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## Foreword

It so happens that I write this brief note on the morning of Commemoration Day, October 19, 1954. The Choir are having their last rehearsal in the Minster, the school secretary is arranging the flowers in Bishop's Manor Hall, the cleaners at Hill House are giving the last bit of polish to the linoleum, and Sir William McKie himself is going over his notes for his speech at Sacrista. Very soon crowds of parents and friends will be streaming down the Broad Walk and the school, washed and brushed and cleaner than usual, will move in procession across to the West Door for the service itself.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Commemoration Service is by far the most significant part of the day. The one unifying fact in the long history of the School is its attendance at the Minster. The buildings of the school have changed and will no doubt continue to do so, as it grows and fulfils its new function. For many years the school met in Booth's Chapel attached to the Minster itself; now it meets on the site of the Chantry Priest's House; soon we hope it may meet on the Southside of the Minster, hard by Bishop's Manor. But always an important part of its life is inside the Minster itself. For centuries its headmasters were on the Minster staff and many of its boys choristers; they sang the daily services as they still do to-day. When therefore those who make speeches, talk about the close integration of School and Minster they are not just doing this for effect, but emphasising that of which we are all so familiar with as almost to be unaware of. From the school point of view remember what the Minster gives to us: a "school chapel" incomparable, a place for our great services Commemoration, carol and the like, chairs for our plays, our concert and our prize giving, an organ for our organ scholars, governors to guide our affairs, and priests who take personal interest in us as individuals, a clock which marks the beginning and the end of lessons, shady places to sit under in the summer, a perpetual model for our art students, and a history in store for our historians. And so one can go on, but let us not forget it and let us continue to help willingly as we have done in the past moving chairs, providing collections, singing in the services and doing the many

small things so much appreciated by the Minster staff. This integration, relationship, call it what you will, is part of the priceless heritage of this school here in Southwell. Let us do what we can to maintain it.

B. J. RUSHBY SMITH.

## Review

This magazine is published about the middle of the autumn term so the year which is reviewed is almost six months gone. The changes which we were thinking about last year have already taken place. The school no longer has boarders living in on its premises, the old dormitories provide music rooms and changing rooms, and an eyrie for Mr. Ball and his history sixth next to Mr. Young's geography room. The Grave Yard Dormitory makes a much better music room than the old one which in its turn, now houses the library. The staff have almost a flat of their own in the very centre of the building with space to blow up footballs and hang bats adjacent to the bathroom which still retains its ancient honours board both as a screen and inspiration for those bathing after games. With Sacrista and Hill House between them providing accommodation of Ministry of Education standard for boarders, the school can really feel that in this one respect of building it is as good as any other. Not only have alterations been made at Hill House but new bathrooms have been made at Sacrista and the outhouses up the yard are in the process of being done up. Most of the readers of this magazine will have read the pamphlet about the Hill House itself, but elsewhere in this issue we publish a few notes about the house.

As the reader will see from the record we have well maintained the standard of play in Rugger, and cricket as we will certainly continue to do so long as Mr. Pulford has charge of one and Mr. Fox charge of the other. The most outstanding sporting event was the athletic match with Mansfield Grammar School, an excellent start in what we all hope will be a new series of fixtures. Swimming hardly had a chance in this dreadful summer, but the swimming sports provided some keenly contested events. It was an extremely nice gesture by Mr. Cobbin who presented the trophies, to say when he saw that the junior champion had no award, that he himself would be pleased to present a cup. So this term at the prize giving we were able to arrange for this very lovely solid silver cup to be presented to the winner, E. Martin, by Sir William McKie.



One member of the staff said recently that if Her Majesty's inspectors were to descend on us this year our G.C.E. ordinary level record was so good that there could hardly be any complaints. Only thirteen failures compared to 120 passes in individual subjects is indeed very satisfactory. More important for the few are the results at advanced level and this year M. A. Smith and M. Eastwood secured their all important three passes while J. P. Martlew obtained the extra pass required to enable him to go to Durham.

Of events, many will read with delight about the performance of Twelfth Night with its musical accomplishments; again the School Concert in Bishop's Manor was notable not only for the quality of the music but the size and the enthusiasm of the audience; the Scouts have at the Jamboretta in Denmark carried the responsibility of representing Great Britain, and on June 12th the first annual social occasion of the Company of the Friends of the School was held in the grounds of Sacrista.

We started the present term with 203 on our books and of these 76 were boarders, 64 came to school by bus and 48 by train.

### The Governors

When the Minister sealed the order making us an Aided School under the Act she left it to her successor to seal the Instrument of Government. This determines who shall be the Governors and what their duties shall be. Until this is sealed the Governors continue in office under the old scheme. It is indeed our hope that there will be few changes in personnel for it takes a considerable time these days to become familiar with the complex mass of detail which now concerns a school such as ours. The Governors have had a particularly hard year and especially the Committee concerned with Hill House. Many times they have had to fight hard to uphold the traditions of the school and to do this they have inevitably had to take time off their own work in order to act for the school. Few boys of the school, parents or old boys really know what goes on here, if they did they would realise just what the school owes to their efforts. The Chairman of the Boarding Establishment Committee is the Provost, who with great vigour, exceeding skill and vast understanding has vigorously pleaded the school's case on occasions innumerable. Mr. H. Merryweather, Mr. E. Ross and Mr. Johnson Cooper have not only been conscientious in their attendance but invaluable in their advice and help. These three members are old boys and it must have given them great pleasure indeed to see the plans come to fruition. The Chancellor in his wisdom says a little less but the bright jewels of his delightful wit have cheered many a weary debate. At one stage of the negotiations this committee met weekly.

Retirees from the Governing Body include Archdeacon Philips, Professor Cotton, Alderman Holland and Councillor Eggle-

shaw; the school is grateful to them for their past services not only on the board but in many other ways as well. Reappointment takes time but we shall indeed be glad to have Canon Allenby back on the Board, well known as he is for his strong interest in the school and its affairs. Mr. H. Merryweather's appointment came at an important time in the school's history and we have already benefited much from his wisdom and grasp of the situation.

We have a strong and united body of governors who whether they are representative of Local Authorities or other bodies or just ex-officio seek always to maintain the great tradition of their school.

### The Staff

At the end of last Christmas Term Mr. J. V. Peters left to go to Adelaide University Australia to take up an important musical post for which he was most highly qualified. In the music room, on the conductor's stand, at the organ or at the piano Mr. Peters' remarkable knowledge, fine musicianship and strong personality will be remembered by a school generation of boys for whom he made music a culture in itself. The choir worked hard, but were never drudges learning heavy works off by heart, they became a sensitive instrument reading easily at sight and able to respond to the slightest movement of Mr. Peters' hand. The School and especially the choir wish him, Mrs. Peters and the children the greatest of good fortune in their life 'down under.' Mr. Peters' place has been taken by Mr. Adrian Officer, in one sense a disciple as for one term, as past magazines tell, Mr. Officer worked with Mr. Peters. A Mus. Bac. of Cambridge, he has had teaching experience in Matlock before he came here and had already made a reputation for himself in Derbyshire. Those who heard the concert last Easter, the madrigals and glees in the summer and the music at this year's commemoration will realise that Mr. Peters' work is being carried on most effectively.

Of others of us Mr. Young has left the boarding house to go a little farther down Church Street. We congratulate him most heartily on his marriage and welcome Mrs. Young to Southwell, hoping that she will enjoy not only watching but taking some part in our activities. Mr. and Mrs. Holling, after a temporary sojourn in Hill House Cottage, have been lucky enough to obtain a house on Southwell's new housing estate. Miss Mason, school secretary, also left at Christmas. She always took a keen interest in all school affairs, ever willing to put herself out for others. It was unfortunate that Mrs. Luth, who succeeded her was not able to stay longer than one term, but she retains her interest in Southwell. In the summer term Mrs. Gregory came from Mansfield and we have all indeed learned what a valuable person she is. We hope that her stay with us will be a long one. To the Boarding House, too, came Miss Hoare after previous experience at Newark Girls' High School and Peterborough, and before that the Army. Learning our ways for one term, at Sacrista, she was able to take charge of Hill House this September and carry out very successfully the arduous duty of starting things going. Miss Moakes has come, too, this September, after experience as nurse and matron, to her lot will fall the management of the sick quarters, the care of clothes and things like that, but she has been so wearied in the preparations that we hope the germs will give her a rest before they start to fill the sick room.



## Commemoration Day, November 24, 1953

### The Service

In praising famous men the school not only recognised the duties of thanks for the past but also the fact that the future could never be built except on the foundation of the past. Each had a particular duty to make real this thanks by trying to answer the questions "What are you going to be?" and "Why are you going to be that?" Those who came to the Minster Grammar School must be aware that there was a calling that should come first, the call to the ministry. In words such as these the Provost of Southwell addressed the large congregation in the Choir of the Minster. The Provost continued "The calling of the ministry was a call for men to be men, watchmen and stewards of the Lord. It may well be asked who is sufficient but the treasure had to be held in earthen vessels and sufficiency depended upon God. The greatest need of the present day was men for the ministry, greater even than that of raising up wise leaders of the Trades Unions, the next most important need at the present time." "If, therefore," concluded the Provost, "the link with the Minster was truly valued, the Christian Ministry was a necessity, if so there was the need to listen and to hear when God called."

