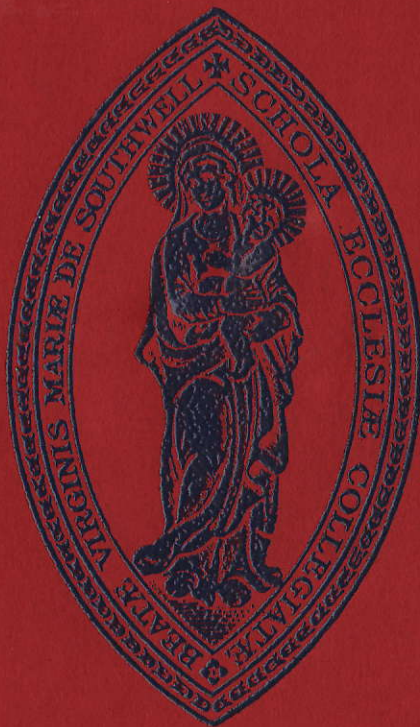


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Foreword

This year, 1956, the foreword has to be about the Millenary. It is for this reason that the magazine is both illustrated and more costly but I hope this will not deter you either from buying it or from reading it.

It is no less a person than Sir Frank Stenton, a pre-eminent authority on English History before 1066 who many years ago suggested that the School should celebrate its Millenary in 1956 and who wrote a letter some years ago saying that there was a strong probability that the School could date its foundation from this year. As is well known, the boys from the School flung the Chapter documents around the churchyard at the time of the first dissolution and much history no doubt was lost with them. But whatever be the details, it is absolutely right that we with the Minster and the place, should regard 956 as our foundation date, for it was in that year that the then Archbishop of York, Oskytel, received that grant of land, called and clearly defined as the Manor of Southwell, which enabled him to establish his Minster in Southwell. From this grew the College of Secular Canons to staff it and from this arose the School so that the singing boys could learn Latin.

We have indeed celebrated the Millenary worthily even if at times painfully, for it has meant much hard and exacting work to ensure that all the great events went off successfully. Think back on these and they form a wonderful and vivid memory — Music in the Minster, the Eucharist, the Evensong, the Garden Fete, the Pageant, the Commemoration, the Prize-Giving and the Concert — in all of which the School took a prominent part. Many of you too assisted at the Meeting of the Friends of the Cathedral, visited the Exhibition of pictures, stewarded and listened to the Arts' Society's Broadcast Concert, attended the Pilgrimage of Youth Service and listened to the Millenary Lectures.

For us then, this year has indeed been an *Annus Mirabilis* and many that come after will look back to this year as a very great occasion in the School's history.

B. J. RUSHBY SMITH.

Review

Anticipation of and preparation for the Millenary has affected the whole School year in one way or another. But in spite of this, many of the usual things have taken place albeit somewhat curtailed.

At the beginning of the year the numbers were 210 with a full Sixth Form of 30. This term the total was 204 and a Sixth of 25. Fogs in the Autumn, frost in the Spring and rain in the Summer Terms enabled us rightly to grumble about our variable weather. Minor improvements and much new equipment help us to reach nearer the standard desirable in a Grammar School. The greatest of these improvements is the new furniture in the Library which now looks and feels like a Library, carefully catalogued and guarded by Mr. Ball and his helpers, as it is. Miss Cox's orchestra room has a carpet, a mirror, flowers and curtains and a store cupboard; Mr. Scott has a wealth of woodwind to keep the top storey noises going and new desks, rubber padded, cut down the noise in the Geography room. The place is full of pianos, so we have by now become accustomed to musical noises.

You will be pleased to know that J. van der Berg has obtained First Class Honours in Mathematics at London University — an achievement which adds another name to the Honours Board on the Mathematics side. No less than seven Sixth Formers were awarded County Major Scholarships and have now all gone to universities. The "A" level results were, taken all round, better than ever before; of 32 entries 29 were passes, 2 with Distinction and 2 at scholarship level. At "O" level as usual more people than expected satisfied the examiners. Of 162 subject entries 142 were passes. The Dramatic Society's productions were well up to standard, "The Boy with the Cart" and "The Builders" forming an appropriate eve of the Millenary occasion. The Choir and Orchestra have had a tremendous year as you will see from the account of their activities. Scouts and a small outside School unit of the A.T.C. flourish. Paris was the focus of a number of boys at Easter and the Derbyshire hills provided a Swiss atmosphere for an adventurous group in the Christmas holidays. The Danes came here in the Summer holidays and Herve Gossart turned up again as usual. The Dancing Class carried on its winter session so successfully that many feel they have learnt all they need to know and this year have started a Social Evening instead.

We have successfully tested new plastic plates for the

School Meals Service and we have now a new wood-block floor for the entrance hall and passage. This is just in time, for when the old flag-stones were taken up, they were found to be resting on top of an old boarded floor almost entirely eaten away by death-watch beetles.

Hard by Pentelowe's, a large pre-fabricated new Secondary Modern School grows apace. It will start in January next year. Mrs. Pallister and Mrs. Doy will be among the members of the Staff and the Chairman of the Governors is myself. The School is called "The Edward Cludd School" and we here will give it a welcome and we hope that there will be fruitful co-operation in the years to come.

The Governors

On the 17th January, 1956, the new Instrument of Government was sealed. This meant that a new body of Governors would have to be appointed. There are now twelve members on the Board. Eight of these are called Foundation Governors. Of these, two are ex-officio, the Lord Bishop of Southwell and the Provost of Southwell, and six are nominated, two by the Chapter, two by the Parochial Church Council, one by the Committee of the Old Southwellian Society, and one by the Council of the University of Nottingham. These six members are — The Chancellor, Canon Leeper, and Canon Allenby; Miss M. Becher and J. Grace, Esquire; R. Cobbin Esquire, and Professor Keys. The remaining four are Representative Governors, appointed by the Local Education Authority, of whom one is to be nominated by the Rural District Council and one by the Parish Council. These four members are Mrs. Beardsley, Major T. P. Barber, J. Barker, Esquire, E. Ross, Esquire.

Many of these members were on the old Board but we welcome most heartily the new members, Miss Becher, Mrs. Beardsley, Mr. Grace, Mr. Cobbin, and Professor Keys. We must on the other hand say how sorry we are to lose the services of Sir William Starkey, whose family have been closely connected with the School and who has given us so much support and wise advice, of Mr. H. Merryweather, whose family have also been represented on the Board for so many years and who had an unrivalled local knowledge, of Mr. Wiltshire, a new member from Nottingham University who was so keenly interested. It is, however, true that none of these will lose his interest but their knowledge of the inner working will be so much less that they can no

longer be of the same service to the School. We shall hope to be able to welcome them on School occasions in the future and will do our best to keep them informed.

The Lord Bishop has asked that he should not be considered for the position of Chairman as he finds it very difficult to spare sufficient time for this exacting post. The Provost has now been appointed Chairman. With his great experience and his knowledge of School affairs gained over the last ten years he will be able to give the Governors that guidance which has already been of such great value to the School.

The Staff

At the end of the Summer Term, Mr. L. Holling left to take up a post as Biology Master at a school in the South-west. Many will remember him for his kindly interest and his devotion to his subject. We wish him the best of luck in his new post. In his place we welcome Mr. Harris, a former Head Boy of Ashbourne Grammar School; he took his B.Sc. degree at Manchester University and this is his first post.

Already he has made himself known on the cricket field in the Staff Match and on the Rugger field where he now plays for the Southwell Club: he is too a Housemaster at Sacrista. M. LeGuevel, the French Assistant took such an energetic and active interest in us all that he became very much one of us. Miss Moakes left the Boarding House at Christmas and she was sadly missed by many small boys as well as the many who were considerably nursed by her in the new sick quarters. Her place has been taken by Miss O'Hara, formerly the matron at a school in Lancashire, to whom we extend a ready welcome for this exacting post.

Of the rest of the Staff the most significant thing has been Mr. Doy's illness. For much of the year after his first heart attack he has had to work on one floor and no sooner had the summer holidays started than he had what is now called "an Eisenhower" and had to remain flat on his back for two months. At the time of writing he has been allowed to go away to convalesce and he should be with us again very shortly. The Reverend Houghton, Rector of Winthorpe, has fortunately been able to come to us in his place and this has enabled the work to go on without interruption. We are indeed grateful to him for his help. I am sure that the School is grateful for the work put in by the rest of the Staff in organising, coaching and assisting in all kinds of activities out of school hours. In general the work is rather taken for granted by the boys and perhaps

not always appreciated to the full. Of those classified as non-teaching Staff Mr. Naylor's appointment as caretaker has been of real significance. Not only has he saved us fuel with no actual loss of heat by wise stoking but he has improved the floors no end and with his good wife has kept the place so much cleaner. He is, too, such a cheerful person that I am certain all boys must want to do their best in keeping the place tidier and so making his task easier. For a time, too, Mr. Watson came as Laboratory Assistant and enabled the Science teachers to concentrate more on the task of teaching instead of preparation and classification. The new assistant, Mr. Willies, is carrying on where Mr. Watson left off, continuing the good work.

B.J.R.S.

COMMEMORATION DAY OCT. 25th, 1956

The Service of Commemoration

Held in the Choir of the Minster and conducted by the Provost of Southwell, the Very Reverend H. C. L. Heywood, this service was attended by a large congregation of parents and friends as well as members of the School. It was a lovely day and the late October sun streamed in through the windows adding to the beauty of the setting.

The Reverend C. S. Bayes, Diocesan Director of Church Day Schools, preached the sermon. "Boys and parents," he said, "never realise the laborious and unspectacular work, the unremitting labour of planning that is the secret of any school's life. This School is indeed fortunate to be the deep concern of so many people who use their judgment, knowledge and skill in its service. The splendid, hopeful future that lies before this School rests on their present and devoted wisdom." He urged the boys to follow the example of the benefactors of their school, those who founded it a thousand years ago and many others since then, the result of whose labours they could see around them. "They gave their bounty, their wisdom and their toil in its service," he said, "and toil in this context means steady and unremitting attention to the needs of the School and a personal willingness to shoulder some of them."

As before, this impressive service emphasises the value of the School's close link with the Minster; it has become the primary event of the day and remains an inspiration for that which now follows in the Nave in the afternoon.

The Prizegiving

For the first time the Prizegiving was held in the Nave of the Minster. A small platform was erected for the speakers and parents, friends, guests and staff were all able to sit in comfort and to follow the proceedings without inconvenience. In no sense did the ceremony seem out of place.

The Provost, the Chairman of the new Board of Governors, took the chair and asked the Lord Bishop of Southwell to speak first. The Bishop, explaining the reason for his resignation as Chairman, said: "For many years past I have had the privilege of presiding at this occasion, but as the school develops and new plans become more and more elaborate, administration work increases, and whoever is chairman of the body has

to keep his hand on all sorts of minor details—all of which is impossible to me.

"I feel it is not fair to take a nominal duty either to me or to the school. Although no longer chairman, this does not mean that I have lost my warm interest in the school."

The Provost then gave his first address as chairman, paying tribute to all benefactors but more especially to the two recent ones, the late Provost Conybeare, and Mr. N. A. Metcalfe.

In 1945, which was a critical year, much courage was needed as the position of the school was hazardous. So much so that the county wished to make the appointment of the new headmaster a temporary one. "But the governors went ahead," said the Provost, "and after ten years, he is still here. There is proof in all this of a growing body very much alive, liberally conserving the labour of the past for fashioning to-morrow."

The awards were made by Canon Alan Richardson, professor and head of the department of theology at Nottingham University.

Canon Richardson recalled that Dr. Martin Luther had once said the two things he loved more than anything else were divine theology and divine music.

"I am proud to come to you to-day from a very much junior institution of learning—the University of Nottingham," said the speaker. "I hope that many of you, and those who succeed you, will come to the university to study many things—among them theology and music."

The Minster School, said Canon Richardson, had kept alive the true aim of education in a Christian country.

Sometimes, he said, education became an end in itself. There is always a danger that those absorbed in the technicalities of education, as in its administration, may forget the end—the aim—of the whole thing.

"Why did our benefactors establish schools at all? Why did they want to teach choristers Latin? Because they believed profoundly that there were things worth reading.

"Supremely, of course, there was the Bible. And there were the classics.

"Sometimes, I think, we are in danger to-day of thinking that education is an end in itself, but it is not enough to teach people to read. They must be taught what is worth reading."

The question of the purpose of education became more and more burning, went on Canon Richardson. A school such as Southwell Minster directed knowledge towards an end and gave a whole scale of values by which education was given a meaning and a point.

In his report the headmaster said: "Southwell is a small grammar school, an anachronism according to some, but unique in the fact that it has retained its junior department for choristers and, while in the State system, gives an increasingly important place to music."

