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Foreword

Next year, the Millenary; last year, Hill House; and this year's claim to distinction is no more than that it comes in between.

For many of us this is a good thing. It is part of the proper rhythm, the variation in the curve that can make for stability. The First XV cannot keep on winning all the time, this year's concert cannot always be better than last year's, the number of passes in the G.C.E. must sometimes be fewer than before. What really matters is how low is the col between the peaks. If the drop is not too steep, the climb next time is that much higher.

Continuing the metaphor; all experienced mountaineers prefer not to lose height if they can possibly help it. When you read this Magazine you will see that what we have done is to maintain height and so have given ourselves a good starting off ground for the coming school year 1956 and our Millenary.

B. J. RUSHBY SMITH.

Review

The Governors: Provost Conybeare and Mr. N. A. Metcalfe.

During the last school year a former Vice-chairman of the Governors, Provost Conybeare, and a former Clerk to the Governors, Mr. N. A. Metcalfe, died. Elsewhere we record a tribute to these two men and the work each in his own way did for the school. Here we mention that by their bequests for prizes their names will be added to our list of Benefactors personally remembered at the Annual Commemoration Service. Provost Conybeare has left a sum of £100 to the school expressing the hope "that the Governors will use the money for the purpose of providing an annual prize for an examination on the subject of Divinity" but "left without any trust or condition." By his will, Mr. Metcalfe directed as follows: "I give to the Headmaster of the Southwell Minster Grammar School the sum of £50 to be expended as he in his absolute discretion shall think best for the school." This has been used to found the "Neville Metcalfe Prize for Music." We stand in debt of gratitude to these two friends who by their benefactions have expressed their love for the school.

The New Chairman

In spite of many things, the New Articles of Government and Instrument of Government have not finally been made by the Minister of Education. These two documents give the rules under which the school is administered and list the qualifications for membership of the Governing body. So for the time being no change has taken place on these grounds. Though the Governors elect their chairman annually, the Bishops of Southwell have occupied that office ever since the present "scheme" came into existence in 1902. It is with regret that we have to announce that the present Lord Bishop of Southwell has resigned from this position. The great complexity of administration under the new Act has made it very difficult for him to keep up-to-date in our affairs and rather than continue as a chairman with insufficient knowledge he has resigned. He will not, and by the Articles cannot, cease from being a Governor as he is so "ex officio." This means that he will be able to take an interest in the school and we shall hope to have the benefits of his wisdom for some time to come. Our new Chairman is the Very Reverend the Provost of Southwell, H. C. L. Heywood, M.A., known to us all as the Provost. His personal interest, inexhaustible energy, tremendous determination and mental alacrity will be given full scope in this important office. We welcome him most heartily and offer him our sincere congratulations.

New Appointments

There have been new appointments by the bodies responsible. Mr. Wiltshire represents Nottingham University and he is already a most valuable member and a strength to the foundation members. Major W. Foster has only recently been appointed as one of the County Council members and this should be a great help to have both a lawyer and a local resident on the body. We welcome them both and hope that they will be able to find the time to attend school events as well as business meetings.

The Staff

There have been no changes in the personnel of the full-time teaching staff—a fact which makes for continuity and smoothness of working if a little disappointing to small boys who like to try out the inexperienced. Mr. Pallister was away for a month in the summer

undergoing, we are glad to say, a successful operation. Mrs. Glasper again came to help us out and we are very grateful to her. Mr. Young brought back Mrs. Young, thereby reducing our bachelor members to two. We certainly congratulate him. There is now too, a Master Holling as well as a Miss. This present term Mr. Scott comes to us for one day each week and under his expert guidance the trumpeter plays more dulcet notes and the bassoonist pompoms away quite—well, almost tunefully. We are—at least, several keen enthusiasts are—delighted to have him with us.

In a school with a large number of boarders there are what the County Estimate Form calls other Staff. They are important people and number twenty. We welcomed those who came at the beginning of the year in the last Magazine and apart from the caretaker there have been no changes. Mr. Pacey left us in March, and Mr. Best succeeded him but finding it difficult to combine caretaking with fire fighting and upholstery has now handed over to Mr. Naylor. To these people who keep the place clean, serve and prepare our food and look after us when we are ill, we are indeed grateful and we can best show this appreciation by helping to make their work easier than it sometimes is.

General

The report of last year's Prizegiving gives the achievements of the year before. It is as well, I think, to remark upon this year's in this review. That eight people have gained admission to Universities out of so small a Sixth Form is a great tribute both to the gentlemen themselves and to the Staff who coach them. Of these P. Brett's Open Scholarship to King's College, Cambridge, is a fact about which the School must be justly proud. The award too of a State Scholarship which takes H. J. Rushby Smith to St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, completes the achievement of the musical side in a remarkable way and gives great credit to Mr. Officer and his predecessor Mr. Peters. County Scholarships are not obtained so easily either and we must congratulate C. Greaves, K. W. Stringfellow, C. N. Roach and D. W. Bailey on being awarded scholarships to Birmingham Cardiff and Nottingham Universities.

On the side of what is technically known as Physical Education there is a great deal of variety. The place now given to Athletics is noteworthy, it owes not a little to the fact that Mr. Pulford has discovered that he is not "busy" enough in the summer and he has put his

great energy into organising it. That we have again been runners-up in the Seven-a-side Tournament at Skegness is a reason for gratification as is also the achievement of the Cricket team who with no exceptionally outstanding players did good work in winning so many matches. It is a good record and given all-round support by all members of the School may well be maintained.

The Dramatic Society's work was limited to the Christmas Plays which, though not as ambitious as formerly, were very popular and made some money. The Choir and the Musical Society gave concerts and other items throughout the year. The most noticeable event was the major item of the concert in Bishop's Manor Hall in which the strings took a really important part.

Here we must record that on March 25th, Friday, a party from Carlton-le-Willows Grammar School on a Historical expedition, began their day by sharing in the School's morning service in the Minster, by kind permission of the Provost, during which their Senior History Master, Mr. Makins, read the lesson.

The freeing of the top floor at the school has certainly eased the problem of practice rooms and times, as have the three new pianos been a welcome addition to the musical equipment. Gradually there is appearing the basis of musical department envisaged in the Ministry's plans and sponsored by their Chief Inspector for Music—Bernard Shore.

Our members are at present 210 with 76 boarders and there is not room for any more.—B.J.R.S.

THE WORK OF THE COMPANY OF FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The number of subscribers to the Appeal Fund is in all 250. This year's accounts are published as usual and indicate a most encouraging situation. It should be said that the Local Area total is lower by £25 than it actually should be, due to a late subscription from the Parochial Church Council arriving the day after the accounts were closed. This will make the total just over £400 and thus the suggestion made at last year's Prize Giving has been fulfilled. The building of the reserve goes on steadily and the Working Committee have asked for investigations as to the means of obtaining a better rate of interest. It should also be noted that our accounts end in April so this does not include the splendid effort of the Summer Fete. Without any doubt the existence of this Company of Friends is a real guarantee of the School's future and is the bed-rock on which all else is based. I hope very much that all parents will become Friends; there is no minimum subscription and you pay how you like.

The Annual Meeting

The meeting was held in the School Hall and over 70 Friends were present. It was in fact the best meeting that we have ever held

and reveals the great interest shown in the school. The Headmaster had two members of the Working Committee, Mr. Pogmore and Mr. Ellis sitting with him but found himself doing much of the talking. The accounts were duly received and approved, an explanation being given about the Barchester premium and the possibilities of its increase. The report of the Committee showed that apart from the work on the summer occasion it had obtained the co-operation of the Governors and the Old Boys by representation on a special sub-committee, to investigate ways and means of appealing to a wider public in the Millenary year. It was made clear that the Committee were not expecting Friends to increase their own subscriptions in the Millenary year at the expense of the future but all were asked to help in the work of making a Millenary Appeal of £10,000 for the Rebuilding Fund a success. This Rebuilding Fund is the capital side of the Barchester Scheme and it is important that it be built up.

The Tea-Party

Provided by an anonymous donor the annual tea-party to visiting Friends was held in the Trebeck Hall. The work of organisation and of preparation was in the hands of the lady members of the Committee, Mrs. Rushby Smith, Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Burgan; they were assisted by those wives of the Staff who so kindly turned up to help prepare and serve, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Doy, Mrs. Pallister and Mrs. Young. Over 120 people "took tea" and it proved to be a very popular affair. We owe a debt of real gratitude to the lady members of the Committee and to their helpers for the excellent arrangements, as also to the donor who paid the bill.

The Garden Fete

A threatening sky and a certain amount of rain caused some alarm and despondency beforehand. But, as last year, the rain did not start properly until the fete was over. There were about 200 in the grounds sampling the various sideshows and purchasing from the stalls. Well set out with gay notices and marked by posts, strings and whiting they were all well patronised. The Haunted Cellar had long queues and was full of fascinating horrors. It was rumoured that three people were carried out. Rushby Smith and Colhoun, aided by sundry small youngsters, provided an astonishing experience for sixpence. Bean Bags and Roll Your Penny, Hidden Treasure and Spinette, croquet balls and darts, crazy golf and archery raked in the money, directed by Brett, Walls, Allan and the "pro" Gay. Twopence a look down Merryweather's telescope showed the fortunate close-ups of Brackenhurst. A runaway car and electric shocks thrilled the unwary. A museum in the greenhouse, an electric train in the Common room, together with ice-cream and "pop" completed the list. Inside, the stalls organised by Miss Hoare, Miss Moakes, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Gregory, Miss Berry and Miss Cox did a magnificent trade. By the end of the evening what had not been sold was auctioned off by Mr. Pogmore and Mr. Ellis for fabulous prices. The offers from parents of produce and articles for sale was absolutely splendid. Mrs. Brown too organised a "guess the doll's birthday date" and Mrs. Cowhig won the doll; Mr. Lyth won the Hidden Treasure and Mrs. Jelf guessed the weight of Mrs. Peabody's beautiful iced cake. Mrs. Argent won the box of chocolates and the nylons in Mrs. Burgan's raffle. Entertainment was provided by a Septet playing Purcell in the loggia to assembled guests. The Junior Department recited various poems under the direction of a bearded Johnson. Jewry's Rhythm Band played what might be called popular tunes at varying speeds. It was in fact a good day and receipts of over £70 checked and re-checked by Mr. Parker were a fitting reward for so much effort.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL APPEAL FUND

31st March, 1955.

for the year ended

Income & Expenditure Account

To Balance at National Prov.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bank at 1st April, 1954	161	3	7			
Cash in hand	5	10	10	166	14	5
Subscriptions:—						
Parents	140	18	6			
Local Area	69	11	0	316	9	6
Old Boys	106	0	0	31	12	10
Donations						
Income Tax reclaimed on				29	14	0
Deeds of Covenant—						
Subscription 1953/54						
				£544	10	9
				RESERVE		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in York County						
Savings Bank,						
1st April, 1954	1,817	16	0			
Interest (Nov. 1954)	45	8	6			
Transfer from Income &						
Expenditure Account	200	0	0	2,063	4	6
				£2,063	4	6

By Printing & Stationery	£	s.	d.
Summer Social Expenses	7	10	8
covered by anonymous gift	4	9	8
Postages & Cheque Books	7	4	0
Southwell Diocesan Board of Finance Part Premium—			
Barchester Scheme	175	0	0
York County Savings Bank— Deposit	200	0	0
Millenary Celebration Committee	5	0	0
Balance at Bank	139	15	7
Cash in hand	5	10	10
	£544	10	9
	£	s.	d.
By Balance in York County Savings Bank at 31st March, 1955	2,063	4	6
	£2,063	4	6

Audited and found correct.
(Signed) W. LEEK.
30th April, 1955.