The service was conducted by the Provost, the commemoration was made by the Headmaster and the music given by the School Choir under Mr. J. V. Peters. In the balance and the beauty of the singing, in the measured phrases of the Commemoration Prayer and in the challenge of the Provost's sermon, the large congregation were able to take part in a service of deep and real meaning.

### The Prize Giving

This ceremony was held in Bishop's Manor Hall, the Lord Bishop of Southwell (Dr. Russell Barry) taking the chair. Short in duration, very enjoyable in spite of limitations of space, the occasion has now become a popular event. This year Alderman J. W. P. Hill, of Lincoln, lawyer, educationist and historian, as the Press described him, presented the prizes.

Dr. Barry, according to the Press report, said in his opening address that "the most extraordinary thing about this century is that the public have begun to take an interest in education." "Any society," the Bishop continued, "which takes education seriously takes it as one of its most important functions, important in the kind of conditions we have to-day when hardly anyone thinks for himself. Any education fails in its job if it does not give some way of criticising values. A good school ought to be a place where people are trained to be educationists; somewhere along those lines this school is going."

Alderman Hill said that those who knew more and were well educated would get on well, but apart from obtaining a good job anyone reasonably well educated and well read would find life much more interesting. A school also developed the critical faculty and enabled a boy to repay the debt that had piled up against him in his earlier years. Commenting on the fact that the school would in three years be celebrating its millenary, Alderman Hill said he was weighed down by the thought that he was probably the 997th "old gentleman" to be addressing the school at such a function.

In his report the Headmaster said that the number of pupils was now 200, the maximum for the present accommodation. "Limitation of space reminds us," said the Headmaster, "that County Development plans do not normally go to schedule, but we must hope the postponement of the plans for the new school buildings will not be delayed longer than 1956, the millenary year of Southwell Minster. The purchase of Hill House and its grounds forms the first great step towards the fulfilment of a scheme which will give to this school buildings worthy of its part and proper to its future." The past year had been one of strenuous effort, long reports and major issues. Significant events in the school's history included the designation of Aided Status in October, 1952, and the foundation of the Company of Friends of the School in July. During that busy year, the members of the Governing Body had not only given abundantly of their time and labour but had stoutly maintained that essential independent spirit without which the schools of this country would become monstrous knowledge factories reversing their direction at the whim of party politicians."

Speaking of the work, the Headmaster said that to maintain in a small school a large number of sixth form courses made heavy demands on both staff and timetable. It was both necessary and justifiable and in general the external assessment of work was very satisfactory. At ordinary level there had been 77 passes and only 11 failures. The games record for a small school was excellent, thanks to the tremendous energy and enthusiasm of the staff responsible. "Without fear of contradiction," said the Headmaster, "I maintain that the school games as organised here are truly educative. There is no cult of athleticism, on the other hand very many of the boys have become useful and worthy members of the community through playing with school teams."

"In an age of the colossal, the gigantic, the stupendous, a small school may seem an anachronism," he concluded, "but so long as personal relationships matter a small school can provide the individual boy with opportunities that are denied him in larger places. Southwell is a small place—but a very pleasant place in which to live. The Minster Grammar School is a small school—but a very pleasant place to which to come."

### The Prize List

#### SCHOOL PRIZES

The Starkey Scholarship	A. C. Johnson
The Canon Glaister Prize for History	A. C. Johnson
The Canon Glaister Prize for Geography	A. C. Johnson
The Starkey Prize	M. G. J. Van der Burg
The Lady Robinson Prize for Mathematics	M. G. J. Van der Burg
The Canon Glaister Prize for Art	B. M. Sutton
The Canon Glaister Prize for Philosophical Studies	B. M. Sutton
The Lady Robinson Prize for Physics	J. P. Martlew
The Lady Robinson Prize for Music	J. P. Martlew
The Canon Glaister Prize for Religious Knowledge	I. J. Lynds
The Lady Robinson Prize for Mathematics	F. G. Mobley



**SPECIAL PRIZES for high standard in the General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level.**

English, Latin, History, Music,

Mathematics

English, French, Music

French, Geography

Art

Mathematics, Physics

Physics

Geography

Physics

Physics

P. Brett

H. J. Rushby Smith

R. A. Walker

D. C. Wright

J. F. Clay

C. Greaves

G. Ashley

B. Burrows

K. Stringfellow

**AWARD OF GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION.****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 (3).

**ORDINARY LEVEL**

C. W. E. Allan (4), G. Ashley (2), D. 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. R. Hoare (1), E. Loughton (3), J. B. Pick (4), H. J. Rushby Smith (6), K. Stringfellow (6), G. H. Twidale (3), R. A. Walker (5), D. C. Wright (2).

**DISTINCTION PRIZES**

S. Leeson, J. L. Hutchinson, C. C. Gay, T. W. Topliss.

**FORM PRIZES**

Third

Second

First

Junior Department

**PORTLAND TRAINING COLLEGE ESSAY PRIZE**

First

Second

J. M. Davis

C. C. Gay

T. Sokell

D. W. Topliss

I. J. Lynds

M. A. Eastwood

Presentation of House Merit Cup

(Given by Lady Hicking of Brackenhurst)

The Winning House — Booth.

## The Company of Friends of the School

On June 12 a large number of Friends met first in the School Hall for the annual meeting and then crossed the road to have tea in the Trebeck Hall. After tea and in spite of dull weather the grounds of Sacrista were opened to all our visitors. Members of the Junior Department recited verses grave and gay by the lily pond and the members of the School Choir sang glees and madrigals. The sideshows did good business as well. The competition for knocking the pipe from Aunt Sally was as keen as that for the treasure hunt; ringing the bottles proved more difficult if not quite as lucrative as the half crown in the water pitcher; the archers occasionally hit the target and the fund ended up some £14 to the good. It was indeed a very happy occasion and much enjoyed by all. Was it mere good luck that the rain held off till after the fun was over, for once it started it kept on heavily for twenty-four hours. We all look forward to next year's meeting and hope it will be as happy as this year's.

The accounts for the year show that the target of £300 has again been passed, but this is all to the good as the more we can invest the stronger will our position be when large capital expenditure becomes necessary on the new school. These accounts are again published in the magazine so that all can see how we stand.

The card printed during the year sets out very clearly the object of the Friends and serves both as reminder and record. I

have plenty more of these cards and will be only too delighted if those not yet Friends will let me know so that they may join this group of benefactors who are helping the school to-day just as much as those whose names we remember on Commemoration day. Do not let us fail to keep up our contributions so that there will never be any doubt about our ability to retain Voluntary Aided Status.

The Headmaster's Working Committee, consisting of Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Burgan, Mrs. Rushby Smith, Mr. Pogmore, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Parker has worked hard. We are all in their debt, not only for help most willingly given but for wise advice and useful suggestion.

At least one parent has been running beetle drives and collecting coupons for the fund. This kind of thing is most helpful and we hope others who find themselves able to do something of the sort will follow the example.

B. J. RUSHBY SMITH

## Hill House, Southwell

Situated on a spur of land between the River Greet and the Potwell stream, bounded on the west by Bechers Walk and on the east by Shady Lane, the property consists of 7.453 acres. This includes the field, the plantation and the cottages across Burgage Lane to the north. The view from the upper windows extends from the Normanton Ridge to the north, far distant Newark on the East, to Brackenhurst in the south with glimpses of the Minster towers all set between tall trees of evergreen, elm and beech. It was on this site that the Rev. John Becher built himself a house almost certainly in the year 1810 to the consternation of his neighbour who expected that when the land was purchased his view would be preserved. The builder was indeed a great man. Born about 1759 and educated at Winchester and Christ Church, Oxford, he became in 1819 a Vicar Choral, then Prebendary of South Muskham and the Vicar General of the Chapter of Southwell. A man of prodigious vigour, he not only placed the affairs of the Chapter on a sound footing such as they had not been since the middle ages, but he was also renowned for his public work. To his credit may be largely attributed the Reform of the Poor Law in 1834, for the model workhouse which he supervised at Southwell set the pattern which the Poor Law Commissioners followed for the rest of the country. A friend of Lord Byron, he gave him great encouragement in the writing of his poetry. In his spare time the Vicar General wrote an excellent book on botany. He died in 1848 and the property remained in the possession of his descendants until 1913.

One of the actual occupants of the house during this period was John Ralph Starkey, Esquire, M.P., whose family has provided both benefactors and governors of the school.

In 1913 John Pickard Becher, Esquire, of Southwell, sold the property to the Venerable Egbert Hacking, Archdeacon of Newark. The Archdeacon not only enlarged the garden, built the rockery and planted the roses, but he extended the beautiful main staircase, added the large windows to the study and drawing room, and also installed the central heating and the bathrooms. Again in 1937 the property was sold and the house became the home of another Archdeacon of Newark, the Venerable John Percy Hales, and his wife Mrs. Hales. Both Archdeacon Hacking and Archdeacon Hales were for many years Governors of the Minster Grammar School, rendering to this school distinguished service each in his own way by their interest and anxiety for its welfare.