Mr. Rushby Smith said one boy had obtained an open music scholarship to Cambridge and another a State Scholarship in music to Oxford. He added: "These two boys were our first entrants to the junior department and their admission to these universities does exactly what the Ministry of Education hoped would happen if the musical bias of this school was properly developed."

After referring to scholastic and sporting achievements during the year the headmaster said: "It is one of the advantages of a boarding side that all kinds of activities can take place in out-of-school hours. . . . A

youthful magicians' club, a bellringers society, woodwork club, modelling club and a dancing class give some indication of the variety—apart from major activities such as the dramatic society, musical society, school choir, sixth form society, the Scouts and A.T.C. group."

The headmaster concluded: "I am sure Southwell Minster Grammar School needs no apologia for those who are discerning in their appraisal of real education. Not for one moment would I say we achieve all our aims, but we do come within that measure of attainment that enables us to claim that this small county grammar school does a worthwhile job of which we can be properly proud."

B.J.R.S.

The Prize List

1. The Starkey Scholarship,
The Neville Metcalfe Prize for Music,
The Canon Glaister Prize for Art,
The Lady Robinson Prize for Languages,
G.C.E.: Music distinction (S) French (A) Art (A)
State Scholarship. H. J. Rushby Smith.
2. The Starkey Prize,
The Lady Robinson Prize for Mathematics,
The Lady Robinson Prize for Science,
G.C.E.: Physics distinction (S)
Pure Maths. (A), Applied Maths. (A)
County Scholarship. K. W. Stringfellow.
3. The Lady Robinson Prize for Mathematics,
The Lady Robinson Prize for Science,
G.C.E.: Physics (S), Pure Maths. (A)
Chemistry (A)
County Scholarship. C. Greaves.
4. The Canon Glaister Prize for History,
G.C.E.: History (A) Latin (A)
Open Scholarship in Music to King's
College, Cambridge,
Certificate of Distinction, Associated
Board Grade VIII Pianoforte. P. Brett.
5. The Canon Glaister Prize for Economic History,
G.C.E.: Economic History (A) R. J. Hill.
6. The Canon Glaister Prize for Geography,
G.C.E.: Geography (A) French (A) R. A. Walker.
7. The Canon Glaister Prize for Art,
G.C.E.: Art distinction (A) Geography (A) M. D. Clarke
8. Prize for Religious Knowledge
(Passes: (S)=Scholarship level; (A)=Advanced level) A. J. Whitaker.
9. Prizes for High Standard at Ordinary Level in the G.C.E.:—
Physics 4 passes T. J. Atkin
Physics 3 passes R. Ball
Physics 5 passes W. Cooke
English, Mathematics,
Physics 6 passes J. M. Davis
Geography 5 passes J. B. Dixon
English 6 passes A. J. Ellis
Physics 6 passes M. W. Gallagher
Physics 4 passes A. H. Gilbert
Geography, English 6 passes P. Holmes
English, Mathematics,
Latin, Physics 6 passes J. R. Lester
French 3 passes R. Merryweather

Mathematics, Physics,		
Chemistry	6 passes	J. K. Musson
Chemistry	1st year Vith extra	H. C. Palmer
English	5 passes	P. M. Peabody
English, Latin,		
French, Music	4 passes	B. G. Rogers
French	4 passes	J. L. A. Terry

10. Statement for Passes at Ordinary Level:—
D. G. Bancroft (2); R. J. Cheate (5); P. J. Davies (2);
B. A. Fisher (6); D. Ickeringill (1); J. R. Purdy (3);
C. J. Reavill (1); P. Simpson (2); A. W. Somerset (3);
G. Southwell (3); D. Sweetmore (2); M. J. Taylor (4);
P. M. Walls (2); J. G. Welch (3); M. Wharmby (4);
A. J. Whitaker (6); T. R. White (3).
11. Distinction and Form Prizes:—
Form IV) C. C. Gay
") P. D. Roberts
Form III) Distinction (20 points) R. C. Parker
") Distinction (20 points) T. Sokell
") Distinction (19 points) B. J. B. Kemsley
Form II) and Distinction (19 points) A. G. S. Bunting
Form I) and Distinction (25 points) R. J. Thompson
T. P. Cowhig
- Junior Department
12. Associated Board Certificates in Music:—
J. M. Bannister, Merit Grade III Violin.
A. J. Peabody, Distinction Grade I Violin.
J. V. Colhoun, Distinction Grade V Pianoforte.
A. G. S. Bunting, Distinction Grade IV Pianoforte.
P. D. Burnham, Merit Grade IV Pianoforte.
A. R. Johnson, Merit Grade III Pianoforte.
P. J. Morrell, Distinction Grade III Pianoforte.
M. J. Milsom, Grade II Pianoforte.
M. H. Stokes, Grade I Pianoforte.
13. Presentation of Cups:—
The Cricket Challenge Cup, presented by Archdeacon Hacking,
The Winning House — BOOTH.
The House Merit Cup, presented by Lady Hicking of Brackenhurst,
The Winning House — THOMAS.

An Account of the Activities of The Friends of the School

The Committee of the Company of Friends have met with frequency and the result of their efforts is now well-known, the Millenary Garden Fete at Hill House on the one hand, and the organisation of a Millenary Appeal on the other. A special sub-committee was formed to deal with the latter, consisting of representatives of the Governors, the Old Boys and the Parents, and certain members of the Headmaster's Working Committee.

The garden fete was a great success, £128 was taken and £87 was given to the Fund. The day proved to be one of the wettest of a wet summer but the very large marquee kept everyone dry and happy. The teas provided in the house completely exhausted the ladies whose remembrance of this occasion must have been one long rush of trays and cups and saucers and teapots and sandwiches and cakes. Nothing was left on the stalls at the end after Mr. Pogmore had auctioned the bits and pieces. The entertainment of strings and woodwind delighted the visitors and the interpolation of the Senior Boarders' Fashion Parade provided a high-light of amusement. One of the most successful was the effort of the Juniors who turned Hill House cellars into the most magical of

Aladdin's Caves. Crazy Golf, Archery and Madame Za-Za were hampered by the rain but all the other side-shows did well. The fete was opened by Mrs. Matthews, the wife of the previous Headmaster, and this year's President of the Old Boys' Association.

At the time of writing we have little to report about the special Millenary Appeal to those not already Friends, but at the end of 1956 we shall be able to assess the result of the work of the Area Organisers who are not finding it an easy task. Any help other friends can give to their Organisers will be much appreciated.

The accounts published in this Magazine show that in the year ending March 31st, 1956, over £500 was obtained for the Fund, an excellent result and one surpassing the new target figures of £500 by £9. Good news too comes from the Diocesan Day-Schools Board who have indicated that the Minster Grammar School takes first priority in their efforts for Voluntary Aided Schools. This Board expects to add another £300 odd per year to increase the resources available to the School for its rebuilding plans.

The continued support of all Friends is necessary as the time for rebuilding approaches when the annual premiums will increase substantially and we shall need all the money we can obtain to ensure that this new building will be worthy of its location on the designated site near the Minster.

B.J.R.S.

THE GENERAL INSPECTION 1956

It was in the Autumn Term, 1955, that Mr. E. C. Marchant, Her Majesty's Inspector for Grammar Schools in this division gave warning that a General Inspection would take place in the Spring Term, 1956. It was a good thing to know that Mr. Marchant would have the task of organising it, for from him we obtained that considerate care which prevented the whole inspection from becoming too heavy a burden on the Staff.

So in the course of the Spring Term documents were produced covering all aspects of the School's work. Not all the inspectors came at the same time. Mr. Mount Hayes saw the Physical Education some time before as also did Mr. Tricker who watches over Science; the Art Department had a special day with Miss Lockyer. Then swiftly the rest descended — Mr. Bernard Shore for Music, a frequent visitor in the past, Mr. W. H. Willoughby for Classics, Mr. C. E. Stafford for Modern Languages, and Mr. A. W. Fuller for Mathematics as well as the organizing Inspector. Miss Chatty joined them on the meals' side. After it was all over and their comments made, the general feeling of relief was assisted by the fact that the report was a good one. There is no doubt that the School has gained from many helpful suggestions and has no reason to feel worried about their comments. Their Report is as always a confidential document but it was gone over in detail by the Governors and given their most careful consideration.

We are truly grateful to Mr. Marchant and to his team, for both the way in which the inspection was conducted and for their kindness and help in carrying out what must always be a difficult task. If their report speeds the progress towards rebuilding we shall owe them an even greater debt of gratitude.

B.J.R.S.

SOUTHWELL MINSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL — APPEAL FUND

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 1956.

To Balance at Bank, 1st April, 1955	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash in hand	139 15 7	145 6 5	5 9 3
Subscriptions:—	5 10 10		
Parents	172 1 6		7 12 0
Local Area	126 6 6		1 5 0
Old Boys	100 0 0	398 8 0	9 14 0
Income Tax Recovered on Deeds of Covenant			175 0 0
Subscriptions, year 1954-55	28 9 5		457 18 8
Donations, including Garden Party receipts	82 14 8	111 4 1	1 7
Millenary Appeal		2 2 0	
		£657 0 6	£657 0 6
	£ s. d.	RESERVE	£ s. d.
To Balance in York County Savings Bank, 1st April, 1955	2063 4 6		2113 2 8
Interest (November, 1955)	49 18 2	2,113 2 2	£2,113 2 8

Audited and found correct.
(signed) W. LEEK.

13th April, 1956.

THE PAGEANT

As you know, the Southwell Millenary Pageant, "The Witness of the Light," done on July 5th, 6th and 7th, was the School's chief contribution to the Millenary celebrations, and also as you know, it swept into itself almost everyone in the School, until many were not a little weary of the affair. But, in retrospect, it was an experience well worth sharing in and those who had any part in it can feel they helped to create a thing worth while.

It made a great deal of work to stage such a show. How did it begin? Soon after the start of the Autumn Term, 1955, the Headmaster suggested again to the Staff that the School should devise a Pageant—for the notion had been lying dormant for a year before that. He asked Mr. Doy, Mr. Bolland and Mr. Ball to initiate it and at a meeting of these four, the outline and the place were quickly settled. To stage the Pageant out of doors was a gamble—just how great in this past summer no one foresaw—but the setting in front of the West door (in medieval tradition) was a very wise choice: the massive front of the Minster gave the spectacle that background of beauty and that constant reminder of its essentially religious purport we needed and kept in everyone's mind the fact that here was the really important central character of the Pageant—the Minster itself—that age-enduring Witness of the Light.

The next step was to produce a script—again this first meeting decided that the action should all be mimed, that the emphasis should be on spectacle, colour, processions and as large groups as possible, with a choir to symbolise the co-existence of Church and School here, in as many episodes as possible. While it was fairly clear what should form the principal events, the resultant script was inevitably thin in incident and a good deal of supposititious matter had to go in. If much was un-historical, such as Cludd's meeting with Cromwell, it was intended to be symbolic and there was care taken to ensure that nothing shown could not have happened.

At this stage Mr. Bolland's heavy work began. He had to produce costume designs for all episodes, to bring about harmony of colour and to devise decorations for the staging. The Headmaster too had a tremendous work in organizing the whole. His aim was to make the Pageant a Diocesan effort and although certain groups volunteered readily, the response was disappointing. Thus the School had to supply greater numbers and to take over more episodes than was first conceived. At several meetings where the various participating groups were represented many problems were resolved, the main principle being to leave each episode to the control of a local producer but to have a Pageant Producer to co-ordinate and to direct the whole.

The ultimate choice for this vital person could not have been a happier one. There was one piece of light relief—a certain distinguished actor with local associations had to be told tactfully that the organisers had not asked him, as he believed, to produce. Those who rehearsed under Mr. Westcott admired his geniality, his unruffled calm, his comprehensive grasp, his sense of the theatrically effective, and his ability to co-ordinate very exactly the different parts of a loose and diverse structure with groups of varying sizes and composition, timed to appear at many different entrances into the churchyard. The smoothness with which episode flowed into episode, the balance, the contrast between scene and scene—e.g. the life, motion, colour and crowds of James I's visit, the sombre dignity and tragic atmosphere of Charles I's fall, the

suggested threat of violence by Cromwell's troopers—the sense of a continuity, the richness of diversity possessing a unity of purpose, we owe all these to Mr. Westcott's admirable handling.

The scale of the thing meant much very hard work for the business side under Mr. Doy, and also for the costume makers organized by Miss B. A. Wilkinson. Altogether several hundred people made their contribution in differing ways to bring off a success.