THE MILLENNARY PLANS

Approaching rapidly the Millenary year, it is perhaps wise to give a brief explanation of what the celebrations are to be about. It is not the Millennium as some members of Form I seem to think. In fact it is the Thousandth Anniversary of the granting of a charter. By this charter King Eadwy gave to Oskytel, Archbishop of York, the Manor of Southwell. It is in fact a grant of land in and around Southwell and as a result the Archbishops of York were able to establish their Minster in Southwell and with it the Church, the school and the place. It is rightly our foundation date. The Charter exists at York but though the Latin part is easily translatable, the Saxon part has defied the most eminent Anglo-Saxon scholars. Be that as it may, the year 956 is generally accepted as the proper date and it is right that we should celebrate it as a part of the foundation.

Obviously the ordinary work of the school has to go on and we have to see to it that the celebrations do not interfere with it. Therefore we are endeavouring to concentrate on four particular events though we shall of course take part in others. The first will be the Millenary service on June 9th to which will come the Archbishop of Canterbury and all kinds of representatives, in all probability Her Majesty the Queen Mother will attend. The next event will be a Great Pageant of Southwell, organised initially by the school, to be performed before the West doors of the Minster on July 6th and 7th. In mid-October a special Commemoration Service for the school will be held and in the evening of that day after the Prize Giving there will be a concert of sufficient importance to bring distinguished guests. Finally to end the year a play before Christmas in the Minster. Details about these will all go into the Millenary Programme to be published early in the New Year. There will no doubt be other events arranged by the Old Boys and the Friends and notice will be sent to all concerned.

The major effort will be the raising of a Rebuilding Fund of £10,000 to assist in increasing the capital in the Barchester Scheme. Many of you will have heard that the Bishop of Southwell may probably be going to live nearer Nottingham. First steps have been taken by the Governors to see if they cannot obtain Bishop's Manor should it become vacant, as a nucleus of the new school buildings. Besides saving money it would be an incomparable asset to a school of such antiquity as ours. To have this one-time Palace of the Archbishops of York as a main part of the school with its lovely old hall and ruin-lined quadrangle would surely place us on an equal footing with other ancient schools and itself be a guarantee of the future.

B. J. RUSHBY SMITH.

THE SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

The Service was held in the Choir of the Minster. The Very Reverend H. C. L. Heywood conducted the Service and the Headmaster read the commemoration prayer. The whole service was beautifully sung by the school Choir under Mr. A. Officer; the singing received very high praise from Sir William McKie, organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, the chief guest. The address was given by the Rev. E. W. T. Dicken, Vicar of Cauntton. The Press report of his address is as follows:—

Courage, a sense of justice, temperance, prudence and fortitude, are more deeply necessary than things found in the school curriculum, said Mr. Dicken.

But more important than all the other virtues, he said, was faith. "We take it for granted that the Faith is taught in this school, but Faith is much more than that. It is one of those things

which this school has to offer in a way which probably no secular school at all, and a few even among the older schools in this land can offer," he said.

Those who founded the grammar school at Southwell 1,000 years ago did it in faith. Then, there was no real reason for an easy optimism and it was only a matter of years before the work was almost undone and had to be reconstructed.

A lovely day with a low sun coming slanting into the Minster again made this beautiful service the most memorable event of the day. The anthem was "They that put their trust in the Lord," R. Orr, and the "Te Deum" by H. Howell.

The Official Visit to Hill House

Immediately after the Service of Commemoration a representative party walked up to Hill House to perform the official ceremony. The party consisted of Sir William McKie, the Visitor and Chief Guest, the Provost of Southwell, the Headmaster, the Head of the School, G. G. Fox, the Head of the Boarding House, P. Brett, the architect, E. V. Royle, Esq., the Clerk to the Governors, various representatives of families previously living in the house, Mrs. Becher and Mrs. Beaumont, the Assistant Director of Education, the Chancellor, Mr. Ross, Mr. Barker, Canon Allenby, and Mr. and Mrs. Dicken. The first act was the signing of the visitors' book by Sir William; this was followed by signatures of other members of the party. The Headmaster then conducted the party round the house. Throughout the rest of the day the house was open to visitors and a large number of parents and Friends visited the house. After the Prize Giving ceremony tea was served to all the guests in the dining hall at Hill House of quite excellent quality, arranged and prepared by Miss Hoare and her helpers, Miss Moakes, Mrs. Gregory and the domestic staff. A fitting end to a really important day in the history of the school.

The Prize Giving October 19th, 1954

The ceremony was held in Bishop's Manor Hall by kind permission of the Lord Bishop, who himself, as Chairman of the Governors, was unfortunately not able to be present. The Provost, the Very Reverend H. C. L. Heywood, Vice-Chairman of the Governors, took the chair. The prizes were presented by Sir William McKie, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey. The Press account of his address after presenting the prizes is as follows:—

Southwell Minster Grammar School's "experiment" in relating education to music was praised by Sir William McKie. "No other school is doing it and it may well alter the pattern of education in theory and practice," he said.

Many people, he said, were interested in the policy of this school. "I am very much attracted by the idea of a school which gives special encouragement to musical boys. It points to a vista of all kinds of dazzling possibilities."

Sir William, who has spent a lifetime in the study of music, told the boys and their parents: "Musical people may not be at all easy to live with. That is a particular reason why it is good for them to be in a community where they can give a lot to those around them."

"I am never sure how far musicians are sensitive to education and how far they are to be educated. Music itself is such a stimulating and, up to a point, complete education that in the old days it was thought to be quite sufficient."

"Cathedral choristers have one advantage over other boys. A

good schoolboy cricketer at 17 is just that and nothing more. Choral work is the only thing in which a boy can do the job as well as any grown-up.

"I am ashamed to say that there are many occasions in cathedral choirs when the boys sing better than the men."

He had this advice for those thinking of entering the music profession: "The profession now is very overcrowded and there is a great tendency for boys who like music to show it by going into the profession. They look forward to a lifetime of doing something that they really like.

"It is a fine idea, but if you are a student of music you will only be wasting your time—if you are not clever. If you are good there are tremendous possibilities and you can give much to the common life."

His advice to people who would like to develop an interest in music: "Start in the simplest way by singing and then go on from there."

The Headmaster, Mr. B. J. Rushby Smith, M.A., presented his report for the year 1953/54. According to the Press report he expressed the hope that work might begin during 1956 on new school buildings—the last stage of improvements aimed at by the Governors. "Do we hope in vain that in 1956, the Millenary year of Southwell, there may at least be turned that piece of turf on the site of the new school which will mark the start of the last stage of achievement of the Governors' resolution, one aim of which—good and sufficient boarding accommodation has so amply been fulfilled?"

"We are, however, that much better off even to-day, for the school now has additional practice rooms instead of dormitories and much-needed changing space for visiting teams. It is now possible, too, to pass through the entrance hall without disturbing a class in the library, and the nursery dormitory has become a games store and workroom for the staff.

"The vacation of these premises by the boarding establishment finally took place during the summer holidays, but the preparation for the removal occupied most of the school on the last day of the summer term, when plan "extrication" was put into operation.

"Last year I reported on the granting of voluntary aided status: this year I report on Hill House—an indirect result, if you like, of efforts made in the past to retain the Minster Grammar School, in the national system of education, unique in its junior department for choristers.

"But this year too has seen the formation of the Company of Friends of the School. Last year the total sum subscribed for the Aided Appeal Fund exceeded the target of £300 by £18.

"While congratulating you on your achievement, I would like to suggest that the target be raised to £400, one which will enable us to build up that reserve which might in itself be a kind of endowment and at some time in the future provide us with enough money so that the Barchester Premium may be met out of interest.

"The finance of the boarding establishment is entirely separate from the school and contributions to the Aided Appeal Fund go directly towards meeting the Barchester Premium paid to the diocese for the school itself and have nothing to do with the boarding side.

"Of work in the classroom, estimated by examination results at ordinary level, it may be said that the standard achieved is one of the best we have had.

"Marks confidential to teachers and pupils do give a better idea of individual achievement than the dead level of a pass or fail at the old credit standard. Perhaps it may be a year or two before

some recognition is given to the hard worker by publishing two standards instead of one.

"If the sixth form did not produce a State Scholar, they provided three county scholarships—M. A. Eastwood, who goes to Edinburgh as an intending doctor; M. A. Smith, to Birmingham to study engineering; and J. P. Martlew to Durham to study physics and music.

"The factual record summarises the results in the following way:— of 23 subjects taken at advanced level there were eight failures to reach the standard. At the ordinary level, no candidate failed in English literature, Latin, French, history, art and maths; one only failed in English language, religious knowledge, geography and music; two failed in chemistry and biology; and five failed in physics.

"There were, in fact, 120, passes and 13 failures.

"The musical activities have been even more extensive and varied than before. Perhaps one of the most valuable and interesting experiences of the year was the singing of Byrd's four part Mass at the early celebration on Maundy Thursday.

"It is a reminder once again of what the school owes the Minster, which gives to it daily a school chapel so lovely that even the least sensitive boy cannot fail to become affected by its beauty and the meaning behind it.