Times had changed when the house was once again put up for sale in 1952. It seemed likely that it must cease from being the lovely home of distinguished families. Its owner, Mrs. Hales, and other members of her family were pleased to know that there was possibility of the house coming into the hands of the Minster Grammar School, one thing which the late Archdeacon Hales would have been very happy about. But before this possibility could become a reality there were many difficulties which had to be overcome. Until this year the boarding side of the school had been a private concern of the Governors, but as a result of the granting of Voluntary Aided Status to the School, it was held by the representatives of the Minister of Education that it must as soon as possible become part of the school. While the Governors were negotiating with both the Local Education Authority and the Ministry of Education the house was being put up for sale and it was only at the eleventh hour that agreement was reached in time for the purchase to be made. Though initially purchased by the Local Authority, the property had to be conveyed to the Governors who in any case were responsible for the purchase of the buildings. The help of the Diocesan Education Committee was of great value to the Governors at this and other stages of the negotiations. The Deed of Conveyance was finally signed on May 25th, 1953.

The new house has given fifteen extra places to the Boarding Establishment, much of its accommodation is in substitution for that previously provided at the School and at West Lodge. Its purchase has meant that one part of the Governors' resolution has been most satisfactorily fulfilled. There are now two houses, both historically interesting and architecturally beautiful. The history of Sacrista Prebend goes back at least to 1550 and in situation and setting it is comparable to Hill House. These two houses are part of one establishment under the direct control of the Headmaster, who is himself responsible to the Governing Body for both their administration and organisation.

On Sunday, the 12th of September, after evensong a short service of blessing was held under the great staircase of Hill House. It was conducted by the Provost of Southwell and the notes of the family hymn "Once in Royal David's City" floated high above the heads of the company into every corner of the building.

B. J. RUSHBY SMITH, Headmaster.  
October, 1954.

## Old Southwellian Society

Members can look back on a busy year in various forms of activity. The monthly social evenings, which have been held in different parts of the district have proved an outstanding success, with up to 24 members regularly in attendance. New venues are arranged at each meeting. Notices are not sent but the Secretary will be pleased to give any information.

Two meetings with the Old Magnusians were particularly enjoyable and we look forward to further meetings with them.

We were able to raise two teams for the cricket match versus the School and in the main match were successful by one run.

There appears to be a difficulty in getting players for the Rugger matches. Anyone interested please contact the Secretary.

The Association have made a concession in respect of boys leaving school. On the payment of 5s. they become full members for five years. It is hoped that this will be an incentive to them to continue active after this period. The Headmaster has kindly undertaken to act in this matter.

We are anxious to obtain the names of Presidents who held office prior to 1920. Can anyone help please?

We have had two visitors from overseas since our last publication: J. W. Humberstone, who is teaching in Rhodesia, and A. E. (Bibs) Smith, who will be pleased to hear from old schoolmates at 15, Rock Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

Gordon Mairs, our secretary, was married at Southwell in July, and at the July meeting the President (Mr. P. Belton) made a presentation on behalf of the Association, conveying our good wishes.

The Dance in January and Dinner in February were outstanding successes, and at the latter we were pleased to welcome as chief guest an old friend in Major J. K. Lane. These events take place again on January 14th and February 12th, 1955, respectively. The Annual General meeting of the Association also takes place on February 12th. We look forward to your continued support in these.

We miss the cheery company of our oldest and most regular member, Henry Wilkinson, who is temporarily out of action through illness. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Any news from any source for these notes will be welcomed by E. W. Ross, Church Street, Southwell.

## Rugby Football 1953-54

I suppose one must judge at first sight on actual numerical results; in which case, this season would appear to have been one of the better years for the 1st XV. They won 13 out of 17 games, scoring in the course of these games exactly 100 more points than their opponents. Of the junior XVs, if one considers only the games against other grammar schools, the picture is very far from good. The under 14 won only two out of nine, the under 15 won only two out of six games, while the under 13½ failed to win at all.

However, if one tries to diagnose the trouble, one finds that no fewer than 32 boys had to be called on to fill in gaps in the under 14 team, and 31 in the under 15's. This was not, as in the case of past years, because of surplus talent, but lack of support for the school game, on the part of the majority of the middle school. Much praise must go, therefore, to those stalwarts who, few in number, formed the nucleus of these two teams. On more than one occasion, half the team "cried off" for some trivial excuse that "they did not feel inclined to turn up on a Saturday morning."

This feeling of indifference will never lead to a 1st XV place, and makes the picture look very gloomy for the next few seasons.

The very junior XV, however, could not be accused of this, and here the enthusiasm was on a level with that of the 1st XV. The standard of football they played was excellent, and, as a team, they should do well in the future. Their fly-half has now left, however, and we hope that some Yorkshire Grammar School has thereby gained.

In spite of a serious bout of injuries midway through the season, the 1st XV was confined to some 19 players. Ashley, during the winter term, and Smith in the Spring term, led efficiently, but one felt that Ashley's leadership had more direction and incentive than Smith's. Ashley could justifiably have claimed to have turned the game against De Aston and also against Harrow (Roxeth Manor O.B.) by scoring those tries from the set scrum just a few yards from the line. Smith was an admirable leader from an off side position, but his work in charge of a loose scrum in defence was excellent. His really good game was against Trent. One felt that as the season progressed some members of the team were resting on past achievements, and certainly towards the end of the season, the



standard of play became very uninspiring and slack. If each member of the team would concentrate solely on doing his own job efficiently, results would have been better. There was little or no team practice taken by the captain and vice-captain, particularly during the spring term, not once did I see any of the kickers go down to the ground for practice on their own. This, I am pleased to say, is not the case this season.

1st XV Smith and Walker were the props throughout and both worked hard. Smith's work in the line out was sound, and Walker's defence was excellent.

Paling's hooking was all that we knew it would be, and sometimes even more.

It was a strange fact that whenever we had to split the second row of Whitaker and Musson, we never got the ball in the tight scrum with anything like the speed. As a unit they were good indeed.

The wing forwards varied from game to game. Eastwood started the season by scoring tries from intercepts in the first two games, and after that rarely tackled a man. Hatfield, though smaller, was more honest in his endeavours, and played at scrum half after Ashley left. Smith, K., who moved in, was excellent, and his defence was devastating.

Hill, in the middle of this row, was perhaps the most improved player of the team, and his work in the sevens was most encouraging.

Burrows has now become a most promising fly half, and our visitors from London considered him our most dangerous player. Roach was brilliant on his good days, but these were possibly outnumbered by his moderate performances. Bailey was, in speed and execution of movement, our most threatening centre, and is a most promising player.

Stringfellow, Fishburne, Gilbert and Archer all played on the wing, but, owing to injury, Fishburne and Gilbert did not have a full season.

This gave Stringfellow a chance to show his speed, and at Lincoln he had a field day. His defence was again excellent. Eastwood R., at full-back, was solid in defence but his kicking was inclined to be wild. In the last game of the season Reavill played at scrum half. It was a pity he was injured late in the game as his work previous to this had been somewhat reminiscent of Ashley in his younger days.

To sum up, an excellent start to the season, and a mediocre finish, with the team playing well within itself. The Seven-a-side competition was a further proof of this fact if, indeed, any were needed.

#### RESULTS.

1st XV — Played 17, Won 13, Lost 4.

Southwell R.F.C. 2nd XV	..	..	..	Won	25	8
Southwell R.F.C. 2nd XV	..	..	..	Won	14	5
Magnus	..	..	..	Lost	0	6
Magnus	..	..	..	Lost	0	14
King's, Grantham	..	..	..	Won	17	10
Trent College "A"	..	..	..	Won	3	0
West Bridgford	..	..	..	Won	13	0
Henry Mellish "A"	..	..	..	Won	6	5
High School Colts	..	..	..	Won	13	8
Lincoln Schools	..	..	..	Won	25	0

Lincoln Schools	..	..	..	..	Won	32	0
Old Southwellians	..	..	..	..	Won	17	0
Spalding	..	..	..	..	Lost	0	18
De Aston	..	..	..	..	Won	9	3
High Pavement 2nd XV	..	..	..	..	Won	6	3
High Pavement 2nd XV	..	..	..	..	Lost	0	6
Roxeth Manor Old Boys	..	..	..	..	Won	6	0

Under 15. — Played 6, Won 2, Lost 4.

Magnus	..	..	..	..	..	Won	24	3
Trent	..	..	..	..	..	Won	17	3
Magnus	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	5	17
Spalding	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	6	10
Roxeth	..	..	..	..	..	Won	12	6
Magnus	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	3	9

Under 14. — Played 9, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 5.

Magnus	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	6	40
King's, Grantham	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	6	18
West Bridgford	..	..	..	..	..	Drew	6	6
Henry Mellish	..	..	..	..	..	Drew	6	6
High School	..	..	..	..	..	Won	28	8
Magnus	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	3	23
High Pavement	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	8	9
De Aston	..	..	..	..	..	Won	61	0
High Pavement	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	0	33

Under 13½. — Played 5, Lost 5.