The preambles to each episode and the descriptions of incidents were spoken with a dignity, a clarity and a nicety of timing by the Rev. Alan Medforth and Mrs. Hull, which made the successive scenes very easy to follow, and for this the script writer owes a great deal for his revision of the spoken text to the Rev. A. Medforth.

Although rain fell before the end of the dress rehearsal, the weather was kinder on the next nights. The Pageant as a spectacle proved more impressive and satisfying than we had hoped. Those who took part must have drawn some satisfaction from recreating these scenes of Southwell's past acted again in the beauty of the churchyard against the majestic backcloth of the Minster's West front.

Below is printed an outline of the Pageant; looking through it, how readily one can see again with that inward eye which is the bliss of solitude the march of the legionaries, the poise and dignity of the granting of the Charter, the flow and colour of the Whitsun crowds and the excellence of the Morris dance team, the ever-shifting patterns of the country dancers, the charm and delight of the early Victorian townsmen, and the wonderful climax when the whole cast, first grouped on either side, followed the procession of the Epilogue into the dim recesses of the Nave whose great doors had swung dramatically open to symbolize that devotion through the ages of "that crowd of ordinary men and women who have kept safe our heritage."

J.K.B.

Summary of Pageant

Prologue	The Chronicler (one)	explains his interest in the past of Southwell and conjectures its beginnings.
(1) The First Roman Chapel c.410 A.D.	M. Publius Prato V. Lenticulus Arrius Livia Servant girl Five other boys Soldiers	Detachment of auxiliaries recalled from Wall service halt at Southwell. Officer talks to villa owner and hears singing boys. While the Empire crumbles, the seed of Christianity grows.
(2) The Second Chapel The Heathen converted. 628 A.D.	Paulinus Blaecca Deda Chaplain Converts	Paulinus converting the heathen of the Trent basin, gathers converts for baptism. They sing an early Christian hymn.
(3) The First Charter and the foundation of the Collegiate Church. 956 A.D.	King Eadwy Edgar his brother Oskeytel Odo. Archbshp. Dunstan Eadwy's Queen	The King of Mercia wins over the Archbishop of York to his support—the latter, to minimise the influence of the Danish North, founds a Collegiate Church.

- (4) The Building of the Nave c.1110 A.D. Thomas of Beverley Stonemasons Gilbert the Chaunter Sir William de Morton Choir The Archbishop visits Southwell to view the progress of his building and sees penance being done. Processional hymn.
- (5) The Meeting of the Kings. 1194 A.D. King Richard I King William I of Scotland Geoffrey Plantagenet Sheriff of Nottingham Ralph Fitzstephen Maude de Caux Old Woman Deer Poacher Sheriff's Officer Canons of Southwell William claims greater honours than Richard is prepared to yield. Richard and Geoffrey quarrel over the King's demands on the Church. Richard grants a charter to the Minster and makes gifts to the Priory of Thurgarton.
- (6) The Building of the Choir. 1233 A.D. Walter de Gray Henry III Mayor & Sheriff of Nottingham Parish representatives Clerk to Chapter Morris Dancers The Archbishop plans a new Choir and grants indulgences. The King makes land gifts. The Pentecostal Procession and conclusion in dance and jollifications.
- (7) The Fall of Wolsey Cardinal Wolsey Thomas Magnus Master R. Pace Mother Crichlaw Servant Choir Wolsey, enjoying his retirement, realises he is about to fall; he encourages Magnus to endow a school in Newark, and promises aid to a suppliant.
- (8) The College Dissolved but the Parish Church preserved and the School continued. 1547 A.D. Vicars-choral Chantry Priests Churchwardens and Petitioners— Barnes Bathely Palmer Robertson Welden Willoughby Choirboys Townsfolk The College dissolved under the Chauntries Act, but the Partitioners secure the continued existence of the Parish Church and the ancient Grammar School lately become free 1513.
- (9) Visit of James I 1603 A.D. James I Sir Robert Carey Archie Armstrong, the King's Jester Martin Beeston Canons of Southwell Country dancers Choir Attendants & townfolk. The King, visiting Southwell on his way to London at his accession, hears the Choir, praises the Minster, and confirms the Elizabethan Charters re-establishing the Collegiate Church. He sees Morris Dance.
- (10) Visit of Charles I. Charles I M. Montreuil, the French envoy of Cardinal Mazarin Henry Lee, bootmaker The Landlord of the "King's Arms" & servant Dr. Hudson. The King's last hour as a free man spent at Southwell. His doom foreseen.

- (11) The Minster saved. Cromwell Edward Cludd Master Palmer Geo. Keetly Soldiers Edward Cludd successfully persuades Cromwell to spare the Minster from desecration.
- (12) The Final Dissolution of the College Lord Lincoln William Gladstone Electors of Southwell Parish Beadle Boy Dogwhipper Schoolboys Townsfolk Gladstone explains his stand against the appointment of Sir Robert Peel's Ecclesiastical Commissioners and the end of the Southwell Peculiar.
- Epilogue Bishop Ridding Chaplain, Cross bearer and choir Procession for the Bishop's installation in his Cathedral Church. Processional hymn.

THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY

In this Millenary year, this would appear to be a good opportunity to present an outline of the School's history. In common with many other old Grammar Schools, founded by the Church, it has suffered vagaries and vicissitudes of fortune in its long past.

We have no definite justification for taking the year 956 A.D. as the School's foundation date; but Sir Frank Stenton, the eminent historian and an Old Boy of this School, has said we can be sure of the foundation of a Collegiate Church soon after the grant of a manor to Oskytel, Archbishop of York, in 956. Such a church necessitated a choir and a choir meant a school for the instruction of youth in Latin grammar so that they could fittingly take their part in the daily services "ad maiorem gloriam Dei" offered in perpetuity. Thus it is a reasonable assumption that some form of school came into existence alongside the Secular College of Canons. It must have remained small for centuries in charge of a Prebendary or a Chantry Priest. Thus we find that by 1512 Henry VIII had ordered that the Collegiate Church at Southwell should have besides its Canons and Prebendaries a Master of Choristers and eight choristers, one Schoolmaster for the Grammar School, and twenty scholars. We do not know if there was any coincidence between the choristers and grammar-scholars.

For a long period the School's history is a blank — no records exist and the earliest, scanty references are merely incidental to an institution apparently sufficiently long-established to need no explanation. Such is the first reference, in 1328, when the Prebend of Normanton is said to be in charge of schools. Ten years later, the Chapter ruled that grammar schools were not to be held in Prebendaries' houses (1248). Where they were to be held is not laid down — almost certainly within the Minster itself. In 1313, Henry de Hykeling is named in an appointment to another office, as the Master of the Grammar School.

After this period references are more numerous. Master Metham was appointed Master in 1410.

On the 1st December, 1475, John Barre was appointed: this man was paid 40/- A YEAR and got into trouble with the Chapter (i.e. the Canons who controlled the Church's affairs in the district of Southwell) first, for giving "remedies" or day's holidays too often, and second, for neglecting to make sure that the boys spoke only Latin.

By 1504 we find the Grammar School is being taught by the Morrow Mass Priest — one of the thirteen Chantry Priests the Minster used to

have, and was probably held in the Morrow Mass Chapel, later called Booths' Chapel, a building attached to the South aisle of the nave, between the Minster and the Bishop's Palace, but pulled down in 1784. After this latter date the School was for a short time held in the Red Prebend (where the dining room of the "Saracen's Head" is now), and then in the building once occupied by the Chantry Priests, who were disbanded in 1548. All traces of this have disappeared, although where the Headmaster's study is now, perhaps once the brewery of the Chantry Priests stood.

Between the years 1512 and 1548 things of great moment happened to the Grammar School. In 1512 Robert Batemanson left enough land to produce 40/- a year to be devoted to paying for the education of any Southwell boy who claimed this free teaching. In 1530, Dr. Keton, Canon of Salisbury, and a former chorister and chaplain of Southwell, left £400 in money, plate and jewels, a sum large enough to endow two Fellowships and two scholarships at St. John's College, Cambridge, for those who had once been choristers at Southwell. It is not easy to give the modern equivalent of this sum of money, but it would represent many thousands to us to-day. Incidentally, these scholarships were formally abolished in 1857 when St. John's College swept away all such local preferences.

In 1548 the Grammar School weathered its first great crisis when the College of Canons was dissolved by the Act which ended such institutions. It was then that six courageous churchwardens petitioned the King, Edward VI, that their Parish Church and their Grammar School should be left to them. Their names we commemorate every year in the Benefactors' Service. Their action ensured the continued existence of the School. The Headmaster was granted a salary of £10 a year, paid by the Exchequer that is, he was paid by the Government, but this he had to collect in person at Westminster. Forty-six years later a petition was sent claiming salary payments now six years in arrear—that was in 1594—and in 1724 another petition was sent to the Government over the same point, but Walpole's administration refused to concede the six years' salary still owed.

The Elizabethan church settlement brought security for College and School after some anxieties. At this time, under Hugh Baskerville as Master, the boys had to work in summer from Lady Day (25th March) to Michaelmas (29th September) from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; in the winter months from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., that is, as long as daylight lasted to enable them to read. They had a half-day on Thursdays and all Saturday as holiday.

The Puritan Revolution seems to have made little difference to the School for, like the reformers of a hundred years before, the initiators of the new ecclesiastical policy were great patrons of secular learning, promoting the relaxation of the old faith's grip on school-teaching. So in 1652 we find the Schoolmaster was paid moneys from the College lands, now seized by the Commonwealth Government.

By 1688 the Schoolmaster was also the Vicar of the Parish and a Vicar-Choral (the deputy of a Canon) and thus enjoyed a salary of £43 per annum — £20 as vicar, £9 as vicar-choral, and £14 as schoolmaster.

In 1784 the School's material connection with the Minster ceased, when the building in which the School was held, was pulled down. And so began a very chequered part of the School's existence. The implication is that the College did not look on the School as theirs, but rather as belonging to the individual who was for that time the Master.

But soon, in 1784, the Master moved the School to the Chantry Priests' old house and a schoolroom was built. In 1819 — though some

sources give the date as 1828 — the whole building was pulled down and the present Georgian building put up, intended as a house for the Schoolmaster with accommodation for boarders and a schoolroom as well.

In 1837 school hours were laid down as follows: morning school 7 to 9 a.m. and 10 to 12 a.m., afternoon 2 to 5 p.m. On Saints Days first morning school only and on Wednesdays and Saturdays no afternoon school. In summer and at Christmas the boys had five weeks holiday, so there were two "halves" in the School year (note that even to-day, although there are three terms, at Eton these are still called "halves").

The Dissolution of the Chapter in 1841 made a great difference to the fortunes of the School. The Schoolmaster now no longer held the office of Vicar-Choral, for this was abolished, and found it increasingly difficult to carry on. In 1850 the Ecclesiastical Commissioners refused to increase the ancient salary of £12 per annum formerly paid by the Chapter, and the Schoolmaster could not charge fees for instructing boys in the classics, but could charge fees of £12 a year for other subjects. In 1854, the Headmaster appointed the year before was in real difficulties; he could not get possession of the Schoolhouse, as the Ecclesiastical Commissioners demanded rent for it and as the last Headmaster wanted payment for various fixtures left there. He could take no boarders and only seven day-boys. The School then ceased to exist for five years after 1858 when the Master left Southwell.

In 1862 it reopened, possession of the school buildings being ceded. But the new Master never took up his appointment, and not till 1864 did the School restart with 11 day-boys. In 1867 there were 11 boarders and 21 day-boys. There were, during this period, rival establishments, "The Gents. Academy" being one of these, held in Cranfield House and which had for one of its pupils Robert Lowe, later Chancellor of the Exchequer in Gladstone's first ministry.

In 1873 a petition organised by the Rev. R. F. Smith—the last Minor Canon Southwell had—was presented to the Bishop of Lincoln in whose diocese Southwell now lay. He secured a guarantee from the Ecclesiastical Commission of the ancient salary and so the School was preserved, the last Master having resigned, apparently in despair. For four years a new man carried on, never having more than 13 boys in the School. Again the Rev. R. F. Smith helped to save the School's existence and the Headmaster of a private school, Mr. John Wright, was persuaded to join his school with the Grammar School and to become Head of the latter. Thus began a long connection which lasted till 1918 when the Rev. Joseph Wright, who had succeeded his father as Headmaster in 1897, resigned.

By 1888 there were 45 boys in the School, of whom 19 were boarders. By 1902 the School acquired a new constitution with a Governing Body of thirteen, having representatives from Church and local government councils. It had now become a recognisably modern Grammar School though still very small in numbers. But before 1914 there were enough boys to justify four Houses, Booth's, Gray's, Thomas's and Aldred's; the last apparently died during the 1914-1918 War. As is explained elsewhere in the Magazine, the School having gained Aided Status has now a new constitution by its Instrument of Government, having survived more than one threat of extinction as an anachronism. But with the Local Education Authority's endorsement of the expansion of the Boarding Houses, the support of the Diocesan Church Day-schools Board, and the enormous and indomitable energy of the present Headmaster, who has been the architect of the School's promise of a happy future, we are

apparently on the threshold of a momentous new chapter in the School's ancient existence.