"How fitting it is that the school choir, the symbol of the cultural heritage of this age-old Choir School, should do what it can to lead both the school and the people in worship to God as it has done this day, the day of Commemoration."

Prize List

The Starkey Scholarship.	
The Lady Robinson Prizes for Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Statement for three passes at Advanced Level	M. A. Eastwood
The Starkey Prize.	
The Canon Glaister Prize for English and Statement for two passes at Advanced Level	B. R. Hoare
The Canon Glaister Prize for Geography.	
The Lady Robinson Prize for French and statement for two passes at Advanced Level	G. G. Fox
The Lady Robinson Prize for Mathematics and statement for three passes at Advanced Level	M. A. Smith
The Canon Glaister Prize for Religious Knowledge and statement for one pass at Advanced Level	I. J. Lynds
The Canon Glaister Prizes for History and Music. Statement for one distinction at Advanced Level in Music (1st Year).	
Certificate of Merit Associated Board Grade VII Organ (Advanced)	P. Brett
The Canon Glaister Prize for Philosophical Studies.	
Special Prize for high standard at Advanced Level Music (1st Year).	
Certificate of Distinction Associated Board Grade VII Singing	H. J. Rushby-Smith
The Canon Glaister Prize for Art and statement for one pass at Advanced Level	J. B. Pick

PRIZES FOR HIGH STANDARD AT ORDINARY LEVEL IN THE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION AND STATEMENT FOR PASSES

Geography	Passes 4.	M. J. Bailey
French	Passes 4.	J. W. Buxton
Physics, Mathematics	Passes 5.	T. J. Chapman
Physics, Chemistry, Biology	Passes 6.	G. M. Dobb
Music, Mathematics, Physics	Passes 6.	P. K. Else
Physics, Chemistry	Passes 5.	D. Fishburne
Latin, History	Passes 6.	R. J. Hill
English Language,		
English Literature	Passes 6.	J. L. Hutchinson
Latin, French, Religious Knowledge		
Mathematics and Distinctions Prize		
French, Mathematics, Physics	Passes 6.	S. Leeson
Chemistry and Biology		
Latin and French	Passes 5.	J. G. Marshall
Mathematics	Passes 5.	A. Thorpe
Geography	Passes 7.	H. C. Palmer
History, Geography	Passes 3.	P. M. Walls

STATEMENT FOR PASSES AT THE ORDINARY LEVEL

J. A. Archer (6), P. A. Baker (1), M. D. Clarke (1), M. R. Eastwood (6), T. Hatfield (5), F. D. Hill (2), D. Hunt (1), D. W. Jones (5), P. A. Paling (1), S. M. Paterson (1), R. Savidge (5), C. G. Simpson (3), K. I. Smith (2), M. J. Soar (5), C. Tagg (4), M. White (1).

DISTINCTION PRIZES AND FORM PRIZES

Form IV

Form III

Form II

Form I

Junior Department

The Associated Board Grade IV (Lower) Certificate of Merit

The Associated Board Grade III (Transitional) Piano Certificate of Distinction

Special Prize for Distinguished work as accompanist to the School Choir

J. M. Davis
B. G. Rogers
C. C. Gay
B. J. B. Kemsley
D. W. Topliss
J. M. Bannister

J. V. Colhoun

J. P. Burnham

J. P. Martlew

Obituary

The Very Reverend W. J. Conybeare, Provost Emeritus of Southwell.

The obituary notice in "The Times" tells us that our former Vice-Chairman of the Governors and Benefactor of the school died at his house at Warborough at the age of 83. Educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, he was for a time Assistant Master at St. George's Chapel Choir School, then private secretary to Sir Fowell Buxton, a Governor of South Australia. Ordained in 1898 he worked at Camberwell at his College Mission. Head of Cambridge House at Camberwell and then Rector of Newington, he became Rector of Southwell and Archdeacon of Nottingham in 1916 and from 1935 to 1945.

This brief outline gives no idea of the man; many generations of boys, especially choristers, will remember him, sincere, outspoken, but very much beloved, a great friend of both the boys and staff. We are grateful for the work he did, and our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Conybeare, his great support and helper.

Neville Metcalfe, Esquire, Former Clerk to the Governors.

When Mr. Metcalfe retired from the post of Clerk to the Magistrates of Southwell the then High Sheriff, Colonel P. H. Warwick, paid tribute in these words: "We are losing a delightful personality, a wise and careful counsellor. The secret of his success

has been his courtesy and consideration for others, his patience and tact and his sympathy."

An Old Boy of the school, he took intense personal interest in its welfare, was most generous of his time as Clerk, and never missed a school occasion if he could help it. A very keen Scout, he each year on St. George's Day delighted to entertain the Scouters and Guiders of Central Notts. He loved Southwell and gave to it devoted service. We shall indeed miss his kindly face and courageous spirit. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Metcalfe and our gratitude for her loving care which she gave to a husband in his many illnesses.

Rugby Football Report 1954-55

Owing to a lapse of memory this report was not written straight after the season, and memories over the period of a year may be somewhat dimmed. However, plain facts tell me that all the teams together played some 38 matches, of which 16 were won, five drawn and some 17 lost. Now this, on the face of it, would seem to be the first post-war season in which we have lost more matches than we won.

True though this is, it hardly gives a correct picture of the hard work put in by some members of the school, and the coaches of the various teams. There still is, I fear, on the part of a large proportion of the school, far too indifferent an attitude towards the Rugger, and until this is entirely eliminated we shall not improve. You see, it is impossible to field four regular teams from a school of 180 unless our reserve strength is keen. While it may be said that the sixty or so boys in the teams were most enthusiastic, the same could not be said of the rest of the middle and senior school.

The 1st XV won some very good games, but, as they admitted themselves, lost others rather surprisingly. The first game at Grantham was a game in point, when, after having the game well in hand, were slowly overhauled, more by the deterioration in our own play rather than by an improvement in our opponents. While it was evident that as the season progressed, some of the team became fitter, and took steps to remain so, certain of the team were not prepared to do this. I hope that this season the matter will be put right by the voluntary co-operation of the whole team. We were lucky to have our two centres from the previous year, but a change in fly half at Christmas had an unsettling effect on the backs. Luke and Stringfellow ran well on the wings, and the whole back division was well served from the base of the scrum by Reavill. Eastwood was sure in defence, but with practice could improve his kicking. Of the pack the inclusion of Fishburne improved the line-out work, and with Hill he formed a good prop for Walker. The hooking throughout was excellent, and that extra help from the second row was always forthcoming from Whitaker and Musson. Fox, Greaves, Dobb and Leeson filled in the back row in turn, and made up in speed what they lacked in weight.

RESULTS

King's, Grantham	.. .. 16	Southwell	.. .. 9
Lincoln Schools	.. .. 0	Southwell	.. .. 35
Trent 'A'	.. .. 6	Southwell	.. .. 10
West Bridgford	.. .. 17	Southwell	.. .. 3
High Pavement 2nd	.. .. 0	Southwell	.. .. 31
Nottm. High School Colts	3	Southwell	.. .. 8
Newark Magnus	.. .. 19	Southwell	.. .. 6
Old Southwellians	.. .. 0	Southwell	.. .. 9
Southwell 2nd XV	.. .. 3	Southwell	.. .. 3
De Aston	.. .. 0	Southwell	.. .. 3
Spalding	.. .. 3	Southwell	.. .. 6

RESULTS *continued*

Henry Mellish 'A'	9	Southwell	8
Nottm. High School 'B' XV ..	8	Southwell	6
Henry Mellish 'A' XV	15	Southwell	3
Old Southwellians	11	Southwell	16
Roxeth Manor Old Boys	12	Southwell	3
Brackenhurst	3	Southwell	31

Colours were awarded to Stringfellow, Fishburne, Fox, Greaves and Reavill. County trials were gained by Bailey, Hill, Walker, Whitaker and Roach. D. Bailey and R. Hill played against Lincolnshire, and Bailey was chosen for the combined Lincs. and Notts. team to play Staffordshire. Unfortunately, bad weather caused the cancellation of this game.

In the Skegness Seven-a-side competition, we were runners-up, while Bailey, Clay and Walker featured in the successful Club School Seven.

An enjoyable week-end was spent in Harrow, where we managed to play rugger in spite of a general freeze-up elsewhere in the country. The French match proved most exciting.

As to next season, it will almost be a season of team building as the average age of the team will be very young indeed. Once again there will be many places to fill, but we look forward to an interesting season. R. Hill has been appointed Captain and A. Whitaker the Vice-Captain.

Under 14 Rugger.

King's, Grantham	3	Southwell	38
West Bridgford	16	Southwell	14
High Pavement	5	Southwell	21
Nottm. High School	11	Southwell	11
De Aston	0	Southwell	34
Henry Mellish	15	Southwell	14
Nottm. High School	6	Southwell	6
Henry Mellish	29	Southwell	0
Roxeth Manor	10	Southwell	8
Newark Magnus	26	Southwell	0
North Hykeham	3	Southwell	45

The records show that the Under 14 team won only four of its eleven games, drawing two, and losing five. It ought to be pointed out, however, that three of the lost games were such as might have gone either way, the scores being 16—14, 15—14, and 10—8. The points record shows 191 points for, 124 against.

At its best the team produced some very good football. In the back division Crisp ran powerfully, and was the spearhead of attack. He was well supported by the other three-quarters, Collins, Parker and Britton, all of whom ran strongly and handled well. At fly half Sokell played extremely well, always quick to seize the opportunity of opening up the game. His leadership of the side throughout the season was excellent. The backs were well served from the base of the scrum by Hallam. The position of full back was a hard one to fill. Wheat played some good games in that position, though his rightful place was in the scrum.

The pack was well led by Fisher, who shared the back row with Owen and Wilson. There was plenty of hard work from the second row players Haller and Padley, while Baggaley hooked well between M. Taylor and Palmer, after injury had excluded J. Taylor.

Under 13 Rugger.

Dolphin	6	Southwell	6
Dolphin	6	Southwell	6
Dolphin	15	Southwell	3
Magnus	3	Southwell	6

Under 15 Rugger.