Magnus	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	3	15
Dolphin	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	0	20
Dolphin	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	5	45
Magnus	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	13	17
Magnus	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	6	20

#### Cricket

Looking back over several years, I think the School team has had one of its better seasons. Of the 12 matches played, 6 were won, 2 drawn and 4 lost. With another over or two, both the draws would have been turned into wins and our defeat in an exciting Old Boys' match was by one run.

At the beginning of the season it was thought that Mobley would be greatly missed, as he had virtually held the side together in the past two or three years. However, everyone pulled his weight and as a result a good all-round side grew up. The award of six "colours" during the season amply bears witness to this.

Our captain, Archer, led the side admirably and he set an excellent example by his batting, bowling and fielding. Walker developed into a most reliable allrounder. We must congratulate both these players on being selected for the County Grammar Schools' Trial. Dobb and Hill both bowled very well at times and they were well supported by Walker and Archer. On the batting side, Fishburne, Baker and Eastwood played some good innings. The fielding was much improved on previous years, but there is still room for improvement in throwing-in, many run-outs being lost by failure in this respect. Towards the end of the season Davis played some very promising innings and he should be a very useful batsman next year. Ward, who has yet to play for the 1st team, bowled very well in the House Matches, and he may well be the answer to the slow bowler problem.

Colours were awarded during the season to Dobb, Walker and Fishbourne, and at the end to Hill, Eastwood M. A. and Baker.



## AVERAGES

BATTING	Runs	Innings	Not Out	Average
Archer	168	11	4	24
Fishburne	146	11	2	16.2
Walker	72	7	0	10.2
Baker	80	10	2	10
Eastwood, M.A.	91	11	0	8.2

  

BOWLING	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Walker	82.4	27	134	31	4.3
Archer	70.5	14	181	26	6.8
Dobb	75	16	188	23	8.1
Hill	56	14	127	13	9.7

CATCHES: Fishburne 11, Walker and Baker 4. Fishburne STUMPED 4

## Junior Cricket

The results of the past season's Junior Cricket matches, two won, one drawn and four lost, were something of a disappointment in view of the fact that individual performances were frequently of a higher standard. The first game of the season resulted in a favourable draw with Magnus and the second in narrow defeat for the School by West Bridgford. Both matches against the Dolphin School were lost, one of them in a very close and exciting finish. Brunts Grammar School lost heavily to us but turned the tables in the return game. The match with Henry Mellish ended in overwhelming victory for the School.

Frequently the School side allowed an advantage to slip away. Sometimes this was due to the performance of an opponent, but sometimes to lack of concentration and poor fielding. Much time needs to be given to fielding practice in the future.

## AVERAGES

BATTING	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Average
White C.	4	2	39	19.5
Simey	5	0	81	16.2
Knight	5	0	57	11.4

  

BOWLING	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Simey	18.1	10	24	8	3.00
Ward, D. A.	21	9	19	5	3.80
Knight	17	3	39	9	4.33
Crisp	17	2	29	6	4.83

## Athletics

This was our most interesting season for some time. In all groups, the standards of performance have improved and our boys have compared very favourably with those from other schools.

We enjoyed our meeting with Queen Elizabeth's at Mansfield, and the senior match was very close indeed. In championships, Bailey did well at Birmingham and Eastwood, R. at Nottingham.

Sports Day gave us records but there was still a very strong wind against the runners on the home straight. We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. P. Belton to present the prizes at the conclusion of the meeting. The Junior School have shown great interest and have improved tremendously. The thanks of the school are here expressed to Mr. S. W. Pulford and his helpers for organising so efficient and smoothly run a Sports Day.

The results of the Athletics Meeting with Q.E.G.S. are given below; this contest is a landmark in the history of the School.

## SENIOR

100 yds.: 1 Tomlinson (M); 2 Walton (S); 3 Sharman (M). 11.0s.  
 220 yds.: 1 Tomlinson (M); 2 Bailey (S); 3 Walton (S). 23.7s.  
 440 yds.: 1 Larkinson (M); 2 Eastwood (S); 3 Fishburne (S). 54.5s.

880 yds.: 1 Smith (S); 2 Ibbotson (M); 3 Clarke (M). 2m. 17.4s.  
 Mile: 1 Eastwood, M. (S); 2 Lewis (M); 3 Ibbotson (M). 5m. 9.2s.  
 Hurdles: 1 Eastwood, R. (S); 2 Luke (S); 3 Howell (M). 15.5s.  
 Shot: 1 Smith, M. (S); 2 Palethorpe (M); 3 Norman (M). 42ft. 6in.  
 (School Record).

Javelin: 1 Ibbotson (M); 2 Clarke (M); 3 Hill (S).  
 Discus: 1 Smith, M. (S); 2 Ashley (M); 3 Clay (S). 133ft. 0in.  
 Long Jump: 1 Bailey (S); 2 Owen (M); 3 Walker (S). 19ft. 8in.  
 (School Record).

High Jump: 1 = Ashley and Palmer (M); 3 Archer (S). 5ft. 3in.  
 Relay: Mansfield and Southwell equal.

(School team—Luke, Eastwood, M., Walton, Bailey).

RESULT: Mansfield 39, Southwell 37.

## JUNIOR

100 yds.: 1 Palmer (S); 2 Fretwell (M); 3 Jones (M). 11.2s.  
 220 yds.: 1 Palmer (S); 2 Wharmby (S); 3 Fretwell (M). 25s.  
 440 yds.: 1 Smith (M); 2 Clarke (M); 3 Whitaker (S). 58.9s.  
 880 yds.: 1 Wharmby (S); 2 Bateman (M); 3 Lawrence (S). 2m. 23s.  
 Hurdles: 1 Watkinson (M); 2 Sokell (S); 3 Hardy (M). 11.2s.  
 Shot: 1 Case (M); 2 Jones (M); 3 White (S). 39ft. 10in.  
 Javelin: 1 Quinn (M); 2 Longmate (M); 3 Reavill (S). 114ft. 2in.  
 Discus: 1 Hardy (M); 2 Longmate (M); 3 Whitaker (S). 120ft. 0in.  
 Long Jump: 1 Case (M); 2 Scrimshaw (M); 3 Simey (S). 16ft. 11½in.  
 High Jump: 1 Pegg (M); 2 Tarling (M); 3 White (S). 4ft. 6½in.  
 Relay: 1 Southwell, 2 Mansfield. 50.8s.

(School team—Simey, Whitaker, Wharmby, Palmer).

RESULT: Mansfield 44, Southwell 26.

## SPORTS DAY RESULTS

## WALKING RACE:

1 M. Eastwood; 2 J. Archer; 3 M. Soar. 1hr. 18m. 45.4 s.  
 (School Record).

## CROSS COUNTRY

Senior: 1 M. Eastwood; 2 K. Smith; 3 C. Simpson. 24m. 22.8s.  
 Middle: 1 M. Wharmby; 2 M. Dodd; 3 B. Lawrence. 21m. 53.5s.  
 (School Record).

Junior: 1 I. Lennard; 2 B. Searson; 3 J. Taylor. 13m. 11.2s.

## MILE:

Senior: 1 M. Eastwood; 2 R. Eastwood; 3 C. Simpson. 5m. 9s.  
 Middle: 1 M. Wharmby; 2 P. Shore; 3 M. Dodd. 5m. 31s.

## 880 YARDS:

Senior: 1 M. Eastwood; 2 D. Bailey; 3 R. Eastwood. 2m. 9.2s.  
 (School Record).  
 Middle: 1 M. Wharmby; 2 P. Shore; 3 B. Lawrence. 2m. 22.3s.  
 (School Record).

## 440 YARDS:

Senior: 1 D. Bailey; 2 M. Eastwood; 3 H. Palmer. 55.8s.  
 (School Record).  
 Middle: 1 M. Wharmby; 2 P. Shore; 3 B. Tandy. 62.5s.  
 Junior: 1 B. Searson; 2 P. Birchenough; 3 J. Carr. 73s.

## 220 YARDS:

Senior: 1 D. Bailey; 2 B. Walton; 3 H. Palmer. 24.2s.  
 (School Record).  
 Middle: 1 M. Wharmby; 2 D. Crisp; 3 P. Shore. 27.1s.  
 Junior: 1 I. Lennard; 2 P. Birchenough; 3 M. Searson. 31s.

## 100 YARDS:

Senior: 1 B. Walton; 2 H. Luke; 3 H. Palmer. 11.1s.  
 Middle: 1 M. Wharmby; 2 D. Crisp; 3 B. Tandy. 12s.  
 Junior: 1 I. Lennard; 2 D. Briggs; 3 D. Robertson. 13.1s.  
 (School Record).

## 120 YARDS HURDLES:

Senior: 1 R. Eastwood; 2 H. Luke; 3 K. Stringfellow. 18s.  
 Middle: 1 T. Sokell; 2 G. Wilson. 21.8s.

## HIGH JUMP:

Senior: 1 = J. Archer and H. Luke; 3 K. Smith. 4ft. 9in.  
 Middle: 1 C. White; 2 C. Simey; 3 P. Padmore. 4ft. 4½in.  
 Junior: 1 D. Briggs; 2 P. Birchenough; 3 B. Kemsley. 4ft. 0½in.