Perhaps the present generation of schoolboys may feel that the School has little to boast in comparison with some of the glass palaces which house our contemporaries and rivals; but they can and should take real pride in being part of one of this country's most ancient schools.

J.K.B.

THE MILLENARY COMMEMORATION OCTOBER 23rd, 1956

An Impression of the Service, Prize-giving and Concert

A windy October day with bright sunshine giving way later to a flurry of rain brought in this last act of Millenary. The gowned and hooded members of the Staff waiting by the screen in quiet dignity to show special guests, Governors and the lady members of the Staff to their seats in the Choir, discreetly point the way to the South Choir aisle to attending parents. A clatter of footsteps comes from the nave as boys, apparently innumerable, come down to take their places in the Choir and then a slow procession from the Vestry; the Headmaster leads the visiting Canons, the Chancellor and the Provost to meet the waiting choir. Once in their places, the service proceeds with versicle, psalm and lesson, the latter read so clearly by a Sixth Former. "Let us now praise famous men" — the dignified periods of the Bible come with measured phrase to our ears. Anthem, Commemoration Prayer and Te Deum. The sermon preached by the Provost gives point and meaning to the commemoration — "a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday." A hymn, "Each ancient School, each Minster tall, and founded for Thy glory," the Blessing and the great congregation disperses.

By two thirty again all are in their places, the Nave is full—boys on one side, parents and friends on the other, prizewinners in the front. On to the carpeted platform, flower-decked, the table loaded with books and silver cups, come four people—the former Headmaster, the present Headmaster, the Provost and Professor Wood, the prizegiver; the Bishop's chair stands empty. Weighed down with pressing diocesan business after his illness, he is unable to attend, as we learn from the Provost. Applause comes naturally after the speeches clearly heard over the loud speakers and punctuates the procession of prizewinners. The Prizegiver speaks to the boys and leaves with them the two words "quality" and "Independence" to remember for the rest of their lives.

Once again the Nave is full. The time is seven o'clock and the last programme holders are hurrying to their seats. From the pulpit to the crossing under the great arch are music stands, percussion instruments, and a rostrum ready for the Millenary Commemoration Concert, the last act and final climax of the celebrations. The concert begins quietly with a group of madrigal singers, a nice blend of woodwind by competent if nervous boys and then the orchestral players increase, the organ joins in the beautiful Concerto in G major by John Stanley. After a short interval on to the rostrum climbs Benjamin Britten and into the pulpit Peter Pears, the choir have taken their places, boys and men at the back, girls high up in the triforium only briefly seen. Brilliantly told in music and words, the story of St. Nicolas, the children's Saint, thrills the great congregation who rise to sing the two hymns in great united voice. Such a combination of boys'

voices and male voice solo of tremendous orchestral loveliness, and precision choir singing to such great effect, uplifted the congregation "above the false show of things, above time and melancholy to the everlasting glory."

B.J.R.S.

SCHOOL CHOIR REPORT

This School year 1955-56 has been successful for the Choir under the most able leadership of the Choir-master Mr. Officer. During the Autumn Term, the choir gave its annual Christmas Concert of Carols and seasonable ballads to both Junior and Senior members of the Newark Music Society in the Hall of the Newark Technical School. It received a warm welcome there, and after the performance, light refreshments were provided. Thus ended a visit which, as before, delighted both choir and audience.

A few days later, on the 23rd December, the end of term was heralded by a Carol Service, held in the Choir of the Minster. The standard of singing was high, upholding the School's tradition.

Then the Spring Term of our Millenary year arrived. An invitation to sing for the Nottingham Anglo-French Society was gladly accepted. This meant a great deal of hard work because apart from the difficult selection of music chosen, which included Ravel and Debussy, the French words had to be mastered. Monsieur Duflos, the President, and Mr. Terry, the Secretary, welcomed the choir warmly, and a wonderful supper was prepared, as a reward for the entertainment.

When Her Majesty's Inspectors visited the School, after half-term, a short concert was given, containing carols and French songs. This they enjoyed immensely.

And so to the Summer term. During the first weeks of this term, four Senior boys, M. W. E. Haller, J. V. Colhoun, M. T. Taylor and P. S. Rule were selected to take part in the 3rd National Festival of the Schools' Music Association, at the Royal Albert Hall, London. This performance was conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

At Southwell, again, during the latter half of the term, the School choir joined with other choirs, from schools in the County, in singing at the Millenary Year's "Music in the Minster." Then came the school's main contribution to the Millenary celebrations—the Pageant. In this the choir excelled itself, singing in five out of twelve episodes. The anthem "How Goodly are thy Courts" was sung, together with plain-song chants and two cheerful ballets.

The School choir's "piece de resistance" however, was still to come. In the Autumn term of the new school year, a concert was given in the Nave of the Minster which was made up of the Saint Nicolas Cantata, the main work, madrigals and orchestral items. The Cantata was composed and conducted by Benjamin Britten. Peter Pears sang the solo part of St. Nicolas. The standard of singing on this remarkable occasion was probably the highest the choir has attained. We express our gratitude to Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears and also to the gallery choir from the Q.E.G.S. Mansfield for their excellent singing. We also extend our thanks to the orchestra who supported the choir with their outstanding playing.

At the end of the School year, these members left the choir:—Sidebottom, Bishop, Argent, Nettleship, Layfield, A. J. Whitaker, Southwell, Else and B. J. Hallam. We thank them for their good work in the choir, throughout their stay at the School, and wish them every blessing for the future.

Thus ended another very successful year of great achievement for the School choir.

M.T.T.

P.S.R.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The String Orchestra at the Millenary Concert was gathered together by Miss Cox from all over the country to perform St. Nicolas. We express our gratitude to all who came to take part on this memorable occasion.

Several members of the School were included in the performance of John Stanley's Organ Concerto in G. Major with Mr. David Lumsden as the soloist. Miss Olive Zorian tucked herself away at the back of the first violins, and Mr. Charles Cheeseman played the double bass.

The other three professionals who performed in St. Nicolas were Miss Susan Rosza, violin, Miss Maureen Flinn, viola, Mr. Terence Weil, cello.

At the Garden Party at Hill House in June the String Ensemble played three movements from Peter Warlock's Capriol Suite. The Woodwind Section increases in size and has also taken part on the two occasions mentioned above. The Garden Party was their first public appearance and much interest was taken in them. At the Concert in the Minster we were delighted by their good ensemble work, both rhythmic and well blended. The Dinner Music from Don Giovanni and the March from Figaro illustrated the progress that they have made since the summer. Miss Cox and Mr. Scott have put in a great deal of hard work and are to be congratulated on the results they have achieved. Our thanks go to Miss Berry, who has done a great deal to further piano tuition in the school. And we welcome Miss Frampton, who has taken her place.

The following boys played at the Millenary Concert on October 23rd: C. E. Baker, T. Jones, J. M. Bannister (1st violin), M. W. E. Haller, T. P. Cowhig (2nd violin), N. L. Brown, A. J. Peabody, C. A. Hall (3rd violin), R. Hoare (cello), P. McG. Drummond, J. R. Pogmore, D. W. Topliss (Flute), R. Butler, A. R. Johnson, D. J. Robertson (clarinet); P. J. Morell (oboe), A. G. S. Bunting (bassoon), H. F. Luke (French Horn).

1956. Rugby Football

I suppose that in the ups and the downs of school football, there must come a time every decade, when the all-time low is reached. In retrospect, one must admit, nay, even hope, that in our case, it was '55-'56.

The standard of football and its accompanying fitness was, in the main, deplorably bad. There were exceptions, but the material available, although young, suffered from lack of interest, and was not prepared to practise to try and alter things. It is the first time that I have ever seen people walk away from watching school football, and this happened twice during the season.

Enough of this pessimism, but facts need to be faced. For the record, the 1st XV won only four of its fifteen matches, the under 15s won four out of seven games played, the under 14s won nine out of fourteen, while the junior side failed to score a victory in their seven matches.

1st XV

We knew at the beginning of the season, that the departure of Roach and Bailey left a gap in the middle: just how big, we were to find out against such teams as Spalding, West Bridgford and Magnus, these three teams alone finding their way through to score over a hundred points. Fishburne and Hill, prop forwards by trade, had to be pulled out to try

and plug the gap, consequently the pack lost its punch of the previous year, and even the noble work of such players as Dobb, Musson and Whitaker in the pack left us very often with a beaten scrum.

The talent was not available, and in a one stream school there is very little can be done about it. A new spirit is in evidence at the time of going to press, and we hope for better things.

Eastwood gave us some scintillating displays of tackling, but even here we had to bring him to fly half to improve the attack. Unfortunately he was injured at the time of County trials, otherwise he might well have made the grade. The wingers, Crisp and Luke ran well, when they received the ball with room to move. Crisp was selected for the County under 15 side, and this side went on to beat Cardiff schools at the end of the season. Hill and Fishburne did their best in mid-field, as did Peabody at fly-half: Hill was the judicious captain we had expected. Davis tried hard at the base of the scrum, but he would be the first to recognize his own shortcomings. Dobb hooked well, and his general forward play was thrustful; his props, Hoare and Atkin, were sound, but rather slow-moving. Musson and Whitaker soon returned to their niche in the second row after an attempted re-shuffle. They made a very sound, hard-working pair. The back row seemed to be the home for many trialists, but throughout the season the diminutive Wilson played on. He almost got that try at Newark and, for his pluck throughout the season, we all hoped that he would.

RESULTS:

Kings, Grantham	6 — 3	Lost
Spalding	25 — 0	Lost
Trent A	6 — 6	Draw
West Bridgford	24 — 0	Lost
Lincoln Schools	15 — 0	Lost
High Pavement 2nd XV	6 — 17	Won
Nottingham High School Colts	6 — 5	Lost
Newark Magnus	58 — 0	Lost
De Aston	11 — 14	Won
Henry Mellish A	5 — 14	Won
Lincoln Schools	16 — 13	Lost
High Pavement 2nd	5 — 3	Lost
Old Southwellians	6 — 9	Won
Magnus A	17 — 0	Lost
West Bridgford	25 — 9	Lost

Under 15

In the seven games played by this team only three players took part in all the games. The net was thrown wide in order to find possible material for next year's 1st XV.

Willies deserves mention for his attempts to instil into this team some form of enthusiasm and interest. Certainly in their last game of the season, there was that zest for which we had been earnestly seeking in the more senior side. On the whole, it was the defence which rocked, time and time again: the attack was quite adequate on the few occasions it received the ball. Both wingers have received promotion at the start of a new season, and Simey begins to show the dash of a wing three-quarter.

Spalding	0 — 15	Lost
Trent	16 — 8	Won
Magnus	0 — 17	Lost
De Aston	35 — 3	Won
Players	22 — 6	Won
Players	18 — 5	Won
Magnus	8 — 17	Lost

"Under 14½" XV

With nine matches won of fourteen played, and only three lost, this must go down as a successful season.

Sokell was appointed captain for the season, but it so happened that through injury he was unable to play in half the fixtures. His place was never satisfactorily filled in the centre, but Topliss, at fly-half, usually served admirably by West from the base of the scrum, improved steadily through the season, and invariably gave Lennard, Parker and White plenty of the ball which they used to advantage by determined running.

A second problem was to find a full back. There were early experiments here, but eventually Downing played regularly and efficiently in that position.

In the pack Carr, Green and Miles made up the front row in all but two games. Carr incidentally, was the only member of the team to play in all fourteen games. Green always hooked well, and was invaluable as a kicker. Miles, the youngest member of the side, showed considerable promise, and it is good to know that the front row will remain the same for another season. The second row at first consisted of Wheat and Briggs, but Baggeley came in to replace Briggs, who was called upon to fill the gap at centre three-quarter. A competent pack was completed in the back row by J. Taylor at lock, with Pickerill and Padley at wing forward. The scrum was ably led by Padley. Baker played in half the matches, and proved to be a versatile reserve, filling positions in the pack and at scrum-half.

"UNDER 14½" XV

Results:

	King's School, Grantham	11 points;	Southwell	17 points.
Carlton	12	;	3	.
West Bridgford	3	;	20	.
Magnus	3	;	14	.
High Pavement	3	;	6	.
High School	6	;	6	.
Sconce Hills	3	;	17	.
Players School	0	;	55	.
Henry Mellish	9	;	0	.
Sconce Hills	6	;	9	.
High Pavement	22	;	6	.
Player School	0	;	16	.
West Bridgford	3	;	3	.
Carlton	0	;	17	.