Trent College	6	Southwell	13
Magnus	17	Southwell	0
Spalding	15	Southwell	8

Cricket 1955

It is probably not untrue to say that cricket is more susceptible to the weather than most sports. A slippery wicket, a greasy ball and a chilly outfield do not provide the sort of conditions calculated to inspire the young or, for that matter, any cricketer. In view of the perfect cricketing weather which has since intervened it needs perhaps a long memory to recall that the season started in most unpromising fashion. Whether in fact the playing conditions were responsible or whether the 1st XI is doomed to make a poor start in every season is not likely to be known until more seasons have passed. What does stand on record is that following the pattern of previous seasons they only won one of the first six matches played. Three were lost and two were face-saving draws. What a contrast to the latter part of the season when, with conditions set fair, four of the five matches played were won and the other drawn! With the personnel of the side changing but little during the season, one is forced to the conclusion that if it can be done at the close of the season it should be within the realms of possibility at the beginning, and that a good side should be beyond being affected by the weather. In all justice to the XI, however, it must be admitted that the overall results for the season were not unsatisfactory:

Played 11: Won 5: Drawn 3: Lost 3.

The Old Boys' match proved a very enjoyable cricketing occasion and stimulated the XI to giving their best account of themselves. The School lost six wickets in passing the Old Boys' total of 133. Notable performance was Simey's patient 58 not out which subsequently earned him his colours. The revival of the Staff Match ended the season on a carefree note. For a team of the most part self-confessed "non-cricketers" who were just painfully emerging from public exams, school exams, form lists, reports and the multifarious end-of-term tasks of which the average schoolboy is unaware, it was no mean performance to dismiss the XI for 113 and to make 86 in reply.

Turning to individual performances it is encouraging to note that younger members of the side had their share of success. Simey showed great steadiness and concentration combined with sound batting technique. Reavill had some gay innings and hit the ball hard. Taylor M. and Peabody both proved that they could stay at the wicket. Stalwart Dobb and Hill bowled with typical energy and venom and were joined by Clay who, when on form, was very nearly unplayable. Among the slower bowlers, Reavill was outstanding. He tossed the ball up well and could turn it either way.

It would be invidious when discussing performance to fail to make mention of Fishburne's leadership of the side and to commiserate with him on his lack of luck with the bat. Likewise a note of sympathy for vice-captain Walker, who hardly reached his form of the previous season. It has since been learned that both these players have been making runs and taking wickets for their respective club sides, thus ending the season in good form and regaining lost confidence.

End of season Colours were awarded to Simey and Reavill.

Finally a word of recognition to the "back-room boys": to the tea-getters, the scorer, the kit carriers, to Mr. Whysall for preparing the wickets and to the one or two who are keen enough to lend a hand on the roller without being detailed to do so!

Best averages for the season:

	Innings	Runs	Not out	Average
Walker	10	76	2	9.5
Reavill	10	155	1	17.2
Simey	8	135	1	19.2

	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
Clay	41	80	12	6.6
Reavill	36	101	13	7.6
Dobb	63	158	15	10.4
Hill	44	127	10	12.7

Junior Cricket 1955

From the start of the season there was evidence of some real enthusiasm for the game particularly from the younger players hopeful of a place in one or the other of the Junior elevens. Those reasonably sure of selection, however, were not often so willing to give their time to practice. In view of the amount of time spent at the nets it was a great disappointment to suffer the cancellation of four of the first five matches.

The first game played resulted in the defeat of Magnus and this was a heartening beginning to the season. Brunt's, the High School, and West Bridgford were in turn well beaten, and the defeat by the Becket School was the first and only setback for the team. This one defeat was one of those games which end rather unsatisfactorily with one's opponents having scored a run or two more for the loss of several more wickets! This is too often the result of having to play off Junior games in a mere couple of hours. The return game with the Becket School resulted in a draw.

For reliability the batting of Bird needs to be noticed. Others made runs on occasions. Sokell's 40 against the High School was a fine innings, and Lennard and Padmore did well when on form. But more often than not it was Bird whose batting made the school total look respectable.

Banbury was the most successful bowler. He is capable of turning the ball both ways, and on most wickets he succeeded in tormenting his opponents. Crisp was fast but not always accurate. Lennard took wickets, but often at a price.

For next season we are left a foundation of enthusiastic cricketers upon which to build a new team. Perhaps more attention might be given to fielding and field-placing in the next season. The essential thing is that there should be a good supply of players willing to give their time to solid practice.

RESULTS

Under 14 XI: Played 6; Won 4; Drawn 1; Lost 1.
Under 13 XI: Played 1; Lost 1.

Athletics. Junior Report

This is the first year in which we have taken a really serious part in Junior Athletics, to the stage of entering people in County events. It has been an extremely good year from every point of view, and the enthusiasm shown by the Junior runners has been most encouraging.

In the Cross Country, in the absence of Wharmby owing to illness, Dodd and Cheatle were 14th and 15th. Later, at Newark, Crisp was second in the Long Jump with 17ft. 6ins., a jump which he has bettered this season, and which improved Bailey's school record by a foot. The Junior relay team ran well but failed to qualify for the final.

During the summer term, we had matches against Q.E. Mansfield, and the Becket School, Nottingham, and later in the term against the three lower forms of the Q.E. school. Against Q.E., the Juniors were narrowly beaten, but in the Becket match, after an interval for thunderstorms, we emerged winners. Against the junior forms from Mansfield, we were beaten in all three sections, but not by very much.

In the East Midlands Youth meeting, Crisp surprised us and himself, by throwing a cricket ball no less than 99 yards, to be an easy winner.

The school Sports Day was held in glorious weather, the first really beautiful Sports Day for many years. Here again Junior records were broken, and perhaps those of P. Carr deserve special mention. He clipped two seconds off the 220 record, and and no less than six seconds off the 440, some feat at this age.

This enthusiasm speaks well for the future, and a great improvement has been noted during the course of the season, in the performance of all those who have been training. A word of thanks is due to D. Crisp, the junior captain, who has worked hard for the team, and by his own very excellent example, given the school spectators much enjoyment.

Junior Colours were awarded to R. Parker, M. Britton, D. Shore, C. Simey, T. Sokell and C. White. The latter boy, on a very rain-soaked ground, threw the javelin some 132 feet to hold the new record in this event.

C.S.

Senior Report

This has been a most encouraging season, if only for the fact that we have at last managed to find a boy who is good enough to compete at the highest level of school athletics. D. Bailey not only won the County Championships with a jump of 20ft. 5.5ins., but was selected to be a member of the Notts. team in the Schools Championships at Belle Vue, Manchester. Here, he finished seventh, but his jumps were not as good as earlier in the season. We hope that others in the school will now be inspired by his example to aim at this kind of thing.

In the Youths Section (15-16) we had a County Champion in the Half-Mile in Wharmby, who in four meetings this year over the 440 and 880 distances, was beaten only once, and that when he was far from well. Luke was fourth in the County hurdles, all four finalists being inside Midlands Counties standard time. The relay team of Luke, Whitaker, Palmer, Wharmby was third.

The matches against Q.E.G.S. and Becket School were a great success and, provided we keep them to evening fixtures, there should be no great clash with the cricket. The newly-formed Southwell and District A.C. had a firm backing from the Senior section in its first match with Newark, and although this match was lost, the margin was not great, and should have encouraged the Club immensely.

Sports Day was, this year, favoured by excellent weather, and was therefore enjoyed by one and all. Some fine running was seen, and seven records were broken in the course of the afternoon. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Becher, whose claim to athletic connection with the school must surely be quite great, considering the number of balls which, having been despatched from the yard, arrive in her garden.

D. Bailey won the Walking Race Cup in convincing style, as did M. Wharmby the Cross Country and Mile Cups.

The number of people seen on the ground training after school has been much larger, and perhaps two people deserve special mention in this respect. G. Fox, who must have covered more laps of the ground than anyone else, and who had to wait until the last night of term to gain the success in the mile he had worked for; and B. Tandy, who by sheer hard work has made himself into an efficient quarter-miler.

Seniors have taken part in League meetings where work has permitted. This experience has proved invaluable, and we thank the Newark and Mansfield Clubs who have helped the boys in this way.

We were very pleased to have with us at Sports Day both Mr.

Prior, the County Secretary, and Mr. Woolcott, the County Coach. They are both very busy men, and it was a great honour to have them both present at the same time.

Standards have improved out of all recognition. May this improvement continue. The material is there in the school: training will do the rest. Colours were awarded to H. Palmer, A. Whitaker and M. Wharmby. H.L.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Senior: 1 M. Wharmby; 2 G. Fox; 3 M. Dodd. 25m. 14-7s.
Middle: 1 P. Shore; 2 B. Searson; 3 D. Crisp. 23m. 29-7s.
Junior: 1 M. Beeby; 2 P. Carr; 3 J. Sheppard. 13m. 53s.

MILE:

Senior: 1 M. Wharmby; 2 G. Fox; 3 D. Bailey. 5m. 12-9s.
Middle: 1 P. Shore; 2 D. Crisp; 3 B. Searson. 5m. 31s.

HALF MILE

Senior: 1 D. Bailey; 2 M. Wharmby; 3 A. Whitaker and R. Eastwood. 2m. 19-1s.
Middle: 1 P. Shore; 2 D. Crisp; 3 M. Britton. 2m. 23-5s.

WALKING RACE

Senior: 1 D. Bailey; 2 C. Roach; 3 R. Cheatle. 1h. 18m. 18-6s. (Record).

CRICKET BALL

Senior: 1 T. White; 2 C. Reavill; 3 R. Eastwood. 77yds. 0ft. 9ins.
Middle: 1 D. Crisp; 2 C. White; 3 D. Owen. 83yds. 2ft. 8ins. (Record).

Junior: 1 D. Archer; 2 K. Green; 3 J. Sheppard. 51yds. 2ft. 4ins.

JAVELIN

Senior: 1 R. Hill; 2 C. Reavill; 3 D. Bailey. 115ft. 2ins.
Middle: 1 C. White; 2 D. Crisp; 3 A. Andrews. 119ft. 10ins.

HIGH JUMP

Senior: 1 D. Fishburne; 2 R. Hill; 3 H. Luke. 4ft. 10-5ins.
Middle: 1 C. White; 2 D. Owen; 3 T. Sokell. 4ft. 7ins.
Junior: 1 R. Miles; 2 D. Archer; 3 T. Penton. 3ft. 11-5ins.

DISCUS

Senior: 1 J. Clay; 2 C. Reavill; 3 B. Tandy. 118ft. 7-5ins.
Middle: 1 C. White; 2 M. Wilson; 3 D. Owen. 112ft. 10ins. (Record).