## LONG JUMP:

**Senior:** 1 D. Bailey; 2 M. Eastwood; 3 B. Burrows. 18ft. 2in.  
**Middle:** 1 D. Crisp; 2 M. Dodd; 3 C. Simey. 15ft. 9in.  
**Junior:** 1 I. Lennard; 2 D. Briggs; 3 J. Sandford. 14ft. 4½in.  
 (School Record).

## SHOT:

**Senior:** 1 M. Smith; 2 P. Walls; 3 B. Burrows. 39ft. 4in.  
**Middle:** 1 C. White; 2 C. Rowbottom; 3 R. Ball. 29ft. 11in.

## DISCUS:

**Senior:** 1 M. Smith; 2 M. Soar; 3 J. Clay. 140ft.  
 (School Record).  
**Middle:** 1 C. White; 2 C. Rowbottom; 3 T. Sokell. 89ft. 5in.

## FOOTBALL RACE:

**Senior:** 1 P. Peabody; 2 R. Savidge; 3 T. Hatfield. 35-2s.  
**Middle:** 1 R. Parker; 2 J. Taylor; 3 B. Fisher. 36-8s.  
**Junior:** 1 P. Hankin; 2 I. Whittaker; 3 S. Burgan. 48-5s.

## POTATO RACE:

**Senior:** 1 K. Stringfellow; 2 C. Roach; 3 R. Eastwood.  
 (Time not recorded).  
**Middle:** 1 = C. Simey and R. Parker; 3 C. Gay. 51-2s.  
**Junior:** 1 D. West; 2 B. Searson; 3 D. Robertson. 52s.

## RELAY RACE:

**Senior:** 1 Booth; 2 Gray; 3 Thomas. 2m. 12-7s. (School Record).  
 (100, 220, 440, 220 and 100 yards).  
**Middle:** 1 Thomas; 2 Gray; 3 Booth. 46-8s.  
**Junior:** 1 Gray; 2 Thomas; 3 Booth. 53-7s.

## CUP WINNERS

**Cross Country:** M. Eastwood.  
**One Mile:** M. Eastwood.  
**Walking Race:** M. Eastwood.  
**Best All-Rounder:** M. Smith.  
**House Standards:** Thomas' House  
**House Relay:** Booth's House.  
**House Finals:** Thomas' House.

**HOUSE STANDARDS CUP.** This is a cup which has been awarded for the first time this year to the House gaining the most points in Heats for good performances. A high standard entitles a boy to two points and a low standard one point, for his House.

**VICTOR LUDORUM CUPS.** As an experiment these cups have for the time being been re-named because owing to the small numbers of boys in the School and therefore the small number of boys performing on Sports Day, too great a strain was falling on boys who took part in almost every final in their group in order to be Victor Ludorum.

## Swimming

Although the summer term provided us with the worst swimming weather we have experienced since classes started, its effect on numbers has been negligible, and a satisfactory all-round standard of swimming has been well maintained.

The Annual Swimming Sports (July 14th) were held as usual at the Newark swimming pool where a particularly good performance was put up by M. Wharmby in winning the senior cup and establishing three new records. (35.5 secs. for the 50 metres free style, 43 secs. for the 50 metres back, and 1 min. 32.5 secs. for the 100 metres free).

The best junior was J. W. Martin who established a new record of 39 ft. 1½ ins. for the junior plunge.

The Junior Dept. race, always a stirring event, produced an exciting finish when H. Merryweather overhauled J. Olsen on the post in a flurry of water which at times obliterated both contestants. But the best finish of the day was provided by M. Wharmby in the House relay. Gray's had already won the event and Booth's held an apparently decisive lead for second place when Wharmby by a

remarkable effort made up a deficit of nearly half a length and beat Booth's into last place by inches.

The final result (detailed below) contain a lesson which should interest every boy in the school. Although Thomas's provided both the champion swimmer and the runner-up, they were beaten into bottom place in the House Championship by the large body of "average" swimmers in the other two houses. Although often unable to reach final events, these boys achieved enough "standards" to exercise a decisive influence of the final award of the cup. Well done the "average" swimmers!

At the end of the sports, cups were presented by an old boy, Mr. H. A. Cobbin, who has long established for himself an honourable name in the world of swimming. We were very glad to have him with us at the pool and we now have an additional reason to thank him, for not only did he come to present the awards, but he has since given the school a silver cup to be awarded annually to the best junior. The first winner of this new cup is J. W. Martin.

## RESULTS OF SWIMMING SPORTS

- \* **50 Metres Free Style:** 1 M. Wharmby; 2 B. Fisher; 3 R. Hill. 35-5s.  
**30 Yards Free (Jnr.):** 1 J. Martin; 2 K. Baggaley; 3 A. Collins. 20-5s.  
**Junior Neat Dive:** 1 K. Baggaley; 2 = B. Collins and J. Martin.  
**Life-Saving:** 1 R. Paling; 2 M. Wharmby; 3 R. Hill. 30s.  
**Beginners:** 1 R. Soar; 2 Watson; 3 D. Ickeringill. 16-6s.  
**Senior Neat Dive:** 1 B. Fisher; 2 M. Wharmby; 3 R. Hill.  
**30 Yards Back (Jnr.):** 1 J. Martin; 2 A. Collins; 3 K. Baggaley. 23-3s.  
**50 Metres Back (Snr.):** 1 M. Wharmby; 2 B. Fisher; 3 P. Paling. 43s.  
**Junior Dept. Race:** 1 H. Merryweather; 2 J. Olsen. (No 3rd.). 20-5s.  
**Junior Plunge:** 1 J. Martin; 2 F. Sullivan; 3 D. Briggs. 39ft. 1½in.  
**100 Metres Free (Open):** 1 M. Wharmby; 2 B. Fisher. (No 3rd.).  
 1m. 32-5s.  
**30 Yds. Breast (Jnr.):** 1 T. Pepper; 2 A. Collins; 3 K. Baggaley. 25-5s.  
**Senior Plunge:** 1 P. Paling; 2 R. Savidge; 3 C. Reavill. 40ft. 2½in.  
**House Relay:** 1 Gray; 2 Thomas; 3 Booth. 2m. 59-5s.  
 \* Denotes new school record.  
**House Cup:** Gray's (73½ points); Booth's (65½); Thomas's (56).  
**Best Senior:** M. Wharmby; Runner-up B. Fisher.  
**Best Junior:** J. W. Martin; Runner-up K. Baggaley.

## Senior Scout Report

Although this year does not seem to be outstanding on paper—only two Queen's Scout badges gained and only two L.A. and County trophies won—it was an outstanding year in many other ways. Among these was the way in which members of the troop served both the public and Scouting in this district. The jobs undertaken ranged from taking the Town troop to camp to organising the L.A. Sports, and from operating a cine projector for the Red Cross to providing the organist for the first Knutana held in this area and the St. George's Day service.

Troop meetings were held fairly regularly until an infectious disease known as "G.C.E. revisionis panicissime..." spread through the troop and put the brake on our activities. On the year's programme were several outdoor (twenty twigs?) schemes organised by the P./Ls and a whole day's pioneering at Walesby, where two ropes were broken and a monkey bridge and aerial runway built.



The Curtis Senior Shield was won again at the L.A. sports at Arno Vale, in spite of the fact that the Notts. A.A.A. championships claimed some of our runners. Much valuable work for this event was done by members of the troop in preparing the ground and other necessary jobs. Later in the season several seniors represented the Scouts in the athletics match against the Youth organisations in the County.

The visit of the troop to Denmark in the summer holidays, which is described in another article, proved to be a fitting climax to this eventful year.

#### 4th SOUTHWELL

It was decided at the end of the year to start the 4th Southwell Troop consisting of patrols drawn from different villages in the Southwell area. For five weeks out of six the patrols were to meet in their respective villages under the guidance of two Senior Scouts. On the sixth week they were to meet in Southwell as a whole troop. Up to the time of writing, patrols have been formed at Rolleston and Halam with a keen response from the villagers. It is hoped that more patrols will be started in other villages in the near future.

P.K.E.

### Junior Scout Report

The fact that progress in badge work was slow does not mean that the past year was uneventful. Keith Musson and John Davis obtained their 1st Class while Trevor Sokell gained his Scout Cords. Fifteen Second Class badges were gained. In September we welcomed some ten new members.

At the local Ploughing Match, we sold the usual number of programmes, D. Ickeringill and R. Thompson being our best agents.

The team which qualified for the Camping Final went to Walesby under the leadership of David Hunt and was second to the Beeston Sea Scouts. This year's L.A. competitions out at Dorket Head, proved as exciting as ever, and our patrols were second and third. The P.L.s of these patrols were John Purdy and Michael Haller.

The week-end camps were for the most part carried out in very wet weather but were enjoyed nevertheless. Certain incidents again were rather prominent, namely:—

(a) The scout who thought the spike on the tent pole went in the ground; (b) The bespectacled friend who thought a tent would stay up without guy lines; (c) The two patrols who went "mud-larking" in Hoveringham Mill pond.