Played 14; Won 9; Drawn 2; Lost 3. Points: For, 189; Against, 81

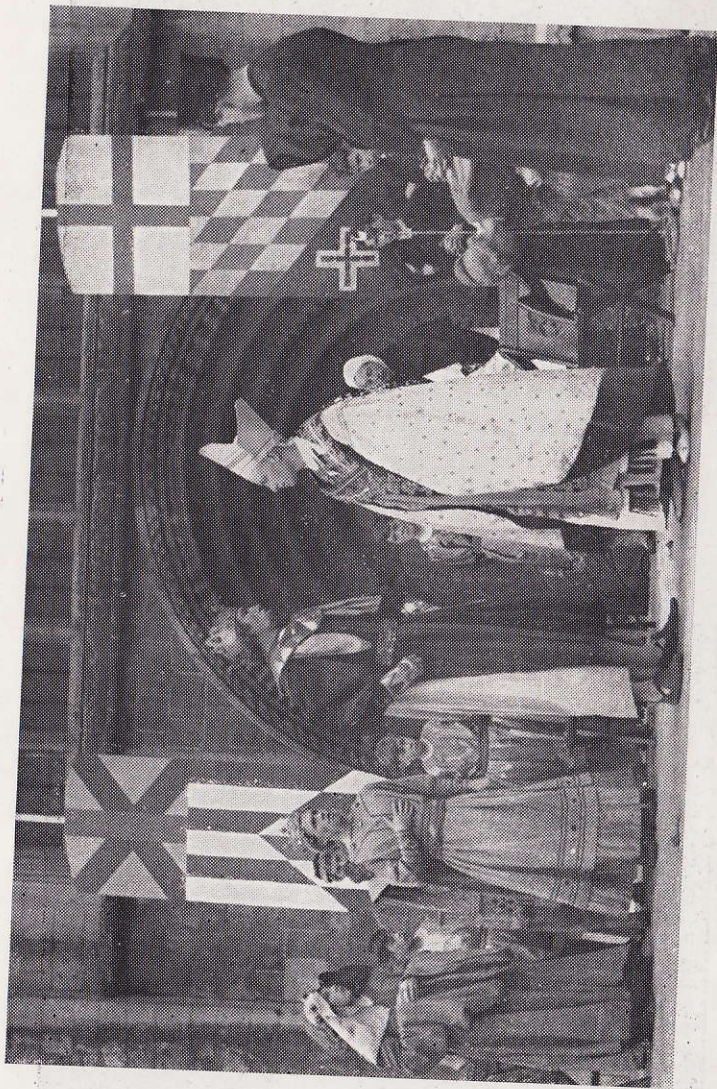
1956. Athletics

Quite the best year so far — that would be a fair summing-up of this year's Athletics. The reasons are several; first, the formation of the local Athletic Club has given the average runner more time for training and more competition; secondly, the hard work which was started with the junior part of the school last year is now beginning to have its effect as these boys move into the senior part of the school; thirdly, the Captain, M. Wharmby, has shown the same enthusiasm and initiative that we saw in D. Bailey last year.

In school matches we lost to Queen Elizabeth's, Mansfield, but defeated the Becket School twice; the juniors lost to Queen Elizabeth's



The arrival of H.R.H. Princess Margaret
for the Millenary Evensong



The Pageant : King Richard II disagrees with the Archbishop



The Pageant : King James I admires the Minster



The Pageant : The Choir leads Penitents to the Minster



The Grammar Schools Choir and Orchestra for Music in the Minster

Cricket

1956, though providing ample cause for celebration in other spheres, must go down as having been a disappointing year for 1st XI cricket. Rarely was a game played in congenial conditions, and when games were played the results were scarcely such as would warm the heart of a Captain of Cricket or act as a source of pride or encouragement to his XI. Owing partly to adverse weather and partly to the priority of Millenary Events only seven games were played, of which three were lost and four were drawn.

While it is perhaps unjust to criticise a team which played so few matches and therefore hardly settled down one particular shortcoming was notably obvious. A satisfactory solution to the problem of opening batsmen was never found. Too often numbers three and four came in with very few runs on the board and the opposing bowlers still in hostile form. If they in turn were unlucky enough to go quickly, either a rout set in, as against Brunts, or the tail-enders made a back-to-the-wall stand for a face saving draw, as happened in both the Becket games. One sympathised with Fishburne who, naturally an aggressive bat and the mainstay of the run-getters, too often found himself going out to attempt an opener's role.

It was unfortunate that the batting was so often dogged by a poor start because, on paper, there appeared to be batsmen with the necessary ability to make openers. What was lacking was a determination to go in and stay in and to concentrate to the utmost on the process of playing-in. There appeared to be an all too ready and demoralising belief that the opposing opening bowlers were going to bowl six unplayable balls in their respective first overs. Our own opening bowlers would surely confirm that this rarely happens!

However sombre the gist of the above remarks there were performances during the season which were worthy of note: Knight's 24 and Lennard's 18 in the first match against Henry Mellish; Simey's 30 against Mr. Doy's XI and his 35 n.o. against Becket Fishburne's 19 against Becket — the only time he looked at ease. Bowling honours went to Ward; 5 for 25 against Becket and to 'veterans' Dobb and Hill who, doubtless under the spur of local rivalry took it upon themselves to dismiss Q.E. Mansfield between them, taking 5 for 24 and 5 for 25 respectively.

While we look forward to keeping six or seven of the XI for next season we do note with regret the departure of Fishburne, Dobb and Hill who have played regularly for the 1st XI for the past four seasons. This is a long innings and School-cricket owes them much. We wish them good cricketing (and good cricketing weather) at their respective Universities.

House Matches will doubtless be recorded in greater detail elsewhere. Booth v. Thomas, a marathon performance which took days to decide, was characterised by a handsome 47 by Peabody. Thomas v. Gray, a contrastingly abrupt affair was enlivened by a touch of 'Westhorpe' by Lynds who showed real insight into the way of 18 overs matches!

It remains to lament the deluge which rained off the Old Boys' match, in which the duel Lennard snr. v. Lennard jnr. was being anticipated with some relish. Fortunately, however, the season was not deprived of its other lighter occasion the Staff Match. Monsieur Le Guevel, displaying typical versatility, bowled a nerve-wracking over and hit a momentous 2. Fishburne and Simey, batting as never before, scored 134 between them. At which point a very excellent tea was

enjoyed by all. Luckily 'Fred' Mobley, temporarily co-opted to the Staff, and who had previously been showing what throwing in to the stumps can be, was in good form and hit a vigorous 59. He was aided and abetted by a stern 23 from Mr. Pulford, with the result that the final Staff score was able to reach a suitably dignified 126 for 9. (On this cheerful note ended cricket for 1956).

Next season we look forward to more sympathetic weather conditions and we shall hope to enjoy the assistance of Mr. Harriss to add continuity to the enthusiastic treatment meted out to the Junior XI by Mr. Young.

Junior Cricket — 1956.

It must be many seasons since the programme of Junior Cricket was completed without the loss of a single over through bad weather. This, however, was the achievement in a notoriously bad summer.

In terms of victories won 1956 appears to have been a less successful season than the last. Of 9 games played 3 were won, 1 drawn, and 5 lost. Such figures may hide the truth. This year's side was well balanced and well handled by its captain. Its members practised hard, and there were some outstanding individual performances both with bat and ball. At its best the fielding was very good, and looking back one recalls few chances missed, and a number of good catches held. The cricket was, in fact, well up to standard. A fourth victory was almost achieved when time intervened with School, 4 wickets in hand, needed only 6 runs to defeat Henry Mellish.

After early experiments Pool and Banbury became the regular opening batsmen. The extent to which they were depended upon for runs is evident when it is realised that of 458 runs scored by the team in all its matches these two made 223. Banbury's share was 128, at an average of 16, Pool's 95 at an average of 13.5. Pool's 50 against the Becket School is worth noting as the first junior 50 for a number of seasons. Topliss, Miles, Briggs and Peck also made valuable contributions with the bat.

Much of the burden of the bowling rested upon Banbury. The faster bowlers had their successes. White took 12 wickets in all for 62 runs, Pool 10 for 98. It was Banbury, however, who caused opposing batsmen most trouble. Turning the ball a lot both ways he captured 27 wickets for 135 runs, an average of 5.

If there is a special enthusiasm about any particular matches it is those against the Dolphin School. This year the honours were shared, with a victory each.

Barber and Naylor are to be congratulated on gaining regular places in the Under 14 team in their first year, and also Stocks, who came in later in the season.

Usual team: from, Banbury (Capt.), Briggs, Pool, Drummond, White, Tomsett, Topliss, Pogmore, Miles, Barber, Naylor, and Stocks.

Swimming

Swimming classes this year have taken place since the beginning of the Summer Term at the indoor pool at Sherwood Colliery. Although we remember with gratitude the help and co-operation which we always found at the Newark open-air pool, there is no doubt that the change

will be to our advantage since not only are we now independent of the weather, but also swimming is continuous throughout the year. There are of course some disadvantages: but these are more than compensated for. For instance, transport difficulties and the much smaller size of the pool have considerably limited the size of classes. Ninety boys per week could go to Newark, only 60 to Sherwood. This has caused us to have two groups, each of 60 boys ("Odds" and "Evens") attending on alternate weeks. The nett result is a considerable gain, since it is now possible for 120 boys to receive fortnightly instruction throughout the year instead of 90 receiving weekly instruction during the Summer Term only.

The main disadvantage is that we can no longer reserve the baths during the daytime for the annual swimming sports, but it is hoped that we may arrange an evening reservation (i.e. after 7 p.m.) probably in the next Spring Term.

In the absence of swimming sports this school year, the House Cup for Swimming has been awarded entirely on "standards" gained in the various events during normal class instruction periods. As a result Gray's (54 pts.) won the Cup, with Booths' (34) second and Thomas' (27) third.

Senior Scouts

This year has seen the start of a new scheme of Senior meetings, which, so far, appear to give us a bigger attendance than in the past. Each month, on a Sunday, almost all the Senior Troop, and the P/Ls and Seconds of the Junior Troop go out for a day's scouting.

In October, this consisted of a hike in Derbyshire, the patrols being transported by truck to dropping points within a fifteen mile radius of Castleton. Each patrol then made off across the moors, arriving in time for tea at the Riverside Cafe in Castleton. Since the scheme was repeated this year with an even bigger response, it must have been enjoyed by those who took part.

In November, a Treasure Hunt on cycles, proved not only interesting, but improved the geography and local history of the Troop over the area of South East Nottinghamshire. On this occasion, we finished with tea at Barton and, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, were invited to service at the church there. Something similar was tried later in the year on a District basis, and once again, proved popular. During the year, J. M. Davis and J. K. Musson completed their Queen's Scout Badge. They go to Edinburgh in October for the presentation of their certificates. Other badge work was pretty static, and this is a position to be deplored. At the time of going to press, there is evidence of a great improvement in this respect.

In November, we attended Matins at Halam, and in December, Evensong at Rolleston. It is in these two villages that scout patrols are being run by Senior Scouts: in the former by J. M. Davis and M. Haller, and in the latter, by P. K. Else and M. S. Parkinson. C. Gay has continued his fine work with the School Cub Pack, and A. Whitaker has done very noble, if at times, rather exasperating, work with the 3rd Southwell Scouts. R. C. Parker, of the town Troop, became the first Senior Scout in the town Troop to gain his Queen Scout Badge. He, along with A. Whitaker, attended an Investiture at Gilwell Park.

Other events in which the Troop took part were the Agricultural

Show, the Mkuntano, the County Youth Service and both Cross Country and Athletic meetings held by the County Youth Organisations.

As before, our boys were in the County Scout team, M. Wharmby winning the Cross County, while P. Walls, H. Luke, A. Ellis and D. Bailey were again among the winners, at the Athletics Meeting.

In March, we had a night hike, again with the Troop being dropped by truck far away from Southwell. This event can be improved, and no doubt will be put on again this year.

In July, we held an advancement ceremony and a Senior Scout Investiture. Thirteen boys were advanced from the Junior Troop to the Senior, and of them five were invested as Senior Scouts. This gives us a total of 35 Seniors for the coming year.

The same evening we bade farewell to some boys who, during their stay at Southwell have achieved much deserved success in their Scouting. P. Else, R. Eastwood, A. Ellis, B. Hallam, D. Ickeringill, C. Southwell, and A. Whitaker. All of them should have pleasant memories of their Scouting with the Group.