HURDLES

Senior: 1 R. Eastwood; 2 H. Luke; 3 J. Buxton. 16-6s.
Middle: 1 T. Sokell; 2 M. Wilson; 3 B. Searson. 12-5s.

100 YARDS

Senior: 1 H. Luke; 2 H. Palmer; 3 D. Fishburne. 11-1s.
Middle: 1 D. Crisp; 2 M. Britton; 3 P. Rule. 11-3s.
Junior: 1 M. Beeby; 2 J. Sheppard; 3 A. Eden. 13-4s.

FOOTBALL RACE

Senior: 1 M. Clarke; 2 C. Reavill; 3 B. Fisher. 36-4s.
Middle: 1 T. Sokell; 2 M. Wilson; 3 K. Wright. 31-4s. (Record).
Junior: 1 D. Pickerill; 2 D. West; 3 R. Blant. 42-9s.

220 YARDS

Senior: 1 D. Bailey; 2 H. Palmer; 3 D. Fishburne. 23-9s.
Middle: 1 D. Crisp; 2 M. Britton; 3 C. Simey. 26-2s. (Record).
Junior: 1 P. Carr; 2 M. Beeby; 3 J. Sheppard. 28-8s. (Record).

LONG JUMP

Senior: 1 D. Bailey; 2 R. Eastwood; 3 M. Wharmby. 19ft. 3ins.
Middle: 1 D. Crisp; 2 C. Simey; 3 M. Britton. 17ft. 0-5ins.
Junior: 1 P. Carr; 2 D. West; 3 H. Olsen. 12ft. 9-5ins.

SHOT

Senior: 1 P. Walls; 2 J. Clay; 3 T. Atkin. 36ft. 8ins.
Middle: 1 A. Andrews; 2 C. White; 3 A. Marshall. 32ft. 7-5ins.

440 YARDS

Senior: 1 D. Bailey; 2 H. Palmer; 3 M. Wharmby. 56-1s.
Middle: 1 C. Simey; 2 D. Palmer; 3 F. Sullivan. 65-4s.
Junior: 1 P. Carr; 2 M. Beeby; 3 J. Sheppard. 66-3s. (Record).

POTATO RACE

Senior: 1 C. Roach; 2 J. Buxton; 3 M. Clarke. 47-2s.
Middle: 1 P. Birchenough; 2 M. Searson; 3 I. Lennard. 51s.
Junior: 1 J. Thompson; 2 R. Veitch; 3 D. Hollingworth. 53s.

OLD BOYS' RACE

1 W. A. Lennard; 2 S. A. Stafford.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP

Senior: 1 D. Bailey; 2 M. Wharmby; 3 A. Whitaker. 38ft. 10ins.
Middle: 1 D. Crisp; 2 M. Britton; 3 C. Simey. 33ft. 6ins.

RELAY

Senior: 1 Booth; 2 Gray; 3 Thomas. 2m. 10-7s. (Record).
Middle: 1 Thomas; 2 Booth; 3 Gray. 52-8s.
Junior: 1 Booth; 2 Gray; 3 Thomas. 59-5s.

CUP WINNERS

Cross Country: M. Wharmby.

One Mile: M. Wharmby.

Walking Race: D. Bailey.

Best All Rounder: R. Hill.

House Standards: Booth 381; Thomas 334; Gray 327.

House Finals: Booth 109; Thomas 105-5; Gray 79-5.

House Relay: Booth.

House Rugger: Thomas.

House Cricket: Booth.

The following is a list of school records as they stand at the moment, together with the holder, and the year in which they were made:

LONG JUMP

Senior: D. Bailey. 20ft. 5-5ins. 1955.
Middle: D. Crisp. 17ft. 6ins. 1955.
Junior: I. Lennard. 14ft. 4-5ins. 1954.

HIGH JUMP

Senior: E. D. Mettham. 5ft. 4ins. 1899.
Middle: P. Padmore. 4ft. 8ins. 1955.
Junior: C. White. 4ft. 1in. 1953.

CROSS COUNTRY (Present courses only)

Senior: M. A. Eastwood. 23m. 43-8s. 1953.
Middle: M. Wharmby. 21m. 53-5s. 1954.
Junior: R. Eastwood. 12m. 15s. 1949.

WALKING RACE (Present course only)

D. Bailey. 1hr. 18m. 18-6s. 1955.

100 YARDS

Senior: C. Clifford. 10-5s. 1952.
Middle: D. Crisp. 11-2s. 1955.
Junior: I. Lennard. 13-1s. 1954.

220 YARDS

Senior: D. Bailey. 23-9s. 1955.
Middle: D. Crisp. 26-2s. 1955.
Junior: P. Carr. 28-8s. 1955.

440 YARDS

Senior: D. Bailey. 55-8s. 1954.
Middle: P. Shore. 61s. 1955.
Junior: P. Carr. 66-3s. 1955.

880 YARDS

Senior: M. A. Eastwood. 2m. 9-2s. 1954.
Middle: P. Shore. 2m. 21-9s. 1955.

ONE MILE

Senior: G. R. Hibbard. 1933. 4m. 57-5s.
 M. A. Eastwood. 1953.
Middle: J. D. Siddons. 5m. 30-2s. 1947.

120 YARDS HURDLES

Senior: C. Clifford. 16-3s. 1952.

75 YARDS HURDLES

Middle: T. Sokell. 12-5s. 1955.

FOOTBALL RACE

Senior: W. H. Gibson. 31-s. 1946.
Middle: T. Sokell. 31-4s. 1955.
Junior: R. Lloyd Jones. 31-8s. 1948.

POTATO RACE

Senior: P. E. Harrison. 46s. 1947.
Middle: D. Fishburne. 48-6s. 1952.
Junior: L. Murfin. 50-8s. 1947.

DISCUS

Senior: M. Smith. 140ft. 1954.
Middle: C. White. 112ft. 10ins. 1955.

SHOT

Senior: M. A. Smith. 42ft. 6ins. 1954.
Middle: A. Andrews. 35ft. 8ins. 1955.

JAVELIN

Senior: C. J. Reavill. 122ft. 2-5ins. 1955.
Junior: C. White. 132ft. 1955.

CRICKET BALL

Senior: J. D. Bell. 87yds. 0ft. 7-5ins. 1949.
Middle: D. S. Crisp. 99yds. 1955.
Junior: C. Reavill. 66yds. 1ft. 8ins. 1951.

RELAY

Senior: Booth. 2m. 10-7s. 1955. (100, 220, 440, 220, 100).
Middle: Thomas. 52-8s. 1955. (4 x 110).
Junior: Booth. 59-5s. 1955. (4 x 100).

The following records of temperatures on Sports Days may interest some:

1948	61	degrees	maximum	temperature
1949	84	"	"	"
1950	69	"	"	"
1951	66	"	"	"
1952	65	"	"	"
1953	60	"	"	"
1954	not recorded			
1955	85	degrees	maximum	temperature

Swimming

Although the start of swimming classes was delayed this year by persistent cold, the weather did its best to make amends by providing the warmest day we have yet had for the annual swimming sports, which took place at the Newark Baths on July 13th. In view of the ideal conditions and the fact that Wharmby (holder of four records), Fisher (last year's runner-up for the Senior Cup) and Hill (holder of one record) were all swimming, it was a little surprising that the only records broken were the "Beginners" (J. Welch) and the Junior Breast Stroke (K. Baggaley). The other surprise was the fact that the distance for the Junior Plunge was over a yard better than that for the Senior Plunge. Nevertheless we saw some good swimming, at the end of which Wharmby and Fisher tied for the Senior Cup, and Baggaley took the Junior. The cups were presented this year by Mr. E. Ross, an old boy and present governor of the school.

Efforts are still being made to secure the use of indoor baths and all-the-year-round facilities for swimming. Although it is too early to make a definite announcement, many boys will be glad to know that the prospects of indoor boths for the school year 1956/7 have improved.

RESULTS OF THE SWIMMING SPORTS

50 metres free (Senior): 1 M. Wharmby; 2 B. Fisher; 3 R. Hill. 36-9s.

30 yds. free (Junior): 1 K. Baggaley; 2 A. Collins; 3 F. Sullivan. 18-6s. (equals previous record).

Junior neat dive: 1 A. Collins; 2 K. Baggaley; 3 A. Marshall.

Life-saving race: 1 B. Fisher; 2 M. Wharmby; 3 R. Hill. 28-4s.

Beginners (18 metres): 1 J. Welch; 2 G. Hall; 3 P. Morrell.

14-1s. (new record).

Neat dive (Senior): 1 B. Fisher; 2 R. Hill; 3 A. Somerset.

30 yds. back (Junior): 1 K. Baggaley; 2 A. Collins; 3 D. Briggs. 21-2s.

50 metres back (Senior): 1 M. Wharmby; 2 B. Fisher; 3 M. Dodd.

43-8s.

Junior Dept. race: 1 G. Hall; 2 P. Morrell; 3 C. Argent. 16-1s.

Long plunge (Junior): 1 J. Taylor; 2 A. Collins; 3 K. Baggaley. 36ft.

100 metres free (open): 1 M. Wharmby; 2 B. Fisher; 3 R. Hill. 1m. 35-4s.

30 yds. breast (Junior): 1 K. Baggaley; 2 A. Collins; 3 F. Sullivan. 23-5s. (new record).

Long plunge (Senior): 1 C. Rowbottom; 2 M. Wharmby; 3 B. Fisher. 32ft. 11ins.

House relay: 1 Thomas; 2 Gray; 3 Booth.

Senior Cup: Tie between M. Wharmby and B. Fisher (both of Thomas's House).

Junior Cup: K. Baggaley (Booth); runner-up A. Collins (Booth).

Champion House: Thomas (69 points); 2 Booth (64); 3 Gray (44).

Junior Scout Report

The Junior scouting this year has again been of a high standard without being exceptional. There were lapses in one or two places, but fortunately they were only odd instances.

During the winter months, patrol work proceeded at quite a pace, and at the end of the year, some 17 boys had completed their second class. This should mean, and we hope that it might, that most of these will have their first class next July.

Mr. Sanderson, our Field Commissioner, visited us to enrol new scouts last autumn, and as this was perhaps the last occasion on which this will be possible, we would like to thank him for all his help and wish him well in the new district he now has.

The Christmas party was the usual success, but once again the amount of space presented the major problem.

The representation at the St. George's Day Parade was poor, and even though it was held during the holidays, not sufficient effort was made to attend. It would seem only courteous to inform the Scouters if absence is unavoidable. Because of this absenteeism, we were responsible for the only hitch in the proceedings. Apart from this, as a District event, the Parade was a huge success.