Our summer camp was again cancelled owing to severe weather in Somerset flooding the camp site. The P/Ls, however, were lucky enough to be able to join the Seniors in Denmark.

"Bob-a-job" brought in the grand total of £17 10s. David Ickeringill being the hardest worker.

In the Athletics section, our runners, captained by Malcolm Wharmby, won the Curtis Shield, and his own performance in the meeting did him much credit. Several of the Troop represented the County Scouts later on in the summer and well they acquitted themselves.

The patrol system worked well, as of course it should, and much of the success of the year was due to the energy of the P/Ls Whitaker, Reavill, Purdy, Davis, Musson and Peabody. This was also very evident on one or two special occasions such as the visit of the Field Company, the Camp Fire, and Christmas Party.

A.J.W.

### 1st Southwell in Denmark

If you want to evade the smoke, dirt and dust of industrial England for a few weeks in the clean atmosphere of a happy land, Denmark is undoubtedly the place to go. The scenery presents nothing in the way of the breathtaking and spectacular, but here is a pleasant undulating, agricultural countryside quietly relieved with small woods and hedgerow trees. The towns are small and scrupulously clean; their houses are freshly painted and their gardens neat; even their ice cream kiosks fit discreetly into the picture.

We spent the first week of our holiday at the Scout Jamborette at Hindsgavl castle, in the North West of Funen. This castle was once the home of Danish kings, but is now a centre for youth leaders from Scandinavia. Our own camp was situated on the top of what obviously had been at one time the mound elevating the older castle to a position commanding the Little Belt, the short strip of water between Jutland and Funen. This was a lovely spot, with the land sloping gently to the sea, or rather a fiord, with its wooded islands making it rather like a picturesque lake rather than the Baltic. The graceful Little Belt Bridge was only a short distance away and at night, the lights of Kolding could be seen in the distance.

A week at an International gathering of this nature was interesting and instructive. We met Scouts from France, Norway, Sweden, Holland and Switzerland as well as many from Denmark. National characteristics tend to show themselves on such occasions; the Swiss were always singing the most catchy tunes; the Swedish were always quiet and unperturbed; the French were always the life and soul of the camp fires at night, but never quite so lively at seven next morning; the Danish named them "salon-scouts." The Danish themselves were the keenest scouts in the best "backwoodsman" traditions. Indeed, on a twenty four hour hike that formed part of the first week's activities, we were accompanied by small Danish scouts, some of them only eleven or twelve, trying to carry their blankets with them. It soon became the thing for the English scouts to have their Danish scouts' gear on top of their own, in order to keep more or less to schedule times. They kept with us to the bitter end, although they were obviously tired out. I wonder how our juniors would have fared under similar conditions.

The first week passed all too quickly, what with its football matches, its visits to Kolding and Middlefart, its camp fires and its open day. Fortunately, this was the day of the fine weather, and the visitors came in their hundreds. Some tried their skill with the crossbow, some became members of the P.T.U. (pancake tossers union), while others, much younger and more agile, trusted our monkey bridge and were fully justified. This was perhaps our best pioneering project to date, being some 72 feet in length, and 12 feet from the ground. The day ended with a camp fire down by the Little Belt bridge, in an open air theatre which was ideal for the job. It was with regret that we packed our kit the following day but this was offset by the welcome we were to receive during the second week in the Danish homes.

Our first and lasting impression of the Danish people was that they still have the art of living in the full sense of the word. They eat on a scale rarely to be found in England. The English may be termed as a nation of eleven o'clock coffee drinkers and lunchers out; the Danes stay at home and eat often. A social call round the various hosts became a test of endurance to the appetite. The



standard of living on Danish farms is very high. The farmhouses are a mixture of the new and the old, their interior decoration, never shabby, always interesting, is a strange mixture of the modern and the Victorian, with contrasting wallpapers and creeping plants on the one hand, and an abundance of family photographs and crowded furniture on the other.

Another thing which I noted particularly about Denmark was the real happiness of the people. We saw no frayed tempers at the Jamborette when the organisation broke down. A twenty minutes discrepancy in programme seems to leave them undisturbed. This, when first encountered, is somewhat unsettling, but one made allowances for the 8.45 a.m. "Morgen parade," finished one's breakfast, and appeared at 9.00 a.m.

We made very many friends over there in our short stay. For many of us, we hope this was the first visit of many. We thank all those who were so hospitable to us. Although some of us were in families where no English was spoken, this did not seem to prove a barrier or a difficulty at all.

On the Thursday evening of the second week, we all gathered from our various homesteads to meet with the Danish parents at Hylkedam, the scout training centre of Fünen, where a happy evening was spent. We learnt afterwards that the final rendering of Ilkla Moor, was much appreciated by the Danes; it was queer how this tune because the tune wherever the English contingent was to be found. One of the great moments of the Jamborette was to hear the patrols returning from the hike in the pouring rain, and while they were a mile or so away, over the woods came the sound of "Ilkla Moor."

Yes—this was a great holiday—for we were amongst friends.

P. BRETT

P.S. from the Scouters on this trip.

We do hope you all enjoyed this adventure. From your reports, we think that this was so. We certainly enjoyed being with you. You were a grand lot of lads, and you know, as well as we do, that all of us did a great deal to keep British scouting in its proper place. It was not only the big things you did well, but your whole bearing, with one minor exception, was first rate. We were glad to see you win the first for camping and the first for smartness and appearance. We, like you, knew nothing of this until the Sunday. Now the connections have been made, keep them going, and if you want to go back, well, so do we.

"1;2;3. Entendez vous venir . . ."

## Musical Activities

At the Commemoration of Benefactors 1953 the Choir sang "O quam gloriosum" by Vittoria, Festival Te Deum by Vaughan Williams, and "O what their joy and their glory must be" by W. H. Harris.

The School again visited the Newark Music Club at Christmas to sing carols.

The School Carol Service held in the Minster was well attended as usual and the musical highlight was Sweelinck's "Hodie Christus natus est." The service was a fitting climax to Mr. Peters' four years in Southwell, during which time he moulded the choir into a fine instrument capable of mastering large choral works and built up the musical standards of the school. His dynamic personality will long be remembered and we wish him every success in his new post at Adelaide University.

In the Easter Term we welcomed Mr. Officer who has filled the place of Mr. Peters and maintained the high standard of music in the School.

Quite early in the term the Choir visited West Bridgford Arts Society where the main work of the performance was Benjamin Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb," and Miss Cox played Handel's F major violin sonata.

The School concert at the end of the term was as successful as ever—the glees being a somewhat hilarious innovation.

On Maundy Thursday a select group sang Byrd's four-part Mass at the early celebration. This was a moving and enlightening experience for all who attended.

A small madrigal group was formed in the Summer Term which sang madrigals at a garden fete for the Friends of the School. The same music was later performed at the Darby and Joan Club.

H.J.R.S. P.B.

## Concert Programme

APRIL, 1954 — IN THE BISHOP'S MANOR HALL.

1. **Two Four-part Ayres** by John Dowland  
 "Say, love, if ever thou dost find" (Book III 1603)  
 "Fine knacks for ladies" (Book II 1600)  
 The Small choir.
2. **Three arrangements of music** by J. S. Bach  
 i Dein Geburtstag ist erschienen (Thy birthday is come)  
 (aria for a bass voice from a Christmas cantata)  
 ii Das ist je gewisslich Wahr (It is a true saying)  
 (Chorus from an Advent cantata)  
 iii Christ lag in Todesbanden (Christ lay in Death's dark prison)  
 (Chorale from an Easter cantata)  
 P. Brett L. A. Officer (two pianos).
3. **Schicksalslied (A song of Destiny)** by J. S. Brahms (op. 54)  
 The Choir.  
 — INTERVAL —
4. **English Songs**  
 i O waly waly arr. B. Britten  
 ii Oliver Cromwell arr. B. Britten  
 iii Fair and true Warlock  
 iv Jillian of Berry Warlock  
 John Rushby Smith John Martlew.
5. **String fantasy in six parts** by W. Byrd  
 P. Brett C. E. Baker (violins)  
 G. Berry O. Cox (violas)  
 B. R. Hoare L. A. Officer ('cellos)
6. **Three Glees**  
 i Foresters, sound the cheerful horn by Sir Henry Bishop  
 ii Sleep, gentle Lady (Serenade) by Sir Henry Bishop  
 iii Bacchus Anon.  
 L. A. Officer B. Walton P. Brett J. Rushby Smith.  
 Old Abram Brown (a round) B. Britten  
 Bobby Shaftoe arr. W. G. Whittaker

The Choir.



## Dramatics

## "Twelfth Night"

In 1602 the first production, as far as we know, of this play gave a Master John Massingham so much pleasure that he noted his visit in his diary; this year's production would surely have given him equal delight. To have contemporary music played by Ceciley Arnold and Marshall Johnson for the songs and interludes was not merely to provide a most pleasing setting to the play, it gave the production a freshness and originality such as Massingham must have found. And to provide Feste with a singer—H. J. Rushby Smith—made sure that two of the best known and loved Shakespearean songs were notably well sung, and intensified that blending of music and drama which this play calls for.