Perhaps it was fitting that the year should end with a Rover Investiture. Here was a boy, who had got much out of scouting because he had put in even more: eight or nine years of loyal service and hard work to the group is not easy, and we were very pleased when A. J. Whitaker decided to be invested before he left. Those present were greatly inspired by the simple service in the Chapel at Sacrista, and all the group scouts were present except for Mike Wilson in Cyprus.

If, at any time, Senior Scouts leaving the group, feel sufficiently strongly to want to undertake the same step, we will be only too pleased to repeat this service.

S.O.P.
S.W.P.

Troop Summer Camp, 1956.

This was held at Troutbeck Park, near Windermere, and in spite of much adverse weather it lasted its full period, from 27th August to 7th September.

The train journey to Windermere was uneventful, but the lorry which transported gear and boys to the camp site proved to be a little unsafe on sharp corners. Once on the site the Patrol Leaders selected the sites for their own patrols, and the work of setting up camp began. It was raining heavily at this time, as it had been ever since the party left Southwell. This downpour was to continue throughout the first night, the first day and the second night. Little could be done on the site during this time. Two patrols were washed out, and had to spend one night in a barn.

On the first fine day a great deal was done towards restoring the situation. Soon even the 'Tuck Shop' was opened. The Patrol Competition began in earnest, and points were awarded for inspections and for the food and organization of the separate patrols. Individual Scouts were attached to a patrol for a day, and next day moved on to enjoy the hospitality of another.

There were several days of reasonable weather now. There was a trip to Windermere, and various scrambling expeditions around the site. A memorable occasion was the singing of Evensong by our monster choir in Troutbeck Church.

On the 3rd September the Patrol Leaders and Seconds left the camp

site on a two-day hike. The bare minimum of kit was carried, and the first twelve miles were over quite difficult terrain. A highland farm at Glenridding was the first objective, and the night was spent here. Strangely enough bedding and food had arrived at the farm during the day, and there was a garage roof to give shelter to some. The second day out was cold and damp. There was a long climb towards the summit of Helvellyn. This was eventually reached, though at one time heavy rain made the chance seem remote. While this climb was being made those left in camp were enjoying a trip by steamer on Ullswater.

As the camp drew to an end and the bad weather returned to make packing up extremely difficult. There was flooding again, this time more serious, and the barn was used once more.

In spite of all this rain, however, everyone enjoyed the camp. Much was learned of the art of camping in bad weather. Most successful was the Cuckoo Patrol, which won the Patrol Competition. Its Patrol Leader, T. Sokell, its Second, P. Drummond, and Scouts Whittaker, Marker, Cowhig, Morrell and Murphy were suitably rewarded. T. Cowhig was awarded a prize set aside for the most able first-year Scout.

Junior Troop. 1955 - 56.

Early in the year Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster warrants were presented to Mr. P. Young and Mr. J. Clay respectively. Mr. S. Pulford has continued to give active support to the Troop, but he has been able to spare more time for his work as Assistant District Commissioner and Senior Scoutmaster.

During the year C. Baker, I. Lennard and D. Ward obtained their First Class badges. They deserve congratulation on their achievement.

At Christmas the members of the Troop were guests at the parties of both Southwell Guide Companies. On the last night of the Autumn Term their hospitality was returned when the Troop party took place in School. Over a hundred people were present on this occasion.

The year's programme of Scouting included the usual patrol work at the weekly meetings, plus a number of special out-of-doors activities. Expeditions organized primarily for Seniors have been open to our Patrol Leaders and Seconds, and we are grateful for these opportunities.

The standard of week-end camping improved throughout the summer. The camps were enjoyed, though they were not as well attended as they might have been. Perhaps there will be more enthusiasm for these ventures next summer. The annual camp at Troutbeck Park was well attended, and those who went should have many happy memories of Scouting in the Lake District.

At the end of the Summer Term a special ceremony was held to mark the transfer of some of our members from the Junior to the Senior Troop. At the same time we had to say goodbye to our A.S.M. J. Clay, who has begun his training at Loughborough College. We wish him well. We have no replacement for him, but we are delighted to have the assistance of Mr. Pallister, who gave us so much help with the Summer Camp. T. Sokell has been appointed Troop Leader, and we shall benefit from his enthusiasm and experience. The Patrol Leaders appointed for the next year are A. Bunting, P. Drummond, J. Pogmore, J. Pool, B. Tomsett and D. Topliss.

Dramatics

This year the Dramatic Society presented in the Trebeck Hall on December 15th, 16th and 17th a double bill for the Christmas play. The first play drew its cast from the Junior School and the Seniors took the parts in the longer play.

In "The Builders" A. Bunting did well as Francis. A. Johnson pottered about very effectively with his blocks of stone as the builder. The play came over very smoothly and the young cast are to be congratulated on the aplomb with which they acted, while Morrell as the priest made an impression. He has natural gifts of carriage and voice which grace his acting. The brilliant improvisations of costume devised by Miss J. Rushby Smith enriched the production.

The Christopher Fry play is not an easy one, but we were lucky to have B. Rogers and R. Merryweather to interpret the action, as The People of South England, in notably well-spoken verse. J. V. Colhoun made an excellent rugged Cuthman while R. B. White worked hard as the old crone his mother. I. Lennard and R. Brown took on women's parts very successfully and R. Hill conveyed the impression of strength through restraint. Of the rest, M. Bunney, P. Peabody and M. Haller deserve commendation.

In retrospect this year's plays do not stand as high as some previous School productions — notably "Richard of Bordeaux" or "The Devil's Disciple" — but of course this is partially the result of division of interest, and partly the consequence of the nature of each play, where the dramatic structure is more a vehicle for the expression of an idea than an example of great stage craftsmanship. Inevitably, too, over the course of years, there will be productions less memorable than others, but this does not mean that our audiences enjoyed the show this year the less.

As is apparent from the details of the programme below, our thanks are owed to many people, and not least to those who do not appear coram publico to receive them — to the producers, Mr. Pallister and Mr. Rushby Smith, to Mr. Bolland and his team of scene painters, and to all who ensured the success of this show.

Junior Play:

THE BUILDERS

by Laurence Housman

Scene: Interior of a Ruined Church in Italy, Thirteenth Century.

Characters:—

Francis	A. G. S. Bunting
Juniper	A. R. Johnson
Bernard	T. P. Cowhig
Leo	N. L. Brown
Giacomina	(R. W. Blant) T. E. Banbury
Beggar	R. D. Lowden
Pietro Bernadore	D. W. Topliss
Dom Silvestro	P. J. Morrell
Singers	J. R. Pogmore, R. W. Blant,

P. J. Morrell, T. P. Cowhig, N. L. Brown

Produced by Mr. E. Pallister

Dresses by Miss K. J. Rushby Smith

— INTERVAL —

Senior Play:

THE BOY WITH THE CART

by Christopher Fry

Scene: The countryside of South England, Tenth Century.

Characters:

Cuthman	J. V. Colhoun
Bess	I. C. L. Lennard
Mildred	R. M. Brown
Matt	P. K. Else
Tib	M. S. Parkinson
Cuthman's Mother	R. B. White
Tawm	R. J. Hill
His Daughter	J. M. Bannister
His Son-in-law	M. F. Bunney
A Farmer	C. H. White
Mrs. Fipps	C. C. Gay
Alfred, and	P. M. Peabody
Demiwulf, her sons	M. W. E. Haller
Mowers and neighbours	R. M. Eastgate, D. A. Ward,
	M. T. Taylor, P. S. Rule
The People of South England	B. G. Rogers, R. Merryweather

Dresses by Nellie Smith, of Nottingham.

Produced by Mr. B. J. Rushby Smith.

Stage Managers Mr. J. H. Bolland and Mr. P. A. Yates

Scenery by Mr. Bolland, P. S. Rule, P. Shore, C. T. Simey, M. W. Haller, M. F. Bunney.

Stage Hands M. G. Dobb, D. Fishburne, R. J. Cheate, J. K. Musson, M. R. Eastwood, G. Southwell, P. M. Walls.

Stage Carpenter S. C. Wyld

Make-up Mr. B. J. Rushby Smith, M. F. Bunney, R. M. Brown, assisted by C. H. White, M. W. E. Haller, R. W. Blant.

Business Managers Mr. L. Holling, P. K. Else, A. J. Whitaker.

Programme Sellers D. C. Ince, M. J. Milsom, B. W. Jewry, K. J. Williams

The thanks of the Society for the loan of properties are due to Mr. Beaumont and Mrs. MacCallum, and also to the ladies who made the Movers' costumes — Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Pallister, Mrs. Bradbury, Mrs. Hall.

During the year, School parties made three visits to the Playhouse, Nottingham. On 4th October, 1955, we saw an eighteenth century comedy, "Mirandolina," with a Venetian setting by the Italian writer Goldoni. This was wholly delightful and gave a most interesting impression of the stage conventions of that time.

On 7th February we went to see "St. Joan" by Bernard Shaw. Except for one scene, where the dramatic effect of the Inquisitor's speech was ruined by the fidgeting of one of the cast, presumably a stage-hand impressed for the occasion, this production was an excellent one. The last visit of the year was 6th March to see "The Rivals" (Sheridan). This also was well done, though not as enjoyable as the last production of this play at the Playhouse. There was no visit to Stratford-on-Avon in the Summer Term, contrary to precedent; we were not able to secure any seats when we first applied, and the exigencies of Pageant preparations made any later application pointless.

Booth's House Report

This year Booth's were not quite up to their usual standard. We managed to achieve the Rugger and the Standards cups although we lost the rest of the cups won last year. During the past year M. G. Dobb was House Captain and D. Fishburne Vice-Captain.

RUGGER

In the first round Booth's played Thomas's, a team superior in size. In spite of this, the forwards played excellent rugger with Dobb hooking the ball in every set scrum. He virtually held the pack together giving ample supply of the ball to the experienced backs, Luke and Fishburne. In the closing minutes Britton managed to score to give Booth's a victory of 5 points to 3. In the second round against Gray's, Booth's were the far superior team and won by the convincing margin of 22 points to 0.

CRICKET

In a game which lasted five days, Booth's were in the end defeated by Thomas's but only after putting up a great fight. Dobb led the attack and Thomas's declared at 127 for 7 after batting on a good wicket. Owing to weather conditions, Booth's innings spread over five days and then all were out for 56 runs.

ATHLETICS

Booth's did well to win the Standards Cup but showed only moderate keenness except in the Lower School. The Seniors failed badly in their duty to train, being outshone by the Juniors. We were fortunate in having the only two members of the School to break records on Sports Day. They were Luke in the Senior hurdles and Carr in the Middle 220.

SWIMMING

As there was no Swimming Sports, the Cup was given to the House with the most Standards. Booth's managed to achieve second place after being helped by Collins, Bagdaley and La Costa.

TENNIS

We congratulate Luke on winning the year's Tennis Tournament.

Gray's House Report

The last year has not been one of outstanding success but nevertheless many of our members have had success on the games field. The Merit Cup has once again proved well beyond our grasp. We wish every success at University to our Captain and Vice-Captain, H. C. Palmer and R. Hill, and also to M. Eastwood.

RUGBY

In the House Cup Gray's, although gaining the bye for the first time in many years, failed to beat a Booth's team who were vastly superior forward. Our pack was completely over-run with the result that our powerful three-quarter line was never given the chance to attack. The final score was Booth's 22 points, Gray's nil — which adequately sums up the game. Congratulations must go to R. J. Hill who captained the 1st XV and also to M. R. Eastwood, Atkin and Davis who played regularly through the season.

CRICKET

Gray's again won the bye in the House Cup and played Thomas's in the final. The result a win for Gray's was most surprising since the Thomas's side contained seven 1st XI members. However our gallant few nobly took the field amidst the jeers of the Thomas's side and proceeded to dismiss them for the meagre total of 27 runs. This was mainly owing to a fine piece of sustained fast bowling by our Captain, R. J. Hill, who took six wickets for 13 runs, ably backed up by some excellent fielding from the whole team. Gray's went in and after many ups and downs managed thanks to a sterling innings of 18 by Lynds, to pass the Thomas's total in the last over. Hill, Davis and Bird played regularly for the 1st XI.

ATHLETICS

This has not been an auspicious year for Gray's athletics, since the House relied, for the upholding of their honour, on too few good athletes who were unable to win the day. Mention must be made of B. Tandy, whose steady perseverance was rewarded by being given his colours at the end of the season. Our members continued to fill a large number of the places in both the School Senior and Junior Athletic teams Colours were awarded to Dodd and Tandy in the Seniors, and Briggs and Pool in the Juniors.

SWIMMING

During the year we changed baths and consequently no main school swimming sports were held. However, there was a Junior competition in which our team swept the board. J. Pool, who won three events and came second in a fourth, deserves special mention. He was well supported by Pogmore and Briggs—the latter will probably remember this event with some embarrassment for some time to come.