In the City Cross Country, which Wharmby and Simey attended by invitation, the former was first and the latter second. At the Scout Sports at Arno Vale, our handicap proved too great for us, but some of our runners were well to the fore again. Several of them later appeared in the County Scout team at Bilborough.

The week-end camping varied as the weather. Fortunately both improved and some really fine sites were seen towards the end of the season. Trevor Sokell was in charge of the patrol which was second in the District and fifth in the County Competitions.

The most popular sites were again Caythorpe and Hoveringham, although two of the patrols showed more enterprise, Kestrels visiting Forest Town, and G. Plovers going to Babworth. The latter patrol was presented with a pennant for the best camping patrol of the year. This patrol was also first in the competition which went on throughout the year for inspections, games, training, etc., but here Kestrels were a very close second.

We look forward to having Mr. Young as our S/M next year, as our two present Scouters are otherwise engaged. Mr. Wilson goes to the R.A.F. and Mr. Pulford has become an A.D.C. for Central Notts. Mr. Pritchard, although out of the R.A.F. will be at College. We would like to thank all those who in any way have helped us this year. Badge examiners, the farmers at the two camp sites, the Scouters, and by no means least, the members of the patrols.

PATROL LEADERS

Senior Scout Report

At first sight, this would appear to have been a dormant year as far as Senior Scouting is concerned. Against this one has to weigh up several factors. Firstly, that we had a most hectic and enjoyable camp and visit to Denmark during the summer holidays last year; secondly, that no fewer than 19 of our 22 Seniors have been taking G.C.E. at one level or another. Thirdly, that Clarke, Else, Fishburne and Whitaker have been out taking village troops every week, while Clay has continued with very noble work in our own Pack.

However, one feels that more could have been done, and that the lead should have come from the Scouts themselves. We do most earnestly look forward to an increase in Senior Scout activities next year, to something on the same scale as three years ago. It is, in fact, time that 1st Southwell Seniors returned to a troop to be seriously reckoned with in Central Notts. No Senior Scout who is surely worth his salt can really belong to a section of the movement whose motto is Look Wide, when he is content to view it from an easy chair or from behind a billiard table or a pack of cards. Seniors, it's up to you.

The only Queen's Scout Badge gained this year was by Richard Parker, of the Town group, and this marked the end of a great deal of hard work in this group by several people, not the least being Anthony Whitaker, their present A.S.M. Both these two should be receiving their certificates in October at Gilwell. We were very pleased to welcome Mr. Freeman here to present the badge to Dickie.

On the sporting side, we have had a very good season: the six-a-side team won the County Cup for football. Seven of our troop were included in the County Scout Athletics team, and individual successes were: D. Bailey 3rd in 100; 1st in 220; 1st in Long Jump. P. Walls 2nd in Shot. G. Fox 4th in Mile. M. Wharmby 1st in 880.

Three of the troop were at St. George's Day parade in Windsor, and a most enjoyable day was spent down there by the four scouts (and one guide) from Southwell.

And so to next year: all we want is a return to the spirit of Adventure and Enterprise. S.W.P.

Visit to Denmark

To the casual observer, the streets of Southwell might have appeared busy early on the morning of August 17th. This assumption would have been correct as some twenty boys and girls from the Southwell area assembled, with three staff, to start their journey to Denmark. However, at 7.15 a.m., the party moved off and successfully entrained at Newark for King's Cross. After a three hour wait in London, we boarded the boat train and were relieved to find on arrival at Harwich, that all looked well for a smooth crossing. For most of the party this was their first trip abroad, and the nineteen hour boat trip proved most enjoyable, even for those in Tweendeck.

At Esbjerg, another short delay, and then by train to Fredericia, where we were met by Herr Worm and three of the pupils of the school. After an hour's ride in a bus, we entered the village of Glamsbjerg, and it seemed that all the village was there to greet us. We had been forewarned that this might be the case, as this was the first time in the history of the village that so many English people had been there at the same time. The members of the party were then paired off with the boys and girls of the school in Glamsbjerg, and they met for the first time their pen-friends of some five or six months. Ever since the journey was officially on, letters, cards, photographs had been exchanged on both sides, but as

one member of the party was heard to say, we never really thought it would all come off.

Thus began a most enjoyable fortnight. In a day or two, news began to trickle in from the outlying homes; the very next morning a party of English boys and girls could be seen swapping experiences, grouped around what appeared to be a locked bike. Yes, it did not take long for the party to become mounted, in this, one of the countries of the bicycle.

As the Danish children were back at school, this left the party to look after itself during the daytime. Thanks to some very fine weather, and the presence in Glamsbjerg of a fine swimming bath, this proved an easy matter. The swimming pool became the base to which the party retired: the place where you could be sure of finding some member of the group at any time of the day.

The first week-end was occupied almost entirely with family outings, and many groups visited the sea, or interesting places in the island. Some of the hosts even took their guests over to other islands, near to Funen. On Tuesday of the second week we began our sporting activities with a football match. This, though lost somewhat heavily, was not really surprising, as all the boys of the party had to play, irrespective of their capability or interest. However, the next day we staged both a five-a-side Rugger match and a boys and girls cricket match. This seemed to cause much amusement to the Danes, and not a little to some English members. What did it matter if the bats and the wickets did not fulfil M.C.C. regulations; the ball was smitten, and the stumps were hit.

The following day, the Danes again proved victorious, this time at swimming, but the margin this time was not so great. In fact, the team swam well, with an English victory in the backstroke.

The week-end was spent at Hylkedam, which is the Danish equivalent of Gilwell. Most of the boys in the party were scouts, and most of the girls were guides, so that the whole group went over to join some Danish scouts and scouters on a week-end course. Hylkedam was not new to boys of Southwell, for it was here that our Senior Scouts spent a night last year while in Denmark. The weather this time, however, was brilliant compared with that occasion.

Monday evening also was a scout-guide evening back in Glamsbjerg, along with the local scouts, guides and cubs. The international difficulties in the patrol competition were most amusing, but the final results were most enterprising.

On the Tuesday evening the party spent its last evening dancing in the school yard to the strains of a two-man band. The verdict was that a most enjoyable evening (or was it morning) was spent.

During the afternoon we had visited a Danish Physical Training College in the South of Funen at Ollerup, and the more athletic members of the group were most impressed.

At 12.00 on Wednesday we had an interview with the local Press, and at 12.30 p.m. with, dare it be said, the occasional tear and a lump in the throat, we began the homeward journey. Even now, our excitement was not over. The crossing proved calmer than going over, but we almost caught the fated 3.50 p.m. from King's Cross. However, our lucky star was out, and we arrived about an hour late in Newark and Southwell.

Our one disappointment was that, owing to illness, the Headmaster, Mr. Olsen, was in hospital for the whole of our stay, and so the pleasure of meeting him must be postponed. Our thanks, in words which must be most inadequate, go to Mrs. Olsen, her family, Mr. Worm and Mr. Berg Olsen, in particular, of the school staff. We hope to see you all over here next year.

To the members of the English party, may I say a word of thanks for your friendship: it was a most enjoyable trip from start

to finish, and you may be assured of a return trip in two years time if you would like to come. My thanks too are due to Miss Hoare and Miss Moakes, whose care of the whole party made my task simplicity itself: also I owe a great debt to Mr. Worm who, from the very beginning, has borne the brunt of the arrangements in Denmark. In the words of you, yourself, sir, to one of the members of our party, it was smashing.

HOUSE REPORTS

Booth's

This has been the most successful year for the House for a long time: we have gained all three Athletic Cups, the Cricket Cup, and were runners-up in the Rugger and Swimming Cups.

Rugger: In the first round Booth's played Gray's in a fast and clean game. The Booth's forwards succeeded in keeping the ball away from the Gray's backs by breaking quickly when the ball was lost. Bailey, who controlled the back division, scored all the points and Booth's won by eight points to nil. In the final against Thomas's, Booth's were up against a much faster and younger team, and were incapable of holding the swift moving Thomas's back. Thomas's won by 12 points to 3.

Cricket: After gaining a bye in the first round Booth's played Thomas's in the final. Booth's batting first scored 102 runs, of which the last 48 were produced by a last wicket stand mainly coming from some solid batting by Bailey. Thomas's, who were unlucky with the weather, were unable to find a solution to Dobb's pace and Ward's steadiness and were all out for 49, Ward taking 6 wickets for 23 runs and Dobb 3 for 10.

Athletics: Booth's started the season well by winning the Standards Cup by a margin of 30 points. On Sports Day, Booth's managed to win the Finals Cup after a close tussle with Thomas's. The following members of the House succeeded in breaking records during the year: Bailey in the Walking Race, Long Jump and 220 yards, Shore in the 880 yards and Padmore in the High Jump, in the Middle School; and Carr in the 220 yards and 440 yards in the Juniors. Mention must also be made of the Senior Relay team who for the third successive year broke the record and altogether they have knocked nine seconds off it.

Leavers: Bailey. House Captain, Captain of School Rugby, Combined Counties Rugby Team, County Athletics and holder of several School Records, School Prefect.

Fox. Head Prefect, 1st XV Colours, House Cricket.

Leeson. 1st XV Rugger.

Clarke. House Rugby team.

Paterson. House Rugby team.

Davies P. House Rugby and Cricket teams.

Rowbottom. House Rugby and Cricket teams.

Gray's

Rugby: Having regained the Rugby Cup in 1953 we lost it again this year, being beaten by Booth's in the first round by eight points to nil. Congratulations to R. J. Hill and to R. Walker for having obtained County Trials from which Hill was selected to play in the County Side.

Cricket: This year has not been such a good one for Gray's cricketers and we were soundly beaten by Thomas's in the House match. After a very disappointing beginning in which we lost four

wickets for four runs, we managed to take the score to 48. Despite good bowling from Hill, White and Walker, Thomas's made 149 runs.

Athletics: Again this was a year of seconds and thirds for Gray's. However, with some more support from the majority of the House, coupled with more enthusiasm on heats days, we should be well in the running for the cup next season. R. J. Hill is to be congratulated on winning the Best All-Rounder's Cup this year and also on his election as House Vice-Captain for the coming year.