What struck Master Massingham most about the play—"the good practise in it to make the steward believe his lady was in love with him" is just that part which gives the modern audience dramatic pleasure. In our cast we were fortunate—J. F. Clay as Sir Toby Belch gave another excellent performance, and C. W. Allan (Sir Andrew) and P. M. Peabody (Feste) played up to his lead splendidly in the succession of richly comic scenes. The secondary plot concentrates on Malvolio, the most interesting and important character in the play to the modern eye; this part J. R. Lester took very well. Though small, he has sufficient stage presence to assert a dominant personality—perhaps in leaning a little far to the contemplative and deliberate, he played at too slow a tempo. M. A. Smith made a very satisfying Fabian; this is one of those parts which in a reading seem small and not apparently important, but when acted well, take on a significance and roundness that impress.

However acceptable the main story of the play was to an Elizabethan audience, to us its conventions have worn thin and its characters faded: perhaps this is why R. Merryweather's Viola was a disappointment. B. Rogers, as Olivia, was stately and effective. P. Brett made as much of Orsino as it is possible to do of that chameleon Duke, and Whitaker's Antonio had the resolute boldness one would expect from "that notable pirate" — in fact he overshadowed Sebastian.

After a hesitant first night, the production gained fire and pace to display that crispness and polish which our producer, Mr. B. J. Rushby Smith, always gives.

Mr. Bolland's sets this year were again a pleasure to see; we are much in his debt for the enhancement thus of our productions and his backgrounds showed off the richness and beauty of costume to their best advantage.

Our thanks must be paid to all those who worked to make this production so great a success and the customary acknowledgments are below, together with the details of cast.

Songs and interludes arranged by CECILEY ARNOLD and MARSHALL JOHNSON from music of the time when the play was written.

## Dramatis Personae:

Orsino, Duke of Illyria	P. Brett
Sebastian, brother of Viola	B. Walton
Antonio, a Sea Captain, friend to Sebastian	A. J. Whitaker
A Sea Captain	M. J. Soar
Valentine	M. W. Haller
Curio, Gentleman attending on the Duke	M. Taylor
Sir Toby Belch, Uncle to Olivia	J. F. Clay
Sir Andrew Aguecheek	C. W. E. Allan
Malvolio, Steward to Olivia	J. R. Lester
Fabian	M. A. Smith
Feste, a Clown	P. M. Peabody
Claudio, a singer	H. J. Rushby Smith
Olivia, a rich Countess	B. Rogers
Viola	R. Merryweather
Maria, Olivia's woman	C. C. Gay
First Officer	M. J. Soar
Second Officer	D. A. Ward
Servant	M. Bunney
Priest	M. S. Parkinson
Attendants	J. V. Colhoun
	R. Eastgate
	P. K. Else
Sailors	C. White
	B. Lynds
	R. White

## Musicians:

Ceciley Arnold and Marshall Johnson (assisted by P. K. Else, A. Whitaker, Mr. J. V. Peters and Miss O Cox).	
The Play Produced by	Mr. B. J. Rushby Smith
Stage Manager	Mr. E. Pallister
Business Manager	Mr. D. H. Doy
Electricians	Mr. P. Yates, C. N. Roach, I. J. Lynds
Scenery	Mr. J. H. Bolland
Scene Painters	J. B. Pick, M. Clarke H. J. Rushby Smith, J. F. Clay
Stage Hands	J. B. Pick, S. M. Paterson M. Clarke, J. K. Musson
Dressing	Mrs. Rushby Smith
Make-up	Mr. B. J. Rushby Smith
	P. Brett, H. J. Rushby Smith
Dresses by:	
Nellie Smith, of Nottingham, and by Miss K. J. Rushby Smith	
Furniture and properties lent by:	
The Provost and Mrs. Heywood, Mrs. Bolland, Mrs. Swingle and Mrs. Rushby Smith.	
Stewards	J. M. Davis, G. Southwell, R. Walker
Programme Sellers	B. J. Hallam, I. Lennard R. W. Thompson.



## Theatre Visits

### The Playhouse

During the year School parties made three visits to the Nottingham Playhouse, one in each term. In the winter term a Junior Form, Form II, went to see "As You Like It," the play they were reading, acted by a competent company — an experience which puts a play into a new light and gives it an aura proceeding from pleasurable recollections which can never leave it.

On January 26th a party of Seniors saw "Carnival King" during its world premiere run—one of the best productions the Playhouse has ever done, sufficiently good to impress "Punch." This play, in the "Richard of Bordeaux" tradition, provided first-rate theatre and striking costume, though its second act needed pruning. Those of us who saw it had an emotional experience that stimulated and enriched the mind. In comparison, the play we saw on our third visit—"Badger's Green," on the 18th May, was a trifle, but very well done. Ginger, the nervous batsman and Mr. Twigg hanging his coat rack showed how the actor who has not a word to say may focus upon himself the attention of the audience. To any boy interested in drama, or who finds pleasure in dramatic work, these visits must be not only enjoyable in themselves, but intensely stimulating in the many lessons by example they afford—maybe one of the most valuable being the manner in which the actor expresses his emotions and achieves his effects not only by voice and hands, but by his whole person.

### Stratford

On 26th May a School party visited Stratford to see Glen Byam Shaw's production of "Romeo and Juliet." The professional critics have written unkindly of Mr. Laurence Harvey's Romeo—just as they have of his playing in the Rossellini film which received a Venice award; but does not the fault lie in the play itself? Is it not, like "The Tempest," a reflection of an animating spirit alien to this age? To say that Romeo fails to move us, as this romantic lover should, is a biased criticism, unjustified because it comes from a modern's approach to this play. Thus, Mercutio, as he did in this production, seems the better man; but I doubt if this is what Shakespeare intended or what the Elizabethan audience accepted. As a spectacle the play was magnificent, superbly costumed and having that dazzling ingenuity of setting and staging the Stratford theatre almost always provides; nor was the play overweighted and obscured by the fancies of the producer, as some productions at this theatre have been. Not the best play we have seen at Stratford, but certainly not the least pleasing.

## The Sixth Form Society

The Sixth Form Society has continued its varied activities on Thursday afternoons; these have included visits to factories and other places of dubious interest, as well as lectures and discussions, also of dubious interest.

One of the most interesting visits was to Ruston and Hornsby's Ltd., Lincoln, diesel engine manufacturers. A suitable peace offering to the not so mechanically-minded was the excellent tea which concluded the visit. Other interesting visits were to Player's Tobacco Factory (which was extremely profitable), Metal Box Co. Ltd., Ransome and Marles Bearing Co. Ltd. and Calverton Colliery. Raleigh Industries completed the cycle. After the noise of the factories we enjoyed a quiet afternoon at Kelham Mission.

Mr. Peters was induced to speak to us before leaving for Australia upon the functions of a University. A lively discussion followed. Mr. Humberstone's account of life in Rhodesia was very enlightening and he made it clear that the problem of the native's position in society there was far from settled.

We succeeded eventually in getting the R.A.F. Liaison Officer, Squadron Leader Gracie, to pay us a visit, and Brigadier Lauring, of the Army, intrigued us with his stories of "tigah-shootin'" in Malaya.

The papers given by members of the Group covered anything from pottery to postage stamps or Homer to jazz.

Each week during the last year one member of the Lower Sixth was given a topical event to commentate upon instead of the former general news summary. An afternoon devoted to "Two minute" impromptu speeches on obscure subjects was also rather successful.

At the end of the Summer Term the artistic and scientific members of the Group respectively published newspapers called "The Flattie" and "Slash." Sales were even in spite of the fact that "Slash" was of the more sensational type, whereas "The Flattie" was reserved and somewhat satirical.

Altogether we have had a very successful year, much credit being due to the efficient chairmanships of Walton, Lynds and Hoare, each holding the office for one term.

P.B.

H.J.R.S.

C.W.E.A.

(Secretaries for the three terms).



**S.C.M.**

For some time now, a group of people has been meeting on alternate Monday nights at 8.30 p.m. to discuss different aspects and problems of Christianity. The group is associated with the Student Christian Movement in schools and use has been made of discussion material published by the movement. The Rev. A. Pegler has attended the meetings and led our informal discussions; Mr. Young has introduced us generally to the S.C.M.

In June the Rev. T. C. Patterson, Midland General Secretary to S.C.M.S., came to talk to us and gave us many interesting suggestions.

A most important activity of the group has been the singing of Compline in the Minster at 9.0 p.m. on Saturdays. In this and in other things, Mr. Officer has given help.

At the present there are fourteen members from the Fourth Form upwards. Anybody in the Senior School who is interested in Christianity in any way is invited to join. The Group aims to form a Christian Society within the School and to make our long Christian tradition more actively realised.

**Booth's House Report****RUGBY FOOTBALL**

Thomas' gained the bye in this year's inter-house tournament and so Booth's had to play Gray's in the first round. It was a very fast, clean game in which Booth's scrum combined well to prevent their experienced opponents from getting the ball to their backs. Walls and Fox deserve particular mention for inspiring the scrum by their determination and hard play. However, the football experience of Gray's team soon began to tell and they crossed our line twice to win by 8 points to nil.