Thomas's House Report

RUGGER

Thomas's were drawn against Booth's in the first round. From the kick-off it became obvious that the game was to develop into a forward struggle. After about ten minutes Thomas's scored through Andrews, who went over the line in a forward rush. At the interval the score stood at 3—0. In the second half, however, both teams played hard and both went close to scoring. From a penalty which was not converted, Booth's scored a try following a defensive mistake and this was converted. The game finished at 5-3 to Booth's.

CRICKET

In the first round Thomas's played Booth's, the game ending in a decisive victory for Thomas's. All the first five batsmen reached double figures and Thomas's were able to declare at 127 for 7 and they dismissed Booth's for 56. In the final with Gray's, owing to inclement weather, the match was limited to 18 overs. This situation was unfavourable to the slow but high-scoring batsmen of the previous game. In attempting to score quickly the side were all out cheaply, but it was only after an exciting finish, the necessary runs being scored in the last over, that Gray's gained victory.

ATHLETICS

This was certainly the best year so far for Thomas's athletics. In the Junior events, Markham deserves mention with Clamp. These two boys really helped the Junior Relay team to a fine win. Hodgkiss ran well in the Middle School events. In matches against Becket School and Q.E.G.S. we saw outstanding performances by White, C., who set up several javelin records, Crisp, who jumped excellently between 18 and 19 feet, and Simey in the hop, step and jump. Colours were awarded to Hodgkiss. C. H. White was chosen to represent Notts. A.T.C. at Uxbridge, Wharmby was chosen to represent Notts. Schools A.A., at Plymouth, in the National Schools Championships.

SWIMMING

As there were no available baths, the Swimming Cup was awarded on merit points, and there was a great lack of enthusiasm on our part.

Boarding Houses Report

The beginning of the second year in the new Boarding House got off to a good start and the new boys soon settled down. The first term progressed with much hard work and studying on the part of the boarders, until the nearness of Christmas became apparent and the common rooms and the dining hall were hung with bright decorations and evergreens. The term ended on a merry note with the Christmas Party.

Wyld carried on Clay's good work in the Woodwork Club, although he was not able to procure the number of contracts that Clay had. Other clubs flourished, notably the Pet Club, which had its headquarters in the greenhouse and kept rabbits which were continually breaking bounds to eat the leaves of a small peach tree. The Astronomical Society formed in the School had some ardent members in the Boarding House who, with two small telescopes, observed the heavenly bodies when the infrequent clear nights allowed such a pursuit. The Archery Club became quite proficient, although on one occasion they demonstrated the fact that they had not all the control over their arms that might be desired.

The Seniors have discarded their billiards table and have taken up the noble game of bridge, at which they have become quite skilled. The Juniors preferred less brain-fagging pursuits and spent their time reading and listening to the strumming of a guitar while dangling "yo-yo's" from their little fingers.

The Choristers at Sacrista had another enjoyable year with the large area of garden, known as "The Wilderness," to themselves. They seem to have taken a delight in becoming troglodytes and have dug a considerable underground network of tunnels.

The French Assistant, unlike his predecessor, stayed his year and became Housemaster at Sacrista. I think he learned a considerable amount about the English, and he certainly taught us a thing or two.

The Boarding Establishment Staff has continued its good work and there has been only one change, that of Sick Matron. We were all very sorry to see Miss Moakes go and I think many of the boys will remember her kindness and consideration for them. I am sure that all the boys realise what a grand job of work has been done during the last year by the Staff — not only the Matrons and Housemasters, but also the cleaners and gardeners.

VI Form Society Report

The accent, this year, has been on variety, the meetings, alternating between the Hall and the Library according to the requirements of the speakers, including papers on topics of wide interest, ranging from White's eloquent discussion of juvenile delinquency to Buxton's profusely illustrated talk on Grand Opera. Profiting from the visit of the French Assistant, M. LeGuevel, the Society heard an interesting talk on the speaker's native country, which had, perhaps, the air of authenticity, noticeably lacking in several of our speakers. It was somewhat disappointing that only three visits could be arranged in a year that otherwise had proved most satisfactory. The best of these was undoubtedly the tour of the Metal Box Company's Mansfield factory, although a similar visit to Player's held many obvious attractions. Almost certainly, the high spot of the year was the visit of H.M. Inspectors, whose presence gave rise to an abstruse though lively debate which took place on the subject of ultimate values. The post of Chairman was well filled by Fishburne, Dobb and Thorne, whilst the secretaries for the year were Cheate, Atkin and Rogers.

DANISH VISIT TO ENGLAND

by Mr. A. WORM, Leader of the Party.

Now, at the end of a wonderful and unforgettable fortnight, I am glad to say that our visit to Southwell has, in every way, proved far more interesting and much more enjoyable than we had expected.

Your climate is much the same as ours, therefore some rainy days did not matter at all. We have been able to go on many outings, in spite of the rain. In Derbyshire we saw, among many things, the Blue John Caverns, and Haddon Hall. We visited parents in Mansfield, Work-sop and Burton Joyce; we visited the Major Oak in Edwinstowe, the County Scout Camp site at Walesby, the City of Nottingham, and the Castle at Newark.

On Friday, August 3rd, we spent a whole day in London. As far as I could find out, the two things that impressed the Danish boys and girls most were the Tower and the traffic in the streets of London. The road courtesy shown by English drivers was also remarked on by the boys and girls, as this is almost unknown in Denmark.

One thing that the Danish boys and girls were anxious to find out was whether or not they would like the English food. I am very pleased to say that they found it as good in every way as the Danish. One of our girls never eats breakfast at home, but now manages a full English breakfast, including bacon and eggs.

I would like to thank the parents for the reception at the railway station, on the 26th, and for the way in which they made us feel at home at once. Mr. Kalor, Mr. Berg Olsen and myself have appreciated very much our visits to the English homes, and we have taken home with us a perfect impression of the English way of life.

I, personally, would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Hoare, Miss Moakes and Mr. Young, who, along with Mr. Pulford, have made our stay most enjoyable. One ought never to stop learning, and I have learnt a great deal during my stay at Hill House. Mr. Pulford's untiring helpfulness and his knowledge of so many things of interest to us made our stay perfect in every way.

I do hope that the English-Danish exchange, Southwell-Glambsjerg,

will go on, and we look forward to seeing a contingent of English girls and boys in Glasbsjerg again next year.

With thanks to all who helped to make our visit to England so wonderful.

A. WORM.

High Peak. January, 1956.

There was very thick fog in Nottingham when the party of eighteen left for Edale. The journey was considerably hampered until beyond Sheffield, when the fog was left behind and the sun shone.

We were a little disappointed on our arrival at Edale to find there was no snow. We walked to the Youth Hostel at Rowland Cote, pausing on the way to set down our kit and get acclimatised by climbing a few hundred feet. For a few moments swirling mist enveloped us, and we realised from the temperature at a thousand feet that next day at two thousand would be very exacting.

Sunday was as bright as Saturday had been, but during the night the hills had been covered with snow. We were lucky enough to have exactly the conditions we had hoped for to test us on our long hike and climb.

We left the warmth of the Hostel to walk back along the valley to Edale. This was the first and most sheltered part of the journey, and it was even warm in the sun. We crossed the beautiful pack-horse bridge in Edale, and made our way through Upper Booth, along the valley of the River Noe, and on to Jacob's Ladder. Here for the first time we were walking in snow. As we climbed it became very much colder, for we were exposed to a strong and bitterly cold wind. Kinder Low (2077 feet) was reached, and the party descended on the west side of the Kinder Range towards Tunstead Clough. We came suddenly upon Tunstead House, a delightful establishment selling hot soup at eightpence a bowl, and we were revived.

Some members of the party were under the mistaken impression that we would make our way back to Edale by road. Not so. We returned to Kinder Scout, now colder than ever with the disappearance of the sun. The distance to Rowland Cote was covered at a high level, the descent being made directly to the hostel after a hike of several miles across the moor. It was dark when we returned to the valley. Conditions had been tough, which was what we had wanted, and no complaint was voiced in the Recreation Room that evening.

The Sunday expedition was the major item in the programme. On Monday morning the climb and hike on the Mam Tor ridge was by comparison an easy affair. We were fascinated by the shapes of frozen waterfalls, but we were denied the views from Mam Tor because of poor visibility.

At midday we left Edale. Our experiences will doubtless lead us to spend another January week-end in the Peak District.

Paris

During the Easter holidays the largest party we have yet taken—43 boys—spent a week visiting Paris. In order to protect Paris, the party was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Yates and Mr. and Mrs. Fox.

The journey began half an hour after midnight (April 1st/2nd), when a private bus left Mansfield with the first members of the group. Other small groups were picked up along the route Southwell-Nottingham-Leicester and the party was completed on Victoria Station, London. From London the journey was by train and ship and by approximately 6 p.m. we were all in Paris, safely installed in two hotels and dealing suitably with French cooking. After a meal there was still time to take a quick look at the city and for all the boys to learn the workings of the Metro. In the next few days all the usual places were visited by groups of varied sizes — Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, the Invalides, the Pantheon, the Sacre-Coeur, the Champs-Elysees, the Louvre, among others, and on Sunday most of the day was spent at Versailles. On one occasion we even visited the catacombs, from which the diminutive Whittaker emerged well satisfied with a grisly trophy in his pocket. The visit to the Eiffel Tower provided its own surprise, for when we reached the top there really *was* snow falling! Not much, admittedly, but undoubtedly the genuine article, drifting gently past in the coldest breeze we were to experience during our stay.

Among the less usual places visited was the "flea market" — a sort of parisian Petticoat Lane, on the northern extremity of the city. Here one may buy almost any known article and the prices displayed are merely for the purpose of decoration. What really counts is individual bargaining ability. It was a stirring sight to see Lowden after two terms of French, nobly trying to tell a hard-bitten stall-holder that he (Lowden) could buy head-scarves similar to those offered, for half the price at a stall a few yards along the road. The tormented verbs and mangled tenses so afflicted the native ear that its owner frantically slashed his prices in order to obtain relief. Knight too has his reasons for remembering the "flea-market" for he picked up 500 francs (= approx. 10s.) from the pavement. A more satisfying performance than that of Olsen who lost 200 frs. in the catacombs.

During the week a series of lightning strikes by the metro ticket-punchers enabled many of the party to enjoy free travel about the city—much to the chagrin of two other members of the group, who by constantly walking in and out of the wrong exits and entrances had their tickets punched repeatedly and scarcely got on the metro at all!

Johnson too, provided us with a surprise of his own. After two days in Paris he turned bright pink, and only the fact that he had already had all the known varieties of measles allayed our worst fears. Fortunately, after two days' isolation he had completely recovered and all was well.

The Channel was even calmer on the homeward journey than it had been during the outward trip so that for the first time the entire party crossed in both directions without the silent disappearance of any of its members, and although the bus was badly delayed before it cleared the London traffic, it gradually reduced the delay as the journey continued. We were pleasantly surprised on arrival in Southwell to find a small gathering of Distinguished Persons waiting for us and trust that they did not hear one member of the party exclaim with horror, "Heaven's!

I thought we'd reached Southwell and we've only got as far as Madame Tussaud's!"

This account would be incomplete without a final word of thanks to Miss Hoare, who stayed up until well into Tuesday morning so that those beginning the journey at Southwell or Mansfield could be sure of a hot drink before they started and who, no doubt, was still washing-up long after we were on our way.

The Commonwealth Youth Movement

One fine morning in late May—and it was fine, for we were able to hold morning assembly in the schoolyard—the Headmaster, in his list of notices spoke of the opportunity for one boy and one girl from Nottinghamshire to go along with some young people from the Commonwealth for a month's holiday. The girl was to be selected from the Girls' High School, Nottingham, while the boy was to come from The Minster Grammar School. These twofortunates were to be the guests of the Commonwealth Youth Movement on their 1956 Quest to the United Kingdom. By some piece of good fortune the "fata dea" decided that I was to represent the School upon this "Quest." I do not think that any boy in the school had heard of this unique movement before, and perhaps the majority of the Staff had not either.

Following the conclusion of the First World War, a group of people in Canada reached the decision that though victory had been won on the world's battlefields, Western civilisation had yet to win through on the spiritual front. Further they noticed that unless the unity and the influence of the Empire, as we then proudly called it, were maintained, war and chaos would again result, threatening the very existence of world order and wiping out the gains of centuries, spiritual and material. The Empire was then seen as the only international organisation which had thus proved workable. It had, therefore, a vital role to play as the foundation of that greater Commonwealth yet to be. To secure this future, it was contended, the ideals of service, inspired by a true patriotism—itsself a great spiritual quality—must be reinstated in the education of the younger generation.