Swimming: Since the institution of the Swimming Cup in 1950, this year has been the first in which Gray's have failed to win it. The lack of any real challenge against Thomas's Wharmby-Fisher combination in the Seniors and Booth's Baggaley-Collins combination in the Juniors, left Gray's severely handicapped. It was unfortunate that Martin, who has formerly done much for the House swimming was unable to be present through illness.

Tennis: We congratulate C. N. Roach (House Captain for 1954) on winning the Senior Tennis Tournament again this year.

Thomas's

Athletics: With a little more effort Thomas's would have won the Athletics Cup this year with only a margin of $3\frac{1}{2}$ points behind Booth's. Outstanding performances were by Crisp, Reavill and Andrews, who all succeeded in breaking School records during the School matches. Senior Colours for Athletics were awarded to M. Wharmby and to A. J. Whitaker, while Junior Colours went to R. Parker, C. Simey and T. Sokell.

Rugby: In the final of this competition there was little doubt as to what the final result would be. The House was fortunate in that it had a nucleus of 1st XV members in the side. The performances of Brett and Allan in the pack deserve special mention. In the threequarters D. Crisp played exceptionally well and scored half the Thomas's points. Result: Thomas's 12 pts., Booth's 3 pts.

School Colours were awarded to C. J. Reavill.

Swimming: This year for the first time ever Thomas's succeeded in winning the Swimming Cup; also they won the relay for the first time with the team of Fisher, Somerset, Ball and Wharmby. The only record-breaker, however, was J. G. Welch in the Beginners' Race.

Cricket: After soundly beating Gray's, who had a powerful team, we in our turn were subjected to a similar experience from a Booth's team, which on paper seemed totally inadequate for the task of removing the Cricket Cup from Thomas's possession. But on account of some hostile bowling, a large last wicket stand, and weak batting from the Thomas's side, Booth's finished the eventual winners by a handsome margin. School colours were awarded to C. J. Reavill and C. Simey.

The Boarding House

The beginning of the year was a memorable one in many ways, for first there was the starting off of a new Boarding House, and the short service of blessing conducted by the Provost on the first Sunday evening in the Hall; then there was the official opening ceremony performed by Sir William McKie when the house was opened to the public; and finally the Christmas festivities held in the gaily decorated rooms of the house.

The seniors took some time to get used to their quite luxurious common room; no longer could they push their billiards cues through the ceiling after a bad shot or fry their chips on a Primus stove for supper. Then juniors on the other hand had their usual

series of "crazes" varying from the making of trollies to water-pistol fights, the latter of which being brought to an abrupt end by the confiscation of all weapons by the Staff and the Prefects.

The various clubs had to be re-formed and by far the most effective was Clay's Woodwork Club which was kept very busy in fulfilling several contracts both to the school and to the Boarding House; other clubs were the Magicians, who mystified the Boarders with a show at the end of the year. White's Electricians' Club, whose activities were kept very secret—but I do know they succeeded in blowing all the fuses at Sacrista once—and the Archery Club whose members did not lose so many arrows this year on account of their improved surroundings.

I must not forget to mention the Choristers living at Sacrista; they too found improvements such as the renovation of the old Senior Common room and the new bathroom. They had the pleasure of the company of a French Assistant for three days before he returned to France, because of the lack of "night life" in Southwell and climatic reasons. The Boarding House Staff is now really too large to thank individually but all the boys realise what a grand job of work they have done during the past year, not only the matron and Housemasters but also the cleaners and gardeners.

The Musical Society

Last December the School Choir sang carols again at Newark. The Technical School's acoustics destroyed all the pleasure of singing, but the warm reception and the refreshments were most pleasant.

The Carol Service was a fitting end to the term. The Junior Department shouldered the burden of the professional choir in the Advent Prose and were proud of their office. Carols included "O Magnum mysterium" by Byrd; "Quem vidisti pastores" by Deering; and "The Stable Door" by Armstrong Gibbs. J.V.P.'s organ accompaniment to "Of the Father's Heart begotten" could nowhere be found and P. Brett did an excellent job reconstructing it.

At the Hill House party in June a small group of string players performed three dances from Purcell's "Fairy Queen."

The School Concert took place at the end of the Easter Term and the programme is given below.

Founder and Benefactors' Day produced a setting of the "Te Deum" by Henry Havergall and Holst's "Psalm CXLVIII." Both of these were accompanied by Mr. Fox. The Responses were by Thomas Tomkins. The music was more straight-forward than last year's. This setting of the "Te Deum" is singularly lacking in inspiration, but covered the words sensibly and without undue padding. The Holst, although much liked, presented severe problems of range, but the Choir certainly did justice to the final section.

Throughout the year the School has continued to sing some of the Sunday 6.30 Evensongs.

A party went to hear the Essex Youth Orchestra at West Brideford Grammar School and were very taken with their standard of performance.

Congratulations, thanks and best wishes go to P. Brett, now up at King's College, Cambridge, with an Open Scholarship in Music, and to H. J. Rushby Smith with a State Scholarship now up at St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford.

We look forward to the coming school year when we shall have several woodwind instruments and to the visits of Mr. Scott, one day each week when he will look after ten enthusiastic pupils.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL CONCERT

in Bishop's Manor Hall, Southwell, on April 1st & 2nd, 1955

MADRIGALS and BALLETS of the early 17th Century:

On the Plains	Thomas Weelkes
The Silver Swan	Orlando Gibbons
Cupid in a bed of Roses	Thomas Bateson
Fire, Fire	Thomas Morley

Small group of singers.

MY HEART IS INDITING Henry Purcell
Anthem for double chorus and string orchestra written in 1685
for the Coronation of James II which took place in Westminster
Abbey on April 23rd.

The Choir and Orchestra.

INTERVAL

THREE SONGS BY SCHUBERT:

Aufenthalt
Die Post
Am Feierabend

H. J. Rushby Smith

L. A. Officer

TWO DUETS:

Norwegian Dance
Polish Dance (Krakowiak)
J. V. Colhoun

Grieg
Moszkowski
A. G. S. Bunting

PART SONGS:

My love is like a red, red rose
The Maiden
Bold Turpin
De Battle ob Jerico

Dr. G. M. Garrett
J. Brahms
Dr. J. F. Bridge
arr. Hugh S. Robertson

The Choir.

Dramatic Society

The winter term's entertainment this school year was a programme of four one-act plays—the first two produced by Mr. Pallister and the other two by the Headmaster. This choice gives the chance to bring in a larger number of actors—27 in fact—and also to have a far wider range throughout the school for cast than might be the case with one long play. With such diversity of material, there was great contrast in style and in capability, but the audience on each of the three evenings of December 9th, 10th and 11th, was given a thoroughly enjoyable show.

The first play, done by the Juniors, was a very commendable first-time effort from almost every member of the cast of whom Robertson was the best. The donkey waggled its ears very effectively and pointedly; we shall not invidiously allocate the credit for this to head or legs, but just say, as of Sir Andrew and Sir Toby, the one "does it with a better grace but" the other "more natural." The costumes for this play were excellent and showed that Miss Joan Rushby Smith has a distinct flair with the added gift of brilliant improvisation.

The second play was very funny—its compost of Latin tags and the contrast between the classical syntax of the Centurion and the vernacular of the Britons made the dialogue a joy to hear—the more so, as it was well spoken. A pity its author pulled the play two ways; the approach to a serious ending was a mistake in a richly comic piece. Of the players, R. Merryweather looked most handsomely patrician; while his servant, Bunney, provided him with an excellent foil. Bannister as a slave-girl was really good—he conveyed an insouciance which was exactly right for the part. C. H. White did notably well as a dignified Ancient Briton and Blant made a very successful female impersonator, though his

gestures were a trifle restricted. This was a very well dressed play and the costumes considerably enhanced it.

The best of the evening was the third play—because its pace was lively, consistent and sustained. Gay made a very good parson and Colhoun was excellent; he was truly feminine in appearance and movement though he also tended to limit himself to one gesture. Haller played his part well and the two Browns (Dicky and Nicky) were convincingly feminine. The play was brought to a very effective "curtain."

The last one—done by the Seniors—was for that reason the most difficult and not quite the best, as one might have expected from so experienced a team of players. But it is a very hard piece to do; it needs professional attack wholly to bring it off, if in fact, it ever would come off; moreover, our two leading ladies have developed a depth of tone which if not basso profundo is now too much in the lower register to be wholly feminine. Lester did well with his part because his voice had variety. Brett was the best actor—he was the most adult in a play which demands adult execution.

The details of cast, responsible technicians and very grateful acknowledgments are below as follows:—

THE MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENT

TWO BLIND MEN AND A DONKEY

by Mathurin Dondo

Scene: French Medieval town square.

Characters:

The First Blind Man	D. J. Robertson
The Second Blind Man	R. N. T. Simpson
The Comedian	J. R. Pogmore
The Donkey Driver	H. Merryweather
The Innkeeper	T. P. Cowhig
The Donkey: Head	A. R. Johnson
Legs	M. Layfield

Costumes designed and made by Joan Rushby Smith.

Donkey by Nellie Smith.

THE CENTURION'S BILLET

by A. J. Talbot

Scene: A Room in the house of Cadwol, the Headman. Dusk A.D. 61.

Characters:

Centurion	R. Merryweather
Balbus, Centurion's servant	M. F. Bunney
Cadwol, headman	C. H. White
His wife	I. C. B. Lennard
Clauden) their	R. W. Blant
Mordred) daughters	I. Whittaker
Astel, a slave	R. Bannister

Costumes by Nellie Smith.

These Plays produced by Mr. E. Pallister.

TELL IT NOT IN GATH

by Joe Corrie

Scene: The Sitting Room in the Rectory at Little Padley.

Characters:

The Rev. Arthur Welsey	C. C. Gay
Marjory, his wife	N. L. Brown
Miss Oliver	R. M. Brown
Miss Crundle	J. V. Colhoun
Joseph Devinish	M. S. Parkinson
Sam Marden	M. W. E. Haller

PASSION, POISON, AND PETRIFACTION; OR THE FATAL GAZOGENE

A Brief Tragedy for Barns and Booths

by G. B. Shaw

Scene: A Bedroom in Edwardian London.

Lady Magnesia Fitztollemache	B. G. Rogers
Phyllis	R. B. White
Lord Fitztollemache	P. Brett
Adolphus Bastable	C. W. E. Allan
The Landlord	A. J. Whitaker
The Policeman	J. F. Clay
The Doctor	J. R. Lester

The Plays produced by Mr. Rushby Smith.

