Summer examination.
July 10th	Old Boys' Cricket Match.
July 14th	Swimming Sports.
July 15th	Sports Day.
July 22nd	End of Term.