It cannot be said that response to this view was particularly encouraging at the time, and it was not till the Coronation of His Late Majesty King George VI that sufficient interest was aroused to make possible the great gathering of Commonwealth Youth in London, in the Royal Albert Hall, followed by a service of Dedication in Westminster Abbey, Westminster Cathedral and the Central Synagogue.

In the Royal Albert Hall, addressing over 8,000 young people representing almost every part of the Commonwealth and many British communities in foreign countries, the Empire Youth Movement was launched in an atmosphere tense with emotion and vibrant with enthusiasm for what the young people present sensed was an urgent call to service, a call to which, under inspiring and uninhibited leadership, they could readily respond. In the course of what many have regarded as the best speech of his public life, the then Prime Minister of Great Britain, the late Lord Baldwin, made this profound statement.

"In the next quarter of a century, as you come to play your part in

the world, the great problems will be the problems of government. It will rest in you the duty of guarding what is worthy and worth-while in our past, our heritage and our traditions. You are in charge of our honour and of all our hopes."

Came war again and once more the peoples of the Commonwealth sent their young men and women to fight in the cause of human rights and freedom. The plans for the Commonwealth Youth Movement were put aside—wrongly it would seem to their author, Major Ney, for they were plans seen as essential to the winning of the peace. Empire Youth Sunday made advances in some parts of the Commonwealth, but in others interest was lost because it was felt that, isolated from the major part of the Movement's programme, its observance lost much of its significance, and restricted the vision of its purpose. It was, after all, the keynote to the Movement as an integrated whole. Meanwhile, however, wider interest has developed most encouragingly; the observance of Empire (Commonwealth) Youth Sunday has become more general.

The 1956 Quest to the United Kingdom was not just a grand sight-seeing tour, but something much more purposeful in character. Those enrolled as members of the Movement were pledged to the search for understanding, for fellowship and to service to God and the Queen—the motto of the Movement is "First unto God and then to the Queen." Grace Ibingeria, a member from Uganda, described the Quest as follows:

"The Quest is a meeting together of the Commonwealth Youth—so different yet so alike—to discuss the ideals of the Commonwealth Youth Movement, to learn each other's outlook and way of life, and to resolve in holding together in their allegiance to the Queen."

Although the Canadian members of the Quest and one or two of the Africans and Cypriots had been in this country since July 9th, the "Quest" proper did not begin until July 30th. On that day, seventy-five young people representing Canada, Cyprus, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Eastern and Federal Nigeria, Kenya, Zanzibar, Gold Coast and the United Kingdom took over for ten days Nutford House, one of the residential students' hostels of London University. With Nutford House as a centre, these young people set out each day in their scarlet blazers and white flannel trousers, or skirts, to see and learn as much of London as was possible in the short time. On the first morning in London the young people visited Lambeth Palace. From here the "Quest" was launched with an inspiring service held in the private Chapel of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It was wonderful to see all of these young people worshipping together in one place. There were no denominational disturbances—Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox, Muslim and Christian Scientist, Conformist and Non-Conformist, black and white, all glorified God together.

The ten days in London embraced an exhausting programme. The places visited were numerous and varied and included the Stock Exchange, Hall of the Goldsmiths' Company, Windsor Castle, the Tower of London, London Docks, Kew Gardens, Hampton Court Palace, Westminster Abbey, Lords, London Airport, Westminster Cathedral and many other places of interest.

On two occasions while I was in London I came across remembrances of Southwell. One morning, after we had witnessed the Changing of the Guard from within the forecourt of Buckingham Palace, who should I see outside, but the one and only Mons. Pierre LeGuevel? Pierre had

been among the crowd of about two thousand watching the ceremony from outside the forecourt. On another occasion we were crossing London in our buses when we were held up in a traffic jam. Immediately in front of us was a white coach. It belonged to "Clarke's Coaches" of Epperstone and inside were the Danish boys and girls with their Southwell hosts visiting London for the day.

Of course the "evening life" of London was not omitted from our programme. We were fortunate enough to visit the Royal Festival Hall to see the Festival Ballet. On that evening we invited as special guests to dinner the Secretary of State for the Colonies and Lady Patricia Lennox-Boyd. We also went to a Promenade Concert at the Royal Albert Hall as well as seeing Agatha Christie's play. "The Mousetrap" at the Ambassador's Theatre and also the closing performance of "The Vanishing Island" at the Prince's Theatre.

From London we went to Canterbury, Battle, Winchester, Salisbury, Portsmouth, Glastonbury, Bath, Wells, Gloucester, Hereford and finally Shrewsbury. During the four weeks of the Quest we visited thirteen cathedrals and were received by at least six mayors of various towns.

It was in the Guildhall of Salisbury that the Movement held its conference. The day before, in the Cathedral, the Bishop of Salisbury gave to a packed congregation the conference address. Mr. "Ted" Leather, a Canadian, and Member of Parliament for Somerset, opened the conference and gave an inaugural address. Among the motions passed at the conference, one decided that the Movement should take over one of the "Historic Homes" of the United Kingdom as its headquarters.

And so, finally, on to Shrewsbury. Here the Quest finished, as it had started, in a place of worship. This time it was in the School Chapel of Shrewsbury School. After living together for four weeks it was a sad thing to be saying "Goodbye." However, all good things have to come to an end, and we all had to part and to go our various ways.

The 1956 Quest has come to an end—or is it just another beginning? The contacts made during August are kept alive by post and memory. Each one of those young ambassadors has returned to his homeplace, pledged to do his best to promote the ideals of the Commonwealth Youth Movement in his own area, and so do his bit as part of a great service which he owes to this life.

The lines which follow were written by a young airman just after a crash during the last war, and now, I think, fittingly summarise the preceding paragraphs and appropriately bring to an end this short "history" of the Commonwealth Youth Movement:—

"So high the Quest
That every qualm is treason:
Life at its best
Is faith beyond all reason."

A. J. Whitaker
October 1956.

LEAVERS

Junior Department: C. J. D. Argent, J. L. Bishop, M. Layfield, R. A. D. Nettleship, R. D. Sidebottom.

Form I: D. R. Cutler, E. P. Fox, P. R. Hill, D. B. Newark.

Form II: M. Milsom, R. J. Thompson.

Form III: A. Thorniley, D. T. West.

Form IV: G. L. Downing—to enter R.A.F. as a boy entrant.

Form V: D. A. Anderson (Under 14 Rugger, House Rugger, School Orchestra, Company of Service); M. Brewin, (School Choir, Dramatic Society and Pageant); Roger Brookes (Under 15 Rugger, 1st XI Cricket, Company of Service, Pageant); J. A. Day (Pageant); M. Dodd (Junior and Senior Athletics, Cross Country team, Pageant); A. J. Ellis (Under 13, 14 and 15 and 1st XV Rugger, Athletics, Company of Service, Art Club, Scout, Pageant); B. J. Hallam (Under 13, 14 and 15 Rugger, Cross Country team, Scout, Company of Service, School Choir, Pageant); D. C. L. Holt (Under 15 Rugger, House Rugger Pageant); D. Ickeringill (Scout, Library Assistant, Art Club, Pageant); Roger Merryweather (Dramatic Society); T. Pepper (A.T.C., Under 14 Rugger, Pageant); J. R. Purdy (Under 15 Rugger, Company of Service, Scout); C. J. Reavill (1st XV Colours, 1st XI Colours, Athletics Team and Central Notts. Team, Scout, School Choir, Dramatic Society, School Trumpeter); P. D. Roberts (transferred to a school at Sheffield); P. Simpson (House Rugger, School Choir, Art Club); D. Sweetmore (Swimming, House Rugger); B. Tandy (Under 15 Rugger, Athletics Team, Cross Country Team, Company of Service Pageant); J. L. A. Terry (Library Assistant, Pageant); C. H. White (Under 13, 14 and 15 Rugger, Under 13 and 14 Cricket, Athletics, A.T.C., Athletics Blue, Company of Service, Scout, Dramatic Society, Pageant); R. B. White (Dramatic Society, Pageant); T. R. White (1st XI Cricket, Junior Rugger, House Cricket); L. M. Willies; R. M. Eastgate (December).

Form VI: J. W. Buxton (Sub-Prefect, Company of Service, Vice-Chairman Vith Form Society, Under 13, 14 and 15 Rugger, School Choir); G. M. Dobb (Head Prefect, Vice-Capt. 1st XI Cricket, Cricket Colours, Dramatic Society, Chairman of Company of Service, Chairman of Vith Form Society); M. R. Eastwood (Company of Service, Rugger Colours, Athletic Colours, Queen's Scout, Dramatic Society, Chorister and School Choir); P. K. Else (Head Chorister 1951-53, School Choir, Company of Service, Dramatic Society, Bellringer, Astronomical Society, S.C.M. Secretary, School Orchestra, Art Club, Senior Scout, Boarding House Prefect); D. Fishburne (School Prefect and Head Boarder, Cricket 1st XI Captain (two years), County Cricket Trial, 1st XV Rugger Colours, Athletic Colours, House Captain, School Choir, Queen's Scout, Chairman Vith Form Society, Art Club, Company of Service); R. J. Hill (Prefect, Chorister, 1st XV Captain, 1st XI Cricket Colours, Athletics, Swimming Champion 1953 and 1954, School Choir, School Orchestra, Dramatic Society); J. G. Marshall (Company of Service, School Choir, Dramatic Society, Secretary Vith Form Society); H. C. Palmer (Prefect, Athletics Colours, House Captain, Company of Service, Art Club, Secretary Vith Form Society, Dramatic Society); G. Southwell (Boarder, Company of Service, School Choir, Dramatic Society, Senior Scout); A. Thorne (Company of Service, Dramatic Society, Founder of Astronomical Society, Art Club, Chairman of Vith Form Society); A. J. Whitaker (School and Boarding House Prefect, Chorister, School Choir, 1st XV Colours, County Rugger trials, Athletic Colours, 1st XI Cricket, Dramatic Society, Rover Scout, Queen's Scout, Art Club, S.C.M., C.Y.M. 1956 Quest).

Old Southwellian Society

The many events which have taken place to mark the Millenary of the School are reported elsewhere in this issue. Great credit must be given to the boys and staff for the considerable contribution they made to the celebrations and thanks are due to those Old Boys' who gave assistance wherever possible.

As a result of the School's new articles of Government the Society now have representation on the Board of Governors. Your committee were pleased to elect H. A. Cobbin, of Nottingham, as your representative. He is a regular attender at meetings and takes a keen interest.

The dinner held to mark the Millenary was an outstanding success, with almost 60 years represented. We were pleased to have Rear Admiral Sherbroke, V.C., D.S.O., C.B.E., as our chief guest. There was one general expression of regret, that Dudley Doy, for so many years a faithful servant of the Society, was prevented by illness, for the first time from being present. I am pleased to report that he is making progress and I feel sure I am voicing the wishes of all when I say that we all look forward to his company at the next "annual." We were, however, fortunate in having Mr. Matthews as President and particularly pleased that Mrs. Matthews came along and renewed acquaintance with as many as possible before they went in to dinner. Jannor Foster (1889-1896) cabled his good wishes from South Africa and his brother Elderkin, one time of Burton Joyce, expressed regrets for non-attendance. Their addresses are available for anyone wishing to contact them.

The cricket match suffered the same, or worse treatment as most outdoor events of the summer and was completely washed out. Mr. Hurst is still in difficulties over a Rugger side and the annual match against the School is still outstanding. Will any players with open dates please contact him.

The attendance at the dance still does not come up to expectations. It is being held before Christmas this year in an effort to improve this although at the time of writing it would appear that these efforts will be nullified by the petrol situation.

E.W.R.

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- September 13—Autumn Term starts.
- October 20—Old Southwellian Society's Millenary Dinner.
- „ 23—Commemoration, Prize Giving, Millenary Concert.
- „ 29-31—Half-term.
- November 16—Medical Inspection.
- December 7—Old Southwellian Association Annual Ball.
- „ 14—Boarders' Plays.
- „ 19—Boarders' Christmas Party.
- „ 21—Carol Service, End of Autumn Term.

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- January 15—Spring Term starts.
- February 9—Old Boys' Rugger Match.
- „ 25-27—Half-term.
- March 7—School Examinations.
- „ 28-30—Dates reserved for School Plays.
- April 2—End of Spring Term.
- „ 25—Summer Term starts.
- June 10-12—Half-term.
- „ 15—Company of Friends Garden Fete.
- „ 20—General Certificate of Education Examinations.
- July 6—Old Boys' Cricket Match.
- „ 8—School Examinations.
- „ 18—Sports Day.
- „ 24—Staff Match.
- „ 25—End of Term