**CRICKET**

Once again the Cricket XI had quite a successful run in the House Cricket matches, but were unable to win the cup. In the first match against Gray's we made a grand total of 110 after a last wicket stand of 62 of which White, M. scored 33 not out. Gray's were quickly dismissed for 51 runs owing to some accurate bowling by Dobb and Ward, D. A. and to the alert fielding of the team. In the final against Thomas' we were dismissed much more easily for 43 runs, a total which Thomas' reached for the loss of only 5 wickets.

**ATHLETICS**

This year there were two House Cups to be contested for, the one for the greatest number of standards points and the other for the most points obtained from results on Sports Day. For the former cup the House was left far behind because many members of the House do not attempt all the events they could. The latter cup was lost to Thomas' owing mainly to their superiority in the Junior and Middle School.

**SWIMMING**

The House swimming this year was considerably improved although we did not manage to win the cup. Next year if a few more members attempt standards it is quite possible that the cup may come our way.

**MERIT CUP**

After holding this cup for two years in succession we have lost it by a narrow margin to Thomas'.

**Gray's House Report****RUGBY FOOTBALL**

Gray's fielded a strong side, all members having played for a School XV of some kind. In the first round Gray's beat Booth's by 8-0 in a very fast and open game. In the final we beat Thomas' by 14-0, so regaining the Rugby Cup.

**CRICKET**

Although fielding a side including six 1st XI members Gray's were beaten in the first round by Booth's. The defeat was largely owing to a last wicket stand of 62 by Booth's. Scores Both 110, Gray's 51.

**SWIMMING**

For the fourth year in succession Gray's won the Swimming Cup although the competition from the other Houses was much stronger than in previous years. The Cup for the best individual Junior swimmer was won by Martin. Special mention must also be made of the swimming of R. Hill and P. Paling.

**ATHLETICS**

Gray's put up a good performance in this field without any outstanding success, being narrowly defeated by Thomas' for both the Standards and Sports Day cups. However, the performances of the junior members of the House augurs well for the future.

**Thomas' House Report****RUGBY FOOTBALL**

This year Thomas' obtained a bye in the Rugby Cup and thus had to play the winners of the Gray's versus Booth's match. In final we lost to a strong Gray's team 14-0. Though we had six members of the 1st XV, little experienced support could be found especially in the scrum. Despite desperate efforts by Smith M. A. and Eastwood M. A. the scrum were outplayed by a much heavier Gray's pack, the result being that Thomas' backs saw very little of the ball.

**CRICKET**

Thomas' regained the Cricket Cup this season after the lapse of four years. Again we won a bye and defeated Booth's by five wickets in the final. The three members of the 1st XI were well supported by a young and enthusiastic team. Revill and Simey both deserve mention for their efforts. The result was Booth's 43, Thomas' 47 for 5.



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## ATHLETICS

This has again been a good year for 'Thomas' as regards athletics. By hard work from the House as a whole we won both the Heats and Finals cups in spite of fierce competition. The most outstanding member of the House in this field was Eastwood M. A. who again won the Cross-Country, Walking Race and Mile Cups, the last for the fourth successive year. The All-Rounders Cup was won this year by Smith M.A. mainly for his services in Rugger, Cricket and Athletics.

## SWIMMING

Though our House produced the champion swimmer, Wharmby, and the runner-up, Fisher, there was still not enough interest to enable us to gain the premier award.

## MERIT CUP

A high standard of work enabled us to win the cup this year, from the previous holders, Booth's.

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The Boarding House

Conscious of the fact that this is the last year when the boarders will sleep at the School at West Lodge and realising that in the future life will be a bed of roses on the Hill and at the Prebend we cannot help feeling sentimental about what will soon be the good old times. Those of us who lived up the yard may not have had the newest of arm chairs or the most up-to-date book shelves but just think of the warmth we generated on the cold winter days, the dark stains on the fingers of our fag makers, the holes in the ceiling made by—the billiard cues perhaps. Surely here we gained a real education.

Shall we not many of us miss the irregular hot baths at the School, the valued proximity of dormitory to form room which made reclining study for the studious possible, the nearness to the grave yard of the senior's dormitory which had after all certain advantages—in case of fire perhaps. Those lucky ones in the nursery classes will no longer sleep with the stale smell of multitudinous school meals assailing their nostrils, or be awakened by the cats on the tiles of the Crown. Alas too, for the West Lodgers, deprived of their morning cold shower or evening hot one, the delicious uncertainty of whether the infernal gas machine in the corner would blow up or boil you. Any two trim young ladies will hardly remember the soothing noises of their sitters in, but for quite a time certainly missed the noisy boys in the house. Mr. and Mrs. Fox may now have more peace than for a year or two and more space, but we all regret the fact that they are no longer on "the staff" of the boarding establishment.

As usual we have had our ups and downs. Lively activities in the wilderness and a perfect rash of den building and burrowing so that it is almost unsafe to walk there without being trapped. Pets are no longer fashionable so the cabbages have thrived. The brief spell of cold weather in the spring term brought out the

sledges, but few were able to take advantage of the ice on the pond in Norwood Park. Since the edges have been cleared of scrub the surface is much better than it used to be and much more accessible. Sir William had wisely provided a ladder and a rope in case of accidents. One day he and the Headmaster were to be seen vigorously brushing the snow from the ice to make a path for the skaters.

A wet summer and a circular pond reduced the splodging activities of the juniors, so water fights were few and far between, but the tennis court was very popular in spite of a rather soft surface.

Mr. Young has now left the House much again to our regret for he settled in so swiftly that we thought after two or three days that he had always been there. We hope he won't forget the time he spent among us.

The Christmas party and the end of the year goodbye "do" went down quite uproariously the house as usual is in debt to Mrs. Rushby Smith and her helpers for that vital work of any boarding house the satisfaction of the inner man. The speeches flowed readily from the lips of the leavers, many to the standard formula, but none the less genuine.

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The Leavers

Junior Department: C. C. Annis (Cub, chorister, den builder).

Form I: J. Sandiford (viola player).

Form II: R. A. Soar (Scout, school chorister, under 13 Rugger); A. A. Warner (Scout, naturalist, cycle rider, under 13 Rugger).

Form V: J. A. Archer (cricket 1st XI captain, vice-captain Gray's House); M. J. Bailey (Scout, artist, school choir member); T. J. Chapman (Corporal A.T.C.); T. Hatfield (1st XI cricket, 1st XV Rugger, a swimmer and a runner); D. F. Hill (one time member of school choir); D. Hunt (Scout, member of school choir, under 15 Rugger); J. L. Hutchinson (prize winner, scholar and member of Dramatic Society); D. W. Jones (member of the orchestra); P. A. Palling (1st XV hooker, swimmer); C. G. Simpson (under 13 Rugger, Scout); K. I. Smith (1st XV Rugger, athletics a speciality); C. Tagg (Rugger player); Savidge; M. J. Soar (Queen's Scout, Dramatic Society member, artist, Rugger player and cricketer, singer in the choir and viola player).

Form VI: J. B. Pick (Queen's Scout, scene painter, member of school choir, artist and Boarding House prefect); B. R. Hoare (cellist, actor and scene changer, member of the school choir and sub prefect); P. A. Baker (cricketer 1st XI); M. A. Eastwood (Queen's Scout, 1st XV colour and trial player, 1st XI cricketer, athlete and trophy winner, sub prefect); M. A. Smith (captain of Rugger and County boys player, 1st XI cricketer, Queen's Scout, discus thrower and weight putter, member of Dramatic Society and school prefect); B. Walton (athlete and actor, singer in the choir and accompanist to the orchestra, school prefect); J. P. Martlew (accompanist to school choir, A.R.C.O., business manager Dramatic Society, Senior Scout, head prefect, and one time member of House Rugger team).



**SOUTHWELL MINSTER SCHOOL AIDED APPEAL FUND**

**Statement of Account for the year ended 31st March, 1954**

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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 the affairs of this Fund. —E. W. NEWALL

**B. J. RUSHBY SMITH, Headmaster**

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## SCHOOL KALENDAR

## AUTUMN TERM

September 10	Beginning of Term
September 29	Dedication Service of the Company of Service.
October 19	Commemoration, Prize Giving, Official Visit to Hill House
November 3	Old Boys' Match
November 8—10	Half Term
November 11	Governors' Meeting
November 22	Visit to the Assizes by Form VI
November 24	Concert by Phillip Hatti
December 15	School Choir Carol Concert, Newark
December 16—18	School Plays
December 21	Grammar School Trial Match, Rugger
December 23	Carol Service, End of Term

## SPRING TERM

January 14	Beginning of Term, Old Boys' Dance
February 12	Old Boys' Match and Dinner
February 28—March 2	Half Term
March 14	G.C.E. Test Examinations
March 21	School Examinations
April 1 & 2	School Concert
April 7	End of Term

## SUMMER TERM

April 28	Beginning of Term
May 30 to June 1	Whitsuntide Half Term
June 20	General Certificate of Education
July 9	Old Boys' Cricket Match
July 13	Swimming Sports
July 14	Sports Day
July 15	Grammar School Trial Match, Cricket
July 20	End of Term