Stage Manager	Mr. J. H. Bolland
Assistant Manager	Mr. E. Pallister
Properties	Mr. L. Holling
Electrician	Mr. P. A. Yates
Business Manager	Mr. D. H. Doy
Assistant Business Manager	P. K. Else
Scenery by Mr. Bolland, H. J. Rushby Smith, J. F. Clay, M. D. Clarke	
Stage Hands	J. K. Musson, S. M. Paterson, M. D. Clarke, R. J. Hill
	G. M. Dobb, D. A. Ward.
Stewards	G. Southwell, M. Taylor, J. M. Davis, R. Walker
Programme Sellers	S. C. Wyld, D. Palmer, C. E. Baker, D. J. Ward.
	A. Bunting.

The thanks of the Society are due to Mrs. Heywood, Miss James, Miss Storr, Mrs. Becher, Mrs. Swingle, Mrs. Doy, Mrs. Rushby Smith, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Bolland, for so kindly lending furniture and properties.

Special thanks also to Mrs. Gregory, Miss Joan Rushby Smith and Mrs. Rushby Smith for assistance with the dressing; Make-up assistants to Mr. Rushby Smith—P. Brett, M. D. Clarke, J. F. Clay, H. J. Rushby Smith.

Theatre Visits

During the year, there were two visits by school parties to "The Playhouse," Nottingham. The first, in the winter term, was to see James Bridie's "Storm in a tea-cup"—in which Hazel Hughes was so very good, and the other, in March, to see Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of being Earnest." While the two plays are hardly comparable as works of literary merit, it is undeniable that to see a good repertory company at work is not merely a highly enjoyable entertainment, it is also a really valuable experience for any boy interested in any or all aspects of stage work.

On Thursday, June 9th, a school party went to Stratford-upon-Avon to see Sir Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh in "Macbeth"; this was after an initial failure to book seats, for the demand this season was quite prodigious. This performance of Sir Laurence Olivier's is regarded as one of his finest—comparable in greatness of execution with his Julius Caesar, his Malvolio and his Richard III; those who saw him may cherish the fact that they have witnessed one whom an eminent London theatrical critic acclaims the greatest European actor of the day. Vivien Leigh as Lady Macbeth was most impressive and the sleep-walking scene provided her with the opportunity to give her audience the high peak of her dramatic art. The nature of the play leaves little scope for other players; but Geoffrey Bayldon was more impressive as Duncan than is often the case with this somewhat anaemic part, and Maxine Audley as Lady Macduff had an effective scene. The production was the most conventional of any of those we have seen since the School began the annual Stratford visit, although the settings had a massive grotesqueness—even a suggestion of distortion—that helped powerfully to evoke the atmosphere of the play. It was a small disappointment that the performance we saw lacked the intended climax of the duel between Macbeth and Macduff as Sir

Laurence Olivier had injured his foot—another confirmation of the stage superstition which has grown round "Macbeth." It was a wonderful day for those lucky enough to be able to go.

VI Form Society Report 1954-55

Under the able chairmanship of Brett, Rushby Smith and Clarke, the Society has enjoyed a full and varied year and Thursday afternoons in the Library continue to retain their popularity. Here learned and erudite lectures have been delivered by members of VIB on a variety of subjects which have included Numismatics, Yoga, the Problems of Western Defence and many others. The series of news commentaries has been as inclusive as ever and the topical matters reviewed have embraced the Nine-Power Conferences, and European Defence Community to mention two of them.

Besides these, the Society has been busy in other directions. Places of interest visited this year included the Kelham Sugar Beet Factory, the Assizes at Nottingham, Ericssons Telephones, Ltd., besides the Epperstone Police Headquarters and a well-known brewery at Newark.

The list of visiting speakers has been varied too. The Society welcomed speakers whose subjects ranged from "The Navy," "The University" and "Impressions of Visitors to Britain."

Although the proposed International Conference did not take place, the Society held a mock election earlier in the year in which parties represented were "Liberalists," Communists, Conservatives and Independents.

The three Secretaries for the year were H. C. Palmer, J. G. Marshall and R. Eastwood.

The Leavers

Junior Department: Keith Chapman, F. V. Grylls, C. R. Stafford and Peter Hankin.

Form II: B. A. Searson and A. Eden.

Form IV: Brian Lawrence—to enter the National Sea Training School.

Form V: R. Ball (Under 15 Rugger, House Rugger), D. G. Bancroft (School Choir, Art Club, Scenery Painter), W. Cooke (House Rugger, runner-up Junior Swimming), P. J. Davies (House Cricket, Under 13 and Under 14 House Rugger), B. A. Fisher (Champion Swimmer 1955, runner-up 1954, School Choir, Company of Service, Cross Country Championship Team, Rugger, School Play), M. W. Gallagher (Under 14 and 15 Rugger), A. H. Gilbert (1st XV Rugger, 1st XI Cricket, Company of Service, Skegness Sevens Tournament 1954), P. Holmes (Senior Cross Country), J. R. Lester (School Choir, Dramatic Society, Book-boy to Minster Choir), C. Rowbottom (House Cricket, House Rugger, Under 15 Rugger), A. W. Somerset, M. J. Taylor (Company of Service, 1st XI Cricket, 2nd XV Rugger, School Plays).

Form VI: C. W. E. Allan (Boarding House Prefect, Company of Service, Dramatic Society, Senior Scout, Secretary of Sixth Form Society, House Rugger), D. W. Bailey (School Prefect, Company of Service, House Captain, Captain of Rugger, Captain of Athletics, represented County at Rugger and Athletics, Scout Cords, Junior Cricket), P. Brett (Head Prefect of Boarding House, Company of Service, School Prefect, Scout, Dramatic Society, Chorister, School Choir, Musical Society Organist, Secretary of S.C.M.S. Group, Chairman of Sixth Form Society, House Rugger), M. D. Clarke (Company of Service, Scenery and Mural Painter, Under 15 Rugger, Queen's Scout and Scout Cords, Boarding House Prefect, School Choir), J. F. Clay (Sub-Prefect, Boarding House Prefect, Company of Service, Queen's Scout, 1st XI Cricket, Dramatic Society, Chorister, School Choir, Skegness Sevens Tournament, School Athletics, Organiser of Woodwork Club, Scenery and Mural Painter), G. G. Fox (Head Prefect, Company of Service, 1st XV Rugger, Senior Scout, Secretary of Sixth Form Society), C. Greaves (Prefect, Company of Service, 1st XV Rugger,

Skegness Sevens Tournament, House Cricket, School Choir), C. N. Roach (Prefect, Company of Service, House Captain, Vice-Captain 1st XV Rugger, represented County at Rugger, Winner of School Tennis 1954, Chorister, School Choir, Dramatic Society, House Cricket, House Swimming), H. J. Rushby Smith (Prefect, Company of Service, Chorister, School Choir, Musical Society, Dramatic Society, Art Club, Secretary and later Chairman of Sixth Form Society, Festival of Music and Drama), K. W. Stringfellow (Prefect, Company of Service, 1st XV Rugger, Skegness Sevens Tournament, House Captain, School Choir), R. A. Walker (Sub-Prefect, Company of Service, 1st XV Rugger, Skegness Sevens Tournament, County Rugger Trialist 1954, 1st XI Cricket, County Cricket Trialist 1954, Dramatic Society).

Old Southwellian Notes 1955

Very little news of activities has reached me this year. The dance in January was not so well attended as usual, fog and snow were to some extent responsible, but nevertheless those present spent a pleasant evening. The Headmaster's interlude on the slap stick bass was most entertaining.

At the annual meeting, Mr. T. E. Bridges was elected President, and has regularly made the long journey from Boston to discharge his duties. Mr. R. Matthews was elected Vice-President and has already made a purpose journey from London to be present at a committee meeting. We look forward to seeing more of him during 1956 . . . our millenary year.

Attendance at the annual dinner was up to standard with Col. Wharton as chief guest. Old Boys' Cup was presented to G. G. Fox. The senior boys of the school provided entertainment in the form of Glee and Part songs. This provided a novel change and was well received.

Honours in the cricket match went to the school. There was a considerable falling off in the number of old boys able to take part and as a result we had difficulty in raising one team as against two last year. It has been suggested that a date other than the second Saturday in July might give better results but this match has to be fitted in with the Town Club's fixture's and the School programme. At present there appears to be no alternative date. Rugger meet the same difficulty. This is explained by the fact that many O.B.s' are regular playing members of the Town Club and fixtures clash. Mr. Hurst is hoping to make arrangements to overcome this.

As already stated, next year marks the millenary of Southwell, its Minster and the School. The School's chief contribution to the many events arranged is a Pageant of Southwell. Old Southwellians can make their contribution by offering to assist in this. The Headmaster and our Secretary will be pleased to hear from anyone interested.

Arthur Beckett, a very regular attender at all O.S. functions has been seriously ill. The latest news is more re-assuring. We wish him a speedy recovery.

One last word . . . Will all O.B.s' who read this make a special effort during next year on behalf of the Society and the School by taking as active a part as possible in their work or, better still, by contacting O.B.s' who may have lost interest. Another 30 or 40 active members would put the Society in a strong position.—E.W.R.

To any Old Boys who happen to be in the Hull area, Mrs. G. Newberry (nee Ruth Mathews) is now living at:-

9, Newland Park,
Hull, Yorks.

and she would be delighted to see them.

KALENDAR

September 9th	Autumn Term begins.
October 25th	Commemoration and Prize Day.
November 7th—9th	Half Term.
December 9th	Old Boys' Dance
December 15th—17th	School Plays.
December 21st	Musical Society Carols at Newark.
December 23rd	School Carol Service. End of Autumn Term.
January 12th	Spring Term begins.
February 3rd	Musical Society Concert Anglo-French Club.
February 22nd—24th	General Inspection.
February 27th—29th	Half Term (note alteration).
March 1st	School Examinations.
March 29th	End of Spring Term.
April 24th	Summer Term Begins.
May 12th	Music with Minster. Schools concert.
May 21st—23rd	Half Term (Whitsuntide).
June 9th	Millenary Service.
June 16th	Friends Annual Meeting and Summer Fete.
June 18th	G.C.E. Examinations.
July 6th & 7th	Millenary Pageant.
July 12th	Sports Day.
July 18th	Swimming Sports.
July 19th	Old Boys' Cricket Match.
July 25th	End of Term.

N.B.—The above dates are correct up to time of going to Press, but may have to be altered in which case those concerned will be notified.